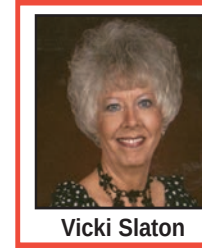




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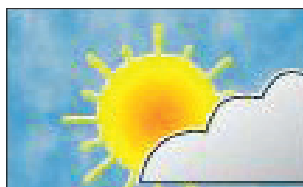
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BEST IN SHOW

Monroe Casey's Santa Claus totem pole was judged best in show at the 18th Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale, which concluded Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center. Casey said he spent about three weeks carving the totem pole out of a piece of basswood.



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Robbery trial going to jury

Jury selection begins Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Jury selection will be held Monday in 118th District Court for the trial of a local man charged in connection with a June home invasion in Big Spring.

The trial of Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31, is expected to begin Wednesday in 118th District Court, officials said.

Jaramillo is charged with aggravated robbery in the alleged crime, one of three local men indicted in connection with the June 3 incident.

According to police reports, a number of suspects stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front doors of the house during the late evening hours.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the

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Appeal dismissed for Big Spring man convicted of robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man sentenced to 25 years in prison for the December 2009 robbery of an Exxon gas station had his appeal rejected by the 11th District Court of Appeals.

Michael Lee Munoz, 26, was found guilty by 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III following a bench trial for his part in the Dec. 18 robbery of the Exxon gas station on N. Highway 87.

The dismissal was issued by Chief Justice Jim Wright, Justice Terry McCall and Justice Rick Strange of the 11th District Court of Appeals, by

way of per curiam memorandum opinion.

Munoz was indicted on the charge of first-degree felony robbery — along with 40-year-old Enrique “Ricky” Sabedra Jr. — by a Howard County grand jury in mid-January. Sabedra accepted a plea agreement shortly after the indictments were issued that gave him five years in prison.

According to law enforcement reports, the pair were arrested shortly after a Big Spring Police Department officer spotted the two suspects running from the gas station.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Roxanne Wilson looks over some of the selections available at the Friends of the Howard County Library's annual book sale. The sale continues through Sunday afternoon in the basement of the library, located at 500 S. Main St.

Trustees to consider ag pavilion

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will consider adding just a little bit more construction at the district's Big Spring campus when they meet at 12:30 a.m. Monday at the Maddux Student Center on the South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

College officials will ask for trustee approval of a plan to construct a pavilion which would allow the agriculture department to expand its activities, president Dr. Cheryl

Sparks said.

If the project is approved, the pavilion would house lab work for the department's animal science and livestock judging programs.

The proposed pavilion is part of the college's long-range facility study conducted by consultants four years ago.

“We had the opportunity to look at specific building needs within the program and we will share that with the board Monday,” Sparks said.

If approved, the pavilion will be constructed west of

the college's softball field. Cost estimates have not been finalized, but Sparks said the project would be funded by private donations.

“We would start work on it immediately,” Sparks said. “And we could have the structure up in time for the spring semester.”

Also Monday, trustees will review final enrollment figures from the recently completed summer semester.

Sparks said summer enrollment surged 26 percent from the previous year, with 2,342 students attending classes at

HC campuses.

“I think you can link that to the economy,” Sparks said when asked for a reason behind the increase. “Also, you

have a lot of students home for the summer who were taking courses here before they

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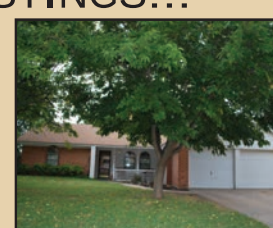
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Comeback Kids

Steers rally from 16-point deficit to beat Midland Christian



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Max Pappajohn, Devante Lloyd and the Steers defense gang tackle a Midland Christian players during Big Spring's 34-30 win over the Mustangs Friday at Memorial Stadium. The Steers came back from 16 points down to win the game.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Big Spring receiver Dayvion Young probably isn't used to getting many carries out of the backfield.

But he'll probably always be able to point out the one that gave the Steers a 34-30 lead over Midland Christian with 3:31 left in the game, capping off a 16-point comeback.

"I love pounding the ball," he said, minutes after he had a 2-yard touchdown run to seal the win for the Steers. "I'm just going to get what I get and play my heart out."

That's what the Steers did in Fri-

day's win at Memorial Stadium, at least in the second half. Young and a handful of other heroes helped blank the Mustangs for the final 24 minutes of the game, while the Steers overcame a 30-14 deficit and won a game that might be a microcosm of their season to date.

Quarterback DaVonte Anderson had 23 carries for 141 yards and two touchdowns in the comeback effort. Pete Chavarria didn't disappoint either with 14 carries for 112 yards.

But the keys to the comeback can be attribute to the defense, missed opportunities from Midland Christian and, of all things, the Steers' passing

game.

The first half was virtually all Midland Christian.

The Steers had scores from Anderson and Lee Garcia, but that didn't match the three touchdowns and one field goal from Midland Christian.

Big Spring just didn't have an answer for the Mustangs' offensive line, traps and sweeps.

With the game being delayed about 15 minutes due to lightning, Anderson said his team came out unfocused, which is what led to the 30-14 Mustang lead. Head coach Phillip Ritchey said Midland Christian was just bigger and faster.

But all this happened in the first half and the Steers came out and did something they've wanted to do for weeks: pass the ball downfield.

Big Spring cut the lead to 10 with an Anderson touchdown pass to Mike Menefield for 37 yards. It was the first touchdown pass for Anderson since the Fort Stockton game — the first game of the season. Finishing 5-of-12 for 98 yards and a score, Anderson also had passes of 10, 25 and 20 yards.

All this after throwing just 19 yards in last week's loss to Monahans.

"It's working a lot smoother," An-

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Bufs' defense difference in 17-2 win over Coahoma



HERALD Photo/Angie Sloan

Coahoma's Tanner Ruiz tries to escape a Stanton defensive player during the Bulldogs' 17-2 loss to the Buffs Friday in Stanton.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Buffaloes might not have to score too many more points the rest of the season.

Behind a defense like Stanton's, not many other teams would have to, either.

"We're extremely proud of our defense," Stanton head coach John Peterson said. "That's one of the things we stress. There's the old adage, defense builds championships. That's kind of where we hang our hat."

The Buffs stayed undefeated with a 17-2 win over Coahoma Friday in Stanton to open District 2-2A Division II play. Stanton ruined a decent run by the Bulldogs, who were on a three-game winning streak heading

into district play.

They did it with a stout defense, which has allowed 21 points in the last four games, and an offense that did just enough to seal the win.

Shutting Coahoma down may be one of Stanton's more impressive feats. The Bulldogs scored 37, 44 and 40 points in their last three non-district games.

It's nothing new for Peterson, who said Stanton has traditionally had solid defenses. He praised the Bulldogs, too, pointing out their defense and the talent of Tanner Ruiz and Dakota Griffith.

But Ruiz and Griffith weren't able to find the endzone like they had been the last three games. Ruiz was held to 27 yards on the ground and Griffith had 26, a part of the 83 total for

Coahoma.

Coahoma coach Trey Gardner said the difference in Friday's game was simple: Stanton was more physical.

"They physically dominated us on both sides of the line," he said. "Offense and defense both, they were just bigger and stronger than we were."

Stanton quarterback Tyler Fulton was involved in the Buffs' two big plays — a 48-yard pass to Adam Montez in the first quarter and a 40-yard pass to Ryan Brantley in the second.

The Buffs didn't exactly light up the scoreboard in this game and Peterson said that's OK — Stanton plans on playing behind its defense.

"That's kind of been the motto of the year,"

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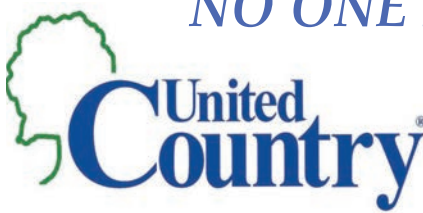
Nothing but net!

Photos by Thomas Jenkins

The Harlem Starz wowed the crowd at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Wednesday with their special blend of athletics and comedy, part of an effort to raise funds for the Childrens Miracle Network. From the high-flying dunks to their on-court antics, the Starz took on a team of Big Spring's finest, sponsored by Wal-Mart and coached by SuperCenter Manager Tim Walsh. The Starz, coached by local Sonic Drive-In owner Mike Abusaab, pulled out the win.



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Obituaries

Sarah Osborne Hancock



Sarah Osborne Hancock, 98, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at a local hospital. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Doug Shelley, Hospice chaplain, officiating.

She was born May 7, 1912, in Brookhaven, Miss., to Ida and Christopher Brown. On May 2, 1935, she married T.E. "Roy" Osborne in New Orleans. He preceded her in death in 1958. She later married W. D. Burks in 1959, and he also preceded her in death in 1968. On January 30, 1982, she married Jake Hancock, and again, she was widowed in September 2002.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She graduated Licensed Vocational Nursing School at Medical Arts Hospital in 1953. She worked at Malone-Hogan Hospital, later Scenic Mountain Hospital, retiring in 1977. Following her retirement, she worked at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital and also did special care. She was a member of Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeanine Huskey and her husband Alvin of Big Spring and Jane Overman and her husband D.W. of McKinney; and one son, Don Osborne and his wife Sandie of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Cecil R. Brown and three sisters, Ruby Love, Ruth Steadmon and Eva Nell Dunn.

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

Ronnie Howard



Ronnie Howard, 71, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 19, 1938, in Big Spring. A longtime resident of Big Spring, he graduated from Forsan High School. He had worked as a real estate agent and photographer.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, LaDonna and Bob Kibler of Syracuse, N.Y., and Rachel and Nathan Geick of Madisonville; one son and daughter-in-law, Vance and Karen Howard of Alpharetta, Ga.; his mother, Estelle Howard of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dewey Howard.

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

Miriam Inez Sample

Miriam Inez Sample, 91, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at the funeral home.

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Garland Gandy

Garland Gandy, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, at age 61. A memorial service will be held at Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at 2 p.m.

He was the oldest child of Cleve and Dena Gandy and was born in Wichita Falls, Nov. 8, 1948. He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1968, and then attended Texas Tech University. Gandy lived in Breckenridge until 1997, when he moved to Big Spring and spent his life working in the manufactured housing industry. He first began in the business with John Davis and Breck Homes and has worked for Solitaire Homes for the past 12 years.

He married Holly Todd on March 25, 1994, in Austin. Some of his favorite places to be were on the lake, on the golf course, or at the campsite. He loved the outdoors and was one of the best camp cooks around. Gandy was a good friend to many, and there are not many towns in Texas where someone does not know his name. He attended First Methodist Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Holly Gandy of Big Spring; mother, Dena Gandy of Breckenridge; two sons, Justin Gandy and wife Christy of Dallas and Jordan Gandy of Waco; three step-sons, Eric Seber, Todd Seber and Kyle Seber, all of Big Spring; one sister, Donna Rogers and husband Mike of Brady; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cleve Gandy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Texas Lions Camp for Children with Disabilities where he attended camp after contracting Polio as a child. The website is as follows: www.lionscamp.com/Memorials.htm.

The family invites friends to leave a condolence or share a memory of Garland in our online guestbook at www.meltonkitchens.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home of Breckenridge.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 18, 1907 S. Main, was arrested on a warrant charging disorderly conduct/language.
- DESTINY DEANN DILIBERTO, 26, 300 Tulene No. 3, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- LISA MARIE MENDEZ, 42, 2603 Ent, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- RUBEN HERNANDEZ, 48, 2707 Hernandez Rd., was arrested on a warrant charging no driver's license.
- JOSE MUNOZ III, 45, 1614 E. 15th, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear, driving while license invalid and an other-agency warrant.
- DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 25, 1900 Martin Luther King, was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, bail jumping/failure to appear and an other-agency warrant.
- KELLEY ANN YATES, 24, Weatherford, was arrested on charges of public intoxication, permitting an unlicensed operator to drive, consumption of a alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.
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Tyrrell W. 'Terry' Davis



Tyrrell W. "Terry" Davis, 59, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born April 12, 1951, in Louisville, Ky., to James L. and Lola J. Reas Davis. He graduated from Atherton High School in Louisville, Ky., in 1969 and joined the Air Force in 1970. While stationed at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, he met and married Shirley Watkins on Oct. 12, 1974. He was a decorated air traffic controller to include two Meritorious Service Awards with Oak Leaf Cluster. He served in Southeast Asia, Europe and the Middle East with several postings in the United States. He retired from military service in May 1990 as a Msgt. After returning to Big Spring, he worked at the Big Spring Police Department and then the VA Hospital, retiring in 2008. He was a Christian.

He loved life and playing and watching all sports. He was a "True Blue Kentucky" Wildcat fan, being a member of "The Big Blue Nation" and was also a devoted New York Yankees fan. He loved his wife, his family and friends. He loved and was loved by all his "kids," near and far.

Terry attended Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Davis of Big Spring; his sister, Marsha Dzakowski and husband John of Plainfield, Ind.; three sisters-in-law, JoAnn Stafford of Sand Springs, Glenda Brasel and husband Bob and Peggy Evans and husband, Bobby, all of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles including, Sonny and Bea Vissing and Wayne and Emma Reas; and several very special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lola Davis; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edgar and Ruby Watkins; brother-in-law, Bill Stafford; and special grandmothers, Midred Wilson and Katherine Davis.

