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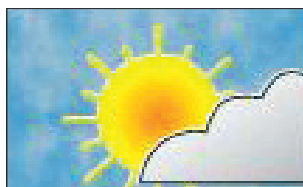
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Senior Fun Fest will be wild Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Senior Center and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) are going to get a bit wild Friday, as this year’s Senior Fun Fest takes on a bit of a jungle atmosphere.

With the jungle theme “Wild About Seniors,” the annual event — which was developed to replace the annual Canterbury Spookhouse and Senior

 Jones

Health Fair — continues a tradition organizers say is just as important to the Halloween holiday as trick-or-treating.

“This is a chance for the adults and seniors in the community to get together and have fun and network,” said Nancy Jones, RSVP director. “We have tables set up for the Fun Fest, ranging from

games to non-profit organizations that are trying to get their message out. There will be flu shots available, health screenings and other issues important to seniors during the Fun Fest. There’s no admission or hidden costs, just an opportunity to have a good time.”

Jones said the good time is set to begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 11 a.m. at the Senior Center, followed by lunch at facility.

“The Goliad Choir will be providing entertainment during lunch, so we’re really looking forward to it,” said Jones. “Admission, as always, is free. We are suggesting a donation of \$3.50 for seniors over 60 years old and \$6 for those under 60 for the lunch. It’s going to be a lot of fun, and it gives a lot of our seniors a chance to see their friends during lunch.”

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Christmas charities ramping up



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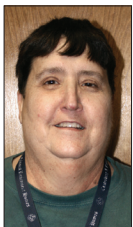
Big Spring State Hospital Christmas Committee Volunteer Co-chairs Ann Duncan and Jann Caffey sort through the Christmas fund-raising appeal letters that were mailed out recently. The Christmas Appeal letters ask friends of the hospital to provide Christmas gifts for the 200 Big Spring State Hospital patients with monetary donations. If you did not receive a letter and would like to donate, call 268-7535 or mail your check to Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

Salvation Army gets coat drive going, planning for Angel Trees

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Cooler temperatures may seem like a blessing after a hot summer, but for some area residents colder weather presents a whole new problem that begins with the need for coats and jackets.

However, the Big Spring Salvation Army is ready to step in and offer a helping hand, as the local charity announced this week it is beginning its annual coat drive.

 Lafler

According to Paula Lafler, a social worker with the local Salvation Army, a warm coat or jacket is something many people take for granted when the mercury falls.

“Most of us don’t think anything of it. We simply reach in the coat closet and grab a coat or a jacket,” Lafler said. “However, for some people, the only clothes they have are the ones on their back. For others, they may have short sleeve shirts but nothing to keep them warm as the temperatures drop. The idea of people struggling to stay warm isn’t a pleasant one, but it’s very real and we see it every fall and winter.”

Lafler said the charity will have a box set up at Wells Fargo Bank for area residents to drop off coats and

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Christmas for our Troops collections begin

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Even U.S. soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq deserve a visit from Santa Claus.

That’s the reasoning behind the Christmas for our Troops Inc. gift drive, currently ongoing in Big Spring and other West Texas communities.

Debbie Burrow, local director for the drive, said volunteers will be soliciting gifts and monetary donations through Dec. 1.

 Burrow

The inspiration for the drive is simple, she said — the desire to let troops serving in combat zones that the folks back home haven’t forgotten them.

“A major part of it is just to let them know we’re thinking about them,” Burrow said.

This is the sixth year for the drive. After collecting five boxes of gifts in 2004, the campaign has steadily grown to the point that almost 2,000

boxes were shipped overseas last year, she said.

“This year, we hope to send 2,500 boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq,” Burrow added.

Burrow said CFOT requests that individuals limit their donations to items that can be easily packed and shipped in 12-inch-by-12-inch-by-5.5-inch boxes. The size and quantity of each item should be appropriate for one individual to use or consume.

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Obituaries

Estefana (Irene) Ruiz

Estefana (Irene) Ruiz, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 26, 1929, in Castroville to Maria Del Pilar and Ysidro Ruiz. She had lived in Big Spring since 1940. She was a member of Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 1535 of Odessa and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Albert C. Christenson of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Dean and husband Dan of Lubbock, Angela Morrow and Herlinda Franco, both of Big Spring; five sons, Fernando Williams and Joe Carpenter of Odessa; Rudy Carpenter and wife Amy of Jal, N.M., Benny Smithwick of Odessa, Johnny Smithwick of Big Spring, Daniel Garza and wife Shelly of Odessa; one sister, Bernarda Longoria of Corpus Christi; 33 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Ruiz; two sisters, Gloria Jean Carpenter and Norberta Ruiz Chavarria; and one brother, Esiquio Ruiz.

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

Diann Nelson

Diann Nelson, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, at Sterling County Nursing Home, after battling cancer. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Sam Segundo officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 7, 1947, in Bonham to Norma Jo and Ralph Crow. She graduated from Permian High School in 1965. She lived numerous years in Snyder before moving to Big Spring in 1988. She worked as a dietary manager for the last 20 years at Golden Plains Care Center, Stanton Care Center and Sterling County Nursing Home.

She is survived by two daughters, Denise Carrillo and her husband, Jesse, and Debbie Yandrich, both of Big Spring; one son, Kyle Highfield of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Albert "Shine" Highfield; her parents, Norma Jo Williams and Ralph Crow; one brother, Randy Crow; and a sister, Vickie Baugh.

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

Shirley Lawrence

Shirley Lawrence, 67, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at the Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jay W. Robinson

Jay W. Robinson, 74, of Odessa died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, in Odessa. Funeral services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Evangelina Madrid

Evangelina Madrid, 82, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at Kristie Lee Manor. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• 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.

Police blotter

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

- EDWARD ORNELAS JR., 30, of Robstown, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 41, of 601 N.W. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a warrant for another agency.
- DANA DENISE REID, 40, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 130, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SUSAN MAGALLANOS, 29, of 1204 E. 15th St., was arrested Saturday on warrants for failure to appear and no driver's license when unlicensed.
- JAMES ARON KNIGHT, 27, of 1311 Tucson, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated, expired license plate and failure to appear.
- PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ, 18, of 1601 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES EARL MAGERS, 49, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOSEPH GARCIA LUNA, 21, of 904 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 21, of Cedar Park, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to stop for a school bus and failure to appear.
- JOSEPH CONTRERAS, 20, of Oklahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- RICHARD WALTER HIRZEL III, 18, of 1805 Alabama, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 29, of 1803 State, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

In the 1700 block of Purdue.

In the 1100 block of N. Aylesford.

• ASSAULT was reported:

In the 400 block of Circle.

In the 2100 block of Runnels.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

In the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street.

