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Halloween sex offender roundup on tap

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 Registered sex offenders currently on probation won't have the chance to go trick-or-treating Monday, as officials with the District Adult Probation get ready to once again hold mandatory meetings during the holiday evening.
 Kent Minchew, director of

adult probation for the district, said sex offenders from Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties will gather for a probation meeting at the Adult Probation Office — located in the county courthouse annex — during traditional trick-or-treat hours from 5 p.m. until



Minchew

10 p.m. Monday.
 "Most of these people are eager to comply with the meeting because it not only keeps the public safe, it keeps them safe as well," said Minchew. "They're all for it because they can't be accused of violating their probation because we know where they are and what they're doing."
 "If they don't attend, I alert the Big Spring Police Department or the Howard County Sheriff's Office and have them pick them up. If they don't have an officer available, then I'll drive to their home and pick them up. Either way, they have to attend."
 Minchew said the meeting — which is expected to draw a little more than a dozen sex offenders currently on probation — consists of counseling, as well as a presentation by

Victim Services, and marks the fourth year in a row the probation office has held the mandatory gathering, which was based on a similar program used in San Angelo.
 "In the past, we would just drive to their homes and make sure their porch lights were off and they weren't doing anything to encour-

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Fun Fest

Seniors' event set for Friday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 Canterbury Retirement Homes, Inc. has teamed up with Big Spring RSVP and Big Spring Senior Center to bring some fun under the big top to Crossroads seniors for the fifth year.
 "This is a good time for people to come out and see what's available in the community while having fun," Shannon Nabors, executive director at Canterbury, said. "It's a great time to not only get information but meet new people and see old friends."



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Big Spring Fire Department and Air Evac teamed up for the fourth year to show their support for the Susan G. Koman Foundation. Firefighters have been selling pink shirts for \$15, with proceeds from those sales going to support breast cancer research. There is a limited supply of T-shirts left, but to find out more information contact any fire station.

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City re-affirms in-transit taxing stance

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring City Council pledged its intent to continue to tax inventories considered to be in transit during its meeting Tuesday night, reaffirming the similar decision made by the council in 2007.
 According to state officials, the Texas legislature recently amended the goods-in-transit tax law to require taxing entities to decide whether or not they want to offer the exemp-

tion. Now, a taxing entity must decide whether to allow goods in transit to be taxed or not.
 Goods in transit is defined in the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 11.253, as those items that are brought in for holding until they are shipped elsewhere for production. Also, the goods cannot remain at the same location for more than 175 days before they are shipped on.
 "There has been what's called the Super Freeport legislation on the books for many years, which, through the federal government, allowed the exemption from taxation for manufacturing



Walker

processes and inventory," City Finance Director Peggy Walker said. "In 2007, the city council passed a resolution declaring our intent to tax those which are now called goods in transit. During the last legislative session, the legislature actually narrowed that exemption. They took away some of the exemptions to make Texas more compatible and competitive with other states, specifically New Mexico, for various reasons. So there isn't as much impact on our possible tax base as there has been in the past."
 Walker said the resolution — which passed first reading on a unanimous vote — will have little or no effect on the Big Spring tax base, but would protect the city in an unsure future.

"The bill that was recently passed requires two things. First, you have to hold a public hearing to allow people to voice their opinions on this taxation item and second, you must reaffirm your intent to tax those goods," Walker said. "The only thing that this bill now will really allow the exemption on is primarily inventory that is stored in a location, a warehouse, that the company that owns the inventory has no ownership or control of the actual warehouse."
 "So, it would basically be a way of avoiding taxation that is allowed under the federal government. We don't believe it is going to effect our tax base, but if it does sometime



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Obituaries

Filomeno T. Franco Jr.



Filomeno T. "F.T." Franco Jr., 68, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church). Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 24, 1943, in Marfa, Texas, and owned and operated Franco Concrete for 40 years, until becoming ill about 10 years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Henry Franco and wife Lisa of Big Spring and Filomeno Franco III and wife Kimberly Schaffer of Austin; two daughters, Luanna Franco and Catarina Franco, both of Big Spring; four brothers, Armando Franco, Oscar Franco, Gilbert Franco and Albert Franco, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Tomasa French and Catarina Flores, both of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Filomeno Sr. and Santos Trango Franco; two brothers, Ector Franco and Henry Franco; and one granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, Texas 79424; or to a charity of choice.

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

James Henry Buhrkuhl



James (Jim) Henry Buhrkuhl, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Family and friends will gather at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Oct. 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 16, 1940, in Amarillo, Texas, to Henry August Buhrkuhl Jr. and Alice Hurst Rosser Buhrkuhl. He moved to Big Spring in 1969 where he started raising cattle with his wife Ann.

He is survived by his wife, Ann of Big Spring; son, James Kevin Buhrkuhl of Kileen, Texas; sister, Emily Dowdy and husband Bruce of Denver, Colo.; brothers, George Buhrkuhl and wife Fran of Burleson, Texas, and David Buhrkuhl and wife Cathryn of Flint, Texas; a stepdaughter, Cindi Yeaman and husband Bob of Benbrook, Texas; a stepson, Dwayne Norton and wife Ginger of Albany; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or

A.S.P.C.A.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

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

- CURTIS THOMPSON, 51, of 500 S. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 22, of 200 E. 11th Place, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft.
- EUGENE VANDERBILT, 45, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous

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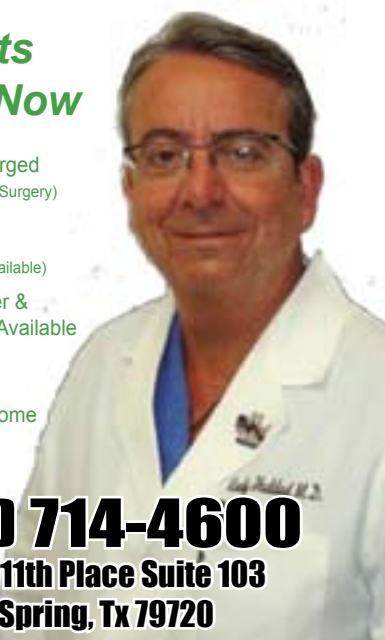
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in the future, we want to have this bill in place so we are allowed to tax that inventory, just like we would if it were stored in the owner's location. This pertains to commercial entities only, inventory only, and it must be stored in a location they have no

ownership or control of."