Pallbearers will be Jamie Wilson, Bobby Gene Brasel, Roger Stafford, Barry Stafford, Marc Couch, Shane Robertson, Lane Hale and Tyser Robertson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bob Brasel, Bobby Evans, Shelly Brasel, Shana Brasel, Kristi Couch, Kim Robertson, Kara Hale, Nicole Wilson, Nick DeWaters, Gilbert Cisneros, Phillip Ringener, Jackie LaCoy, Claude Fryar, Kneel Stallings, Steve Wright, Sam Gonzalez and Tony Barrera.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448.

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No offense for Forsan as Buffs lose to Post 9-6

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

POST – Forsan head coach Jason Phillips saw everything he wanted out his defense Friday at Post.

But it just wasn't the offense's night.

The Buffs couldn't match their best defensive performance of the season with the high-scoring offense they've displayed in a 9-6 loss to Post.

The loss gives the Buffs an 0-1 record as District 2-2A Division II play starts up.

"Defensively, we played an excellent game. I think they scored on the first drive of the game and after that our defense pretty much shut them down, played extremely well."

Post didn't waste any time putting six on the scoreboard with a 1-yard run from Chase Greathouse. But for the rest of the game, the Buffs were within striking distance but an offense with the likes of speedy running back Ty Johnson and Brendan Roman was nowhere to be found.

The problem? Phillips said penalties killed Forsan's offensive drives despite the fact that the Buffs had more yards than the Antelopes.

"We probably had the ball inside the 20 four or five times and we had one touchdown," he said. "We had opportunities to win, we just made mistakes. Hopefully we'll learn from that."

The Buffs' only score came on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Foster Burchett to Kolten Self. Post did what other defenses have had trouble doing, and that's keeping Johnson and Roman out of the endzone. Johnson had 85 yards rushing on eight carries and Roman had 42 on 17.

Phillips admitted losses like this are frustrating.

He said knowing what his offense can do and dropping a game like Friday's is tough to take and it's even tougher considering this game was the district opener. The Buffs did not win a district game last season, in Class A.

"You just kind of put this game behind you and hopefully learn from it," he said. "In the next game, improve on the mistake you made and see what happens."

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First Quarter

PHS – Chase Greathouse runs for 1-yard (missed kick), 7:34

Third Quarter

PHS - Dale Diaz with a 20-yd FG, 4:34
FHS – Foster Burchett passes to Kolten Self for 49 yards (missed kick), 3:15

	FHS	PHS
First Downs	16	9
Rushes-Yds.	40-177	38-163



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Forsan quarterback Foster Burchett rushes for a first down during the Buffs' 9-6 loss to Post Friday in Post.

Passing Yds.	140	49	0 140
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Punts-Avg.	3-38	4-29.8	3-69
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yds.	8-56	5-55	

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Tucker-Lawson

Natalia Tucker and Ben Lawson of Lubbock were united in marriage during 5:30 p.m. ceremonies held Aug. 7, 2010, at The Legacy with Pastor Baron Eliason officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Elfi Tucker of Sand Springs and the granddaughter of Rosaura and Felix Perez of Big Spring, Laneta Tucker of Sand Springs and the late Bill Tucker.

The groom is the son of Terry and Jill Lawson of Bement, Ill., and the grandson of Don and Audine Severns of Bement, Ill., the late Barbera Lawson and the late John Moery.

The bride wore a white, taffeta pick-up gown with beaded metallic lace bodice, inverted V-empire, and lace up back, and a sweep train.

Maid of honor was Amber Johnson, friend of bride. Bridesmaids were Tracie Cater; cousin of bride; Brandi Gurlutzo, sister of groom; Annie Jonas, friend of bride; Lindie Melendrez, friend of bride; Katie Tucker, sister-in-law of bride; and Rhonda Walker,

friend of bride.

Best man was Colin Mcelroy, friend of groom. Groomsmen were Jonathan Saupe, friend of groom; Tony Tucker, brother of bride; William Tucker, brother of bride; and groomswoman was Melissa Tompkins, cousin of groom.

Serving as flower girls were Emma Garlutzo, niece of groom and Hudson Tucker, niece of bride.

Ushers were Heath Garlutzo, brother-in-law of groom and Chris Mulkey, friend of bride.

A reception, with dinner and a dance, followed the wedding.

The couple honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2005 graduate of Angelo State University. She is employed by KCBD NewsChannel 11 in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Bement High School in 2000 and Southern Illinois University in 2004. He is also employed by KCBD NewsChannel 11 in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawson

► Births

Kagen Tiernan Stallings, a boy, was born at 7:18 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring.

His maternal grandparents are Randy and Debbie Rister of Abilene. His paternal grandparents are Ken and Darlene Stallings of Big Spring.

Kagen was welcomed home by his big sister Zayda Jade Stallings.



Kagen Tiernan Stallings

► Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, colby cheese portion, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Meatball sandwich, baked potato chips, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburger macaroni, broccoli, cheese sauce orange smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Tortilla, cheese omelets, assorted fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, margarine, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Ham and cheese biscuits, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, salsa, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - French toast slices, juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast - waffles, sausage, apple juice, syrup, milk. Lunch - Smothered steak for corn dogs, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Donuts, sausage, applesauce, milk. Lunch - Sub sandwich or burrito, salad trays, tater tots, milk.

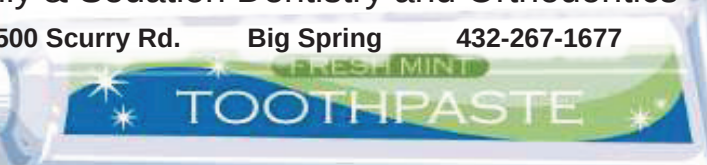
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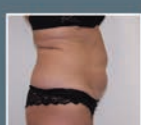
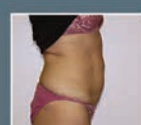


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Local doctor disciplined by medical board

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Texas Medical Board recently reported disciplinary action against a Big Spring doctor.

Dr. Bruce Cox was cited for “unprofessional or dishonorable conduct,” according to a recent TMB news release.

Cox was one of 187 physicians disciplined by the medical board since June, officials said.

On Aug. 27, Dr. Cox and the board entered into a “mediated agreed order” which requires him to undergo an evaluation by a board-certified psychiatrist and “follow all recommen-

dations for continued care and treatment, which will be monitored by the board,” the press release stated.

In addition, Cox must complete 10 hours of continued medical education in anger management and risk management, respectively.

The disciplinary action was based on an incident of “sexually inappropriate behavior and comments directed toward a patient and his behaving in an abusive or assaultive manner towards patients and a patient family member,” the news release stated.

No other information on the disciplinary action was released.

Heflin, Landtroop coming

Texas State House District 85 Rep, Joe Heflin and challenger Jim Landtroop will address a meeting of the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Howard College Student Union Building’s Cactus Room.

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Big Spring Police Department.

“The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house,” Everett said. “The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons at the couple’s children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol-

whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present.”

No life-threatening injuries were sustained during the attack, police said.

Jaramillo and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect were taken into custody a short time after the incidents. According to police officials, items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will wrap up their budgetary season Monday morning, as the government panel is expected to approve its proposed tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Part of a \$15.1 million budget — which includes \$750,000 over last year’s fiscal plan — the tax rate is currently proposed at 52.2406 cents per \$100 valuation, a substantial drop from last year’s rate of 57.8656 cents per \$100 valuation.

According to county officials, the drop in the tax rate is credited to a recent upswing in mineral values.

“We saw an increase of nearly \$200 million in certified values this year, which was really a huge help,” County Judge Mark Barr said. “It allowed us to use the effective tax rate, which means property taxpayers that didn’t see an increase in their appraisal

this year will see their tax bill decrease, and with tough economic times like we’ve been having, that’s a pretty big help.”

According to Barr, property owners whose property value didn’t go up this year should see a slight drop in the tax bill.

Howard County saw an increase of \$192,559,501 with a certified value of \$2,102,914,462, compared to the \$1,910,354,961 in 2009.

Commissioners approved the county’s 2010-2011 budget — including the \$750,000 increase — approximately two weeks ago.

“The majority of that increase over last year’s budget is made up of salary increases for county employees, as well as increases in the number of deputies and jail employees,” Barr said. “I feel like we’re on the right track now, and Sheriff Stan Parker is really doing a tremendous job with that de-

partment.

“It’s always tough when you’re putting a budget like this together. You’re trying to balance a lot of different things, like trying to keep taxes down while still providing the best services possible to the citizens. Of course, law enforcement and keeping our residents safe has to be our highest priority.”

Also during the Monday morning meeting, commissioners are expected to consider a resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program, as well as adopt a flood damage prevention ordinance for the county.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and a revised travel policy, while County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will present personnel considerations.

The court will also meet with Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson regard-

ing pipeline crossings and road maintenance, while County Clerk Donna Wright will request approval of her office’s annual archive plan.

District Clerk Colleen Barton is also expected to seek approval of records for Internet access and approval of the annual archive plan for her office.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Monday 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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“The officer (Mike Calley, BSPD) saw the two suspects running along Interstate Highway 20,” said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. “It appeared the two were looking for a way to cross the Interstate.”

Everett said the officer, assisted by deputies from the Howard County Sheriff’s Office, pursued the two men and eventually took them into custody in the 800 block of

W. Interstate Highway 20, a short distance from the Exxon station.

Neither man is believed to have used a weapon during the robbery and no injuries were reported as a result of the altercation.

“According to the report, the two men approached the clerk at the Exxon station and said, ‘This is a robbery,’” said Everett. “They took the clerk back to the store’s bathroom and told (the clerk) to stay in there. The clerk stayed there until hearing the door chime, at which time it

was believed the men had left.

“However, when the clerk opened the bathroom door, the two men were seen running out the door with the station’s cash box.”

The cash box, which contained an undetermined amount of cash, was recovered when officers arrested the two men, according to Everett.

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go back to school in the fall.”

Contact hours — the time students physically spend in classes or labs — increased by 29 percent, which is particularly good news for the college because contact hours are the figures state officials use when determining how much state aid a college will receive.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Bond project updates and change orders.
- Catalog and hand-book changes.
- Approval of a bid to purchase properties held in trust by Coahoma Independent School

District.
• The district’s annual delinquent tax collection report.

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It is with deep appreciation that the family of

Ana Maria Aguilar Trevino

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Sincerely,
Albert and Connie Ramirez and the Trevino Family



Jaramillo will be represented by Big Spring attorney Tim Yeats.

Another trial is scheduled to be held in 118th District Court Tuesday. Jason Threats of Big Spring is charged with delivery of a controlled substance and theft. He will be represented by

local attorney Don Richard, while Wilkerson is scheduled to argue the case for the state.

