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The Walkers — Baylor, Jamie, Shawn, Lyndee and Mason — will be honored as the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Family of the Year during a banquet set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Walkers honored, humbled to be named Family of Year

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Family of the Year is a designation Baylor and Jamie Walker of Garden City never expected to receive, but they are honored, none the less.

The Walkers have been named the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Family of the Year for this area.

"We can think of many other

families in Howard and Glasscock counties that are much more deserving," Jamie Walker said.

The Walkers have three children, Shawn, Lyndee and Mason. The family has been a part of the Garden City community for 12 years, as well as members of First Presbyterian Church.

"We are simply trying our best to raise three children and make the right decisions," Walker said. "Sometimes we do well and sometimes we fail, just like any other family."

Patty Pisklak, development director of Samaritan Counseling Center, said families are nomi-

nated by someone in their community. Nominations are based on commitment to each other, community service and their faith.

"The Walkers were recognized because they are very active in the community, in the church and they are obviously very committed to each other," Pisklak said.

The family will be recognized with three other families — Jim and Tammy Smitherman of Midland, Dr. Griffin and Donna Jones of Odessa and Boby and Joyce Zap of Andrews —

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EDC slated for change in regime

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

A change of guard will take place when the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation holds its monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

"On top of our routine business, we will be installing two new members and go through the election of officers," said Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director. Incoming board members Scott MacKenzie, an officer at American State Bank, and Jim DePauw, a CPA and Howard College professor, will be installed. Outgoing

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BSISD: Where's the water?

District seeking alternate sources

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Like most West Texans, Big Spring Independent School District officials are wondering what to do if the area's water supply starts drying up.

BSISD has begun looking at alternative sources of water just in case this area's severe drought continues and current supply sources become unreliable.

Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell said the district is looking at a variety of options,

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Big Spring man's conviction affirmed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sentenced to 45 years in prison in late September 2009 recently had his conviction affirmed by the 11th District of Texas Court of Appeals.

Jon Paul Proctor, 34, formerly of 1804 Dixie, was indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts, both first-degree felonies) by a Howard County grand jury in late July 2009.

Proctor was later convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child charges Sept. 30, 2009, in 118th



Proctor

District Court following approximately one hour of deliberation by the jury hearing the case.

Proctor was convicted of forcing a girl under the age of 14 to perform a sex act on him on or about Aug. 27, 2008. He had been indicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child stemming from the incident, but was cleared by the jury on one count.

He had faced a maximum sentence of 99 years or life in prison. Proctor must serve half his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Proctor was represented by Midland

attorney Tom Hirsch.

According to the appeal filed on Proctor's behalf, the defendant "asserts in two issues that (1) the trial court erred in failing to grant his motion to suppress evidence and (2) the evidence is factually insufficient to support the conviction."

The memorandum opinions were issued by Chief Justice Jim Wright from a panel including Wright, Justice Terry McCall and Justice Eric Kalenak, upholding the conviction.

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Police blotter

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

- ANDY LOPEZ, 36, of Garland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, transient, was arrested Sunday on charges of criminal trespass and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DANIEL VERA FLORES, 43, of 907 E. 15th St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the area of Cottonwood and W. Second Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- CARLOS RENE GARCIA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to appear.
- CHARLENE ELIZABETH STORIE, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for credit/debit card abuse.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- DANICA MARIE DIAZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for violation of school rules (two counts), minor consuming alcohol (two counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear and municipal warrants for minor consuming alcohol and failure to appear.
- ALEX FRANKLIN MINTER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- VERONICA LOUISA MORELION, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GABRIEL ADAM PENA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TEREILL J. DEMERSON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to attend school and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- VIVIANNA DANIELLA SARMIENTO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for violation of a promise to appear.
- EDDIE JAY WHITE, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of failure to display driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ASHLEY LEE RAMOS, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a weapon.
- FRANK FIERRO JR., 63, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANDY LEE FLORES, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and theft – less than \$50.

- AARON SCOTT COMBS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, driving while intoxicated and possession of a dangerous drug.
- ROBERTO MARTINEZ, 23, was arrested Sunday on municipal capias warrants for animal at large and no vaccination or license for animal (two counts).
- JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and displaying an expired registration.
- FLOYD BYRON MCKENZIE, 67, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDY LOPEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- DANIEL VIERRA FLORES, 43, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal trespass.
- MANUEL SOSA IV, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.






Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Austin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 7800 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Oil Mill Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Piper Road. Service refused.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.

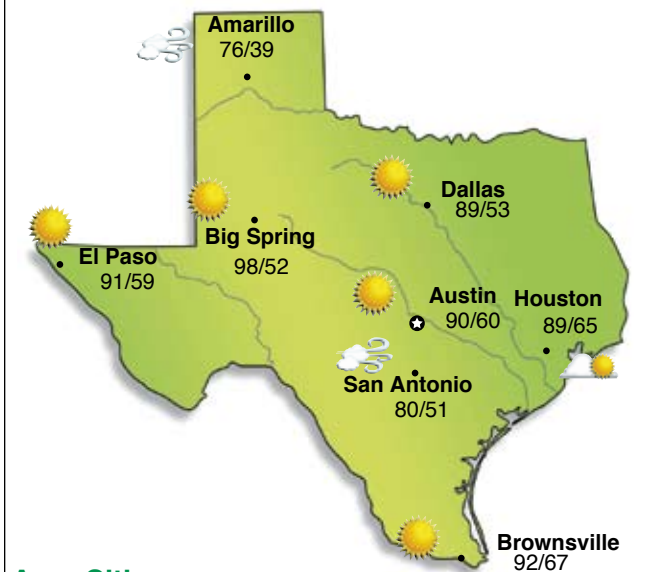
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 10/18	Wed 10/19	Thu 10/20	Fri 10/21	Sat 10/22
 98/52 Mainly sunny. High 72F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.	 71/47 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	 74/49 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 82/51 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 83/54 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:07 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	53	sunny	Kingsville	94	65	mst sunny
Amarillo	76	39	windy	Livingston	90	59	pt sunny
Austin	90	60	sunny	Longview	89	55	sunny
Beaumont	89	63	sunny	Lubbock	68	40	sunny
Brownsville	92	67	sunny	Lufkin	71	43	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	53	sunny	Midland	72	48	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	54	windy	Raymondville	89	55	mst sunny
Corsicana	89	53	sunny	Rosenberg	76	50	windy
Dallas	89	53	sunny	San Antonio	80	51	windy
Del Rio	92	63	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	47	windy
El Paso	91	59	sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	46	windy
Fort Stockton	96	53	windy	Sweetwater	70	45	sunny
Gainesville	88	50	sunny	Tyler	69	44	windy
Greenville	88	50	sunny	Weatherford	68	43	windy
Houston	89	65	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	69	41	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	53	t-storm	Minneapolis	46	37	mst sunny
Boston	67	52	pt sunny	New York	68	58	pt sunny
Chicago	52	41	rain	Phoenix	94	65	sunny
Dallas	89	53	sunny	San Francisco	72	60	mst sunny
Denver	58	35	sunny	Seattle	65	49	pt sunny
Houston	89	65	pt sunny	St. Louis	59	42	rain
Los Angeles	82	58	sunny	Washington, DC	71	63	pt sunny
Miami	85	78	rain				

Moon Phases



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- **Singing Women of Texas Permian Basin Chapter** is coming to First Baptist Church. The group will be performing at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. Admission is free.
- **First Baptist Church Big Spring** will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>
- **Texas Department of State Health Services**, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, is no longer giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.
- **American Cancer Society** will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
- **Home Hospice** is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame.

Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.
- **Hangar 25 Air Museum** needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- **Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union** is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.
- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedi-

cated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- **Fridays** are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- **Weight Watchers** meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
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EDC

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members Larry McLellan and Glenn Fillingim will be recognized and board elec-

tions will be held. The president will also appoint committee chairs for industry attraction and recruitment, industry retention and expansion and workforce develop-

ment. During the meeting, the board will consider a request from Leading EDG — previously known as Entrepreneur Alliance — to enter into a new contractual

agreement under the new name for small business consulting services. A representative of Howard College will also deliver a quarterly update for workforce training.

Other items on the agenda include: consideration of engagement letter from Wilton, Newbury, Heidel, Leonard and Horton, CPAs, for the 2010-11 audit.

approval of contract for employment with the executive director.
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FAMILY

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during a 6 p.m. banquet Thursday at Green Tree Country Club in Midland. Abby Rike,

2009 Biggest Loser contestant, will be the guest speaker. "We are by no means a perfect family, but is there really such a thing?" Walker said. "We do feel very honored, but undeserving

at the same time." Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas is a non-profit Counseling Center that provides faith-based, professional counseling services, promotes healing and

wholeness and complements the ministry of the religious community. Pisklak said funds raised at the banquet will provide financial aid to low-income men,

women and children who come to our Center for psychological counseling and/or spiritual direction.
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BSISD

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ranging from drilling water wells to installing artificial turf, to keep its athletic fields in shape. "We're looking toward next year," Ferrell told school trustees last week. "If city water is not going to be available to us, we need to find ways to maintain our fields."

and other non-drinking purposes, and water from those sites could end up helping BSISD, also, Ferrell noted. "I talked to people at the college, and they think they have enough water to let us tap into their supply so we can water the field at Memorial Stadium," he said. Another option officials discussed Thursday was the installation of artificial turf at Memorial Stadium, although no cost estimates have been obtained at this point. A major potential stumbling block for putting down artificial turf at Memorial is potential accessibility issues.

Ferrell said it is unclear at this point if installing artificial turf would mean the district would have to address accessibility issues at the stadium as well, which would drive up costs substantially. "I've talked to two people about that, and I've received two different answers," he said.

Water issues will be revisited at future school board meetings, but Ferrell said decisions will have to be made in a timely fashion. "We are very concerned about keeping our fields in playing shape," he said. "Without adequate water, that will be very difficult to do."

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Gold-medal school fights obesity

DANVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Five-year-olds dance hip-hop to the alphabet. Third-graders learn math by twisting into geometric shapes, fifth-graders by calculating calories. And everyone goes to the gym — every day.

In the middle of America's heartland, a small public school, Northeast Elementary Magnet School, has taken on a hefty task — reversing obesity.

And it's won a gold medal for it, becoming the first elementary school in the country to receive that award from the Alliance for a

Healthier Generation. The Alliance was founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation to reduce childhood obesity. Only two other schools have taken the gold.

The cafeteria here serves fresh fruit and veggies, low-fat or no-fat milk, no sodas or fried foods and no gooey desserts. There are no sweets on kids' birthdays and food is never used as a reward. Teachers wear pedometers and parents have to sign a contract committing to the school's healthy approach.

Northeast Elementary is not in some posh, progressive suburb. It's in Danville, Ill., an economically struggling city of 30,000 in farm country some 150 miles south of Chicago. But teachers, parents and students have embraced the rigorous curriculum and kids even call it "fun."

From the outside, it's a drab 50's-era yellow brick building in a blue-collar neighborhood of modest frame homes, a few blocks from a homeless shelter and a Salvation Army donation center. Inside, it's a cheerful oasis for almost

300 kids and has caught the attention of some of the nation's biggest obesity-fighting advocates.

Former President Bill Clinton says the steps Northeast has taken are an exemplary way to tackle "a terrible public health problem."

"We will never change it by telling people how bad it is. We've got to show people how good it can be," Clinton said, paraphrasing a colleague at the Alliance's June awards ceremony in Little Rock, Ark.

Northeast's strict, no-goodies program might

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Spooktacular halloween fun for pets

Family Features

Halloween is a great opportunity to include the whole family in festivities, including your pet. According to a recent PetSmart survey, 17 percent of pet parents plan to dress up their pets this year.

As the Halloween season approaches, learn how to dress your pet for trick or treating success, and think about

what activities are best for your pet.

Devilishly Cute Dress-Up

Before you go shopping for your pet's costume, consider these dress-up tips to help you find the perfect pet attire for Halloween.

- Top Trends: Some pet parents like to outfit their pets in the same

looks that are popular among adults and kids. This year, pets' costumes run the gamut, whether you're looking for vampires, witches or other whimsical costumes like a unicorn.

- Martha Stewart Pets Costumes: Combining style and quality, Martha Stewart Pets, a line exclusive to PetSmart, has new costumes this year including: an enchanting dragon, Dracula, a devilishly cute pumpkin and the classic witch costume.

- Cool Cats: Cats can join in the Halloween

fun with adorable character hats, like the jester, princess and tiger.

- Halloween Favorites: Pet parents can also consider timeless looks that never go out of style such as the bumblebee, bat, cheerleader, cow, football and pumpkin.

Halloween Safety

Check out these safety tips to make Halloween a real treat for pets.

- Entertaining at Home: Is your dog easily spooked? Even the friendliest pet may be alarmed to find a ghost

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or witch at the front door. Pet parents can help eliminate unwelcome surprises by establishing a safe, pets-only room in the house. This may also provide some comfort to those trick or treaters who are uncomfortable around pets.

"Before having pets join in the Halloween festivities, it's important to assess whether your pet will be comfortable participating or if the festivities may cause your pet undue stress," says Dr. Robyn Jaynes, DVM, Pet Care Expert at PetSmart. "If you have a young or senior pet or one that is shy around others, it's

better to give them a quiet space away from all the activity or host a small family celebration, where they'll feel more comfortable."

- Pet Friendly Treats: Chocolate is particularly tempting for pets, but it can make them seriously ill. Pet parents should keep all Halloween candy out of pets' reach. Pet parents can choose a treat that will help their pet celebrate Halloween and have health benefits, such as Greenies Dental Chews, which help keep dogs' and cats' teeth clean and breath fresh.

- Safety First: Is your pet ready to step out on the street? Reflective leashes, collars and ID tags with flashing lights are essential accessories to any pet Halloween costume. Pets should also have proper identification that includes their pet parent's contact information. Finally, make sure that an adult is holding the leash, and that the pet is at ease around strangers and crowds.