Walker said she could see where some businesses might want to take advantage of the exemption, but agreed with council members the resolution would help protect the city's tax base in the not-so-distant future.

"New Mexico has different laws than what Texas has," Walker

said. "They don't tax these items at all, and their legislation does not allow New Mexico municipalities or other taxing entities to come in and say they will tax it. So, it may become much more profitable for companies to transfer some of those inventories to evade that taxation issue. What we are saying is we want to continue that tax-

ation process that is allowed for municipalities and other taxing entities. The county has already approved this same resolution, and I believe Howard College either already has or will shortly. Everyone (the local tax entities) approved it in 2007, and we're reaffirming that."

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

- Final reading of a resolution designating a nominee — former mayor Tim Blackshear — for the position of director on the Howard County Joint Tax Appraisal District board of directors for 2012 and 2013.

- First reading of a resolution declaring the official intent of the city to reimburse for certain capital expenditures from proceeds of a lease-purchase agreement and establishing an effective date.

- First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article 1, Sections

1-25 entitled "Adoption of Civil Service for Firefighters and Civil Service Positions Designated. The amendment would decrease the number of deputy chief positions from eight to five by attrition and increase the number of lieutenant positions for each deputy chief position abolished.

- An amendment to the industrial park lease agreement with John Crane Production Solutions.

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conviction.

- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 25, of 1504 Chickasaw, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 2200 block of Grace.

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 1600 block of Tucson.

- THEFT was reported:

Near the intersection of W. FM 846 and Vincent.

In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area of County Road 29 and Vealmoor Highway.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- CURTIS THOMPSON, 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- KERI LYNN FLUX, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age in the vehicle.

- ERMENIA CHAVERA, 50, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a verdict/sentence for driving while intoxicated — second offense.

- JOEY EUGENE MATA, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a protective order with two or more previous convictions and duty on striking unattended vehicle.

- ANDREA CROFT, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond — manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (two counts) and municipal capias warrants for in park after hours, failure to appear, failure to

maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear (three counts) and no driver's license (two counts).

- EUGENE VANDERBILT JR., 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear — unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and failure to appear — possession of a controlled substance.

- MELINDA HERNANDEZ REYES, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Ann. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. 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 3900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Caroline. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. Service refused.

- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the area of the Municipal Landfill.

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- November 5 the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be doing a benefit for Maurren Pitman at the Eagles Lodge. Dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. and the Texas Outlaws will be performing from 7-11 p.m. The meal will be a brisquet plate and they are \$5 each plate.

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James (Jim) Henry Buhrkuhl, 71, passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011. Family and friends will gather at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Oct. 29, 2011 at 2 p.m. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Just a few Books On CDs that I didn't get to last week: We now have all three volumes of the Stieg Larson series on CD. Now on the shelves are "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (AUCD F LAR S) and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" (AUCD F LAR S). The other volume, "The Girl Who Played With Fire," (AUCD F LAR S) is currently checked out. All of these books are long, ranging from 16 to 20 hours in listening time.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Quite a few DVDs have been processed and are ready to be checked out. Some of the films went straight to video and did not see the silver screen; after watching the movie, you may agree with that decision. Don't blame me if you waste

a couple of hours on a mediocre movie! Here is the first one: "Jonah Hex" is played by Josh Brolin; out of the pages of legendary graphic novels and comics steps Jonah Hex, scarred drifter and bounty hunter of last resort who has survived death and can track anyone ... and anything. Evidently, he can step into the "real" world and his contact on the "other" side is Megan Fox. John Malkovich is the bad guy in the movie.

The other western is an old fashion shoot-em-up starring James Van Der Beek, Dylan McDermott, Ashton Kutcher, Rachael Leigh Cook and Usher Raymond. In "Texas Rangers," Texas is at the mercy of murderous bandits after the Civil War. From the chaos emerges young cowboys summoned to reform the Texas Rangers and restore order. Dylan McDermott is the fearless leader. They find themselves outgunned and outmanned, but unmatched in courage and

determination. Go Rangers! These two movies are rated PG-13.

From a book by Clive Cussler, "Sahara" stars Matthew McConaughey as Dirk Pitt and Steve Zahn is his sidekick. Can't leave out a beautiful woman to rescue and who better than Penelope Cruz? The story line is that somehow, during the confusion of the last days of the Civil War, a Confederate Ironclad was able to cross the Atlantic and sailed up a river in Africa where it then disappeared. The movie and book is the story of its uncovering and saving the world from destruction. Another PG13 movie.

Here is John Malkovich in a gentler role (it has to be, it is a



"The Three Musketeers," starring Charlie Sheen (before Two and a Half Men), Keifer Sutherland and Oliver Platt. You know the storyline (although Tim Curry makes a great Cardinal Richelieu).

A few years ago, we went to the Pacific Northwest and toured Mt. St. Helens. Even 20 years after the eruption, there is still a lot of re-growth that needs to occur. Watch

"Fire Mountain: The Eruption and Rebirth of Mt. St. Helens" and witness the worst volcanic disaster in American history.

Other movies that we have ready for you: "National Treasure" with Nicolas Cage (PG); "Old Dogs" with John Travolta and Robin Williams (PG); "Mulan" (G); and "Holes" with Shia LaBeouf, Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight and Patricia Arquette (PG);

Forget that I said we were out of BOCDs;

Disney movie!) "Secretariat" is a true story, bursting with hope, heart and courage. Diane Lane and Malkovich lead a stellar cast in an incredible story of an incredible horse.

Just in time to watch for Halloween is "Hocus Pocus," starring Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy and Sarah Jessica Parker as three witches who were inadvertently conjured up by some unwitting pranksters from 17th century Salem. It is a zany movie and is rated PG.

