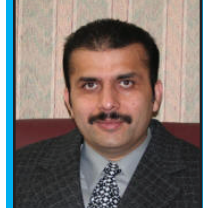




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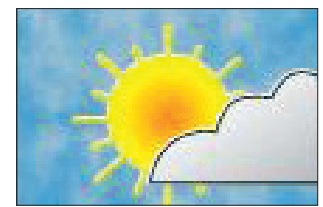


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WTCMHMR to offer Mental Health First Aid course

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Howard College are offering Mental Health First Aid to people interested in knowing how to respond to people with mental health problems on Sept. 1-2. The two-day class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Howard College Wildlife Room. Classes are free and available to the first 25 respondents. To register, contact the Howard College Registrar's Office at 264-5106



Smith

Mental Health First Aid helps those experiencing mental health problems before they can obtain professional help and support, according to West Texas CentersW for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith. "It is similar to 'First Aid' and 'CPR'," Smith said. "It is designed to give members of the public key skills to help someone

who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. It is not geared toward professionals in the mental health field, but they can learn from this training. "We offered this training in June and it was very well-received," Smith added. "We are very pleased to be offering it again to the Howard County community." Mental health problems — such as depression, anxiety, impulse control

and misuse of alcohol and other drugs — are common in the United States, Smith said. More than one in four American adults will have a mental health problem in a year. The National Council on Community Behavioral Healthcare has begun working with communities throughout the nation, including West Texas Centers for MHMR to implement Mental Health First Aid. See **COURSE**, Page 3

Council set to amend ordinances

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Final reading of a series of changes to the city's animal control ordinances — including the abolishment of the existing animal control advisory committee — top the agenda for Tuesday evening's meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The council approved first reading of the changes two weeks ago on a 5-1 vote, with District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton providing the lone vote against the measure. The new ordinance provides definitions and regulations for animal rescuers and commercial animal establishments, as well as requiring custodians to reside on the premises with dogs or cats. The ordinance would also require pet owners with more than eight cats and/or dogs to procure a no-cost permit from the city, as well as place limitations on selling or giving away animals on public or government property. According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the measures are designed



Sjogren

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A VERY TASTY MUSEUM EXHIBIT



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Janice Majors receives soda and popcorn from 10-year-old McKenzie Schrecengost and 8-year-old Samantha Raney Saturday afternoon during the opening of the Heritage Museum's new exhibit "Let's All Go to the Movies."

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Walkers needed for Memory Walk

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Organizers with the Alzheimer's Association annual Memory Walk are still looking for area residents willing to take the hell-to-toe express to raise funds and awareness to battle one of the leading killers in America. Sign-ups are currently under way for the annual event, which will give area residents a chance to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association while raising awareness of the debilitating disease within the community, according to Memory Walk Coordinator Rick Stovall. "People can sign up individually or as a team," Stovall said. "The process is very simple. All they have to do is go to the Web site and set up their team's account. Once that's done, donors can actually make their contributions in person or online, which is very convenient for a lot of people. "It's going to be a very good time for

everyone. Anyone that would like to walk with us on that day is more than welcome to come out, whether they are raising funds or not. While raising money for the Alzheimer's Association is certainly a priority for us, the Memory Walk is about raising awareness." Stovall said prospective teams and walkers can visit <http://memorywalk2010.kintera.org/faf/home> to get more information on the Memory Walk, which is slated for Sept. 18, or to sign up to participate. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations. According to information provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number

of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementias is expected to skyrocket in the coming years. Current estimates indicate more than 340,000 Texans already suffer from the disease, with numbers expected to go as high as 470,000 by 2025. Nationwide, a staggering 5.3 million people already suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. More than \$172 billion is being spent each year on treating and caring for Alzheimer's patients, with an estimated 10.9 million unpaid caregivers in America alone. "This isn't something we can ignore," Stovall said. "This disease is just as deadly as some types of cancer." Stovall said area residents can also get more information on the walk by contacting him at (432) 816-8508. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Dorothy Henderson

Dorothy Henderson, 85, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Dorothy was born Feb. 27, 1925, in College Station and married Elbia Henderson on Feb. 28, 1946, in Plainview. He preceded her in death Oct. 16, 2006.

She loved to sew and quilt and was a loving member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one nephew, Ernie Morgan, and one niece, Claudia Polyniak, both of Big Spring; and four great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and one nephew-in-law.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Ola Melba Jackson

Ola Melba Jackson, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Melba was born April 11, 1924, in Crosby County and married Victor Lewis Jackson on Sept. 26, 1941, in Mt. Blanco. He preceded her in death Jan. 21, 2007.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and retired from Webb Air Force Base as procurement clerk. After retirement, she got her real estate license and was an agent for more than 10 years.

Survivors include one son, Ricky Jackson and wife, Sue, of Big Spring; one daughter, Louise Driver and husband, Charles, of College Station; three sisters, Zella Harris, Loretta Reid and Ava Mauldin, all of Lubbock; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, LaVerne Waldrep.

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

James E. Cape

James E. Cape, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Robertson

Mary Robertson, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, at her home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Geneva Brown

Geneva Brown, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Belen Nunez Gonzales

Belen Nunez Gonzales, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Billy N. 'Scottie' Scott Sr.

Billy N. "Scottie" Scott Sr., 81, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
2-3-16-17-27-28
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Texas Lottery:
4-6-22-23-31

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:
1-7-0-3. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:
7-5-0. Sum It Up: 12.

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Police blotter

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

- MELISSA GAY YOUNG, 41, of 1700 W. Third St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN MANUEL MARTINEZ-GONZALEZ, 67, of 609 S. Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- ARIEL ANN FUENTES, 20, of 1305 Lincoln, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles.
- ERIC BERRY, 21, of 2003 N. Monticello, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for criminal trespass warning.
- ADOLFO LEONARDO FRANCO, 43, of Rt. 2 Box 169 C, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LINDA EVA RODRIGUEZ, 35, of 2519 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on warrants for failure to report change of address or name and failure to appear.
- BILLY VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ, 47, of 706 S. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TAYLOR COLE MORGAN, 22, of New Mexico, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ARIELLE LARIAH HUDDLESTON, 19, of Snyder, was arrested Sunday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- DUSTIN RAY GOODMAN, 21, of Ackerly, was arrested Sunday on warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- KARA MICHELLE WOODSON, 20, of 1614 E. 17th St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for speeding in a school zone and no driver's license when unlicensed.
- BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 37, of 2514 Chanute, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOE WILLIAM PETTY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on judgment/sentences for criminal mischief and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- SIMON JACOB ARENIVAZ, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of modified probation/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- ROD LEE PUGA, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, no liability insurance, expired driver's license and contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- MEGAN LAVELL KIMMEL, 30, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- BILLY VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELISSA YOUNG, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TAYLOR C. MORGAN, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ARIEL ANN FUENTES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles.
- JUAN GONZALEZ, 67, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- BILLY ERVIN ROSE, 61, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- ERIC DWAYNE BERRY, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- KAYLA EMILY KYLE, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 8/24	Wed 8/25	Thu 8/26	Fri 8/27	Sat 8/28
95/66	77/63	82/65	88/68	91/69
Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds.	Thunder-showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM

paraphernalia.

