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Search continues

Authorities still looking for missing Big Spring man; caution advised

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Police officials say a local man reported missing Saturday could be armed and on the run, as search efforts have yet to turn up clues to his location.

Edward Allen Welch, 53, of Big Spring, was reported missing Saturday, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"Welch is believed to be suicidal and may be armed with a handgun," said Everett. "His vehicle was found abandoned



Welch

Sunday in a secluded area on FM 700 near Interstate 20. Officers with the PD and the Sheriff's Office began a ground search for the man. Tracking dogs were brought in by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from Colorado City to assist."

Everett said the search continued through noon Monday, but officers were unable to locate Welch.

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JAILHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Work continues on the \$11.57 million county jail being constructed on Big Spring's west side. The facility — which is more than 30 percent complete at this time — is expected to be finished in March, with move-in set for sometime in April.

HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins

Victim Services to commemorate 'silent witnesses'

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

It is a list that really doesn't need any more names.

Crime victim advocates will hold an observance ceremony Thursday afternoon to remember women who have died as a result of domestic violence in Howard County.

The event, planned for 2 p.m. in the first floor foyer of the Howard County Courthouse, will add two silhouettes representing those victims. Linda Perez of Victim Services of Big Spring said five women have died as a result of domestic violence in the county since 1997.

The Thursday event will

recall the two most recent victims — Tonya Brock, who was killed in December 2005; and Catherine Hunnicutt, who was murdered in March 2004.

"We call them 'silent witness' silhouettes," Perez said. "They are silent witnesses because they are no longer with us."

The private event is being held in conjunction with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is a dramatic reminder of how widespread that type of violence is, even in West Texas.

"It is the No. 1 cause of injury to women in the United States," Perez said.

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Routine items on EDC board agenda

Meeting set for 5:15 p.m. today at Economic Development office.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Routine business tops the agenda for the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors tonight,

including the appointment of committee chairpersons by the board president.

Chairpersons are expected to be named for the Industry Attraction and Recruitment Committee, Industry Retention and Expansion Committee and the Workforce Development Committee, according to Big Spring EDC officials.

The board is also expected to approve a letter of engagement with Wilton, Newberry, Heidel, Leonard & Horton, CPAs, for the economic development corporation's 2007-2008 audit, as well as consider a contract with engineering firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper to evalu-

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Safety a problem for new generation drugs

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Nearly a fourth of widely used new-generation biological drugs that treat several common diseases produce serious side effects that lead to safety warnings soon after they go on the market, the first major study of its kind found.

Included in the report released Tuesday were the arthritis drugs

Humira and Remicade, cancer drugs Rituxan and Erbitux, and the heart failure drug Natrecor. All wound up being flagged for safety.

That might surprise some doctors who may have thought that these new treatments might be safer than traditional chemical-based medicines.

Researchers found that most of the warnings came within five years after these biologicals won government approval in the United States

and Europe between 1995 and 2007.

Many traditional medicines wind up with safety warnings too after they go on the market. But experts said there were no similar studies of older medicines that made it possible to compare safety issues between the two groups of drugs.

The new study, by Dutch researchers, is the first comprehensive examination of these newer

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Texas Longhorns: Convincing a hater

This is hard for me to admit. See, I like to call myself a realist, but sometimes my emotions about certain teams sway my opinions. I often pick the Dallas Cowboys to win because of my love for them.

However, on the other hand, my distaste for the Texas Longhorns often causes me to pick against them when they face what seems to be a worthy opponent.

And now, after two weeks of proving my doubt in them wrong, the Longhorns have me convinced.

In a season where even Longhorns' fans started the year with many concerns, the 'Horns have pushed their way to the top of

the Harris, USA Today and Associated Press polls. More importantly, they're now ranked No. 1 in the first edition of the Bowl Championship Series ranking that were released Sunday.

The Longhorns entered 2008 with an average ranking of No. 7 in the various polls. I called them the most overrated team in the nation at that point. So who's serving the crowd?

It's not hard to see why

Texas is having so much success. Everything right now is about Colt McCoy. The junior quarterback was highly ridiculed by the media and alumni last season, receiving far too much blame for an ordinary by the Longhorns' standards 10-3 record. He definitely deserved some of it as he threw 18 interceptions compared to just 22 touchdowns.

Here's what was overlooked, though. McCoy was running an offense not best suited for him. Coach Mack Brown fell in love with the zone-read offense constructed for Vince Young. While McCoy is a

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JONATHAN HULL

Pacman enters rehab

By **RACHEL COHEN**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Suspended Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones has entered an alcohol treatment center.

The oft-troubled player has checked into a facility "in another part of the country," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones told The Associated Press on Monday.

"It's totally done through and by the NFL," Jerry Jones said.

The NFL said Monday it would not comment.

The league suspended Adam Jones for at least four games last Tuesday for again violating its personal conduct policy.

Only six weeks after being reinstated from a 17-month suspension because of repeated legal problems, Jones was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

The Cowboys had employed the bodyguards to try to keep Jones out of trouble.

"They lost their job when he got suspended. They lost it because there's no more Adam to look out for," Jerry Jones said after a news conference announcing a company the Cowboys are forming with the New York Yankees to handle concession and merchandise sales at their new stadiums.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension after the Cowboys play Nov. 16 at Washington. Goodell has said a lifetime ban remains a possibility.

The league has said reinstatement will depend on strict compliance with treatment plans and an evaluation by "clinical experts."

Asked later Monday if he believed the treatment will help Adam Jones deal with his problems, Cowboys coach Wade Phillips stammered a bit before reiterating that he wasn't going to discuss players not with the team.

"Same as last week, he's not with us," Phillips said. "My concern is the guys that are with us,

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Tannehill thriving

Former Steers QB is A&M's top receiver

By **ADAM ZUVANICH**

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

A little more than two months ago, Ryan Tannehill was battling to become the starting quarterback at Texas A&M.

Now he's the Aggies' leading wide receiver.

The redshirt freshman from Big Spring, who said he played receiver for only one half during his high school career, is quickly carving a niche at his new position. He has a team-high 28 catches and 401 yards despite making only two starts, and his three touchdown receptions is tied for second on the team.

"It's definitely been a change," said the 6-foot-4, 204-pound Tannehill, a two-time all-District 4-4A quarterback at Big Spring. "You see things in a completely different way, and it's a completely different position on the field. ...

Right now, I'm just trying to go out there and be the best wide receiver I can be."

Tannehill said he still wants to be the Aggies' starting quarterback, and that learning the receiver position will help him attain that goal. He's listed as the third-string QB and has been Jerrod Johnson's backup while Stephen McGee recovers from a shoulder injury, and first-year A&M coach Mike Sherman has promised Tannehill the opportunity to compete for the job in the spring.

But genealogy and last week's performance against Kansas State suggest the move might become permanent. Tannehill's father, Tim, was a backup quarterback as a sophomore at Texas Tech in 1985, but he spent

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AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Texas A&M wide receiver Ryan Tannehill of Big Spring celebrates after catching a touchdown pass in the first half of the Aggies' game against Texas Tech Saturday in College Station.

Texans' Johnson finally breaks out of slump

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Andre Johnson of the Texans went through a rare slump earlier this season. The star receiver was upset and determined to turn things around.

He's done it by playing three of his best games in six years in the NFL.

Johnson started the season strong with 10 receptions for 112 yards in the opener, but struggled in the next two games and had a combined 67 yards.

Since then he's had 131 yards against

Indianapolis, a career-high 178 yards against Miami and 141 yards in Sunday's win over the Lions. He's had 30 receptions and scored two touchdowns in that span.

His 450 yards receiving are the most by a receiver in the league this month, with the next closest player more than 100 yards behind him. The most yards he'd amassed in a month in his career before this stretch was when he gained 432 in December, but that was in five games.

Johnson isn't sure if this is the best he's played in his career, but he does

attribute his success to a change in attitude.

"I can say that the first three games there was a lot of frustration," he said. "You know I told myself right before the Indy game I was like, 'no matter what happens I'm going to put everything behind me and I'm just going to start going back out there having fun and whenever I get an opportunity just make a play on it.' That has been my attitude since then and it's working out well for

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AP photo/David J. Phillip

Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson (80) catches a pass for a first down as Detroit Lions cornerback Leigh Bodden (28) defends of an NFL game Sunday in Houston.

Sports in brief

MLB World Series schedule
Philadelphia Phillies vs. Tampa Bay Rays
(All game televised on Fox)

- Game 1: Wednesday at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
- Game 2: Thursday at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
- Game 3: Saturday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
- Game 4: Sunday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
- Game 5: Monday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. (if needed)
- Game 6: Oct. 29 at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. (if needed)
- Game 7: Oct. 30 at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. (if needed)

Texas Shootout comes to Moss Creek Ranch

The Texas Shootout is a Tournament Hunter Bird Dog Challenge event being hosted by Moss Creek Ranch.