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A&M Consolidated 56, Temple 17	Denton Ryan 33, Lake Dallas 13	Brownwood 65, China Spring 14	Groveton 41, Pineland West
Abilene Cooper 56, Lubbock	Dumas 27, Plainview 7	Bullard 35, Huntington 17	Sabine 8
Coronado 21	El Campo 42, Angleton 27	Burnet 33, Gatesville 22	Hamilton 6, Cisco 0
Aldine 33, Aldine MacArthur 23	El Paso 24, EP Austin 7	Canton 42, Mount Vernon 13	Harper 32, Johnson City 31
Allen 30, Plano 13	EP Andress 40, EP Burges 7	Carthage 53, Center 24	Hebbronville 35, Premont 0
Amarillo 17, Odessa 7	EP Bowie 43, EP Jefferson 14	Celina 31, Paris 7	Hooks 36, Paris Chisum 13
Arlington 35, Arlington Lamar 7	EP Del Valle 42, EP Ysleta 7	Cleveland 16, Shepherd 14	Jewett Leon 49, Lovelady 14
Arlington Houston 41, FW	EP Riverside 17, San Elizario 0	Clint 42, Tornillo 6	Joaquin 48, Tyler All Saints 42,
Paschal 24	Everman 57, Crowley 27	Crandall 41, Dallas Smith 19	OT
Arlington Martin 38, Arlington	Friendswood 55, Galveston Ball	Cuero 38, Pleasanton 14	Jourdanton 28, La Pryor 27
Bowie 14	22	Dalhart 35, Lubbock Cooper 10	Lexington 65, Jarrell 0
Austin Anderson 42, Seguin 6	Frisco Liberty 28, Carrollton	Dallas Madison 67, Greenville 0	Littlefield 47, Amarillo River
Austin Westlake 39, New	Smith 19	Devine 42, Carrizo Springs 6	Road 7
Braunfels 34	Frisco Wakeland 38, Frisco 15	Diboll 27, Sour Lake Hardin-	Lone Oak 36, Cooper 13
Bryan 21, Killeen Ellison 19	FW Boswell 41, Azle 0	Jefferson 9	Malakoff 33, New Diana 7
Cibolo Steele 27, Austin High 7	FW Carter-Riverside 31, FW	Fabens 28, EP Cathedral 21	Marlin 49, Florence 19
Clear Brook 38, Alvin 10	South Hills 14	Fairfield 58, Kemp 7	McGregor 29, Little River
Converse Wagner 40, SA	FW Southwest 35, FW Dunbar	Ferris 47, Eustace 29	Academy 6
Southwest 7	15	Fischer Canyon Lake 37, Luling	Melissa 47, Gunter 27
Coppell 55, Saginaw 0	Galena Park 53, Houston King	13	Mineola 52, Emory Rains 21
Copperas Cove 41, Belton 21	19	Gainesville 23, Lake Worth 14	Muleshoe 31, Lubbock Roosevelt
Cypress Ranch 38, Cypress	Granbury 33, Cleburne 7	Geronimo Navarro 49, Shiner 3	7
Woods 35	Gregory-Portland 28, Monterrey	Gilmer 39, Daingerfield 18	New Boston 55, Hughes Springs
Dallas Skyline 27, Richardson	Tech, Mexico 10	Gladewater 34, Arp 28	40
Berkner 14	Hereford 26, Wolfforth Frenship 7	Glen Rose 38, FW Castleberry 0	New London West Rusk 54,
Deer Park 21, La Porte 19	Hewitt Midway 42, Bowie 7	Gonzales 41, Yoakum 16	Tenaha 31
Denton Guyer 50, Justin	Houston Washington 41,	Graham 21, Borger 6	Newton 42, Buna 27
Northwest 7	Houston Kashmere 40	Henderson 37, Texarkana	Omaha Pewitt 65, Clarksville 59
Dickinson 37, League City Clear	Houston Worthing 45, Houston	Liberty-Eylau 13	Ore City 29, Gladewater Union
Creek 14	Jones 6	Hondo 40, Pearsall 2	Grove 13
Duncanville 70, Grand Prairie 6	Houston Yates 84, Houston	Huffman Hargrave 56, Liberty 7	Ozona 30, McCamey 0
EP Coronado 21, EP Hanks 0	Davis 0	Ingleside 21, CC West Oso 13	Paradise 34, Nocona 14
EP El Dorado 56, EP Bel Air 7	Humble 37, Conroe Caney Creek	21	Post 9, Forsan 6
EP Franklin 45, EP Socorro 7	21	Kaufman 34, Commerce 21	Poth 30, Stockdale 0
Euless Trinity 42, Colleyville	Huntsville 21, Humble Summer	Kirbyville 50, Wills Point 0	Pottsboro 39, Tom Bean 13
Heritage 7	Creek 0	Lamesa 27, Pecos 0	Queen City 49, Winona 22
Fort Bend Elkins 59, Fort Bend	Hutto 38, Bryan Rudder 17	Lampasas 43, San Angelo Lake	Quitman 35, Big Sandy Harmony
Clements 14	Kerrville Tivy 55, Uvalde 27	View 27	21
Fort Bend Hightower 49, Fort	Killeen 28, Del Valle 17	Llano 42, Fredericksburg 21	Redwater 21, Linden-Kildare 12
Bend Travis 17	Lake Travis 38, Dripping Springs	Longview Spring Hill 38, Van 7	Refugio 63, Skidmore-Tynan 14
Galena Park North Shore 42,	0	Lorena 21, Groesbeck 9	Rogers 41, Franklin 14
Pasadena Memorial 7	Lancaster 42, West Mesquite 21	Lucas Lovejoy 28, Abilene Wylie	San Angelo Grape Creek 46,
Garland Rowlett 17, Garland	Lewisville The Colony 56,	0	Alpine 17
Sachse 14	Wichita Falls 25	Madisonville 10, Rockdale 7	Sanford-Fritch 49, Tulia 9
Grapevine 21, Hurst Bell 20	Little Cypress-Mauriceville 45,	Mathis 69, Zapata 20	Scurry-Rosser 36, Centerville 32
Haltom City 28, Irving Nimoz 27	Lumberton 0	Mexia 27, Liberty Hill 20	Sonora 38, Blanco 37
Houston Langham Creek 45,	Livingston 49, Port Neches-	Mineral Wells 31, Burkburnett 13	Stanton 17, Coahoma 2
Cypress Springs 28	Groves 42	Monahans 56, Clint Mountain	Sunnyvale 23, Moody 12
Houston Madison 42, Houston	Magnolia 35, Houston	View 14	Tatum 41, Pittsburg 17
Sam Houston 0	Northbrook 6	Needville 14, Bellville 7	Teague 31, Blooming Grove 7
Irving MacArthur 29, Irving 3	Manor 26, Elgin 7	North Forney 13, Dallas	Thorndale 22, Bruceville-Eddy 6
Katy 62, Katy Seven Lakes 21	Mansfield Summit 21, Burleson 7	Roosevelt 6	Three Rivers 63, SA Brooks 0
Katy Cinco Ranch 48, Katy	Marshall 24, Kilgore 14	Palacios 25, Goliad 18	Tuscola Jim Ned 40, Early 6
Mayde Creek 7	Mesquite Poteet 28, Forney 12	Pampa 25, Vernon 14	Universal City Randolph 27, SA
Keller Central 27, Keller 7	Montgomery 34, Houston	Pilot Point 57, Boyd 26	Texas Military 21
Klein 38, Klein Forest 17	Stratford 10	Progreso 37, Santa Rosa 31	Vanderbilt Industrial 48, Van
La Joya Palmview 42, Mission 28	N. Richland Hills Birdville 49,	Raymondville 49, Rio Hondo 0	Vleck 21
La Marque 41, Manvel 27	Northwest Nelson 10	Robinson 34, Taylor 10	Wall 38, Crane 20
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Nixon 3	New Caney 35, Brownsville	Salado 42, West 21	
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Lewisville 55, Plano West 49	10, OT	Shallowater 32, Perryton 24	Big Lake Reagan County 27,
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Lufkin 42, Conroe 14	Rockwall-Heath 45, Richardson	Greenwood 7	Caeyuga 47, Colmesneil 0
Mansfield 42, Mansfield	Pearce 20	Texarkana Pleasant Grove 35,	Celeste 47, Savoy 8
Thompson 23	Rosenberg Terry 21, Freeport	Jefferson 19	Center Point 28, Barksdale
McAllen Memorial 21, McAllen 6	Brazosport 0	Tyler Chapel Hill 41, Lindale 17	Nueces Canyon 22
Mesquite 34, Waco 17	SA Alamo Heights 31, Lockhart 6	Van Alstyne 35, Farmersville 21	Christoval 28, Leakey 14
Mesquite Horn 31, Stephenville	SA Edison 45, SA Memorial 16	Waco La Vega 25, Waco	Clarendon 49, Wellington 20
19	SA Harlandale 28, Northside	University 6	Claude 44, Booker 28
Midland 49, San Angelo Central	Brennan 20	West Columbia 22, Bay City 13	Collinsville 46, Sadler S&S
14	SA Kennedy 30, SA Burbank 27	Wimberley 31, Sealy 30	Consolidated 12
Midland Lee 24, Amarillo	SA Southside 38, SA		Crosbyton 21, Seagraves 13
Tascosa 21	Brackenridge 35, 2OT	CLASS 2A	Dawson 34, Bosqueville 20
North Crowley 26, Weatherford	Seagoville 57, North Dallas 32	Abernathy 51, Amarillo Highland	De Leon 26, Seymour 20
19	Sherman 35, Mount Pleasant 7	Park 14	Evadale 27, Saratoga West
Northside Marshall 21, Northside	Smithson Valley 35, New	Altair Rice 27, Hempstead 14	Hardin 0
Holmes 14, OT	Braunfels Canyon 14	Alvord 22, Valley View 19	Falls City 49, Woodsboro 0
Northside O'Connor 20,	Springtown 65, FW Brewer 14	Anahuac 52, Warren 6	Garrison 33, San Augustine 32
Northside Taft 9	Sulphur Springs 48, Denison 14	Anson 22, Hawley 12	Gilmer Union Hill 20, Cumby 7
Odessa Permian 38, Lubbock	Texarkana Texas 56, Royse	Ballinger 48, Brady 14	Goldthwaite 29, Mart 23
Monterey 0	City 0	Bangs 12, Merkel 8	Granger 44, Somerville 14
Pasadena Dobie 19,	Tyler 42, Hallsville 5	Banquete 41, Riviera Kaufer 18	Honey Grove 27, Howe 21, OT
Channelview 17	Victoria East 28, SA East Central	Bells 52, Frisco Lone Star 7	Iola 32, Hubbard 28
Port Arthur Memorial 48,	13	Buffalo 26, Grapeland 20, OT	Iraan 42, Eldorado 0
Pasadena South Houston 13	Victoria West 28, SA Highlands	Bushland 49, Slaton 0	Itasca 27, Wortham 6
PSJA Memorial 41, PSJA North	21	Cameron Yoe 56, Hearne 0	Kerens 21, Alto 6
28	Vidor 24, Nederland 14	Colorado City 37, Denver City 0	La Villa 40, Odem 33
Richardson 58, Dallas Sunset 0	Waller 34, Houston Spring	Comanche 54, Whitney 20	Louise 48, San Marcos Baptist
Round Rock 41, Round Rock	Woods 18	Como-Pickton 54, Hawkins 28	15
McNeil 35, 4OT	WF Rider 35, Little Elm 14	Corsicana Mildred 37, Elkhart 10	Malakoff Cross Roads 32, Frost
Round Rock Stony Point 27,	Whitehouse 28, Jacksonville 14	Cotulla 34, Charlotte 8	12
Round Rock Westwood 14	Wylie 23, McKinney 20	Crawford 34, Tolar 8	Mason 31, Ingram Moore 0
SA Reagan 35, SA Churchill 34,	Wylie East 23, McKinney North	Crockett 34, Frankston 12	Maud 55, Detroit 20
2OT	20	Danbury 61, Wallis Brazos 0	Menard 23, Gorman 14
SA Roosevelt 44, SA Lee 0	CLASS 3A	Dilley 43, Nixon-Smiley 21	Meridian 36, Rice 26
South Garland 35, North Garland	Alvarado 35, Bridgeport 27	East Bernard 49, El Maton	Miles 21, Baird 12
13	Andrews 38, Anthony 14	Tidehaven 20	Morton 19, Nazareth 0
South Grand Prairie 17,	Aransas Pass 47, Bishop 13	East Chambers 35, Woodville 13	New Deal 21, Farwell 0
Midlothian 14	Argyle 40, Prosper 17	Eastland 41, Dublin 0	Normangee 58, Bartlett 6
The Woodlands College Park 27,	Athens 49, Palestine 14	Edgewood 41, Grand Saline 12	Olton 20, Lockney 12
Conroe Oak Ridge 21, OT	Big Spring 34, Midland Christian	Edna 31, Hallettsville 0	Pettus 9, Bruni 0
Tomball 37, Spring Westfield 30	30	Floydada 14, Spearman 7	Price Carlisle 62, Cushing 14
	Bonham 50, Nevada Community	Friona 46, Childress 13	Quannah 34, Haskell 0
	18	George West 21, San Diego 6	Ralls 20, Smyer 13
	Bridge City 36, Stafford 0	Gladewater Sabine 28, Overton	Ranger 35, Chico 13
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ENTRY FORM IN WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY EDITION OF THE BIG SPRING HERALD

MENUS

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Wednesday: Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage links, grape juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti or barbecue beef on a bun, corn, sliced bread, mixed fruit cups, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast - Pancakes and sausage on a stick, syrup, apple juice, milk. Lunch - McRibbs or sloppy joe, potato salad, strawberries, sliced bread, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast - Honey bun, juice, milk. Lunch - Ravioli, green beans, garlic toast, orange smiles, brownie, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey sandwich, veggies, Sun Chips, baby carrots, fruit choice, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, rosie applesauce, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Lunch - Hot dog, tater tots, ranch style beans, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Barbecued chicken, potato salad, ranch style beans, cornbread, mandarin oranges, milk.
Tuesday: Pork tenderloins, rice pilaf, steamed cabbage, chocolate pudding, milk.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, buttered potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, milk.
Thursday: Chili with cheese, pinto beans, Fritos, crackers, green salad, cheese cakes with blueberries, milk, V8 Juice.

HealthTalk HealthTalk HealthTalk HealthTalk

Q: Why do nutrition experts say that you should only shop around the perimeter of the grocery store?

A: The concept behind that advice is that the produce, dairy and fresh meat and seafood departments are usually located around the outside rim of the grocery store. By shopping there — and avoiding the inner aisles laden with sweets, soft drinks and low-nutrient snack foods — the hope is that you'll fill your cart with healthful foods.

We know from research that no matter what you tell yourself when you throw them in your cart, the more unhealthy choices you bring home, the more of them you eat. However, it's not really true that everything in the center of the store is unhealthy. This is the spot for many unprocessed whole grains (whole-grain pasta, brown rice, oatmeal, quinoa), dried beans (either canned or uncooked), nuts, dried fruit, coffee and tea, and herbs and spices. And although it's hard to go wrong in the produce department, the meat department contains both healthy options like seafood, poultry and lean red meat (for limited use), and high-fat and processed meats that should not be standard fare for eating habits that help lower your risk of cancer and heart disease.

Perhaps what makes more sense for nutrition-

wise shopping habits is to shop with a list and go down only the aisles with foods on that list. Shopping like this, rather than going up and down every aisle, will probably save you money by avoiding impulse purchases and lead to better food choices.

Q: What is miso?