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ANSWERS

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6	2	1	5	7	9	4	8	3
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SCHOOL

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sound extreme, but students seem to have bought it.

During a recent nutrition lesson, first-graders sat raptly on the hallway floor as a teacher read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," a classic kids' story about a caterpillar that can't seem to stop eating — all

kinds of fruit at first. But when the bug moved on to chocolate cake and ice cream, the youngsters gasped and said in hushed tones, "junk food," as if it were poison.

"We're a healthy school," says 10-year-old Naomi Woods, a shy, slim fifth-grader. "We're not allowed to eat junk food or stuff like that."

Sandy-haired Timothy Mills, a fourth-grader, says the focus "just

keeps us more fit, plus we have a lot more fun."

Like Mills, an earnest, heavy-set 9-year-old, Northeast kids aren't all skinny. Even some kindergartners are clearly overweight. But they still jump enthusiastically to the alphabet song, and though chubbier kids struggle to run around the football field during gym class, there doesn't seem to be much grumbling.

Physical education teacher Becky Burgoyne said it's sometimes tough to get kids of "all different shapes and sizes" to be physically active.

"I just ask that students do their best and improve on what they can already do," Burgoyne said.

Some schools "may have physical education twice a week, once a week, and that's not acceptable. Children

need to move," she said. "To have a healthy body is to have a healthy brain and therefore they become better at reading and math and science. It all works together."

The students mostly mirror Danville and surrounding Vermilion County — generally poorer, less healthy than the state average, with many families struggling with obesity and related problems.

The percentage of overweight kids at Northeast increased in 2009, the program's third year, but dropped slightly last year, to 32 percent; 17 percent are obese. Those are similar to national figures, Principal Cheryl McIntire said. With only three years of data, it's too soon to call the slight dip in the percentage of overweight children a trend. But she considers it a promising sign.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 19-year-old girl still living with my parents. My 22-year-old brother lives here, as well. I am working two part-time jobs and recently obtained full-time employment.

My brother, "Sam," attended college courses for one semester two years ago. He has never been employed. He spends all day in his room playing computer games until the late hours of the night. My parents never pressure him to find a job, develop social skills or go back to school. They seem completely content allowing him to live this way.

However, when it comes to me, my parents are constantly critical. They don't approve of my boyfriend, my social habits, the hours I stay out and the fact that I am not attending college. My mother frequently threatens to kick me out, although I doubt she would.

I believe my parents are misguided. I don't understand why they insist on chastising me when they have a much bigger issue on their hands with Sam. Whenever I try to get involved and suggest that Sam get a job or apply to college, my parents inform me that it is none of my business and he's not my concern.

I am worried about what will become of Sam, but I admit I'm also irritated that they are constantly butting into my life. How do I tell them to reevaluate their priorities without risking my living situation? -- Where Do I Go from Here?

Dear Where: Your parents are butting into your life because you live with them, and that encourages their involvement. They also have greater expectations for you than for Sam, which is why they seem so critical. In order to be independent, you must leave the nest. If your job doesn't pay enough to find your own apartment, search for roommates.

Dear Annie: We installed a fence several weeks ago. We paid the entire cost and notified our neighbor of our plans. We provided the survey drawings and obtained permission to go onto his property for the installation.

We intended to discuss the details with our neighbor, but the contractor had an opening in his schedule, and we proceeded. Our neighbor happened to be on vacation, although we tried to communicate with him by phone and email.

When he returned, he was upset that we had "gone back on our word." We recently found new holes poked through the fence from the neighbor's side and some graffiti. We are stunned by this extreme reaction. What should we do? -- *Baffled*

Dear Baffled: It sounds as if your neighbor expected to be part of the process and it passed him by. He's resentful and a little childish. We recommend you "make nice" and see whether it helps. Pay him a visit, apologize profusely for not waiting until he returned from his vaca-

tion, and invite him over for coffee or a beer. Ask for his opinion on the contractor's finished product. If none of this helps, try ignoring what you can, but if his pranks escalate or cause damage, contact the National Association for Community Mediation (nafcm.org) before calling a lawyer.

Dear Annie: This is for "Didn't Need It," who went for counseling after getting out of an abusive marriage and it didn't help: Don't

give up so quickly. My husband and I went to seven different marriage counselors before we found one who didn't take sides. The eighth was well worth the search. It's up to you to find the one best for you, and to follow their advice (or not).

Personal change is rarely easy. But it is profoundly rewarding. We've been married 36 years, and our love grows every day. — K

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♥ A K Q J 10 4
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ A 7

WEST
♠ 5 4
♥ 9 7
♦ A K Q J 10 7
♣ J 4 2

EAST
♠ J 7 6
♥ 6 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ K 9 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 8 3 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:
South 3♠ West 4♠ North 4♠ East 3♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Some hands played in the annual world championship prove to be downright embarrassing to the participants. For example, take this deal from the 1973 match between the Dallas Accs, who were the defending champions, and another U.S. team that included Paul Soloway and John Swanson.

When Soloway and Swanson were North-South, they got to four spades, making seven, in the manner shown. And when Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman of the Accs were North-South, they bid the hand exactly the same way and also made

seven!

There was no strong feeling at the time that either pair had done anything wrong by raising three spades to four, even though the odds in favor of making seven on the North-South cards were about 3-to-1.

The shortcomings in the bidding methods of the two U.S. pairs were soon made apparent when the Italian team played the same hand against Indonesia in another match. With Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna of Italy North-South, the bidding went:

South	West	North	East
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Redble	Pass	5 NT	Pass
7♠			

Four clubs was a cuebid inferentially accepting spades as trumps and, at the same time, requesting South to show his side-suit controls, if any. Four diamonds was also a cuebid, indicating a diamond control.

The subsequent redouble by South confirmed first-round diamond control.

Five notrump was the Grand Slam Force, asking South to bid seven spades if he had two of the top three trump honors. Belladonna duly bid the grand slam, which he made, and the Italians provided yet another example of their excellence in the field of slam bidding.

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Tomorrow: A reward for good behavior.
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► **World briefs**

Indy 500 winner Dan Wheldon dead after massive 15-car wreck sends cars flying at Vegas race

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Every race car driver heads onto the track understanding this race could be the last and hoping it won't be.

On Sunday, IndyCar drivers got a harsh reminder when the worst happened to one of their own.

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died when his car got caught up in a 15-car pileup, sailed over another vehicle and smashed into a catch fence at IndyCar's season-ending race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"Things happen in this kind of racing," said Wade Cunningham, also caught up in the wreck. "It's so close. Not much room for error. I was near the front of what caused all this, so I'm not thrilled about it. At this point, whose fault it was is kind of immaterial."

The green flag had barely stopped waving when disaster struck.

Occupy Wall Street, now international, marks 1-month birthday with \$300K in bank

NEW YORK (AP) — The month-old Occupy Wall Street movement continues to grow, with nearly \$300,000 in the bank and participants finding satisfaction in the widening impact they hope will

counter the influence on society by those who hold the purse strings of the world's economies.

