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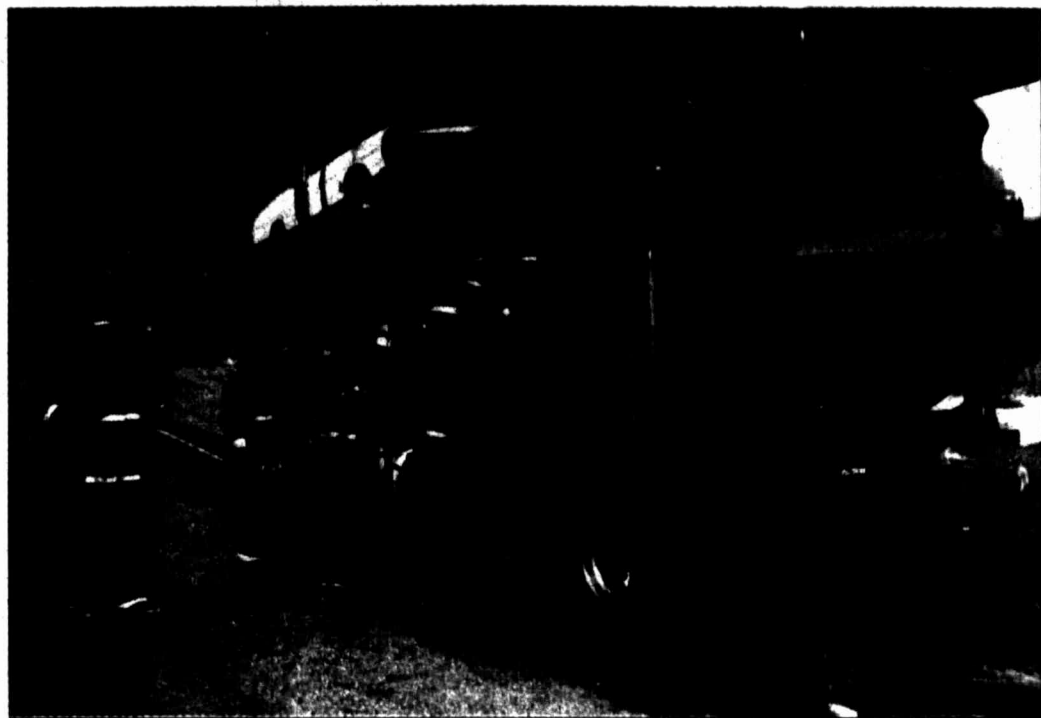
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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

I-20 FIRE

Big Spring Fire Department firefighters douse this car following a fire that is believed to have begun on Interstate Highway 20 near the 180 mile marker. According to law enforcement officials on the scene, the fire, which fully engulfed this classic car, was a result of a rear axle problem on the tractor trailer. The cars — most of them classics or antiques — were salvaged from the floodwaters of Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina and are believed to be on their way to an auction. No one was injured in the fire.

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Miers withdraws nomination to Supreme Court

By TERENCE HUNT

AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to be a Supreme Court justice Thursday in the face of stiff opposition and mounting criticism about her qualifications.

President Bush said he reluctantly accepted her decision to withdraw, after weeks of insisting that he did not want her to step down. He blamed her withdrawal on calls in the Senate for the release of internal White House documents that the administration has insisted were protected by executive privilege.

"It is clear that senators would not be satisfied until they gained access to internal documents concerning advice provided during her tenure at the White House — disclosures that would undermine a president's



KRT file photo/Chuck Kennedy
Harriet Miers withdrew Wednesday as nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

ability to receive candid counsel," Bush said. "Harriet Miers' decision demonstrates her deep respect for this essential aspect of the constitutional separation of powers — and confirms my deep respect and admiration for her."

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Crimestoppers seeks public's help

Police need information concerning an aggravated robbery

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Crimestoppers of Big Spring is seeking information about an aggravated robbery that occurred Sept. 6.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the robbery happened at a local bank

during a routine deposit.

"At approximately 12:30 a.m. the manager of McDonald's took the night deposit to State National Bank located at 901 Main Street," said Everett. "Upon arrival at the night drop, the manager dropped the deposit and got back into his car. He was then approached by three black males who demanded money.

"The victim said two of the men had handguns and the third had a bat. The victim also said they were all dressed in similar clothing, which included black T-shirts covering white T-shirts."

Everett said the three men were described as being between the ages of 20 years and 30 years, and

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Fall holiday conjures up abundance of fun

Herald Staff Report

Whether your idea of fun is being shocked out of your socks, bidding on auction items or munching on homemade popcorn balls, Howard County has plenty going on this weekend.

At least three haunted houses, several festivals, a couple of plays and a goblin-load of game booths will take visitors on spirited rides beginning Friday and on through Monday. The biggest problem you are likely to encounter has nothing to do with witches and ghosts, but rather deciding where to go. With that in mind, here's a glimpse of at least some of the activities being

But there is a down side

MENTOR, Ohio (AP) — What's the worst day of the year for an orthodontist? Dr. Kenneth Lawrence says it's the day after Halloween.

Every year on that day he gets phone calls from parents whose children have damaged their braces by eating too much chewy Halloween candy.

So Lawrence came up with a plan to cut down on those calls. He offers trick-or-treaters \$1 a pound for their goodies. He insists the plan he started five years ago has been very successful.

Last year, children turned in more than 80 pounds of candy.

As he did last year, Lawrence says he'll send the candy to soldiers serving in Iraq. He suspects much of the candy will then be passed on to Iraqi children.

offered.

Festivals are increasingly popular events and Bauer Magnet School has set its Fall Festival for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday. There will be food, games of chance,

games of skill, prizes, costumes and jack-o-lanterns. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and will be available at the door. Jack-O-Lantern

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WHITTLIN' AWAY



HERALD photo/Ada Hernandez

Midland woodcarving enthusiast George Vaughn works on a Native American bust during the 15th annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers open, which will continue at the Dora Roberts Community Center through Saturday. The show and sale Friday and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., are free to the public.

Help! Big Spring State Hospital needs men's clothing

Special to the Herald

Cool weather has prompted a great need for Big Spring State Hospital patients — pants and jeans of all sizes for the hospital's male patients.

"We are in dire need of men's pants and jeans," said Mique Yarbar, Big Spring State Hospital Vocational Services

Program coordinator. "The supply we have on hand may last us through the rest of this week."

Patients often arrive at the region's state-run psychiatric hospital with the clothes on their back. State funding does not provide for their clothing and the hospital depends on community donations for much

of the patients' clothing.

Clothing is stored in the The Fashion Shop — a Big Spring State Hospital clothing store stocked by the hospital's volunteers and Activity Therapies Department employees.

Patients browse the shop's shelves and racks choosing articles of clothing as a necessity and part of their treatment

plan.

Donations of clean men's clothing can be taken to the Community Relations office on the Big Spring State Hospital campus during regular business hours. Visitors can reach the office by taking the first left upon entering the south entrance to the hospital and following the road about 500

yards. The office will be on the south side of the road.

They also may be dropped off at the Big Spring State Hospital volunteer resale shop, The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Yarbar at 268-7484.

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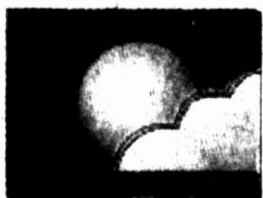
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MONEY FLIES, CARS STOP

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Traffic came to a halt on a congested bridge after it started to rain \$20 bills.

Morning commuters jumped out of cars Wednesday, hopped dividers and nearly caused accidents trying to catch the flying cash blowing from a money bag that accidentally dropped from an armored truck.

"People were stuffing handfuls of money into their pockets and running back to their cars and speeding off," Lt. John Balza said. Of the \$80,000 in the bag, some \$72,000 was recovered, but almost none of it willingly, he said.

"No one was like, 'Oh here, I'm collecting this for police,'" Balza said.

UW DINE OUT DAY

La Posada Restaurant, 206 NW Fourth St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of that day's proceeds from the restaurant will go to benefit United Way, which serves 15 organizations in Howard County.

For more information about United Way, or to make a donation, call 267-5201.



TRAFFIC MEETING SLATED

The Big Spring Traffic Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. today to discuss a proposed amendment that would change the unposted speed limit in residential areas from 30 mph to 25 mph. The meeting will be held in city council chambers at 307 E. Fourth Street.

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, said recent legislative changes have paved the way for the change. "The way the law reads now, any residential area where there isn't a speed limit posted is 30 mph," said Darden. "If the traffic commission decides to go along with the legislative changes, the unposted speed limit will drop to 25 mph."

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Obituaries

David 'Grandpa' Young



David "Grandpa" Young, 84, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor First Church of God, officiating.

He was born March 20, 1921, in Lancaster, N.H., and came to Big Spring in 2002 from Deming, N.M. He served 10 years in the United States Air Force and 22 years in the Canadian Air Force. He had worked as an auto mechanic before retiring. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Georgianna Williams of Big Spring; and daughter, Audrey Sherrill of Big Spring.

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

Enrique Hernandez



Enrique Hernandez, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Carlos Payen, minister at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

A prayer service is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born June 1, 1939, in Mexico and came to Big Spring when he was 10 years old.

Survivors include four brothers, Jose Hernandez, Arestero Hernandez and Jesus Hernandez, all of Big Spring and Javier Hernandez of Midland; five sisters, Alicia Monje and Consuelo Hernandez, both of Big Spring, Lucila Garcia and Oliva Martinez, both of San Antonio and Emma Hightower of Arlington; and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Guillerma and Valente Hernandez and one brother, Raymundo Hernandez.