This is a major event, offering an auto bid into the Nationals with an opportunity to qualify for the World Championships.

There are different levels of competition for pointing and flushing dogs.

For more information on Bird Dog Challenge, visit www.nbdca.com. Entries must be confirmed by Friday. For entry information, call Andy Anderson at 213-3801

or Linda at 213-2606.

Coach Diddle and Hawk women set for Hawk Buddies Program

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle, assistant coach Jamie Fisher and the Hawk women are announcing the start of the 2008-2009 Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The first day of the program is Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, free admission for all family members to Hawks home games, two clinics with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Hawk women's team and a buddies night, including autographs and photos with the team.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Jamie Fisher at 264-5155.

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association hosting monthly tournament Sunday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting

their monthly tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

Cost is \$17 per person and participants must be registered by 10 a.m. Sunday.

The tournament will be played in a 4-man scramble format.

For more information, contact Sammy Reyna at 267-5627.

October Washer Tourney scheduled for Saturday

A single-elimination two-man team washer tournament is scheduled for Saturday at La Vadera Club.

Cost is \$20 and teams must be registered by 1 p.m. on the day of the tourney.

If time permits, a single-elimination singles tourney will also be held after the completion of the team competition. Cost is \$10.

Contact Pano Rodriquez at 816-4223 or Mark Juarez (325) 277-8553 for more information.

Obituaries

Dan J. Anderson

Dan J. Anderson, 65, formerly of Big Spring died Sept. 1, 2008, in Tyler. Services were held Sept. 4, 2008, at Van United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Foster officiating and Paul Elliott assisting. Burial followed in Colfax Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 5, 1942, in Monahans to William James and Gladys White Anderson.

He had been a resident of Colfax since 1980 and was a member of the Van United Methodist Church and an attorney. He was past president of the Van Zandt Co. Bar Association, served on the Van ISD school board and owned and operated Van Zandt Abstract & Title Co. and Anderson & Elliott law firm.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Claudette Anderson of Colfax; daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Doug Hardwick of Canton; son and daughter-in-law, B.J. and Stacey Anderson of Huntsville; three grandchildren; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Betty Stuckey.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 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.

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.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

• West Texas Centers for MHMR Warriors of Hope will be hosting a brisket burrito fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the east entrance to Wal-Mart. Homemade brisket burritos will be available for \$3 each. Homemade salsa and desserts will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society through the Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now 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.

• A medical expense account has been established at

Police blotter

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

Note: Arrest information from Oct. 18 and Oct. 19 has not been made available at this time.

• VICTORIA ALDRIDGE, 22, of 309 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Monday on a warrant and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• RODNEY KELEMAN, 23, of 2718 Larry, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Scurry.

• THEFT was reported: in the 3200 block of Cornell.

in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

in the 900 block of Willia.

in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 400 block of Nolan.

• GRAFFITI was reported in the 100 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

• CASSIE RENE EMERSON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Collin County warrant for theft.

• FREDDIE ORTEGA SOSA, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on a Midland County warrant for failure to appear — theft.

• FRANK CASTILLO JR., 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a Williamson County warrant.

• PRISCILLA LEA CORTEZ, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

• ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

• DAVID RIOS, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

• ANTONIO JOE FLORES, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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Bulletin Board

TODAY

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Lottery

• Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-21-30. Bonus Ball: 1. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

• Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-19-25-35. Number matching five of five: 0.

• The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-1-6. Sum It Up: 19.

• The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-5. Sum It Up: 16

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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and try to get them to play well.”

The previous suspension cost Adam Jones the entire 2007 season for the Titans. He was traded to Dallas in April, with Tennessee receiving a fourth-round draft pick. The Titans were also supposed to get a sixth-rounder next year, but because Jones has been suspended again, Dallas will instead receive their fifth-round pick in 2009.

After the trade, Jones stayed out of trouble until the scuffle at an upscale Dallas hotel. Jerry Jones has said that banter

between the player and his bodyguard got out of hand, resulting in the scuffle and a small glass item on the vanity in the restroom being damaged. Dallas police responded to a disturbance call about 11 p.m., and the matter was over by the time they arrived.

The player and the bodyguard, Tommy Jones, told police everything was OK. Police said both were driven from the hotel by an acquaintance, and the bodyguard didn't want to press charges.

Jerry Jones has acknowledged alcohol was served at the party, but that witnesses told him the player's "conduct should not be interpreted as over-drinking."

JOHNSON

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me.”

Johnson's resurgence is a big reason the Texans have won two straight after opening the season 0-4.

“He is the heart and soul of this place,” coach Gary Kubiak said. “He's a special player in the NFL and when he makes plays and plays

at that level of play, then he raises everybody else.”

Of course, his stellar play has also helped quarterback Matt Schaub. In the two games that Johnson struggled, Schaub averaged 248 yards passing. In the past two games, he's averaged 323 yards.

Schaub missed Houston's fourth game with a virus.

“He gives us a huge spark as a team because we know that if we can get the ball in his hands so many

times he's going to make some big plays for us and make people miss and be able to turn a 5-yard completion into a 15-, 20-yard gain,” Schaub said. “No matter what the route is, I can go his way and he is going to secure the catch and then do something with it after the catch.”

The Texans have been moving Johnson around more in the past few weeks and Kubiak believes that has been important to his success.

TANNEHILL

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the rest of his Red Raider career as a wide receiver.

Ryan Tannehill set a pair of A&M freshman records Oct. 11 with 12 catches for 210 yards — the most receiving yards by an Aggie in a Big 12 Conference game — which helped make up for his lost fumble that the Wildcats turned into a second-quarter touchdown.

“He can throw himself a pass maybe,” Sherman, the former Green Bay Packers head coach, told reporters at his Monday news conference. “He probably could do it, too, knowing him. The first pass (Brett) Favre ever threw was to himself. It was tipped and he caught it.”

Johnson said Tannehill, a pre-med student who also is listed on the Aggies' depth chart at punter, has made such a smooth transition because of his intelligence, work

habits and athleticism. Johnson also described Tannehill as somewhat of a natural at the wideout position, saying he has quick feet, soft hands and the instincts to get open.

“I'm pretty sure he still wants to be a quarterback, but he's the ultimate team player,” said Johnson, a 6-5, 229-pound sophomore who also has been used at receiver this season. “There's no animosity or ill will or anything. He'll do whatever's good for the team.”

Sherman has echoed the sentiment, saying earlier this season that he “can't say enough about the impact (Tannehill's) made on our team.” The veteran coach also has praised Tannehill for his smarts, joking that he would “never ask him to get into coaching because he's too bright for coaching.”

“He needs to go solve cures somewhere or help society, but he'd be a heck of a football coach because he gets the game,” Sherman said earlier this month. “He knows coverages. He knows how to sit down in holes.

He knows where the windows are. For a young guy, he's very impressive on his knowledge and is very exciting to be around.”

For now, regardless of which position he plays, Tannehill said he's just happy to be contributing at such an early stage in his college career. He's also pumped about the opportunity to face the Red Raiders, the team he grew up rooting for.

Tannehill said he attended several Tech games a year with his family, which has since switched its allegiance to the Aggies.

“I'm definitely excited,” said Tannehill, who wasn't recruited by the Red Raiders. “... Tech's got a top-10 team, so it would be huge for our program to go out and get a win.”

Tech trailed A&M at the half Saturday, 23-20, but rallied to top the Aggies, 43-25.

Tannehill made his presence felt, though. He had a game-high 104 yards and a touchdown on five receptions.

CONVINCED

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very good athlete, he's not Vince. He is, however, a better passer than Vince.

The zone-read is still used by the Longhorns this season, but to a much lesser degree. McCoy is reading much more of the field than he did last season — and Vince did in his entire career — and it's paying huge dividends for Texas.

He's fourth in the NCAA

in efficiency rating and leads the nation in completion percentage, connecting on an astounding 81.2 percent of his passes. Against Missouri Saturday, McCoy completed 29-of-32 throws for a 90.6 percentage rate. The three passes that fell incomplete were batted at the line of scrimmage by Missouri defenders, never giving Texas' receivers a chance to make a play on the ball.

That's so impressive it's stupid. That is literally a stupid stat. It's something that just doesn't make sense and shouldn't happen against a team ranked 11th nationally.

That's how untouchable McCoy has been, though, and he's finally starting to get some help.

The Longhorns' road to a BCS Championship berth is still mired with many pitfalls. Three of Texas' next four games are against opponents ranked in the Top 20, including No. 7 Oklahoma State Saturday followed by No. 8 Texas Tech next week. In three weeks, the Longhorns are pitted against No. 19 Kansas.