In the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of S. Bell.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:

In the 2000 block of W. FM 700.

In the 1200 block of E. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• ROBERT LUIS SALAZAR, 44, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.

• RICHARD LEONARD MOYA, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ, 41, was

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Local 5-Day Forecast

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77/53 Mainly sunny. High 77F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.	78/48 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	69/47 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	74/54 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	82/53 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 7:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 7:00 PM	Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 6:59 PM	Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 6:59 PM	Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 6:58 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	75	57	sunny	Kingsville	94	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	68	40	sunny	Livingston	89	62	t-storm
Austin	86	60	mst sunny	Longview	80	55	t-storm
Beaumont	87	70	t-storm	Lubbock	74	45	sunny
Brownsville	92	71	mst sunny	Lufkin	89	64	t-storm
Brownwood	80	54	pt sunny	Midland	81	56	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	78	55	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	68	pt sunny
Dallas	78	56	t-storm	San Antonio	90	65	mst sunny
Del Rio	92	61	mst sunny	San Marcos	87	60	mst sunny
El Paso	79	55	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	75	53	t-storm
Fort Stockton	83	55	sunny	Sweetwater	75	55	sunny
Gainesville	75	50	pt sunny	Tyler	79	54	t-storm
Greenville	76	50	t-storm	Weatherford	76	52	pt sunny
Houston	90	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	74	49	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	66	t-storm	Minneapolis	52	39	rain
Boston	68	59	cloudy	New York	74	64	pt sunny
Chicago	65	45	t-storm	Phoenix	78	58	sunny
Dallas	78	56	t-storm	San Francisco	64	50	sunny
Denver	50	29	windy	Seattle	49	43	rain
Houston	90	68	t-storm	St. Louis	71	50	t-storm
Los Angeles	72	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	76	68	cloudy
Miami	87	75	t-storm				

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Commissioners face routine agenda Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to consider a number of routine items Tuesday morning, including a number of reports from county department supervisors. Commissioners are expected to renew an inter-local agreement between Howard County and Lubbock County, part of the Fair Defense Act,

part of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Commissioners are slated to meet with County Auditor Jackie Olson to discuss a number of issues, including invoices, purchase requests and an adjustment to the current budget to reflect funding received from the state of Texas for the county's lateral road fund. County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners

with personnel considerations. County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will report on road maintenance and proposed pipeline crossings. Jameson is also expected to discuss recent talks between county officials and Phillip Reid, an official with the Howard County Water Control District, regarding improvements to water lines in the Sand Springs area. Jameson will also request permission

to take bids for a new half-ton pickup for the Road and Bridge Department. The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

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SHERIFF

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transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- AMY STELLA SANCHEZ, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on warrants for theft of property (two counts).
- GERMAN CAMPOS-CORRALES, 38, was arrested Friday by Immigration on a Bexar County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for failure to stop and render aid.
- DENA GAYE COKER, 53, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CALEB LEE ROBERTSON, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired license plate, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- OTIS J. PORTER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- TODD WILLIAM COKER, 19, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- EDWARD GARCIA ORNELAS JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge

of driving while intoxicated.

- DANA DENISE REID, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for theft – failure to appear at county jail.
- JAMES EARL MAGERS, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- SUSAN MAGALLANES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear and no driver's license.
- JAMES ARON KNIGHT, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.
- LINDA JEAN CARRIGER, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family injury.
- JOSEPH CONTRERAS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- PATRICK L. AARON RAMIREZ JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- STANLEY EUGENE PARTEE, 54, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KAYDRA FRANCO, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear and passing a school bus while

unloading.

- JOSEPH LUNA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICHARD WALTER HIRZEL III, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- SHALIMAR MARIE CANCY, 28, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.
- DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JIMMY JUAREZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on an Austin warrant for violation of parole.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Douglas. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of County Road 342. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 19th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. Service refused.
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- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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TROOPS

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“The main thing we’re concerned about is the size of the items,” Burrow said. “These are going to the individual soldiers, not their units.” Among the requested donation items are:

- Over the counter

medication such as Tylenol, Pepcid, Claritin, antibacterial ointment and soap, cough drops and eye drops.

- Toiletries such as deodorant, Kleenex, toothpaste and toothbrushes and Band-Aids.
- Food and powdered drink items, including cocoa, powdered Gatorade and lemonade, trail mix, sunflower seeds,

nuts, beef jerky and ramen noodles.

- Necessities and fun items such as socks, batteries, DVDs and CDs, magazines and paperbacks, Christmas cards, knit gloves and caps, toys and Hoppe's No. 9 gun solvent.

“One of the items we’re sending out this year are handmade Christmas cards,” Bur-

row said. “All the elementary students in Big Spring are making them for our troops. “If people will just stick to the list, that’s what we want,” she added. “As long as they do that, we’ll be fine.” Cash donations will be accepted, either at Hardison Appliance or by mail to: CFOT, P.O. Box 10549, Midland

79702. Packages will be shipped on Dec. 8 in order to be delivered by Christmas. For more information, contact Burrow at 267-7165 or 270-8554.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

COATS

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jackets for the annual effort. “This is a chance for people to clean out their coat closets while helping others,” Lafler said. “As quick as most children grow, I’m sure there are a lot of families out there that have several coats their children can’t wear anymore. This not only gives the parents a chance to do something good for the community, it also gives them a chance to set a

good example for their children. Volunteering and making donations is something our kids learn from watching the adults around them.” Lafler said coats and jackets can be dropped off at the Wells Fargo location or at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W Fifth St. While the need for coats grows, officials with the local charity say they are hard at work preparing for the annual Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts for area low income children and seniors that might not otherwise

receive a present this holiday season. “During the Angel Tree program application period we approved 138 families this year,” she said. “That’s a total of 367 children and 88 seniors.” Last year, the Angel Tree program provided presents for 544 participants. According to Ada Lafler, Angel Tree coordinator for the local Salvation Army, the Angel Trees are expected to go up Nov. 15. “We plan to have trees set up at the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Bealls department store, the

Big Spring Herald and the mall,” said Lafler. “We’re also planning to have trees at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Heritage Museum and the Howard County Library.” According to Lafler, participating in the program is simple. “They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior,” said Lafler. “It doesn’t necessarily have to be what’s listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office,

or drop them off where they got the card from. It’s very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child.” Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Jones said the Fun Fest will pick up again that evening at Canterbury South, located at 1700 Lancaster. “There will be a chili supper and dance at

Canterbury South,” said Jones. “The chili supper is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., and the dance will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. and feature RC and Company. We won’t be holding a dance at the Senior Center that night, so our seniors can have a great time

without missing out on their weekly dance. “We want to give area seniors a chance to see what Big Spring has to offer, and we want to give area businesses a chance to show off. A lot of seniors simply don’t know what’s out there. And best of all, everything is free! What

more could anyone ask for?” For more information on Senior Fun Fest, contact Jones at 267-1628.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Diann Nelson, 63, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Shirley Lawrence, 67, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Williams fired for telling truth

Juan Williams has become the latest target of sound bite insanity. Williams — possibly the most intellectually honest, nonpartisan opinion journalist in the country — was summarily fired for going on TV’s “The O’Reilly Factor” this week and saying the following, in a conversation about Islam: “I mean, look, Bill, I’m not a bigot. You know the kind of books I’ve written about the civil rights movement in this country. But when I get on a plane, I got to tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb and I think, you know, they are identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous.”