A: Miso (pronounced MEE-so) is a paste made of fermented soybeans that is a traditional part of Asian cuisine. It gives a sweet, salty flavor to sauces, soups, dips, marinades, dressings and stir-fries. Flavor, texture and color vary considerably, depending on the amount of salt used, the addition of rice or barley, and how long it ferments. Darker miso usually has a stronger, saltier flavor. You can store miso in the refrigerator for several months. Recipes using miso usually require only one to two tablespoons for a cup of broth. Each tablespoon contains about 35 calories, 2 grams of protein, 5 grams of carbohydrate and 1 gram of fat. Watch out for the sodium content, usually over 600 milligram (mg) per tablespoon. That's less than you'd get in regular bouillon to mix with a cup of water, but more than a quarter of the recommended limit for the day. Miso provides isoflavones, as do other forms of soybeans, but since the portion used is small, it's not a major source. Each tablespoon provides about 7 mg, about as much as a veggie burger and much less than a standard serving of tofu or cooked soybeans.



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Cyber Bullying

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Beware of the Cyber Bully

The iSAFE America research team has discovered a disturbing trend—cyber bullying has affected more than half the students surveyed, on both sides of the issue. Their latest assessments surveyed more than 1500 students ranging from fourth to eighth grade across the country. They found out:

- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful things to another online
- 42% of kids have been bullied while online

The tradition of home as a refuge from bullies on the school playground is over. The Internet is the new playground, and there are no off hours. The popularity of instant messaging, e-mail, webpages, and blogging means kids are a target 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Even worse, iSAFE found out 58 percent of kids have not told their parents or any adult about something mean or hurtful that had happened to them online.

Teachers and school officials need to be aware of the rising trend of cyber bullying as incidents online are brought onto school grounds. iSAFE offers these tips to share with students who are being cyber bullied:

- Tell a trusted adult and keep telling them until they take action.
- Never open, read or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- If it is school related, tell your school. All schools have bullying solutions.
- Do not erase the messages. They may be needed to take action.
- If bullied through chat or IM, the bully can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.

Above all, students are the cure to the cyber bullying epidemic. By speaking out and telling adults they can stop bullying online and make the Internet experience a more positive one.

Cyber Bullying: Breaking It Down

Cyber Bullying is verbal harassment that occurs during online activities.

Cyber Bullying can take many forms. These are a few:

- A threatening e-mail
- Nasty instant messaging session
- Repeated notes sent to the cell phone
- A website set up to mock others
- "Borrowing" someone's screen name and pretending to be them while posting a message.
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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

AP Poll:
Health care
law making us
muddle-minded

Six months after President Barack Obama signed the landmark health care law, the nation still doesn't really know what's in it. More than half of Americans mistakenly believe the overhaul will raise taxes for most people this year, an *Associated Press* poll finds. But that would be true only if most people were devoted to indoor tanning, which got hit with a sales tax. Many who wanted the health care system to be overhauled don't realize that some provisions they cared about actually did make it in. And about a quarter of supporters don't understand that something hardly anyone wanted didn't make it: They mistakenly say the law will set up panels of bureaucrats to make decisions about people's care — what critics labeled “death panels.”

The uncertainty and confusion amount to a dismal verdict for the Obama administration's campaign to win over public opinion. Before the final votes in Congress, Obama personally assured wavering Democrats he'd take the case to the American people after the law passed. But it hasn't worked. And in the final stretch before the midterm elections Republicans are united by their call for repeal.

“I'm insecure about a document that was as big as the health care bill and wonder if anybody understands exactly what's in it,” said Diann Kelley, 61, a retiree from Marietta, Ga., who says she's “somewhat opposed” to the law. The AP poll was conducted by Stanford University with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“The main fear is the cost,” explained Kelley. “I'm not sure that we can afford to take on something quite as massive as the health care reform with the economy the way it is.”

It's not that Kelley has a negative opinion about everything in the law. The prohibition on health insurance companies denying coverage to people because of pre-existing medical conditions “is really a fine idea,” she said.

The poll's questions included a true-or-false quiz on 19 items, some of which are in the law and others not. People were also asked how confident they were about their answers.

See **HEALTH CARE POLL**, Page 5A

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A Small Prayer

by K. Rae Anderson

When we let You take the lead, Lord,
we come out ahead. Amen

Bountiful America

It's officially fall — the time of year when the weather starts to cool, leaves begin to change and, for America's farmers, harvest is in full-swing. For the 98 percent of Americans who are not directly involved in the agriculture industry, the 24/7 life of a farmer or rancher may go unnoticed.

But, if you are reading this article, thank a tree producer for the paper and a soy-bean producer for the ink. If you are enjoying a cup of coffee, glass of milk, a bite to eat while you read, thank a farmer or rancher. When you dress

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for work or play — you guessed it — thank the 2.2 million Americans involved in production agriculture.

It's because of these individuals that we enjoy the basic necessities of life — food, clothing and shelter — in abundance and at a lower percentage of our expendable income than anywhere else in the world.

Nowhere, but in the United States, is such a wide variety of food available to everyday consumers. It's important to consider the farmers, ranchers and growers who work day in and day out to produce a plentiful, safe, affordable supply of food, fiber and fuel.

To bring the perspective closer to home, Howard County's 519 farms comprised of 522,791 acres of land produce agriculture prod-

ucts with a market value of more than \$40.9 million contributing significantly to the county's economic infrastructure. Farms and ranches in Howard County produce cotton, wheat, hay and cattle.

So this week, as you visit the grocery store, a restaurant, farmer's market or sit down to a meal with family and friends, I ask that you join my colleagues and me at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in thanking America's farmers and ranchers.

I'm certain they will be grateful to know that their fellow citizens appreciate their role in making America a truly great nation.

Rick Liles is the Howard County Farm Service Agency county executive director.

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YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Politicians want us to believe that they voted to spend our money responsibly and didn't vote to increase our taxes. They claim to have voted to keep bureaucrats out of Texas classrooms and to protect human life at all stages. In West Texas, moderate and liberal politicians are claiming to be “conservative” and leaving the word “Democrat” off of their signs and brochures.

So what about the two men who visited Big Spring recently? They both speak and campaign as if they are “conservatives.” Do their votes match their rhetoric? Thanks to the internet, we no longer have to wonder ... we can find out for ourselves.

If you are thinking that Heflin and Seliger's voting records are conservative just because they tell you so...think again.

Votes cast by these men are available online. Don't take my word for it ... see for yourself.

For Fiscal Responsibility Rankings (budget and free enterprise issues), go to www.empowertexas.org (Heflin's score was 33 percent out of a possible 100 percent, Seliger's was 42 percent). Both failed.

For a cross-section of conservative votes, visit www.texaseagle.org/ (Heflin scored 13 percent of 100 percent; Seliger 28 percent). Both failed.

Sixty-six conservative issue votes were selected and organized on www.heritagealliance.com/ (Heflin scored 23 percent out of 100 percent, while Seliger scored 53 percent). Again, both failed.

For the official record on all votes, go to <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/billlookup/billnumber.aspx>.

Citizens of Texas House District 85 and Senate District 31 deserve representatives that don't just “talk the talk” but actually “walk the walk.” Even if we disagree with them on the issues, at least we could respect them if they would own-up to their voting record. I'm tired of politicians. Americans aren't “buying” what politicians are “selling” anymore. What do we do with someone whose campaign rhetoric doesn't match his votes? That's easy ... vote him out.

DEEDE CAULEY
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

On Saturday, September 18, we walked for Alzheimer's Awareness. It was the 15th year that our community has participated. Walkers of all ages and from all walks of life met at the Haynes Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. We were of one mind—to bring attention to this incurable disease that will touch the lives of all of us at one time or another. Every 70 seconds someone is diagnosed with this disease. Families and patients alike are forever changed as they try to cope with its devastating results. So far this year we have raised more than \$9,530 that will be used locally to fund our support efforts and education classes.

The response this year was wonderful! I can't thank everyone enough for the support and participation in this year's Walk. Our local sponsors were Park Place Retirement Homes, Parkview Nursing Home, Compass Hospice and “Your Journey” books. Thank you so much.

Dozens of businesses and organizations donated food, supplies and door prizes. Without all of these dedicated people and the Advisory Committee, the event could not have been the success it was. Thanks to all those who sponsored fundraising events, those who asked for donations and those who gave. It takes all of us to make the Walk successful!

A special thank you to Mike Henry for being this year's Emcee. We want to make special mention of the team that raised the most money — Canterbury Retirement Homes, the walker who raised the most money—Rick Stovall and the Team with the most walkers — Goliad Cavaliers. Congratulations! We also thank the more than 300 people who took time out of their busy lives to walk with us.

So many times we forget to thank those who work behind the scenes and are not visible at the Walk.

Thank you to the City of Big Spring for the use of the facilities, the Big Spring Herald for all the great articles, KBST and KBYG for the interviews and Channels 2 and 17 for the PSA's.

May God bless each of you. I hope that you will plan on joining us next year.

NANCY JONES

Advisory Committee Member

To the Editor:

The funeral for my nephew Capt. Ellery Ray Wallace, 33, was held in Big Spring on Sept. 7. Ray was killed when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his armored vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 29. Services were held at a church, then the funeral procession drove the cemetery some 5.2 miles on the other side of town.

As family and friends made their way to their cars to join the funeral procession, it began to rain quite heavily. Despite the heavy rain (which was heavy enough to limit visibility) the 5-mile route from the church to the cemetery was lined with hundreds of individuals holding flags. Most of them did not have umbrellas or raincoats and were soaked to the bone within minutes. They stood there, patiently enduring the rain and cold, many of them having no previous knowledge of the funeral or the route the procession would take.

There were gas station attendants and mechanics who dropped what they were doing to stand at the curb and salute or place their hand over their hearts.

There were business owners in suites, women in dresses. There were individuals who had pulled over on the side of the road and exited the dry warmth of their vehicles to reverence the fallen soldier. There were countless dozens from the VA Hospital, somberly saluting.

It seemed like every bank, every store, every restaurant had emptied out into the rain. Every city employee, from the sanitation worker to the office administrator, seemed to line the street as car after car of the funeral procession splashed water on them. There was no flinching, no cursing. Only respect.

Ray hadn't lived in Big Spring for almost 20 years, so 99 percent of these people were complete and total strangers to him and to us. But on that day, they were family.

Thank You Big Spring, I've never been more proud to call you home.

J. DOUGLAS WALLACE

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Healthy foods can be good

Looking for good, wholesome dinners with minimal fuss? Simple, one-pot soups are an easy way to make nutritious meals for your family. This month, Scenic Mountain Medical Center's web series The Health eCooking™ Show is featuring delicious homemade soups that are perfect autumn weeknight suppers or make-ahead meals. Recipes and cooking videos found at The Health eCooking™ Show, feature step-by-step cooking instructions. A pro-

fessional chef shows how to make healthy versions of America's favorite dishes, such as fresh tomato pasta, chicken casserole and meatloaf. For October, you'll find healthy, hearty soups full of flavor and nourishing ingredients. These satisfying soups are lower in sodium than the "healthiest" canned soups. For the best nutrition and taste, there's nothing like homemade. Health eCooking™ features appetizing soups that

make a complete meal, such as quick Split Pea Soup you can make in under an hour. Or, try thick, rich Quinoa Soup loaded with chicken sausage and lean pork. Find more super soup ideas on www.smmccares.com.

Here's a classic Chicken Soup you can make ahead. Freeze the leftovers and heat up dinner in minutes.

Chicken Soup Recipe

2 Tbsp olive oil
4 to 5 lbs chicken pieces, skin removed
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped onions
5 carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
1/8 tsp salt
1/8 tsp black pepper
1 Tbsp minced garlic
1 tsp sage
1 cup frozen corn
1 can whole tomatoes (optional)
2 quarts water
1 cup cooked yolk free whole wheat egg noodles

In a 4-quart Dutch oven or stockpot, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Place chicken pieces in pot and sear each side for 1



minute. Add celery, onions, carrots, salt, pepper, garlic, sage, corn, tomatoes (if using) and water and bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour and 45 minutes, or until chicken meat begins to fall off the bone.

Remove soup from heat and let it rest for 15 minutes. Skim off and discard fat from soup. Remove chicken from pot. Cut meat from bones. Return meat to soup. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, for 10 to 15 minutes, or until

heated through.

Add cooked noodles and stir.

Yield: 16 servings
Nutrition Facts (per serving): Calories: 256; Fat: 6g; Saturated Fat: 1g; Cholesterol: 97mg; Sodium: 162mg; Carbohydrates: 11g; Fiber: 3g; Protein: 37g

To watch the video, go to: www.smmccares.com and click Health eCooking recipes.

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everyone can use it, especially people who want to eat better, lose weight or find foods that help them manage diabetes or heart disease. All recipes on this site are approved by registered dietitians and tested by professional chefs. Recipes include tips for healthy cooking and verified nutritional values. Our database provides a wide range of options for those in search of heart healthy, gluten free or diabetic recipes. New recipes and how-to cooking videos are added monthly.

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ODD NEWS

Man douses himself with paint to avoid Taser

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A Cheyenne man who covered himself with white latex paint in hopes of avoiding a police Taser was hit with the stun gun anyway.