The expanding occupation of land once limited to a small Manhattan park in the shadow of the rising World Trade Center complex continued through the weekend, with hundreds of thousands of people rallying around the world and numerous encampments springing up in cities large and small.

For the most part, the protest action remained loosely organized and there were no specific demands, something Legba Carrefour, a participant in the Occupy D.C. protest, found comforting on Sunday.

"When movements come up with specific demands, they cease to be movements and transform into political campaign rallies," said Carrefour, who works as a coat check attendant despite holding a master's degree in cultural studies. "It's compelling a lot of people to come out for their own reasons rather than the reasons that someone else has given to them."

The demonstrations worldwide have emboldened those camped out at Manhattan's Zuccotti Park, the epicenter of the movement that began a month ago Monday. But there is conflict too. Some protesters eventually want the movement to rally around a goal, while others insist that isn't the point.

In swing state tour, Obama to urge Congress to get to work this week on pieces of jobs bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will urge Congress to get to work this week on passing pieces of his larger, now-defunct jobs bill during a three-day bus tour through North Carolina and Virginia, two southern states that could be critical to his re-election campaign.

The two-state swing, which kicks off Monday in Asheville, N.C., is Obama's latest attempt to combine campaigning for his jobs bill with campaigning for his re-election.

While he has pledged to travel the country pitching his plans to get Americans back to work, his stops have focused heavily on political swing states, underscoring the degree to which what happens with the economy is tied to Obama's re-election prospects.

The bus tour comes as the fight over Obama's jobs proposals enters a new phase. The president's efforts to get his entire \$447 billion bill passed were blocked by Senate Republicans, leaving Obama and his Democratic allies to push for the proposals contained in the bill to be passed piece by piece.

That means the president's rallying cry this week could go from "Pass this bill" to "Pass these bills."

"Although Congress is adopting a piece-by-piece approach, the president believes that every single piece should pass, and that at the end of the day we should have all of the components of the American Jobs Act passed through the

Congress so the president can sign them, even if that means that he has to sign multiple pieces of legislation," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Answers still vary as to what senior CIA clandestine officer is doing at NYPD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three months ago, one of the CIA's most experienced clandestine operatives started work inside the New York Police Department. His title is special assistant to the deputy commissioner of intelligence. On that much, everyone agrees.

Exactly what he's doing there, however, is much less clear.

Since The Associated Press revealed the assignment in August, federal and city officials have offered differing explanations for why this CIA officer — a seasoned operative who handled foreign agents and ran complex operations in Jordan and Pakistan — was assigned to a municipal police department.

The CIA is prohibited from spying domestically, and its unusual partnership with the NYPD has troubled top lawmakers and prompted an internal investigation.

His role is important because the last time a CIA officer worked so closely with the NYPD, beginning in the months after the 9/11 attacks, he became the architect of aggressive police programs that monitored Muslim neighborhoods.

With the earlier help from this CIA official, the police put entire communities under the microscope, according to internal police documents, based on ethnicity rather than allegations of wrongdoing.

It was an extraordinary collaboration that at times troubled some senior CIA officials and may have stretched the bounds of how the CIA is legally allowed to operate in the United States.

Analysis: At King dedication, Obama draws parallels between his struggles and King's

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing beneath the looming presence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President Barack Obama carved out his own version of black leadership with a message of racial unity.

A sense of inescapable blackness surrounded Sunday's dedication ceremony for the King memorial. The 30-foot-tall granite likeness is the first on the National Mall to honor an African-American, joining memorials for two white presidents who owned slaves and a third who ended such bondage.

Obama responded by stirring the loyalty of his restive black base while reaching to include all Americans, linking himself to King's "constant insistence on the oneness of man" and the slain leader's efforts to help not just black people, but all those in need.

He used the colorblind suggestion that Americans look at the hard times King conquered, and understand the challenge of navigating the troubles of today.

"At this moment, when our politics appear so sharply polarized, and faith in our institutions so greatly diminished, we need more than ever to take heed of Dr. King's teachings," Obama said. "He calls on us to stand in the other person's shoes, to see through their eyes, to understand their pain."

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Rangers face Cards in World Series

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton in a matchup of MVP sluggers. Nelson Cruz and David Freese becoming bigger names with each home run swing. Pitching staffs full of shaky starters and shutdown relievers.

Plus a Rally Squirrel and the Claw.

The Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals, with a lot of acquainted, are all set to get acquainted in the World Series.

Leave it to ol' Arthur Rhodes to make the introductions. The 41-year-old lefty specialist began the year with Texas, wound up in St. Louis and is likely to get a ring either way.

Besides, it takes someone who's been around a bit to remember the last time these teams played.

It was 2004, in a three-game set in Texas. Even in this era of interleague

play, that's the only time the Cardinals and Rangers have met when it meant something. According to STATS LLC, that matches the fewest games between a pair of opponents in the majors, tying Mets-White Sox.

Game 1 is Wednesday night in St. Louis, with ace Chris Carpenter of the Cardinals and C.J. Wilson set to start. The opening odds see Texas as a small favorite.

"The Rangers are scary. They're a scary team," said Freese, the NLCS MVP. "You look at that lineup, you look at that staff. It's going to be a battle."

"I think we're a team that can match up with them a little bit. And they're confident, we're confident. It's been a tough road. I've definitely been watching the ALCS for sure. That's some good ball over there," he said.

Consider this an old-

school World Series: top names on both sides, many of them facing each other for the first time — the way it was before AL and NL clubs began playing each other all through the summer.

Think of Ted Williams vs. Stan Musial, maybe.

Musial, in fact, might even be at the ballpark next week. The 90-year Hall of Famer who helped the Cardinals win three World Series crowns was at Busch Stadium during the playoffs for pregame ceremonies.

Stan the Man and the Cardinals beat Williams and the Red Sox in the 1946 Series. More than a quarter-century later, Williams became the first manager in Texas history after the franchise moved from Washington.

It took a lot longer for Texas to finally reach the

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Cowboys fall in close one

FOXBOROUGH (AP) — Tom Brady was having his worst game of the season. Then he did what he does best.

Trailing by three points with 2:31 left, the NFL's reigning MVP marched the New England Patriots down the field for an 8-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez with 22 seconds remaining that capped a 20-win over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

"You're a long way away from the goal line and you haven't really moved the ball that well," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "I've said it before, there's no quarterback I'd rather have."

The Patriots trailed 16-13 when they got the ball at their 20-yard line after a punt. At that point, Brady had completed just 19 of 32 passes for 211 yards with one touchdown, two interceptions and three sacks.

Starting with a 16-yard completion to Hernandez, Brady went 8 for 9 for 78 yards. The other 2 yards came on Brady's 2-yard sneak for a first down.

"When you have a quarterback like Tom, anything can happen as long as there's time on the clock," Hernandez said.

It was the 32nd successful comeback of Brady's career in games the Patriots trailed or were tied in the fourth quarter. And it came against a solid defense — ranked fourth in the NFL

— that had allowed just one touchdown on the Patriots' first nine possessions.