Also from Disney is

Rosa has been working hard at processing them! I have quite a few more for your listening pleasure. Some will sound familiar because I have already reviewed the "book" version:

"The Affair" (BOCD F CHI L) by Lee Child; "If You Ask Me (and Of Course You Won't)" (BOCD B WHI B) by Betty White (this is a very cute, short reminisces of her life); and "Alexandria" (BOCD F DAV L) by Lindsey Davis.

Remember, we have many more that we are adding to the collection and I cannot review them all. Please check the New Book Binder at the front desk for a list of them.

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Odds & Ends

LIBERTY, S.C. (AP) — A black Labrador puppy has a new home in South Carolina after being rescued from the top of a freight train.

Tina Parker says she and her family were in their car at a train crossing Sunday night when they saw the small dog moving around on a box-car.

She called 911 and followed the train for about six miles.

A Norfolk Southern spokeswoman says they stopped the train, which was going about 50 mph from Pennsylvania to Atlanta.

No one knows how the dog ended up there, officials said.

The Parker family helped firefighters find the car and they used a ladder to reach the pup. She has an upcoming appointment with a veterinarian, but appears healthy and happy.

Her new name is Box-car Hunter, or Boxy for short.

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News in brief

Turkish PM faults shoddy construction in earthquake deaths, saying concrete turned to sand

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's leader said Wednesday that shoddy construction contributed to the high casualty toll in Turkey's earthquake, and he compared the alleged negligence of some officials and builders to murder.

Three days after the devastating quake in eastern Turkey, a teacher and a university student were rescued from ruined buildings, but searchers said hopes of finding anyone else alive were diminishing. Excavators began clearing debris from some collapsed buildings in Erceis after searchers removed bodies and determined there were no other survivors.

In the capital, Ankara, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey had not learned enough from past earthquakes that toppled poorly constructed buildings, trapping people inside. The 7.2-magnitude quake on Sunday killed at least 460 people.

"When we look at the wreckage, we see how the material used is of bad quality," Erdogan said. "We see that people pay the price for concrete that virtually turned to sand, or for weakened concrete blocks on the ground floors. Municipalities, constructors and supervisors should now see that their negligence amounts to murder."

He said: "Despite all previous disasters, we see that the appeals were not heeded."

Police, protesters clash in Oakland at site of dismantled Occupy camp

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of police in riot gear and hundreds of protesters supporting the Occupy Wall Street movement engaged in a game of cat-and-mouse in downtown Oakland on Tuesday, with authorities using tear gas to respond to demonstrators' repeated agitations.

The latest such skirmish came around 11:15 PDT in front of City Hall, where a haze of chemical smoke still hung in the air following several similar clashes at the site over the course of the night.

It was the fifth time in about three hours that police fired a volley of tear gas to disperse a crowd at the scene where ongoing tension has erupted into conflict throughout the day.

The number of protesters has diminished with each round of gas. About 200 remained late Tuesday, mostly young adults, some riding bicycles, protecting themselves from the noxious fumes with bandanas and scarves wrapped around their faces.

NYPD keeps secret intelligence files on city Muslims who change their names

NEW YORK (AP) — Muslims who change their names to sound more traditionally American, as immigrants have done for generations, or who

adopt Arabic names as a sign of their faith are often investigated and catalogued in secret New York Police Department intelligence files, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The NYPD monitors everyone in the city who changes his or her name, according to internal police documents and interviews. For those whose names sound Arabic or might be from Muslim countries, police run comprehensive background checks that include reviewing travel records, criminal histories, business licenses and immigration documents. All this is recorded in police databases for supervisors, who review the names and select a handful of people for police to visit.

The program was conceived as a tripwire for police in the difficult hunt for homegrown terrorists, where there are no widely agreed upon warning signs. Like other NYPD intelligence programs created in the past decade, this one involved monitoring behavior protected by the First Amendment.

Since August, an Associated Press investigation has revealed a vast NYPD intelligence-collecting effort targeting Muslims following the terror attacks of September 2001. Police have conducted surveillance of entire Muslim neighborhoods, chronicling every aspect of daily life, including where people eat, pray and get their hair cut. Police infiltrated dozens of mosques and Muslim student groups and investigated hundreds more.

College prices up again as public universities pass state budget cuts on to customers

As President Obama prepared to announce new measures Wednesday to help ease the burden of student loan debt, new figures painted a demoralizing picture of college costs for students and parents: Average in-state tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose an additional \$631 this fall, or 8.3 percent, compared with a year ago.

Nationally, the cost of a full credit load has passed \$8,000, an all-time high. Throw in room and board, and the average list price for a state school now runs more than \$17,000 a year, according to the twin annual reports on college costs and student aid published Wednesday by the College Board.

The large increase in federal grants and tax credits for students, on top of stimulus dollars that prevented greater state cuts, helped keep the average tuition-and-fees that families actually pay much lower: about \$2,490, or just \$170 more than five years ago. But the days of states and families relying on budget relief from Washington appear numbered. And some argue that while Washington's largesse may have helped some students, it did little to hold down prices.

"The states cut budgets, the price goes up, and the (federal) money goes to that," said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. "For 25 years we've been putting more and more money into financial aid, and tuition keeps going up. We're on a national

treadmill."

Nonetheless, President Obama planned to announce a series of steps to help with one of the consequences of rising college prices: student debt. This year total outstanding student loan debt has passed \$1 trillion, now exceeding credit card debt. And concerns about student loan debt have been front and center with many of the Occupy Wall Street protesters.

Ex-Goldman Sachs board member to surrender in insider trading case

NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent former Goldman Sachs board member was expected to surrender to federal authorities on Wednesday to face criminal charges stemming from a massive hedge fund insider trading case, according to two people familiar with the case.

Rajat Gupta was expected to appear in federal court in Manhattan.

The two people, who have inside knowledge of the case, confirmed Tuesday night that Gupta intended to surrender but declined to say what the charges are. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the charges hadn't been formally announced.