This column routinely defends Muslims, who are protected by the Constitution just like everyone else. The Gazette has invited Muslims to bring their mosques to Colorado Springs, if other communities violate their rights to peacefully practice religion and to make reasonable use of private property. It’s about rights, not the embrace of a social agenda that demands we all hold hands and sing Kumbaya. The dangerous social demand for sensitivity and tolerance cost Williams his right to speak honestly while working for a federally funded media business. It’s eerily similar to the swift firing of Shirley Sherrod, former Georgia director of rural development, for sharing her past prejudices about white farmers.

Williams’ reaction to Muslims on a plane is a natural response for lots of Americans, after years of lethal attacks by Muslims. Is it rational, considering the tiny fraction of Muslims who have hijacked a plane? No. But Williams wasn’t defending his feelings.

As a black civil rights crusader, he shared his feelings to illustrate the fact that Muslims have an image problem that is causing them problems in the United States. It’s why they have a hard time building mosques.

Would NPR have fired him for expressing some other honest, yet irrational fear? Would the network have fired him for sharing concerns about dropping his children off at a childcare facility staffed by Catholic priests, in the wake of the Catholic abuse scandal, even though the vast majority of priests have never harmed a child?

Williams knows all about irrational fears, as a longtime Washington resident. In Washington, black men have long been unable to get cab rides because cab drivers — even black drivers — have come to associate black men with crime. They associate black men with crime because Washington is predominantly black and, as such, black men commit most of the city’s crimes. The vast majority of black men don’t commit crimes, but gut instincts are formed more by perception than data.

Since the issue became big news in 1993, the situation has improved. That’s because society didn’t hide from the issue of a widespread irrational fear that was burdening black people.

We’ve become a society that chooses to react to sound bites, rather than analyze issues honestly without blind obedience to pre-approved speech that’s sanitized for delicacy. We can’t discuss race, religion or sexual orientation with honesty because we must walk a tightrope or face public humiliation for some phrase used out of context by those who wish to appear more-sensitive-than-thou.

Williams did Muslims a favor. If a scholarly, black civil rights author experiences fear at the sight of Muslims on a plane, it’s a safe bet other Americans feel the same way. That’s something Muslims should know, if they want to enjoy the best of the American dream.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This minute is a good time, Lord, to come to You through prayer.

Amen

Still not easy to die peacefully

It’s been 25 years now since an AP poll revealed that a majority of Americans thought terminally ill patients should have the right to die. Assuming, of course, that they wanted to. Fat lot of good that poll did. Not one state legislature has followed it.

Fortunately in two states where citizens have the right to take legislation into their own hands, Oregon and Washington, public initiatives have enacted Death With Dignity laws anyway.

These laws allow a structured end to the harsh suffering that accompanies so many fatal diseases. The Montana Supreme Court seems to have accomplished the same thing under its state constitution.

Not so here in dowdy Connecticut. Two doctors recently sued for clarification of our assisted suicide statute, but the court wouldn’t touch it with a 10-foot pole. Neither would the legislature, though the Judiciary Committee leaders seem sympathetic and the public seems likewise.

Nor is anyone silly enough to suggest that Connecticut adopt its own initiative process. Not after watching California’s long-term self-immolation using that suicidal practice.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

About half the states do allow initiative nonetheless.

Meanwhile patients everywhere writhe in pain and indignity, families languish in grief and physicians fidget in perplexity.

More than a few docs prescribe stiff pain killers on which the victim can privately overdose when the moment is ripe. A few how-to books also offer instruction on the detailed use of plastic bags, helium, and large doses of toxic medication. In families where firearms are a tradition, the solution, though messy, often suggests itself. Society then feigns appropriate shock and horror when the act is carried out.

Progress in the rest of the world isn’t exactly zipping along either. The British are still grappling with the high-profile case of a distinguished broadcaster who divulged, on the air no less, that he had mercy-killed an AIDS-ridden friend years before. The prosecutor wants to make an example of him, but an example of what, in the public eye, isn’t all that plain. The UK, like America, seems to have had a bellyful of that tired religion-based tradition of enforced terminal suffering. Nowadays Brits who can afford it scoot over to Switzerland to pull the plug. It’s legal there.

Like the Swiss, Germany is also into reform. Its highest court has just ruled that it’s not illegal to assist loved ones

who have expressed a desire not to be kept alive artificially. This is bad news for the Swiss, who have been profiting from German as well as British self-deliverance customers. If other countries follow suit they may soon have to go back to making watches.

Understandably, this whole issue has been especially difficult for the Germans because of the history of the Nazis, including gas chambers and the abuse of euthanasia for the developmentally delayed and others deemed “undesirable.”

But all these advances remain relatively small. And they’ll continue small until we reach the biological perfection of “Brave New World.” In that chilling Aldous Huxley novel, one’s body ran normally at full tilt until one day, typically at age 60, it totally stopped. Rather like running out of gas.

With that medical miracle still far over the horizon, a sensible way to deal with terminally ill patients suffering excruciating pain remains painfully stuck in the world of politics. It’s a world where publicity-hungry sheriffs and prosecutors try to entrap humanitarians into giving deliverance advice to fake desperate patients.

Just wait until it’s their turn.

OtherWords columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

Perfect for self-loathing Latinos

They are the new breed of GOP Latino politicians — more conservative than those already in public office, more Draconian in their approach to illegal immigration, likelier to forsake their own language and culture, and more willing to betray their own people in order to please their party’s conservative, xenophobic and immigrant-bashing base.

They are the new Uncle Toms. Nowadays we see these Tios Tomas running for anything from local sheriff to governor to U.S. senator. By propping up a few Latino Republicans, GOP leaders apparently feel they can soften the Hispanic backlash they are expected to receive on Election Day for having spent the past few years bashing immigrants.

Instead of trying to appeal to Latinos by softening their hard stance against undocumented immigrants, they chose to go with Latino candidates who can continue to lead the immigrant haters.

