



## Intoxication manslaughter trial to begin in Stanton

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

STANTON — Jury selection is expected to begin today in Martin County as a 35-year-old Stanton woman faces several charges stemming from the October 2005 vehicle-pedestrian accident that claimed the life of an 11-year-old boy.

Julie Lynn Luna, of 708 W.

Broadway in Stanton, was indicted in May on charges of intoxication manslaughter (second-degree felony); criminal negligence (state jail felony); and criminally negligent homicide (state jail felony) for the Oct. 28 accident.

According to Department of Public Safety officials, Michael Almanza, 11, and his 14-year-old brother were crossing the

Interstate 20 north service road near their homes to board a school bus during the morning hours when both were struck by a Pontiac Grand Prix, driven by Luna, that was traveling east on the same road.

The 14-year-old received only minor injuries, but Almanza was critically injured in the incident. He was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital,

where he died a day later.

Almanza was a student at Stanton Junior High School and the son of Angie and Mike Rodriguez of Stanton.

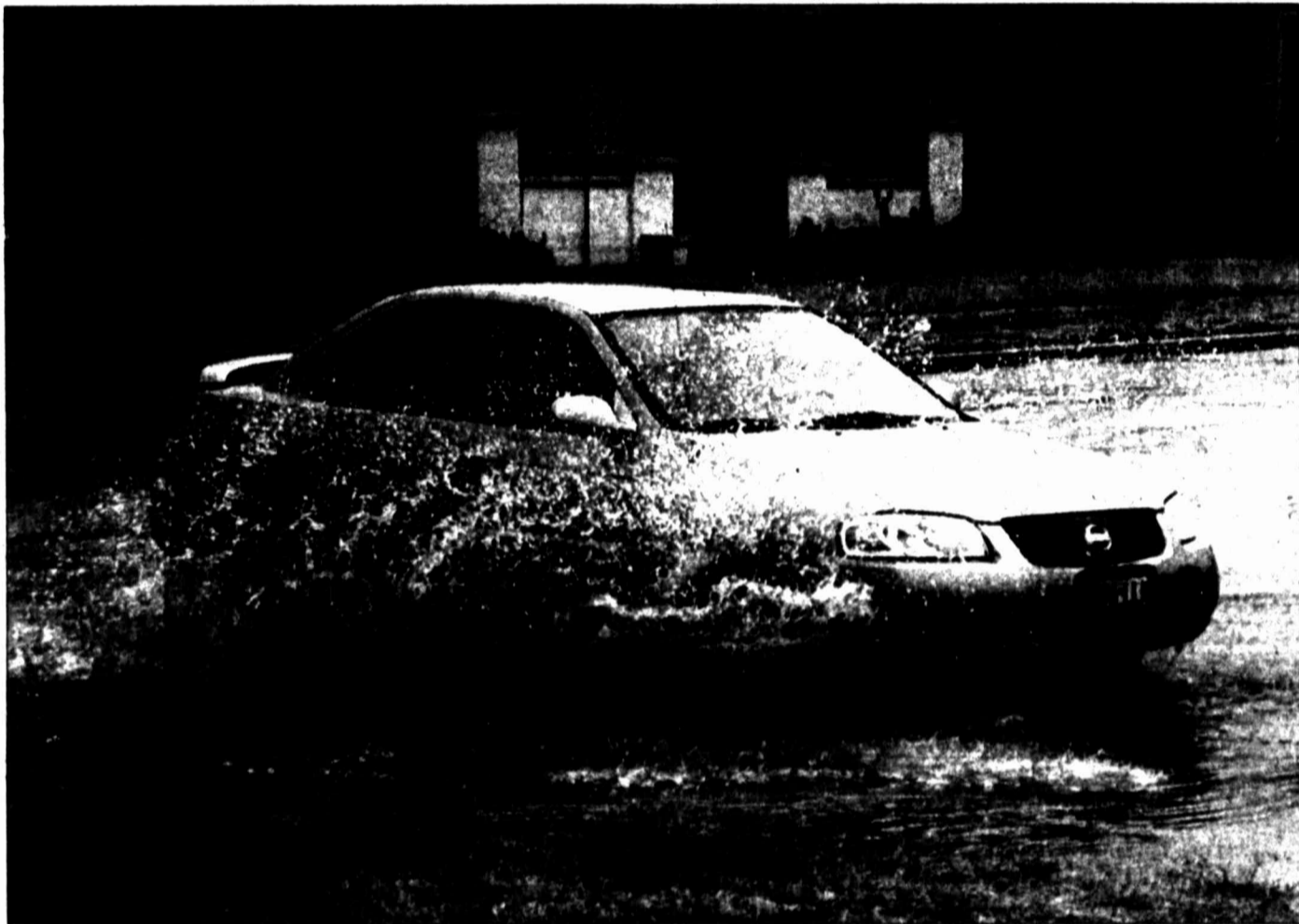
Luna faces two to 20 years in prison, along with a possible fine not to exceed \$10,000, for the intoxication manslaughter charge. Criminal negligence and criminally negligent homicide — both state jail felonies —