The Securities and Exchange Commission originally brought civil fraud charges against Gupta in March. The SEC alleged that, at the height of the financial crisis, he passed along privileged financial information that helped enrich Raj Rajaratnam, a former billionaire hedge fund manager who was the prime target of the criminal probe.

U.S. government seeks \$70 million in allegedly ill-gotten funds from Equatorial Guinea official

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The son of Equatorial Guinea's president plundered his country's natural resources through corruption, spending more than \$70 million in looted profits on a Malibu mansion, a Gulfstream jet and Michael Jackson memorabilia, the U.S. government said.

In what appeared to be a concerted action, France last month seized 11 luxury sports cars belonging to Teodorin Nguema Obiang Mangué, a government minister in the West African country and heir-apparent to the presidency. And a Spanish investigative judge has been asked to seize properties in Madrid and Las Palmas in the Canary Islands owned by President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, his sons and some ministers, acting on a case brought by the Pro-Human Rights Association of Spain.

Teodorin Obiang, who is in his early 40s, used his position to siphon millions of dollars for his own personal use, U.S. authorities said in two civil forfeiture complaints filed in the District Court in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. The complaints say Obiang's assets can be forfeited because he engaged in misappropriation and theft of public funds for his benefit.

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Senior Fun Fest will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Friday. During that time, senior adults will be able to take advantage of health screenings, advice on senior issues, games

and lots of prizes. The event will take place at the senior center, located at 1901 Simler Ave.

Some of the health screenings will include blood pressure, diabetic testing and information, hearing tests and flu vaccines. Information on cancer, nutrition, housing and more will be provided.

"Sometimes seniors need events that are directed more towards them," Nabors said. "This isn't only geared toward providing health information for seniors, but for providing them with information on several different issues that pertain to them."

Lunch will also be served. Seniors 60 and

older are asked to make a \$3.50 donation for lunch and those less than 60 are asked to make a \$6 donation.

"On average we usually have 100 to 150 people attending," Nabors said. "We have retirees, groups of seniors and adults looking to find information out for their parents. It's a one-

stop shopping for the information they need with a chance to find it out in a fun way."

The fun doesn't stop there, though. Friday evening there will be the Fun Fest Dance at Canterbury South.

The dance will begin with a chili supper at 6 p.m. and the dance will follow from 7 p.m. to 10

p.m. RC & Company will be performing.

The event is free to the public.

For more information, contact Nabors at 263-1265.

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age trick-or-treaters," said Minchew. "It is much easier just to have them all at one central location. We expect to have about 15 of them participating, which is a little less than in years past."

The District Adult Probation Office won't be the only local agency looking out for children this Halloween.

"We'll have our officers out in support of Adult Probation's program, just as we have in past years," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "We'll be keeping a close eye on

the trick-or-treaters. Unfortunately, we can't be everywhere at once, so as always, it's extremely important for parents to make sure their children are well supervised and as visible as possible when they go out trick-or-treating."

Everett said parents can find a list of offenders and their addresses by going to www.bigsspringpd.net and visiting the Texas Department of Public Safety portal.

"That's really the best way for parents to protect their children from predators in a situation like this," said Everett.

Sheriff Stan Parker said he and his deputies will also be paying special attention to children trick-or-treating during the weekend.

"We're not planning any special patrols Halloween night, but the deputies on duty will be paying special attention to the children," said Parker. "However, even with patrols looking after the children, there's a lot parents can do to

help protect their children before they leave home.

"Flashlights, glow sticks, reflective tape, basically anything they can do to make them more visible to motorists. Halloween is a lot of fun for the children,

but as parents we have to do everything in our power to make sure they stay safe."

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Poll: Many baby boomers staying put

WASHINGTON (AP) — As baby boomers look ahead to retirement, they'd prefer a home that is affordable, accessible to medical care and close to family. But an Associated Press-LifeGoesStrong.com poll finds that amid a shaky economy, few think it's likely they'll move in retirement.

Shelley Wernholm, a 47-year-old single mother of two who works for a health insurance company in Cleveland, said she wanted to retire and move to a new home by 60. But her pension was eliminated five years ago, her personal investments tanked during the recession and her home of 21 years has lost more than half of its value.

"I was hoping I'd be moving to a beach

somewhere, anywhere, preferably a warm one," Wernholm said. "But I'm not moving. I can't. It's hard to remain optimistic."

The 77 million-strong generation born between 1946 and 1964 is increasingly worried about retirement and their finances amid the economic crisis of the past three years.

Just 9 percent say they are strongly convinced they'll be able to live comfortably in retirement.

Overall, about 6 in 10 baby boomers say their workplace retirement plans, personal investments or real estate lost value during the economic downturn. Of this group, 53 percent say they'll have to delay retirement because

their nest eggs shrank.

Financial experts say those losses, including home prices that have dropped by a third nationwide over the past four years, have left boomers anxious about moving and selling their homes.

"There's a mistrust of the real estate market that we didn't have before," said Barbara Corcoran, a New York-based real estate consultant. "There's a concern about whether people will get money out of their house. They envision the home as a problem, not an asset, and this unshakable belief in homes as a tool for retirement has been shaken to the core."

Fifty-two percent of boomers say they are unlikely to move some-

place new in retirement, unchanged from March. And 4 in 10 say they are very likely to stay in their current home throughout all of their retirement.

Older baby boomers are more apt to say they're already settled in for their golden years; 48 percent say it's extremely or very likely they'll stay in the home they live in now throughout their retirement, compared with 35 percent among younger boomers. The same is true of those who've lived in their current home for 20 or more years.

Midwestern and rural baby boomers also are more inclined to stay put.

Not surprisingly, higher-earning boomers who

make more than \$100,000 a year are more likely to buy a new home during retirement.

Why buy a new home? About 4 in 10 of those who say it's likely they'll buy a new home in retirement would prefer a smaller one. Other important considerations include being close to medical offices or hospitals (39 percent); a warmer, climate (30 percent); a more affordable home (25 percent); and being closer to family (15 percent).