If you were asked to define the perfect anti-Hispanic candidate, there is a Republican running for the U.S. Senate in Florida who meets all the qualifications. But amazingly, he’s a Latino! And even more amazingly, many Latinos are planning to vote for him!

This Tio Tomas goes by the name of Marco Rubio. Although he is the son of Cuban immigrants, Rubio has spent his entire campaign pandering to tea partiers and other conservative extremists. He could be a poster boy for Latino haters.

Rubio supports making English the official language even though such a measure would deny language rights to Latinos and other immigrants. He supported the infamous racial profiling, anti-immigrant Arizona law, even after its most discriminatory provisions were nullified by a federal court. He rejects giving a path to citizenship to undocumented immigrants, including even those who came as children and are looking to attend college or serve in the military.

He is opposed to counting undocumented immigrants in the U.S. census even though his state could lose significant federal funding if they are not counted.

The two other Hispanic Republicans running in statewide races have not outlined as many anti-Hispanic positions as Rubio, but Susana Martinez in the New Mexico gubernatorial race and Brian Sandoval in the

Nevada gubernatorial race both have taken the extremists’ position on immigration. They bash immigrants to score political points with right-wing extremists. For self-loathing Latinos, they are perfect!

Unfortunately, like many Republican candidates who have had to sell their souls to the conservative extremists this election year, these Latino Republicans have felt the need to become Tios Tomas. But it doesn’t mean we have to vote for them.

How they are able to take a tough anti-immigrant stance without alienating more of their fellow Latinos is a question that will need to be analyzed by political scientists for years to come. But it obviously has a lot to do with ethnic solidarity and the need Latinos feel to elect more of their own people.

Polls say Rubio will get a majority of the Hispanic vote in Florida, while Martinez and Sandoval will capture close to a third of the Hispanic vote in their respective states. Why? Are Latinos so eager to elect their own leaders that they would empower someone who would work against them? Is our ethnic solidarity turning us into masochists?

“Should Latinos support a candidate just because he is Latino, even if he openly supports laws that are harmful to Latinos and immigrants in general?” That question recently was posted on a Listserv where a group of New Jersey Latinos was discussing the candidacy of a Latino conservative running for sheriff in Passaic County.

It’s happening across the country.

And amazingly, only because the candidates are Latinos, Hispanic voters are giving them passes on some of these crucial issues. It’s as if they are willing to elect a monster as long as it’s a Latino monster!

Rubio and my fellow Cuban-Americans are the best example. His repulsive anti-Hispanic agenda couldn’t be clearer. Yet many Cubans, including some who have serious reservations about his anti-immigrant politics, still are planning to vote for him.

Some of it has to do with an inexplicable loyalty to the Republican Party that goes back to the 1960s, an allegiance that has survived a half-century of broken Republican promises to help the Cuban people regain their freedom.

And some of it has to do with a blatant lack of compassion for their fellow Latinos, most of whom were not so lucky as Cubans in the way they were received when they arrived in the United States.

When our fellow Latinos fail

to understand the plight of the Cuban people under communism, when they fail to support Cuban-American causes, when they wear Che Guevara T-shirts and when some even flirt with the Castro brothers, we Cuban-Americans (including me) complain about the insensitivities of our fellow Latinos. But when we Cubans support candidates like Rubio, the insensitivity is ours. Rubio is driving a wedge of hatred between my Cuban community and my Hispanic community. It’s reprehensible!

Mind you, Rubio, Martinez and Sandoval are much more conservative than most Latino Republicans currently in Congress, including three Cuban-Americans, who support a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. If elected, Rubio would replace another Hispanic U.S. senator, Mel Martinez, who is another Cuban-American who courageously battled the xenophobes in his own party and retired without having to sell his soul to conservative extremists.

Frankly, Republicans are insulting our intelligence. They have spent years trying to demonize immigrants, especially Latinos, and it is hard to understand how they could be so stupid by consciously alienating the nation’s largest minority and fastest-growing demographic. Yet now they prop up a few token Latino candidates — puppets who unconscionably stand against their own people — and this is how they intend to demonstrate they are our friends?

If it weren’t so sad — so shameless — it would be funny!

They may be able to win over a few Latinos who will be blinded by ethnic solidarity, but if Republicans think they can sway Latinos to return to their party in droves — after scaring many away with the face of hatred — they could be in for a huge surprise.

Nevertheless, if these Latino conservatives win with a significant portion of the Hispanic vote, as the polls suggest they will, the GOP will display them as props to demonstrate that some of its best amigos are actually Hispanic.

Republicans will be able to claim that some of their most racist and mean-spirited measures are supported by Latinos. And they will assume they can continue to stomp on the Hispanic community — as long as they can prop up a few token Latino puppets on Election Day.

Needless to say, if I lived in Florida, New Mexico or Nevada, my vote would be for the Hispanic community — and against the anti-Hispanic Latinos running in statewide races.

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Rangers ready for Giants in World Series

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cliff Lee threw a bullpen session and took batting practice Sunday.

The Texas Rangers are getting ready for their first World Series, and the opener will be at San Francisco, where their ace left-hander will be pitching after an extended break and also taking swings in the National League park, where the designated hitter isn't used.

Since the AL championship series didn't stretch to a Game 7, Lee will be starting on eight days' rest after striking out 13 Yankees and improving his postseason record to 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight starts. The bullpen session was his second since that eight-inning outing.

"Make the adjustment and push it back a couple of days," Lee said. "It's not that big of a deal."

Lee starts a World Series opener for the second year in a row after winning Games 1 and 5 last year for Philadelphia against the Yankees.

"With Cliff Lee, I have no concerns about anything," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He's not go-

ing to use nine days or 10 days for any reason why things may not go right, because in his mind it will always go right. And that's why he is what he is."

Last year, Lee had nine days off between his NL championship series start against the Los Angeles Dodgers and the series opener. He responded with a six-hitter, striking out 10 and walking none while allowing only an unearned run.

With the first two games in the NL city for the first time since 2001, usual DH Vladimir Guerrero likely will start only one of those games in the outfield.

"You can best believe we'll figure out a way to get Vlad in there," Washington said. "In the starting lineup some kind of way."

Guerrero will be making his first Series appearance in 15 major league seasons. Asked whether he would be in right field for both those games, the manager said no. Washington said he hasn't decided which game Guerrero will start.

Washington wouldn't say which or-

der he would start Colby Lewis and C.J. Wilson in Games 2 and 3. Also undetermined is whether Tommy Hunter, 0-1 with a 6.14 ERA in two playoff appearances, will start Game 4 or be replaced in the rotation by Derek Holland.