"When you're playing against a quarterback like Tom Brady, he's going to go down as one of the all-time greats," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "So you have to try to make it hard on him."

The Patriots improved to 5-1, the best record in the AFC. The Cowboys fell to 2-3, but two of those losses were by four points and the other by three.

"This isn't a 2-3 team," said Dallas cornerback Terence Newman, who had an interception and a fumble recovery. "We've got some good pieces here."

The Cowboys were coming off a bye. Next up are the St. Louis Rams.

The Patriots are heading into a bye and return for a road game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We're still building," Brady said. "We're nowhere near where we need to be and nowhere near where we're going to be in a couple of months."

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo was 27 of 41 for 317 yards with one touchdown and one interception in his first game since a 34-30 loss to Detroit in which the Cowboys squandered a 24-point, third-quarter lead and Romo threw two interceptions that were returned for TDs.

"This team is continuing to grow and get better,"

Romo said. "We just need to finish a game like today and we will, I think."

The Cowboys, who trailed 13-3 midway through the second quarter, took a 16-13 lead with 5:13 left on Dan Bailey's third field goal of the game, a 26-yarder.

The Patriots then punted, but the Cowboys were content to use up the clock by running the ball — three rushes for 5 yards, plus a 5-yard penalty — and punted right back.

"You have to run the ball in that situation because of the time situation," said Garrett, who trusted his defense to stop the Patriots. "It's one of the best offenses in the league. You're challenging your defense, no doubt about it."

Until the final drive, Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan was headed for his second straight strong game against the Patriots.

He held that job with Cleveland when the Browns beat the Patriots 34-14 last Nov. 7. Since then, the Patriots had scored at least 30 points in 13 consecutive games. That streak ended Sunday, but New England still won.

Stephen Gostkowski's 31-yard field goal gave the Patriots a 3-0 lead before Bailey tied it with a 48-yarder. Gostkowski connected again early in the second quarter, this time from 26 yards, before Brady and

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NFL scores and standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	1	0	.833	185	135
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	188	147
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	121	125
Miami	0	4	0	.000	69	104

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	105	94
Houston	3	3	0	.500	141	124
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	72	132
Indianapolis	0	6	0	.000	104	163

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	148	71
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	137	111
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	119	102
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	91	117

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	120	109
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	160	150
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	77	150
Denver	1	4	0	.200	105	140

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	154	147
Washington	3	2	0	.600	96	83
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	115	121
Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	145	145

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	113	145
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	177	151
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	147
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	133	163

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	0	0	1.000	197	114
Detroit	5	1	0	.833	178	114
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	146	132
Minnesota	1	5	0	.167	121	145

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Fran	5	1	0	.833	167	97
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	94	122
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	96	121
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	49	137

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 24, St. Louis 3

Pittsburgh 17, Jacksonville 13

Philadelphia 20, Washington 13

San Francisco 25, Detroit 19

Atlanta 31, Carolina 17

Cincinnati 27, Indianapolis 17

N.Y. Giants 27, Buffalo 24

Oakland 24, Cleveland 17

Baltimore 29, Houston 14

New England 20, Dallas 16

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Monday's Game

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.

NFL coaches square off on field after Sunday's game

DETROIT (AP) — Jim Harbaugh and Jim Schwartz have helped turn San Francisco and Detroit into contenders, earning plenty of attention for the energy and attitude they bring to the sidelines.

That intensity was on full display Sunday during a post-game dustup after the 49ers handed the Lions their first loss of the season.

Harbaugh, the San Francisco coach, came running across the field and gave his Detroit counterpart an exuberant handshake and then

a slap on the back. Schwartz took exception and chased Harbaugh back toward the tunnel, but the two were kept separated. Players gathered and appeared to restore order.

"I went to congratulate Coach Harbaugh and got shoved out of the way," Schwartz said after his team's 25-19 loss. "I didn't expect an obscenity at that point. Obviously, when you win a game like that, you are excited, but there is a protocol."

Schwartz wouldn't elabo-

rate much.

"I'm sure it is on video, and you can see it," Schwartz said.

Harbaugh took the blame but wasn't about to tone down his excitement after the big win.

"That's totally on me," Harbaugh said. "I shook his hand too hard."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the incident will be reviewed.

Alex Smith threw a go-ahead 6-yard scoring pass to Delanie Walker on fourth

down for San Francisco with 1:51 left, and the 49ers added a field goal less than a minute later for the final margin. Detroit (5-1) lost for the first time in 10 regular-season games dating to last year. The Lions also won all four of their pre-season games.

Walker's touchdown stood after video review didn't show definitively whether the San Francisco tight end's right knee was down before the ball reached the goal line.

"I knew I got in there," Walker said. "I crossed the

plane, but we were in their house and we got some bad calls early on in the game. But I didn't think twice about it."

After Walker's touchdown made it 22-19, Detroit had a chance to drive for a tying field goal or a go-ahead TD, but couldn't get a first down against a swarming defense that hit and confused quarterback Matthew Stafford from the start.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Jupiter in opposition suggests that the truth will be elusive. "When distant and unfamiliar and complex things are communicated to great masses of people, the truth suffers a considerable and often a radical distortion. The complex is made over into the simple, the hypothetical into the dogmatic, and the relative into an absolute." — Walter Lippmann

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll do something creative. People will come together to experience your work. This is one of the most satisfying feelings — to know you've contributed to the bonds between people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you are as concerned with physical necessities like eating and sleeping as everyone else is, you have one foot in the spiritual realm today. You'll feel connected to the wind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you expand your identity, you don't all of a sudden leave the old you behind. It's more like that version is absorbed into the new you. There are new layers and dimensions to you that form every time you grow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A loved one's history will color the action today. Romantic matters may figure into the plot, as well. Here's a tip to remember: It's better to be a person's last relationship than his or her first one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The motivational speaker Zig Ziglar suggested that people hide their goats. He said, "They can't get your goat if you don't tell them where it is." You'll communicate wisely, telling people only what you want and need them to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are still in the process of training your brain to be positive even when the situation is clearly not optimal. This

training requires repetition. So be happy for any chance to practice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may lose track of something or have so much going on that a key element falls through the cracks. Forgive yourself. Vow to slow down. You deserve to go at a comfortable pace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be interesting people around for you to talk with, though you might feel at a loss about what to say. Observe your environment. Comment on what you see and hear. A lively conversation will come out of this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is sometimes hard to let things go. Then again, being just a tad obsessive does have its benefits. For instance, you can focus intently on something you want to accomplish and not quit until it's done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is some kind of magic in the ritual of writing. Commit your goals to paper. You will stick to them if they are written down. Also, write down your wishes and dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll go to a quiet place to get away from problems. When you return to the noisy world at a later date, you'll feel refreshed and able to handle all that needs resolution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will be important to take notes and keep them somewhere you can return to easily later. Labeling things well and being organized with your work will also be key.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 17). You believe that you deserve to have good things in your life, and you do what it takes to make it happen. The next five weeks bring unusual attractions and adventurous whims. You look out for loved ones, and your loyalty and protection help them to thrive. Your talents grow through 2012 with the help of a teacher. Pisces and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 25, 41, 2 and 29.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

"Classic Annie"®: Two tales of grandmother's role as family member

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the grandmother of a child who was put up for adoption. It was an open adoption, which means the adoptive parents send my son photographs and letters so he knows how his child is doing.