- LINDA EVA RODRIGUEZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to change address and violation of a promise to appear.
- BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ADOLFO FRANCO, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSE CUELLAR JR., 39, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of theft of firearm.
- ARIELLE LARIAH HUDDLESTON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- DUSTIN GOODMAN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- DIANA ABILA RODRIGUEZ, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- KARA MICHELLE WOODSON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on warrants for speeding in a school zone and no driver's license.
- BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KOLBY KYE WHITEHEAD, 28, was arrested Monday by DPS on bond forfeiture for driving while intoxicated.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

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Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

Amarillo developer charged in wife's death

AMARILLO (AP) — A developer in the Amarillo area is charged with killing his estranged wife and leaving her body in a vehicle.

Paul David Gillette was in the Potter County Detention Center on Monday on a murder charge, with bail set at \$1 million. Jail records had no listing of an attorney for the 47-year-old Gillette, who was arrested Sunday at the couple's residence.

Gillette, who created a financially troubled housing development in Bushland, is accused of killing 44-year-old Sherri Gillette.

Deputies were called to the home early Sunday on a report of a woman being assaulted.

Officer Jimmy Rifenberg with Potter-Randall Special Crimes Unit says Gillette allegedly put his wife's body in an SUV in the garage. Sherri Gillette filed for divorce last November.

An autopsy has been ordered.

Searchers look for missing plane

DALLAS (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol continues its search for a small, hand-built airplane that disappeared after refueling in southern Arkansas.

Maj. Blake Sasse said the single-engine RV-7 aircraft with one person on board was en route from Ohio to Georgetown, Texas. He said he did not know where in Ohio the flight originated or the pilot's name.

Lt. Col. Ric Woolfolk said Sunday that the search was focused in the Ark-La-Tex area of northeast Texas, southwest Arkansas and northwest Louisiana. Woolfolk said an emergency signal was picked up for the first time Sunday afternoon, but it was not known whether it was associated with the missing aircraft.

Sasse said the plane was last seen about 8:40 p.m. Thursday when the pilot took off from El Dorado in south-central Arkansas. It was reported missing Friday morning after failing to arrive in Georgetown.

All four escaped jail inmates in custody

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The last of four inmates who broke out of the Wichita County Jail Annex has been caught.

Sheriff David Duke says 19-year-old Deonte Combs, who also used several aliases, was captured at an apartment in Wichita Falls.

All four men escaped early Thursday by apparently slipping between some bars and out a vent during jail construction.

Three of the fugitives were nabbed hours later in Clay County, with help from drug-sniffing dogs. Duke says Combs, who was held on assault and drug charges, was caught Friday night.

Authorities say all four recaptured inmates are facing escape charges, along with three other people who allegedly aided the fugitives.

Man jailed in alleged assault of woman

HOUSTON (AP) — A man invited into a Houston woman's home and allowed to care for her 92-year-old mother has been charged with aggravated sexual assault after the mother was found near death in her bathtub.

Fifty-six-year-old Dean Wood remained in the Harris County Jail on Sunday. His bond was set at \$500,000 pending a Monday court appearance.

Jail records don't show an attorney for him.

Police officer Matt Brady says the woman's 60-year-old daughter was having Wood help care for her mother, who had Alzheimer's disease.

Brady says a family member found the 92-year-old unconscious in a tub at the house Friday night and Wood sitting on a couch.

The woman died a short time later. Brady says preliminary autopsy results showed possible signs of sexual assault.

State to review more insurance premiums

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance is about to change its longtime policy of allowing uncontested insurance rate increases of up to 50 percent without interference, officials said.

State regulators will require insurance companies to justify "unreasonable" premium rate increases under the new federal health care overhaul, The Austin American-Statesman reported in Sunday's editions. State officials say they have always had that authority but have used it sparingly, the newspaper reported.

"In the past, we've looked at rate increases above 50 percent, and we've looked at complaints. That's mainly what we've done as a watchdog," Katrina Daniel, senior associate commissioner of the department's life, health and licensing program, told the newspaper.

She said Texas lacks the resources, including staff and data, to perform regular rate reviews and comparisons.

However, under the new federal law, insurance companies will be required to justify to federal and state regulators "unreasonable" rate increases before imposing them. Companies also will have to post that information on their websites.

The federal government has yet to define what it regards as "unreasonable," Daniel points out.

Last week, federal officials distributed \$46 million of \$250 million in grants to the states. The \$1 million that Texas received was expected to go toward developing the data required for the greater number of rate reviews.

"We will be reviewing more rates, for sure," Daniel said.

Insurance companies have argued all along that rising health care costs have forced their rates to increase.

More in Texas choose home schooling

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of students being home-schooled in Texas is on the rise, with some 300,000 children staying home as the school term started Monday.

While roughly 4.5 million children were returning to public school in Texas this week, the approaching start of term was less important to parents who educate their offspring at home.

"Guess how much I care about Aug. 23?" Tina Robertson asked parents gathered for a meeting Friday at a bookstore in The Woodlands.

"Home schooling is a lifestyle," said Robertson, who teaches her three children year-round and runs New Beginnings, a support group for parents new to home schooling. "The line between learning and living gets blurred and it should."

According to the Texas Home School Coalition, the number of Texans opting to home school has grown about 20 percent to an estimated 120,000 families and 300,000 children in the past five years, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"The economy does have an impact on folks," said Tim Lambert, coalition president. "We saw families last year who had their kids in a private school, times were tough and they couldn't afford to do that anymore, but they didn't want to put them in a public school."

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that families primarily opted to home school because they wanted to provide religious or moral lessons to their children. Parental concerns about safety, peer pressure and the academic instruction at traditional schools were other reasons cited.

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to protect the well being of the animals from poor and inhumane living conditions.

Sjogren confirmed the change would make it against city ordinance for people to sell or give away cats or dogs in public places, such as the Wal-Mart SuperCenter parking lot.

The changes will also require owners of pet-oriented businesses — dog kennels, breeders, pet stores — to purchase a permit, which would require a visit from a city inspector to assure the living conditions are humane and not a public nuisance.

And while the fee schedule for the proposed permits has yet to be developed,

Sjogren said the permit for more than eight animals will be free, unless the pet owner has been cited for not following the guidelines in the ordinance.

City officials said the changes will offer the municipality a chance to inspect animal-driven businesses and operations and address any conditions that might be considered inhumane or a health hazard.

Currently, there are no state or federal inspections required by law, although many private organizations — such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and American Kennel Club — will provide inspections if requested.

The changes drew mixed responses from local residents during the council's previous

meeting .B.J. Kelley, owner of Pampered Paws Resorts, spoke out against the requirement of an annual permit for commercial animal-oriented operations.

The abolition of the advisory committee also came under fire during the first reading of the ordinance, as local resident and animal control advisory committee member Ann Sanders told the council she feels the board is still very much needed.

However, Linda Perez, then acting as chairman of the advisory committee, did not agree with Sanders, saying the committee had become inundated with internal conflict.

Perez offered her support of the city administration's decision to abolish the advisory committee before announcing her

resignation from the board.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to hold a public hearing concerning its proposed tax rate for 2010-2011.

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is based on a tax rate of \$0.9995 per \$100 valuation — down 0.0105 cents from the 2009-2010 tax rate of \$1.01. According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, because the proposed rate is below the established effective rate, no public hearings on the matter are required by state law.

However, Mayor Tommy Duncan said he was glad to see the hearing slated, saying the people of Big Spring should be given a chance to speak out about the tax rate regardless of whether it goes up or down.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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to arm the public with skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

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qualitative evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness, thus improving outcomes for individuals experiencing these illnesses.