The Taser chase happened Sept. 16, when Cheyenne Police went to Brian Mattern's house on a domestic violence call. *The Wyoming Tribune Eagle* reports that when police arrived, Mattern thought they'd use a Taser on him, so he hastily covered himself in paint and told officers that if they shot him with the stun gun, he'd die.

Officers told him the paint wouldn't affect the Taser's capability. According to police, Mattern scuffled with officers and was hit with a Taser twice before officers handcuffed him. The man faces several criminal charges. Police say the officers' uniforms had to be cleaned.

Clerk foils 2 'armed' with toy gun

DUNCANVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Police say two women who tried to rob a central Pennsylvania adult book store with a toy gun didn't fool a clerk, who told them to "get a real gun."

Authorities say 28-year-old Shannon Cheripka, of Glasgow, and 26-year-old Angela Crook, of Coalport, attempted to rob the Adult World store in Duncanville around 1 a.m. Thursday.

Cheripka told police the clerk said, "First, if you're going to rob someone, get a real gun. Second off, you're not getting any money."

Authorities say the clerk chased away the women before police in nearby Logan Township arrested them in a van the clerk had described.

The women remained in the Blair County Jail on Friday on robbery and other charges.

Conn. man stole flag, put up toy

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — Call it the case of the flying hippo.

Connecticut police say a man stole an American flag from Waterbury's Town Plot Park and hoisted a stuffed hippopotamus toy in its place.

Twenty-three-year-old Jeffrey Kovic, of Waterbury, was arrested and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail on misdemeanor larceny, criminal mischief and conspiracy charges.

HEALTH CARE POLL

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For the most part, majorities picked the right answers. But a sizable number also got things wrong. And right or wrong, people were unsure of their answers. Two-thirds or more were uncertain about their responses on eight of nine core provisions of the legislation.

Analysis of the findings indicated a split as far as the impact of accurate knowledge, between Democrats and independents on one side and Republicans on the other.

Accurate knowledge of the law made no difference in overwhelming opposition from Republicans.

Michael Cagnina, 33, a web developer from Powhatan, Va., summed it up: "It just doesn't make me feel comfortable that the government is going to give people free health care but ultimately the government's money is my money."

However, for Democrats and independents, the more accurate knowledge people had of the bill, the more they liked it.

"Among Democrats

and independents, the lack of knowledge is suppressing public approval of the bill," said Stanford political science professor Jon Krosnick, who directed the university's participation. "Although the president and others have done a great deal to educate people about what is in this bill, the process has not been particularly successful."

The White House is staging an event Wednesday to mark the six-month anniversary of Obama signing the bill. The president and top administration officials will be joined by people from around the country who are already benefiting from such popular provisions as allowing adult children to remain on their parents' insurance until they reach 26.

Will it make a difference?

The poll shows Obama has yet to find the right wavelength for communicating even information that's relatively straightforward. One question stood out as an example:

People were asked whether the Congressional Budget Office had ruled that the legislation would probably increase the government's debt, or whether the nonpartisan budget analysts found that the health law would reduce red ink. (Correct answer:

cause. A tip of the hat and a big thanks to you both.

RICK STOVALL
BIG SPRING

LETTERS

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TO THE EDITOR:

I have recently had the privilege of being part of a team who put together and held the 2010 Alzheimer's Mem-

ory Walk in Big Spring. The list of individual, teams and sponsors who need to be thanked is far too long to post in this letter.

However, two individuals I would like to single out for a special thanks are Thomas Jenkins and Mike Henry.

Mr. Jenkins gave the Memory walk outstanding coverage and we are indebted to him and the Big Spring Herald.

Mr. Henry was our MC for the event and did a excellent job.

Both of these gentlemen stepped up and helped out a worthy

CBO found it would reduce the federal deficit over time.)

But 81 percent in the survey got the wrong answer, including a majorities of both supporters and opponents — even though Obama seldom misses a chance to remind audiences of CBO's favorable report.

Overall, three out of ten in the poll said they favored the law, while four in ten said they were opposed. Another 30 percent were neutral.

The findings on support and opposition differ from another recent AP poll, but the two surveys cannot be compared because they were drawn up and carried out differently.

The other survey, an AP-GfK political poll, found 41 percent supporting the bill and 46 percent opposing it, with only 12 percent neutral.

The new survey was

conducted Aug. 31 to Sept. 7, and involved interviews with 1,251 randomly chosen adults nationwide. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

The survey was conducted by Knowledge Networks, which first chose people for the study using randomly generated telephone numbers and home addresses.

Once people were selected to participate, they were interviewed online. Participants without Internet access were provided it for free.

Stanford University's participation in the project was made possible by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

—Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Trevor Thompson, Associated Press writers



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9-year veteran named top psychiatric nursing aide

Special to the Herald

Cherilyn Hunt — a nine-year veteran of Big Spring State Hospital — has been named the hospital's Psychiatric Nursing Aide of the Year.

Hunt was one of 23 psychiatric nursing aides considered for the award. Nominees are suggested by their peers and voted on by past award recipients and nurse managers.

"It's a great honor," Chief Nurse Executive Stormy Ward, MSN, RN.C, said. "We have so many great psychiatric nursing aides and it's tough to pick just one. It takes some long discussions to narrow it down."

Psychiatric nursing aides provide all patient safety care and oversight under direction of the registered nurses. They spend the greatest amount of time with the hospital's patients and comprise the largest segment of the hospital's employee workforce. Nearly 240 psychiatric nursing aides are employed by Big Spring State Hospital.

Psychiatric nursing aides accompany patients to classes, supervise their daily activities on the unit and accompany them to doctor's appointments and everyday tasks.

Many longtime hospital employees started their career in mental health as psychiatric nursing aides, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

"It was my first job 30-something years ago," he said. "Most of us working here today started



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Nursing Supervisor Andi Winn congratulates PNA of the Year Cherilyn Hunt following the awards ceremony.

as psychiatric nursing aides because we needed a job. And then we fell in love with the field of work and stayed in it.

"If you look at the history of who has received this honor, it's somebody who loves his or her job," Moughon said.

Hunt began her career nine years ago on the hospital's adolescent unit, subsequently moving to the APS-Female unit where she has served as a shift team leader for the past year. Her nominating form read that she is "compassionate, supportive and respectful to her co-workers as well as to her patients."

"She is an excellent supervisor and role model and is extremely

knowledgeable in all aspects of her supervisory role.

"She never loses her composure or her sense of humor. She is a self-starter and is able to see the needs of the staff and addresses them in a timely manner," the form reads. "She is well aware of the fact that the staff must be rested and happy in order to maintain an environment which leads to the recovery and success of the patients."

Hunt is not only a dedicated employee, off-campus she demonstrates the same loyalty toward her family. Along with raising her son, Hunt is the primary caregiver for her mother and nephew, Moughon said.

Church sex scandal takes a heavy toll on victims' lawyers

DENISE LAVOIE

AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON — Attorney Ray Boucher helped secure a record \$660 million settlement from the Los Angeles Archdiocese on behalf of more than 500 people molested by priests. Five days after the settlement was announced, his wife left him.

Eric MacLeish, the hard-charging lawyer whose work for victims helped spur the resignation of Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law in 2002, later suffered a breakdown, stopped practicing law and got divorced.

And Steve Rubino, once such an observant Catholic he couldn't believe a priest would molest a child, lost his faith and eventually retired from the law.

"It moved me completely out of whatever religious context I was in — completely," he said.

The sex scandal that rocked the nation's Roman Catholic Church took a fearsome personal toll on some of the top lawyers who dared to challenge the institution.

While many of them ultimately reaped large fees for their services, the all-consuming workload, the pressure of battling the church and the stress of listening to graphic accounts of children's suffering were debilitating.

"No one can handle these cases and come out of it the same," said Sylvia Demarest, a lawyer who helped win a \$119.6 million verdict against the Diocese of Dallas in 1997 and later built a national database on clergy sex abuse cas-

"I can't imagine walking away from people who are suffering from the isolation of sexual abuse. I don't know how you walk away from that — no matter what the personal, emotional toll might be — I don't know how you walk away from that."

—Attorney Ray Boucher



es.

Demarest, now semiretired, said she grew frustrated with her inability to heal the wounds suffered by her clients. "What happens to kids when they're abused and what happens to their brains when they are abused is something that we don't know how to fix," she said.

The crisis exploded in Boston in 2002, after internal church documents released publicly showed that church leaders for decades had shuffled sexually abusive priests from parish to parish. The scandal spread across the country as thousands of lawsuits were filed by people who claimed they had been victimized.

For MacLeish, the clergy cases reawakened memories of being sexually abused as a child.

MacLeish and other lawyers won an \$85 million settlement in Boston in 2003 for more than 500 victims. But in the months after the landmark settlement was announced, MacLeish began to unravel. He developed insomnia and nausea, lost 40 pounds and couldn't work.

He was rattled by the image of a 9-year-old boy who was repeat-

edly sodomized over nine hours by a priest. The boy buried his bloody underwear so his mother wouldn't find out.

"The idea of him going off into the woods and burying his underwear, that really got to me," MacLeish said.

MacLeish had been sexually abused by a family friend during a camping trip at 15. And he had memories of being molested at an English boarding school he attended as a boy.

"I began to realize why I had been doing this work and how much my own abuse had affected me," he said. He said his pursuit of the church "was absolutely never about money." He added: "The wealth I received was the knowledge that I had really helped my clients and helped to change the Catholic Church."

Rubino, who retired last year after more than 20 years of representing clergy sex-abuse victims, was incredulous after a family friend came to him in 1987 and said a priest had sexually assaulted her 14-year-old son.

"I said, 'Well, that's impos-

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



The autumn ritual of a new football season has kicked off in earnest. And, as all fans of the gridiron know, an endless number of clichés from the commentators is part of the fun. One of their favorites is a reference to a team's "bend but don't break" defense, which could also be used to describe the stock market's performance since its April high. Let's all remember, the S&P 500 Composite rose 80 percent from its March 2009 low to the April 2010 high.

Looking back to last spring, the market has been weathering the European debt crisis and fears of an abrupt slowdown in global economic growth. Indeed, the possibility of a double-dip recession has been staring investors in the face. Also looming over the market have been predictions that the U.S. economy will either fall into a long Japanese-style deflation swoon or, at the opposite end of the spectrum, face a 1970s-style inflationary environment given the flood of liquidity that has been pumped into the financial system.

In addition, the Federal Reserve has acknowledged that the economy is recovering more slowly than it had anticipated, and President Obama has described the recovery as "painfully slow." Any one of these factors alone had the ability to trigger a much sharper and more prolonged stock market decline than what has actually materialized since the April peak. Instead, the market has continued its resiliency. Investors overall seem to have had a glass-is-half-full attitude.

As for recent economic data, fewer than expected weekly jobless claims were reported, and the July U.S. trade deficit shrank the most since February 2009. Overseas, stronger than expected imports from China boosted confidence that demand is holding up in that country.

In two speeches, President Obama added some momentum into the battle over taxes and how best to spark U.S. economic growth. He got his message firmly across that he believes tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans should be allowed to expire at year's end. Not surprisingly, Republicans saw things differently. The important message from the stock market was that investors handled the president's proposals for revving up economic growth in stride.

Although the stock market has been resilient, we remain skeptical about its near-term upside potential. Buyers and sellers are not displaying a strong conviction to act until some of the remaining economic uncertainties clear or time simply passes and sentiment shifts. Congress is reconvening to debate the fate of many tax issues and the president's proposals to breathe new life into the U.S. economy. Then there is the added pressure of lawmakers having only a few weeks to tackle a significant amount of legislation before recessing in early October for final midterm election campaigning.

For those who stayed up late to watch the Cowboys vs. Redskins season opener, you must have noticed the fog rolling into the Washington skies. It was an appropriate metaphor for the country's current situation. Investors will continue to work through the fog of uncertainties surrounding government policies, November elections, and economic statistics. We expect a touchdown in the future, but still believe the stock market needs to play solid defense for now.

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Pace of new home sales second slowest on record

WASHINGTON (AP) — New homes sold at the second-slowest pace on record in August, signaling that the housing market will remain a drag on the economy.

Last month's new home sales were unchanged from a month earlier at a seasonally adjusted annual sales pace of 288,000, the Commerce Department said Friday. Sales were down by 29 percent from the same month a year earlier.

Normally the building industry powers economic recoveries. Each new home built creates, on average, the equivalent of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Poll: Repeal? Many wish health bill went further

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul has divided the nation, and Republicans believe their call for repeal will help them win elections in November. But the picture’s not that clear cut.

A new AP poll finds that Americans who think the law should have done more outnumber those who think the government should stay out of health care by 2-to-1.

“I was disappointed that it didn’t provide universal coverage,” said Bronwyn Bleakley, 35, a biology professor from Easton, Mass.

More than 30 million people would gain coverage in 2019 when the law is fully phased in, but another 20 million or so would remain uninsured. Bleakley, who was uninsured early in her career, views the overhaul as a work in progress.

The poll found that about four in 10 adults think the new law did not go far enough to change the health care system, regardless of whether they support the law, oppose it or remain neutral. On the other side, about one in five say they oppose the law because they think the federal government should not be involved in health care at all.

The AP poll was conducted by Stanford University with the Robert Wood Johnson Founda-

tion. Overall, 30 percent favored the legislation, while 40 percent opposed it, and another 30 percent remained neutral.