The pitchers took BP during the team's two-hour workout Sunday at Rangers Ballpark, where there were no remnants remaining on the field from the confetti and ginger ale bottles that were part of the celebration Friday night.

Lee is excited about the opportunity to hit.

"Obviously that's the hardest thing in all sports, to hit a round ball with a round bat. ... It's the funnest part of the game as far as I'm concerned," Lee said. "When you think of baseball, that's what you think of, trying to get a hit. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy pitching, but as far as the straight challenge of it, hitting is the hardest thing and the most challenging. I enjoy that kind of stuff."

A .132 hitter in his 68 regular-season at-bats in a career spent mostly in the

American League, Lee was 1 for 3 in last year's World Series. He hit .273 (3 for 11) the postseason for the Phillies.

More important for the Rangers, Lee has been an October ace on the mound winning all three of his starts during the playoffs. He's struck out 67 and walked seven over 64 1-3 career postseason innings.

"I'm anxious to get it started," Lee said. "I don't feel any pressure. We're fortunate to be in this spot — we're one of two teams left playing. We should just go out there and have fun and play the game the way we can, and things are going to work out."

NOTES: The Rangers fly to San Francisco on Monday, but won't work out there until Tuesday. ... Washington watched the ALCS-clinching Game 6 win over the Yankees. "When you're in the moment, you don't see things," he said. "When you start to watch it, apart from it, you begin to see the beauty and joy that those guys went out there and played with." But that's the past now — "It's time to get back to business and got to get my game face back on," he added.



Big Spring's Pernell Parker (74) and Chris Nunez (60) take down an Abilene Wylie player during the Steers' 40-29 loss to the Bulldogs Friday. Big Spring has a bye this week.

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Bad luck or just bad? Cowboys may learn vs. Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo is floating a new theory about what's wrong with the Dallas Cowboys: They're not bad, just having bad luck.

Such as five of his seven interceptions being tipped balls. Or some of the costliest of their 49 penalties being borderline calls that went against them.

Such as an opponent's punt dying around the 2-yard line instead of tumbling into the end zone, which led to a costly chain of events. They are all little things that are supposed to even out over the course of a season but have piled up quickly, sending the Cowboys reeling to a 1-4 start.

"Snakebit," Romo called it.

Then again, maybe he's just grasping for something — anything — to explain what a mess Dallas has been.

The Cowboys go into their game against Eli Manning and the New York Giants on Monday night hearing how this could be their last chance of salvaging playoff hopes. While similar proclamations have been made on a weekly basis the last

month, losing this one would put the Cowboys up against some dreadful history.

In the Super Bowl era, 148 teams have started 1-5 and only the 1970 Cincinnati Bengals wound up making the playoffs, according to STATS LLC.

The outlook is only marginally better for 1-4 teams. Since the league went to the current playoff format of six teams per conference in 1990, five teams have advanced.

"As a competitor and as an athlete, you're always going forward and trying to get better and improve and trying to turn it around when you get in those situations," Romo said. "All I know how to do is to work hard and keep your head down and go forward."

The reason not to flush away this season just yet is that the Cowboys have been within a touchdown every game, a play away from winning at the end every time. Guys are playing hard, just not smart, making more mistakes than their talent can erase.

"Sometimes you have to create your own

luck, man," defensive end Marcus Spears said. "We haven't done a good job of that. We've done a lot of shooting ourselves in the foot. And we are not overcoming it. ... I've been part of games here where we had 12, 13 penalties and we won by two touchdowns. But we can't do that on this team, obviously, because it's costing us some games."

The Giants did similar things in their second and third games, scaring fans into thinking they were headed toward a repeat of last year's collapse from 5-0 to 8-8. Only this time they snapped out of it, winning three straight.

"We were just finding ways to lose games, having turnovers at costly times, penalties at costly times that were making it tough to win games," Manning said. "We just had to get back to playing better football, working on certain things and being conscious of what we're doing and trying to play smarter football."

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call

Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

San Angelo Chaparrals tryouts

The San Angelo Chaparrals of the Texas Professional Basketball League are conducting tryouts

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30. The fee is \$25 per player; be prepared to workout the entire time. For more information, contact coach Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

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21. Mississippi St.
22. Miami
23. Virginia Tech
24. Nevada
25. Baylor

Auburn takes 1st in BCS standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Cam Newton and Auburn blew by Boise State into first place in the BCS standings.

The unbeaten Tigers (8-0) vaulted from fourth to the top spot Sunday, putting the Southeastern Conference in line for a fifth straight appearance in the national title game.

Oregon (7-0) remained second, which works just fine for the Ducks because if they win out they'll likely play in the BCS title game in Glendale, Ariz., in January.

Boise State (6-0) was still stuck in third place. The Broncos were off last week while Auburn beat LSU 24-17 and Oregon pounded Pac-10 rival UCLA 60-13.

TCU (8-0) was fourth, Michigan State (8-0) fifth and Missouri (7-0) sixth.

Auburn was tops in the computer rankings and third in each of the USA

Today coaches' and Harris polls. The polls count for two-thirds of a BCS average and a compilation of six computer ratings account for the rest.

"I can only control how we proceed in this building," coach Gene Chizik said a few hours before the standings were released. "We just had a team meeting and we talked about being very grounded and understanding that every week is another new week and another opportunity."

An SEC team has won the last four national championships, with Florida taking two and Alabama and LSU winning one each.

Oregon's computer rating was still lagging behind most of the top teams at eighth, but the Ducks were a solid No. 1 in each of the polls.

Boise State was No. 2 in the polls and the computers had the Broncos sixth.

Boise State from the Western Athletic Conference and TCU from the Mountain West are both trying to become the first teams from conferences without automatic bids to play in the BCS championship game. To have any chance, they'll have to go undefeated and have Auburn and Oregon lose.

Even then, the Broncos and Horned Frogs could be passed by Michigan State and Missouri if they stay unbeaten, or maybe even by Alabama, which has lost a game but stands seventh in the BCS standings.

Oregon and Auburn both play on the road this week. The Tigers play at Mississippi and Oregon is at Southern California.

Boise State plays Tuesday night at home against Louisiana Tech.

Texas Longhorns turn home field into disadvantage

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Longhorns have turned Austin into the road trip everyone wants to make.

Not for the cool bars and live music scene. This is where teams in desperate need of a win go get one.

UCLA did it first, smacking Texas 34-12 on Sept. 25. The Horns were back home for the first time in a month on Saturday and took a 28-21 whipping by Iowa State, a team that had been outscored 120-27 the previous two weeks.

The loss to the Cyclones was more thorough than the final score would suggest. Texas (4-3) turned the ball over four times and trailed 28-6 early in the fourth quarter to a team that ranked No. 112 in total defense and 104th in total offense.