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

Olga Olague

Olga Olague, 43, of Big Spring died Thursday morning, Oct. 27, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jeanette Sikes Brooks

Jeanette Sikes Brooks, 75, of Coahoma died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, in Midland. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Agnes Rylee

Mary Agnes Rylee, 85, of Grand Prairie died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, in an Arlington nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Loretta Jennings

Loretta Jennings, 80, of Killeen died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, in Killeen. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **UNITED WAY GARAGE SALE AND CAR WASH** at the First Bank of West Texas on East FM 700 across from Big Spring Mall from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday.

• **BENEFIT AUCTION FOR TRISTIN RANGEL** at the Event Center on East Third Street from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 5. Tristin was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 5 and funds are needed to cover ongoing medical expenses. Live entertainment and chuckwagon-style cooking part of the scheduled events. Call Linda Brown at 816-6096, Carla Oliva at 816-4574 or Mike Oliva at 816-5527 for more information.

• **CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR** is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT.** Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Contact the museum by Friday. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• **BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAISER** set for Friday before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III**, 33, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **EVERISTO TREVINO JR.**, 44, of 1410 Mesa, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and driving while license invalid.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 200 block of 16th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **LOUIS VELA**, 45, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of failure to identify - giving false information, driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

• **IRENE J. HINOJOSA**, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on two counts of forgery.

• **GUY SCOTT HUDSON**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - more than four ounces less than five pounds.

• **ENIDA LYNN KILLINGSWORTH**, 32, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - more than four ounces less than five pounds.

• **BULLET J. BURCHETT**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

• **JUSTIN IVAN SPEER**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and driving with an expired driver's license.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 37. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 7-10-11-27-38

Bonus Ball: 8
Estimated jackpot: \$10 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

...
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-2-3-16-30

...
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-7

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Golliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 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. Noon 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 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• West Texas Pachyderm Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club. Margarita Durand-Hollis is featured speaker. For more information, contact Melanie Gambrell at 394-4251.

FRIDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m.

MONDAY

• Halloween.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Relay For Life Community Kick Off set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry.

• League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.

• Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Sheriff's posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday night—Mostly clear. Cooler. Lows around 40.

Tuesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

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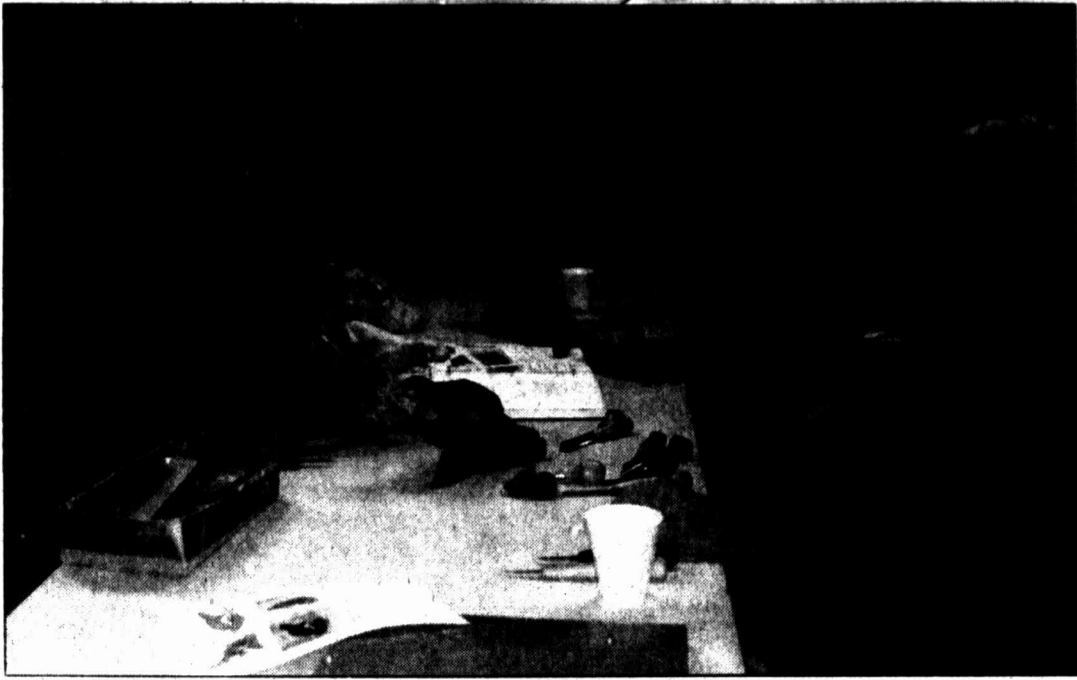
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Dee Gipson, left, of Vidor, gives fellow woodcarver Mitch Haller of Odessa a lesson in carving otters during the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers open, which will continue Friday and Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday's activities will include classes in woodcarving and a sale of handmade items.

FUN

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judging is at 7 p.m.; costume judging is at 7:15 p.m. Call 264-4121 for more information.

Want something a little more scary?

A haunted house has been set up at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's Diagnostic Center on campus, 3301 Hudgens Memorial Drive. It will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children.

If Relay for Life is on your mind, there are at least two fund-raisers for that cause over the weekend. There will be a spook house in the old College Heights Elementary School on Goliad from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. The spook house will be open nightly through Monday.

Likewise, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is sponsoring a haunted house in the old Texas Surgery Department of Malone and Hogan Clinic, set for 7 p.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday. Admission is \$5.

The Cossacks Motorcycle Club is hosting a Halloween party from noon until 11 p.m. Saturday to benefit the annual Bykes For Tykes Christmas campaign. Price of admission is \$10 or the equivalent in canned or nonperishable food items or new, unwrapped toys. The clubhouse is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

Here's something for the younger set: Children ages 1 through 12 are invited to a costume contest from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

The Big Spring High School Fall Festival, presented by the theatre arts department, will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, followed by a performance of "The House of Dracula" at 8 p.m. Admission to the play is \$1 with a hand stamp from the festival. The festival will have games, booths and vendors. Tickets are 25 cents and most games take two

tickets, although some take four. You can also support "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat," a national canned food drive promoted by the International Thespian Society. Bring two cans of food and receive four free tickets.

Here's more: Hangar 25 Air Museum is celebrating with a jack-o-lantern carving contest and the "Haunted Hangar" Saturday. Carved pumpkins must be turned in at the hangar by 2 p.m. The winners will be announced at 7 p.m.

The Haunted Hangar will be open from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. This free Halloween event is open to children of all ages. Activities include 15 game booths, face painting, a dance contest, a costume contest, refreshments and more. Dance Gallery students perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather at 264-1999.

You can then follow the students across town to the Dance Gallery's Trick or Treat with Spooky Performances at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

Speaking of dancing, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, 703 W. Third St., will feature the Wild Texans Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight. There will be a costume contest with prizes for first through third place. Cost is \$8 per couple or \$5 for singles.

If haunted houses and dances aren't your thing, several churches will be hosting festivals this weekend.

Trunk or Treat is being sponsored by East Fourth Street Baptist Church Saturday. The event takes place in the church parking lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

First United Methodist Church will hold Family First and Lord's Acre Saturday. The festival includes a silent auction, bake sale and games beginning at 10 a.m. A live auction begins at 1

p.m. Auction items include half a beef, a vacation in Ruidosa, N.M., hand-made items, art work plus other fare. Call the church at 267-6394 for more information or to purchase an advance ticket for the Lord's Acre steak dinner.

A Hallelujah Hayride, Hobo Supper and games are planned for the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church annual Fall Festival from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Festivals, spooks and trick-or-treating don't end with the weekend, of course. After all, Halloween is officially Monday.

The Bettye Parrish residence in Coahoma will be handing out their famous popcorn balls Monday, after 1 p.m. and on into the evening. Everyone is invited to come by the residence, which is located at 410 College, beside the city water tower. It's a Halloween tradition that has been going on at the Parrish residence for more than 25 years.

Youngsters are invited to trick or treat at the Big Spring Post Office from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday. The window service area will be decorated and window clerks will be in costume. Children should say "trick or treat" to receive candy.

Remember the productions of "The House of Frankenstein" and "The House of Dracula" being put on by the Big Spring High School theatre group? Well, you can see both plays — back to back — on Monday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Want to trick or treat and shop, too? The Big Spring Mall will hold entertain children that evening. A costume contest will be held from 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. Monday by trick or treating with the mall merchants. Prizes will be awarded. Call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 for more information.

It all promises to be a fun-filled few days, spooky or spook-free, your choice.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Olga Olague, 43, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ector Co. council recommends teaching contraception

ODESSA (AP) — A school health advisory council has recommended teaching contraception to students despite loud opposition at a recent meeting.

The committee voted Wednesday to continue the current program for Ector County Independent School District students. The program allows one day of teaching contraception, separate from the abstinence-only-based sex education curriculum.

"If we can prevent one, even one, unplanned pregnancy, then the curriculum would be worth it," council member Amanda Silva said.

Dr. Dan Mannschreck, a nonvoting member, said many teens don't know how to use contraceptives, while others use ineffective methods they think will prevent pregnancy and diseases.

"Not having this knowledge would do our students a disservice," he said.

Critics said that teaching contraception and abstinence sends a mixed message.

"It's like telling your kids, 'You shouldn't drink underage, but if you do, here's how you mix a really good margarita,'" council member Jesse Gore said.

Protest prompts departure of Red Cross volunteers

BEAUMONT (AP) — American Red Cross workers left several Southeast Texas counties after a disgruntled man posted fliers advertising a march and town hall meeting in protest of the agency, authorities said.

Tyler County Sheriff Jessie Wolf said the Chester resident informed authorities before distributing the fliers, which publicized a meeting and march last week in Woodville. Wolf said the unidentified man was upset because he had not received a debit card from the agency.

"The flier said, 'Come voice your opinion about the Red Cross,'" Wolf

said, adding that only the man and his wife participated in the march.

He said agency workers had handed out about 79 debit cards to Hurricane Rita victims in the area and were scheduled to hand out 400 on the day the office closed in Tyler County.

After seeing the flier, Wolf said Red Cross workers "packed all their stuff that evening and didn't come back."