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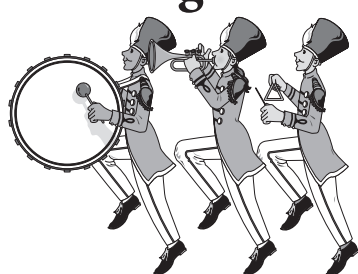
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For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit www.thenationalcouncil.org.

2001 BSHS State Marching Band Induction Ceremony



The 2001 Big Spring High School State Marching Band will be inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 18, 2010. It's during BSHS Homecoming weekend, please invite family and friends!

Friday, September 17, 2010: Half-Time Recognition at the BSHS Homecoming Football Game
Saturday, September 18, 2010: BSHS Auditorium at 1:00 pm

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OTHER VIEWS

'Birthright' battle bogus

It's tough enough to pick up the newspaper some days. There you are, minding your own business on a sunny Sunday morning when — whack! — right between the eyes: In one year, 60,000 Texas babies born to illegal immigrants, 11,000 right here at Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital.

And every one of them a U.S. citizen!

It's true, Joe Minuteman, but tap the brakes. Yes, it might feel good and righteous to demand that someone change the 14th Amendment to fix this "birthright citizenship" provision. Yes, you know it was a 19th-century amendment meant to override some states' laws that would have denied citizenship to former slaves.

At least part of your argument is that illegal immigrants are taking advantage, slipping across the border just to give birth to U.S. citizens, who then complicate matters for federal officials charged with deporting their parents but reluctant to split up families — or send Americans packing.

"Anchor babies," you call them. And then they grow up and go to public school and some end up in county jails or charity hospitals, living on government assistance, all because of a few lines in our Constitution.

Except that might not be completely accurate. For one thing, no one really knows how many women slip across the border illegally with the sole intent of giving birth to an American. We do know Parkland is far from the closest public hospital to the Rio Grande, and it delivers far more children to illegal immigrant mothers than any other in Texas.

Is it possible that some large percentage of them were already here? Current estimates suggest there are 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., about 1.5 million in Texas. Compare that last number to 60,000 births in one year. And crossing the border can be a physical challenge for anyone, much less a pregnant woman.

It's also worth considering whether this might — just might — be an election-year issue ginned up by some GOP senators, including our own John Cornyn, who see political advantage in stoking the base over illegal immigration.

The next time you hear senators calling for a "birthright citizenship" debate, ask them how likely it is that a constitutional amendment will gain approval in their lifetimes. Remember, it needs two-thirds majorities in both houses and ratification by three-fourths of the states.

Think about it, Joe Minuteman. We agree that the nation's immigration system is badly in need of repair, that the feds have proved to be wholly incapable of enforcing the laws we have now. Our belief is that comprehensive reform — border security, interior enforcement, a realistic guest-worker program and a pathway to legalization for illegal immigrants already here — is the only logical way to fix what's broken.

A divisive charge to spend years sewing up a tiny hole in the net makes far less sense.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make You, Lord, the center of our attention.

Amen

Immigration: A personal journey

Why do people seek to immigrate to America? For my family, it was because America was, and is, the "Land of Opportunity."

The country of my birth, Colombia, is known for its . . . emeralds. Unfortunately, it was not known for its public education system. My public education would have ended at the third grade, had we stayed. We did not stay: We emigrated with some American medical missionaries who were returning.

When we became citizens, the wait was officially seven years, after one got here legally. There was, and is, a quota system of who the U.S. wants and from where. Oh, this isn't banded about; but it's there. America needs unskilled workers and yet, the door is effectively closed to unskilled workers.

The desire to come here for a better life has increased immigration. There is a push-pull mechanism of leaving poverty and going where the jobs are. Tied to the rising tide of immigration is the increased wait time to become a citizen. I believe this is one reason why we have people here illegally, because it is so hard to get here legally.

There is a period of study necessary to become a citizen of this country. It entails learning the U.S. Constitution, learning the responsibilities of being a citizen and having a knowledge of U.S. history.

When I took the test, I found I knew U.S. history better than some classmates in my school, most of whom were native-born! When we all, and there were about 20 of us, stood in U.S. Dis-

trict Court, raised our hands and pledged an oath to the Constitution, this land of opportunity became my home, my country, my USA.

One expedited gateway to becoming a citizen is military service. The U.S. Customs and Immigration Service website lists different categories of military service that speeds up the citizenship process. That was not always the case, but it is now.

It just stands to reason that someone who puts on a uniform representing the U.S. for service whenever and wherever merits citizenship. More so if one earns a medal for bravery in action, spills their blood for the flag, or dies in action.

Many analogies pertain to just what this country is: A melting pot, salad bowl, the salad itself.

Let's use the salad analogy. Say you're making a salad, adding ingredients, coating it with your favorite dressing by tossing it in a bowl. The ingredients remain the same, yet each takes on a unique flavor, the flavor of the other.

So, too, the new citizen. They remember where they came from, as have countless other immigrants over time, but they know what they have become. It's a mixture of worlds, a transplanting of roots.

I remember I spoke Spanish at home and English at school. But I always knew I wanted to be replanted as an American. I felt my responsibilities were as follows:

- To learn to speak English, then use it. I nurtured a love for this language, as well as other languages, for both the written word and the spoken tongue.
- To vote. It is my duty to vote. My voice is important. I equated not voting to apathy and laziness.
- To serve. One can learn much about oneself by serving in the military. Life has more

poignancy with the realization that it can be lost. There is much beyond ourselves that we experience through shared comradeship.

The Statue of Liberty has affixed to it a poem by Emma Lazarus. In 1883, she wrote, "The New Colossus," and these words grace a plaque on the Statue of Liberty.

The New Colossus

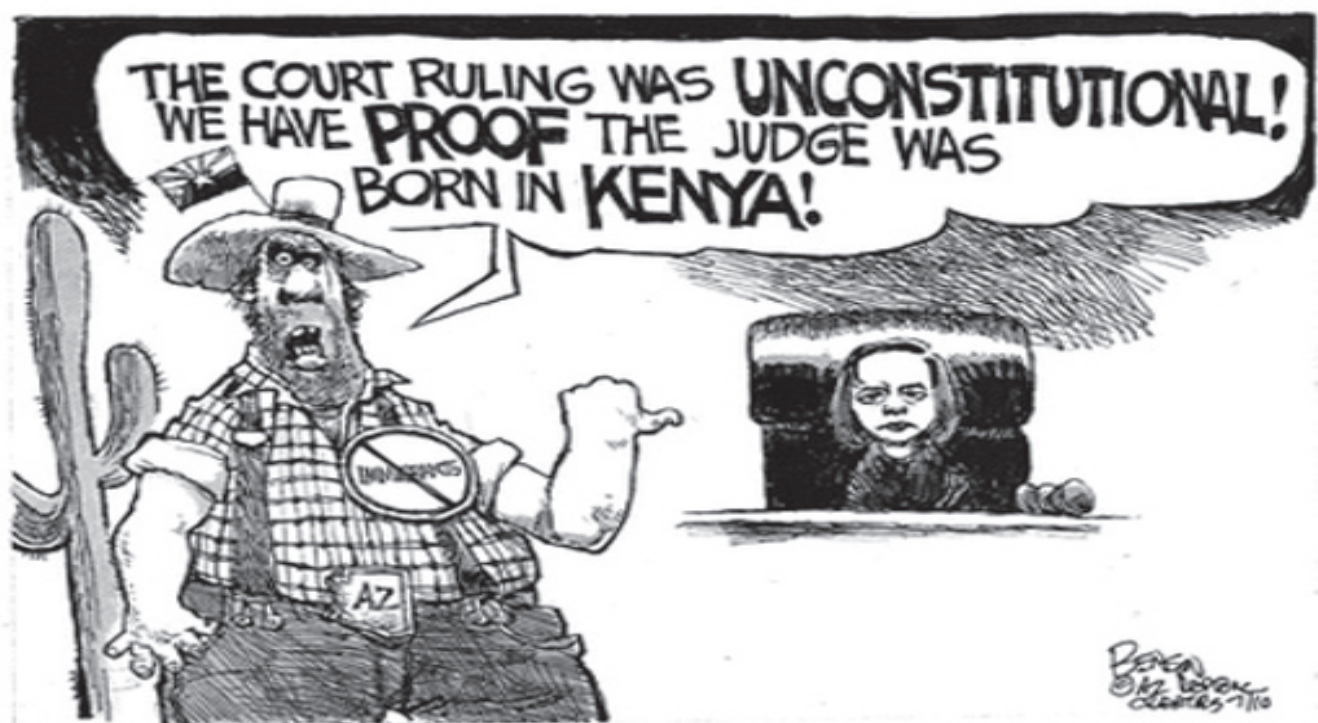
*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