ANN LANDERS

The adoptive parents are lovely people, and my grandson is doing wonderfully. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for them.

Every Christmas and birthday, I send gifts to my grandson because I want him to know I care about him.

The adoptive parents have a second child, and I make sure to send gifts to that child, too.

The rest of my family disagrees with this. They say I should distance myself from

the boy and stop keeping in touch with the adoptive parents.

Tell me, Ann, are they right? Is it a mistake for me to maintain a relationship with this child?

The adoptive parents have never asked me to back off, nor has my son objected to my presence in the boy's life. Christmas will be here soon, and I would appreciate your opinion. — Torn in Texas

Dear Texas: Who, exactly, is "the rest of the family," and what business is it of theirs?

These people who are giving you this bum advice should be told you are dealing with the matter in your own way and that all parties involved are satisfied with how things are being handled. (That is shorthand for MYOB, and if they don't get it, spell it out for them.) Keep reading for a different kind of Grandma story:

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell the grandparents in your reading audience to cultivate a warm and loving relationship with their grandchildren

before it is too late.

I have a 9-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter. We visit my mother every week, but I'm about ready to call it quits.

Every time we get together, Grandma picks on my daughter and totally ignores my son. She feels it is her place to correct and discipline them.

My children's behavior is fine, Ann. They are good kids and well-behaved. My mother freaks out over issues that make very little sense and bother no one but her.

Mom doesn't seem to realize that she is going to leave my children no happy memories of their grandmother.

The way things stand now, they don't want to be around her because she is always "bossing them around."

I love Mom dearly, but frankly, I do not LIKE her. I wish my children could enjoy having a grandmother, but this doesn't seem possible.

Please, Ann, I know she reads you every day. Maybe if she sees this in the newspaper, it will help. — J.W. in Southern Calif.

THE MAJOR ARCANA OF THE TAROT -- THE MOON XVIII: It's no wonder the moon brings out our more primal instincts. With all her changing, reflecting and hiding, she invites chase. Even the oceans race to find her. On the 18th card of the tarot, the full moon arouses wild creatures of the night, starring a moon-loving crab. The Cancer symbol emerges from the water onto a path flanked by a wolf and a dog. One canine may be tamer than the other, but make no mistake: They are all feral beings. Even if the crab makes it past these creatures, the road ahead is long and winding, leading seemingly to nowhere.

If you draw The Moon card in a reading, you may feel a kinship with that noble crab. The creature clearly has aspirations and seems determined to move things along — to travel and evolve. Yet there are all of these elements to contend with: getting past the canines, handling the curves of the road, trusting that it's all going somewhere or, if it's not, that the journey is still worthwhile. The Moon card might inspire you to do some serious reflecting, just as she does.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy award-winner Eminem was initially rejected by fellow rappers because of his race. His anger grew and became part of a style that catapulted him to the top of the music charts. Libras thrive when they are in harmonious circumstances. Discord is highly upsetting to this sign, as Libras really want everyone to get along. In the case of a difficult domestic scene and hard living conditions, Libra's saving grace is the ability to turn the problem into artistic expression.

