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La Corsha to manage Settles Hotel



Big Spring landmark to reopen in spring 2012

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 When the historic Settles Hotel once again opens its doors to the Crossroads area in less than a year, it will be Austin-based management and consulting firm La Corsha Hospitality Group at the helm.
 According to Big Spring native Brint Ryan — founder and CEO of Ryan LLC

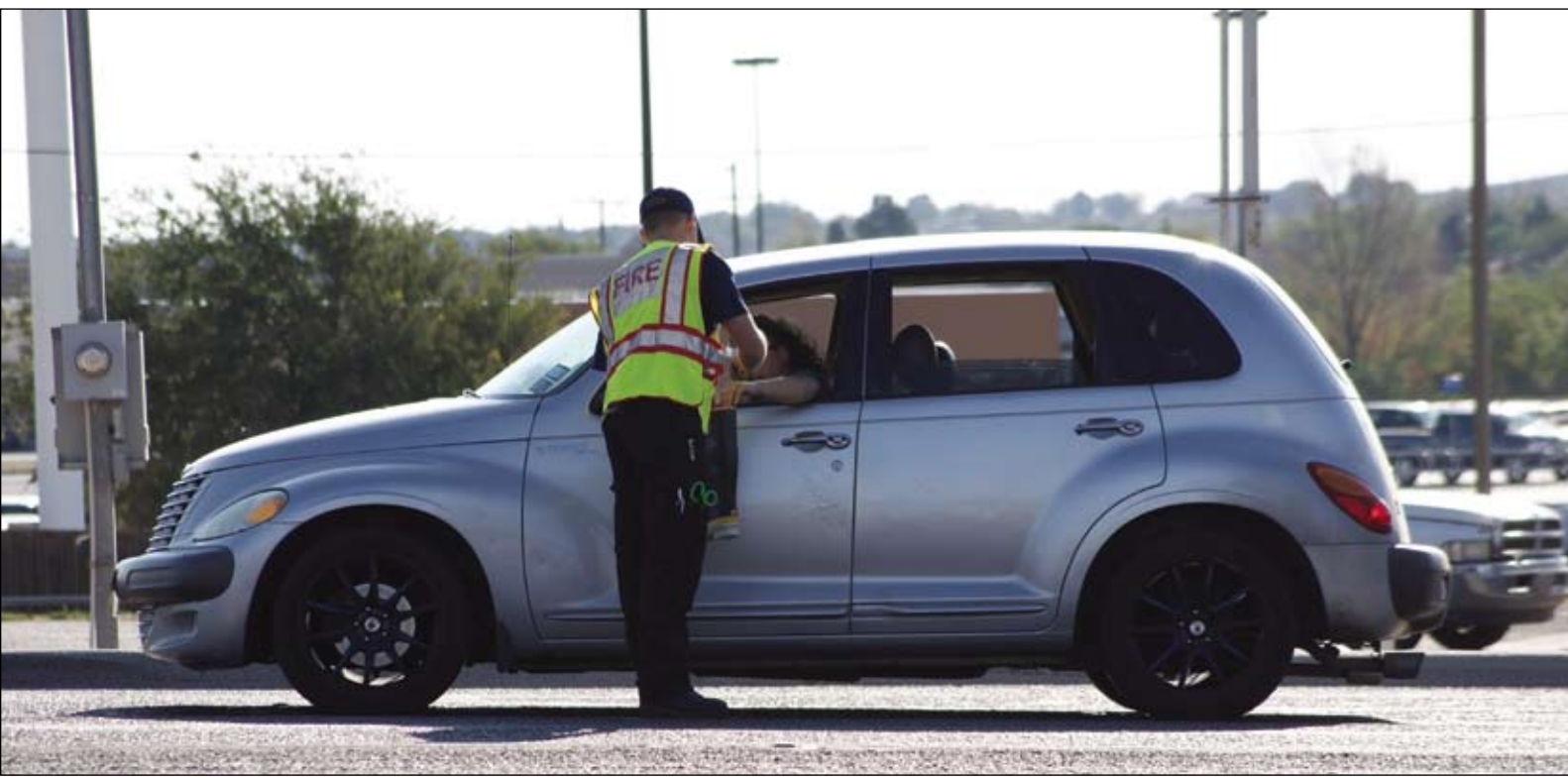
and the investor currently driving the ongoing restoration of the downtown landmark — the hotel is expected to re-open during the first quarter of 2012, with the Austin firm prepared to take the lead in marketing and managing the facility.
 "The Settles Hotel restoration has indeed been the challenge we all anticipated, but I'm confident it will once

again be the social center of West Texas," Ryan said. "Clearly we needed an experienced team of professionals to help us achieve our goals. After using their consulting services during the last year, entering into a long-term management agreement with La Corsha was our obvious choice. Their work has
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Spence dries up

CRMWD must rely solely on Lake Ivie for surface water

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 As West Texans try desperately to conserve water in the face of the ongoing drought, officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District say they have been forced to stop pumping water from Lake Spence, the second reservoir from its system to fall prey to the lack of rain.
 Located in Robert Lee, Lake Spence is currently at 0.5 percent capacity, according to CRMWD officials. Spence is the second reservoir to reach critical levels for the water district, with Lake Thomas — currently at 2.21 percent of capacity — having been out of commission since December 2008.
 With the loss of Lake Spence, CRMWD is forced to rely on Lake O.H. Ivie — currently at 22.51 percent capacity — for all of its surface water, according to John Grant, manager of the local water district.
 "We've been forced to stop pumping water out of Spence," Grant said. "We're now relying completely on Lake
 Grant



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Members of the Big Spring Fire Department took to Gregg Street to raise money for Jerry's Kids and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighters collected donations in boots until around 4 p.m. Saturday. All money raised will directly go to MDA.

Firefighters helping 'Jerry's Kids'

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 Add one more way to the list of how firefighters save lives.
 Saturday morning, members of the Big Spring Fire Department set up post on Gregg Street in hopes of raising money for Jerry's Kids and the Muscu-

lar Dystrophy Association.
 "We are trying to stamp out more than 40 new diseases and the good thing is this money stays in the area. It goes to the Midland office, which services the Big Spring area," said Chanley Delk, president of the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association.

The money raised also goes toward funding an MDA summer camp in Amarillo. Delk also said 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the MDA.
 The annual fundraiser, which has been taking place since the 1980s, is
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Food drive set to benefit Isaiah 58

HERALD Staff Report
 Times may be tough, but with a little help it's possible to make it through.
 Isaiah 58, along with numerous other food pantries in the

area, has been hard hit with a shortage of supply. In fact, because of higher grocery prices and fewer food and monetary donations, many food banks have been turning families away or closing altogether.

Beginning Tuesday and continuing through Sept. 23, the *Big Spring Herald* and United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will team
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A reminder to our readers, the *Herald* will not publish a paper Monday and the office will be closed.

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Obituaries

Pauline Lecroy

Pauline Lecroy, 89, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 17, 1922, in Roscoe, Texas, and married Joseph Richard Lecroy on Feb. 3, 1944, in Roscoe, Texas. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1969.

Pauline had lived in Big Spring since 1954 and had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 17 years in food service and then as a dietary assistant. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Jackie Don Lecroy of Big Spring; three daughters, Dee Henkell and husband Clarence of Big Spring, Peggy Drake of Big Spring and Carolyn Burnett and husband Ross of Azle; a step-son, Jerry Ray Lecroy; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ellie Booth and Minnie Effie (Russell) Hair; a step-son, Joe Charles Lecroy; two brothers, Floyd Hair and Russell Hair; and three sisters, Lorea Brown, Mildred Johnson and Ellen Kiser.

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

Jose A. Mata

Jose A. Mata, 82, of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ervin L. Bridge

Ervin L. Bridge, 85, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Aimee Wallace Aragon

Aimee Wallace Aragon, 41, of Rusk, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at a Tyler Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Thomas A. 'Doc' Fay

Thomas A. "Doc" Fay, 71, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, at his residence. Memorial services and burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Conshohocken, Pa.

He was born June 21, 1940, in Wayne, Pa., to Mary and John T. Fay. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was an electrical engineer. He had been a resident of Big Spring for the past 15 years.

He is survived by his daughters: Ninfa Jennings and Sharon Doyle; and sons: T.J. Fay and Anthony Fay.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Take Note

- The BSHS Student Council will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Big Spring High School Library. Any community member interested in giving blood may come by the high school main office or call 264-3641 to schedule a time. Appointments are not necessary but recommended.

- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings starting noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

- Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information,

contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are need for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/4	Mon 9/5	Tue 9/6	Wed 9/7	Thu 9/8
88/64	87/58	89/61	90/64	89/63
Partly cloudy and windy with a thunderstorm or two possible in the afternoon.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	64	windy	Kingsville	105	73	windy
Amarillo	77	51	t-storm	Livingstone	92	66	rain
Austin	100	70	windy	Longview	93	68	windy
Beaumont	82	69	t-storm	Lubbock	78	55	t-storm
Brownsville	102	76	sunny	Lufkin	89	67	rain
Brownwood	95	66	windy	Midland	87	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	103	74	windy	Raymondville	104	76	sunny
Corsicana	95	69	windy	Rosenberg	96	71	windy
Dallas	94	70	windy	San Antonio	105	73	windy
Del Rio	101	74	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	70	windy
El Paso	92	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	68	windy
Fort Stockton	86	65	t-storm	Sweetwater	87	63	t-storm
Gainesville	90	64	windy	Tyler	91	67	windy
Greenville	92	66	windy	Weatherford	92	66	windy
Houston	95	72	windy	Wichita Falls	90	60	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	68	48	mst sunny
Boston	84	67	pt sunny	New York	83	72	pt sunny
Chicago	74	51	pt sunny	Phoenix	107	83	sunny
Dallas	94	70	windy	San Francisco	70	56	sunny
Denver	74	52	sunny	Seattle	84	55	sunny
Houston	95	72	windy	St. Louis	78	56	t-storm
Los Angeles	81	63	sunny	Washington, DC	90	75	t-storm
Miami	86	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 9/4	Mon 9/5	Tue 9/6	Wed 9/7	Thu 9/8
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Police blotter

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

- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 36, of 1425 E. Sixth St. 34, was arrested Friday on warrants for expired registration and driving while license invalid (two counts).
- DAVID CANALES JR., 26, of 1111 Settles, was arrested Saturday on warrants for manufacture/delivery of controlled substance more than or equal to one gram and less than four grams and warrant from another agency.
- ALBERT MARTINEZ JR., 33, of 601 State, was arrested Sunday on warrants for interference with emergency telephone call, assault by contact and failure to appear.
- JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 26, of 2601 Ent, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported: In the 3200 block of Avenue C. In the 1900 block of S. Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in Courtney Place.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of W. Fifth Street.
- BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Drive.

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SETTLES

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been very impressive and has taken our vision for the Settles Hotel well beyond anything that exists in West Texas."

Restoration of the building began in 2006, when Ryan — along with his brother, project general manager Kristopher Ryan — announced he would purchase and, ultimately, re-open the hotel.

The building, erected for \$500,000 in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more

than two decades.

According to Settles Hotel Development Corporation officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$20 million since its inception.

According to a news release, when the Settles reopens next spring, it will feature its historic grand ballroom and lobby, a full-service restaurant, separate bar, a swimming pool and fitness studio and multiple social function and meeting rooms. The restoration team has been using the original blueprints

to keep the 1930s architectural details intact.

"We are honored to be working on the Settles Hotel with Brint and his design team. In its prime, the Settles was a magnificently opulent hotel and the social heart of Big Spring," said Jeff Trigger, founder and CEO of La Corsha Hospitality Group. "We look forward to returning the hotel to her former grandeur and positioning within the community."

Trigger's company specializes in operating luxury hotels, restoring and repositioning historic properties and developing independent restaurants and bars, according to information provided by the hospitality group.

The company's resume includes a number of high-profile projects, such as Austin's Driskill Hotel; Dallas' Mansion on Turtle Creek, Hotel Adolphus and Stoneleigh Hotel and Spa; and San Antonio's Saint Anthony Hotel.

Trigger said La Corsha is also responsible for developing Congress Austin, which includes the renowned five-star restaurant, Congress; critically acclaimed Bar Congress; and Austin's newest downtown destination, Second Bar + Kitchen.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m.

until 9 p.m.
• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

BOOTS

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put on through a partnership with the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Big Spring Firefighters Association — a partnership which started in the 1950s.

Firefighters were out until around 4 p.m. Saturday, but Delk said if anyone wasn't able to help fill the boot — firefighter boots were used to collect donations — it is still possible to donate.

To make a donation, call the MDA office located in Midland at 432-570-4970.

Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@big-springherald.com

FOOD DRIVE

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with Wal-Mart and H-E-B to put on a food drive to benefit Isaiah 58. Drop-off locations will be set up Tuesday at both entrances of Wal-Mart and H-E-B, as well as the United Way, located in the Chamber of Commerce building at 215 W. Third, and the Big Spring Herald offices at 710 Scurry.

Drop-off boxes will be marked and those wanting to donate can simply stop by and drop in their donations. All non-perishable food items are acceptable.

For more information, contact Amanda Moreno at the Herald at 263-7331, ext. 234, or Sandy at the United Way at 267-5201.

WATER

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Ivie and our well field in Ward County for water deliveries."

The water district announced in February it would cut deliveries to customer cities by 10 percent in an effort to conserve water. Several months later — as the drought continued to worsen throughout the region — the water district cut deliveries by 20 percent.