Those numbers are no endorsement for Obama’s plan, but the survey also found a deep-seated desire for change that could pose a problem for Republicans. Only 25 percent in the poll said minimal tinkering would suffice for the health care system.

Brian Braley, 49, a tech industry worker from Mesa, Ariz., wants Washington to keep its hands off. “I think it’s a Trojan horse,” Braley said of the health care law. “It’s a communist, socialist scheme.”

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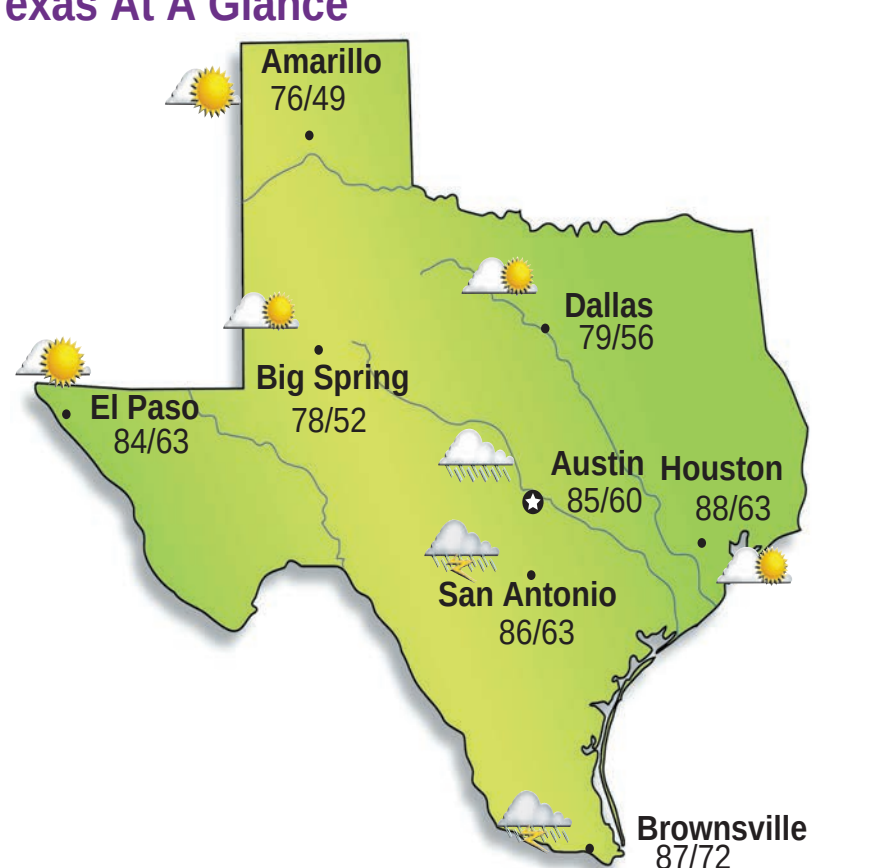
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Texas At A Glance



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	54	mst sunny	El Paso	84	63	mst sunny	Midland	81	56	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	49	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	79	58	cloudy	Raymondville	91	70	t-storm
Austin	85	60	rain	Gainesville	75	53	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	63	pt sunny	Greenville	77	53	pt sunny	San Antonio	86	63	t-storm
Brownsville	87	72	t-storm	Houston	88	63	pt sunny	San Marcos	86	60	rain
Brownwood	83	54	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	66	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	80	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	66	t-storm	Livingston	87	58	pt sunny	Sweetwater	78	53	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	55	pt sunny	Longview	84	56	mst sunny	Tyler	82	55	sunny
Dallas	79	56	pt sunny	Lubbock	78	51	mst sunny	Weatherford	77	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	64	t-storm	Lufkin	88	59	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	77	51	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	63	rain	Houston	88	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	102	77	sunny
Boston	67	54	pt sunny	Los Angeles	90	64	sunny	San Francisco	80	63	sunny
Chicago	61	46	mst sunny	Miami	87	78	t-storm	Seattle	67	62	rain
Dallas	79	56	pt sunny	Minneapolis	65	46	sunny	St. Louis	65	48	rain
Denver	85	56	mst sunny	New York	67	61	cloudy	Washington, DC	67	64	rain

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ible. Priests are celibate. What are you talking about?” recalled Rubino, who grew up in a large Italian Catholic family.

Rubino, whose law office was in Margate City, N.J., spent the next 15 years becoming a canon law expert. He traveled all over the U.S and to Ireland, Canada and Australia to represent victims and help other lawyers. Story after story of abuse left Rubino disheartened about the Catholic Church.

“I was a true believer. I said my Hail Marys, my Act of Contrition, I learned Latin, I served Mass, I believed in God,” he said. “I don’t do any of that now.”

At the height of the scandal, Rubino was working 16- to 20-hour days and traveling con-

stantly. His wife and three children resented it. “While I was (home), I was never there,” he said. “I was a second away from the next text, the next e-mail, the next phone call from a client.”

Rubino’s marriage survived, but Boucher’s did not. Boucher’s wife left him right after the 2007 settlement in Los Angeles.

“She just said, ‘Look, you’re on top of the world, the press is surrounding you, I haven’t accomplished what I want to accomplish in life, and I just don’t feel like I can stay with you,’” Boucher said. (Boucher’s ex-wife, Christine Roberts, declined to comment.)

Before that, Boucher had plowed through hundreds of cases in Los Angeles, and mostly managed to “box it up and store it away.” But, at times, the enormity of

the pain caused by the abuse was overwhelming.

In 2004, Boucher was editing DVDs of victims describing how they were raped or otherwise molested by a priest. He saw a pile of about 150 DVDs ready to be mailed to Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony. Each DVD cover had a picture of the victim as a child, as they were when they were assaulted.

“I was stunned. I looked at them, and I’m sure I started to cry,” Boucher recalled. “I will never lose that image.”

MacLeish’s marriage also ended in divorce. Diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, he began seeing a psychologist.

Within two months, they were sleeping together and their affair led to his divorce, MacLeish said.

MacLeish, now a professor who teaches civil

rights and criminal procedure at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, said he doesn’t regret the work he did, despite the toll it took on him and his family.

“There is not one case that I’ve heard of since 2004 where a known pedophile has been placed by the church into an organization where he would be able to do it again,” he said.

Rubino, 61, now spends time with his family and works as chief executive of a sports performance training center for kids. Rubino said it is a respite from the work he used to do.

“For the hundreds of damaged young lives I represented, the kids at (the center) are at the opposite end of the spectrum,” he said.

Boucher, 53, continues to represent victims.

“I can’t imagine walking away from people

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Texas DA tracks down murder suspect after 21 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A murder suspect who disappeared from a Houston courtroom just before his trial was to begin 21 years ago has been arrested in New York, where he had been living and working under an alias, the Harris County District Attorney’s office said Friday.

Theodore Emerson Dominguez, 57, is accused of stabbing and killing 24-year-old Camilo Sanchez in 1988 after the two fought over a woman.

On Aug. 30, 1989, Dominguez arrived at a Houston court for the start of his murder trial — then disappeared. He was arrested Thursday as he arrived at his workplace in Brooklyn, N.Y.

On Friday, Harris County prosecutors filed extradition papers to have Dominguez returned to Texas.

Harris County District Attorney Patricia Lykos said in a statement that investigators used new technology and databases to hunt down Dominguez. Investigator Chuck Lowery linked Dominguez to acquaintances and relatives, narrowing down his search to names currently associated with the suspect. The trail led Lowery to New York. Driver’s license records finally helped nail down Dominguez’s location, the statement said.

The District Attorney’s Office Fugitive Apprehension Section was created in 2009. Since then, 18 suspects have been found and arrested.

Librarian sexually assaulted in a Dallas library

DALLAS (AP) — Police say they are searching for a man who sexually assaulted a woman in the public library

where she works in southeast Dallas.

Dallas police spokesman Kevin Janse said the attack occurred before the library opened Thursday morning.

Police said the woman did not know her assailant.

Crime Stoppers is playing up to \$5,000 for information leading to the man’s arrest and indictment.

Skilling to have hearing on new trial request

HOUSTON (AP) — An appeals court has scheduled a Nov. 1 hearing in Houston on whether former Enron Corp. CEO Jeff Skilling should get a new trial following a ruling his conviction was flawed.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Skilling did not violate an anti-fraud law used to help convict him on 19 counts in 2006 for his role in the once mighty Houston-based energy giant’s downfall.

But the high court left it up to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to decide if any of his convictions should be thrown out.

The 5th Circuit on Friday set oral arguments in Skilling’s case.

Skilling’s attorneys want to overturn all his convictions and get him a new trial.

Prosecutors contend all his convictions should stand.

Ex-Police officer gets prison for faking camp

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has sentenced a former Houston police officer to 16 years in prison after she was convicted of attempting to steal more than \$400,000 through a bogus basketball camp for hurricane evacuees.

Tracie Denise Bell also was fined nearly \$10,000 for the scheme in

which she contracted with the Houston Area Urban League in 2007 for American Red Cross funding to put on a nonexistent summer basketball camp for children displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Prosecutors presented evidence indicating that Bell falsely reported running a camp for 330 youngsters who had lost their homes because of the storms.

The 41-year-old Bell was a Houston police officer for 13 years. A second former Houston officer accused in the scheme is awaiting trial.

FBI: Family ran guns and drugs from Texas home

HENDERSON (AP) — A federal SWAT team this week raided a sprawling east Texas property belonging to a family accused of selling drugs, firearms, prostitutes and fake identification documents.

Victor Hernandez Hernandez, 30, faces a federal charge of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamines. His public defender says the charges could change after a federal grand jury meets in about two weeks.

Hernandez was arrested early Wednesday morning on his family’s property near Henderson, about 120 miles east of Dallas. The FBI mobilized a large SWAT team and used a “no-knock warrant,” because the

property included numerous buildings and authorities feared the possibility of armed resistance.

“Everything went very smoothly,” FBI spokesman Mark White said. “It was a well-coordinated effort. Very peaceful, no shots fired, no injuries, no confrontations.”

The FBI was assisted by the Rusk County Sheriff’s Office, which initiated the investigation.

Authorities say Hernandez smuggled drugs from Mexico and weapons into Mexico. Court papers summarize an investigation dating back to April, with undercover informants and video surveillance indicating a large number of weapons and drugs on the property.

Gunfire was routinely heard on the property, and agents made several undercover meth purchases, according to FBI documents. Hernandez also is suspected of selling Social Security cards and green cards for \$200 apiece.

Hernandez waived a detention hearing and will remain in federal custody until after the grand jury meets or a probable cause hearing is held, which would be in early October, said his attorney, Ken Hawk.

Based on the arrest affidavit, it’s possible Hernandez could face additional charges.

“We’ll see how it works out,” Hawk said.

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The Boeing 777 was bound from Toronto to Karachi when the pilot asked to land at Stockholm’s Arlanda airport after Canadian authorities received a tip that a passenger was carrying explosives. Arlanda spokesman Anders Bredfell said there were 273 people on board.

Police detained the suspect as he was evacuated from the aircraft along with other passengers. Police described him as a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, about 30-years-old.

Police operation leader Stephan Radman said no explosives were found on the man, who was being questioned by investigators. He said a bomb squad was searching the aircraft, which was parked on a ramp at the end of a runway.

Police officials said the man was not on any international no-fly lists and had cleared a security check in Canada.

Obama attacks GOP in weekly radio address, says they ‘sure aren’t listening’ to the people

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says Republicans’ plan to slash taxes and cut spending if the GOP retakes the House in November is no more than “an echo of a disastrous decade we can’t afford to relive.”

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to skewer House Republicans over the “Pledge to America” they unveiled this week. It also promised to cut down on government regulation, repeal Obama’s health care law and end his stimulus program.

“The Republicans who want to take over Congress offered their own ideas the other day. Many were the very same policies that led to the economic crisis in the first place, which isn’t surprising, since many of their leaders were among the architects of that failed policy,” Obama said.

“It is grounded in same worn-out philosophy: cut taxes for millionaires and billionaires; cut the rules for Wall Street and the special interests; and cut the middle class loose to fend for itself. That’s not a prescription for a better future.”

Republicans used their own radio address to defend the plan.

“The new agenda embodies Americans’ rejection of the notion that we can simply tax, borrow and spend our way to prosperity,” said one of its authors, California Rep. Kevin McCarthy. “It offers a new way forward that hasn’t been tried in Washington — an approach focused on cutting spending — which is sadly a new idea for a Congress accustomed to always accelerating it.”

Commonwealth Games head sees improved conditions in New Delhi but calls for continued work

NEW DELHI (AP) — With national teams on their way to New Delhi, the Commonwealth Games chief said Saturday that India’s last-minute push to clean and finish facilities was paying dividends, but much more work remained before the beleaguered sporting event opens in less than a week.

As criticism of the filthy athletes’ village and other infrastructure problems escalated over the past week — and some teams threatened to pull out — Indian officials sent hundreds of extra workers to get the facilities in shape before the games.

Commonwealth Games Federation President Mike Fennell, who rushed to India this week to deal with the problems, told reporters that significant work had been done in recent days.

He said the problems centered on the cleanup of the athletes’ village, especially water in the basements of the village that was proving very difficult to remove.

Workers were also trying to sort out transportation and technology difficulties, as well as issues concerning security and fire safety, he said.