carry between 180 days to two years in state jail and a possible fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The trial is expected to get under way Wednesday morning in 118th District Court in Stanton.

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## MORE RAINY WEATHER



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
This motorist drives through a puddle on Scurry Street Monday afternoon, as rainfall in the Big Spring area reached approximately 0.76 inches over the past 24 hours, according to officials with the National Weather Service.

## Residents can vote by mail if need has merit

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Casting your ballot in the November general election could be as easy as a trip to the mailbox if you meet certain criteria, according to county election officials.

With early voting set to begin in a couple of weeks, area residents who might otherwise be unable to make it to the polls can request a ballot by mail, according to Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom.

"If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election,

you can apply for a ballot by mail," said Bloom. "You don't have to submit a formal application. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail."

"The deadline to receive an application for a ballot by mail is Oct. 30, which should allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed and returned in time for the election."

Bloom said county residents can call her office at 264-2273 to request an application.

According to Bloom, requests for a mail-out ballot must include the voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

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## Thousands expected for Stanton's Trade Days

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

STANTON — While shoppers may have trouble finding an old-fashioned "sorehead" in Stanton Oct. 14-15, they certainly won't have any trouble finding a bargain as the annual Old Sorehead Trade Days gets under way.

More than 500 booths are expected to line the streets of Stanton during the two-day shop-a-rama, with the city's population of 2,500 expected to grow to approximately 10,000 overnight.

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, Humble Oil and Sinclair Oil signs, wagon wheels — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

And while shopping is certainly the focus for the annual event, there's more to Old Sorehead Trade Days than just hocking some wares.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Lindsey. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first is expected to be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

The event will feature plenty of entertainment, with various groups providing music on the Martin County Courthouse lawn.

"We'll also have plenty of rides and games for the kids," Lindsey said. "We'll have a special area set aside for

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Courtesy photo  
Shoppers take advantage of the festival-type atmosphere during the April Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton. Trade days will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

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### REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY

Today is the deadline to register to vote in the November general election.

Locally, voters will cast ballots to fill several key positions, including county judge and two county commissioners. There are also three important bond elections — depending upon residency — to cast a ballot for or against. There are also a number of state and federal offices up for election, including Texas governor.

Voters who currently hold a yellow registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December 2007. For more information on voter registration, contact Sandra Bloom at 264-2273.

### FOILED BY STUPIDITY

SEVERN, Md. (AP) — In this robbery, the suspect took cash — and also left some behind.

Police charged a 30-year-old man after he allegedly left his coin purse in the back seat of a taxi while robbing the cabbie. Inside the coin purse was the suspect's driver's license, Social Security card and paycheck.

Police said that after the suspect got out of the cab, he started hitting the driver's head. He stole an undisclosed amount of cash and a pack of cigarettes and ran away, police said.