The city is currently in Stage 3 of its emergency water conservation plans, implemented by the council to meet CRMWD's decreases in water delivery. Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua said the decreased deliveries would have to reach 34 percent before the council will have to consider moving into Stage 4 of the plan.

Grant said it's currently unclear if deliveries will be cut by more than 20 percent in the coming year.

"We plan to look at this again in December or January and evaluate

where to go from there," Grant said. "At our current rate, we project Lake Ivie will last until December 2012 if we don't get a significant influx of rain. Unfortunately, we haven't figured out how to make it rain yet."

Grant said efforts to bring a second pipeline from the Ward County fields online are under way, with the project expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 2013. The project, which he estimated at \$140 million, along with efforts to build a water reclamation plant in Big Spring could generate 45 million gallons of water per day for the Crossroads area.

"We actually have two pipelines currently under construction," Grant said. "The first is to connect a new well field CRMWD has purchased with the existing one in Ward County. The second pipeline will increase the amount of water we can deliver from the well fields. We're also in the process of drilling more wells in the Ward Coun-

ty fields."

In the meantime, however, Grant said he and other CRMWD officials will continue to monitor water levels and deliveries and take whatever action is necessary to provide for citizens' "basic needs."

"I think the drought has really opened some people's eyes to the type of challenges we are facing in West Texas," he said. "Our goal is to provide for people's basic needs for water, and that's a goal we will continue to work toward."

"I feel like we'll be able to get a better idea of what's to come in December or January. We'll look at the weather outlook and reservoir levels and decide what action to take in the coming year. Until then, we just have to continue to conserve water as much as possible."

The city of Big Spring has placed heavy restrictions on water use for its customers in the Crossroads areas, allowing outside water use only on Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

for residential customers and Tuesdays from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. for businesses.

Other restrictions include:

Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (including mobile) car wash establishments.

No outside watering is allowed except on the designated date and time. However, according to the memo issued Friday, "Potted plants and flower beds can be watered on any day between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. using a watering can (no water hoses)."

Washing of "houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc ... is strictly prohibited."

Violations of these restrictions can be reported by calling 432-264-2548.

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Richard M. Haro, 51, died Monday. Private services and burial were held today.

Lori White Beck, 34, died Wednesday. Graveside services were at 3:00 PM today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Thomas A. "Doc" Fay, 71, died Monday. Memorial services and burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Conshohocken, PA.

Aimee Wallace Aragon, 41, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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This venue, long considered, but not needed and never used, now becomes the vehicle of choice.

With these words, through this media, I will strive to communicate my present thoughts and feelings.

This convenience is directed to all those, and they are legion, caregivers, medical professionals, unbelievably supportive friends and family members.

Most of the indeterminable number of miles traveled in my 85 years have been fairly smooth, at least negotiable. Now large rocks, boulder like, have blocked safe passage. My will to live and serve you must now go unabated.

Best wishes and fervent prayers have sustained me to this point. I will fight with all that is within me to repay at least some of the "interest" towards the unending blessings that are mine.

HAYES STRIPLING JR.
BIG SPRING

Hang glider success

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, I am very proud to be a long standing member of our city and county. The National Hang Gliding competition has come and gone, with another successful year. As Chaplain, I was with all the competitors and their helpers every day before taking off. All I heard were wonderful words of praise about the friendliness and helpfulness of our citizens.

These people travel all over the USA and some foreign countries. They meet people from all walks of life. I never heard a bad comment from any of them. They all said they looked forward to coming to Big Spring because of the friendliness of the people. Some of the comments were "I flew over your beautiful city yesterday. It is beautiful, not because of the landscape, but because of the people." Another "I look forward to coming to Big Spring every year. This is my 11th year here. Your people are so friendly and kind. I went down in a field, short of goal, and people came and ask if I was alright. They offered drinks, food, help with my glider and transportation if I needed it. They helped me in getting over a fence. I am really impressed with all the people of West Texas."

Others commented the same feelings. They were all very friendly and most helpful to my questions about their sport. They loved our hot weather and wind, as they were able to fly every day.

They are all looking forward to coming again next year. There were 30 competitors and all their helpers. This is a big boost for our economy, as well as the good publicity it gives our community.

Congratulations citizens on making a good impression to all of the contestants.

CHAPLAIN JOEL MILLER
BIG SPRING

So grateful

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this because I think it is the best way to give my "thank you" in a place where the most people will see it.

Friday, Aug. 26, in the morning, I took my dog Shadow to Highland Animal Hospital. She pulled loose from me as I was opening the door. I called for help, but when Debbie Barr and Tiffany Fernandez ran out to help, she ran across the parking lot and across Highway 87. They followed her. Most passing cars and trucks slowed down and a few pulled over and stopped. Several people got out and tried to help catch her.

She ran north up Highway 87, back across the highway, into the Worthy Estates, back with Debbie and Tiffany chased her until she ran across the estates and down into the scrub that separates the Estates from the park. Jay then drove the ladies back to the animal hospital.

My daughter Lyndel, son John and I looked for her most of the day, even bringing my other dog, Bear, to try to sniff her out. People working at the park, walkers, joggers and hikers said they would keep an eye out for her. Animal Control, the Humane Society, everybody I could think of were contacted. Even Roy Worthy was

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Pulling for the filly in pink silk

Unless entries in Ruidoso Downs' annual All American Futurity have names honoring God, country, motherhood or apple pie, look for A Lot of Love for Robyn to be the sentimental favorite.

She's the filly in pink silks with black accents in the world's richest horse race for quarter horses. The 440-yard race has a \$2.6 million purse in what some are calling "the race for the cure."

The pink is a tribute to Komen cancer research. And black was the favorite color of the late Robyn Williams, who drove black cars, was buried in a black casket and whose grave is marked by a black headstone. She died of colon cancer in January at age 38.

In the Ruidoso gallery will be 200 fans in pink shirts and blouses to honor Robyn's memory. Cheering will be folks from O'Donnell and surrounding territory. Others pulling for the same horse will be co-workers from University Medical Center in Lubbock, where Robyn was nursing director in the critical care unit for seven years.

Owning another race horse wasn't on Robyn's bucket list when the transaction went down last year. Her husband of 22 years, Brad Williams, and his business partner, Wayne Barton, overruled. Their trainer, John Bassett, completed the euphoric trio. After all, their "Political Connection" had won a Ruidoso day race only hours earlier.

Barton, with Bassett egging him on, was a vigorous bidder. In fact, he outbid himself, taking the offer from \$70,000 to \$75,000



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before claiming the animal for \$80,000. Oh, he also forgot his checkbook, so he asked Brad to pay up.

Robyn had made it clear to Brad that her "druthers" last fall called for a new swimming pool.

"Shucks, you've already got a swimming pool," her hubby countered, sure the new pool would set him back by \$70,000. "They don't accept trade-ins of second hand pools," he reminded.

"OK, Brad," she responded. "Just don't think for a minute you're going to buy another race horse."

She soon mellowed, particularly when A Lot of Love's name took on two more words — "for Robyn."

Broken and trained on Bassett's Arizona ranch, the brown maiden has been in Ruidoso since May. She was 13th of 250 in trials for the Rainbow Futurity and was second overall among 256 entries in the All American trials.

Williams and Barton are majority owners.

Friends pulling for the horse are "tried and true" folks who have been through more "thick and thin" than Abbott and Costello. They're mostly farmers, raising mostly cotton. Williams farms 10,000 acres near O'Donnell, his hometown. He and Barton are also in the farm chemical business.

Women in O'Donnell planned the wedding of the Williams' daughter, Shelby. Robyn, of course, had hoped to do the "mother things" associated with the wedding, but her malignancy worsened.

The original March date had to be moved forward. Nuptials were held last December. Robyn struggled, but was able to attend the wedding of her only child. Always the romantic herself, Robyn took on matrimony at

age 16, a drop-out at Lubbock-Coronado High School. She later completed nursing training at Texas Tech.

Her hubby, ostensibly in Lubbock to attend college, chose courtship over scholarship, and they were off to O'Donnell as man and wife.

Shelby and her hubby, Brandon Tomlinson, are in O'Donnell, too, helping her dad with his business interests. Her biggest chore now, though, is reminding Brad and his business partner they aren't kids anymore.

Like her mom, Shelby makes idle threats, wondering how long Brad and Wayne will describe their shenanigans as "childish pranks."

"Mom and Kathy (Wayne's wife) were always vowing to ground 'em, a good distance apart," Shelby said.

So, 2011 Labor Day will be "Robyn's Day" as well. There will be cheers all around. Shelby, to deliver Brad's first grandchild come January, will try to rein in her dad — if possible.

Look for the race results. Be assured that University Medical Center folks are intensely interested. The widower, with an entry who has never finished "out of the money," has promised to share his winnings with the hospital whose folks "took such good care of my wife."

Absent at the track will be Chuck Bonds, Brad's uncle who didn't invest in the horse. "You'll never see a horse betting on a man's race," Bonds laughed. "Besides that, I'm way short on teeth until my new bridge is put in, and I don't want people poking fun at me."

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Comet Elenin and other fables

With my BA, MSW, and PhD degrees in the behavioral sciences, one would think I should have greater insight into a certain perplexing human behavior, one that overlaps with my avocational field of astronomy. In the two decades I've been writing "Stargazer" and presenting astronomy programs, I've been asked numerous times about "threats" to us and our planet, mostly relating to things from outer space. And even though I do my best to allay such fears, some people continue to accept uncritically what they read on the Internet.

One of the latest is Comet Elenin which, according to various Internet stories, might not be a comet at all but rather a "rogue planet" larger than Jupiter, or maybe a brown dwarf star which has entered our solar system. And it's going to rain all kinds of havoc on us Sept. 26, 2011 — or is October, or maybe November, or sometime in 2012? Depends on which crackpot you read.

Some claim it might crash into Earth. Others say even if miss, its gravitational pull will cause devastating earthquakes and tsunamis. And if that doesn't happen, then its powerful magnetic force will bring about changes in Earth's tilt, and perhaps even cause a pole shift. And why aren't we reading more about this in the mainstream media? Because there is a government conspiracy to keep it hushed lest the masses (that's us) panic.

Wow, that's a lot of worry about Comet Elenin which is, in fact, a small chunk of rocky ice less than 3 miles in diameter that will pass 21 million miles from Earth Oct. 16. The worry is all the more remarkable given the fact that Venus, which is close to Earth's size, regularly passes nearly that close to us, and nothing happens — no earthquakes, no tsunamis, no pole shifts — nothing beyond giving us a beautiful "evening star" or "morning star."

Elenin is just the most recent of such fables. Perhaps you've heard of Nibiru, Planet X, the aliens who crash-landed near Roswell, NM, or the 2012 Maya prophecy, to name but a few. And while I find no credible evidence to support any of these, I recognize that such stories hold a certain fascination — even for me.

As a teenage in the 1950s, I was captivated by amateur hypnotist Morey Bernstein's book "The Search for Bridey Murphy," about the woman who under hypnotism was "proving" the existence of reincarnation by revealing information from her supposed previous lives. And there were the countless UFO "sightings" reported in the news that always made my ears perk up.

Then in the 1970s I was attracted to Erich Von Daniken's books, especially "Chariots of the Gods?" in which he set out to prove that many seemingly mysterious occurrences were the work of ancient astronauts thousands of years ago. But as much as I wanted to believe these things, they simply didn't hold up to critical scrutiny.

Most of the Internet-based fantasies in recent years seem deal with threats to us and our planet — asteroids, comets, rogue planets or whatever on paths to destroy poor, hapless and helpless us.

That's not to say there is no chance of a large space object impacting Earth — it's happened many times before in Earth's history, and will certainly happen again, although probably not in our lifetime. There are efforts underway to find and track all near Earth objects (NEOs) that might pose a threat to Earth; to date none have been found that justify seriously worry. If and when any are found, it is unlikely our government, or any other, would try to keep it secret, or be able to if it tried.

Even though these Internet-fostered imagined threats can almost always be easily dispelled by scientific evidence, they still attract some folks like iron to a magnet. Many seem to want so strongly to believe them that no evidence can budge their thinking, and my behavioral scientist

self has trouble coming up with a satisfactory answer to "Why?"

Perhaps these stories simply entertain us, just as we're entertained by novels, movies, and science fiction — even when we know the stories aren't true. But that seems only a partial answer; it doesn't explain why many people apparently really want to, and do, believe these fictions.

If they are attracted by ideas of drastic and dramatic threats to us and our planet, they need look no further than the many real threats we face, like our endless wars, or the tragic maldistribution of wealth, or our species' role in global warming, or our overpopulating, trashing, and depleting the finite resources of our planet. These are real horror stories, so why aren't there more Internet warnings about things that are truly threats to our well-being and survival. Why does there seem to be so much denial about these dangers?

Ah! Denial. Maybe that explains the curious behavior of our gullibility to fanciful dangers. Perhaps by dreaming up and preoccupying our thoughts with imagined threats, which deep in our subconscious we know or strongly suspect aren't real, it makes it easier to ignore those threats which, deep in our subconscious, we fear are real and which scare the living day-lights out of us.

Maybe this explains our curious behavior, or maybe it doesn't, but there's no denying we'd be better off applying our mental energies and other resources to thinking about and dealing with real perils rather than imagined ones. That, of course, is a no-brainer, but how to make that happen — well, that's something else again. And while my college degrees still don't give me the satisfying answers I'd like, they helped me learn to think critically and inoculated me from the gullibility and magical thinking that afflict so many of our fellow sojourners on planet Earth.

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Ask Your Neighbor program Saturday morning.