Just 8 percent of those surveyed are looking for a larger home and only 10 percent are searching for a city with more services.

John Fortune, a 60-year-old small business owner in Scotch Plains, N.J., outside Newark, said he'd ideally like to move in his retirement years.

But he's unsure about the future and whether he'll have any money left over after putting three kids through college.

Mothers were far more likely than fathers to say that living near their children was an important consideration in planning retirement housing.

When those kids have

left the nest, baby boomer parents are most likely to have turned their children's rooms into a new guest bedroom, entertainment room or home office. Three out of 4 say they would prefer visiting friends and family stay with them instead of getting a hotel room.

Boomers are more deeply attuned to their retirement years than other age groups, and many say they'll keep working during retirement.

A total of 73 percent of those polled said they would keep working, compared with 67 percent in March, a bigger percentage than any other generation.

Sherry Wise, a 53-year-old agricultural economist in Lorton, Va., a suburb of Washington, said she is worried she will have to work well into her 60s and beyond in order to continue paying her mortgage, keep up an investment property in New Mexico and look after her two daughters.

"The one thing I know is that you can't count on anything anymore. This economy has gotten so screwed up," Wise said. "We're just going to try to earn as much money as possible."

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Three pulled out of Turkish quake rubble

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — Two teachers and a university student were rescued from ruined buildings in eastern Turkey on Wednesday, three days after a devastating earthquake, but rescuers said hopes of finding anyone else alive were rapidly fading.

NTV television said 25-year-old teacher Seniye Erdem was pulled out around the same time that rescue workers also freed another teacher. The woman was thirsty and asked about her husband, who had died, it said.

Excavators with heavy equipment began clearing debris from some collapsed buildings in Erçis after searchers removed bodies and determined there were no other survivors. The 7.2-magnitude quake Sunday has killed at least 461 people and injured over 1,350.

"At the moment, we don't have any other signs of life," said rescuer Riza Birkan. "We are concentrating on recovering bodies."

Still, rescue efforts continued in some areas of Erçis, the worst hit town in the temblor that also rattled Iran and Armenia.

Gozde Bahar, a 27-year-old English teacher, was pulled out of a ruined building on Wednesday with injuries as her tearful mother watched anxiously. The state-run Anatolia news agency said her heart stopped at a field hospital but doctors managed to revive her.

Earlier in the day, rescuers pulled out 18-

year old university student Eyup Erdem, using tiny cameras mounted on sticks to locate him. They broke into applause as he emerged from the wreckage.

Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said 63 teachers were among the dead and he alleged that shoddy construction contributed to the high casualty toll. He compared the alleged negligence of some officials and builders to murder because they ignored safety standards.

"Despite all previous disasters, we see that the appeals were not heeded," Erdogan said.

He acknowledged problems in sending aid for thousands of people who were left homeless, but said close to 20,000 tents have since been sent to the quake zone. Turkey has said it will accept prefabricated homes and containers from other countries to house survivors, many of whom have slept in the open in near-freezing temperatures for three nights.

"There was a failure in the first 24 hours,

but in such situations such shortcomings are normal," Erdogan said. "There may not be sufficient equipment in depots at the start, but these have (now) been resolved with equipment from other depots."

The quake destroyed one school and Turkish engineers were making sure other schools were safe or rendering them fit to resume lessons. Some 800 students at that school in Erçis were probably saved because the quake hit on a Sunday.

On Tuesday, some groups of desperate survivors fought over aid and blocked aid shipments while a powerful aftershock ignited widespread panic that triggered a prison riot in a nearby provincial city.

Health Ministry official Seraceddin Com said some 40 people were pulled out alive from collapsed buildings on Tuesday. They included a 2-week-old baby girl brought out half-naked but alive from the wreckage of an apartment building two days after the quake.

Her mother and grandmother were also rescued, but her father was missing.

The pockets of jubilation were however, tempered by many more discoveries of bodies by thousands of aid workers.

On Wednesday, health officials said they had detected an increase in diarrhea, especially among the children, and urged survivors to drink bottled water until authorities can determine whether the tap water may be contaminated.

With thousands left homeless or too afraid to return to damaged houses, Turkey said it would

accept international aid offers, even from Israel, with which it has had strained relations. Israel offered assistance despite a rift between the two countries over last year's Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla that killed nine Turkish activists.

Over 500 aftershocks have rattled the area. A 5.7-magnitude aftershock on Tuesday sent residents rushing into the streets in panic while sparking a riot that lasted several hours by prisoners in the city of Van, 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Erçis.


On Wednesday, authorities transferred

some 350 of the inmates to jails in other cities after prisoners, demanding to let out, set bedding on fire and the revolt spread inside the 1,000-bed prison, NTV television reported.

The region is mostly Kurdish populated and an area where Kurdish rebels are waging an armed campaign for autonomy from Turkey. The conflict, which has killed tens of thousands since 1984, continued despite the quake. Suspected Kurdish rebels detonated a roadside bomb as a military vehicle drove by 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Van on Monday.

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FRIDAY
 • AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet-

ing, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets

at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
 • Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

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"It's absolutely can define a career," Reggie Jackson said by telephone this week. "I'm not saying whether that's right or wrong, but that's how it happens."

Every fall, in fact. Someone steps up — maybe a monster talent like Pujols, perhaps a good player like Napoli given a chance when the stars align. Might even be a fringe guy — Allen Craig for St. Louis this year, Cody Ross for San Francisco the last time around.

Napoli and the Texas Rangers can close out the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 at Busch Stadium on Wednesday night. If they win their first championship, the catcher who was traded twice within a week in January is destined to part of the lore.

For a long, long time.

"What year did Babe Ruth call his shot? 1932? You still see kids out there, calling their shot," Jackson said. "That game wasn't on TV, those kids didn't see it. But they've heard about it, they know about it all these years later."

Jackson hit a Game 7 home run in a 1973 win for Oakland, then earned a nickname for life when he homered three times in the Yankees' Series-clinching victory in 1977.

Suppose he'd done a little less, say, hit three balls off the wall at Yankee Stadium on that signature night. Would he still be "Mr. October"?