Here comes the scary part

for Texas: Baylor (6-2) comes to town next weekend.

The No. 25 Bears are ranked for the first time since 1993 and itching to get their first win over the Longhorns since 1997.

The loss to UCLA left Texas coach Mack Brown embarrassed. When it happened again against Iowa State, he was shaken and angry. Texas has lost consecutive home games for the first time since 1997.

"Totally unacceptable," Brown said.

Just a week earlier, his team stopped a two-game skid with an impressive 20-13 win at Nebraska. That game had the Longhorns looking at their schedule and thinking they could make a big run at the Big 12 South title. Five of the last six games were at home.

Only Oklahoma State looked like a real threat to win in Austin.

Texas probably wishes it could now play the rest of the season on the road.

"You're asking me to wave a wand and fix it," Brown said. "I'm fighting my guts out, trying to turn this thing around. If you need to tell (fans) we're going to run a boot camp, go ahead."

Texas fans were befuddled by what they saw Saturday. An 11 a.m. kickoff and an opponent who had never beaten Texas led many Longhorns fans to stay home. The announced crowd of 100,142 belied large areas of empty seats, notably in the student sections.

Iowa State did to Texas what UCLA did. The Cyclones forced turnovers, pounded

out tough rushing yards and hit a couple of scoring passes against a secondary prone to giving up big plays this season.

The Cyclones scored on drives of 80, 37, 89 and 40 yards. The only time Iowa State didn't score when they got inside the Texas 30 was when they ran out the clock in the final minute.

Iowa State ran for 199 yards against the defense that shut down Nebraska's vaunted running attack. Alexander Robinson found huge running lanes up the middle for 120 yards and two scores.

"I thought after UCLA and Nebraska the team kind of grew up and gelled a little so I thought we were going to get the ball rolling and finish the season the right way," senior wide receiver John Chiles

said. "Everyone has to stay together. This isn't the time to pull apart."

Texas quarterback Garrett Gilbert had one of his worst days as a starter. He passed for a career-high 344 yards and two late touchdowns, but made critical mistakes all afternoon. His four turnovers, three interceptions and a fumble, doomed Texas.

"We didn't come out with energy," quarterback Garrett Gilbert said, "and that's on us as a team and that's on us as leaders."

That's what is so hard for Brown to understand.

Brown had warned his team not to waste their win against Nebraska by following it with a bad game. Now everyone is going to want to come to Austin to get their piece of the Longhorns.

Johnson, Tannehill lead Texas A&M by struggling Kansas 45-10

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — All Texas A&M needed to cure itself of the turnover bug was a big dose of Kansas.

Jerrold Johnson broke the career record for total offense, his backup, Ryan Tannehill, threw three touchdown passes and the Aggies did not commit a turnover while rolling past the hapless Jayhawks 45-10 Saturday night.

The Aggies came to town on a three-game losing streak and with a whopping 18 turnovers in just six games.

Johnson, who had been particularly prone to interceptions, started the game and scored on a 3-yard TD run for a 14-3 lead in the first quarter. With 139 yards passing and 28 rushing, he raised his career total to 8,888 yards, snapping the school record of 8,876 Reggie McNeal compiled from 2002-05.

Tannehill, who has played mostly wide receiver his first three years at A&M and had thrown only 13 passes, led the Aggies (4-3, 1-2 Big 12) on two

quick scoring drives for a 31-10 halftime lead. He also scored on a 6-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The two-quarterback attack was coach Mike Sherman's plan.

"I made the decision after the last ball game," he said. "We just lacked consistency, and I thought shaking it up a little bit and getting some competition at the position would be a good thing. They both did very well. I think we've got two good quarterbacks."

The Jayhawks (2-5, 0-3) have been

outscored in their last three games 159-24 and lost 10 Big 12 contests in a row. After the game, coach Turner Gill announced that starting quarterback Jordan Webb had a shoulder injury and his backup, Kale Pick, a concussion.

"We'll have to talk with our medical people and see what their status will be as we move along," Gill said.

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Baylor gets 1st ranking since '93

WACO (AP) — Baylor entered the rankings Sunday at No. 25 for the first time since 1993 after a win over Kansas State that made the Bears eligible to end a 16-year bowl drought.

Headly stuff around campus in Waco.

"It's certainly a step in the right direction, you know," third-year coach Art Briles said. "Important thing is to be in it

when the season's over, that's the important thing, but it's definitely a positive step perception-wise, no doubt."

The Bears' appearance in the poll is their first since Sept. 5, 1993, when they were ranked 24th after opening the season with a 42-39 win over then-No. 25 Fresno State. They dropped out after a 45-21 loss to then-No. 10 Colorado the next

week.

Baylor (6-2, 3-1 Big 12) beat Kansas State 47-42 on Saturday behind quarterback Robert Griffin III to become bowl eligible for the first time since joining the Big 12 in 1996. The win on homecoming came a week after the Bears held Colorado out of end zone in the closing seconds of a 31-25 win on the road.

COWBOYS

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When Dallas coach Wade Phillips exchanges pleasantries with New York coach Tom Coughlin, maybe Phillips could get some advice on how Coughlin's team snapped out of it.

"You've got to stop beating yourself and that's where we were at that point in time," Coughlin said.

"It wasn't difficult to point that out to our players. There was great disappointment in both losses and there was great frustration. Fortunately, we've kind of been able to analyze where we were and how those things came about ..."

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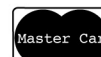
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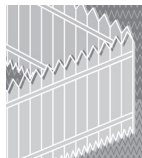
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have been loyal to someone and have encouraged their dreams. Now they will do the same for you. Tonight brings the entrance of a new and intriguing character, perhaps a Scorpio.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The single most important factor contributing to the harmony of your world is attitude. With the right attitude, you will get along with even the most difficult and non-communicative people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Although you are capable of handling the occasional mishap, you'd prefer not to have to deal with it. Careful preparation and communication will prevent mistakes from occurring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be careful not to crowd your schedule with too many commitments, appointments and arrangements. Just because you are more active doesn't mean you are more joyful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's been said that knowledge is power. However, all the smarts in the world couldn't