The next morning Garret was feeding the dogs at Highland Animal Hospital and Shadow showed up, still trailing her red leash. John was called and drove out and picked her up. She was very angry with Bear and me for not finding her sooner, but was not the worse for wear, in spite of being dehydrated, skipping a meal and being covered with cactus spines. Not bad for a blind, elderly dog with arthritis.

Thank you to all the nice people, some local and some just traveling through on the highway. Thank you Dr. Burt and staff. Thank you all to those named above and those I left out. Thank you to the nice man whose name I forgot, who went down into the scrub brush and searched for quite some time before leaving. I am impressed with the kindness of strangers in Big Spring and Howard County.

KATHERINE MOODY
BIG SPRING

A great opportunity

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,
I would like to say thank you to the Howard College Music Department and the First Methodist Church for making the Saturday, Aug. 27 adjunct faculty recital such a worthwhile event.

From the trumpet of Dan Kiley to the vocal baritone of Randall Capshaw, both adjunct faculty at Howard College, and from pianist Sara Doan and cellist Javi Betancourt, both visiting musicians brought to us through the efforts of the First Methodist Church and Howard College, we were treated to an afternoon of beautiful music.

This was truly a golden opportunity to hear music, classical and contemporary, performed by exceptional musicians. The Hall Center for the Arts provided an intimate venue for

thetic. I sent a fax to KBYG and they read it on their

enjoying an afternoon of music to a most appreciative audience. And all of this happening right here in Big Spring, Texas — another positive point for our community and what it has to offer.

Thank you, also, to Eddie Vandewalker, Howard College Head of Music Department, who I am sure, was instrumental in bringing this program to us.

NANCY MICHAELIS
BIG SPRING

Sounding off

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the *Herald* for allowing our new sports editor, Robert Griffin, to start the new column, "Sound Off Big Spring."

It is a long time coming. I hope it works out well. With that being said, I have to say the first two issues have been rather negative.

I'm sorry to say this, but Coach Ritchey, excuse me you are now the principal? (How did that happen?)

You attacked this sports writer and all this person is doing is trying to start a sports column for the *Herald* for our community. I agree with you, the guy who said our team and coaches are loser's is a moron and does not have a clue about team sports. But, he has the right to say what he thinks. In my opinion all our young kids and coaches who participate in sports, band and all the other activities are never losers.

This is supposed to be a sports venue, not get mad at someone column. Actually, I guess you can, if you want to disagree. You did your best to undermine this young writer's integrity and intentions with your letter and it personally did not set well with me.

DALTON LEWIS
BIG SPRING

Sound Off Big Spring - Really?

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe in free speech and I believe in free press, but is this paper really

going to give a forum to every arm chair quarterback, every coach want to be, and every don't know "come here from sic 'em" about coaching, individual in this area.

If this paper was the Dallas Morning News or Houston Chronicle and opened a forum to lambast the Cowboys or Texans, so be it. These coaches and players are getting paid big bucks to take second guessing and criticism from so called fans. However, a small local newspaper should not encourage the naysayers to hammer high school kids and coaches.

The article in Tuesday's paper entitled "Sound Off Big Spring" typifies the "Saturday morning coach," who questions all decisions made the night before by local coaches. Remember on Saturday mornings during football season, in coffee shops across Texas you have half the fans upset about the previous night's game.

This is the best forum for these geniuses because players and coaches do not have to listen to their second guessing. However, our sports writer decides to stir up these malcontents by giving them a voice in the *Big Spring Herald*. Coupled with his less than flattering article about the Steers in the football preview section,

I am wondering, what is the motivation for this new section of the sports page? Is circulation so bad for the *Herald* we have to sensationalize a high school football game to the point of blatant fan ridicule in order to increase newspaper sales?

I coached for 28 years before I went into administration. I think I am qualified to judge coaches and game time decisions. We have a coaching staff at Big Spring that consists of highly qualified and dedicated men. They are moral, Christian men who love kids and have their best interests at heart. They also teach life lessons and try to mold young people into productive citizens. If only the X's and O's were all they had to worry about, but they are faced with a myriad of obstacles that have nothing to do with coaching. We do not get to recruit, so what we have is what we have and these kids are great kids because they are our kids.

Our coaches have to deal with not only long hours of coaching, but also with teaching in the classroom and preparing these young people to be academically successful.

Despite these problems our coaches provide a positive, caring, and safe environment for these young people to work in and become successful. If you could see what these coaches do on a weekly basis to get our teams ready, no one would question an on-the-field decision. I am proud to be associated with the men and women who coach our kids.

We are faced with so many problems in this community. Do we really want to promote a column that has the potential to destroy a community? We need something to rally behind.

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The Big Spring Police Association is conducting a candy drive for our Spooktacular Extravaganza (Fall Festival) that will take place on October 29, 2011. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Big Spring Police Department located at 400 E. 4th St. The Big Spring Police Association is thankful for any and all support that will make this event a success for the children!



Save \$\$\$ and electricity!

The Texas heat has reached record temperatures this summer. In hopes of preventing power outages, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is asking everyone in Texas to do our part to conserve electricity.

Three simple steps:

- Turn thermostats up two or more degrees and close blinds or drapes.
- Before leaving home, set your thermostat to 85 degrees and turn off lights, TVs, computers, fans and other electrical equipment.
- Run dishwashers, washers, dryers and pool pumps during off-peak hours, preferably after 7 p.m.

These steps can save you money on your monthly electric, conserve energy, and help prevent power outages, especially during the peak time between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at 432-264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

NEW LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

Residential customers may water on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Commercial customers may water **ONLY** on Tuesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

** It is strictly prohibited for any customer to allow water to run into the street.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

- Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (including mobile) car wash establishments.
- No outside watering is allowed except on the days and times designated above, EXCEPT potted plants and flowerbeds which can be watered on any day, between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. using a watering can. (No water hoses)
- Washing of houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. is strictly prohibited.

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World briefs

Tropical Storm Lee forms in the Gulf off La.; Miss. declares state of emergency near coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Heavy rains from Tropical Storm Lee were falling in southern Louisiana and pelting the Gulf Coast on Saturday as the storm's center trudged slowly toward land, where businesses were already beginning to suffer on what would normally be a bustling holiday weekend. The storm could bring as many as 20 inches of rain to some areas.

Tropical storm warning flags were flying from Mississippi to Texas and flash flood warnings extended along the Alabama coast into the Florida Panhandle. The storm's slow forward movement means that its rain clouds should have more time to disgorge themselves on any cities in their path.

The storm was expected to make landfall on the central Louisiana coast late Saturday and turn east toward New Orleans, where it would provide the biggest test of rebuilt levees since Hurricane Gustav struck on Labor Day 2008.

Still, residents didn't expect the tropical storm to live up to the legacy of some of the killer hurricanes that have hit the city.

"It's a lot of rain. It's nothing, nothing to Katrina," said Malcolm James, 59, a federal investigator in New Orleans who lost his home after levees broke during Katrina in August 2005 and had to be airlifted by helicopter.

A religious test for president? Yes, but campaign trail theology may not be what you think

Rick Perry dived right in. The Texas governor, now a Republican presidential candidate, held a prayer rally for tens of thousands, read from the Bible, invoked Christ and broadcast the whole event on the Web. There was no symbolic nod to other American faiths, no rabbi or Roman Catholic priest among the evangelical speakers. It was a rare, full-on embrace of one religious tradition in the glare of a presidential contest.

Looks like another raucous season for religion and politics.

And yet, there was a time when all of this was simpler. Protestants were the majority, and candidates could show their piety just by attending church.

Now, politicians are navigating a landscape in which rifts over faith and policy have become chasms. An outlook that appeals to one group enrages another. Campaigns are desperate to find language generic enough for a broad constituency that also conveys an unshakable faith.

There is no avoiding the minefield, especially with early primaries in Iowa and South Carolina, where evangelical voters are key. Nationally, more than 70 percent of Republicans and more than half of Democrats say it's somewhat or very important that a presidential candidate have very strong religious beliefs, according to the Public Religion Research Institute.

Employers added no jobs in August, signaling economy is still at risk of another recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers added no jobs in August — an alarming setback for the economy that renewed fears of another recession and raised pressure on Washington to end the hiring standstill.

Worries flared Friday after the release of the worst jobs report since September 2010. Total payrolls were unchanged, the first time since 1945 that the government reported a net job change of zero. The unemployment rate stayed at 9.1 percent.

The dismal news two days before Labor Day sent stocks plunging. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 253 points, or more than 2 percent.

Analysts say the economy cannot continue to expand unless hiring picks up. In the first six months of 2011, growth was measured at an annual rate of 0.7 percent.

Companies are mostly keeping their payrolls intact. They're not laying off many workers. But they're not hiring, either. Without more jobs to fuel consumer spending, economists say another recession would be inevitable. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic growth.

Israeli rabbi matches religious gays, lesbians seeking to raise families

SHILO, West Bank (AP) — Rabbi Arele Harel offers an unconventional solution for Orthodox Jewish gay men who want to raise a conventional family: He fixes them up with Orthodox lesbians.

His matchmaking service, which has just gone online, has met criticism on opposing fronts. Orthodox Jewish rabbis say Harel should be doing more to encourage gays and lesbians to try to change their sexual orientation.

Liberal religious gay groups see Harel's approach as a ploy to suppress homosexuality.

The matchmaking presents an array of challenges. The relationship may be loveless. The partners may be tempted to seek sexual satisfaction outside the marriage. And the couple may need assistance to get pregnant. But Harel insists he just wants to help people have children, an important commandment of Jewish law.

"The main aspiration here is parenthood," said Harel, 36, from his home in the Jewish West Bank settlement of Shilo. "It allows them to become parents in a way that is permitted by religious Jewish law and prevents a conflict between their religious world and their sexual world."

Most rabbis encourage gays to suppress their attractions, abstain from gay sex or undergo therapy to try to go straight. Harel believes some gays can alter their sexual orientation through therapy, and insists many do. The American Psychological Association has declared no solid evidence exists that such change is likely.

NATO raid kills militant with al-Qaida ties, former Guantanamo detainee in east Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO and Afghan forces killed a former Guantanamo detainee who had become a key al-Qaida affiliate after returning to Afghanistan, officials said Saturday.

Sabar Lal Melma, who was released from Guantanamo in 2007 after five years of detention, had been organizing attacks in eastern Kunar prov-

ince and funding insurgent operations, NATO spokesman Capt. Justin Brockhoff said.

A NATO statement described Melma as a "key affiliate of the al-Qaida network" who was in contact with senior al-Qaida members in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Troops surrounded Melma's house in Jalalabad city on Friday night and shot him dead when he emerged from the building holding an AK-47 assault rifle. Several other people were detained.

A guard at the house, Mohammad Gul, said a group of American soldiers scaled the walls of the compound around 11 p.m. and stormed the house, shooting Melma in the assault. Three others were detained, Gul said.

Obama scraps stricter smog regulation, bowing to business, GOP but angering liberal backers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dramatic reversal, President Barack Obama on Friday scrubbed a clean-air regulation that aimed to reduce health-threatening smog, yielding to bitterly protesting businesses and congressional Republicans who complained the rule would kill jobs in America's ailing economy.

Withdrawal of the proposed regulation marked the latest in a string of retreats by the president in the face of GOP opposition, and it drew quick criticism from liberals. Environmentalists, a key Obama constituency, accused him of caving to corporate polluters, and the American Lung Association threatened to restart the legal action it had begun against rules proposed by President George W. Bush.

The White House has been under heavy pressure from GOP lawmakers and major industries, which have slammed the stricter standard as an unnecessary jobs killer. The Environmental Protection Agency, whose scientific advisers favored the tighter limits, had predicted the proposed change would cost up to \$90 billion a year, making it one of the most expensive environmental regulations ever imposed in the U.S.

However, the Clean Air Act bars the EPA from considering the costs of complying when setting public health standards.

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ly behind.

Big Spring schools are a great place to start. Great things are happening here. Let's celebrate those.

We may not win every game, but our kids and coaches are going to give their best efforts in preparation and at game time. If you cannot be supportive, be quiet. If you are a reporter, report the facts. In my dealings with the past sports writers of the *Herald*, the likes of Steve Belvin, Steve Reagan, Mike Moseley and Jonathan Hull, they were all fair and supportive of the coaches and athletes of Big Spring High. They understood community pride and were true supporters of all programs.

I ask the powers that be of the *Big Spring Herald* to please discontinue the column "Sound Off Big Spring." This column will do nothing but invite the bashers to take shots at good people and ultimately good kids. These type of columns have been tried at other papers and have caused nothing but turmoil and ill feelings in the community. Let the "arm

chair quarterbacks" use the local coffee shops as a place to discuss Friday night games. The economy needs it.

SIC 'EM GO GET 'EM STEERS!
JAY KENNEDY
BIG SPRING

Kudos to you

TO THE EDITOR:
Kudos to Howard College and the First United Methodist Church.

I attended the Howard College music department adjunct faculty recital Aug. 27 at the Hall Center Main Auditorium and I have to say the music was simply incredible.

I wish more folks would have attended this venue, since these musicians were really top notch (a baritone, piano, trumpet and cello.)

There really are some neat and amazing things to do in our town and the event was free, thanks to sponsorship.

Go out of town if you must, but this event rivaled what I have seen in much larger municipalities.

RON ALTON
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Finally, World Trade Center rises from ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten years after the 9/11 attacks destroyed the World Trade Center, an 80-story glass and steel tower is rising like a phoenix from the ashes of ground zero.