"Probably not," he said.

Already a three-time NL MVP, Pujols put on what many called the greatest hitting show in postseason history when he tied Series records with three home runs, six RBIs and five hits during the Cardinals' romp in Game 3.

Those are Pujols' only hits in the Series so far, with Texas often pitching around him or simply issuing intentional walks. Yet if the Cardinals win the championship, chances are his pulverizing performance will be the featured shots in replays.

In Game 5, Texas manager Ron Washington made Pujols the first player in World Series history to receive an intentional walk with nobody on base, STATS LLC said.

"I've never seen Albert Pujols before other than on TV. It's my first time seeing him. And what he did the other night, no, I wouldn't mess with that," Washington said.

Not everyone gets to savor the big stage. Ted Williams slumped in his lone World Series, fellow Hall of Famer Ernie Banks never got close.

Nolan Ryan made 773 starts over 27 seasons, yet his total Series time amounted to a relief appearance of 2 1-3 innings for the champion 1969 Mets. The Rangers president and part-owner understands the October glare.

"Well, I think there's expectations that the media and the fan base have with certain players," he said this week. "You can't judge on a short series about players, but people's expectations are Albert Pujols is capable of doing what he did the other night, and that adds to his reputation and expectations."

Texas fans are hoping Josh Hamilton can provide the same sort of shot. The reigning AL MVP went 2 for 20 in



Ron Washington

last year's World Series; this time, hobbled by a strained groin, he's just 3 for 19 without a home run.

For Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter, the franchise leader in postseason wins, it's not really right how October efforts can frame a player.

And that's coming from an ace who outdueled Roy Halladay 1-0 in the deciding Game 5 of the first-round NL playoffs.

"No, not at all. I don't think it defines who you are," he said. "I think what defines who you are is, one, the consistency you put in, day in and day out as a professional, and two, how you go about your business on and off the field. That defines who you are."

"Postseason is just at a different level. I think the guys that are successful might be a little more relaxed and able to deal with the distractions," he said. "But I don't think that it should define — if you scuffle in the postseason, it shouldn't define what type of player you are. That could just be that series."

Orel Hershiser sees it differently. The former Dodgers star set a major league record by pitching 59 scoreless innings to close the 1988 season, then stamped his greatness by going 3-0 with a 1.05 ERA in the postseason and leading Los Angeles to the title.

"It is fair to judge someone that way because these are the most important games of your life," Hershiser said of Rangers Ballpark. "That's the way it is; that's what October means."

"When you're growing up, you're not with your brother in the backyard pretending it's the top of the sixth inning and the middle of the season and your team's in last place. No. You're dreaming that it's the bottom of the ninth inning, Game 7 of the World Series," he said. "You wind up, and here comes the pitch."

Stars rally to beat Coyotes in shootout

GLENDALE (AP) — Down a goal, the clock ticking down, Dallas never panicked.

After being in a similar position against the same team just two weeks earlier, the Stars had no reason to think they couldn't pull off another late rally.

And Dallas did just that, sending Phoenix to another deflating defeat.

Trevor Daley scored on Dallas' eighth shootout attempt after Adam Burish tied it with 61 seconds left in regulation, helping the Stars beat Phoenix 3-2 Tuesday night for their second straight comeback victory over the Coyotes.

"We always talk about in our locker room that it's a process to win and you have to work to put yourselves in a position to have some level of success to get a desired result," Dallas coach Glen Gulutzan said. "As long as we were in a strong position, then you're going to get points like to-

night." Dallas rallied to beat Phoenix in a shootout after scoring with 27 seconds left on Oct. 10 and forced another on Burish's one-timer past Mike Smith.

Sheldon Souray scored for Dallas and Kari Lehtonen kept the Stars in it, turning away 33 shots in regulation.

The two teams scored just one goal each in the shootout — in the fifth round — and Lehtonen turned away three shots while forcing the Coyotes to hold the puck too long, setting up Daley's final chance.

Gliding in on his first career shootout attempt, the Dallas defenseman used a deke to move Smith, then slipped a backhand past him to give the Stars another comeback victory against the Coyotes.

"I was happy that Kari got the save before, so it kind of took a little pressure (off)," Daley said. "But it was enjoyable. It was my first one, so I was excited."

The Coyotes weren't after blowing another late lead to Dallas.

Raffi Torres scored his first goal for Phoenix in the first period and Smith was superb all the way through, turning away 34 shots, then six more in the shootout.

Shane Doan provided what looked like the perfect ending with his 300th career, swatting in a one-timer from Ray Whitney as he fell to put the Coyotes up 2-1 midway through the third period.

It all went wrong in a matter of minutes.

Burish scored his goal on a pass from Mike Ribeiro, then Phoenix missed on one chance after another in regulation and the shootout — four of eight shots missed the goal — to suffer another disheartening loss to the Stars.

"They found a way to get way to get a late," Doan said. "It was kind of a scramble play and we've got to be better."

The two teams without owners have had

vastly different starts to the season.

Dallas is still awaiting league approval for its new potential owner, Vancouver businessman Tom Gaglardi, the only person to submit a bid to buy the team.

On the ice, the Stars haven't wasted any time getting things rolling.

Relying on sturdy goaltending and depth it didn't have a year ago, Dallas won six of its first eight games for just the third time in franchise history after missing the playoffs the previous three seasons.

Lehtonen has been the key to the Stars' season-opening surge to the top of the Pacific Division, going 6-0-0 with a 1.48 goals against average a .957 save percentage his first six games.

The Coyotes are in still-without-an-owner mode.

They were run by the NHL the previous two seasons and stuck around the desert for a third season when the City of Glendale forked

over \$25 million to keep the team in Arizona after a deal to sell the team fell through.

The Coyotes were able to shake off the uncertain ownership situation the previous two years, making the playoffs in both, but are off to an indifferent start this season.

Sporadic on offense and giving up too many chances in its own end, Phoenix came into Tuesday's game just 3-3 after holding on to beat the Ducks 5-4 on Saturday.