Surely with that schedule, the Longhorns are bound to fall prey to the upset bug haunting top-ranked teams over the past two seasons.

Two weeks ago, I would have agreed with that theory. However, the emergence of a running game built around Chris Ogbonnaya has swayed my opinion. Ogbonnaya has emerged as Texas'

best running back, averaging 6.5 yards per carry this season.

After receiving just 31 touches over the first five games, the senior tailback has had 38 opportunities over the past two games against Oklahoma and Missouri. He's gained 287 total yards in those two contests.

Ogbonnaya's ability to take pressure on McCoy down the stretch of the season is key for the Longhorns' chances to run the table.

Obviously, not all of Texas' success is based around offense. The Longhorns tout one of the best pass rushes in the nation, led by defensive end Brian Orakpo, who is a legitimate Top 10 — and maybe Top 5 — player for the 2009 NFL draft.

Will Muschamp, who joined the Texas staff as the defensive coordinator after spending two years with Auburn, has brought a new attitude to what was a struggling defense since current Iowa State Head Coach Gene Chizik left the Longhorns in 2006.

The Longhorns better enjoy Muschamp while they can, though. He'll be leaving for a head coaching job in two years, if not after the 2008 season.

Still, the Longhorns are very young in the secondary and when opposing quarterbacks have had time, they have been exposed. If the front seven is unable to produce consistent pressure in the backfield, then Texas becomes a very vulnerable team, which is why teams like Oklahoma State and Texas Tech shouldn't be taken lightly.

Tech obviously has a great reputation as a pass-happy team, but one stat stands out that makes the Red Raiders a potential threat to Texas. Despite throwing the ball more than 45 times a game, Tech has allowed exactly one quarterback sack in seven contests this season.

Talk about stifling a pass rush. By the way, Oklahoma State has given up just five sacks in seven games.

That could mean a couple of old-fashioned shootouts are in store for the Longhorns over the next two weeks and games of that nature are completely unpredictable.

In fact, knowing that might just be enough for my distaste for the Longhorns to sway me back into a bias against them.

Sounds like two losses for Texas to me.

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By Steve Becker

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EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ K 10 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ 8 7 3

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Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads a heart. You allow East's king to win the trick, and take the ten-of-hearts return with the ace. How would you continue?

You start with six certain winners — two spades, a heart, a diamond and two clubs — so you need three more tricks. There are two different finesses available, either of which would produce the three tricks you need if it succeeded. One is in clubs, the other in diamonds.

The trouble with both of them is that if the finesse you attempt loses, the opponents may be able to cash enough heart tricks to defeat the contract, leaving you with no opportunity to try the other finesse. So the big question is which finesse to take.

The probability of the diamond finesse working is 50-50; if West has the king, you're home, but if East has it, you'll probably go down. Your chance of success is about the same in the club suit, where you have to guess which opponent to finesse for the queen. Moreover, and this is a key consideration, if you successfully guess which finesse to take, you have no intention of trying the other one.

Bearing this in mind, there is a line of play available that can elevate your chances to well above 50 percent. It stems from the fact that when missing the Q-x-x-x of a suit, the queen will be singleton or doubleton about once in every three deals.

Since you are not planning to finesse in both clubs and diamonds, it therefore makes sense to first cash the A-K of clubs to see whether the queen falls. If it doesn't, you still have the diamond finesse in reserve.

The recommended approach will succeed approximately two-thirds of the time, whereas relying on just one finesse wins only about half the time.

United Way agency

Boys' Club offers guidance to youth in Crossroads area

Special to the Herald

For 40 years, the Boys' Club has been serving youth age 6 to 17 in Big Spring and Howard County.

First opened in 1968, the club features a full-time program that offers guidance, promotes good behavior, encourages physical activity and puts an emphasis on education.

Dues are \$3 a year and allow the boys to participate in all activities and use of a swimming pool, which the Boys' Club operates during summer months. The pool, located at 100 NE Seventh St., is also open to girls age 6-17 during the summer.

Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During the school year, the Boys' Club building — 212 E. Third St. — is open from 3:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is also open from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. when school classes are not held, such as teacher in-service days.

The club offers a wide variety of

activities for

boys to choose from. In the game room, the boys can select from playing pool, bumper pool, table tennis

or foosball. In the library, they can play or work on the computers, build with legos or blocks, read a book or magazine or play a board game. The Boys' Club also offers the boys help with their school work.

Other activities include arts & crafts and a woodshop.

The Boys' Club has a wide range of physical activities as well. The youth can choose from jumping on the trampoline, lifting weights or sports such as basketball, kickball and football.

Community service? Absolutely. The boys are involved in Adopt-a-Highway as well as participate in Keep Big Spring Beautiful projects.

The Boys' Club offers the boys a



place they can feel welcomed. It's a place to meet with friends and make new ones. They learn to work well with others and to improve their individual skills. They receive guidance and learn to follow instructions. Most of all, the the club is a place where they can go to have fun in activities they enjoy.

The Boys' Clubs' programs and activities are made possible from donations and grants made from individuals, businesses and foundations. They are also made possible through the funding from the United Way.

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County supports the Boys' Club as well as 14 other local agencies. All donations to the United Way are used for the support of these local agencies as well as the activities and benefits they provide the Big Spring-Howard County area. Send your tax deductible donation to United Way of Big Spring, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721, or call 267-5201 for more information.

Congressman to visit Big Spring this week

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer will be in Big Spring Wednesday and Thursday to tour a number of facilities and meet with local officials.

According to Lisa Brooks, director of Neugebauer's Big Spring office, the congressman will kick off the two-day stop in the Crossroads area with a visit to the Canterbury Retirement Center.

"Congressman Neugebauer will be touring the renovations that have been made to the facility from 10:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.," said Brooks. "The next stop will be the Lions Club meeting at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College, where the congressman will be the guest speaker.

"Following the Lions Club meeting, Congressman Neugebauer will meet with city and county offi-

cial at the Lake Room in the Dora Roberts Community Center from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. After that, he will be at the Big Spring VA Medical Center for their open house ceremony for the new domiciliary portion of the hospital."

Brooks said Neugebauer will pick things up Thursday morning with radio interviews and a tour of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

"We will wrap things up with a flag presentation at the Airpark Fire Station," said Brooks. "That will be from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., and will pretty much wrap up the public appearances this week."

For more information, contact Brooks at 264-0722.

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

The Silver Wings Ball, an annual fund-raiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Big Spring Country Club. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. Millennium Jazz will perform.

A silent auction will be held and appetizers served. Someone will win a weekend retreat to Fredricksburg.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Attire is Texas formal and military dress is encouraged. Call 264-1999.

VICTIM

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"In 2007 alone, 201 women in Texas, ranging in ages from 15 to 78, were killed as a result of domestic violence.

"About 85 percent of the calls we receive are about some form of domestic violence," she added. "All you have to do is read the police log in the paper and count the number of domestic disturbance calls to see how prevalent the problem is here."

Anybody, in any social, racial or financial group, can be either a victim or perpetra-

tor of domestic violence, she said.

"It can start with a verbal exchange or a push and it just ramps up from there," Perez said. "Domestic violence very rarely decreases in intensity ... and without intervention or some other form of help it won't get any better.

"Domestic violence crosses all barriers, cultures and financial situations," she added.

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ate upgrade options for the local airpark rail spur.

Time has also been allotted for consideration of the corporation's September financial and investment reports, as well as comments from Executive Director Terry Wegman, board members and the public.

The meeting will get under way at 5:15 p.m. today in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

For more information, call 264-6032.

SEARCH

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"He may have hitched a ride on the Interstate or possibly jumped a train in Big Spring," said Everett. "If you see this man, do not approach him. Contact local police immediately."

Welch is described as approximately 6 feet tall, 220 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair with some gray.

Anyone with information regarding Welch's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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DRUGS

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medicines, a driving part of the biotech revolution.

The new drugs are known as biologics because they're made from living material and often work by triggering the body's disease-fighting immune response.

It's that same mechanism that can result in side effects often not seen with traditional chemical-based medicines, including major infections and cancer, said Dr. Charles Bennett, a Northwestern University drug safety expert. He was not involved in the research.

Many are genetically engineered and Bennett said that because they typically resemble naturally occurring proteins, many doctors have assumed they were safer than traditional chemical-based medicines. But he said the study shows that's not necessarily true.

"They have an important role," Bennett said. "They're really the next generation of pharmaceuticals."

He said the results simply show that doctors and patients should be aware that the drugs have many potential side effects that may not be listed on the label.