The site called a "hole in the ground" for years has cranes in the air, trains running underground and hundreds of trees planted around giant, man-made waterfalls to remember the dead of Sept. 11.

And the surrounding neighborhood — no longer just a financial district — is bursting with young families, new schools, a Whole Foods and a Barnes & Noble.

Tourists squint and point their cell-phones at 1 World Trade Center, once known as the Freedom Tower.

"I'm kind of proud because I was here two weeks after 9/11 and this was a dust pit," said Larry Brancato, 59, of Wallingford, Conn., walking by ground zero. "It just shows that Americans have always had a can-do attitude."

After years of inertia, and prolonged disputes between government agencies, insurer and a developer who had just taken out a 99-year lease on the towers when they were toppled, the development of the trade center is substantial, and the tallest tower can now be seen for miles.

"People can begin to see that this is no longer a hole in the middle of New York, but a real place is emerging," said architect Daniel Libeskind, whose master plan serves as a blueprint for the site.

A memorial featuring waterfalls cascading into the footprints of the twin towers will open to the public on Sept. 12, a day after families see their loved ones' names around the pools for the first time. The skyscraper formerly known as the Freedom Tower is growing by a story a week and now stands 1,000 feet above the skyline as the tallest building in lower Manhattan. A transit station and a second office tower also are taking shape.

As the trade center lay in smoking ruins in 2001, New Yorkers debated the future of the 16-acre superblock that the twin towers had dominated. Some wanted to rebuild the two 110-story skyscrapers exactly as they had been. Others said that out of respect for the nearly 3,000 dead, the entire tract should be a memorial or a park.

Larry Silverstein, the developer who signed a lease on the twin towers on July 24, 2001, pushed to rebuild the 10 million square feet of office space he had lost. Civic groups pushed for

a more neighborhood-friendly design than two monoliths on a concrete plaza.

Libeskind, who won a competition to become the site's master planner, focused on the Freedom Tower, with an asymmetrical spire soared to the symbolic height of 1,776 feet and echoed the Statue of Liberty across the harbor. He set aside half the site for a memorial that left empty the spots where the destroyed towers stood, and set space aside for a performing arts center to merge culture and commerce.

Tensions were inevitable between Libeskind's artistic vision and Silverstein's desire for buildings that would draw tenants.

Now, Libeskind said, "the tensions are gone."

1 World Trade hardly resembles Libeskind's early drawings, but he called it "an impressive building."

Designed by David Childs, its tapering form is symmetrical but retains the spire and the 1,776 feet. To guard against truck bombs, the bottom 20 floors will be windowless, reinforced concrete covered by glass. The base will house infrastructure like generators and air-conditioning systems.

Critics warned that 1 World Trade would be hard to fill. Who would work in a symbolically loaded building at a location that terrorists had attacked twice? Former Gov. Eliot Spitzer once called the Freedom Tower a white elephant.

It's looking less like that now that Conde Nast has signed a lease to move its trendsetting magazines like Vogue, Glamour and Vanity Fair to 1 World Trade when the building opens in 2014.

Christopher Ward, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the trade center site, called the Conde Nast agreement "a phenomenal game changer."

"The Conde Nast deal has really jump-started interest downtown," Ward said.

Under a deal between Silverstein and the Port Authority, the authority is building 1 World Trade Center on the northwest corner of the site; Silverstein wants to build three office towers on the east side of the 16 acres. The first of Silverstein's buildings, known as 4 World Trade, was up to 48 floors this week. Silverstein says the 947-foot tower designed by Japan's Fumihiko Maki will be finished before the taller 1 World Trade, catty-cornered across the site.

The Port Authority, which lost its headquarters and 85 employees on Sept. 11, will move into the second tower rising at the site when it is complete. Silverstein says other "household name" tenants will follow.

With the economy nosediving and Silverstein and the Port Authority battling over who should finance two unbuilt towers — designed by architects Richard Rogers and Lord Norman Foster — the future of those buildings looked doubtful a couple of years ago.

An analysis prepared for the Port Authority in 2009 projected that there might be no market for a third tower at the site until 2030, much less the original five planned.

Silverstein and the authority agreed to a deal last year that will let Silverstein build his second skyscraper when he raises \$300 million of private equity, leases out at least 400,000 square feet and obtains financing for the remaining cost of the tower. The third building under his control — the second-tallest in the master plan — will be built when the market supports it.

Silverstein, who is 80, wants to see all of the buildings completed in his lifetime — and he says he will. He said he could get another tower up in 2015. "And if it all works out well," he says, the last one could be up a year later.

Ward was slightly less optimistic, predicting that Silverstein's towers might be completed by 2017 or 2018.

Steven Spinola, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, said that despite the still-sputtering economy, there will be a demand for a new trade center.

The average age of New York City's 500 million square feet of office space is nearly 70. "Companies want fresh, new space," Spinola said. And tax incentives intended to spur redevelopment after 2001 make the trade center cheaper than other Manhattan buildings.

Tax breaks also fueled residential growth, and the population of downtown Manhattan below Chambers

Street — the area that encompasses the trade center — has doubled since 2001.

Tara Stacom, a vice chairman of real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield who is in charge of leasing 1 World Trade, said the building's proximity to attractive residential neighborhoods is a selling point.

Other trade center projects include Michael Arad's memorial, the museum scheduled to open next year and Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava's transportation hub, designed to look like a bird in flight. The hub will eventually include restaurants and stores, restoring one of the largest shopping centers that used to sit at the base of the trade center.

The transit hub, which will serve as a gateway to New York for tens of thousands of daily New Jersey commuters and connect to city subway lines, has been plagued by delays and budget overruns. Its 2005 budget of \$2.2 billion has ballooned to \$3.4 billion and could still grow. Ward said the station will be completed by the end of 2014.

When it opens in less than two weeks, the memorial will bring thousands of people and life into a closed-off superblock that transformed from construction pit to construction site in a decade. Hundreds of trees will surround the enormous, man-made waterfalls filling the one-acre squares where the twin towers stood. The names of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six are inscribed in bronze panels.

After memorial judges said Arad's original design was too bare, landscape architect Peter Walker was brought in to add greenery. Hundreds of swamp white oak trees have been trucked in to provide a canopy over the memorial plaza.

The museum, opening next year, will feature trade center artifacts like a fire truck used to rescue people from the north tower.

The point of the rebuilt site, he says, was to combine quiet, contemplative spots with the city's bustle.

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Steers contain Tigers early in loss



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Big Spring junior Lukas Falcon stops a Frenship runner in his tracks in Friday night's clash at Memorial Stadium. Falcon led the Steers with 16 tackles in the game.

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers held on against Frenship Friday night through the first 19 minutes of the game in what looked like it might turn out to be the shocker of the season at Memorial Stadium.

After the Tigers scored on a nine yard run with just over five minutes left in the first quarter, the Steers put together an impressive drive, complete with trick plays and the perfect mix of pass and run. The long pass play to Toby Rodgers almost reads like a baseball double play, 6-20-9, as Garrett Stuteville threw the ball to Jared Deporto, who, in turn, threw the ball down field to Rodgers for a 35 yard completion.

The drive was capped by a four yard touchdown run by Michael Oliva to tie the game at seven and leave Frenship wondering just what they had stepped into as the first quarter ended.

"I think that drive showed what we can do Coach when we're fresh," Steers' Head Coach Phillip Ritchey said. "I am very proud of the boys. They left everything they had on the field in this game against a stronger, faster opponent. We are very proud."

The excitement — and tied score — was short lived however, as the 4A Tigers (2-0) took over with five minutes left in the half and scored twice, sending the game into intermission with the hometown Steers trailing 21-7.

Steers' quarterback Garrett started the game at the end of the first half after re-aggravating the shoulder he injured in last week's game. The second half showed Devin Roberson taking

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Holland tough in Texas' win

BOSTON (AP) — Derek Holland keeps getting plenty of run support and tries to pitch as though he doesn't.

Ian Kinsler, David Murphy and Elvin Andrus homered to back Holland's two-hit performance over seven innings and the Texas Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 10-0 on Friday night. The Rangers have provided the left-hander with a major league-best 7.52 runs per game.

"That's something to be thankful for," Holland said, "but at the same time they may be giving me that, I've got to do my part and that's to make pitches and keep

the momentum on our side. It's amazing, but, at the same time, I've got to stay focused."

Holland (13-5) did when he Ellsbury and Adrian Gonzalez. Neither made it to second base as Ellsbury was caught stealing and Gonzalez was stranded when Kevin Youkilis struck out.

Holland won for the seventh time in eight decisions, striking out six and walking none. Merkin Valdez and Michael Gonzalez finished with one hitless inning each. That was an outstanding job against a lineup with strong lefty hitters such as Ellsbury,

Gonzalez and David Ortiz.

"Against that team, whether you're throwing righty or lefty, you have to execute pitches," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "You certainly can't get into a slugging match with them. You have to pitch, and tonight we pitched."

They also hit, starting with two runs in the first and four in the second. For the 14th time in Holland's last 19 starts, the Rangers scored in the opening inning.

"We would like to" starting leadoff hitter Kinsler said. "It

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Stanton is starting to stampede

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

REAGAN COUNTY — The Stanton Buffaloes refuse to let setbacks set them back. Losing star running back Blake Evans going into the season does not have only enticed other players, veteran players, to step up and get the job done, which is exactly what they did Friday night as they defeated the Reagan County Owls 26-6.

Stanton's defense made it seem easy, holding their opponents to 105 total yards on offense and only five first downs. Over half of those yards came on the Owls' lone scoring play, as they broke free for a 59 yard pass play.

The 2-0 Buffaloes ran for 107 yards and threw the ball for another 205, breaking the 300 yard mark easily. Tim Anderson, a 150-pound punishing sophomore, had 43 of the Buffaloes' rushing yards and Andreas Chavez added 36 more. Chavez was also six out of nine for 198 passing yards in the game, with Oscar Reyana (65 yards) and Ethan Mauldin (62 yards) being the main receivers.

Mauldin and Reyna each scored once in the game, as did Matthew Stone and Anderson.

Mistakes costly for Coahoma

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

COMANCHE — The Coahoma Bulldogs made a run in the second and third quarters Friday night, but were not able to overcome the early lead of the Indians as Comanche defeats Coahoma 36-20. It was not until midway through the second frame that Coahoma found the end zone, with Tanner Ruiz

hitting Sheigh Craven on a 19 yard crossing route.

But by that time, it was already 21-7. Craven scored again in the third period when he broke free on a 16 yard scamper for a touchdown.

"We had a chance to tie the game at 28, late in the fourth quarter," Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner said. "But, we couldn't cash

in after getting inside the 20 yard line. That was huge. We are too young as a team to overcome what we are doing to ourselves at this point."

The Bulldogs rushed for 253 yards in the game and passed for 126 on five plays, but they could not match the 500 yard night of the Indians. Coach Gardner said he felt the size of Comanche might be a problem

and it turned out to be just that, though the Bulldogs drove the ball fairly well.

"They're a big physical team and we had a hard time stopping them," Coach Gardner said. "But we did move the ball pretty well. We just have finish the drives, get the most out of them. They are a good team (Comanche), but our own mistakes beat us in this one."

Small step back is huge step forward for Forsan

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes found how the other half live Friday night as they saw their season record drop to 1-1 following the 49-23 loss to Sonora.

"Sonora has a really, really good team," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "We caught out a little flat in the first half and they took advantage of it."

The Buffaloes watched Sonora score 21 points in each of the first two quarters as they tried to find the pay dirt on their own. It was not until the third quarter, when quarterback Foster Burchett hit Trevor Burchett on a 48 yard touchdown pass, that the Buffaloes really started moving the ball.

"It took us a while to get roll-

ing," Coach Phillips said. "A lot of things went wrong in the first half and we had every reason to quit, but the boys responded very well. They played with tons of heart in the last half of the game and it gives us something to be proud of, to build on going into next week."

Foster Burchett accounted for 72 of the Buffaloes' rushing yards, with Ty Johnson grinding out 41 of his own.

Forsan watched as Sonora racked up 502 yards in the game, but the Buffaloes did hold the advantage on the clock, having the ball for over 60 percent of the game.

"We found out tonight we can not just show up and beat people," Coach Phillips said. "We know we have to work for it. I can not stress enough how proud I am the way we responded in the second half."



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Forsan quarterback Foster Burchett picks up some tough yards in the Buffaloes' home opener Friday night.

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over at the position. "We have to get Garrett well," Coach Ritchey said. "Right now, I am not sure what that means, whether we need to sit him a game or two or what, but he can't go on like this. We are just going to have to wait and see at this point."

The second half was a continuation of the last five minutes of the second quarter as Frenship scored another 21 points on their way to a 42-7 victory over Big Spring.

"Frenship is probably the strongest and fastest team we will play this year," Coach Ritchey said.

"And with a larger team, they were able to keep sending fresh players against ours. That eventually wore us down in the end."

The Tigers accumulated 447 yards of offense in the game versus 144 for the Steers.

Oliva accounted for 66 of Big Spring's rushing yards and Rodgers was responsible for 73 of the 96 receiving yards.

The Steers were led on defense by Lukas Falcon with 16 tackles and Max Pappajohn with nine.

Isaac Garza and Diamond Bailey each recorded a sack in the game for Big Spring.

Area 6-man football team roundup

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

MEADOW — The Grady Wildcats fell behind early and were unable to catch back up, in spite of a late run. The Meadow Broncos scored 22 points in the first quarter on their way to a 32 point halftime lead Friday night and Grady was unable to slow them down. When the final whistle blew, it was a 74-30 loss for the Wildcats, dropping their season record to 1-1.