"It scared them and they left," he said in a story in Thursday's editions of *The Beaumont Enterprise*.

Red Cross spokeswoman Rebecca Fuller said Wednesday that the office was closed as a precaution.

"There had been some protests in other communities that were a threat to volunteers," Fuller said. "We heard about protests and decided to close early."

DeLay to appear in court again on indictments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay will return to court Tuesday for a hearing on whether the judge assigned to handle his trial should be removed.

Dick DeGuerin, DeLay's attorney, said the Texas Republican would attend the hearing in Austin because "he wants to be involved in every facet (of the case) particularly when something is very important."

Defendants are required to appear at hearings unless a waiver is signed. No waiver was sought.

DeLay stepped aside as the No. 2 GOP leader in the House after he was indicted Sept. 28 on conspiracy charges arising out of an investigation into campaign fundraising in 2002 election races for the Texas state Legislature. He was indicted again five days later on money-laundering charges.

He and two associates are accused of funneling corporate money to Texas legislative campaigns in violation of state law prohibiting use of these donations for electing or defeating state candidates.

CRIME

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all three were wearing pantyhose over their faces. One of the robbers was described as having

dreadlocks. "The victim said the man with the bat began to strike him in the face with the bat before he was able to drive away from the bank," said Everett.

The men were reported-

ly driving a small, dark colored — possibly brown — Kia or other model car with shiny rims. Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest and

indictment of any person or persons involved in criminal activity.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to call 263-

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MIERS

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drawal stunned Washington on a day when the capital was awaiting news on another front — the possible indictment of senior White House aides in the CIA leak case.

In her letter dated today, Miers said she was concerned that the confirmation process "would create a burden for the White House and our staff that is not in the best interest of the country."

She noted that members of the Senate had indicated their intention to seek documents about her service in the White House in order to judge whether to support her nomination to the Supreme Court.

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OUR VIEWS

Chaplains Corps needs community to help financially

Worthwhile causes ... there's never a shortage of them. In fact, it seems as if almost every day we here at the *Herald* are using this space to encourage reader support for one good cause or another.

That is the case today, because the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is in need of financial support.

A little more than a year ago, representatives from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Big Spring Police Department, Victim Services, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room stressed the need for an emergency services chaplaincy program in Howard County during a community awareness meeting.

They called on our community not to let a volunteer ministry created by Ken Childress, the former associate pastor of Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene, go by the wayside.

Consequently a permanent program, the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps, was established by a group of community leaders. Now overseen by Senior Chaplain Joel Miller, the ESCC has a total of six ministers from the community who have been trained and volunteer their services.

Those chaplains provide front line aid for lawmen, firefighters, paramedics and emergency room personnel. What's more they're also on hand to help Victims Services staff members and personnel.

"Chaplains are often called on to help families whose lives have been impacted by serious injury and fatal accidents, sexual and physical assaults, suicide and homicide, family crisis and natural disasters," Miller noted. "More importantly, they are there to counsel police officers, fire personnel, hospital staff and others."

"Chaplains are special people, available to help and support others in critical times of need," he continued. "They are people who are willing to help when people most need help. They are definitely part of the entire team that serves the community in times of emergency."

We sometimes forget that first responders are human and are quite often placed in situations where they are emotionally traumatized. And all too often, they have a difficult time opening up and sharing their feelings with those around them.

That's where Miller and the other ESCC volunteers have a tremendous impact on our community. In ministering to the needs of emergency personnel, accident victims and others, they impact virtually everyone.

But even volunteer services need money to operate and the ESCC is in need of our help.

We at the *Herald* encourage those wanting to help to mail donations to the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps at 400 E. Fourth, Big Spring 79720. For more information, Miller can be contacted at 267-4082.

Yes, there are all sorts of causes needing support in this community, but we're convinced that not only you, but all of us will be blessed as a result of your support for the ESCC.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take a heavenly mini-break every day through prayer, Lord.

Amen

Time before the special prosecutor

Reporter: Could you loosen the electrodes, please?
Special Prosecutor: No. Just answer the questions.

Reporter: But I don't know anything! That's why I'm a reporter!

Special Prosecutor: Do you know Karl Rove?

Reporter: Not really. YEOWWWW!

Special Prosecutor: That was a three. The generator goes up to 10. Do you want me to turn it higher?

Reporter: No, no! I'll talk!

Special Prosecutor: I'll show you a picture. Is that you in the picture?

Reporter: Yes. It must have been taken at the last White House Christmas party. That's the only time I wear my blue suit.

Special Prosecutor: And who is that man 10 feet behind you, eating baby lamb chops?

Reporter: I ... I'm not sure. YEOWWWW!

Special Prosecutor: That was a four. Now, I ask you again, who is the man behind you eating baby lamb chops?

Reporter: It's Rove! Karl Rove!

Special Prosecutor: So you do know him.

Reporter: I know him. Everybody knows him. But he doesn't return my phone calls.

Special Prosecutor: Does he use a mail drop? Or a podcast? Does he ever IM you? Does he use the screen name

UnindictedBoyGenius?

Reporter: No, I swear.
Special Prosecutor: Do you know Valerie Flame, a.k.a. Victoria Wilson, a.k.a. Woodrow Wilson, a.k.a. Queen Victoria?

Reporter: Those people don't exist. YEOWWWW! I mean they are the names that Judy Miller, The New York Times reporter, wrote in her notebook! But when she wrote Valerie Flame, she really meant Valerie Flame. And when she wrote Victoria Wilson, she really meant Valerie Wilson.

Special Prosecutor: Yes, it was a code. A clever code that took my team of code-breakers 22 months and \$17 million to break. I show you a second picture. Do you recognize the man standing next to Karl Rove at the White House Christmas party?

Reporter: The man cutting up his baby lamb chops for him? That's Scooter Libby.

Special Prosecutor: Our code-breakers, supplemented by a special team from Halliburton, have cracked that code, too. "Scooter" Libby is really Lewis Libby.

Reporter: Everybody knows that. YEOWWWW! I mean, good work.

Special Prosecutor: On June 23, 2003, Judy Miller met with Lewis, a.k.a. Scooter, a.k.a. Skateboard, a.k.a. Rollerblade Libby in the Old Executive Office Building. At that meeting, Libby might have told her that the wife of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson IV might work at the CIA. Miller wrote, "Wife works at bureau?" in her notebook. Do you deny that?

Reporter: No, except that the CIA is an agency, not a bureau.

Special Prosecutor: Why do reporters get things so wrong in their notes?

Reporter: It makes it easier to make things up later.

Special Prosecutor: Who is "Miss Run Amok"?

Reporter: That is what Judy Miller calls herself.

Special Prosecutor: Did you know that Miss Run Amok spelled backward is "Koma Nur Sim"?

Reporter: What does that mean?

Special Prosecutor: We think it's more code. Bob Novak spelled backward is Kay On Bob. There's a pattern there. Given several more years and a billion more dollars, we might be able to crack it.

Reporter: Why are you keeping me here?

Special Prosecutor: We want to know who leaked the identity of Valerie Flame, a.k.a. Victoria Wilson, a.k.a. Victoria's Secret to Bob Novak.

Reporter: Why don't you just ask Bob Novak?

Special Prosecutor: That would be too easy. OK, you can go now.

Reporter: How long have I been here?

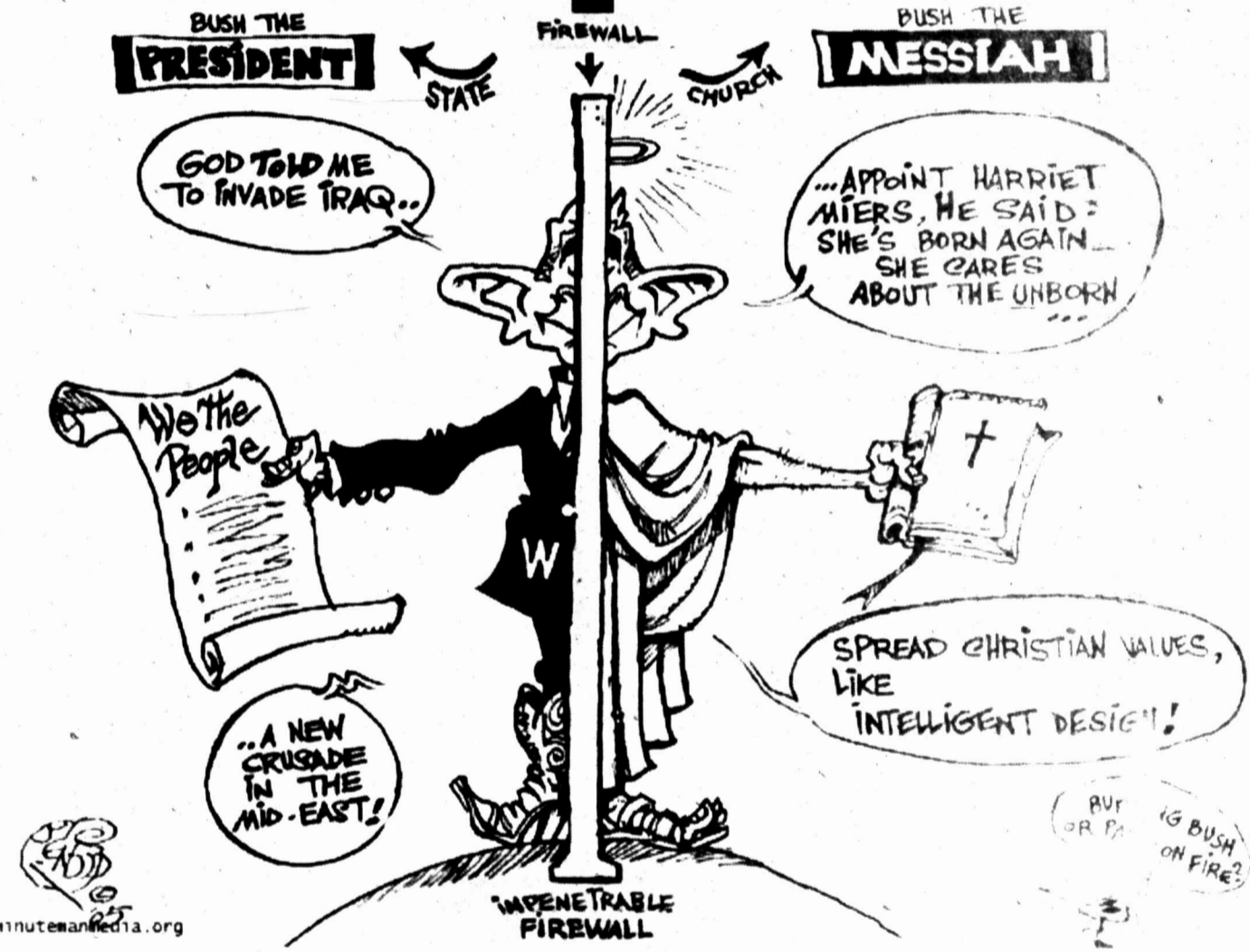
Special Prosecutor: Two months.