Among the drugs under examination are Genentech Inc.'s psoriasis drug Raptiva, which just last week the Food and Drug Administration warned may contribute to a life-threatening brain illness and infections; and Exubera, an inhaled insulin product, linked with lung cancer risks. Exubera was approved by the FDA in 2006 but Pfizer Inc. stopped

selling it last year.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

It involved 136 biologics approved in the United States and 105 in the European Union between January 1995 and June 2007. A total of 41, or nearly 24 percent, got safety warnings issued through June 2008.

The results are a concern, and they underscore the need for closer scrutiny of drugs after their approval, said lead author Thijs Giezen of the University of Utrecht.

But he said the study also is reassuring because most problems showed up relatively soon after the drugs became available, which minimized the potential for widespread harm.

"If most issues are discovered within the first few years, then the system

is working," Giezen said.

Bennett says it's unreasonable to think that the studied drugs' safety issues should have been discovered before they were marketed. That's because drug approval is based on relatively small studies with patients who generally are healthier than those in the general population. It often takes real-world experience for side effects to appear, he said.

Many biological drugs have advantages over conventional medicine, but the study shows their risks need to also be considered, said Thomas Moore of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices.

For example, non-steroid arthritis medicines including ibuprofen can reduce pain by decreasing inflammation, but they can cause stomach bleeding.

Biologic rheumatoid ar-

thritis medicines Remicade, Enbrel and Humira are designed to ease painful joints by keeping the body's immune system from attacking itself, the underlying problem in the disease. But they are much more expensive and have been linked with higher risks for potentially fatal infections. Also, the FDA is investigating possible cancer risks.

"My message to patients is that these biological

products often can treat very difficult to treat diseases but may have very substantial risks and that you need to take extra care to educate yourself as to what those risks might be," Moore said.

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OTHER VIEWS

Starve a cold ... What happened to the research?

Your average cold lasts about a week, and your average kid gets eight of them a year, which is why the winter months can feel like one long snottfest — especially for families with more than one child. It's also why children's cough-and-cold remedies are a \$3.6 billion-a-year industry.

So a lot of parents are shaking their heads in bewilderment over the news that children under 4 shouldn't take those medicines. Drug-makers agreed last week to change the labels on kids' over-the-counter cold meds, a political compromise to satisfy pediatric and consumer groups who have been trying to get the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban sales of the products.

Last year, the FDA said the drugs shouldn't be given to kids under age 2, and an outside panel recommended against giving them to kids up to age 6. Some groups want them banned until age 12.

The critics say there's no evidence the medicines are safe, or even that they work. Instead of treating children's colds with candy-flavored cough suppressants, antihistamines and decongestants, those experts recommend honey, saline drops and humidifiers.

This flies in the face of what parents know, or think they know, about treating their kids' colds. Honey and saline drops? Do any of these experts have actual kids? At any given time, four out of 10 American homes have kids' over-the-counter cold products in their medicine cabinets. They're not cheap, but nobody in the family would get any sleep without them. Of course they work.

The problem, more accurately stated, is that there hasn't been enough research to establish how well they work, how safe they are, and at what dosage. The drug companies have no one to blame for this but themselves. When most of these medicines were approved 30 years ago, the FDA didn't require clinical studies on children; those results were extrapolated from adult studies. The drugmakers have had plenty of time to do that research as concerns mounted about their products. Most of them didn't.

Children's cold medicines are blamed for roughly 7,000 emergency room visits each year, for symptoms ranging from drowsiness to breathing problems to seizures.

Most of the time, the problem is caused by improper dosing. Parents sometimes administer the drugs too frequently, or use two cold medicines with duplicate ingredients, or give more than the recommended dose — if a little is good then a little more is better, right? (Wrong.) This casual attitude toward portion control is one reason the FDA is reluctant to order the medications off the shelves entirely: Take away the kiddie drugs and some parents will simply use the adult version and try to guess the appropriate dose.

Parents, please don't do this. Talk to your pediatrician. Follow directions.

Meanwhile, the drugmakers need to get to work on that research. In an age when some parents are skittish about having their babies vaccinated, the industry needs to provide assurance that its products are safe. Once we have that, we'll all feel better.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This year, I'm voting for Cthulhu

Being a political reporter, the most common question I hear this time of year is, "Who are you voting for?"

Mind you, I'm convinced it's not because anyone is actually relying on my political savvy to sway them one way or another in the election. No, if I had to guess, I'd say people just like to see if I'm going to follow the Liberals in my line of work down to the ballot box to elect the next big Democrat.

It never ceases to amaze me how many people simply assume the leadership at a newspaper — whether it's in Washington, D.C., or Sweet Grass, Mont. — is marching to the same Left-Wing tune, reciting the First Amendment each night before climbing into bed, snuggling up under a JFK comforter with a stuffed Molly Ivins doll.

And, as this year's presidential election gets ready to step to ground zero, I can proudly say my candidate of choice is... Cthulhu.

Yes, this year I'll be voting for Cthulhu, the nominee from The Elder Party.

For those of you not familiar with H.P. Lovecraft's demonic creation, The Great Lord Cthulhu is a "priest" to the Elder Gods. He came to this world from the sky ages ago, before any mortal walked this earth.

Once humans came along he ruled over them along with his other God-brethren until the planets misaligned and sapped all of their power away.

Until recently, he remained sleeping beneath the depths of the Pacific Ocean. And now the stars are right and Cthulhu and his compatriots have risen again, awakened just in time for the 2008 elections. In short, he's evil incarnate.

As for the Elder Gods, these characters are also from H.P. Lovecraft's work. And like Cthulhu, they have been adapted for other derivative

works from various authors and artists. In the Lovecraftian mythos, The Elder Gods are also known as the Great Old Ones. They, too, came from the sky along with Cthulhu to hold dominion over this planet.

They were also forced into a slumber with the misalignment of the heavens. When Cthulhu is successfully elected to the Presidency of the United States of America, he will have the Elder Gods as his Cabinet. That's the rumor, anyway.

OK, for you folks already putting pen to paper in protest, put the pen down. It's a joke.

"The Elder Party is a creation of humorous parody that pokes fun at the U.S. government," states the fictitious party's Web site. "The creators of this site are neither 'Right' nor 'Left' wing and the site is not meant to be an attack on any specific political party.

"We feel that, currently, this two-party system barely offers any sort of choice to the typical American. By making this purely evil political party that will 'inevitably' rule over the U.S., we hope to make people think about the sad state that U.S. politics have fallen into and, perhaps, eventually work towards change."

With a rather catchy campaign slogan — "Why settle for the lesser evil?" — and nifty buttons, T-shirts and hats available for purchase, Cthulhu may not have a shot at presidential bliss, but the fictional character certainly serves as a reminder of just how sad our choices are in this election.

John McCain leaves little doubt he'll be a George Dubbya clone, bringing another four years of the Bush administration — and its less than stellar track record — to the White House. On the other hand, Barack Obama is steadily making campaign promises he knows he can't — and most likely won't — keep.

And, in McCain's case — or age, I should say — we have to consider the reality he could very well die in office, handing the presidential baton over to Sarah Palin, who, al-

though easy on the eyes, has made it clear she's not cut from the same cloth as Sen. Hillary Clinton.

As for Joe Biden, he's fairly well spoken but obviously out of touch with middle-class America — as are all the presidential candidates, for that matter. Then again, let's keep in mind just how tough being the veep is. Does the name Dan Quayle ring a bell?

In short, I don't really like any of the presidential candidates. And, like most elections as of late, voters are stuck in the same miserable situation, trying to decide who will cause the least amount of damage over the next four years.

A presidential election is all about money and power. At last count, McCain had \$47 million to spend in October and spent approximately \$37 million in September. Obama raised \$150 million in September without participating in public financing. Money and power.

Life in the middle-class is all about scratching and surviving. Balancing healthcare coverage with putting food on the table and gasoline in the family car's tank.

I'd love to see someone ask Obama or McCain when the last time was they actually stood at the pump and filled up a vehicle, then paid for the purchase with their own money. When was the last time they stayed at a cheap hotel because they were on a tight budget?

The truth of the matter is, both candidates spend more on their shoes than most people spend on all their clothing over a two year period.

Why can't we get a regular Joe in the White House? For \$400,000 a year, I bet he'd put more effort into the job than our current millionaire candidates.

Why vote for the lesser evil, indeed?

For a good laugh, visit www.theelderparty.com. And remember, vote Cthulhu!

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Fates conspire against John McCain

Campaigns look to historical parallels for comfort and guidance. Barack Obama hoped to run as Jimmy Carter in '76. John McCain's best-case scenario was from the same election:

He needed to run as Gerald Ford-plus, eking out a win where Ford's late surge fell short.

But the way this race has turned out, the McCain campaign's real parallel might be the Book of Job.

Job, you'll recall, was a prosperous, pious man whose faith God tested with various unjust afflictions and calamities. McCain had been a (politically) prosperous man whose good fortune helped him capture the Republican nomination. But since June, the fates have scorned him.