E. J. Rodriguez had 81 yards rushing, scoring twice and Zach Sieffert had 109 yards and two scores.

GARDEN CITY — In a strange turn of events, Garden City finds itself in an odd situation. The two-time state champion Bearkats have lost their first two games of the 2011 season after falling to Sterling City Friday night 68-56.

The Bearkats accumulated 412 yards

on the night, scoring twice in the first quarter for a 14-8 lead. Two more scores in the second were not enough to keep the lead however as the team hit the locker room down by four points.

But the Wildcats retook the advantage early in the third period, when quarterback Batla hit Casey Ware on a 40 yard slant route. Back-to-back-to-back scores by Sterling City put an end to the lead for good, though the boys fought hard to the end, showing why they win championships in Garden City.

Batla had 189 yards passing in the game and Bustos rushed for 122 yards.

GUTHRIE — The Sands Mustangs got off to a fast start this year, going 2-0 after defeating the Guthrie Jaguars 56-0 Friday night. The Mustangs will be back at home Friday night when they try to make it 3-0 against Loop.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Chapman Royall of Garden City rounds the end during Friday's clash with Sterling City.



Courtesy photo

Hayden Ware scrambles up the middle in Sands' 56-0 blowout Friday night.

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doesn't always turn out that way. The game's not that easy, but we love to get our pitchers the lead early, especially on the road (to take the crowd out of it and give our pitchers something to work with. And tonight we were able to do that."

The Rangers' first homer came on a three-run shot by Kinsler in the second, his 24th of the year and his third in four at bats. In the fifth, Murphy hit a solo homer, his eighth, and Andrus added a two-run blast, his fourth, after a single by Craig Gentry.

Murphy went 4 for 5 and Andrus scored four runs as the Rangers posted their 12th road shutout,

tying a club record.

Texas improved its AL West lead to four games over the Los Angeles Angels, who played the Minnesota Twins later Thursday. Boston fell a half-game out of first place in the AL East behind the New York Yankees, who beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2.

"It was kind of a bad night all around," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "They did a lot offensively. We did very little. We just didn't play a very good game."

The Rangers capitalized on the wildness of Andrew Miller (6-2). He left after retiring just four batters — one on a sacrifice fly and one on a sac bunt. Michael Bowden allowed an RBI single by Adrian Beltre that made it 7-0 in the fourth.

"I put us back on our heels and never really made a correction," Miller said.

His usual control problems had subsided in his previous three starts with a total of five walks. But on Friday he walked the first two batters, Kinsler and Andrus, before striking out Josh Hamilton. Michael Young then singled in a run and Beltre followed with

a sacrifice fly.

Yorvit Torrealba led off the second with a single and took second base on a single by Murphy. Gentry then sacrificed both and Kinsler homered. Miller's wildness returned as he loaded the bases on a walk to Andrus, a single by Hamilton and a walk to Young.

Bowden came in and retired Beltre on a fly ball before forcing in a run on a walk to Mike Napoli that made it 6-0.

"Everything went our way tonight," Washington said.

Notes: The Red Sox sellout streak reached 700 games since May 15, 2003 with a crowd of 38,083. ... Youkilis was activated from the 15-day disabled list after recovering from a low back strain. ... Leonys Martin singled in his first major league at-bat in the eighth as a pinch hitter for Hamilton. Martin defected from Cuba after its national team played in Japan at the FISU World Championship in July and August 2010. ... Napoli was the only Rangers starter without a hit. ... Red Sox LF Carl Crawford was a late scratch from because of illness. He was replaced by Conor Jackson, who played his first game since being obtained.

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It seems to me we have, in the heat of competition, lost the focus on the bigger picture. These are men who love the game and the kids teaching kids who love the game and their school. That is as good as it gets.

Please remember when you are cheering on your team, these are not professional players, these are kids. The boy who just fumbled the ball is no more than 17 years old. He didn't do it on purpose. He went out on the field with the best of intentions and he felt horrible when he felt the ball leave his arms. Don't tear him down. Build him up. There will be a next time and he will try even harder because he has been taught by the coaches to learn from his mistakes. Don't forget he is somebody's baby boy, somebody's grandson, somebody's brother. When you tear him down, he probably can't hear you from the field, but his mom can because she is sitting right in front of you.

Bursting with pride for BSHS and the Steers,
Wendy Glaze

Ms. Glaze,

I can honestly say I have not seen anything which could contradict your comments about the coaches at BSHS. We had a saying in the Corps: "There are no bad teams, only bad leaders." If the young men coming out of the Big Spring sports program are proving themselves worthy of our respect, then it is safe to assume they have been under the direction of great coaches.

As far as things shouted in the stands, unfortunately, our emotions get the better of us at times and we do not think before we speak. Your words on the subject are a lesson for all of us. Thank you,

Robert Griffin
Sports Editor

I know everyone is sick and tired of hearing about Tiger, but I have a question for our new sports editor. Do you think he should have been picked by Boom Boom to be the captain's pick for the President's Cup? Personally, I think he might still have what it takes to make a comeback, but I'm not sure. What do you think?

Also, what about them Cowboys? Let's take the first game with the New York Jets. I think the defensive fat boy with long hair just might win. How about the Texas Rangers? It's September and they are currently three games ahead of the Angels. Are they going to win the AL West? Tell us what you think.

Dalton Lewis

Mr. Lewis,

Mr. Woods does offer an interesting situation, given the recent decline in his performance. However, I believe Couples did make the right decision by choosing him for the team. Of course, if he had not picked Tiger, I would have said the same thing.

Woods is an unbelievable asset to the team and there is little doubt in my mind he will play well, in spite of all that has gone down hill for him.

The Cowboys — No, I do not believe the Dallas defense can contain the Jets. John's House of Hair High School could pass for 400 yards against them.

The Rangers scare the living fan out of me. Too many years in a row, I got my hopes up, seeing them hold a lead in the West in August and even September, only to watch it disappear like a fastball into the upper deck.

However, I like the pitching team. They did not find another Lee this year, but they still look like they can be tough when they want to be. Kinzler and (hopefully healthy) Hamilton make me say the Rangers do win the West this year, but another trip to the series?

Not convinced just yet.

Thanks for writing,

Robert Griffin
Sports Editor

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Baylor takes down Frogs

WACO (AP) — Robert Griffin took the final snap and was swarmed by fans wearing Baylor gold.

One of the most-anticipated season openers in school history ended with a 50-48 victory over No. 14 TCU after almost turning into a monumental collapse.

Before Aaron Jones kicked the deciding 37-yard field goal with 1:04 left, Griffin had a 15-yard catch from star receiver Kendall Wright to convert a third-and-10. That was probably the biggest pass play Friday night, even through Griffin threw a career-best five touchdown passes.

"It's big to show we can come out and win a game like that," Griffin said.

TCU, which had won an FBS-best 25 consecutive regular-season games, overcome a 47-23 deficit in the fourth quarter to briefly take the lead after new starting quarterback Casey Pachall threw three touchdowns passes. A fumble by Griffin, the Bears' only turnover, set up a go-ahead 27-yard field goal by Ross Evans, who earlier missed twice from behind 40 yards.

While Griffin completed 21 of 27 passes for 359 yards, including 12 catches for 189 yards and two TDs by Wright, the throwback to Griffin came after two incompletions set up third down. Jones' kick wrapped up that 11-play, 60-yard drive.

"Honestly, it caught me off guard," Griffin said. "I didn't expect Coach to call that on third-and-10. I'm glad he did. It worked. I'm still feeling that hit."

Yet, it feels so good after the Bears' first win over a ranked team since 2004.

"This is a good win for us against a quality opponent," coach Art Briles said. "But we've got nine TCUs coming up."

The Frogs had one more chance, but Pachall's last pass was intercepted by Mike Hicks and he ran the clock down to 2 seconds before Griffin's final snap. Baylor avoided another crushing loss to the defending Rose Bowl champion and its old Southwest Conference rival.

This would have certainly hurt more than the Bears' 45-10 loss in Fort Worth a year ago because Baylor was never in that game.

"You can't let six balls be thrown over your head and expect to win," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "You've got to give Baylor a lot of credit. You've got to understand that they did a good job, Robert Griffin and their receivers getting the ball over our head."

This is not the same TCU team that was a BCS buster the last two seasons. There are missing pieces on a defense that finished the last three seasons No. 1 overall in the country, and four-year starting quarterback Andy Dalton is now a rookie starter in the NFL.

Pachall was 25 of 39 for 251 yards and four TDs with that one interception. He threw to 10 players, with Josh Boyce making nine catches for 96 yards.

The only time Baylor really appeared to be going backward before TCU's big comeback was when Wright was excitedly backpedaling after throwing his first pass, a 40-yard touchdown to Williams only 2½ minutes into the game. Wright took a quick pass behind the line from Griffin, drawing the defender and leaving Williams wide open.

TCU allowed only 229 yards per game last season, and the most allowed in the regular season was 361 by SMU. The Bears had 360 at

halftime, when they led 34-23, and finished with 564.

"I'm used to winning and stopping people," Patterson said. "I've been telling you guys for almost six months that I've not been very happy with the defense."

It was the most yards and points allowed by the Horned Frogs since Sept. 24, 2005, in their 51-50 overtime victory over BYU, which had 614 yards.

Baylor was 0-4 against Top 25 teams last season, when the Bears finished 7-6 with a bowl appearance for the first time since 1994. Their last win over a ranked team was a double-overtime victory over No. 16 Texas A&M in 2004. Griffin is back for his fourth year, though he is only listed as a junior after a hardship redshirt for a season-ending knee injury in 2009.

Baylor built a 40-23 lead when Griffin appeared to underthrow Laneous Sampson streaking down the left sideline. But cornerback Greg McCoy, who had some big kickoff returns for the Frogs, misplayed the ball and Sampson caught it for a 64-yard touchdown.

Griffin's fifth TD pass came on the next drive, a 42-yarder to Williams. And even that wasn't enough. Pachall threw two TDs in a span of 3:18 early in the fourth quarter. The Frogs drove 80 yards on 14 plays before Pachall threw a 1-yarder to Logan Brock.

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Garrett excited about Cowboys' season

IRVING (AP) — Jason Garrett is excited.

Excited about the worst defense in team history not looking any better this preseason.

Excited about three inexperienced offensive linemen trying to protect Tony Romo.

Excited about trusting an unreliable kicker.

In his first full year coaching the Dallas Cowboys, shouldn't those things make him concerned? Anxious? Frustrated?

Perhaps. But you'll never hear him say it.

Garrett avoids those words because he's trying to create a positive mindset in and around the organization. Before he'll even answer a question that begins along the lines of, "Are you concerned about ...", he clarifies that he's excited about whatever that challenge may be.

His consistent avoidance of those words could be considered a little thing — except, there are no little things for Jason Garrett. Everything he does is

with a purpose, every move likely rooted in something he saw, did or thought of over the 21½ years he spent in pro football working his way toward this job.

As a backup quarterback, usually a third-stringer, then as an assistant coach, Garrett studied what to do, and what not to, from the likes of Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer, Nick Saban and Wade Phillips, Sean Payton and Jim Fassel, Norv Turner and Chan Gailey. He continued the lessons this summer by spending three days in North Carolina with Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and by inviting Rick Carlisle, coach of the NBA champion Dallas Mavericks, to spend a day at Cowboys' training camp.

All along, Garrett filled notebook after notebook with details, helping refine his approach.

"Here's a guy who sat in the room when Norv Turner came in and presented the game plan on the first day of installa-

tion in April and he'd be taking notes not only of the plays that were being installed, but also how Norv presented the material, or how Jimmy Johnson came in the first day and talking to the team, how he talked to the team after a difficult loss, how he talked to the team after a win, what'd he do when we got a big divisional game," said Troy Aikman, Garrett's close friend and former teammate. "When he got this opportunity, he was prepared."

Was he ever. Players still rave about the speech Garrett gave when he replaced Phillips in the middle of last season, with Dallas languishing at 1-7 and Romo done for the year with a broken collarbone.

Super Bowl hopes were long gone, replaced by doom and gloom. Yet Garrett began implementing his way of doing things and got immediate results. The Cowboys went on the road and beat the division rival Giants that week. They went 5-3 the rest of the season, averaging nine more points per game than they did during the half-season under Phillips.

Garrett's culture change began with practices being more physical, with a quicker tempo and with referees on patrol. He had digital clocks installed through-

out the building, all synchronized so there was never an excuse for being late to a meeting. He set a dress code for road trips. Even the dynamics of news conferences changed. Instead of sitting behind the table used by predecessors Phillips, Parcells, Dave Campo and Gailey, Garrett had a lectern put in that spot the afternoon he became the interim coach.

This season, with Garrett fully owning the job, there's a nice, new lectern, and plenty more changes at team headquarters — all the way down to new goalposts on the practice fields being yellow, like they are at stadiums, instead of white.

"I know it's early, but he's got greatness written all over him," said tight end Jason Witten, who played four seasons under Parcells and 3½ for Phillips, with Garrett his offensive coordinator those years. "There's going to be tough situations and we'll deal with those when we get to those times. But right now, I think everybody has bought into it."

Garrett emphasizes "making the most of every day" and "stacking good days together." He talks about wanting players who show "passion, emotion and enthusiasm."

Simple as those things

sound, the way he speaks to the team is among his best traits. The Princeton grad has a knack for being clear and concise, putting everything in practical terms without making players feel like they're in kindergarten. That ranges for everything from his breakdown of the weekly game plan to him giving the logistics of getting around the team hotel. His pal Aikman says, "It's hard not to listen to Jason talk about anything and not come away saying, 'Hey, that makes pretty good sense.'"