As the words above remind us, we don't really want to close our doors to those who want to emigrate, and yet we don't want to open the doors wide for everyone to qualify.

There are some who want to work here and then go home, but there are others who want to make this their home.

Is the system we have now workable? If not, then let's work together to make immigration reform a reality and build better citizens.

Scott Jimenez is a local chaplain.



There's still big money in war

Dwight Eisenhower got it straight all right, but he didn't know the half of it. He prophetically warned us about the "Military-Industrial Complex," though Blackwater and KBR hadn't even been invented yet. You've heard of them — they're the contractors who service our armies of occupation so that we don't need to hire so many soldiers. Sort of mercenary supply companies.

Naturally, they lobby for more conflicts. So does Electric Boat Corp. That's our local submarine company here in Connecticut. It makes those multi-billion-dollar nuclear subs that no longer have any known useful function.

Congress recently increased their production to generate more corporate profits and more jobs. Even our liberal congressmen helped out.

Other corporations that manufacture more utilitarian equipment love war too. But what they really prize is a series of widely separated smallish ones. That's because it is often very difficult to move heavy weapons from one combat zone to another, especially where there are no

railroads, as in Afghanistan. Thus it's easier for the Pentagon to buy new, which it really loves to do anyway.

Consequently, the "complex" would just as soon have us hold off invading Iran until the existing equipment is moved out of neighboring Iraq. That's too conveniently close. Wait until it's all in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We'll never get it back from there. As it is, there are 2.8 million pieces of Iraq still waiting to leave. And Afghanistan already has 15,000 heavy mine-resistant troop carriers. We can kiss those babies goodbye when we leave some day. They'll be too beat-up and costly to lug all the way home. Might as well leave them for the Taliban and we'll start from scratch.

Understandably, all those heavy-arms makers are cheerfully supported by the Pentagon itself. Generals don't get paid for making peace, you know. Nor do they get promoted for understating the hazards posed by potential adversaries. Every two-bit antagonist is inflated into a serious threat in military intelligence estimates.

Ronald Reagan used to warn us (during the Contra War) that Nicaragua wasn't all that far from Harlingen, Texas. Stirring up fear is about as old a political ploy as there is.

Quieter but equally expensive are the nuclear weapons labora-

tories. They make plenty of profit just by servicing our ludicrous oversupply of bombs, but they'd like to make still more. They're always pressing to "modernize" our arsenal. That means adding some fancy new warheads. Now if there is one thing that the whole world can agree on, it's that we already have too many warheads, but that doesn't deter the companies that make them.

Indeed this is true of most weapons. Whether more unneeded ones continue to be built depends largely on the clout of their congressional delegations. That's why we have runways overflowing with extra C-19 cargo planes, and harbors jammed with surplus aircraft carriers and destroyers. Occasionally a biggie like the F-22 gets the axe, but mostly the unholy alliance between Congress and the arms producers keeps us wallowing in costly pointless weaponry.

And some of what we can't use, we sell. We're the biggest arms merchant in the world, most famously to Taiwan and Israel, which sometimes gets us into big trouble.

So 50 years later, it's clear that old Ike knew what he was talking about. Too bad he didn't do something about it back then.

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WILLIAM A. COLLINS

THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

Staying sane may be toughest challenge for 33 trapped Chilean miners found alive

COPIAPO, Chile (AP) — For 33 men found alive after 17 days trapped deep in a copper and gold mine, the toughest challenge now may be preserving their sanity during the months it may take to carve a tunnel big enough for them to get out.

For their families above ground, euphoria was joined by anxiety Monday after a sleepless night and the realization that the miners may be stuck underground until around Christmas.

"We didn't sleep. We stayed up all night long hoping for more news. They said that new images would appear, so we were up hoping to see them," said one, Carolina Godoy.

Dawn broke behind a cold fog on the surface of the gold and copper mine in Chile's Atacama desert, where an intense rescue effort finally reached the miners on Sunday after weeks of missteps, new cave-ins and other false starts.

Now the plan is to drill a wider tunnel, just big enough for the men to be pulled out one by one. That equipment that works more slowly, so officials estimate it could take until December to rescue them.

A narrow drill broke through 2,257 feet (688 meters) of solid rock Sunday to reach the emergency refuge where the miners have gathered. The trapped men quickly tied two notes to the end of a probe that rescuers pulled to the surface, announcing in big red letters: "All 33 of us are fine in the shelter."

"Today all of Chile is crying with excitement and joy," President Sebastian Pinera said at the mine.

And where many were beginning to give up hope, the scene above ground became a celebration Sunday night, with a barbecue for the miners' families, roving musicians, lit candles and Chilean flags making the barren landscape seem festive.

The men already have been trapped underground longer than all but a few miners rescued in recent history. Last year, three miners survived 25 days trapped in a flooded mine in southern China, and

two miners in northeastern China were rescued after 23 days in 1983. Few other rescues have taken more than two weeks.

The miners' survival after 17 days is very unusual, but since they've made it this far, they should emerge physically fine, said Davitt McAteer, who was assistant secretary for mine safety and health at the U.S. Labor Department under President Bill Clinton.

"The health risks in a copper and gold mine are pretty small if you have air, food and water," McAteer said.

Still, he said the stress of being trapped underground for a long period of time can be significant.

"There is a psychological pattern there that we've looked at," McAteer said. But "they've established communication with the guys; there are people who can talk them through that."

The hole already drilled will be used to send down small capsules containing food, water and oxygen if necessary, and sound and video equipment so the miners can better communicate with loved ones and rescuers. That two-way communication may be key to keeping them thinking positive.

A video camera lowered down the probe shaft Sunday showed some of the miners, stripped to the waist in the underground heat, waving happily.

Ex-policeman in Philippine capital holds tourist bus hostage with 25 on board

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A dismissed policeman armed with an automatic rifle seized a bus Monday in the Philippine capital with 25 people on board, mostly Hong Kong tourists. The gunman released nine of the hostages and demanded his job back to free the rest.