Reporter: Hey, how about keeping me another 30 days? I need it for my book deal. YEOWWWW!

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As many of you know, Lonora and I are moving to Lubbock. We have lived in Big Spring for 19 years. I have worked with the Howard County ARC since we moved here.

I would personally like to thank all the supporters for making it possible for the HCARC to help with the needs of the handicapped. Our organization has helped with Special Olympics; met clients' needs for dental work and eyeglasses; provided recreational activities; and given gift cards to each client at Christmas.

We have also been in alliance to support the MHMR region. We have supported MDA, the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's fundraisers and other causes. We also purchased an imaging camera for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

I would like to thank all of the friends for supporting our organization through bingo. The profits have made all these things possible. No individual gains from this, except the handicapped and needy.

I will miss my many friends. My wish is that they will continue to support the Howard County ARC and that more parents and interested individuals will become involved.

Kaye and Robert Wylie have been

Special Olympics coaches for years and Kaye will be the executive director for the HCARC and I know she will do an excellent job.

LETHA NIXON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

About 86 wonderful people turned out to "Make a Difference" in our community on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Lord again granted us wonderful weather. Volunteers cleaned various areas of our community, especially Wasson Drive. Four different groups worked on that area.

During "Make A Difference Day," we do not have to report the weight of the trash collected during the event. A great number of our volunteers were out of town that weekend and was one of the reasons for such a low turnout.

I'm sure there were people out cleaning up and planting that I was unaware of. This is what "Make A Difference" is all about — doing what you can, whether it be picking up trash, pulling weeds, mowing, planting bulbs, visiting the elderly or helping them with a chore. All of this is a part of "Making A Difference."

Some 37 of the volunteers enjoyed hamburgers with all the trimmings along with dessert following the clean-up effort. They all enjoyed a

time of fellowship and drawing of gifts. Both gifts went to Comanche Flats residents: Mary Dickinson and Kathy Purdie. They always enjoy participating in both of our trash off events.

PAUL SIMMONS
COORDINATOR

TO THE EDITOR:

As we approach the Nov. 8 Constitutional Amendment Election, one proposed amendment is of significant importance to the citizens of my county.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 deals with the clearing of land titles in Upshur and Smith counties. More than 2,000 citizens and 4,000 acres in Upshur County are affected by this amendment. Voting "FOR" this amendment will remove a potential cloud of title over the land involved and give the rightful landowners clear title to their land.

Many of the families involved have lived on their land for more than 100 years and most have been there for decades. I ask for your help in protecting their rights and ownership of their land.

I ask the members of your community to vote "FOR" Constitutional Amendment No. 8.

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Miata

MX-5 just as good, and fun, as Solstice

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

The Miata set the standard to which any affordable little convertible must aspire. When the first-generation Miata went on sale in 1989, it embodied the joy of strapping yourself into a light little car, the wind in your face as you blasted the countryside.

Best of all, the Miata was reliable. Unlike the lovely little roadsters from Alfa Romeo, Fiat, MG and Triumph that preceded it, you never had to worry about whether it would start in the morning or leak in the rain.

The Miata quickly established itself as the car to beat, and for 16 years it's dismissed all challengers.

So how does the new Solstice, Pontiac's first roadster ever, stack up?

Very well.

Despite how similar they look on paper — both are two-seat convertibles with soft tops, four-cylinder engines, rear-wheel drive and base prices near \$20,000 — the two cars have very different characters.

They are both delightful, pretty cars, but they excel at different things. The Mazda has the look of a traditional European roadster of the 1950s.

The Pontiac's looks owe a debt to classic racing sports cars of the 1960s.

Four stars for everybody and a round of drinks on the house. This is a very good year if you like your convertibles little and entertaining.

The all-new 2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata has more room, power and comfort than the car it replaces, but with a base price of \$20,435, it remains an affordable entry ticket to the joy of owning a convertible. I tested a well-equipped Grand Touring model with a sticker price of \$24,935. (All prices exclude destination charges.)

The Miata's most noticeable styling is the addition of fender flares to make the MX-5 look more like Mazda's pricier RX-8 sports car.

I prefer the simpler shape of the old model, and I prefer the clean, flowing form of the Solstice.

I also prefer the name of the old model, which was simply Miata. Mazda calls the car the MX-5 in the rest of the world, and corporate policy calling all sports cars by initials and numbers dictated that its U.S. operations drop the Miata name with the new model. It doesn't matter how well-known and popular the name is, the car will be called MX-5 Miata for a transitional year, then Mazda will abandon the established name.

I think that's just silly. I'm sure Mazda will save money on corporate stationery and little chrome nameplates, but throwing away a well-known name always strikes me as a mistake.

It's one of the very few

Specs

2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata Grand Touring
Vehicle type: Two-seat rear-wheel-drive roadster
Base price: \$24,435 (excluding destination charges)

As tested: \$24,935
Standard equipment: Antilock brakes; dual power side mirrors; fog lamps; air conditioning; tilt steering wheel; rear window defroster; leather upholstery, shift knob and steering wheel; steering wheel-mounted cruise and audio controls; seven-speaker Bose AM/FM CD stereo; side impact air bags

Options: Sport-tuned suspension; limited slip differential; Bilstein shock absorbers

Specifications as tested
Engine: 2.0-liter DOHC variable-timing 16-valve four-cylinder

Power: 170 horsepower at 6,700 r.p.m., 140 pound-feet of torque at 5,000 r.p.m.

Transmission: Six-speed manual

Fuel economy: 24 m.p.g. city/30 m.p.g. highway

Wheelbase: 91.7 inches
Length: 157.3 inches (with license plate holder)

Width: 67.7 inches
Height: 49.0 inches
Curb weight: 2,498 pounds

mistakes Mazda made with the new car, however.

The interior sets the tone for all the differences between the MX-5 Miata and Solstice. The Mazda feels positively spacious — for a roadster, anyway — while the Pontiac embraces its occupants.

The Mazda's interior features an odd mix of some of the best-looking



materials in any inexpensive car and some that just seem cheap.

The highlight is the exquisite color matching between the leather upholstery on the seats and doors and the adjacent plastic trim. The low point is the hard plastic of the sun visors and the top of the dashboard.

The gauges are legible — except that the orange backlighting renders the tachometer's redline invisible at night — with attractive lighted pointers.

The controls are all easy to reach and use, except that the stereo on the MX-5 I tested had several dummy buttons that served no function unless you shelled out for the more expensive model.

I hate that kind of thing. It seems like the superfluous buttons will constantly reproach you for being a cheapskate who wouldn't come across for the multidisc CD changer or optional auxiliary inputs like a cassette or minidisc player.

The MX-5 features four cupholders — which should be enough for any two-seater — but it's a bit short on storage space for maps, CDs and the like.

The manual soft top is much easier to use in the new model. A single easy-to-operate latch in the center of the windshield replaces two attachment points in previous Miatas. Another very handy new latch holds the top snugly out of the way when it's folded down.

Wind noise is a little obtrusive in top-down driving, but the car is noticeably quieter and more pleasant than the old Miata with the roof closed. You can open and close the top — albeit awkwardly — from the driver's seat.

The trunk is another clear winner. It offers 5.3 cubic feet of storage space — nearly 40 percent more than the Solstice.

Even better, the trunk's shape makes it easy to toss a couple's bags in for a weekend getaway. The Solstice, by comparison, wraps its small storage space around the car's fuel tank, resulting in a cramped layout that's even less useful than its 3.8 cubic feet would lead you to expect.

The 2006 Miata's 170-horsepower engine provides plenty of power, and the four disc brakes have ample stopping power. Antilock brakes are standard equipment on the MX-5, as they should be on all cars. ABS is a \$100 option on the Solstice.

Two other important safety systems — traction control and electronic stability control — are options on the MX-5.

Pontiac says traction control, which prevents the rear wheels from spinning on slippery surfaces, will be available on the Solstice sometime in 2006.

The Miata I tested had a six-speed manual transmission with short, sporty throws from one gear to another, but I found myself occasionally

hitting third when I wanted fifth gear.

A five-speed manual is standard on base models and a six-speed automatic is available as an option.

There's no automatic available for the Solstice now, but Pontiac says a five-speed auto will go into production early in 2006.

The MX-5's steering was precise and responsive.

The suspension did a surprisingly good job of absorbing bumps over rough pavement. To my great surprise, the

Solstice seemed to have the sportier and more aggressive suspension.

I preferred the Solstice's suspension, which made the car feel nailed to the ground at high speeds and during sharp maneuvers.

That's purely a matter of personal preference, however, and to my mind that's all that separates the new MX-5 Miata from the Solstice.

They are both marvelous cars that should thrill their owners and set the pace for roadsters for years to come.