"I've been with coaches before that get up there and there's a lot said that doesn't need to be said," said linebacker Keith Brooking, who's heard plenty of coaches over his 14 seasons. "Everything that comes out of his mouth, I think, is extremely important."

All this begs one question: Will it work?

After all, being the most-organized team in the NFL won't mean a thing if the Cowboys don't even make the playoffs. And with all those reasons for concern — er, excitement — the consensus prediction for Dallas this season is 8-8.

The Cowboys have too many players in their prime for Garrett and Jerry Jones to admit this is a transition year, but it clearly is. This

season ultimately will be judged not by wins and losses but by how much Garrett is able to implement the ideas in those notebooks.

Don't let his methodical style and easygoing nature fool you. He can be as demanding, and as ruthless, as Johnson or Parcells, the big difference being the lower decibel level he uses to deliver his "my way or the highway" speech.

Just look at the big roster moves made since the lockout, the departures of receiver Roy Williams, running back Marion Barber and starting offensive linemen Andre Gurode, Leonard Davis and Marc Colombo. Gurode's departure last week was especially jolting.

A Pro Bowler the last five years, he'd returned from an injury and was with the first team. He started the second preseason game and traveled to Minnesota for the third game, only to discover he'd lost his job — to an undrafted second-year player who wasn't even healthy enough to play the final two preseason games.

"Sometimes players get evaluated based on what they've done in the past," Garrett said. "You have to kind of look at them and say 'OK, let's take the numbers off these guys and evaluate how they're playing right now.'"

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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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This date in baseball history

1916 — Longtime pitching rivals Christy Mathewson and Mordecai Brown closed out their careers, by special arrangement, in the same game. Mathewson won the game 10-8.

1928 — The Boston Braves started a grueling string in which they played nine straight doubleheaders, a major league record.

1941 — The New York

Yankees clinched the pennant on the earliest date in baseball history with a 6-3 victory over Boston.

1966 — Los Angeles became the first team in major league history to draw more than 2 million at home and on the road as the Dodgers beat the Reds 8-6 in front of 18,670 fans in Cincinnati.

1974 — Don Wilson of the Houston Astros was replaced by a pinch hitter after pitching eight no-hit innings against Cincinnati. Mike Cosgrove pitched the ninth

inning and gave up a leadoff single to Tony Perez for the only hit and the Reds won the game 2-1.

1985 — Gary Carter hit a pair of solo home runs to tie a major league record and singled in another run to lead the New York Mets to a 9-2 victory over San Diego. Carter's feat followed a three-homer performance the night before as he became the 11th player in major league history to hit five home runs in two games.

1993 — Jim Abbott threw the New York

Yankees' first no-hitter in 10 years, leading them to a 4-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

1995 — Robin Ventura became the eighth player in major league history — and the first in 25 years — to hit two grand slams in one game as the Chicago White Sox beat Texas 14-3.

1998 — The New York Yankees reached 100 wins on the earliest date in major league history — five days before the 1906 Chicago Cubs and 1954 Cleveland Indians — with an 11-6 victory over the Chicago White Sox. The '06 Cubs set the major league record for fewest games to reach 100 victories (132).

2002 — The Oakland Athletics set an AL record by winning their 20th straight game. They somehow blew an 11-run lead before pinch-hitter Scott Hatteberg homered in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat Kansas City 12-11. Oakland broke a three-way tie for the longest winning streak in AL history with the 1906 Chicago White Sox and the 1947 New York Yankees.

2006 — Florida became the first team in major league history to climb above .500 after being 20 games under, rallying to beat fourth Arizona 8-5. With four consecutive victories, the Marlins (69-68) have a winning record for the first time. They were 11-31 on May 21.

2009 — Roy Halladay pitched a one-hitter to snap a three-start losing streak and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Yankees 6-0.

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West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♥ 9 8 7
♦ Q 7 5 4 2
♣ A

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

EAST
♠ Q J
♥ K J 4 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ Q 9 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 8 3
♥ A 6 5 2
♦ 9 6
♣ 8 6

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2♣ 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

call, there would be a reasonable chance for game; if instead the overcall was on the skimpy side, the hand most likely belonged to the opponents, in which case the leap to game might well prevent them from finding their best spot.

Kantar then proceeded to take full advantage of a very favorable lie of the cards. West led the king of diamonds and shifted to the queen of hearts. Kantar held up the ace, won the heart continuation and cashed the A-K of spades. After the trumps fortunately divided 2-2, he led a diamond. West won but did not have a heart to return, so Kantar took the rest of the tricks, discarding his two remaining hearts on dummy's diamonds. The vulnerable game was worth 620 points.

At the other table, where Kantar's teammates held the East-West cards, the bidding went:

West North East South
1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2♣ 3♠ 4♣

Here, North took a dimmer view of both his and the opponents' prospects, allowing East-West to buy the contract for four clubs. Declarer went down one, discarding his losing diamond on one of dummy's high hearts, and the Kantar team gained a net of 520 points (11 IMPs) on the deal.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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A cruisin' birthday celebration

Members of First Baptist Church gathered to enjoy one big birthday cruise on the S.S. Love Boat



First Baptist Church members boarded the S.S. Love Boat for a church-wide birthday bash.

Attendees were grouped by birth month with each table being decorated with a theme regarding the particular month.

The Family Life Center was filled with 263 birthday guests who were treated to a buffet banquet.

The celebration included a full crew, including entertainment provided by The SAIL — A — BRATION band.

Each table was responsible for putting on a three-minute skit as part of the entertainment for the evening.

The S.S. Love Boat set out to sea after four months of planning by the First Baptist social committee.



Courtesy photos

Photos left to right picture, top left: First Mate Ryan Walker presents Mike Warren and Paul Spence, of the August group, with the traveling trophy.

Top right: First Mate Ryan Walker, cruise director Debie Pirkle and Captain Rev. Mark Lindsey get ready for the S.S. Love Boat to set sail.

Above: Tera Evans and Rebekah Raffini take their seat at the November table during the birthday bash.

Left: SAIL-A-BRATION band consisted of Ron Plumlee, Rhonda Rothell, Suzanne Cranford, Babs Morgan, Dorothy Wheeler and Harlan Moore.

Below: The January skit group performed during the bash. The group included Sandra Rhodes-Bartlett, Londa Henry, John Wilson and Marc Couch.



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Births



AVA JEAN MARTINEZ

Shane Martinez and Randi Gerstenberger of Big Spring, announce the birth of their daughter Ava Jean Martinez.

Ava was born Aug. 19, 2011, at 11:08 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and measured 18 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Nelda Williams and Deter and Kion Gerstenberger. Paternal grandparents are Augustine and April Martinez and Denise Creekmore.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, LaRae and Maddix Martinez.



KAYLEE ANNE EDMISTON

Krystal and Coby Edmiston of San Angelo announce the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Anne Edmiston, born Aug. 3, 2011.

Kaylee weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mike and Laura Hughes of Big Spring, the late George Anne McAngus of Eldorado, and Jim Bob and Trish Edmiston of McCamey. Great-grandmothers are Esther Hughes of Big Spring and Joan Howard of Anchor Point, Ark.

Menus

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: hot pockets, juice and milk. Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, carrots with ranch, pudding cup and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: biscuit and sausage, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot roll and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: donuts, juice and milk. Lunch: carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, tortilla and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken stir fry, oriental vegetables, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: turnovers, juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cob bette, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: School holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: bacon-egg taco wrap, assorted fruit juice

and milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, ranch dressing, green beans, apricots, roll, brownie and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch: chili cheese quesadilla, border beans, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, banana, salsa and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: maple mini pancakes, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch: hot dog on bun, mac and cheese, fruit cocktail, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue chicken flatbread, spicy corn on cob, broccoli, ranch dressing, strawberries and milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: School holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Alt: Cereal. Lunch: chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, peaches and cream and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Alt: Cereal.

Lunch: beef tips and noodles, savory green beans, orange smiles, applesauce cake and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, juice and milk. Alt: Cereal. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, quick baked potato, pickle spears, pineapple cherry delight and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo, savory green beans, fruit choice, hot roll, brownie and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: pork tenderloin patty, butter beans, okra and tomatoes, rolls, banana pudding and milk.

Wednesday: hamburger on a bun, waffle fries, lettuce/tomatoes/onions, pickles and cheese, mandarin oranges and milk.

Thursday: chicken fajitas with onions and peppers, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomatoes/cheese, picante sauce, apricots and milk.

Friday: chopped steak with brown gravy, onions and peppers, corn, peas and carrots, pears and biscuits and milk.

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Mayor Tommy Duncan and City Manager Gary Fuqua address employees at the city of Big Spring annual employees appreciation day picnic.

City of Big Spring Annual Employees Appreciation Day

Special to the Herald

City employees gather together for their annual appreciation picnic Friday, Sept. 2.

All employees and their spouses, as well as retirees and spouses were invited to attend the annual appreciation picnic, where barbecue and all the fixings were served.

This event allowed the mayor and city council to express their appreciation for the hard work, dedication and loyalty that has been shown by the city's work force.

Service pins were passed out to employees for achieving tenure in increments of five years. This year, there were 27 employees receiving service pins, representing a combined total of 380 years of service to Big Spring residents.

Additionally, local merchants and area vendors express their gratitude to the city employees by donating cash and gifts as door prizes.

The annual picnic allows city employees to enjoy recognition for the efforts they put forth each day during their respective assignments.

Local old-timers to have their stories Published

Winners of story contest announced

Hometown Memories Publishing Company is saving a big slice of local history in a book titled "Cow Chips in the Cook Stove, a Living History of the Lower Texas Panhandle."

The hardcover coffee table book will contain tales of bygone years from Texans who actually lived them.

The Texas Panhandle book will be hard bound, coffee table size (8 1/2 by 11 inches) with more than 275 pages and hundreds of old photographs. Each copy will be library quality, manufactured to last for centuries. The Texans who appear in this book are from all walks of life.

"We are delighted that over 250 folks shared their memories and pictures for the book," said Todd Blair, publisher at Hometown Memories. "The memories in this book are an extremely valuable part of the region's history and heritage and we are grateful for the opportunity to save and share them. Like our previous books, its purpose is to preserve the spirit and character of a time that will

never be seen again. It will tell future generations what life was really like back in the good old days in the lower panhandle area of Texas."

Hometown Memories Publishing includes a contest for the best stories. Blair continued, "With so many submissions, it was very hard to choose the prize winners. All of the stories are wonderful in their own way, but the winners we chose are Gerry Lynn George of Olton, Glen C. Smith of Sundown, Ada Lee Evatt of Ralls and Elvin E. Evatt of Ralls. We would also like to give honorable mention to the contributions from Colleen L. Freeman of Lubbock and Don Mitchell of Big Spring. Congratulations to these and all other folks who contributed to the book."

There are currently more than 55,000 copies of other Hometown Memories living history books in circulation. Anyone interested in the book can call toll free at 877-491-8802 or visit the web site at www.hometownmemoriesonline.com.

Hat ministry helping cancer patients

HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions.

All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

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Barack Obama halts controversial EPA smog regulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Friday scrapped his administration's controversial plans to tighten smog rules, bowing to the demands of congressional Republicans and some business leaders.

Obama overruled the Environmental Protection Agency — and the unanimous opinion of its independent panel of scientific advisers — and directed administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw the proposed regulation to reduce concentrations of ground-level ozone, smog's main ingredient. The decision rests in part on reducing regulatory burdens and uncertainty for businesses at a time of rampant uncertainty about an unsteady economy.

The announcement came shortly after a new government report on private sector employment showed that businesses essentially added no new jobs last month — and that the jobless rate remained stuck at a historically high 9.1 percent.

The withdrawal of the proposed regulation marks the latest in a



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string of retreats by Obama in the face of Republican opposition. Last December, he shelved, at least until the end of 2012, his insistence that Bush-era tax cuts should no longer apply to the wealthy. Earlier this year he avoided a government shutdown by agreeing to Republican demands for budget cuts. And this summer he acceded to more than a \$1 trillion in spending reductions, with more to come, as the price for an agreement to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, had muted praise for the White House, saying that withdrawal of the smog regulation was a good first step toward removing obstacles that are blocking business growth.

"But it is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations, which are all making it harder to create more American jobs," Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said.

Obama had initially set out to correct a weaker standard set by President George W. Bush. Jackson had said in July that the standard would not survive a legal challenge because it did not follow the recommendations of the

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After two tumultuous weeks, the stock market was relatively quiet last week, but that didn't help much to calm investor's fears, especially given the 400-point dive the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) took on Thursday. Investors again sought safety as yields on the 10 Treasury note briefly dropped below 2 percent for the first time in five decades.

Gold soared to more new records. Investors continue to focus on the negative U.S. economic reports and Europe's debt problems. There is a feeling that policy makers are running out of options and have no magic wands to wave. This is intensifying worries about the U.S. economy falling into recession again. The result for last week was the fourth straight decline for the major averages, with the DJIA dropping 5.2 percent on Thursday and Friday alone. In terms of magnitude, it was the worst four week streak since March 2009.

A weekend article in the Wall Street Journal presented the findings of an online survey Decision Research conducted between Aug. 9 and Aug. 15 to gauge how the latest financial upheaval has affected American investors. Asked about how angry they felt "about the financial challenges facing our country now," 59 percent said they were "moderately" or "very" angry, and 52 percent said they were moderately or very fearful. The survey also compared feelings now to March 2009, when the stock market bottomed and the financial world itself seemed about to end, and found that investor's mood is at least as bad now as it was then.