Officers showed up 12 minutes later at the suspect's front door.

### DINE OUT DAY IS FRIDAY

Greg's Grill is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

Following that, the "Dine Out Day" location will be:

• October 20 - KC Steakhouse  
For information about UW, call Cynthia Scott at 267-5201.



Obituaries

Edward Jay Carpenter



Edward Jay "Eddie" Carpenter, 80, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Jay Carpenter, officiating.

He was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Eula. Mr. Carpenter lived in Big Spring, Pecos and Houston before retiring in Big Spring. He made many contributions to the West Texas farming community, most famously by inventing the "bumble bee hitch" that allowed any tractor to work twelve rows at a time, doubling the capacity of the current farm equipment. In addition to being a farmer, he was a painter, musician and inventor. He had served in the Army Air Corps.

Edward is survived by his loving children, Jay, Hilda and Debra Carpenter and their children, Derek, Laura and Sara. His stepchildren, Vance and Jerry Alexander and their children, Aric, Dallas, Amanda and Alena. Also surviving are his sisters, Nan Carpenter Cate, Patty Carpenter Winters, Betty Carpenter Barr and Elaine Carpenter and by his many friends whose lives he made rich.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

Dorothy Sneed



Dorothy Sneed, 90, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

She was born Feb. 12, 1916, in Howard County and married Norris Sneed on Sept. 14, 1935, in Roswell, N.M. He preceded her in death June 9, 1989.

Mrs. Sneed was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She served as a pink lady for Colorado City Hospital Auxiliary, was a member of the First Baptist Church senior choir, and volunteered for Meals On Wheels. She had been a member of Trinity Baptist Church and the First Baptist Churches in Seminole, Colorado City, and Big Spring.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Boyce and Carol Sneed and Larry Norris and Sharon Sneed; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Gene Bronaugh all of Big Spring and Christy and Rod Maupin of Skiatook, Okla.; one sister-in-law, Viola Solsbury of Kingsland; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norris Sneed; one son, Jimmy Sneed; four brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, PO Box 2121, Big Spring 79721, Odyssey Hospice Healthcare, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720 or Trinity Baptist Church 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Chester James Picciano

Chester James Picciano, 89, of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. Private interment will be held at a later date at the Ft. Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1917, in Hazelton, Penn. to Michael and Mary Picciano. He married Christel Struwe on Nov. 29, 1954, in Cirencester, England. He had lived in Midland since 2002 and was a Catholic. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he had worked as a base exchange manager at various Air Force Bases. He retired from the military in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Christel Picciano, of Midland; one daughter, Christel C. Picciano, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sons, Michael Picciano and Robert Picciano both of Midland; one brother, Nicky Picciano of New York and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and six brothers.

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

Esther Lopez

Esther Lopez, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

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

- **BRANDY JOHNSON**, 20, of 1611 Harding, was arrested Monday on two local citations and a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **SALVADOR PEREZ**, 35, of 805 E. 18th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of an emergency protective order.

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.

- **LANCE BIDDLE**, 17, was arrested Friday-by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RANDALL W. CONNER**, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ROBERT LEE DAVENPORT JR.**, 49, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **DENNIS EDWARD AUSBIE**, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for failure to identify.
- **AMADO GONZALES VALLE III**, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of expired driver's license and an attorney general warrant/judgment.
- **JESSICA LEE GUTIERREZ**, 25, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance, allowing a child to ride unsecured and violation of a promise to appear.

• **TINA L. JUNKIN**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft of service and driving while license invalid - bond forfeiture.

• **RICKY DUSTIN BRENCE**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **DANIEL PATRICK COLLINS**, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **POLICARPIO NARANJO ESTRADA**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of sexual assault.

• **STELLA HUGHES**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **RUBEN LUNA JR.**, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• **BENITO R. GONZALEZ**, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DANIEL FOREST MONDIER**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **JUANITA VALDEZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **JOHNNIE BERNELL LESSLEY**, 53, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **RANDY DEAN ULRICH**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of attempt to commit unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (two counts) and criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **VANNA LYNN CARPENTER**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.