Police sharpshooters took positions around the white-blue-red bus, which was parked near a downtown Manila park. The road was sealed off as officers negotiated with the hostage-taker. Ambulances with stretchers and fire trucks were positioned nearby.

Hours after seizing the bus, he released two women, three children, a diabetic man and three Filipinos — including a tour guide and a photographer,

police said. The Filipino driver was still on the bus together with 15 tourists.

"He has released children, the elderly and the sick. He is showing signs of kindness and I think this will be resolved peacefully," said Fidel Posadas, police deputy director for operations.

The hostage-taker, identified as former Senior Inspector Rolando Mendoza, 55, was armed with an M16 rifle. He demanded that he be given back his job on the police force a year after he was fired, Manila police chief Rodolfo Magtibay said. According to newspaper reports from 2008, he was among five officers charged with robbery, extortion and grave threats after a Manila hotel chef filed a complaint alleging the policemen falsely accused him of using drugs to extort money.

Re-emergence of sidewalk porn in Iraq offers window into the country's chaos

BAGHDAD (AP) — The nude women on the DVD cover in a Baghdad street stall say it all: Change, whether you like it or not, is afoot in Iraq.

Hundreds of porn DVDs are stacked elbow-deep on a wooden table in Jassim Hanoun's ramshackle stall on a downtown sidewalk. His other tables have Hollywood blockbusters, like "King Kong." But not surprisingly, it's the sex that sells best.

"I've got everything," Hanoun says of his sex selection, flashing the kind of impish grin only a 22-year-old in tight jeans and slicked-back hair can pull off with any real conviction. "What do you want? I've got foreign films, Arab, Iraqi, Indian, celebrities — whatever you like."

The porn, in an odd way, has told the story of Iraq's security and political situation since Saddam Hussein's ouster in 2003. It emerged in the anything-goes atmosphere that erupted in the vacuum immediately following the U.S. invasion — then went back into hiding amid the anarchy when armed militias roamed the capital through 2008, targeting those they saw as immoral.

Its reemergence since then reflects how security has improved but also how the fragile government is busy with more pressing issues than spicy videos.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I are a happily married couple of less than 10 years, both in our late 40s and in good health. We have a wonderful marriage in every way, except I would like him to want to have sex with me.

Don't misunderstand. We have a regular and fairly satisfying sexual relationship, but it doesn't include normal intercourse, only "alternative" forms of sex. It makes me feel undesirable.

I'm not sure what I am doing wrong. We never argue, I don't nag, I'm attractive and keep fit, and I love doing things with him and for him. Yet he doesn't want to be intimate the way I'd like. It makes me believe he isn't attracted to me, and I am missing a big part of being his wife. What do you think? — **Love Him, but Want and Need More**

Dear Love Him: This may be a satisfying sex life for your husband, but obviously not for you. There could be a physical reason why your husband enjoys sex more



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

for marriage counseling.

Dear Annie: My father passed away last year at the age of 90. My brother was named executor, and when all the paperwork was mailed, everyone was satisfied.

However, the day after the paperwork was filed, my brother called and asked for what I thought was a large sum of money for handling the estate. From the beginning, my brother insisted he didn't want to be paid for doing this, so to express my gratitude, I was extremely generous with gifts for his three children.

Now he says he and his wife need the money to refinance their condo in Florida. I sent a check, as I didn't want to start a fight with the only brother I have.

While I don't regret giving his children the money, a friend told me she thought he misunderstood and assumed I was giving the inheritance money away. Am I wrong to be upset about this? I have no

idea how much time and effort was spent on his part, but I certainly don't feel responsible for his condo. — **California**

Dear California: This is something that should have been firmly settled when your brother took on the responsibility of handling the estate — a thankless job that deserves some type of reward. Of course, he should have kept his end of the deal or at least discussed it with you. You've sent him the check, and there's nothing you can do about the gifts you already sent his children, but feel free to scale back in the future. And try not to hold a grudge.

Dear Annie: This is a response to "Green Eyes," the athlete who is jealous of her friend's achievements.

I was incredibly inept at sports in high school. I jumped at the opportunity to join the track team in lieu of attending physical education classes. It was the best decision I ever made.

The coach stressed that I was not to compete against the other students, only against myself. I was to improve my own running speed and throwing distance.

During inter-scholar competitions, I was his helper with the first aid kit and keeping track of the other athletes' times, schedules, etc.

Please tell her she can achieve in other ways, without comparing herself to anyone. My self-esteem improved greatly thanks to an understanding coach. — **Ralph in Kansas City**

Dear Ralph: Our thanks to you and all the others who wrote with wonderful suggestions.

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Oil hovers near \$74 amid growth uncertainty

PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press Writer

Oil prices hovered near \$74 a barrel Monday as possible production disruptions in the Gulf of Mexico due to the hurricane season overcame uncertainty about the prospects of the global economy and a stronger dollar.

By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for October delivery was up 26 cents to \$74.08 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 97 cents to settle at \$73.82 on Friday.

Oil fell to its lowest price since early July during Friday's trading session, reacting to disappointing economic

news in the United States and slumping global stock markets.

Crude prices rose Monday amid concerns that Tropical Storm Danielle is strengthening in the Atlantic and could become a hurricane by late Tuesday, but forecasters said it appears to be heading toward Bermuda.

"The Tropical Storm Danielle should pose no threat to production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico but it is providing enough support for oil to allow prices to hold on to \$74 a barrel," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst at consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

Shum said market sentiment remained pessimistic amid uncertainties over the global economic recov-

ery.

He pegged crude prices at around \$75 a barrel in the near term, with a floor provided by production concerns amid the hurricane season.

Although there were predictions of relatively strong hurricanes this year, the forecasts have yet to be fully realized.

"Despite this sluggish start, we suspect weather should lend an element of support to prices at least through September, but the market is in danger of breaking down if the hurricane tally remains minimal by September's end," said a report from MF Global in New York.

Government measures to cool the Chinese economy — usually predict-

ed as the main source of increased energy use — were also seen limiting oil prices.

"The rise in demand in China will remain disappointing in the months ahead," said analysts at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "This supports our skeptical view on oil prices and we still anticipate a fall in prices to around \$70 a barrel by the end of the year. In the short term, though, a technical reaction to the upside cannot be ruled out."

In other Nymex trading in September contracts, natural gas for September delivery fell 5 cents to \$4.067 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil gained 0.82 cent to \$1.9792 a gallon and gasoline rose 0.33 cent to \$1.9284 a gallon.

NATIONAL BRIEFS:

Three dead, four wounded in shootout in central Virginia

LOUISA, Va. (AP) — A man involved in a dispute with other family members over property and belongings opened fire in a rural central Virginia neighborhood, killing two people and wounding four others before police fatally shot him, authorities said.

P.T. Spencer, a member of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, said Monday that gunman Charles Sponaugle and two other family members had an ongoing dispute over a 1.5-acre lot after Sponaugle's mother died without leaving a will.

"We've had problems with them," Spencer said of Sponaugle's family. He estimated the property was worth "\$25,000, if that. It's just insane."

The shooting began around 5 p.m. Sunday at a mobile home outside of the town of Louisa, said Louisa County sheriff's Maj. Donnie Lowe. Officers killed the man and a pit bull they say he unleashed on them in a shootout. No officers were injured.

Officials haven't released the victims' identities.

The wounded, including one with life-threatening injuries, were trans-

ported to the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Lowe said.