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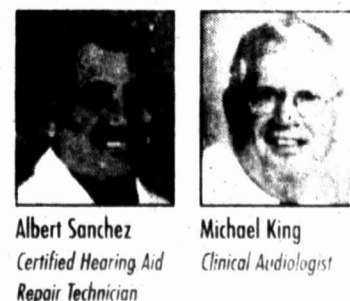
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Bewitchin' in the kitchen: spider cakes; creature cups; s'lime punch

By Gwin Grogan
(KRT)

SPIDER CAKES

Makes 24 cupcakes
Although this version is made with regular-size cupcakes, it would be just as easy to do in miniature by baking the cake mix in a mini-muffin pan and topping with the tiny version of Oreos.

24 cupcakes made from your favorite flavor of cake mix

1 container prepared chocolate frosting

24 chocolate sandwich cookies

Black licorice laces
Miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

Spread frosting on each of the cupcakes and top with one cookie. Cut licorice into about 2-inch lengths. Insert three licorice laces under one side of the cookie, then repeat with more laces on the other side to resemble spider legs. Dip chocolate

candies in icing and "glue" on onto spiders for eyes.



Spider Cakes

CREATURE CUPS

Makes 20 cookie cups
These funny characters could also be made with miniature peanut butter



Creature Cups

cups cut in the same way. Try this with chocolate chip or peanut butter cookie dough, too.

20 pieces candy corn
20 chewy chocolate-covered caramel candies

1 package prepared colored icing (4 small tubes) for writing

40 miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

1 package refrigerated sugar cookie dough

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a muffin tin with baking spray. Trim off the wide yellow

end of each candy corn using a small, sharp knife. Cut a slit in a chocolate-covered caramel candy lengthwise and insert a trimmed candy corn. Using an icing color to match two candy-coated chocolate pieces, attach the "eyes" to the top of the creature. Place a contrasting dot of icing for the center of each eye.

Remove the sugar cookie dough from the package. Separate the pre-

scored cubes of dough, placing one cube in each muffin cup. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until dough is starting to turn very light brown. Remove from oven and immediately place one candy creature in the center of each cookie cup. Let cool completely before serving.

Adapted from a recipe in "Cookie Dough Fun" (Publications International, Ltd., 1997)



S'Lime Punch

S'LIME PUNCH

Makes 12 servings

Use any frozen fruit juice concentrate — a tropical combination such as pineapple, orange and banana would be tasty — and your favorite flavor of sherbet to make this sweet treat. The sherbet melts and forms a frothy foam on top.

1 container (12 ounces) frozen pineapple juice, thawed

1 container (1 gallon) lime sherbet
2 liters lemon-lime soda or ginger ale

Gummy worms for garnish, if desired

Pour the thawed juice into a large punch bowl, then add the lime sherbet. Pour the soda over and mix gently. Pour into serving cups and garnish with gummy worms.

Tips on urban dog etiquette

ASPCA celebrates October as adopt-a-shelter-dog month

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Pethealth Inc., a leading provider of pet insurance and pet related data management services, celebrates October as Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month, with the theme "Every Dog Counts", to encourage Americans to visit animal shelters in lieu of pet stores and breeders when adopting a dog.

As part of the celebration month, for those urban dwellers who have made a four-legged friend part of their family, the ASPCA is offering a few rules of etiquette to make walks safer and more enjoyable.

Leashes — When leashed, a dog is safe from traffic and unable to follow his instincts to chase children, investigate garbage cans or dig up landscaping. Whether a dog is friendly or cautious, a leash keeps him in check and allows the public to pass undisturbed.

Keep leashes to 6 feet or less on public sidewalks. Retractable leashes should not be used in areas frequented by joggers, skaters or cyclists; the thin line blends into the background and, all too often, athlete and leashes collide.

Licenses — Licensing a dog enables an animal control agency to return a lost pet to its rightful owner. In addition, licensing fees often support local animal control efforts and the number of licenses issued gives government officials an idea of how many dogs are in the community, statistics that are very helpful when planning dog runs, shelter expansions and the like.

Training — The well-trained city dog needs to respond to a minimum of four basic commands: "Sit-Stay," "Heel," "Leave it" and "Come." When you're waiting at a traffic light, a dog in a sit-stay is out of harm's way.

While walking nicely on a loose leash is enough for most forays, there are times when your dog will need to be at heel position, which keeps it under control at your side.

The command "Leave it" is employed when it is necessary for the dog to avert his gaze. Should your dog slip his collar or break his leash, a recall command, "Come" could save his life.

Errands — Before

leaving home to run errands with your dog by your side, take a moment to consider which places permit dogs and which do not.

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Child welfare board seeks holiday gifts

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Barrett joins Burgess as Division I commit

• Howard big man gives verbal commit to Sam Houston State

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
The Howard College basketball team got some good and bad news recently involving sophomore big man James Barrett.

The good news is that Barrett became the second Hawk player in as many weeks to sign with a Division I program as he announced a verbal commitment to Sam Houston State of the Southland Conference. The bad news is Barrett will not be eligible to play this season at Howard because the forward played in too many games at Barstow University in California during what was supposed to be a red-shirt season before coming to Big Spring.

Barrett also had interest from Northeastern University in Boston and Texas A&M Corpus Christi, where last year's teammate Rashad Mintz currently plays. He was also contacted by Kansas State and Tulsa. Ultimately, Barrett chose Sam Houston State because it had his major and the Bearkats had been to the NCAA Tournament in two out of the last five seasons.

"It was the best choice for me academically and on the court," said Barrett. "I couldn't go to Northeastern because they didn't have my major and Sam Houston State is bigger which was another reason. They are all good schools though."

Like Burgess, Barrett, who plans to major in kinesiology, said the coaching staff at Howard was helpful, but did not push for one school or another.

"The coaches helped me, but didn't push me to go to Sam Houston," Barrett added. "They just wanted what was best for me."

Barrett averaged 12 points and seven rebounds last season for Howard. He wants to work on his ball handling and shooting before he arrives in Huntsville, but has big goals for his first season.

"I want to start and be an all-conference player in my first season," said Barrett. "I think it is possible if I continue to work hard and I will."

Barrett said the Bearkats and head coach Bob Marlin have not yet talked with him on what they expect out of him, but he expects it will be to score, rebound and be a big part of the team.

Marlin has an overall record of 116-84 and he guided the Bearkats to an 18-12 record last season. Sam Houston State was 11-5 in the Southland Conference, which placed them in third place behind Southeast Louisiana and Northwestern State, who both finished 13-3.

The rest of the conference consists of UT-Arlington, UT-San Antonio, Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Nicholls State, Lamar, Louisiana Monroe and McNeese State.

The frustrating part of all this for Barrett is the fact that he can't play with his teammates at Howard this season.

"It's going to be tough to watch them this year knowing that I can't be of much help," said Barrett.

Barrett enrolled at Barstow University in 2003, was on the basketball team there, got injured and had surgery in early January of the season.

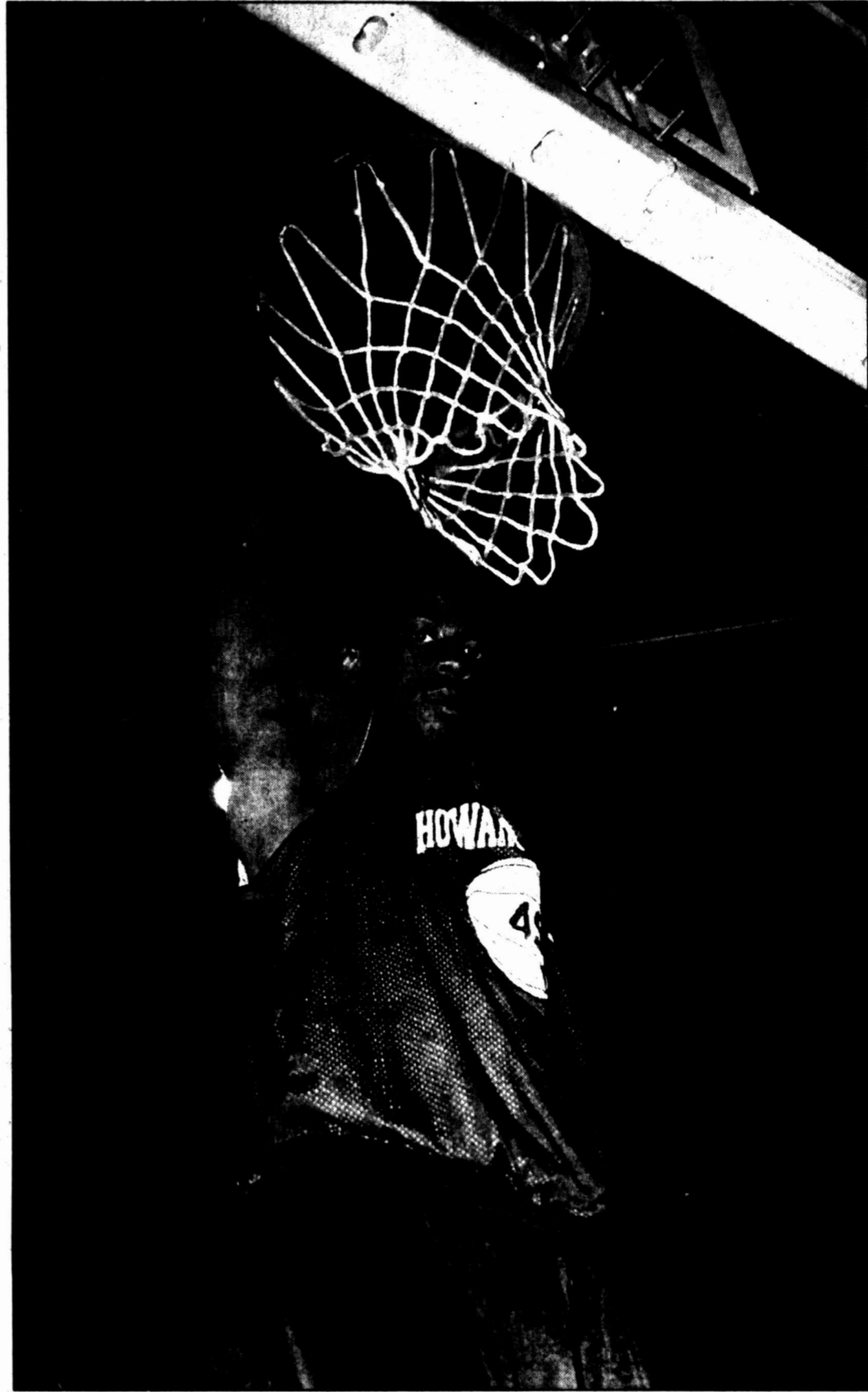
And, according to Howard head coach Mark Adams, the story was he only played in a few games.