Throughout his Senate career, McCain has made a point of working with Democrats. He passed the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reforms, orchestrated the "Gang of 14" compromise on judicial nominations in 2005, and worked with Ted Kennedy on a failed immigration-reform package. For these efforts, he was roundly abused by Republicans.

Yet a few weeks into the race, it was Obama, who has never reached across the aisle on divisive issues, who was being hailed as the bipartisan uniter.

Furthermore, with one exception (Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel), no Republican in Congress had been more critical of President Bush's administration than McCain. He was the only Republican to seriously oppose Bush in 2000, and the two had never been personally close.

And yet the Obama campaign,

with some success, has depicted McCain as Bush's heir. And it wasn't just Bush who was being hung around McCain's neck. In September, the Obama campaign ran ads tying McCain to Rush Limbaugh.

Limbaugh, of course, detests McCain, having said during the primaries that he would vote for Obama or Hillary Clinton before casting a ballot for the Arizona senator. McCain had always worn this scorn as a badge of honor. But now he was getting it coming and going.

By the time Hurricane Gustav forced McCain to cancel part of his national convention, it looked as though God himself really was against him.

But that was just the start of McCain's troubles. Seven weeks before the election, Lehman Brothers collapsed, setting off a financial panic that has shaken the global economy and destroyed a couple of trillion dollars of Americans' wealth. McCain was punished in the polls because people concluded, reasonably (if not quite fairly), that the party holding the presidency is responsible for the economy.

The timing of the economic catastrophe couldn't have been worse for McCain. If it had been seven weeks earlier, there would have been time for his campaign to assimilate the events and recover; seven weeks later, and it would have been a non-issue. But after simmering for six long years, the crisis manifested itself at the moment when it could do maximum political harm to McCain.

Injustice kept raining down from the heavens. Looking to further scapegoat McCain for Bush's economic mess, Obama portrayed him as a maniac for "deregulation."

In general, this charge is true of McCain and most conservatives. But in one essential failure of the subprime mess, McCain actually

had been on the other side. In 2006, McCain called for the reform and regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, a call resisted by Obama and the Democrats.

The final straw may have come last week, when the word terrorist could be heard among catcalls from the crowd at a McCain rally in Wisconsin. (It's not entirely clear if the malcontents were referring to Obama or his associate William Ayers.) The media had a fit, decrying the "insane rage" McCain was stoking on the right. Columnists, reporters and bloggers hyperventilated about dangerous, deranged Republicans.

This sensitivity seems somewhat selective. For the last six years, some on the left have constantly referred to President Bush as a war criminal. In 2002, a columnist for the New Statesman offered a bounty for killing Bush, the most direct of several left-wing allusions to assassination.

More recently, Madonna and Sandra Bernhard expressed hope that violence would be visited on Sarah Palin. And the son of an elected Democrat in Tennessee committed identity theft against her.

But you don't hear much fussing about the insane rage of Obama supporters. The Atlantic Monthly serenely described the crime in Tennessee as an attempt to "vet" Palin.

So McCain has had it rough — Old Testament rough. Really, all that's missing are frogs and locusts.

Of course, in the end, Job was rewarded for his steadfastness in the face of adversity. Which may be where the parallel with McCain breaks down.

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Bird Poop: A red-tailed hawk regains sight... and soars

Late in the afternoon, after a successful hunt, the bird soared with the sun's rays highlighting its distinguishing color. Seeing a wooden utility pole set a few feet back from the divided highway, it flapped its powerful wings. Wanting to gain the momentum it needed to swoop quickly upward to land for a night's stay, the bird suddenly plummeted toward the ground and tumbled in the grassy median.



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During her early morning drive to work the next day, a woman endured erratic drivers as just one more challenge of maneuvering through traffic. Tomorrow would bring the same surge to hurry toward a day's pay.

Changing lanes, she passed a highway patrolman who had stopped a speeder. With another reckless driver approaching rapidly in the right lane, she remained in the left hand lane. Ahead, she noticed a large brown object standing in the grass. As she passed, she realized it was a hawk. Glancing in the rearview mirror, she noticed that the bird did not move.

With the constant noise the raptor was enduring, she wondered why it remained in the median. Consoled by the fact that traffic would lessen after rush hour and the bird might leave, she arrived at work. Troubled by her continuing concerns

about the hawk, she placed a call to Parks & Wildlife. "It may be gone by the time you get there," she added, after giving a precise location of the bird.

Often, the wildlife department in San Angelo notified volunteers that one of their game wardens had brought a bird to the office. This call was different. Repeating the instructions as to the hawk's location, the receptionist did not offer any assistance in retrieving the bird. In spite of not knowing whether the raptor would still be in the median, a couple set out to find the hawk. Due to the woman's explicit instructions, it was exactly where she said it would be.

With gloved hands, the volunteer neared the hawk from behind as her husband readied the carrier. Pressing the wings to the body, she realized the weight and strength of the raptor as she placed the bird in the carrier.

After telling me she did not think the red-tailed hawk could see, the volunteer listened carefully as we discussed how to handle and feed the bird. We agreed to meet in Sterling City the next day.

Transferring the female raptor to our carrier, we knew this red-tailed hawk was the largest we had ever handled. Dark brown above, with creamy chest, pronounced belly-band, and rufous tail, she was the epitome of an eloquent bird of prey. Her feathers were in immaculate condition. Her body fat indicated she had dined well. She was also blind.

Since Diane and Dale Tracy wondered why Parks & Wildlife did not pick up the bird, we



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As far north as Alaska and Canada, the red-tailed hawk is found throughout the United States and as far south as Mexico, Panama, and the Bahamas.

shared with them the same problem in our area. When all of the game wardens were working enforcement issues or a specified hunting season, there were no additional officers to send.

Once home, we watched the hawk's reactions. Placing a hand near her face brought no response. Without vision, the bird could not see its food. In the wild, she would have starved to death. Lack of sight also explained why the bird did not move around in the median. She simply could not see where she was going.

Sounds and movement, however, were stressful to the hawk. Since her only defenses were hearing and feet, the bird struck with open talons at any perceived threat. We would have to be especially care-

ful when removing her from the carrier.

As we prepared mice for her first feeding, I remembered another blind red-tailed hawk. Unaware of what could happen, I accidentally jostled a cardboard box used for its delivery. As I reached for its legs, with my hand protected by only a leather gardening glove, I instantly learned how deep talons could penetrate.

Screaming in pain, I told Art to stop as he approached to help pry the bird's talons from my hand. Quickly telling him that with every movement, the hawk increased its grip, I asked him to get

a pot from the kitchen and fill it with water. "What do you want with water?" was his natural response. "Pour it on the hawk! It'll make it let go!" "Hurry!" I encouraged as he disappeared into the house. Doused with water, the surprised hawk released its grasp and gave me the precious second I needed to get my hand out of the box.

For three days, we forced this red-tailed hawk. Prying open her bill, one hand kept it gaping while the other placed mice at the back of her throat. As the days passed, it seemed as if she were responding to movement.

Taken to one of the veterinarians serving the wildlife center in Lubbock, the hawk had suffered head trauma that resulted in the loss of sight. Turbulence created by the downdraft of a semi could have slammed the raptor to the ground. Detecting vision returning in one eye, the doctor felt the other eye would recover. At least she had started noticing shadows.

For another week, the manager force-fed the red-tailed hawk. Before leaving for the weekend, she

placed the bird in a small mew so that it could move around. Short-handed, the center's staff, while she was gone, left a platter of mice for the hawk, but did not have time to force-feed it. Both the manager, upon her return, and staff were surprised to learn that the raptor could not only see her food, but was starting to eat on her own.

During the next month, the hawk became so active she was moved to the flight cage. Some 40 days after being found by the side of a road, the red-tailed hawk was taken by a volunteer to a release site. As the man opened the carrier's door, the hawk looked at him, then flew to a nearby tree. Glancing back, the raptor turned, and with renewed vigor, flew until becoming a mere speck in the distance. Soon, her eyesight, coupled with strength and agility, would lead her to rats and mice, ground squirrels, rabbits, and snakes. Her cry of kree-e-e-e would announce that the huntress had returned.