Even institutional investors are feeling pretty gloomy these days. Reuters reported the result of a survey of 176 global fund managers with total assets of \$551 billion. The survey was polled between Aug. 5 and 11, around the time that world stocks posted their biggest weekly loss since November 2008. The findings showed that these managers had slashed their equity holdings and boosted cash levels to their highest levels since March 2009. The positive from these findings is that they underline the pessimism in the marketplace right now, and historically such extremes have been coincident with major stock market bottoms. As we stated two weeks ago, we unfortunately can never know the exact timing or level of the bottom, but at least these sentiment surveys imply that some of the elements may be falling into place.

The first revision to the second quarter gross domestic product (GDP) will highlight this week's economic data. Expectations are for a softer than previously reported growth rate. Our Advisory Services Group's Macro Strategy team continues to place the probability of a recession at 25 percent. That is up from close to 0 percent earlier in 2011 when the economy was stronger. There is also great anticipation over Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech at the end of the week in Jackson Hole, Wyo. It was one year ago at the same event that the chairman foreshadowed the beginning of the quantitative easing, part two (QEII) program that led to a big stock rally that ran through February of this year. While the Fed may withhold the announcement of immediate new initiatives, investors are hopeful that Bernanke will lay the groundwork for initiatives to support the economy if needed.

We believe that some climactic selling has been seen, but the market's message after last week's action is it may have to undergo more to reach a final bottom. As of this writing, the major averages are retesting the lows of the week of August 8. While the worst of the selling is likely behind us, this does not preclude the averages from violating those lows. Whether they do or not, we believe that, given the extent of the decline and the negatives already factored into the market, this might be an advantageous time for investors to be adding to positions.

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Christy's Hair Studio and Spa had its ribbon cutting Thursday afternoon. Christy's is located at the corner of Third and Main St., across from the Howard County Courthouse. Numerous chamber board members and Christy's staff were on hand for the celebration.



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My Favorite Place, located at 618 S. Gregg St, held a ribbon cutting with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon. My Favorite Place offers massage, pedicures, manicures and more. To find out more information, stop in meet the staff.

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Robin Diane Churchwell vs. Bobby RV Churchwell, divorce.
In Re Luke Anthony Chavarria, family.
In Re Zachariah Charreton, family.
In Re Luxie Lynn Evans, family.
In Re Deandre Tyrelle Walton Jr., family.
In Re Khole Brook Roberts, family.
Rebecca Diane Hofack vs. Truman Edward Hofack, divorce.
Leslie Marie Marcell vs. Kealy Jean Sartar, divorce.
State of Texas vs. Raul John Garza Jr., civil.
State of Texas vs. Scott Randal Whitlow, civil.
State Farm Bank vs. Maria Villarreal, accounts, notes and contracts.
Nicole Knapp vs. Louis Brown, protective order.
In Re Brody Eric Franco, name change.
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Date: Aug. 4, 2011
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Property: Lot 2, Block 2, Jordan Park Estates No. 1
Date: Aug. 5, 2011
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Grantee: Johnny Neufeld and Anna Neufeld
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Grantee: Cobra Farms Inc.
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Grantee: Secretary of Urban Development and Housing
Property: Lot 14, Block 13, College Park Addition
Date: Aug. 15, 2011
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Grantee: Brandon Woods
Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Worth Peeler Subdivision
Date: Aug. 4, 2011
Grantor: George Leatham and Mary Leatham
Grantee: Dustin Gaskins and Somer Gaskins
Property: A 5-acre tract out of Section 33, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 12, 2011
Grantor: Elton B. Turner
Grantee: Seth Wilson
Property: Lots 5-6, Block 20, Fairview Heights
Date: Aug. 15, 2011

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agency's scientific advisers.
In March, the independent panel said in a letter to Jackson that it was unanimous in its recommendation to make the smog standard stronger and that the evidence was "sufficiently certain" that a range proposed in January 2010 under Obama would benefit public health.
The White House, which has pledged to base decisions on science, said Friday that the science behind its initial decision needed to be updated, and a new standard would be issued in 2013.
Major industry groups had lobbied hard for the White House to abandon the smog regulation, and applauded Friday's decision.
"The president's decision is good news for the economy and Americans looking for work. EPA's proposal would have prevented the very job creation that President Obama has identified as his top priority," said Jack Gerard, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute.
The withdrawal of the proposed EPA rule comes three days after the White House identified seven such regulations that it said would

cost private business at least \$1 billion each. The proposed smog standard was estimated to cost anywhere between \$19 billion and \$90 billion, depending on how strict it would be.
However, the Clean Air Act does not allow the EPA to consider how much it will cost to comply when picking a new standard.
Republican lawmakers have blamed what they see as excessive regulations backed by the Obama administration for some of the country's economic woes, and House Republicans pledged this week to try to block four environmental regulations, including the one on some pollution standards, when they return after Labor Day.
But perhaps more than some of the other regulations under attack, the ground-level ozone standard is most closely associated with public health — something the president said he wouldn't compromise in his regulatory review. Ozone is the main ingredient in smog, which is a powerful lung irritant that occasionally forces cancellation of school recesses, and causes asthma and other lung ailments.
A stronger standard, while it would cost billions, would also save billions in avoided health care costs and hospital visits.

Criticism from environmentalists, a core Obama constituency already battling him over a planned oil pipeline from Canada to the Gulf Coast, was swift following the White House announcement.
"The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," said Gene Karpinski, the president of the League of Conservation Voters. "This is a huge win for corporate polluters and huge loss for public health."
In his statement, the president said that withdrawing the regulation did not reflect a weakening of his commitment to protecting public health and the environment.
"I will continue to stand with the hard-working men and women at the EPA as they strive every day to hold polluters accountable and protect our families from harmful pollution," he said.
The decision mirrors one made by Obama's predecessor, President George W. Bush. EPA scientists had recommended a stricter standard to better protect public health. Bush personally intervened after hearing complaints from electric utilities and other affected industries. His EPA set a standard of 75 parts per billion, stricter than one adopted in 1997, but not

as strong as federal scientists said was needed to protect public health.
The EPA under Obama proposed in January 2010 a range for the concentration of ground-level ozone allowed in the air — from 60 parts per billion to 70 parts per billion. That's about equal to a single tennis ball in an Olympic-size swimming pool full of tennis balls.
Jackson, Obama's environmental chief, said at the time that "using the best science to strengthen these standards is a long overdue action that will help millions of Americans breathe easier and live healthier."
The American Lung Association, which sued the EPA over the Bush standard, said it

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clayton Jay Lee, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 2011, in Cause No. P-14003, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Paula Green.

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. Estate of Clayton Jay Lee, c/o Paula Green 110 W. 3rd Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the 29th day of August, 2011. R. Shane Seaton Attorney for Paula Green State Bar No.: 24060918 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)264-1800 Facsimile: (432)264-0785. #7094 September 4, 2011

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DATED the 29th day of August, 2011. R. Shane Seaton Attorney for Cornelia Anderson State Bar No.: 24060918 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone: (432)264-1800 Facsimile: (432)264-0785. #7095 September 4, 2011

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The Sagittarius moon is an adventurer, filling our hearts with the desire to know how others live — what they see, eat and experience daily. Mercury and Neptune positioned in opposite parts of the sky helps to break the bonds of conventional conversation and routine. Ask a far-out question, and you just might get an invitation to see another part of the world.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Awkwardness leads to grace. If you stumble a bit now, maybe you won't fall so hard later! You are thoughtful and willing to consider your performance and make adjustments to improve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While trying to appear normal, you may come across as weird. That's because only weird people have to think about what "normal" is and try to achieve it. If you haven't figured it out yet, all the best people are weird.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are so excited about a project that you will want to give it all of your attention. It's frustrating when you can't do this. However, short bursts of your focused attention will be better for this work in the end.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The standards you use to determine who qualifies to be a close friend are extremely high. Rightly so, as today's events will prove. Life is too precious to waste on unhappy repetition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are becoming more technologically savvy every day. However, you are slightly daunted by the fact that at the current rate of advance, there is also

exponentially more to learn every day!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like a goal that can be easily quantified. Certain numbers resonate with you. Whether it's dollars, pounds or names on a petition, aim for the numbers you really want instead of going for what's reasonable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't help but worry about someone dear to you — or can you? It may take just as much energy for you to project yourself into a future in which both you and your loved one are healthy, wealthy and wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be up to you to split your time between interests and people you adore. There is absolutely no better use of your day, so put off laborious tasks until another day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You just aren't in the mood for ambiguous friendships. That's why when you say "let's get together," you follow up with a plan — and an adventurous plan at that!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have your own ideas about what a loved one should do next to create an optimum state of health and success. However, the best you can do now is to continue to be a fine example.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be difficult to let go — difficult but necessary, since a relationship is changing with the times. The happy part of this is that a new and beautiful connection is forming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will give more than you planned to, and yet that will feel correct. You realize that for now, the best plans are fluid and flexible enough to change on a moment's notice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 4). You'll pick up a few new habits, including the habit of using your money to make more

money. Opportunities will come through a powerful male figure in October. An irresistible someone is attracted to your sharp mind and clever moves. The one you teach will make you proud in January. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 39, 44 and 6.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Welcome to another week under the lovely Virgo sun, where desire is wholesome and criticism is constructive — for the most part. For the second time this year, Mercury makes an auspicious move into Virgo, the realm in which it rules and where it is exalted. It's as though the beautiful maiden finally

succeeded in calling the messenger boy back to the place where he will be appreciated and do much good. Even though Mercury happens to be retrograde, Virgo has a way of bringing out his best qualities — like his stealth reactions to opportunity and effervescent wit — as well as boosting his morale. With the opposition of Neptune, he's going to need the boost. From across the sky, Neptune, the planet of dreams and beliefs, will antagonize Mercury with impertinent questions and inappropriate urges. All week, conversations will be lively and clear, though they may take dangerous turns into the

territory of politics, religion and health. A good deal of tolerance will be necessary. Remember that the sophisticated mind can accommodate clashing ideas. It is often safe to investigate an idea or belief in the spirit of curiosity and respect. Doing so doesn't necessarily mean you have to adopt that belief for your own.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Superstar Beyonce Knowles turns 30 today. The Virgo diva has been celebrating her journey thus far in concert, sharing her musical history and presenting future hits in her signature style of peerless entertaining perfection. The soulful

Scorpio moon singer has told audiences that she "searched the world and found herself." Natal Neptune, the planet of dreams, in the adventurous sign of Sagittarius gives assurance that she will never stop exploring the world and presenting new incarnations of Beyonce.

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Dear Margo: When mr. wrong's time is up

Dear Margo: I was in a relationship with a man who was separated and living alone.

This lasted nearly two years. I felt he was the person I should have met 20 years ago, that finally everything made sense in my life.

Then one day, without warning, he dumped me, saying he was going to try to reconcile with his wife.

I was beyond devastated. I went crazy and tried for two years to get

him back. He cheated on her with me, and I did everything wrong. I still love him. I have no history of this sort of behavior, but I do see a therapist and am on medication, which helps.

My dilemma is that I really miss male attention and have been advised to start dating other people.

The idea is both intriguing and repulsive. My main concern is whether or not it's really OK to try to form a new relationship when you are still in love with someone else.

I don't think I'll ever stop loving this man, and I know I would cheat, given the opportunity. What can I do? — *Ruined*

Dear Ru: Well, good that you are seeing a therapist. I would try to work harder to understand why you wish to hang on to this man who is not available, does not

reciprocate your feelings, and is not adding anything to your life except mental commotion.

If he doesn't put a high value on you, then you must put a high value on yourself. He is using you — with no concern for you as a person.

I think it a form of masochism to imagine you'll never stop loving this man — an idea that works well only in poems and novels.

I would definitely date new people and am betting you will be surprised. I can tell you, though, that you must be resolutely done, emotionally, with the Bad Boyfriend...

for then and only then will you be able to be open to recognizing someone of quality. — *Margo, historically*

Diffusing an Uncomfortable Situation

Dear Margo: I find myself in an odd situation. A few months ago, I did not go to work.

I was severely depressed and was involuntarily committed to the psychiatric ward in a hospital. What caused my depression was ongoing workplace bullying that my supervisors did nothing about combined with a high-stress and somewhat dangerous job. (I work with homeless, mentally ill and addicted persons.)

I did not call my employer to say where I was because, well, I had no access to a phone for many hours after I was checked in.

My employer called the police and my parents. By the time I managed to call my parents, 16 police officers had been out looking for me, and my apartment had been searched for any evidence of foul play. I was so embarrassed by everything.

Thankfully, I am on the road to recovery and am not ashamed of my hospital stay. It was something I needed in order to get back on the right path and find happiness again.

All of my co-workers know what happened. I am going back to work soon and don't know how to handle the questions and looks. Any advice? — *Back in the Saddle*

Dear Back: Because you say your co-workers know where you spent your "vacation," I would go with humor.

Something like, "It's so good to be out of the bin, though it really was the pause that refreshes."

This will tell people you are not ashamed of your mini-breakdown and that it's OK to talk about it. My hope is that your employer did something about the bullying. — *Margo, restoratively*

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HEAR, HEAR!

Better living with hearing loss



FAMILY FEATURES

Hearing loss affects over 30 million Americans — and it's not just a problem for the elderly. The majority (65 percent) of people with hearing loss are actually younger than age 65. There are more than six million people in the U.S. between the ages of 18 and 44 with hearing loss, and nearly one and a half million are school age, according to the Better Hearing Institute.