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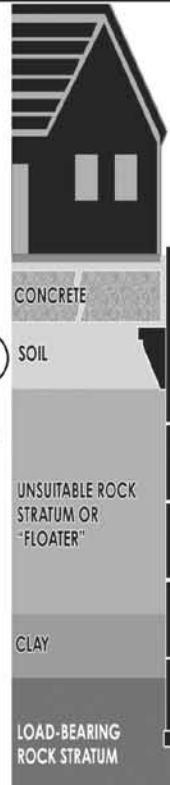
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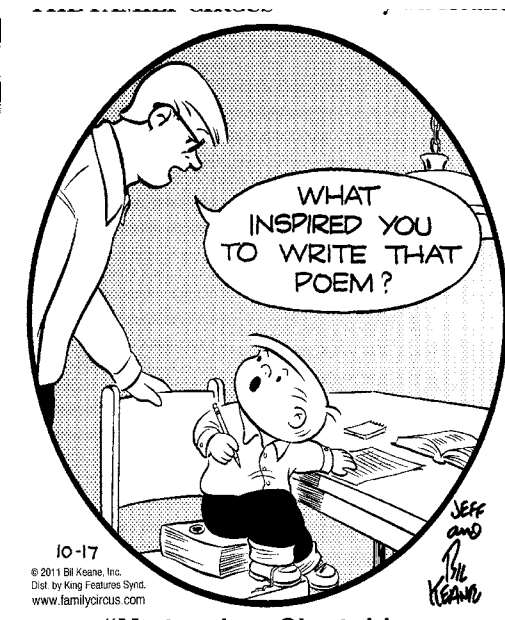
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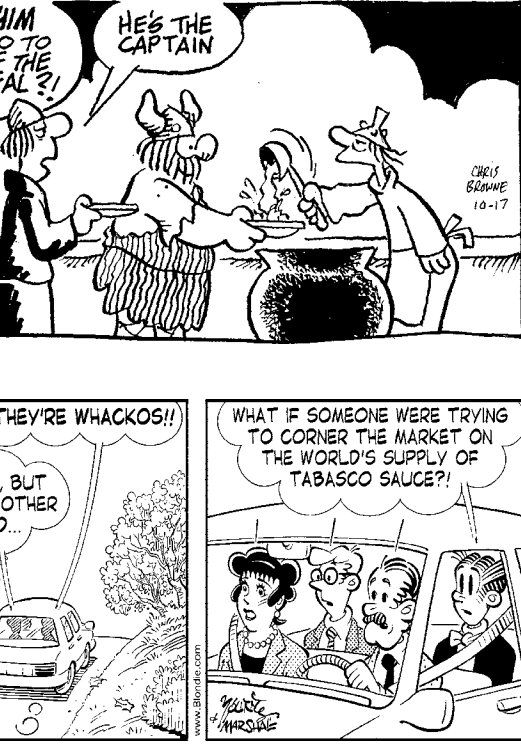
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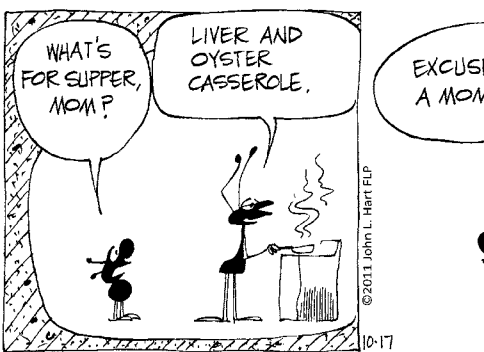
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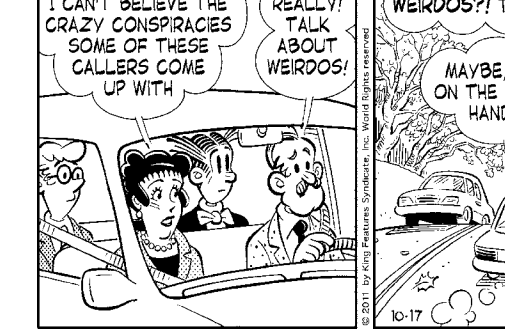
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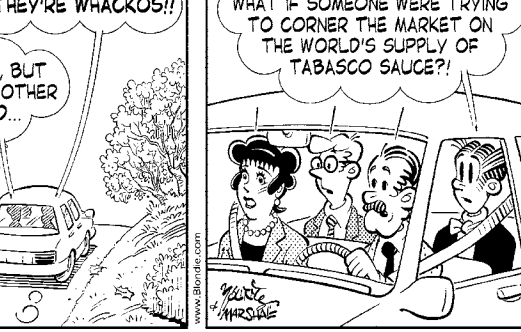
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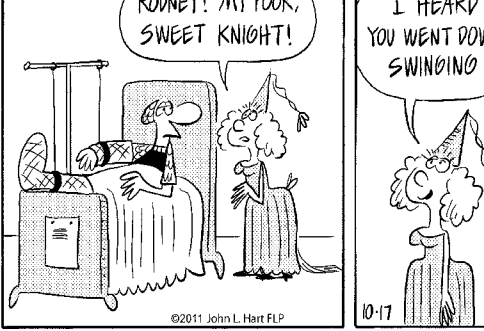
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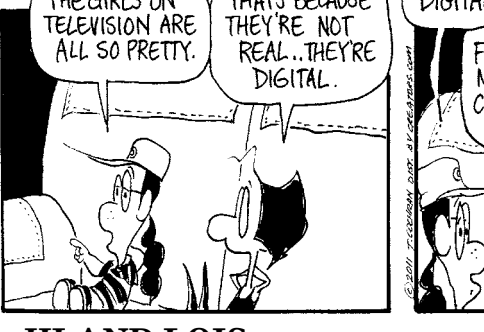
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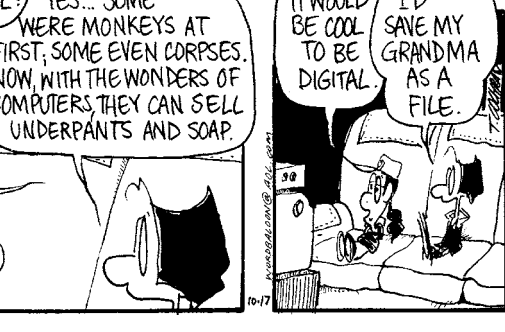
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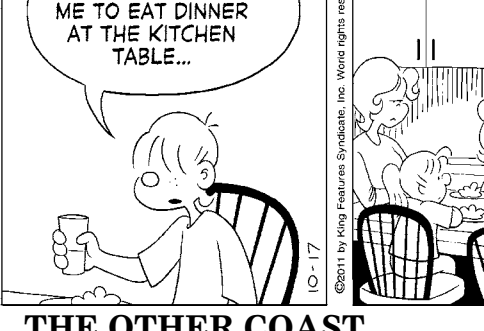
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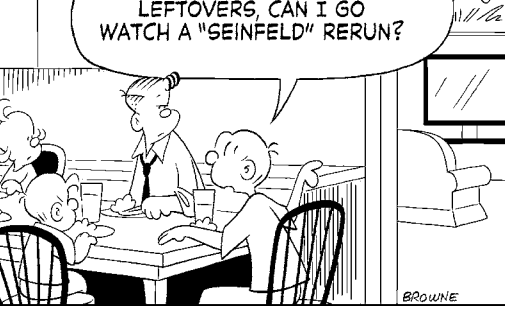
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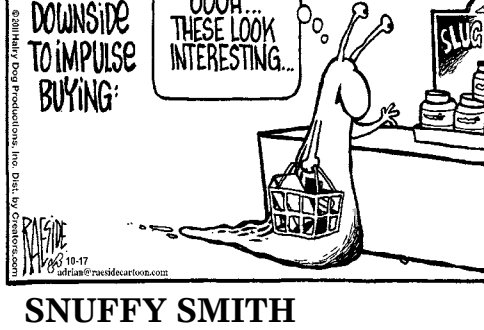
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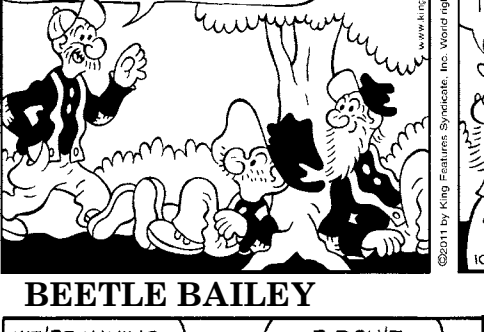
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2011. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1711, Jupiter Hammon, the first black poet to have his work published in America, was born on Long Island, N.Y., into a lifetime of slavery. (The date of his death is unknown, although he apparently lived at least into his 80s.)

On this date:

In 1610, French King Louis XIII, age nine, was crowned at Reims, five months after the assassination of his father, Henry IV.

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports

regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearny was damaged by a German torpedo off the coast of Iceland; 11 people died.

In 1961, French police attacked Algerians protesting a curfew in Paris. (The resulting death toll varies widely, with some estimates of up to 200.)

In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

In 1991, entertainer Tennessee Ernie Ford died in Reston, Va., at age 72.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marsha Hunt is 94. Actress Julie Adams is 85. Newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin is 81.

Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 70. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 69. Singer Gary Puckett is 69. Rock musician Michael Hockack is 65. Actor Michael McKean is 64. Actress Margot Kidder is 63. Actor George Wendt is 63. Actor-singer Bill Hudson is 62. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 55. Country singer Alan Jackson is 53. Movie critic Richard Roeper is 52. Movie director Rob Marshall is 51. Actor Grant Shaud is 51. Animator Mike Judge is 49. Rock singer-musician Fred LeBlanc (Cowboy Mouth) is 48. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 48. Singer Rene' Dif is 44. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 43. Golfer Ernie Els is 42.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Balance-sheet plus
 - 6 ___ of the time (occasionally)
 - 10 Shower alternative
 - 14 Auto-club suggestion
 - 15 Twosome
 - 16 Cajun veggie
 - 17 Large wall picture
 - 18 "This can't be!"
 - 19 Court order
 - 20 Amazed
 - 22 Tip of the ear
 - 23 Guy
 - 24 Made level
 - 26 One facing the pitcher
 - 30 Lost brightness
 - 32 Vicinity
 - 33 "Spoiled" tot
 - 35 Add up
 - 39 Place to play ice hockey
 - 40 Enjoy greatly
 - 42 Bad habit
 - 43 Filled completely
 - 45 Lariat
 - 46 Biblical garden
 - 47 "When pigs fly!"
 - 49 Texas city
 - 51 Beach building
 - 54 Bro's sibling
 - 55 Typical Kuwaiti
 - 56 Amazed
 - 63 ___ Raton, FL
 - 64 Stash away
 - 65 Yearn for