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King Sun spends his final day in Libra received by the lord of the underworld, Pluto. During this meeting between light and dark, a generous pact is made surrounding the cycle of life. Soon the sun enters Scorpio. The dying leaves and barren trees remind us that everything ends to begin again. Let this deepen our desire to embrace life.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're learning not to start conversations that you probably won't be inclined to finish. Instead of asking whatever comes into your head, you'll find value in silent observation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What is needed for your day is perseverance and strength. If you are engaged in a new endeavor or something you still feel insecure about, try to switch activities to something you're surer of.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though the new ideas zinging around your world are good ones, listening to the old-school methodology will help keep things on track. Ask the most experienced people for input. Let the eldest person lead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Unite your forces. Whatever is split needs to be repaired before you

can go forward. If another person is not amenable to putting differences aside, then work on your own internal harmony.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're so positive that what you want is right for you and best for everyone you'd stake everything on it. This kind of impenetrable resolve is not always favorable, but right now it is. Act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been known to downplay your strengths so that you don't irk co-workers prone to jealousy. Be yourself and be your best and you will naturally bring out the best in others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is some success in youthful folly. It's one of those cases when knowing a little and believing a lot can culminate in amazing results. Naively go forward and it will happen as you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are dealing with someone whose intentions may be good, and yet are still not in your best interest. Create emotional distance so you can objectively determine the move that is right for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To the quick-witted go the spoils. You need a mental booster to deal effectively in the web of details being cast your direction. Get your blood pumping and your brain will fire more rapidly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your desire to forward your career, your personal life or both seem entwined in knowing a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

certain someone. It's perfectly fine to purposely show up where you know that someone will be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're almost never tempted to get deep and personal with people when it's clearly better to stay light and lovely. However, a provocative individual could have you breaking some of your own rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're sorting through a completely unique set of circumstances and doing a fine job of it on your own. Those who say they've been in your position haven't. Continue in your fabulous way and know that it's right for you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My Sagittarian boyfriend (12/12/65) has a bit of an irresponsible streak. He's behind on a few important bills and keeps it from me until the last minute. He eventually is honest and reveals all, but always after it's gotten really bad. Is he ever going to grow up? I'm an Aries looking to settle down."

I'll preface my answer by saying that not all who wander are irresponsible. Your Sagittarius expends a lot of energy to just get by because of a handy relationship between Saturn, Jupiter and the sun in his chart. His pie-in-the-sky confidence and desire to enjoy life (Sun-Jupiter) is challenged by the part of himself (Saturn-sun) who must pay the bills. The stressful cycle of ups and downs

you're witnessing is in character with who he is. Yet there's hope. Pressure cooker Saturn is pressuring him to grow up over the next few months (through February 2009). Meeting practical needs and having some fun, too, is a conflict for him, but there are ways to resolve this. Truthfully, I'm more concerned about the lying. If he's dishonest with you, he's not being honest with himself, which prevents real change from happening. Good luck!

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married for 17 years and have a 16-year-old son. My husband leaves for work at 5 a.m. and doesn't get home until after 7 p.m. He eats in the family room and watches TV until he nods off. He rouses himself for bed around 10, and if I'm still awake, we'll have 10 minutes of conversation before he falls asleep.



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marriages are? -- Desperate Housewife

Dear Desperate: Of course not. It sounds like your husband is trying to escape his life at home, including his relationship with you and your son. It may have started when the responsibilities of being a husband and father first overwhelmed him, but it wasn't addressed at the time and now avoidance is habitual and expected. He doesn't sound eager to change this pattern, so you will have to do most of the work -- again.

If you can get your husband to go for marriage counseling, that would be best. Explain that since he didn't understand the books on marriage, counseling will make things clearer. If he won't go, go without him.

Dear Annie: My partner and I have great jobs, a lovely home and a large circle of friends. We entertain quite often, and most guests bring a bottle of wine, dessert, etc., or they reciprocate by having us over to their homes.

The problem is that we have a friend who is a priest. "Father John" always comes empty-handed. He has no problem eating our food and drinking our liquor, but never brings a thing or offers to take us out in repayment. Recently we invited Father John and his two brothers over for dinner. One brother brought an appetizer and the other brought wine. Father John brought another priest, also

empty-handed. I think this behavior is so rude that I no longer want to invite him. Are priests held to a different standard? Is there a polite way to let Father John know he's inconsiderate? -- Frustrated in Indiana

Dear Indiana: Most priests are given a small salary. Some give the money away through charity or tithing, but not all. If Father John is accumulating savings, he should bring a small gift when he is a repeat guest, but he may not have the money, or he may not realize you expect anything. Still, the point of inviting someone to your home is not to receive gifts. It is for the enjoyment of his company.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Sharon" claims that "stupidest" is not part of the English language. I've been using that word for years, so I checked my 1996 edition of Webster's Unabridged. Webster begs to differ with Sharon. Both "stupid" and "stupidest" are shown under "stupid." Let he (or she) who is without sin throw the first stone. -- Vlad

Dear Vlad: Some dictionaries list words that have fallen into popular usage, even though they are not grammatically correct. This means if everyone starts saying "between you and I," it will eventually be accepted as proper, even though it makes us cringe.

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— Johnny Depp, in *People* magazine.



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KID NEWS

All Hallows Eve

A guide through history

BY EMILIE LE BEAU
Chicago Tribune

Harry Potter, Miss Piggy and a giant cow are standing on your front porch, demanding candy. No, this isn't a weird dream. It's Halloween. But why do we dress up every year, carve pumpkins and try to scare each other? Halloween actually is a combination of several ancient holidays. The first Halloween celebrations were pagan festivals called "Samhain," practiced by the early Celts. During Samhain (pronounced "Sow-en"), people celebrated the lives of dead ancestors and marked the end of the harvest season.

As paganism faded in Europe, Samhain traditions were adopted by celebrators of All Hallows Eve. The holiday later was called Halloween for short, and was a day of tribute to Christian saints. The next day, All Souls Day, was a day to honor the souls of dead relatives.

As people of various European cultures immigrated to America, they brought along their autumn customs. Our modern Halloween is now a blend of many traditions. Wondering where your favorite Halloween rituals come from? Read on.



TRICK OR TREATING

During Samhain, villagers would offer a big feast to dead ancestors. In order to prepare, groups of people would go door to door and ask for feast donations. Stingy households were given a threat, which later was called a trick. When All Hallows Eve replaced Samhain, children would go house to house and beg for soul cakes. The simple bread desserts with jam toppings were exchanged for prayers for dead relatives on All Souls Day. The more cakes a person gave, the more prayers the children promised to say.

SCARY COSTUMES

Thinking of being a witch or monster for Halloween? Dressing up in a scary costume is an ancient custom. Samhain celebrators believed evil spirits could come back and mingle among the living, causing terror. Worried Celts dressed as demons, ogres or ghouls in hopes a bad spirit wouldn't recognize them.

BOBBING FOR APPLES

Life could be unpredictable for the Celts, and many pagan traditions centered on predicting good fortune. People bobbed for apples as a way of testing their fortunes. Those who could bob their heads into water and catch the skin of an apple with their teeth were thought to be able to grasp good fortune.

JACK-O-LANTERNS

When you carve a pumpkin, do you like to make a happy, grumpy or scary face? The Celts always made scary faces, because they feared the return of evil spirits during Samhain. They would carve the faces on pumpkins and set the lit pumpkins on their doorsteps. They hoped the scary faces would frighten evil spirits and keep their houses safe.

BLACK CATS

Maybe your little Inky wouldn't hurt a flea, but during the Middle Ages, Europeans feared black cats. They believed the felines were the constant companions of witches. They also suspected witches could transform themselves into black cats. Because of both fears, a black cat crossing your path was considered an omen of bad luck.

SPOOKY STUFF

When you decorate for Halloween, do you include cutouts of bats, owls or spiders? Our fear of these animals also stems from pagan beliefs. Early Celts thought these nocturnal creatures spoke with the devil at night.

TIM LEE/THE NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT

Laugh Lines

Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?
Because demons are a ghouls best friend!

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?
They're afraid of flying off the handle!

What happened to the guy who didn't pay his exorcist?
He was repossessed!

— ROBINSFYI.COM

Reading Rack

Frightfully fun new books

Want a Halloween read that doesn't heap on the heebie-jeebies? This quartet of lively titles will do the trick — and treat you to a seasonal dose of ghostly goings-on and not-too-creepy characters.

The fiendishly funny picture book "Frankenstein Takes the Cake," by Adam Rex (Harcourt, \$16), is a compilation of silly rhymes and Mad Magazine-style gags paired with gently spooky illustrations. Especially hilarious are

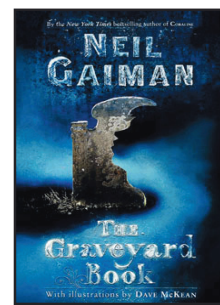
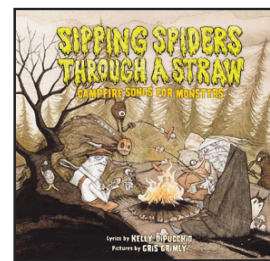
"Off the Top of My Head: The Official Blog of the Headless Horseman" and a trio of Edgar Allan Poe spoofs featuring a couplet-savvy raven. Ages 4 to 10.