"We were under the assumption that he red-shirted and he still had two years left at the JUCO level," said Adams. "After all this came about we took two sets of documentation and began an NJCAA investigation. The ruling stated that he played in more than 20 percent of the games. James could have played this year, but we would have had to get a hardship from the NJCAA. The only problem is the NCAA wouldn't have honored the appeal and it could have taken away a year for James at that level and we just felt it wasn't in his best interests to do that."

Both Barrett and Adams said things at Barstow weren't handled very well from the start.

"When I got hurt I thought I was just out for the year and that I could red-shirt," said Barrett. "Things weren't handled very well at the school."

"I thought it was possible I may not get to play



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College sophomore James Barrett committed to Sam Houston State recently. The Hawk forward averaged 12 points and seven rebounds for his team last season and led Howard to a regional tournament win over then No. 3 Temple as he scored 27 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

back in May, but didn't know for sure until three days before our first scrimmage."

The loss of Barrett inside leaves Howard thin. The Hawks will most likely have to count on freshmen Herve Banogle and Benson Akpan to pick up the slack in Barrett's absence.

Sophomore Louis Rodgers could also take over Barrett's role as Adams said he had a very good preseason.

"We won't only miss his scoring and leadership, but we will also miss his

presence off the court," said Adams. "We can't really replace him."

Barrett said even though he won't be on the court the Hawks should still be able to win a lot of games.

"The team's good this year," said Barrett. "If they step up and play every night we will do good this season. I know they will be ready because the coaches are pushing them to be the best they can be."

To take his mind off the tough situation, Barrett said he has walked on to the Howard baseball pro-

gram and has hopes at maybe a designated hitter role in the spring this year for the Hawks.

"This will help me get through the year and take my mind off the situation with the basketball team," said Barrett. "The baseball coaches told me I would have a chance to play if I continued to work hard. There are no guarantees, but I plan on making an effort. I see this as a challenge because I was told I wasn't good enough to play baseball when I was younger. That is my motivation."

IN BRIEF

Quarterback club sets meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Flag football league to begin Nov. 6

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Nov. 6, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

C.G.A. announces make-up tourney

The Chicagon Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year — the Grand Tournament — will take place Sunday, Oct. 30, beginning at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. This is a change from its original date as the tournament has been rescheduled.

Participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. and nonmembers are welcome. There will also be food and refreshments after the tourney.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Olesen announces free tennis clinic

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced a free junior tennis league at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park for students in second and third grade.

The league will start Tuesday, Nov. 1, and will continue for three weeks after that on Tuesdays. It goes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Interested participants may bring a racket, but one may be provided if available. There is no specific start date as participants can show up on any Tuesday.

The first week will concentrate on forehand and backhands, the second week will cover volleys and overhands, the third week will focus on serves and the fourth and final week will consist of matches combining all shots.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.



KRT photo/Nuccio Dinuzzo, Chicago Tribune
Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen carries the World Series championship trophy out on to the field as the White Sox celebrate their 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros in Game 4 of the 2005 World Series at Minute Maid Park in Houston Wednesday. The Sox swept the Series 4-0.

White Sox finish off Houston

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer
HOUSTON (AP) — Now the Chicago White Sox are champions, too, just like the Boston Red Sox last year.

What's next? A World Series flag flying for the Chicago Cubs over Wrigley Field?

For now, Chicago is overjoyed that the White Sox became the latest long-suffering team to celebrate a World Series championship for the first time since World War I, beating the Houston Astros 1-0 Wednesday night for a four-game sweep.

Just a year ago, the same story line captivated baseball when the Red Sox swept St. Louis and captured their first title in 86 years.

"The instant the Red Sox won last year, I thought maybe we're

next," said White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf, posing with the trophy, cigar in mouth.

The Windy City's White Sox hadn't won a Series since 1917 and hadn't played in one since 1959. Now, after an RBI single in the eighth by Series MVP Jermaine Dye and a combined five-hitter by four pitchers, no longer will they be best remembered for Shoeless Joe Jackson's Black Sox, who threw the 1919 Series against Cincinnati.

Chicago's eighth straight win and 16th in 17 games dating back to the regular season made it only the second team to go through the postseason 11-1 since the extra round of playoffs was added in 1995, joining the 1999 Yankees. But the White Sox fans didn't get to enjoy a single celebration in person: The division title and all three rounds

of the postseason were won on the road.

Winner Freddy Garcia and Houston's Brandon Backe pitched shutout ball for seven innings, each striking out seven.

Houston closer Brad Lidge came in to start the eighth, and Chicago sent up Willie Harris to bat for Garcia.

Harris lined a single to left leading off, Scott Podsednik bunted a high pitch in front of the plate and the speedy Harris took second. Carl Everett then grounded to second, moving Harris to third.

Dye swung and missed Lidge's next pitch, took a ball, then grounded a single up the middle, clapping his hands as he left the plate. Harris trotted home from third.

"I know he throws a lot of sliders," Dye said. "He throws hard, but usually his fastball is just to keep you honest."

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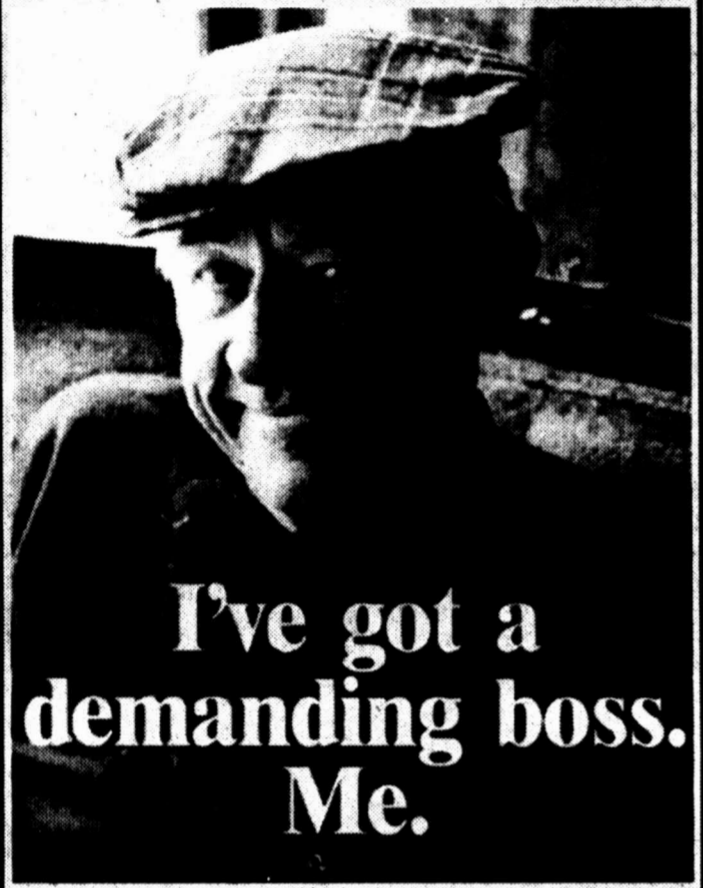
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#4763 October 27, 2005

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Forest Oil Corporation, 707 17th Street, Suite 3600, Denver, CO 80202 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Clearfork, Glorieta, San Angelo and San Andres Formations, Beliam Lease, Well Number 12. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles Southeast of Coahoma in thelatan, East Howard Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1,600 to 2,750 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#4762 October 27, 2005

On 10-18-05, World Radio Link Inc. (WRL) filed application with the FCC requesting consent to the assignment of construction permit for a new FM station on 105.5 MHz at Coahoma TX from WRL to Horizon Christian Fellowship (HCF). The officers directors and shareholders of WRL are Earl Williamson, Diana Atkin and Clark Parrish. The officers director and shareholder of HCF are Michael Macintosh, Fred Salley, Phillip Macintosh, Gayle Gordon, Mike Turk, Larry Gordon, Victor Najor, Hank Sybrandy, Jerries El Raheb, Rudy Bartiz and Tom Phillips. A copy of this application is on file for public inspection during regular business hours at First Bank of West Texas, 500 W. Broadway Rd., Coahoma TX 79511.
#4761 October 27 & 28 and November 3 & 4, 2005

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Under the nurturing Virgo moon, it feels right to tend to the needs of loved ones, doing all we can to help their projects grow, even if this means giving critical suggestions. Sometimes one has to be cruel to be kind, right? Well, yes, but this is not one of those times. The Venus and Pluto conjunction helps you sense when you should back off.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Suddenly, the action takes off, and you are carried away with it. Put a pad and pencil in your coat pocket to catch the fleeting ideas that come to you out of the chaos of the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If life is a parade, you're marching in it — none of that standing on the sidelines and watching the spectacle pass you by! So wear comfortable