- DOWN**
- 66 Popular college guy, briefly
 - 67 Mimicked
 - 68 Sports stadium
 - 69 Sharp tug
 - 70 Scottish girl
 - 71 Geeklike
 - 1 Upper limbs
 - 2 Minestrone, for one
 - 3 "You bet!"
 - 4 List-ending abbr.
 - 5 "I want to know..."
 - 6 Cereal utensil
 - 7 Honolulu's island
 - 8 St. Paul's state
 - 9 Wore away
 - 10 Amazed
 - 11 Ohio city
 - 12 Navajos or Apaches
 - 13 Detested
 - 21 Unkind comments
 - 25 Doggie doc
 - 26 Taverns
 - 27 Opera solo
 - 28 Camp shelter
 - 29 Amazed
 - 30 Be partial to
 - 31 On the summit of
 - 34 Very uncommon
 - 36 Ocean's rise and fall
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- 38 Late-night emcee
- 41 Ancient artifact
- 44 Family room
- 48 Servant of yore
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- 51 Taxi driver
- 52 Pleasant scent
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- 60 At any time
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- 62 Remain

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SERIES

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Series. Hamilton, Cruz, Michael Young and the Rangers made their first appearance last year, only to get shut down by San Francisco's pitching in a five-game wipe-out.

"We weren't very happy with the results, and we certainly knew that we were a better team than we showed," manager Ron Washington said.

The Series shifts to Arlington for Game 3 next Saturday. The next day, there will be a doubleheader in Texas, of

sorts — St. Louis Rams at Dallas Cowboys, then Cardinals at Rangers.

St. Louis has won 10 Series titles, second most to the New York Yankees' 27. Manager Tony La Russa, Pujols and the Cardinals last took it in 2006, helped by Series MVP David Eckstein.

This year, hardly anyone expected St. Louis to make it this far, especially when it was 10½ games out of a playoff spot on Aug. 25. A sensational run in the last month, plus a tremendous collapse by Atlanta, gave the Cardinals the NL wild-card slot on the final day of the regu-

lar season.

The Cardinals did what many fans considered almost impossible in the first round — they eliminated the heavily favored Phillies.

Carpenter outdueled Roy Halladay 1-0 in the decisive Game 5, then St. Louis relied on its bullpen every day to beat Milwaukee in the NL championship series.

Jason Motte, Fernando Salas, Octavio Dotel, Marc Rzepczynski and the Cards' crew shut down Prince Fielder and the Brewers, capped by a 12-6 win in Game 6 Sunday night.

A resurgent Lance Berkman, Matt Holliday and the emerging Freese got a boost in the lineup from trade-deadline addition Rafael Furcal, one of several moves by general manager John Mozealiak that worked out well.

The Cardinals also got help — some might believe — from a squirrel that scampered right in front of home plate during a playoff game in St. Louis.

The Rangers powered to the AL West title this year and hope to show the Claw, their hand signal for big hits, a lot starting this week.

Texas began the playoffs by beating Tampa Bay in four games and mashed Detroit in the

six-game ALCS. Cruz was an MVP monster against the Tigers, hitting an LCS-record six home runs with 13 RBIs.

Closer Neftali Feliz, Alexi Ogando, Scott Feldman and two of GM Jon Daniels' additions — Mike Adams and Michael Gonzalez — keyed a bullpen that dominated the postseason.

Now it's on to Busch Stadium for the opener. The NL holds home-field advantage this year because it won the AL Star game, with Fielder's homer off Wilson the big hit. The weather forecast calls for clear skies, a welcome relief in a postseason dotted by rain.

And, oh, about those previous Cardinals-Rangers games. St. Louis won two of three in June 2004.

, with the Cardinals' lone loss coming when Young and Texas hammered Carpenter.

Carpenter will see a packed Texas lineup, including Young, in the opener.

"I haven't thought a lick about it," Carpenter said after Sunday night's clincher. "I'm excited for our ballclub, I'm excited for our organization. Unbelievable. This group of guys, I've been saying all year long, it's the most amazing group of guys I've been around."



The Red Raiders got a tough win Saturday as they defeated the Falcons by a final score of 30-26.

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COACHES

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San Francisco (5-1) a six-point lead with 1:02 to go with a 37-yard field goal, and the Lions did no better with their next attempt at a winning drive.

Smith was 17 of 32 for 125 yards, going early and often to Michael Crabtree, who had nine receptions for 77

yards. Frank Gore ran 15 times for 141 yards and scored a TD that pulled the 49ers within three after they were outscored 10-0 in the first quarter.

The 49ers are not only atop the NFC West, but they're opening up some ground. Second-place Seattle (2-3) had an open date.

"I've never been a part of anything like this, especially since I've been a pro," Smith said. "The defense played

unbelievable today. They deserve all the credit."

Stafford was 28 of 50 for 293 yards and two TDs. He was sacked in the end zone for a safety in the second quarter.

"Matt didn't have a whole lot of time today," Schwartz said. "We had a hard time getting the run game going. When it's one-dimensional that way, and I think it was, you're going to have a difficult time."

Detroit ran for only 66 yards.

Jason Hanson missed a 52-yard field goal attempt that would've given Detroit a four-point lead late in the first half, then Akers made a 55-yard kick. That put the 49ers ahead 12-10 as time expired in the half.

In the fourth, Stafford connected with Nate Burleson on a 5-yard pass into the end zone that was ruled incomplete on the field. It was overturned after video review, giving Detroit a 19-15 lead. Burleson caught the ball and got both feet down, then lost the ball after tumbling beyond the end zone — a play similar to Calvin's

Johnson's well-documented play in the end zone that was ruled incomplete last year at Chicago.

The Lions couldn't hold the lead and were left to rue a couple trips deep into San Francisco territory that ended with short field goals — one in the first quarter and another in the third.

"We're not going to go 16-0," Schwartz said. "We have to protect the quarterback better, have to run the ball better, make more plays down the field. We have to stop the run better, we have to convert field goals."

The 49ers overcame 15 penalties, including five false starts at raucous Ford Field.

"Once you get a couple false starts, it's like throwing gasoline on a fire," Smith said.

Notes: San Francisco and Chicago combined for 14 false starts at Detroit, matching Houston's record from 2004 for the most false starts by visiting teams in back-to-back games since 1991, according to STATS LLC.

Harbaugh played for Baltimore in 1998.

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COWBOYS

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Wes Welker hooked up on a 5-yard scoring pass. But Romo threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten with 33 seconds left in the half and Dallas trailed 13-10.

Bailey then tied the game with a 22-yard field goal with 5:50 left in the third.

And after Bailey put Dallas ahead for the first time with his final field goal, Brady took over.

"Your margin of error is very, very small at that point," he said. "You can't not get the ball in the end zone."

In those situations, Brady often does.

"When it comes to crunch time," Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking said, "he is at his best."

Notes: Belichick and Brady have won 116 regular-season games together, tying Miami's Don Shula and Dan Marino for most in NFL history. ... DeMarcus Ware had two sacks for Dallas, giving him seven in five games this season.