Kelly DiPucchio's "Sipping Spiders Through a Straw" (Scholastic, \$16) is a monster mash of campfire songs that gleefully lampoons easy-to-sing favorites. "My Darling Clementine"? Try "My Delicious Frankenstein." And "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" morphs into the irresistibly shuddersome "Creepy, Creepy Little Jar" ("Up upon that shelf so high, like a pickled, shriveled guy ..."). Funny from start to finish, the compilation leeches even more laughs from Gris Grimly's watercolor and mixed-media illustrations. Ages 4 to 10.

"The Hinky-Pink," by Megan McDonald (Richard Jackson Books, \$17), will appeal to princess- and ghost-lovers alike. A plain but talented young seamstress is dispatched to the castle to sew the frock of all frocks for a demanding royal. But when the title poltergeist starts keeping her up at night (it pinches her and steals the covers!), it appears our heroine is doomed to disappoint. Ages 4 to 10.

Neil Gaiman's "The Graveyard Book" (HarperCollins, \$18) tells a Harry Potter-esque tale of an orphan named Nobody ("Bod" for short) who's cared for by the denizens of a crumbling cemetery. Bod receives "The Freedom of the Graveyard," a privilege that allows him to roam among the spirits and werewolves — and even cop some spectral skills. Yet soon the gates can't contain him, and this hugely likeable protagonist ventures into the world of the living. Ages 10 and up.

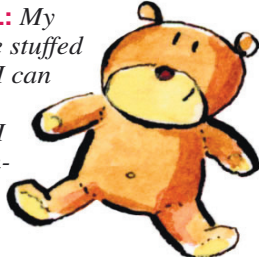
— Alicia Potter/FamilyFun magazine



Help!

Change 'keep away' to put away

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: My dad took away my favorite stuffed animal, and the only way I can get it back is if I keep my room clean for one week. I haven't seen my stuffed animal for six months! I need tips for keeping my room clean.



— Dust Bunny
■ Here are some tried-and-true tips to having a neat room. First, find a place for everything. Then put everything in its place each night before you go to bed. Hang up clothes, put CDs away, and store papers or recycle them. Make it a habit, and soon you'll have your fluffy friend back.



DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: I'm no good at art. My friends are better than I am, and no matter what I do, I always seem to mess up my project. Can you give me pointers on how to become a better artist?

— Anti-Artsy
■ Before you start a project, take a deep breath and relax. Make sure you understand the directions. Give yourself plenty of time to work — rushing won't make things turn out better. These tips will help, but remember: there's no one "right" way to do art. Also, there are lots of kinds of art. Not good at pottery? Try painting or photography — you get the point. There are plenty of ways to be creative, but in the end, that's what art is all about. Visit americangirl.com to get or give advice.

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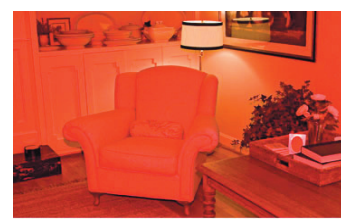
A simple tip for spooky photos

This surprisingly effective camera trick will have amateur photographers hunting high and low for the perfect spooky scene to shoot. Just cover your camera's flash with a colored sticky note. Any photos taken with the flash will take on the hue of the paper. The effect is extra-strange when there's another light source in the photo.

— FamilyFun magazine



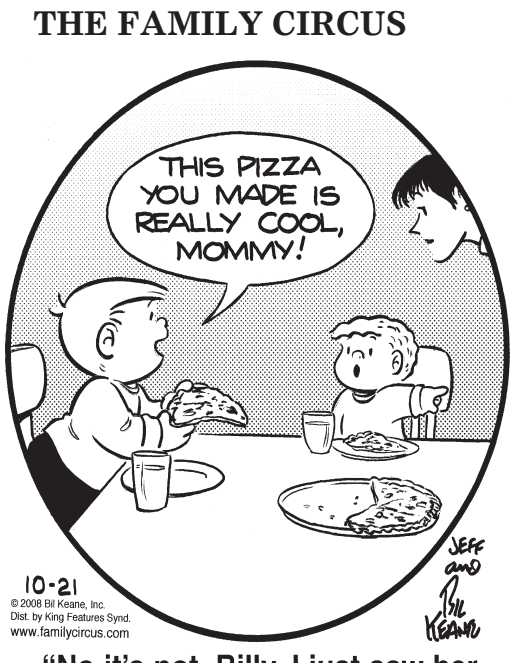
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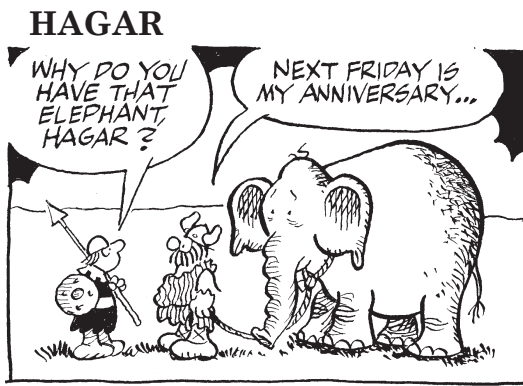
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"GIVE HER CREDIT... AT LEAST SHE STOPPED FOR YOUR BLUE LIGHT!"



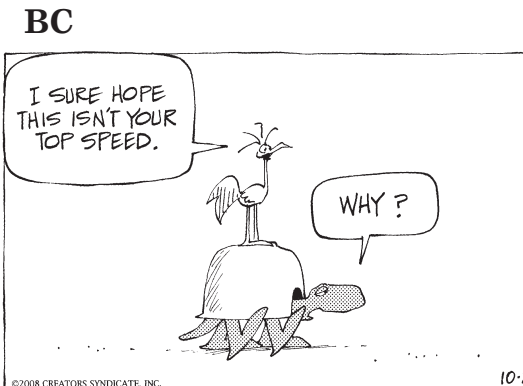
"No it's not, Billy. I just saw her take it out of the microwave."



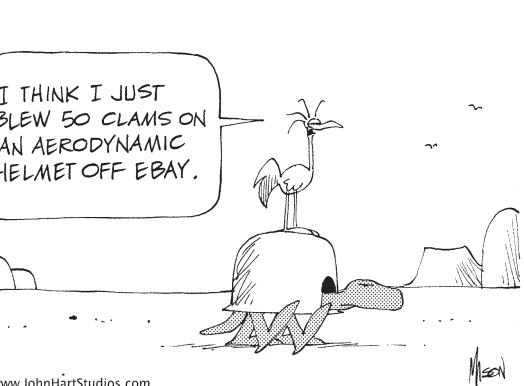
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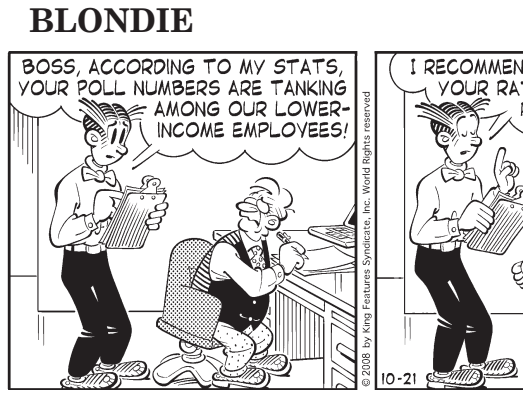
... AND I DON'T DARE FORGET IT !!



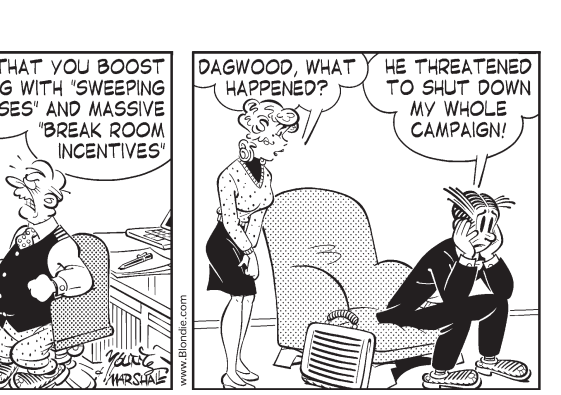
I SURE HOPE THIS ISN'T YOUR TOP SPEED.



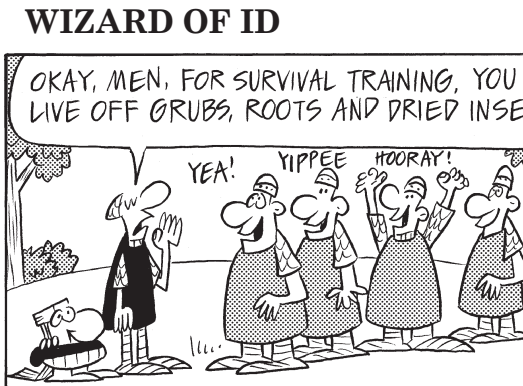
I THINK I JUST BLEW 50 CLAMS ON AN AERODYNAMIC HELMET OFF EBAY.