Because hearing has a profound effect on quality of life, it's important to know how to recognize hearing loss, and what can be done about it.

Signs of Hearing Loss

Do you:

- Have trouble hearing over the telephone?
- Find it hard to follow conversations when two or more people are talking?
- Often ask people to repeat what they are saying?
- Need to turn up the TV volume so loud that others complain?
- Have a problem hearing because of background noise?
- Think that others seem to mumble?
- Can't understand when women and children speak to you?

Then it's time to see your doctor and ask about referrals to an otolaryngologist (a specialist who can investigate the cause of hearing loss) or an audiologist (a specialist who will measure hearing loss).

Many people think that their physician will tell them during their physicals if they have a hearing problem. But in reality, only about 14 percent of physicians routinely screen for hearing loss. That's why it's important to talk with your healthcare provider and get screened if you exhibit hearing loss signs.

Better Living with Hearing Loss

It's an unpleasant reality — aging can take a toll on hearing. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), 1 in 3 people older than 60 — and half of those older than 85 — have hearing loss.

Hearing problems can make it difficult to respond to warnings, understand and follow doctor's advice, and even to hear doorbells and alarms. The good news is that there are many assistive technologies that can make living with hearing loss easier.

- Hearing aids of many styles and capabilities, some of which are hardly visible and others which can even sync up with other electronic devices.
- Amplified telephones or telephone caption services help facilitate outside communication.
- Personal infrared and FM systems make it easier to hear the television, movies, meetings and religious services.
- Computerized speech recognition software lets a computer change a spoken message into a readable text document.
- Closed-captioned TV (CCTV) shows spoken dialogue and sounds in a text display. All TVs now sold with screens of at least 13 inches must have built-in captioning.

Even the seemingly little things can make a big difference. For older seniors using hearing aids, getting the small batteries out of the package can be an exercise in frustration, as can losing those tiny batteries. Stress can also cause or exacerbate hearing loss. Packaging can ease this frustration and stress. The EZ Turn & Lock packaging for Energizer hearing aid batteries is an example of a user-focused solution that keeps the batteries from falling out, but has an easy-to-turn dial that lets you get them out when you need them with no trouble at all. Find out more at www.energizer.com.

You can learn more about hearing loss at The Better Hearing Institute www.betterhearing.org, and the Hearing Loss Association of America www.hearingloss.org.



All the Better to Hear You With

There are a surprising number of people who could benefit from hearing aids that don't wear them. But those that do wear them report a significant improvement in quality of life.

A survey by the Better Hearing Institute found that, of the hearing aid wearers that responded:

- 71 percent reported more effective communications.
- 56 percent had a better social life.
- 55 percent reported better relationships at home.
- 56 percent had better relationships in the workplace.
- 48 percent had improved emotional health.

Today's hearing aids are not the big, clunky ones you may remember. There are sizes and styles to fit every lifestyle, and many are winning awards for their design.

- Completely-in-the-Canal (CIC) hearing aids fit into the ear canal and are virtually invisible.
- Behind-the-Ear (BTE) hearing aids are much sleeker, smaller and more discreet than their predecessors.
- Open-Fit BTEs are nearly invisible behind the ear and use a thin plastic tube or a thin wire to amplify sound into the ear canal.

Hearing Aid FAQ

- Are hearing aid batteries interchangeable among manufacturers? Battery dimensions are standardized across all brands. All sizes are the same — just look for the color standard to find your battery size.
- Should I open the door on my hearing aid when it's not in use? Yes — it is a good idea to open the battery door on your hearing aid when you are not using it. This reduces battery drain and may allow air in to remove any moisture buildup.
- How should I store my batteries for best hearing aid battery life? To get maximum hearing aid battery life, keep batteries at room temperature. Heat can shorten hearing aid battery life and a damp location like the refrigerator is not recommended. Also, never carry loose batteries in your pocket or purse. Contact with metal items like keys or coins can short-circuit the battery.

Learn more about getting the most out of hearing aids and hearing aid batteries at www.energizer.com.

Ask Before You Buy

Before buying hearing aids, the hearing experts at NIDCD say you should ask a few questions:

- What features would be most useful to me?
- Does the audiologist perform real ear measures to verify the performance of the hearing aids?
- What is the total cost of the hearing aids? Do the benefits of newer technologies outweigh the higher costs?
- Is there a trial period to test the hearing aids? (Most manufacturers allow a 30- to 60-day trial period during which aids can be returned for a refund.) What fees are nonrefundable if the aids are returned after the trial period?
- How long is the warranty? Can it be extended? Does the warranty cover future maintenance and repairs?
- Can the audiologist make adjustments and provide servicing and minor repairs? Will loaner aids be provided when repairs are needed?

- What instruction does the audiologist provide?

Not all insurance will cover hearing aids, but AARP members can save 20 percent on hearing aids and hearing care through the AARP Hearing Care Program provided by HearUSA. Visit www.aarphealthcare.com for details.

Scouting at a glance

In 1911 Troop 1 was formed in Big Spring and for the past 100 years the Boy Scouts of America has provided a program to develop strong well-rounded citizens from the youth of this area. Through organized age-appropriate activities, Scouting provides skill-development opportunities, including leadership, team-building and conflict resolution which children might not otherwise find at home, school or other extracurricular programs.

Currently in Howard County we have five Cub Scout Packs (grade 1-5), seven Boy Scout Troops (ages 11-18) and two Venture Crews (boys and girls age 14-20 sponsored by 11 chartering organizations serving in total more than 250 youth each year. The 12 traits that make up the Scout Law read like every parent's wish list for their children. Along with the motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily," Scouting sets expectations of cooperation, respect and goodwill — all success factors in helping build lifelong personal and family values by reinforcing ethical standards.

Scouts attend weekly and/or monthly activities and events such as Pinewood Derbies, camp-outs, hikes, pushmobile races, day camp, Camporee, Mom and Me and the Order of the Arrow Powwow. Older scouts enjoy backpacking, climbing and rappelling, caving, canoeing, water sports, sailing, National Jam-boree and High Adventure Bases.

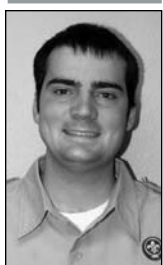
Scouting is anything but a self-contained environment. Its connection to the community is absolutely vi-

tal. Each Scout unit is chartered by a community organization that provides the unit with a place to meet, leaders and guidance. Community service projects are a requirement of every Scouting program. These projects find the Scouts and leaders working side-by-side, often earning the funds to offset their dues and other expenses throughout the year. All these activities and advancement programs help young people to learn self reliance, duty to God, personal fitness, patriotism, honor, responsibility and how to work with and for others.

Income from sources, including United Way, bequests and individual contributions, help provide additional support necessary for leadership training, outdoor programs, council service centers and outstanding camping facilities. These include: Camp Thomas in Big Spring and the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, a 9,000 acre High Adventure Base located in the Davis Mountains.

The United Way effort to help fund organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America deserves the financial support of every citizen in Howard County because its participating organizations provide a higher quality of life.

For more information about Scouting in Howard County contact: Brian Sweeney @ 432-212-3577.



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Kevin Bailey, second from right, flight paramedic for the Air Evac Life Team, explains how the group responds to emergencies during a presentation to the Big Spring Kiwanis Club Thursday afternoon.



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Dear Annie: My 12-year-old son, "Mark," is starting middle school. He has a semi-friend, "Scott," whom he met in day care years ago. In spite of attending different schools, they have maintained a friendship, but it has diminished with time.

Mark and Scott now have little in common. Mark has lots of friends and is involved in several activities. Scott, however, has few interests, hardly any friends and is a little odd. He is a good kid with good parents, but he is socially awkward.

Mark has no interest in hanging out with Scott, who calls frequently. He puts up with him on occasion and has tried to involve Scott in things that interest him, but Scott doesn't share any of Mark's enthusiasms. Mark and I have talked about Scott, and I've done my best to teach him to be a good person and deal with Scott's difficult nature. I've even talked to Scott's parents about their son's poor social skills and have suggested ways to teach him how to behave in a more acceptable manner. (Some days, he calls Mark every two minutes during the course of an afternoon.)

Here's my problem: Scott is now attending the same middle school as Mark. I know Mark won't want to socialize with him, nor will he be keen for Scott to hang around his friends. Middle school has enough pressure for kids. How can I best guide my son? — **Middle-School Mom**

Dear Mom: Kids like Mark are highly attuned to the social pressures of school. He undoubtedly believes having an "odd" friend will complicate his popularity. Nonetheless, it is important that you teach him to be compassionate and tolerant. He doesn't have to hang out with Scott or invite him to everything. But he should be kind when he sees him and include him when possible. Mocking, bullying and teasing are absolutely off limits. His friends will respect him more if they see he has integrity. And please talk to Scott's parents about having their son evaluated for social anxiety disorders and Asperger's.

Dear Annie: Some time ago, I noticed that my wife had a large friction burn on her tailbone. I asked her how that happened, and she said it came from sitting in the bathtub.

I may not be the brightest guy in the world, but that doesn't seem a likely way for a female to get a friction burn on her coccyx. Does her description sound true? — **Trusting Husband**

Dear Husband: A red mark on her tailbone could be from banging her rear end in the tub or doing sit-ups on the carpet, among other things. Unless you have additional reasons to suspect your wife of misbehavior, we'd give her the benefit of the doubt. And if you do have cause to be suspicious, please consider counseling.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Gonzo," the

Navy retiree with the problem neighbors, and said, "Oh, my word, this could have been written by me."

I, too, am a Navy retiree. Over the years, the neighbors went from good to bad to nightmarish, reflecting the current lack of manners and consideration that is common in our population. It was our unfortunate experience that talking to them made matters worse. We stayed mostly because we had put so much into our home. After a drug gang moved in next door, we endured 18 months of their in-your-face activity until the stress became unbearable. I realized it's just a house and not worth the misery.

Our solution? Three years ago, we moved. We found a lovely piece of property on two acres in a small rural town 17 miles away. It's the best thing ever. It keeps the neighbors at a distance, and we enjoy the wildlife. My only regret is waiting so long to move, because the stress really took a toll on my husband and me. — **Sharon**

Dear Annie: Recently, my 49-year-old sister committed suicide. She lived with my partner and me for the last 18 months. I find it harder each day to understand why this happened. I am upset, angry, troubled and confused.

My sister was bipolar and on medication. She had attempted suicide before, but tried to fight the self-destructive thoughts, admitting herself to the hospital when necessary. We assured her that she could live with us forever and that we loved having her with us. She was so good with our dogs, and they seemed to be a comfort to her.

We never had a clue what she was planning, and she had it all planned out two weeks ahead. She bought a gun, cleaned her room, did her wash and left a letter explaining that this was the only way to ease her pain. She waited until after midnight and went to a nearby nature preserve. She was found within two hours.

My sister often said that she hated her life and had no friends and thought when she died there would be few people at her funeral. But the funeral home was so crowded that there wasn't even standing room. Do people who commit suicide know how much pain they leave behind and how much we struggle to accept it? I will always wonder what I could have done differently. Please help. — **Miss My Sister**

Dear Sister: We can tell how anguished you are, and our hearts are breaking for you. Your sister was mentally ill and obviously in great pain. She could see no end to it and believed suicide was her only way out. You sound like a loving sister, and you created a warm and supportive home. Now you could use some support, too. Please try Survivors of Suicide at survivorsofsuicide.com.

Dear Annie: "Mike" and I are in our 60s and have

been married seven years. We each have children from previous marriages, all of whom are grown and out of the house.

Recently, I noticed that Mike friended his ex-wife on Facebook. They correspond occasionally and play an online game together. I always suspected that she still had a thing for him, even though she was the one who initiated the divorce.

Mike was divorced for eight years when we met, but I have always felt that his children resent me. Today, I saw a receipt for tickets to an out-of-state amusement park where he is planning to go with his daughter and grandchildren. I noticed a receipt for another person (a senior). It's not for me because I have to work. I believe this ticket is for his ex-wife. I asked if she would be there, and he said he "didn't think so." He claims he can't stand her.

I am considering divorce because the trust is gone. I get along with my ex, but would not jeopardize my marriage by going on an out-of-town trip with him. Am I jumping the gun? Is this just a family outing? -- Not Worlds of Fun for Me

Dear Fun: You are jumping the gun. You don't know that the ex-wife is going or who invited her. And if she's there, it doesn't mean he is cheating. Get the details from your husband, and explain your concerns. If his responses aren't satisfactory, tell him your marriage is at risk and ask him to come with you for counseling.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Sherman Oaks, Calif.," who dropped her friend "Jill" because she wouldn't stop gossiping.

She should have told Jill, "I have told you I don't like the way you gossip about your friends and I don't want to hear it. Please change the subject." Repeat as needed. She might change her behavior if she is interrupted at the moment of offense every single time. — **St. Maarten**

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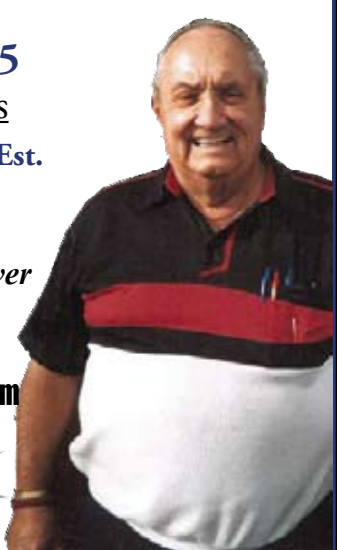
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