Tomorrow's Horoscope

move an atom on their own. The true power is in applied knowledge, and that's where you're brilliant today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be a student of human nature. You will observe the characters around you and become absorbed in the unique way each of them views the world. Your empathic gifts will be put to good use.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Give your help to one who is having a difficult time with a job. However, when you can see that this person is on the way to a successful outcome, back off and let the victory happen without you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are happy when you know your loved ones are enjoying themselves, even if it comes at a cost to you. You would gladly foot the bill to see someone smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be full of questions today. Many of them are directed internally, and you'll come up with brilliant answers, too. You grow through your experiences by asking yourself what you can learn from them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you may think long and hard about what you want to say, ultimately, you'll communicate your well-chosen words with a great deal of humor and lighthearted energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've had some strong competition lately, but it's about to get weaker. While you are not happy about your opponents' problems, you can still see the opportunity in the situation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 25). Your life will gain structure and clarity over the next 10 weeks. While it may be a little cloudy now, it will soon be obvious what needs to happen next. You'll take successful steps in November. Loving relationships happen in December. Your family

prosper in January. New and fortuitous relationships happen in February. Pisces and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 25, 49, 33 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHT: Why and How To Bring Gemini Energy into Your Life. Gemini, the third sign of the zodiac, is the sign associated with that most essential element in all relationships — communication. Some would argue that there is no relationship without it. Whether we are relating in business, families, love, friendship or even just relating to other beings sharing the street, there is no flow of action without communication. Bad communication leads to frustration, anger and disappointment. Good communication leads to teamwork, shared experiences, efficient working styles and bonding. Every person has Gemini represented somewhere in his or her astrological chart, just waiting to be activated. You bring this energy forward when you decide to relay the messages of your mind and heart as clearly as possible. Wanting to be understood, you consider how to present things in a way the other person is likely to receive. Luck with Gemini communication will come to you when you pay attention to the many languages being used to convey ideas — body language, clothing and vocal tones can often provide more information than a choice of words. The phrase associated with Gemini is "I think." You attract the forces of the twins when you choose to be thoughtful about what you are communicating and how.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pop diva Katy Perry has a remarkable astrological chart with five luminaries in transformative Scorpio. Her life has reflected the rebirthing theme of all this intense Scorpio energy, as she and her career have already gone through several incarnations. From

gospel singer to topping the charts with some of the most controversial lyrics on the radio, this Scorpio likes to keep everyone guessing.

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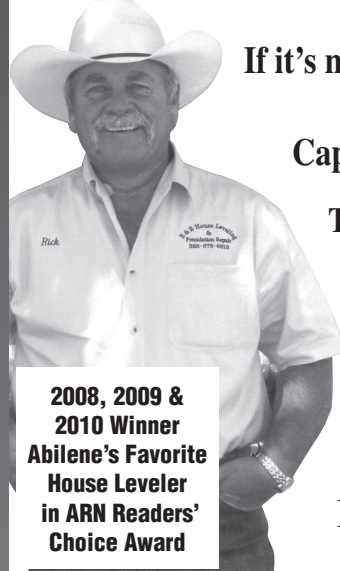
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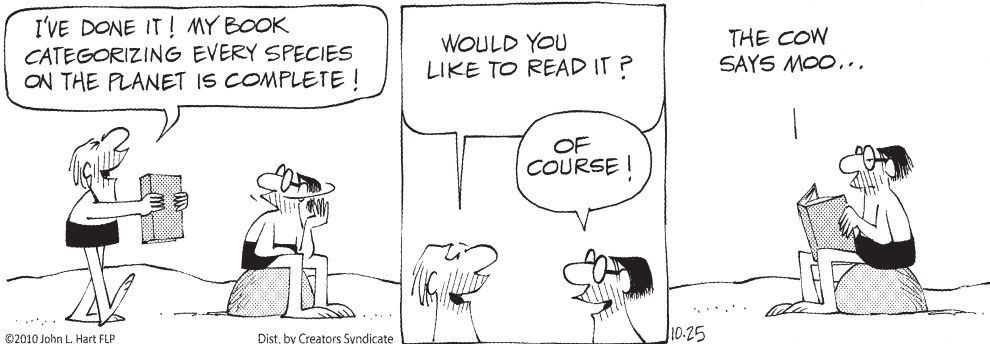
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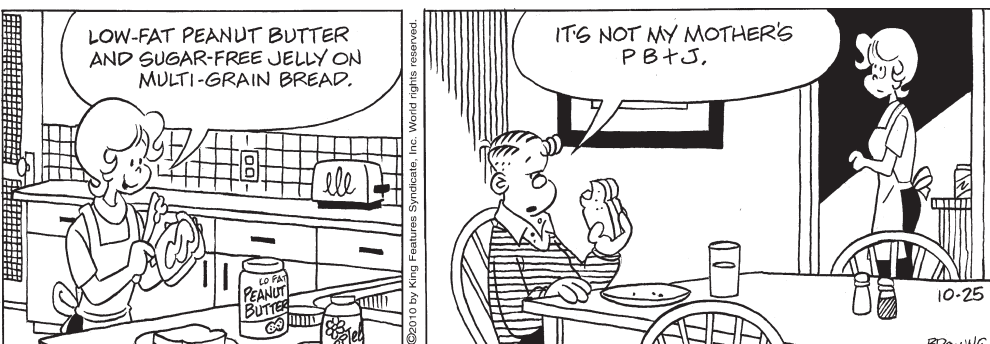
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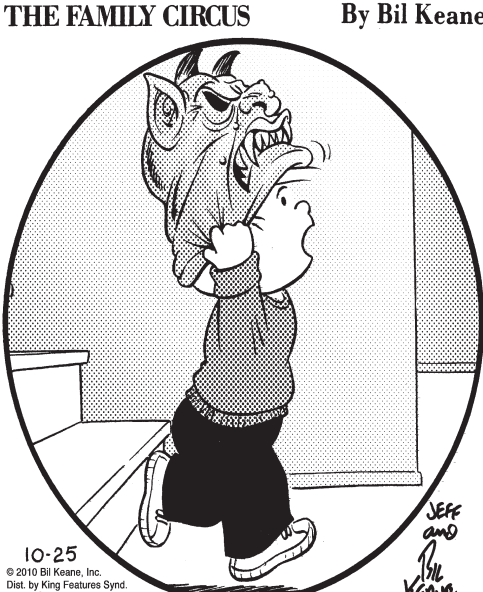
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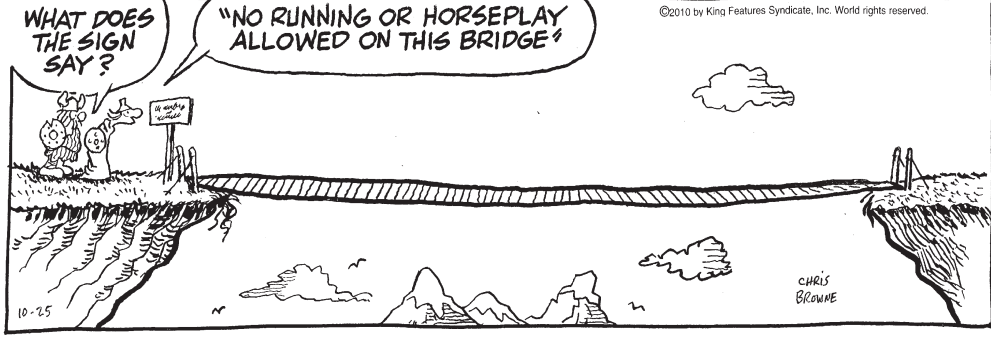
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy! PJ's crying 'bout something!"