BOSS, ACCORDING TO MY STATS, YOUR POLL NUMBERS ARE TANKING AMONG OUR LOWER-INCOME EMPLOYEES!



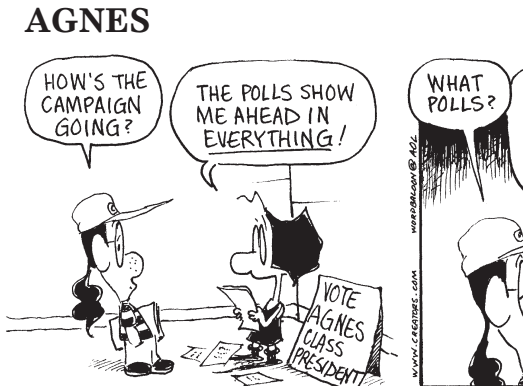
DAGWOOD, WHAT HAPPENED? HE THREATENED TO SHUT DOWN MY WHOLE CAMPAIGN!



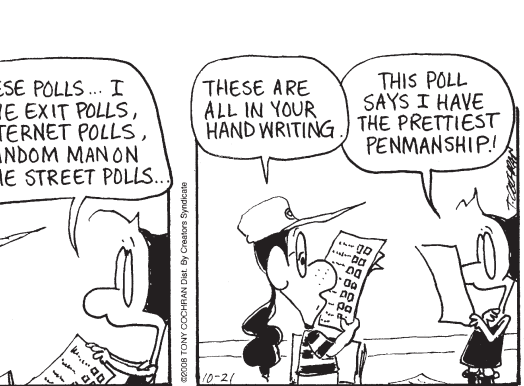
OKAY, MEN, FOR SURVIVAL TRAINING, YOU WILL LIVE OFF GRUBS, ROOTS AND DRIED INSECTS



SPEAKS RATHER POORLY FOR THE MESS HALL, DOESN'T IT?



HOW'S THE CAMPAIGN GOING?



THESE ARE ALL IN YOUR HAND WRITING.

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 2008. There are 71 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 21, 1805, a British fleet commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.
On this date:
In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.
In 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.
In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville, France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen.
In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York opened to the public.
In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth

and final presidential debate in New York.
In 1966, more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in Aberfan, Wales.
In 1967, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters began two days of demonstrations in Washington, D.C.
In 1967, the Israeli destroyer INS Eilat was sunk by Egyptian missile boats near Port Said; 47 Israeli crew members were lost.
In 1971, President Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court.
One year ago: Wildfires driven by powerful Santa Ana winds burned several homes near San Diego and in Malibu, Calif. Vice President Dick Cheney said in a speech the United States and other nations would not allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon. The opposition Civic Platform party ousted Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski's government in Poland's parliamentary elections.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Joyce Randolph is 83. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 68. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 67. Singer Elvin Bishop is 66. TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 66. Actor Everett McGill is 63.

Musician Lee Loughnane (Chicago) is 62. Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 59. Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 55. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 52. Singer Julian Cope is 51. Rock musician Steve Lukather (Toto) is 51. Actor Ken Watanabe is 49. Rock musician Che Colovita Lemon is 38. Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 37. Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 35. Actor Jeremy Miller is 32. Actor Will Estes is 30. Actress Kim Kardashian is 28. Actor Matt Dallas is 26.
Thought for Today: "There are three things which the public will always clamor for, sooner or later: namely, Novelty, novelty, novelty." — Thomas Hood, British poet (1799-1845).
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Answer to previous puzzle

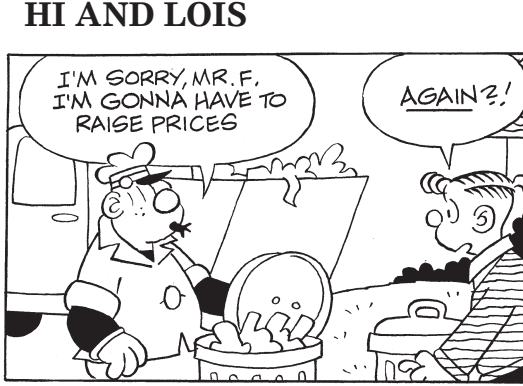
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Newsday Crossword

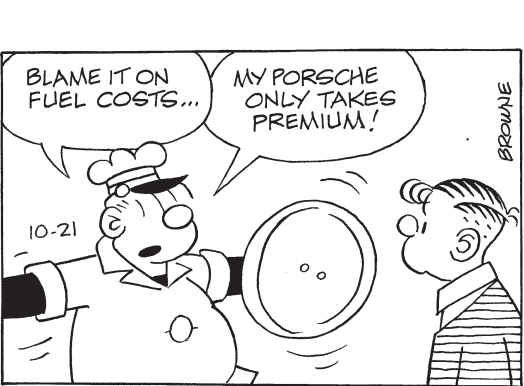
NOT OF INTEREST by Gail Grabowski

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Summit
 - 5 Beverage served with marshmallows
 - 10 Questionable
 - 14 Persuade gently
 - 15 Central Florida city
 - 16 Modeler's adhesive
 - 17 Pack down
 - 18 Geeks
 - 19 Shuttle-launching org.
 - 20 Standoff
 - 22 Soda-bottle size
 - 23 Pizzeria appliances
 - 24 Top-10 tunes
 - 25 Make unhappy
 - 28 Chooses
 - 31 Units of farmland
 - 32 Personal journal
 - 34 Go bad, as fruit
 - 35 Make a purchase
 - 36 Planet
 - 37 Air-quality org.
 - 38 And so on: Abbr.
 - 39 Sight or smell
 - 40 Not our
 - 42 Allow to go free
 - 44 Occult meeting
 - 45 Sunrise direction
 - 46 Bit of broccoli
 - 48 Settees and sofas
 - 50 Utensil needing sharpening
 - 54 Bits of wordplay
 - 55 Allowed by law
- DOWN**
- 1 Performs in a play
 - 2 Parka, for example
 - 3 Doll's cry
 - 4 Burst
 - 5 Scam perpetrators
 - 6 Salt-water expanse
 - 7 Golf-course vehicles
 - 8 Ye __ Shoppe
 - 9 Small-sized batteries
 - 10 Kindle
 - 11 Modern TV monitor
 - 12 Electric-circuit protector
 - 13 Calendar capacity
 - 21 Days before holidays
 - 22 Easter bloom
 - 24 Bunch of sheep
 - 25 Cavalry sword
 - 26 Intense
 - 27 Place to bring stained shirts
 - 28 Clearance event
 - 29 Agenda item
 - 30 Gawk
 - 32 Fully cooked
 - 33 April 15 org.
 - 36 Sunset direction
 - 39 Talk back to
 - 40 Shipbuilding wood
 - 41 Part of a draft horse's gear
 - 43 Erodes
 - 44 Retail merchant
 - 46 Coffee sweetener
 - 47 Piece of dinnerware
 - 48 Health resorts
 - 49 Italian coin
 - 50 Sandwich shop
 - 51 Creative thought
 - 52 Sawyer's pal Huck
 - 53 Suffix for major
 - 55 Meadow

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I'M SORRY, MR. F, I'M GONNA HAVE TO RAISE PRICES



BLAME IT ON FUEL COSTS...



WHAT'S UP, PARANOID EDDY? YOU LOOK KINDA WOZZY.



OH, MY, YOU MUST FEEL TERRIBLE!



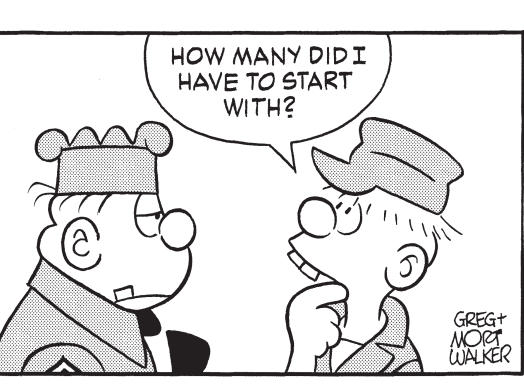
I AIN'T SO SHORE 'BOUT THEM 'BOUT THEM CAMPAIGN POSTERS, LUKEY...



AN' WE SAVED A LOTTA MONEY BY RE-USIN' YORE OL' WANTED POSTERS !!



ZERO! HAVE YOU COMPLETELY LOST ALL YOUR SENSES?!



HOW MANY DID I HAVE TO START WITH?!