Tomorrow's Horoscope

shoes today — metaphorically and literally. You have a lot of ground to cover.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Nobody else can make you less than or more than you want to be. You're owning your power. You refuse to blame inertia on that person who simply can't decide what he or she wants.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your abilities are more unique than you realize. Today gives you a better sense of this. Artists get the opportunity to show off talents. Peruse your old phone book; a person from your past can really help out now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's funny how you like to pretend you're doing better than you are with some people — and how you find it necessary to pretend you're doing worse with other people! Today, just be honest, and let people feel how they feel about you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Certain ideas "click" the first time, and others take a while. If you tell friends and family your idea and they don't react the way you want them to, try again later. But don't be discouraged! The stars reward tenacity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be asked to invest in yourself. Don't waste your energy on dull things that have no potential. Save it for shiny, beautiful things that are filled with promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Conflicting opinions create more interesting relationships, especially romantic ones. You wouldn't want to get along all the time anyway — how boring. Pressurized emotions

blow over tonight.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Love comes in many different forms. New relationships spark up and old ones kick into a nice groove. Whatever you decide to do, you seem to be surrounded by exceptionally good company.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People ask unreasonable things of you, especially at work. But it's interesting to note what people's perceptions of you must be in order for them to ask such things. They see you as some kind of superhero.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't see the point in taking your sweet time — this day zips by in a hectic whirl, and you'll have 10 things accomplished in the time it takes others to do one. A Gemini is your ally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be very careful how you talk about people. It's easy to offend, for one thing. For another, everyone is related by far less than the usual six degrees, so no matter whom you're gossiping with, it's likely to be the wrong person.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on Dec. 29, 1964. I am a Capricorn. I was wondering why it seems like all the characteristics of this sign don't fit me. I am not an overachiever. In fact, I had a hard time deciding what to do for a career. Currently I am a stay-at-home mom."

Did you know that there are women in this world who are terrified of being stay-at-home moms? The commitment, if made properly, is more challenging and all-consuming than even the most demanding career.

Raising the next generation is noble work, requiring leadership skills beyond what many CEOs have. But you probably have never considered this because you, like most Capricorns, are so in love with your "work" that it doesn't seem like work to you. You would do it even if you were not paid to do it — wait, you're NOT being paid to do it, which is good, because most families couldn't afford it. Nanny services in my native California charge \$20 an hour, some of which goes to the agency. If the usual 24/7 stay-at-home mom were paid for her services, she would bring in around \$175,000 a year, and that's without over-time. In this light, would you consider yourself to be a typical workaholic Capricorn? I would!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Long-term relationships are nothing new for Winona Ryder. However, lifetime commitments tend to make stubborn Scorpios run. Though Scorpio is a fixed sign, it is also the sign of transformation. Change is difficult for Scorpios, but it is also inevitable. I predict that Ryder will take this different kind of dramatic plunge by tying the knot with musician boyfriend Page Hamilton this year.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CARL WILLIAM GRACE, DECEASED:
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of October, 2005, Letters Testamentary were issued to Patricia V. Grace as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Carl William Grace, Deceased," being No. P-13343 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Patricia V. Grace, 2510 Carol Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720 within the time prescribed by law.
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Joe" for two years. We both are in our mid-60s and lost our spouses many years ago.

We have a great deal of fun together, but I have a problem with Joe's daughter-in-law, "Lorna." On our first date, Joe told me he "fell in love with Lorna the first time he saw her." I assumed he meant she was a wonderful person, but now I'm not so sure. She calls him "Dad," which is fine, but she is all over him — even when I'm around. She whispers in his ear, sits on his lap and rubs his shoulders. I feel as if I'm competing with her.

Lorna and her husband live just down the road from Joe, and he goes to their home every night to help with the chores, since his son travels frequently. I always wonder deep down what really



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

goes on in that house. I have never seen a daughter-in-law act the way she does. I want to tell this to Joe, but I'm afraid I'll lose him if I say anything negative about Lorna. He thinks she walks on water. What am I to do? — Confused in Iowa
Dear Confused: This could be harmless flirt-

ing, in which case, leave it alone. Joe gets a kick out of it, and Lorna uses that. However, you are part of Joe's life and should not feel as if you are competing with another woman. Tell Joe that you think Lorna is terrific, but you wonder if she is jealous, since she seems so possessive when you are around. Bringing it out into the open should help clarify things.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Unsure in New York," whose boyfriend's political views were the polar opposite of hers. You said it didn't have to be a big deal.

I believe that one's political views are deep-rooted, core values and often are linked to one's religious beliefs. She needs to carefully evaluate this relationship. Have they discussed how their children will be raised? Will he want a gun in their household? Will he agree to termination of a pregnancy in a medical necessity?

If he is directly attacking her beliefs, this is more than just political debate. A man who truly loves and respects her wouldn't belittle or degrade her because of her opinions on ANY issue. — Hoping She Opens Her Eyes

Dear Hoping: You've made some good points, but we still don't think politics needs to be the determining factor in a relationship.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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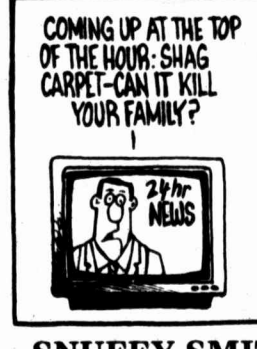
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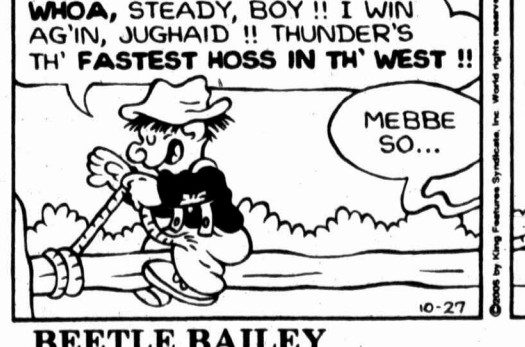
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2005. There are 65 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers...

new synthetic yarn: "nylon." In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

Reitman is 59. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 56. Author Fran Lebowitz is 55. Rock musician K.K. Downing (Judas Priest) is 54.

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EXTREME MAKEOVER TRACK EDITION

BY DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Bruton Smith still remembers the pickup truck. On July 7, the morning after a tornado hit Atlanta Motor Speedway, an extremely used truck was found several hundred feet from where it had been parked before the storm hit.

"It might have been worth \$1,000," said Smith, who as one of the nation's largest automobile dealers has some expertise in that area. "It had no damage whatsoever."

"Meanwhile, there was this line of really nice vehicles there at the condos. The wind just rolled them all up into this big ball, all over the top of each other. But there sat this truck."

Less than four months later, the track located about 20 miles south of downtown Atlanta will welcome the NASCAR Nextel Cup and Truck series teams for a weekend of racing.

To anyone who saw the storm damage, aside perhaps from Smith and track President Ed Clark and his staff, it must have seemed unlikely this weekend would go off as planned.

"Since that day we pledged to build Atlanta Motor Speedway back in time for this weekend," Clark said. "Not only are we going to meet that goal, we were able to take this disaster and make it a more fan-friendly track."

There was significant damage to almost every portion of the track, except the racing surface, from the storm -- which weakened several areas -- that swept through in the darkness that July evening.

Struck by a July tornado, a rebuilt Atlanta Motor Speedway is ready for its Chase date

The property took quite a beating: condos and track offices in a building off Turn 4, the roof of the level of suites along the frontstretch, scoring pylons in the infield, and light poles and fencing all around the track and adjacent facilities.

The most vivid images were from the backstretch. A grandstand, topped by a line of suites on what had been Atlanta's frontstretch before remodeling previously switched things around, was hit especially hard.

Clark and Smith spoke by telephone the night of the storm and by sunrise the next morning a plane carrying key Speedway Motorsports Inc. personnel from Charlotte, N.C., was headed south to begin assessing the damage.

Workers spent two to three weeks after the storm mostly cleaning up the mess.

"The thing that amazed me," Smith said,

"was how wind could tear down so much chain-link fencing."

More than eight miles of fencing has been replaced or repaired. Nearly 100 contractors and subcontractors have been involved, and there have been as many as 450 workers at the track on some days. Crews worked in two shifts, and in all nearly 350,000 man-hours have gone into getting the track ready for this day.

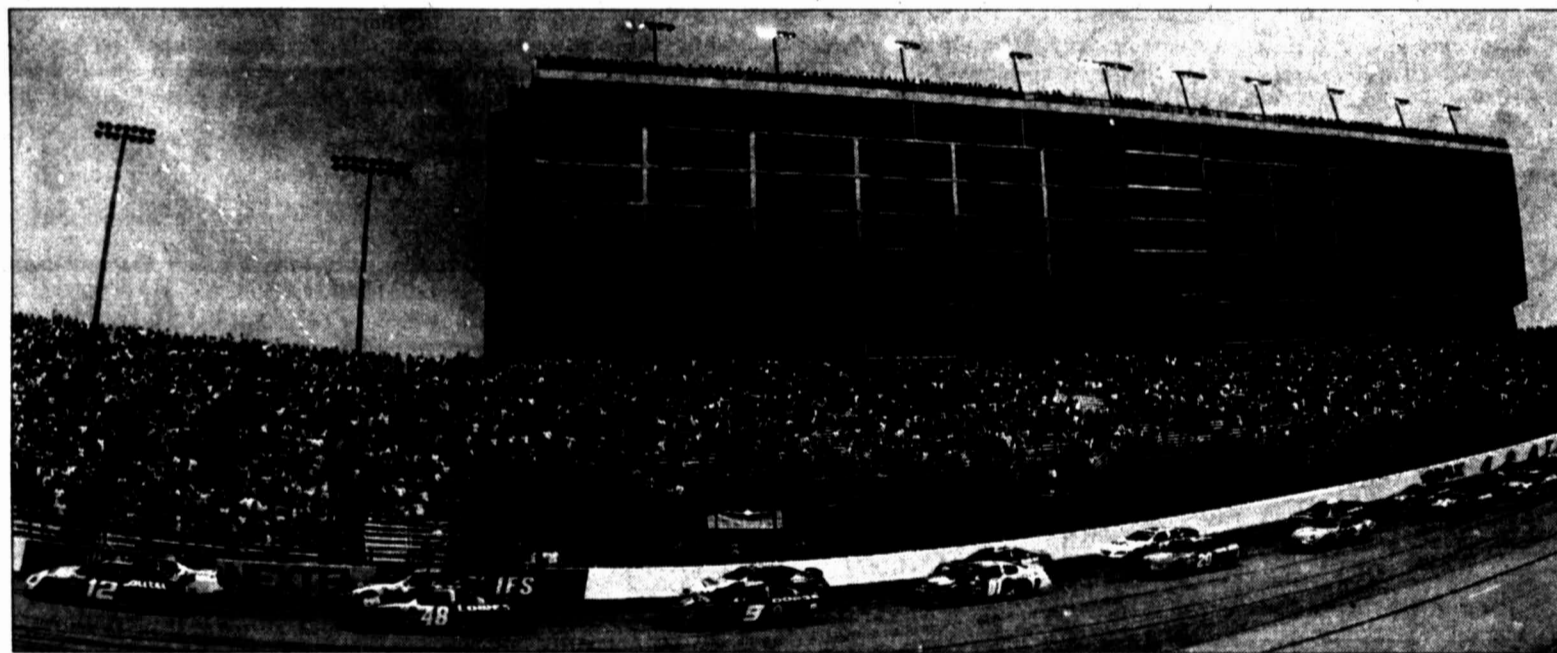
"We knew we had to keep everyone's attitude upbeat to get this done," Smith said. "We saw that these guys were stopping for lunch and all they had were sandwiches or something they'd brought to eat. So we set up a big tent and started serving hot lunches every day."