Phoenix was crisp against Dallas back at home despite a tiny crowd, getting some big stops by Smith in the first period and creating momentum on offense over the next two.

Torres scored his first goal with Phoenix, firing a tough-angle shot that caromed off Lehtonen and into the net early in the first period.

Dallas answered late in the period with its first power-play goal in four games, a slap shot from the left circle by

Sheldon Souray that sailed through traffic and over Smith's glove shoulder.

Phoenix picked up the pressure in the second period and went ahead 2-1 at 11:47 of the third, when Doan reached his milestone on a power play.

But, just like they did the last time around, the Coyotes couldn't finish Dallas off, leading to another spirit-killing loss to the Pacific Division leaders.

"It stinks," Smith said. "I can deal with giving up a lead one time to a divisional team, but twice in a few weeks stings pretty bad."

Notes: This was the sixth straight one-goal game between the teams.

... Doan had gone four games without a goal after getting No. 299. ... Dallas has 499 goals as a franchise against Phoenix. ... Vernon Fiddler took two shots his first game for the Stars in Phoenix after spending two seasons with the Coyotes.

NBA Players Association asked for elimination of salary cap, not Cuban

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA players' association, not Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, proposed the elimination of the salary cap during negotiations aimed at ending months of labor strife, a league official said Tuesday.

NBA senior vice president Mike Bass said union executive director Billy Hunter made "several misstatements" during an hour-long podcast with ESPN.com on Monday. Among them was the revelation of the salary cap plan, which Bass said was actually an exception to the cap, not

the elimination of it.

Hunter said that, during a meeting last week, Cuban proposed what he called a "game changer" — a plan to replace the salary cap with a heavy tax for teams that spent to a certain level. Hunter said the players were interested in discussing it further and that two or three other owners in the room were really excited about it, but then were told by the owners they wouldn't pursue it.

"On behalf of the league, Mark Cuban proposed adding a new salary cap exception, not eliminating the salary cap," Bass

said. "It was the union that, in response, proposed eliminating the salary cap, a proposal that was even worse for the NBA than the union's prior proposals."

Hunter speculated during the podcast that owners backed away from the idea of eliminating the salary cap because it had been implemented under Commissioner David Stern long ago.

"And so I don't know whether there's any pushback because of that," Hunter said. "But we were prepared to pursue that whole idea of going into a different di-

rection, where we would be able to, wouldn't have to worry about a cap. So the exceptions, salaries, all of that would be, there would be no limit with the exception of there being obviously a cap at the top, i.e., a quite heavy tax that teams would have to confront if they went above a certain number.

"But what happened was the owners decided, at least the leaders of their delegation, decided they had to take it back in a different direction. They said we don't want to address that."

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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.

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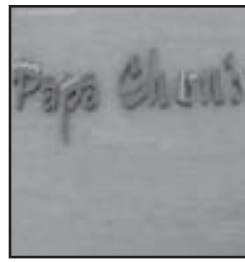
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your life is different since you met a certain person. Maybe the change is very subtle, and yet it is undeniable. For better or worse, you appreciate the influence. It made you elevate your game.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People tell you the strangest things. This is no time to take them literally. That will only lead to confusion. Instead, think about what people mean. Why are they communicating in the first place? What is the motive?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You haven't been celebrating life to the hilt. It's the little details that turn an ordinary scene into a party. If you haven't already, this is the perfect day to go looking for the mother of all pumpkins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Thanks to a little bit of planning and a lot of thinking about the future, your present is getting more interesting. Just look at the tasks that fill your day. Years ago, you dreamed of having such a task list.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone will tell you that you're different from the others. You don't feel any different, but how would you know? There really is something unique inside you that needs to be expressed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in maximum productivity mode. You embrace the very same kind of hard work you would have avoided in the past. You'll expend every last bit of energy you have and hit the pillow tonight knowing you gave it your all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take life at an even pace. Beware of

anyone who seems to want to be your new best friend. Relationships that are built slowly are more likely to feed your soul over the long haul.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people see their dreams as elusive and unattainable. You realize that such a viewpoint is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Every time you aim for a goal that is actually possible, you expand your realm of possibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't expect that all people will do what they say they will do. You've been disappointed before, and you sometimes hedge your bets. You'll be delighted by the even-tempered, trustworthy folks you come across today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whether it is money or attention, it's really better to receive at a steadily growing rate. If given too much too soon, you can't enjoy the abundance because you don't know how to process it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 26). Even if you didn't think you would be where you are at this time, rest assured your life is unfolding right on schedule. Many instances of serendipitous good fortune will prove that to you this year. Someone you meet in November becomes a partner of sorts. Investments pay in January and July. Virgo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 28, 16 and 4.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 20-year-old Scorpio who loves women but has never had a date. I'm different from most people. I never fit in at school. I'm in college now, but I live at home. Do you have any advice?"

You're sensitive, intense and passionate, and the right woman is going to cherish you. It may help you to see dating for what it is: a style of friendship. If you focus first on making friends, dating will be a natural progression of that skill set. Social skills are like any other skill in

that it takes practice to acquire them. Also, you have to have the right tools. There are plenty of free tools in your local or school library - books about communication that will give you insight as to the most effective way to converse with people, listen to them, mirror their tone and make a connection. Reading will demystify the process of making friends. Join groups at your school and in your community, and practice what you've learned. Consider enlisting a coach or a counselor to help you stay on track with your social goals and to celebrate your successes. With a little work, you just may turn into a social butterfly, after all.