Heated rallies held over project near World Trade Center site

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of impassioned demonstrators — all waving American flags, but separated into two groups by police — descended on the site of the proposed mosque near ground zero, with opponents chanting, "No mosque, no way!" and supporters shouting, "We say no to racist fear!"

The two leaders of the construction project, meanwhile, defended their plans on Sunday, though one suggested that organizers might eventually be willing to discuss an alternative site. The other, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, said during a Middle East trip that the attention generated by the project is actually positive and that he hopes it will bring greater understanding.

The rallies took place around the corner from the cordoned-off old building that is to become a 13-story Islamic community center and mosque. There were no reports of physical clashes but there were some nose-to-nose confrontations, includ-

ing a man and a woman screaming at each other across a barricade under a steady rain.

Opponents of the \$100 million project two blocks from the World Trade Center site appeared to outnumber supporters. Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blared over loudspeakers as mosque opponents chanted, "No mosque, no way!"

McCain uses \$20M in campaign money for tough ads on rival

GILBERT, Ariz. (AP) — The cast of "Survivor" has nothing on Sen. John McCain.

Once labeled a vulnerable incumbent, the four-term Arizona Republican is the clear front-runner against challenger J.D. Hayworth after spending some \$20 million and casting his GOP opponent as a late-night infomercial huckster in a series of devastating ads. The primary is Tuesday.

McCain, who turns 74 on Aug. 29, has survived the deadly 1967 explosion on the USS Forrestal, 5½ years in a Vietnam POW camp after being shot down near Hanoi and skin cancer. Politically, he has persisted through the Keating Five savings and loan scandal, and two failed bids for the White House.

"I have stood up and led the fight as a fiscal conservative and a leader on national defense and a strong supporter of the men and women who are fighting and sacrificing for this nation," McCain told a woman who questioned his record at a town-hall meeting last Thursday.

Republicans hot, cold on defending Constitution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Paul Broun of Georgia won his seat in Congress campaigning as a strict defender of the Constitution. He carries a copy in his pocket and is particularly fond of invoking the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

But it turns out there are parts of the document he doesn't care for — lots of them. He wants to get rid of the language about birthright citizenship, federal income taxes and direct

election of senators, among others. He would add plenty of stuff, including explicitly authorizing castration as punishment for child rapists.

This hot-and-cold take on the Constitution is surprisingly common within the GOP, particularly among those like Broun who portray themselves as strict Constitutionalists and who frequently accuse Democrats of twisting the document to serve political aims.

Republicans have proposed at least 42 Constitutional amendments in the current Congress, including one that has gained favor recently to eliminate the automatic grant of citizenship to anyone born in the United States.

Democrats — who typically take a more liberal view of the Constitution as an evolving document — have proposed 27 amendments, and fully one-third of those are part of a package from a single member, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill. Jackson's package encapsulates a liberal agenda in which everyone has new rights to quality housing and education, but most of the Democratic proposals deal with less ideological issues such as congressional succession in a national disaster or voting rights in U.S. territories.

'True Blood' stars Paquin, Moyer tie the knot for real

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "True Blood" co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer have taken their true love to the altar. The couple's publicists said in a statement the 28-year-old Paquin and 40-year-old Moyer were married Saturday night at a ceremony in Malibu, Calif., "surrounded by their family and friends."

On the hit HBO series, Paquin stars as Sookie Stackhouse, a Southern waitress who falls for vampire Bill Compton, played by Moyer. Compton is a Confederate veteran who was turned into a bloodsucker around the Civil War era.

Paquin also co-starred in the first three "X-Men" superhero movies and won a supporting-actress Academy Award at age 11 for 1993's "The Piano."

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Glasscock County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.9 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 31, 2010 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The second public hearing will be held on September 7, 2010 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Kim Halfmann, Mark Halfmann, Gary Jones, Michael Hoch

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Jimmy Strube

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County last year was \$37,322.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.342000 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$127.64 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County this year is \$41,372 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.286111 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$118.37 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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Romo: mistakes can be corrected

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Sometimes receivers ran bad routes, sometimes they dropped passes. Running backs couldn't find holes. Once, Tony Romo forced a sack when he should've taken a sack, reverting to the bad habit he worked so hard to kick last season.

Yet Romo found some solace in the details of what went wrong for the Dallas Cowboys' offense in its latest exhibition outing.

"One person would make a mistake and it would kind of hurt the play," Romo said. "If 10 people do something right and one person does something wrong, that play is doomed. ... It's when you have four people who just can't do it, that's when you're in trouble."

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Dallas Cowboys

thing here, a thing there and that's something we can correct."

Although Dallas beat San Diego 16-14 on Saturday night, the winning rally came long after the starting offense went out.

Romo led four drives and produced a grand total of 47 yards. He completed 3 of 10 attempts before throwing a 9-yard touchdown pass to Miles Austin.

Getting a touchdown, the Cowboys' first of the pre-season, and scoring on a drive that got inside the opponent's 20-yard line, eased burdens for Dallas. But that

scoring drive actually went backward before moving into the end zone; Romo had taken over at the 8 following a long fumble return by safety Barry Church.

The offensive line featuring two backups held up fine. Everything else looked out of whack.

Romo threw one way when Austin went another. Roy Williams slipped. Austin and Jason Witten dropped balls they normally catch. Marion Barber gained 13 yards on three carries; that's a lot compared to Felix Jones' four yards on three carries.

So while coach Wade Phil-

lips and owner Jerry Jones lamented how much more San Diego had the ball (23:24 to 6:36 in the first half), Dallas simply didn't do much when it did have it.

"I understand why; we're working on things out there," Jerry Jones said. "I'd like to see it a little smoother, but we'll get there. ... I have absolutely no concerns about Romo's skill level or judgment."

Jones came away relieved there were no serious injuries and excited by Jon Kitna's performance in the second half. He hit 9 of 15 for 84 yards, with a 19-yard touchdown to Martellus Bennett.

He also didn't have any turnovers or sacks.

"I'm going to sleep better about quarterback tonight than I've slept this year because I thought Kitna did an outstanding job," Jones said. "When he scrambled out, had some pressure on him, he threw the ball out of bounds. That's what you want to see. You can't get that in practice with that kind of pressure. You want to make sure when you're 37 you've got your legs and he's got his legs."

Bennett hadn't played this preseason because of an ankle injury.

He looked like the kind of player the Cowboys need him to be, a solid blocker who can be a threat down the field, too.

He caught four passes for 40 yards, both tops on the team.



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Quarterback Garrett Stuteville throws a pass as coaches look on in the Big Spring Steers' scrimmage against Andrews. Finishing up with Lubbock Estacado, all the scrimmaging is done for the Steers, as they turn their attention to the season opener at Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Rangers beat Orioles 6-4

BALTIMORE (AP) — The reliable duo of Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero provided the Texas Rangers with a satisfactory finish to an otherwise lamentable road trip.

Hamilton and Guerrero each hit three-run homers, Tommy Hunter earned his career-high 10th win and Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 Sunday to split the four-game series.

The AL West-leading Rangers arrived in Baltimore after going 0-3 in Tampa Bay. By winning the series finale, Texas avoided its first multi-city road trip with only one win since a 1-12 trek in August 2005.

Hamilton and Guerrero both connected off Kevin Millwood (2-14). Hamilton homered in the first to put Texas up 3-0 after the game's seventh pitch, and Guerrero made it 6-1 with a drive in the fifth.