Workers put up 129 flag poles, changed more than 600 plumbing fixtures and 750 tons of air conditioning systems, and used 20,250 cubic feet of concrete. Sidewalks and additional shuttle stops have been installed around the perimeter and new ticket booths and wider entry gates are designed to improve pedestrian traffic flow.

As for the cars, a widened four-lane section of Georgia 20 leading from Interstate 75 to the track was opened and dedicated as the Bruton Smith Parkway.

"Over the next year and a half, you'll see even more improvements as we continue rebuilding," Clark said. "We have a long history of upgrades and improvements."

Three months after being hit by a tornado, Atlanta Motor Speedway will host both the Nextel Cup and NASCAR Truck series this weekend.



RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): He's led the most laps in 11 different races this year, including all five that he's won. Last week: 2.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): He won at Atlanta a year ago and barely lost there to Carl Edwards earlier this year. Last week: 1.

3. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): He likes all of the tracks that are left, but he's still got 83 points to make up on them. Last week: 3.

4. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Exactly right when he said this team's got to step it up if it wants to win this title. Last week: 4.

5. Carl Edwards (car No. 99): The gap between here and the top spot is more than 149 points. It's a performance gap, too. Last week: 6.

6. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): If past two races had each been 25 laps shorter, he'd be in much better Chase shape. Last week: 7.

7. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Exuded confidence at Martinsville up until the moment his car first got on the track. Last week: 5.

8. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Rough-driving penalty at Martinsville negated by "lucky dog" shortly thereafter. Last week: 9.

9. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Counted him out too soon this summer, so as far as we're concerned he's still in it. Last week: 8.

10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19): The whole point of making the Chase should be doing something once you get there. Last week: 10.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatstracin.com.

Lowe's: Forget placing blame, focus on next year

Lowe's Motor Speedway President Humpy Wheeler seems to have become increasingly frustrated at how much of the blame for what happened in the Oct. 15 UAW-GM 500 at this track is being dropped in his lap.

On Friday at Martinsville, Va., Jeff Gordon said tracks should not be allowed to alter their surfaces without consulting drivers, NASCAR, Goodyear and other experts.

The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer noted Gordon's comments in Saturday's paper, and on Monday, Wheeler sent another e-mail about Gordon's remarks. Wheeler listed eight types of consultation the track did before grinding the track with a machine from Arizona-based Pennhall Co. That included, Wheeler said, "extensive consultations" with NASCAR and Wheeler's conversations with several drivers.

"The problem was NOT technically the track," Wheeler insisted. "It

was probably the best prepared in the history of this speedway. How could we break the all-time record if it was not?"

Indeed, speeds were significantly higher on the ground surface than before. The track record jumped 5 mph from last October to this fall.

"I am and will not accuse anybody of totally causing this problem," Wheeler said. "I am just tired of getting all of the blame."

Fair enough, but Wheeler needs to know that he's not going to get absolution, either.

The fiasco that was the UAW-GM 500 happened because everybody involved thought about how things might work out and not enough about how they could go awry.



DAVID POOLE

The factor in the racing equation that changed most dramatically at Lowe's Motor Speedway this year was the track itself, and Wheeler must accept that those changes contributed to difficulties in May and again in October.

It sounds easy to say that Goodyear should have tested tires after the May race, but the politics of tire testing in the Nextel Cup are complex. Teams want to test more than they're allowed to, and for every team picked for a tire test five or six other teams believe they weren't selected because of some grand conspiracy. It would be nice, however, if every once in a while Goodyear admitted that the occasional tire does simply just fail.

NASCAR had ample opportunity to step in, too. In that post-midnight session with reporters, everyone

involved acted surprised that the Cup race turned out like it did. But 24 hours earlier, the Busch race was a mess, too, and as far back as September, when Cup teams tested, cars were popping tires and hitting the wall.

The teams have a role, too. Every team plays with air pressure in every race, and as competitive as the sport is the boundaries of common sense are pushed beyond normal limits and teams then act surprised when they fail.

Everybody needs to stop worrying about who gets blamed for what happened in the UAW-GM 500 and start making sure next year's problem is figuring out who should get credit for fixing it.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

BASS PRO SHOPS MBNA 500

Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54-mile banked paved tri-oval located in Hampton, Ga.

When: Sunday at 12:40 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 7:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC.

Radio: Performance Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,889,437.

Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson.

Also this week: Ted Musgrave has just one win in the NASCAR Truck Series this season, but leads four-time winner Dennis Setzer by 54 points entering Saturday's race at Atlanta.

The Busch Series is off until Nov. 5 at Texas.

Worth mentioning: Atlanta has produced three of the 10 closest finishes since electronic timing was introduced in May 1993.

Bobby Labonte has scored six of his 21 Nextel Cup victories at Atlanta: two in the spring and four in the fall.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Tony Stewart leads the Chase and has three pursuers within 83 points. Who's going to win it all?

Cast your vote at:

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

If NASCAR were to limit the number of Nextel Cup teams one owner could run, what should that number be?

Number of votes: 8,074

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Three	3,228	40%
Leave it alone; there are bigger issues.	3,020	37%
Two	1,669	21%
One is enough	157	2%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

■ **Tony Stewart** has scored 140 lap leader bonus points in the first 32 races, 10 more than any other driver.

■ In one race, **Jamie McMurray** jumped from 14th to 11th points and leads 12th place **Kevin Harvick** by 18 points.

■ **Jimmie Johnson** has two victories in the first five races in the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

■ **Johnson and Ryan Newman** both have five top-10 finishes in the six Chase races so far.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** ranked third in points after 32 races one year ago. This year he is 21st.

■ **Michael Waltrip** has finished 13th or worse in his last 16 races.

■ **Jeremy Mayfield** has finished 11th or worse in five of the six Chase races.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Tony Stewart	5957	21. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3319
2. Jimmie Johnson	5942	22. Ricky Rudd	3276
3. Ryan Newman	5894	23. Michael Waltrip	3137
4. Greg Biffle	5874	24. Bobby Labonte	3117
5. Carl Edwards	5808	25. Casey Mears	3115
6. Rusty Wallace	5791	26. Kyle Petty	2902
7. Mark Martin	5787	27. Jeff Green	2899
8. Kurt Busch	5785	28. Dave Blaney	2876
9. Matt Kenseth	5785	29. Ken Schrader	2852
10. Jeremy Mayfield	5741	30. Sterling Marlin	2835
11. Jamie McMurray	3632	31. Mike Bliss	2824
12. Kevin Harvick	3614	32. Scott Riggs	2742
13. Joe Nemechek	3584	33. Scott Wimmer	2723
14. Elliott Sadler	3583	34. Travis Kvapil	2700
15. Jeff Gordon	3570	35. Mike Wallace	2214
16. Brian Vickers	3499	36. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	1975
17. Dale Jarrett	3462	37. Robby Gordon	1854
18. Jeff Burton	3382	38. Jason Loffler	1538
19. Kyle Busch	3353	39. Kevin Lepage	1301
20. Kasey Kahne	3319	40. Terry Labonte	1001

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Oct. 22:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	4511	11. J.J. Yeley	3410
2. Clint Bowyer	4411	12. Greg Biffle	3355
3. Carl Edwards	4140	13. Ashton Lewis	3353
4. Reed Sorenson	4082	14. Johnny Sauter	3301
5. Denny Hamlin	3842	15. Stacy Compton	3069
6. Kenny Wallace	3768	16. Jon Wood	3047
7. Paul Menard	3710	17. Justin Labonte	2997
8. David Green	3520	18. Randy LaJoie	2792
9. Jason Keller	3504	19. Kevin Harvick	2749
10. David Stremme	3457	20. Tony Raines	2509

NEXT RACE: Nov. 5, O'Reilly Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Oct. 22:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ted Musgrave	3037	6. Mike Skinner	2691
2. Dennis Setzer	2983	7. Jimmy Spencer	2675
3. Ron Hornaday	2815	8. Matt Crafton	2610
4. Todd Bodine	2727	9. David Starr	2607
5. Bobby Hamilton	2698	10. Ricky Craven	2566

NEXT RACE: Saturday, EasyCare Vehicle Service Contracts 200, Hampton, Ga.