By Bil Keane

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2010. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1910, "America the Beautiful," with words by Katharine Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published.

On this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army and suffered heavy losses.

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Va., for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. (Brown was convicted and hanged.)

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia foundered off the coast of Alaska; some

350 people perished.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C. of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia of "Murder Inc." notoriety was shot to death in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1960, the Bulova Watch Co. introduced its electronic "Accutron" model.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 86. Actress Jeanne Cooper is 82. Actress Marion Ross is 82. Country

singer Jeanne Black is 73.

Basketball Hall of Famer Bobby Knight is 70. Author Anne Tyler is 69. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 66. Political strategist James Carville is 66. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 66. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 63. Actor Brian Kerwin is 61. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 60. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 59. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 54. Actress Nancy Cartwright ("The Simpsons") is 53. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 52. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 49. Actress Tracy Nelson is 47. Actor Michael Boatman is 46.

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Newsday Crossword

HAUNTED HOUSE by Gail Grabowski

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1 Pub missile			9 Scary-movie reaction	38 Strong anger
5 Thick slice	60 Broadcast again			42 Small pie
9 Minor quarrels	61 Strongly recommend	10 Supersonic fighter plane		44 Church officials
14 "Yikes!"	62 Jump	11 Assistant	45 Frittered away	
15 Jail room	63 Trousers	12 Monorail car	47 Beatnik's drum	
16 Sparrow sound	64 State of mind	13 Agile	48 Rain-delay cover	
17 Words of denial	65 Apple discard	21 Garden tools	49 Creative thought	
18 Evaluate		24 Mom's boys	50 Sound of discomfort	
19 Plane-tracking device	DOWN	25 Pay out	51 Feeling blue	
20 Cosmetic-counter purchase	1 Sand hill	26 Spooky	52 War honoree	
22 Foe	2 Sailor's shout	27 What dogs wag	53 Baby-powder ingredient	
23 Photo ____ (publicity events)	3 Memorization method	28 Unconventional person	54 Triple-decker cookie	
24 Occupied a chair	4 The one right here	29 Window inserts	55 Dress in	
25 Prearranged price	5 Minor knee injury	30 Frees (of)	56 Back of the neck	
29 Publicizes	6 Shows the way	31 Gray shade		
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The Aggies, 6-1 against Kansas since the formation of the Big 12, scored 10 points off turnovers.

Cyrus Gray rushed for 117 yards and one touchdown, and Jeff Fuller caught five passes for 121 yards, including touchdown strikes from Tan-

nehill of 39 and 27 yards. Fuller also extended his streak of consecutive games with at least one reception to 27, two short of the school record.



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No. 4 TCU keeps winning, but isn't moving in BCS standings, AP poll

FORT WORTH (AP) — Teams from BCS conferences keep leapfrogging TCU in polls, and the Horned Frogs don't seem to care.

One of last year's BCS busters, TCU held steady at No. 4 in The Associated Press poll on Sunday. The Horned Frogs were passed this time when Auburn jumped from a spot behind to TCU to a spot ahead after knocking off LSU in a battle of Southeastern Conference unbeatens.

"We just go out and try to play the best game we can," safety Colin Jones said after the Horned Frogs dispatched Air Force 38-7 for their school-record 21st consecutive regular-season win Saturday night. "If we keep doing that, everything will work out."

TCU (8-0, 4-0 Mountain West) keeps winning, but isn't moving even though a top 5 team has lost each of the past three weeks. The AP ranking matches where TCU stood after the first weekend of the regular season. The Frogs later dropped a spot after

trailing SMU briefly in the third quarter of a 41-24 win, one of only three times they've trailed this season.

The Frogs regained the No. 4 spot after a 45-0 win over Wyoming, and they stayed there last week when Oklahoma jumped from No. 6 to No. 3 after blowing out Iowa State while TCU fiddled around with BYU for a half in a 31-3 win.

TCU, which did improve a spot in the BCS standings to No. 4 on Sunday night, figured to be the only ranked team in the Lone Star State again after Texas lost at home to Iowa State and dropped out for the second time this season. But Baylor moved in at No. 25 after becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 1994 with a win over Kansas State.

Those are the same Bears who never had a chance in a September visit to Fort Worth, falling behind 35-3 by halftime in a 45-10 loss to TCU.

So, are the Frogs the best in Texas, home to four teams from the Big 12, a BCS darling?

"I don't know," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Right now we're trying to be the best team in the Mountain West Conference."

The Frogs figure to be heavy favorites at UNLV on Saturday night, then visit No. 8 Utah in a game that will eliminate one BCS-busting hopeful.

"If it was easy, anybody could do it," Patterson said.

TCU made it look easy in the second half against Air Force, which was ranked before a loss to San Diego State the week before coming to Texas and lost by just three at Oklahoma early in the season. TCU running back Ed Wesley outgained the nation's leading rushing offense, 209-184, and scored twice while quarterback Andy Dalton compiled 278 total yards and two touchdowns.

The Frogs controlled the first half with big plays — six that were longer than 20 yards — then wore down the Falcons with long scoring drives of 80 and 78 yards.

NFL players adjust to crackdown on illegal hit

(AP) — Dolphins cornerback Sean Smith had Steelers receiver Hines Ward lined up, ready to deliver the big hit. Instead of going high, he went for Ward's legs. No fine or penalty for that one.

It was the sort of play that, most Sundays, would have gone unnoticed, especially because Ward returned to the field a play later after getting his knees checked out.

This Sunday was different, though, because it marked the first set of games since the NFL said it would be cracking down on illegal hits, handing out fines and threatening suspensions. Actually, Ward's brief absence, and the almost total lack of big shots in other NFL games, made it look a lot like any given Sunday, even if it's still too early to tell for sure how things are — or aren't — going to change over time.

"It's football," Ward said. "If you play this game worried about getting hurt, you will get hurt. It's a fearless game, it's a physical game, so the rule is the rule. You can't play this game scared. If you do, you won't last long."

With all of the day's 13 games complete, there were no cringe-inducing hits to replay on the highlight shows — nothing the likes of what James Harrison, Brandon Meriweather and Dunta Robinson delivered last weekend in a spate of vicious plays that brought about hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, along with repeated reminders that the league would be watching more closely from now on.

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