• **LARRY DALE KING**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 6000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson Road.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6700 block of Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of East 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of East 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 184 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6700 block of Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- 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.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

Weather

Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows near 50. North winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows near 50. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast after midnight.

Thursday—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

Thursday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday night—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

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

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-15-18-29.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$29,270.

Winning ticket sold in: Houston.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-28-31-34. Bonus Ball: 18.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$275,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-5

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Man sentenced years in beating

JOURDANTON (C) jury sentenced estranged husband Jourdanton's former to 15 years in Monday for beating elderly neighbor with a hammer in 1998. James Franklin had no visible scars the jury's verdict announced. Jurors voted for three-hour penalty phase. They sentenced him to murder of "I think they made a mistake," R as he was led away Antonio Express reported in its October 10 Monday.

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Also a last-mile local resident Fisher will run in candidate Precinct 2 seat

Howard Commissioner's Fisher will face

benet Jerry Kilg November county Carl Lancaster as a write-in candidate

of Precinct 1 County Holden.

Several bond also expected to way onto the ballot, including for a \$10.1 million county jail facility

\$11.1 million from the city Spring for a construction project

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Texas briefs

Man sentenced to 15 years in beating

JOURDANTON (AP) — A jury sentenced the estranged husband of Jourdanton's former mayor to 15 years in prison Monday for beating an elderly neighbor to death with a hammer in 2004.

James Franklin Reece, 39, had no visible reaction as the jury's verdict was announced. Jurors deliberated for three hours in the penalty phase. They convicted him of murder on Friday.

"I think they know they made a mistake," Reece said as he was led away, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its online edition Monday.

If the jury really believed he was responsible for the death of 73-year-old Bernice Evans, then he would have gotten a much higher sentence, Reece said. He admitted to helping dispose of the woman's body but blamed his estranged wife for Evans' death. After the sentencing, Reece said that if the 15-year punishment was for his role in moving the body, he could live with it, the newspaper reported.

Dewhurst wants every Texas school to have defibrillator

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst pledged Monday to push for a law that would require all public schools to have at least one automated external defibrillator on campus by the start of next school year.

Standing next to Matt Nader, a high school football player from Austin

whose life was saved by a portable defibrillator, Dewhurst said such devices are well worth the \$2,000 each one costs.

"You can't put a price tag on saving a child's life or a staff member's life," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate.

Public schools currently aren't required to have an AED on hand. A recent survey by the University Interscholastic League showed about 600 of its 1,300 member high schools have a device.

Baby kept in closet

ALICE (AP) — Authorities are trying to determine whether a baby kept by her mother in a bedroom closet was alive at birth.

A 20-year-old told Alice police she secretly gave birth on Thursday morning. The woman went to the hospital on Saturday night with the dead baby wrapped in a jacket.

The woman told investigators the baby was not crying when she was born. Autopsy results are pending on the infant girl.

Authorities believe the woman kept her pregnancy a secret.

"In the 29 years that I have been here I cannot recall an incident like this though it does bring a lot of attention to it," said Alice Police Chief Daniel Bueno. "There are a lot of questions to be answered," he said.

The district attorney's office will review the case.

Corpus Christi teen kills burglar in home

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 14-year-old boy shot and

killed a man who broke into his family's home Monday and threatened to kill him and his mother, Police Chief Bryan Smith said.

Smith said the man, whose name was not immediately known, confronted a woman as she was carrying groceries into her home shortly before 1 p.m.

The man forced her inside and tied her and her son up. Smith said the woman was able to loosen the binding and free her son, who got his father's revolver from a security box beneath a bed.

As the man tried to break into the room where the two were and threatened to kill them both, the teen fired a shot through the door and hit the intruder in the head, Smith said.