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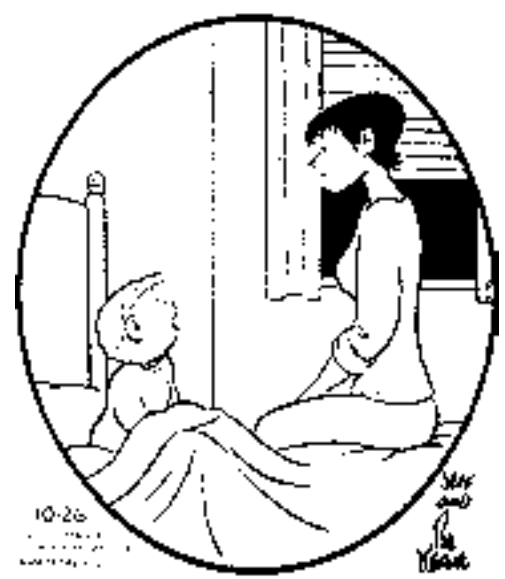
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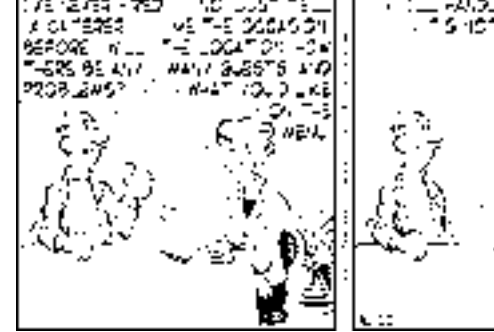


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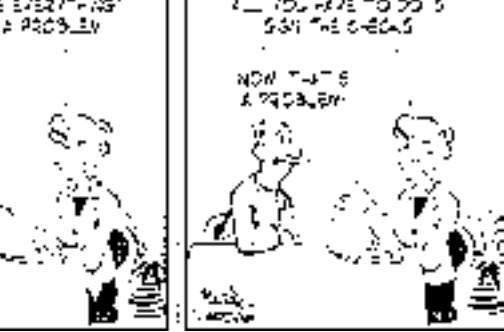
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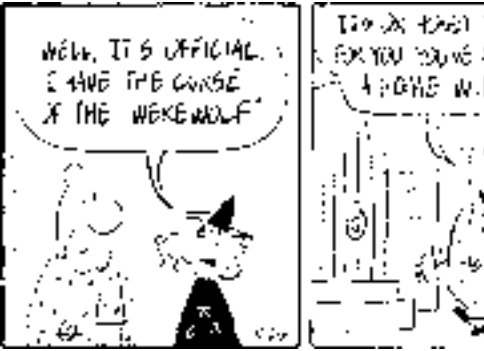
This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2011. There are 66 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 26, 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations...

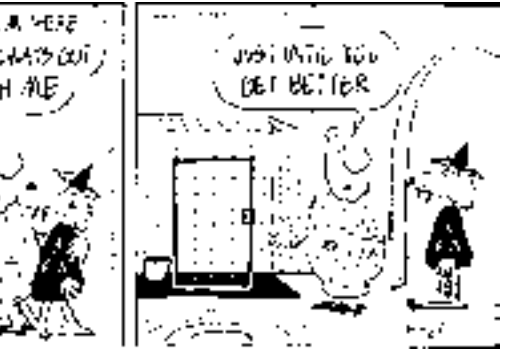
Santa Cruz Islands during World War II. (The Hornet sank early the next morning.) In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris in 8 hours and 41 minutes.

Conroy is 66. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 66. TV host Pat Sajak is 65. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is 64. Singer Maggie Roche (The Roches) is 60.

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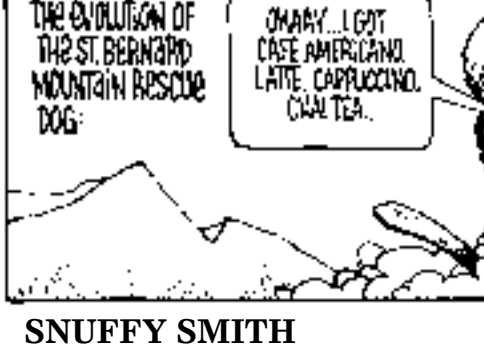
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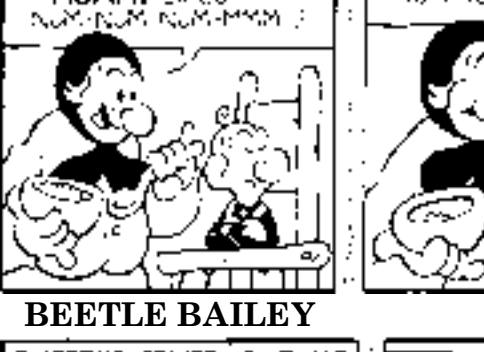
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Ring out, 5 Move like a toddler, 10 Bat y'ho, 14 Succulent plant, 15 Actress Zellweger, 16 Money in Milan, 17 Period of the Crusades, 19 Solemn agreement, 20 Abe's room, 21 Chances, 22 Minor arguments, 24 Firefighter's job, 26 Freshwater fish, 28 Author Ferber, 30 Encroachments, 31 Trade grp, 37 Dressed, 39 Alias of A sharp, 40 Kick out, 41 Roof overhangs, 43 Festive, 44 Informed, with 'in', 45 Insignificant, 47 Getting the job done, 48 Opera heroine, usually, 50 Leave the dock, 52 Huminal on aid, 54 Roaming-house resident, 58 Bundles of joy, 61 Help in wrongdoing, 63 Amazement, 64 Fishhook attachment, 65 Code of ethics, 68 Face-to-face exam, 69 Confuse, 70 Fairy-tale brute, 71 Larry Polter prop, 72 Kingly or queenly, 73 Vane direction, 10 Kind nature, 11 Arizona city, 12 Get set, 13 Years and years, 18 Vociferous, 23 Sidewalk's edge, 25 Baseball position, 27 Fare payers, 29 Loser, NHL, 31 Oscar winner, 32 Spanish surrealist, 33 OR directive, 34 Fundamentals, 35 Alone, 36 Salad alternative, 38 Si crossover, 42 A nude baseline, 45 Broad valley, 49 Auto racing org., 51 Minimal amount, 53 'Go' starts with one, 55 Measuring device, 56 Water pitcher, 57 Bowling-lane button, 58 Botch, so to speak, 59 Subjective atmosphere, 60 Substance in cereals, 62 Composer Bartok, 66 Poetic form, 67 Barely above the ground.

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