"It's nice to see those two guys come through. That's what we needed," manager Ron Washington said. "Any time you can get a win it's good, especially this one because we've got to fly. We can fly having fun, and it's nice to hear the music in the clubhouse."

Hamilton said, "We could have come off the road trip a lot worse

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Pence's solo home run leads Astros past Marlins 2-1

MIAMI (AP) — Hunter Pence rounded second base at a gallop before downshifting into a home-run trot that allowed him to savor his go-ahead hit.

The solo homer in the eighth inning Sunday helped the Houston Astros avert a series sweep by beating Florida 2-1.

Pence was more than halfway home before he realized his hit had cleared the left-field wall.

"I didn't know," he said. "The outfielders weren't going for the ball, but I didn't see any umpires. I must have missed it because I was just running. I was confused."

"I asked if it was gone, and they gave it to me."

Pence's 19th homer, one of only five hits for Houston, came with one out in the eighth off Jose Veras (2-1). Pence also drove in the game's first run with a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

That was enough support for Nelson Figueroa and two relievers, who combined on a six-hitter. Wilton Lopez (5-0) faced only six batters in two innings, and Brandon Lyon earned his sixth save in seven chances by retiring Mike Stanton with two on to end the game.

The Marlins' defeat ended their season-best five-game winning streak, and the post-game mood in the clubhouse was especially glum because popular outfielder Cody Ross

was awarded to the San Francisco Giants on a waiver claim.

The move signaled Marlins management is giving up on the season with the team at 62-61.

"You can characterize it as whatever you want — a white flag, or anything like that," president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest said. "We're realistic about where we are."

Figueroa and Marlins starter Andrew Miller were surprisingly effective. Figueroa, making his third start this season, retired 11 in a row during one stretch and allowed just one run — Gaby Sanchez's homer — in six innings.

Claimed off waivers last month, Figueroa is trying to help his chances for a rotation spot next season.

"I'm a guy that can throw four pitches for strikes, and there are not a lot of major league starters than can do that," he said. "For me, it's a matter of opportunity. One year, if I could get 30 starts, I would love to see what I could do."

Miller, making his first major league appearance since July 19, 2009, allowed one run in five innings before departing for a pinch-hitter. The left-hander replaced 14-game winner Ricky Nolasco, who was scratched from his scheduled start because of a partial tear in his right knee.

"I've been pitching in Double-A for the majority of the year," Miller said. "To get back out there and pitch in a major league game is obviously an unbelievable feeling. I think it was about as exciting as it gets."

Houston manufactured the game's first run in the third inning when Michael Bourn led off with a bunt single, stole second took third on a groundout and came home on Pence's fly.

Sanchez's 14th homer with two out in the sixth made it 1-0.

With runners in scoring position, Houston went 0 for 8, and Florida went 0 for 4. Figueroa gave up back-to-back singles to start the fifth.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

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

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

Ragball tournament

There will be a Ragball tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Cost is \$10 per person, with a six-game guarantee.

All proceeds will go toward medical costs for Debbie Hicks, who is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant. Register at the complex between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 28 and games start at 10 a.m. that day. For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

Junior High volleyball tryouts

There will be volleyball tryouts for the Big Spring

Junior High School team after school from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Contact coach Andy Couch at 682-225-2415 for more information.

CYFA Football sign-ups

Remaining sign-ups for this league will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The last day to sign up is Sunday.

Flag football league

The West Texas NFL Flag Football League is having sign-ups from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

The location for registration will be the Coahoma Community Center. Ages are from 9 to 11 and this is a co-ed league.

Cost per player is \$40 and discounts are given for multiple children families. This covers an NFL jersey, flags and there is no fundraiser for children to

participate in.

Call Adam at 213-7186 or Leslie at 213-7157 for more information.

Railroaders Golf Tournament

This Railroaders Golf Tournament takes place Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Prizes go to the first-place team, longest drive winners for men and women and closest to the pin for men and women.

Each player has a \$10 fee to play that will go to the BLET Auxiliary. The organization also is accepting donations.

Call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 for more information.

Three-person scramble

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Under the waxing moon in Aquarius, there's an overriding sense that something surprising and strange is about to occur. It's the eve of the full moon in Pisces, a lunar aspect said to be most welcoming to unseen forces. Pisces energy taps gently on the window of our imagination, asking us to peek into the possibilities of the spiritual world.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Remember when your favorite person was still unknown to you? Be friendly. Make the first move. You'll meet a stranger who could become someone very special to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you do not physically lay your hands on what you have every once in a while, you will forget and buy new things that will soon become just as forgettable. It's a lucky day to take inventory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things that are not in their proper place will have a tendency to fall into disarray. Clean as you go. This makes you appear to "have it all together," and you'll make a stellar impression on someone new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can relate to someone under the auspice of work, but when it comes to making a personal connection, you may feel at a loss. Stick to what feels safe for now. When it's time to take a risk, you'll know it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

If you're looking for reasons to feel good about yourself, it won't be hard to find them. And a Sagittarius or Aries could help you find a few more, as these signs will have a way of bringing out your best right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mistakes will happen. When they do, take a deep breath. Bring mindfulness to the situation. You can handle anything and everything that comes up. Doing so will make you strong and perhaps even heroic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to make people laugh. It's not because you need attention, but because it brings you great joy to see giggling faces. You quip because you care, and underneath your teasing is unabashed love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will be packing a bag, studying for an upcoming test or carefully getting ready in some other way to face the unknown. Where there is preparation there will be no regret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Choose a small task and you will succeed brilliantly. It will be thrilling for you to go through all three stages of a project in one day — preparation, process and execution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Assume that you are going to get your way, and go forward with great enthusiasm, especially in dealing with those who will be involved in the delivery of your wishes (whether they currently understand that or not).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be aware of how society has shaped your circumstances. You may

be inspired to write a letter to the leaders of your country, describing your position and expressing your thoughts about what should be done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Write your thank-you letters. This cannot be put off a day longer. It will not only make the recipient of your note feel terrific about knowing you, but it will make you feel better to have this task checked off of your list.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 23). You'll be thinking about the problems humanity is faced with and solving a few this year in your own personal way. You have a unique way of communicating, and your ideas take off like wildfire in September. Make sure to pack in the music, laughter and friendly fun in November. You'll earn a top rating in December. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 4, 33, 19 and 7.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS: Beyond the 12 Signs of the Zodiac: Aries through Pisces may be our favorite characters to keep track of, but they are not the only stars in the sky. For instance, the sixth largest modern constellation, located between Taurus and Hydrus, is Eridanus, the river. Some consider Eridanus the second decan of Taurus. Eridanus is a long and winding constellation that looks like a river of stars in the southern hemisphere. In Greek mythology, Phaeton, the son of Helios, the sun god, borrowed his dad's chariot. Now, the sun god had a pretty sweet ride — he drove the sun across

the sky every day in a chariot pulled by fiery horses. The solar steeds were just too much horsepower for young Phaeton to handle, and he lost control of the chariot. The sun careened across the sky, scorching the earth, until Zeus finally had to put a stop to it. To save the earth from flaming destruction, Zeus sent a lightning bolt to kill poor Phaeton, who plummeted to the earth in a blaze of glory and landed in the river Eridanus. This myth highlights the notion of stampeding headlong into trouble. Those born under the sign of Taurus are known for bulldozing ahead, for better or worse.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Fans of the Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and actor Rick Springfield can see him in concert, read about him in his autobiography and now rock out with him on a cruise ship destined for Half Moon Cay. The sun and Mercury in Virgo indicate an unfailingly practical and hardworking nature. Springfield's Leo moon promises that the spotlight will shine on him for as long as he likes it that way.