India’s image has been battered for days by negative publicity over its last-minute, frantic preparations for the Olympic-style competition that brings together about 7,000 athletes and officials from 71 countries and territories

For new ways to tackle corruption and undercut Taliban, U.S. turns to out-of-the-box thinkers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — On a NATO base in Kabul, a five-member team is rethinking the war in Afghanistan and questioning some of the basic assumptions behind the effort to clean up corruption and gain the upper hand over the Taliban.

Among the ideas this so-called “Red Team” is generating:

- Accept that Afghanistan’s entrenched system of graft won’t change overnight, so pick your battles.
- Recognize that for Afghans, some corruption is worse than others, so tackle what affects them day-to-day first.
- Study how the Taliban won power by exploiting Afghanistan’s system of payoffs and patronage in the 1990s, and borrow those tactics.

The Red Team’s studies are part of an evolution of thinking among diplomats, commanders and analysts alike that applying Western standards to combat corruption has not produced results fast enough.

Ga. pastor’s youth academy taught sexual control, made boys carry ‘sex self-check card’

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia pastor accused of using a program to groom young men for sexual relationships billed the boys’ youth academy as a “rite of passage,” instructing students about interest rates, Social Security and sexual control, even making them carry a wallet card that listed three things they could be doing rather than having sex, he said.

Pastor Eddie Long, an outspoken opponent of gay marriage, is now being sued by two young men who attended the LongFellows Youth Academy and claim they were lured into trysts with cars, jewelry and cash.

Two other men have made similar accusations — including one who filed a lawsuit Friday.

That lawsuit, provided to *The Associated Press*, said Long coerced him into a sexual relationship during a trip to Kenya, at one point telling the young man “I will be your dad.”

Long and his attorney have denied all the accusations, with Long remaining largely silent.

On Sunday, he will speak publicly to his congregation at church for the first time since the lawsuits were filed.

The men, who were 17 and 18 at the time, say Long recruited them for the academy after they joined New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

White House cites state secrets, seeks dismissal of targeted killing lawsuit filed for cleric

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Saturday invoked the state secrets privilege which would kill a lawsuit on behalf of U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, an alleged terrorist said to be targeted for assassination under a U.S. government program.

In a court filing, the Justice Department said that the issues in the case are for the executive branch of government to decide rather than the courts.

The department also said the case entails information that is protected by the military and state secrets privilege.

The courts have sufficient grounds to throw out the lawsuit without resorting to use of the state secrets privilege, the Justice Department said in its filing.

“The idea that courts should have no role whatsoever in determining the criteria by which the executive branch can kill its own citizens is unacceptable in a democracy,” the American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for Constitutional Rights said in a statement. “In matters of life and death, no executive should have a blank check.”

Al-Awlaki’s father has demanded that the government disclose a wide variety of classified information which could harm U.S. national security, Justice Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.



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Jumbo emerald at center of ownership debate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An enormous emerald valued at upward of \$400 million is at the center of a legal battle to determine ownership of the gem that was unearthed almost a decade ago in the jungles in eastern Brazil.

Anthony Thomas, who claims to be the 840-pound gem's first buyer, tried to convince Superior Court Judge John A. Kronstadt Friday that none of the half-dozen or so other claimants has a right to the so-called Bahia Emerald.

The soft-spoken businessman took the stand for several hours to stake his claim that he bought the boulder-sized gem in 2001 for just \$60,000 soon after it was pulled from a mine in the jungles of Brazil's Bahia state.

He said he wired money to the emerald's Brazilian owners, but it never arrived. Instead, he said he was tricked into believing it had been stolen so it could be sold to someone else for more money.

"In my mind, I was the owner when I agreed to pay

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"It's pretty impressive," said Kit Morrison, another claimant who had possession of it in 2008.

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Lawyers say the well-traveled stone has made stops during the past nine years in California, Las Vegas and New Orleans, where it was kept in a bank vault that flooded during Hurricane Katrina, leaving it underwater

for months.

Steven Haney, a lawyer for another claimant, Mark Downie, said Thomas had never taken actual possession of the gem and failed to contact Brazilian authorities after he thought it was stolen.

"His story is inherently unbelievable," Haney said.

Thomas' attorney, Jeffrey Baruh, said his client is a man of great integrity who alerted the Santa Clara district attorney's office to the emerald's disappearance, only to be told the matter fell outside of local jurisdiction.

Thomas said he traveled twice to Brazil in fall 2001 to look at the emerald and ar-

range to have it shipped to his home in Morgan Hill, near San Jose.

Thomas was photographed squatting down next to the jumbo rock, an arm draped around it and a big smile on his face.

Lawyers for other claimants argue that though Thomas went to Brazil, he never took possession of the emerald and so is not the owner.

Asked why he didn't shipped the gem back to the U.S., Thomas said he had to return home for a family emergency and did not have time to build a crate.

Adding to his woes: a bill of sale he claimed to have for the emerald was destroyed in

a 2006 fire at his home.

Attorney Andrew Spielberger said the \$60,000 that Thomas sent was actually to pay for other gems and polishing services previously carried out by the emerald's owners.

The emerald came into the U.S. in early 2005 and was kept in San Jose before being taken to New Orleans, according to Spielberger, who represents another group of claimants.

Morrison, who is part of that group, claims they have legal ownership after receiving the emerald from a gem dealer as collateral for a shipment of diamonds he paid \$1.3 million for but never received.

Morrison was trying to sell the gem in Las Vegas when authorities confiscated it. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department now has it under lock and key.

The trial will resume at an unspecified date, with Thomas set to conclude his testimony then. Other claimants will address the judge later, officials said.

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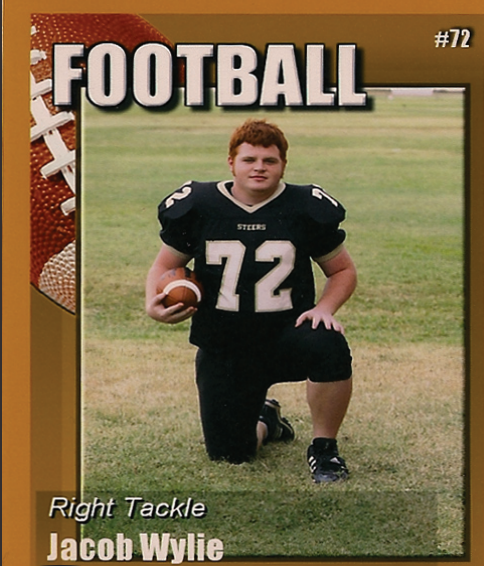
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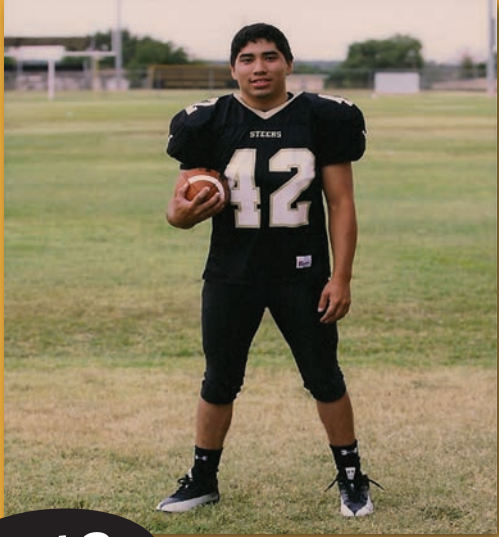
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Dear Margo: by Margo Howard

When Mom's in the Dating Market

Dear Margo: As an adolescent, a teen and then a 20-something, I always thought that by the time I was in my 30s, my mother and I would finally see eye to eye, as I would have finally reached the status of "adult."

Well, here I am. And there she is. It seems the older she gets the more difficult she becomes.

It's her way or the highway. Coupled with this are her hypersensitivity and insecurity. She's touchier than ever and takes everything personally.

Now Mom is single again — and trying to date.

The problem? Her insecurity stops her from "putting herself out there." What if no one asks her out? What if she's not asked on a second date? What if no one e-mails her from the online dating site?

And then, when she does date, she is so hard on men that one strike and they're out!

I've tried telling her to lighten up and give them more than one chance, but she's taken to spending time with the same (albeit wonderful) girlfriends. She's beautiful, fun, funny and loving.

But she needs to chill out. How do I communicate this to her? — *Big Little Girl*

Dear Big: Here's something easier to do than changing your



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mother: Take a cross-country trip on a lawn mower.

If you are in your 30s, your mom has to be middle-aged, and unfortunately, her insecurity level is set, along with her hypersensitivity quotient.

If she won't give a man a second chance to knock her socks off (figuratively, of course), that is part of her personality.

Alas, the answer to how to communicate that she chill out is that there is no answer.

She is going to think and behave as she always has. If she winds up spending her time with the girlfriends, well, so be it. And who knows? She may stumble into a man with dovetailing neuroses, and voila! So, my dear, you chill out. — *Margo, historically*

interrogations about what I'm working on, the famous people I've met or industry gossip.

I don't mind discussing this sometimes, but it's tiresome to feel like I'm being grilled every time I get together with friends. (I have great new friends in the same line of work who, happily, never want to "talk shop" when we're out.

But that doesn't mean I want to let my old friendships go.) The few times I've tried to discuss this directly with people, they either think I'm putting on a show of being "modest" or trying to cut them out of my new life.

How do I get people to understand that nobody wants to spend all their free time talking about their career — even a fun career? — *Sick of the Spotlight*

Dear Sick: I know a little something about your industry, and it really is hard for "civilians" to grasp that it's a business like any other.

It can be boring; and the workday is not spent dishing or having lunch at The Ivy with Brangelina.

To deflect the questions, I would finesse things by saying you don't know anything new, haven't heard any good gossip and sometimes life at work just seems to be watching the Teamsters lean against cars. (Inside movie business joke. Not a slam against the Teamsters. No need to write to complain.) — *Margo, routinely*

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Blend

11 Reminisce, with "back"

15 Expected

16 *Bambi* setting

17 Not play around, perhaps

18 Mass movement

19 Intimate

20 *Bourne Identity* plot device

22 They're attached to quads

24 Like eggs

25 Leased

26 Company ldr.

28 Faults

29 Rides

30 Doesn't decline

32 Master

33 Subject for Picasso and Strauss

34 Rite leaders

37 On the road

38 Crest

39 Fishy opening

42 Make sure

43 "All that — arises with our thoughts": Buddha

44 At the curb, quite possibly

46 Memorable '60s shipwreck

48 Compare

50 Anise alternative

51 French filmmaker

DOWN

1 Telescopium neighbor

2 Timing expert

3 GPS reading

4 Den mother

5 Moderate

6 Make — (settle)

7 Certain facial features

8 *Journal of Personality...* publisher

9 — party

10 Hostile

11 "Atomic bomb" coiner

12 Michener epic

13 Run over

14 Presses, folds and stretches

21 Attractive IRA feature

22 Chinchilla-like animal

23 Strong bonds

27 Directly

30 Diminish

31 Pound, for short

33 Vagary

34 Nelson's singing partner

52 Bounded

55 Flat-pack design pioneer

56 Stress-free

57 Off

58 Physical part

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35 They get out early

36 Misrepresent

37 Biblical incense sources

38 Pirates' quest

39 Stigma bearer

40 Engine part

41 Unexpected outbursts

43 Starts

45 Prey of 4 Down

47 Hired guns, briefly

49 Confined

53 Nick, maybe

54 WWII-era malaria controller

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Susan Cape Wooldridge**
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 #6704 September 26, 2010

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 #6706 September 24 & 26, 2010

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regular Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 11, 2010, at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

appreciated and valued. Because you realize how wonderful that feels, you'll be able to support those around you by acknowledging their unique contributions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You expect more from your loved ones than you would demand of mere acquaintances. And the closer a person is to you the higher your expectations. Relax today. Cut everyone some slack, and that includes you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have control over how you appreciate your loved ones. You focus on the things you like and pile on the praise. And every time you do this, it becomes easier for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your temperament is golden. You'll be an anchor to your friends and family — steadfast and available to listen attentively any time of day or night. Your friendship is a treasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You and your loved ones are on the same team. Your tasks are so different at times, and you often do your work on completely different "playing fields," but you are a team, nonetheless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sitting still is not your forte, and yet it

benefits you to quiet your mind and body for as long as you can bear it this morning. Inspiration and clarity will strike when you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will relate well to mature individuals who have their lives together. And you will relate equally well to those who have plenty of problems, flaws and messes to clean up. You're an equal opportunity friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no need to watch what you say. Your words will follow your mind, and your mind will follow your heart. As long as you are coming from a loving place, all will be well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For some, it's easy to feel like life is hard and they are down and out, even when that's not really the case. Your mood, on the other hand, will be like a buoy that's more or less impossible to sink.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you want to accomplish by the end of the day and what you actually have time for are two very different things. You'll strike a happy medium, though, and ultimately will be proud of your productivity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 26). You are both smart and wise. Before you take a step up the career ladder in October, you'll find out exactly where the step leads and what the new position will entail. November features new connections and social fun. December brings family close for all the right reasons. March brings a large purchase. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 3, 33 and 21.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The conjunction of the sun and Saturn in Libra is like a bad comic spouting, "Thanks for coming down — I'll be here all week." The conjunction is exact on September 30, but its effects will ring out for the next seven days. Though not an entirely unpleasant aspect, there is something tedious about this alignment — a feeling that won't go away. It must be dealt with. It is like the squeaky wheel intent on

getting the grease. The focus here is on your most important relationship — the one between you and you. The funny part is that so often that relationship seems like it's about someone else. It can be easy to blame a partner for your own inadequacies or to credit a partner for your successes. Resist the tendency this week as you figure out what it is that you want and need — and, most importantly, what it is you have to offer in return. Communication planet Mercury will oppose lucky Jupiter on Friday, and it becomes clear that the qualities that really matter and make the most difference — qualities like high moral character and confidence — cannot be bought, only earned.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winning Libra Olivia Newton-John encouraged a generation to "Get Physical," and now she encourages women to get physicals from the doctor that include a mammogram. This breast cancer

survivor helps others fight against the disease and win. Her natal Venus in Leo is fabulous for PR. In October, she'll be featured in a comic book to raise awareness and funding for the cause.