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5:PM	News ABC	Vida Notic.	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Chumney	BBC	King	Cash Cab	Bueller's Day Off, Mia Sara	CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Deck Phineas	Little League Baseball	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Llena de Amor (SS)	Two Men	News	El Cartel II	News	Seinfeld	Van Impe	Business	70s Show	Dirty Jobs: 70s Show	Deadliest Warrior	Bones	The Closer	MS	Wizards	Monday Night	
7:PM	Bachelor Pad	Hasta que el Dinero	House	Ent	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Holmes	Upd	Antiques Roadshow	90210	Ulti. Car Build-Off	Movie: Grease, Stockard Channing	Deadliest Warrior	The Closer	Movie: Half Baked, Jim Brewer	Wizards	Little League Baseball	NFL Pre-season Football: Arizona Cardinals at Tennessee Titans.
8:PM	Dating in the Dark	Cristina (SS)	Simpsons Friends	News	CSI: Miami	Two Men	The 2010 Miss Universe Pageant (SS)	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	Gossip Girl	Ulli. Car Build-Off	Movie: No Country for Old Men, Josh Brolin	The Closer	Rizzoli & Isles	Game Game	Phineas	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA.	SportsCenter
9:PM	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Lopez	House	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	Ulli. Car Build-Off	Mad Men	The Closer	The Mo'Nique	Hannah			
10:PM	Nightline	Noticiero	TMZ	Letterman	A Corazón Abierto	Jay Leno	Name	Scrivner	BBC	Bernie	Ulli. Car Build-Off	Knockout	Rizzoli & Isles	Wendy Williams	Hannah			
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones	Late Night	Name	CCM	T. Smiley	Cops	The Colony	(32) Movie: Grease, Stockard Channing	Sports	HawthoRNE	Movie: Half Baked, Jim Brewer	Wizards	NASCAR	SportsCenter
12:AM	Extra	Tontas Cielo	King-Hill	Insider	Pagado	News	Sex & Sex	Uppd	Cortes	Sanchez	Videosomnia	Overhaul	Star Trek: Voyager	Leverage	Suite Life	NFL Yrbk.	SportsCenter	
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU MAY BE DAD'S BOSS AT WORK, BUT HERE AT HOME, MY MOM IS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Hurry up, Daddy, before the ocean erases it!"

HAGAR

YOU TURNED AND RAN DURING BATTLE, THROWING DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND LEAVING YOUR FELLOW WARRIORS EXPOSED AND VULNERABLE!!

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

I GUESS I'M NOT MUCH OF A TEAM PLAYER

BC

BLONDIE

THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH PRESSURE TO BE COOL AT SCHOOL THESE DAYS

YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY, DAD... YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO BE COOL

WELL YES, DEAR, I THINK YOU'RE VERY COOL... BUT WHAT BROUGHT THAT ON?

WIZARD OF ID

THIS SOLVES THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING HAIR GEL.

AGNES

SWIPE

FORE

SINCK

NOW, IF ONLY YOU COULD BE THAT LETHAL ON THE BATTLEFIELD

HI AND LOIS

OH, MY! DO YOU SEE WHAT THAT MAN IS UNWRAPPING?!

GUM?

NOT JUST GUM! IT IS A PIECE OF KODLSKA! AN EASTERN EUROPEAN GUM SPICED WITH TURMERIC AND REAL BLUE CHEESE FLAVO-BITS!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?!

EASTERN EUROPEANS LIKE TO CHEW GARBAGE?

BEETLE BAILEY

HE'S GOT HIS PAW'S EYES, HIS NOSE...

AN' HIS COOKIES!!

THE OTHER COAST

SKRITCH SKRITCH

WHAT'S THAT?

PROBABLY JUST A MOUSE.

THOUGH IT COULD BE A SQUIRREL OR A RACCOON OR A RAT OR A BATOR A...

CALL AN EXTERMINATOR BEFORE WE HAVE TO MOVE!!

SNUFFY SMITH

WE CUT OUT THE MIDDLEMAN.

BEETLE BAILEY

98...99... 100...

HEY! LET ME TRY THAT!

WHAP WHAP WHAP!

WHAP!

ONE...

AGNES

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2010. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pa. nine months after the opening of his final collaboration with composer Richard Rodgers, "The Sound of Music."

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1754, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles (vehr-SY').

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1785, U.S. naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry was born in South Kingstown, R.I.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1927, amid protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 80. Political satirist Mark Russell is 78. Actress Barbara Eden is 76. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 76. Actor Richard Sanders is 70. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 68. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 66.

Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 65. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 63. Singer Linda Thompson is 63. Actress Shelley Long is 61. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 61. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 61. Queen Noor of Jordan is 59. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 59. Retired All-Star baseball pitcher Mike Boddicker is 53. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 49. Tejano singer Emilio Navaira (mah-VY'-rah) is 48. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 41. Actor Jay Mohr is 40. Actor Ray Park is 36. Actor Scott Caan is 34. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 33.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hawaiian greeting
 - 6 Salty bodies of water
 - 10 Radar-screen spot
 - 14 Rescues
 - 15 Game on horseback
 - 16 Took the subway
 - 17 Knowledgeable investors, so to speak
 - 19 Laundry appliance
 - 20 ___ Aviv
 - 21 Rowboat implements
 - 22 Breakfast rolls
 - 24 Leave one's job
 - 25 Netlike fabric
 - 26 Nearby
 - 29 Browned, as bread
 - 32 Lukewarm
 - 33 Harness strap
 - 34 Clumsy one
 - 36 Oil-cartel acronym
 - 37 Carry-___ (some airline bags)
 - 38 Woodwind instrument
 - 39 Sausage meat
 - 40 Story line
 - 41 Biological duplicate
 - 42 One who snitches
 - 44 Sounded like a rooster
 - 45 Historical times
 - 46 Pigtail material
 - 47 Petroleum magnate
 - 50 Plant with fronds
- DOWN**
- 1 Helper: Abbr.
 - 2 Weak, as an excuse
 - 3 Egg-shaped
 - 4 That woman
 - 5 Astonish
 - 6 Badminton or bowling
 - 7 Long periods of time
 - 8 Pub serving
 - 9 Veggieburger ingredient
 - 10 Shocking pink, for one
 - 11 Folk history
 - 12 Object of worship
 - 13 Contract-signing needs
 - 18 Motel employee
 - 23 Beast of burden
 - 24 Short fuse
 - 25 Slightly damp
 - 26 Perched on
 - 27 Plant in a larger container
 - 28 Musical drama
 - 29 Male singing voice
 - 30 Arm joint
 - 31 Fictional Lorna
 - 33 Actors' parts
 - 35 Real-estate document
 - 40 Makes a date of it
 - 41 French-fry feature, often
 - 43 "La la" preceder
 - 44 Find fault
 - 46 Long sandwiches
 - 47 Clumsy ones
 - 48 "Now it's clear!"
 - 49 Tardy
 - 50 Grow dim
 - 51 Large stack
 - 52 At a distance
 - 53 Religious group
 - 56 Term of endearment
 - 57 Put the kibosh on

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