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 ANSWERS

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Good Management Pays Off

South dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 5
 ♥ 10 8 4 2
 ♦ K 5 3
 ♣ A 9 7 6 2
WEST
 ♠ A 10 8 7 4 2
 ♥ J 6 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 10 5 3
EAST
 ♠ J 9 3
 ♥ Q 9 7
 ♦ J 10 8 4
 ♣ Q J 8
SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 6
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ A Q 9 6 2
 ♣ K 4

The bidding:

South **West** **North** **East**
 2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 3 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The question "What can defeat me?" is one declarer should always ask himself at the start of play. He should not dismiss even the remotest possibility of failure without first attempting to protect against it.

Take this typical case where West leads a spade against three notrump. South wins East's jack with the king and notes that he has only eight sure tricks — one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. However, he also notes that he may score two additional diamond tricks if the missing diamonds are divided 3-2.

There is no good reason to expect a 4-1 or 5-0 diamond division, and

South might therefore feel tempted to follow the usual practice of cashing the ace and then leading a diamond to the king. If he did this, he would eventually find himself going down either one or two. Of course, he could ascribe the outcome to bad luck, but actually it would be due to bad management.

The proper play at trick two is a low diamond to the king. Once both defenders follow suit, the contract becomes a certainty. Declarer continues with a diamond and, if East produces the eight, finesses the nine. This assures nine tricks whether the nine wins or loses, since if West is able to win the trick — which means the diamonds have divided 3-2 — he cannot profitably continue with a spade.

If East plays the ten or jack on the diamond lead from dummy, South is all the more pleased. He wins with the queen and is then certain of making five diamond tricks and at least four notrump, whether or not West follows suit.

Declarer is on equally solid ground if it turns out that West has four diamonds. In that case, he can concede a diamond to West to establish his ninth trick. Finally, even if East has all five diamonds, the initial diamond lead to the king — on which West would show out — still permits South to score the crucial ninth trick in diamonds without allowing East to gain the lead.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX(R)

FOR RELEASE: T H U R S D A Y , SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Dear Annie: I am an 80-year-old widow, and my doctor says I'm doing great for my age. I thought so, too, until recently.

Some of my family members have begun to pop in -- no phone calls beforehand, even though they all have cell phones, as do I. Last weekend while I slept, my son and daughter-in-law decided to clean out my refrigerator. While there were a few items I could have done without, the tuna salad I just mixed was what I planned to eat for lunch. Instead, the little plastic container had been emptied, washed, dried and left on the counter. The following week, my son e-mailed to ask if I thought it was time to give "someone" power of attorney.

To say I am disillusioned is putting it mildly. I live in a community of caring seniors, and there are wonderful people in charge. If there were ever any doubt of my ability to remain independent, they would be the first to notice. I take part in the activities, belong to a book group and am a volunteer for the Council on Aging.

I know my children love me, and that is one reason they are doing these things. But it bothers me that they think my age determines my capabilities. Should I keep my disap-

pointment to myself and not tell them how much this hurts? I have heard of this happening to others, but am shocked that it is happening to me. -- Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful: Speak up. Staying quiet will only encourage them to continue, thinking you approve, and they will do even more as you get older. It is important that your family members understand what you are capable of handling so they can respond appropriately and not impinge on your independence. It may help to have them come to your next doctor's appointment and hear it from a professional.

Dear Annie: I have been with my boyfriend for almost eight years, and we have been discussing marriage in detail for a while now. I informed my fiance that I would like to keep my current last name, hyphenated with his. I discussed my reasons, but did not receive the response I expected. He said if I did not want to take his last name, there was no point in marrying him.

I've already agreed that any children would have his last name, so I don't understand why he disapproves so strongly. I really love my last name and would feel as if I am losing a part of me if I do not carry it in some way. I thought hyphenating your name is becoming more socially acceptable. Am I wrong? -- Confused

Dear Confused:

No. Your fiance is behaving like a cave-man. While taking the husband's name is still preferred by many



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

women, those who want to keep their maiden names or hyphenate them should not be threatened with a wedding cancellation. The two of you need to talk this out, preferably with a neutral third party who can help you determine whether the issue is simply name preference -- or control and dominance.

Dear Annie: You missed the mark with "Madness in Maine," who didn't want to spend vacation time with a couple that was argumentative. He also said one of their dogs barks incessantly. This, added to the confrontations about religion and politics, is enough to not enjoy a vacation at all.

Why can't the wife be more supportive of her husband? If she enjoys this couple's company, maybe she can see them another time. I would not want

my husband to be miserable on his vacation. We've been married for 58 years and talk things over and compromise when necessary. -- Problem Solved

Dear Solved: Talking and compromise are usually the way to go, but one must be willing. "Maine" has convinced himself that the man's religious and political viewpoints indicate he's trying to steal his wife. The dogs seem beside the point.

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ple he knows at school don't socialize with him outside of class. All his other friends are only online. I have watched him go from being an outgoing person to becoming a withdrawn young man.

Jacob would like to get a job, but there aren't many people willing to take a chance on a blind teenager. I thought he might be able to volunteer, but where does he start? We live in an area without bus service, and there is no way for him to get anywhere during the day. I can't drive him because I'm a single mother and take public transportation myself. I contacted an association for the blind, and they were no help. What do other families do? -- Concerned Mom in Pennsylvania

Dear Mom: The American Foundation for the Blind (afb.org) and the National Industries for the Blind (nib.org) have information about county associations, as well as job training and employment opportunities for the visually impaired. The Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (pabblind.org) has links to local organizations, and you can ask Jacob's ophthalmologist for guidance. The American Foundation for the Blind also offers support for families through their website at familyconnect.org. We hope at least one of these wonderful organizations can help you and your son.

Dear Annie: I come from a large fami-

ly. Between birthdays, religious holidays and graduations, there are lots of family events. My family and I always make an effort to attend these milestones, sometimes traveling six hours or more.

The problem is, when I host similar events for my two children, my relatives feel their attendance is optional. If one of their kids has a soccer game, they don't bother to come. My kids are just as busy as theirs, but we make it a priority to celebrate major occasions such as a high school graduation. We feel it is important to get to know one's extended family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Three siblings and most of my nieces and nephews didn't attend my daughter's high school graduation because of minor sporting activities. My 26-year-old niece told me she couldn't take time off from work, yet a week later, managed to take two days off to visit her uncle's vacation home.

I have had only two major events for my kids in the past 18 years, but it seems my family members come only if nothing better is going on. I am hurt by this, but my siblings say I am too sensitive. Should I be teaching my children that a weekend soccer game is more important than celebrating our family members' special times? -- Last Resort Sibling

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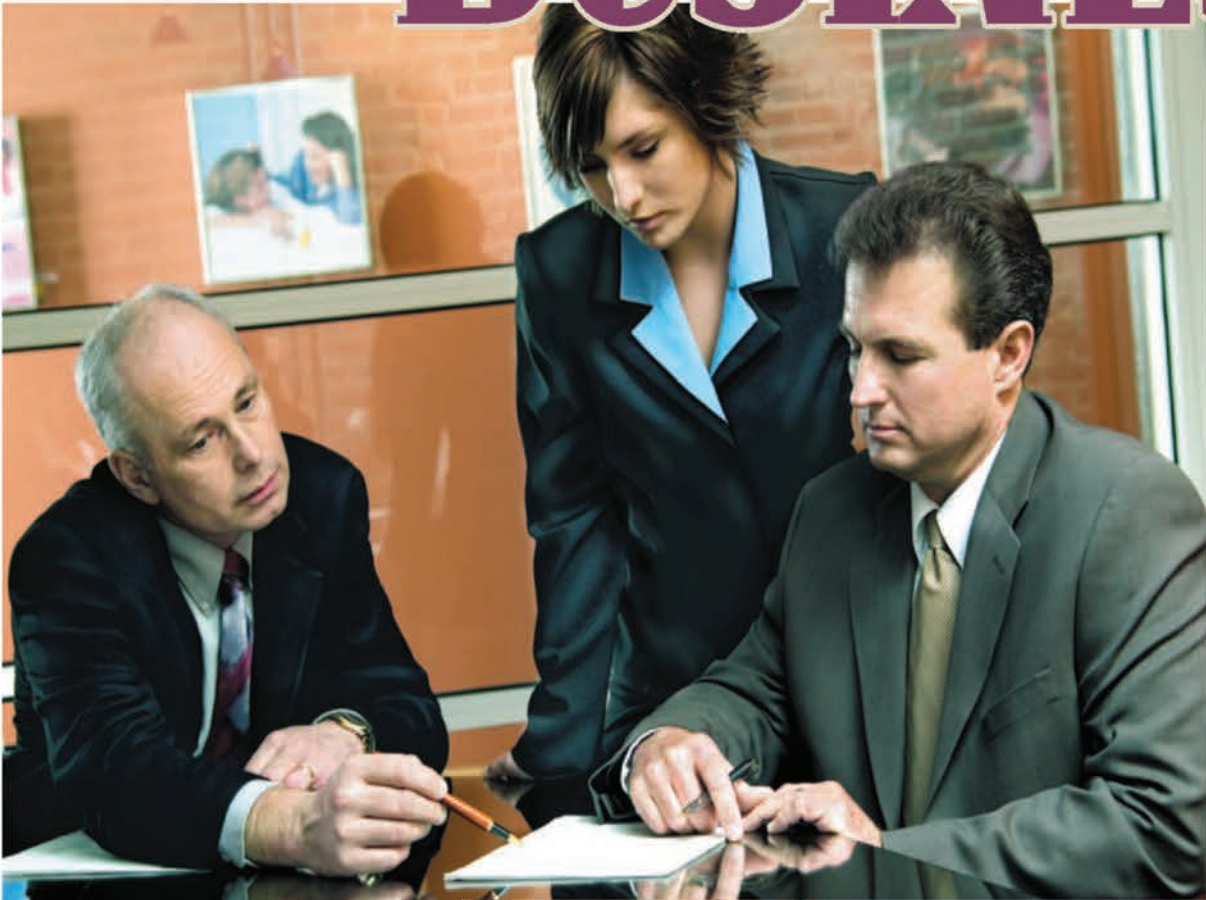
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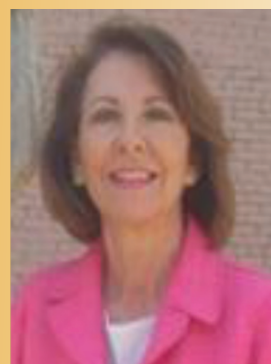
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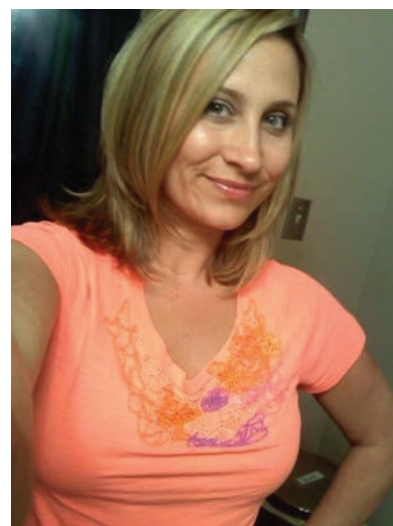
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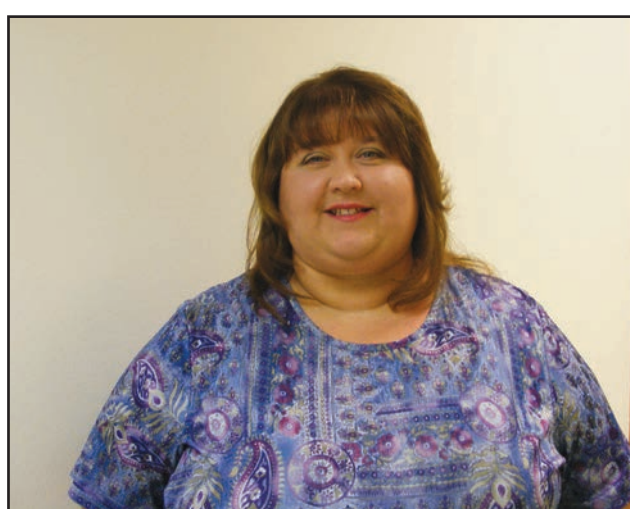
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