Brownsville man accused of abusing immigrant stepdaughter

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A judge denied bond Monday to a man accused of bringing his 14-year-old stepdaughter across the Texas-Mexico border illegally to get an education, but instead held her captive and sexually abused her.

The girl, who suffered "substantial bodily injury" during her approximate two months in captivity, has been returned to her mother in Matamoros, Mexico, police said.

The girl's mother approached a U.S. Customs officer on Oct. 2 on an international bridge near her home in Matamoros because she was worried that the girl's stepfather wasn't allowing any family to visit

her.

The girl was found the next day in a locked trailer in Brownsville. Police issued a warrant for the stepfather, Juan Miguel Medrano, and a tip led them to a relative's trailer home late Saturday where he was found hiding in a closet.

Magistrate Phil Bellamy denied bond for Medrano, a U.S. citizen, on Monday.

The girl, who is not being identified because she is a juvenile victim of sexual abuse, told detectives she had moved in with Medrano about six months ago but had been kept in the trailer, sometimes with her ankle chained, for about the last two months, arrest affidavits show.

Dallas asking residents to conserve water as drought lingers

DALLAS (AP) — City officials are asking residents and business owners to voluntarily conserve water in response to an 18-month drought that's taking a toll on the city's reservoirs.

Dallas enacted Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan on Tuesday, joining its neighbors in the North Texas Municipal Water District that are working to cope with low reservoirs.

"It's not a crisis, not a time to start worrying," Assistant City Manager Ramon Miguez said. "But it is of concern that we're now in a pattern of a year and a half or better where we're running behind on rainfall."

Under Stage 1 measures enacted for the next three months, residents are asked

to limit lawn watering to two specific days of the week. They're also asked to voluntarily reduce pool filling, car washing, filling of ornamental fountains, and watering of parks and golf courses.

The measures also request that restaurants and hotels not serve water or replace linens unless customers ask for the service.

Mexico's foreign secretary hopes to take fence dispute to U.N.

PARIS (AP) — Mexico's foreign secretary said Monday the country may take a dispute over U.S. plans to build a fence on the Mexican border to the United Nations.

Luis Ernesto Derbez told reporters in Paris, his first stop on a European tour, that a legal investigation was under way to determine whether Mexico has a case.

The Mexican government last week sent a diplomatic

note to Washington criticizing the plan for 700 miles of new fencing along the border. President-elect Felipe Calderon also denounced the plan, but said it was a bilateral issue that should not be put before the international community.

Derbez said Monday after meeting with French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy that it was a "shame" U.S. immigration policy had been used for what he claimed was a short-term political gain in the lead-up to midterm elections in the U.S. in November.

He said he discussed the issue with Douste-Blazy, and planned to bring it up in meetings with his Spanish and Italian counterparts.

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all of that."

For those that aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, Lindsey said trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including park-

ing areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay

late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.startonfolks.com."

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BALLOTS

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requesting a mail-out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election. Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

"We're hoping this will help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county," said Bloom.

Voters will have plenty of decisions to make in the Nov. 7 election, as local rancher and Democratic nominee Mark Barr squares off against Coahoma resident John Wayne Metcalf, who filed as a write-in candidate at the last minute, for the county judge seat.

Also a last-minute filer, local resident Erven Fisher will run as a write-in candidate for the Precinct 2 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court. Fisher will face incumbent Jerry Kilgore in the November contest.

Howard County resident Carl Lancaster also filed as a write-in candidate, in hopes of unseating Precinct 1 Constable Bill Holden.

Several bond issues are also expected to find their way onto the November ballot, including elections for a \$10.1 million-plus county jail facility; an \$11.1 million proposal from the city of Big Spring for a street reconstruction project and

sports and recreation complex; and a \$13.9 million improvements package from Coahoma Independent School District.

Both the Coahoma ISD and city of Big Spring bonds will give voters the option to choose different

combinations of projects. Early voting in the election will be held in the lobby of the county courthouse between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Oct. 23.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Note gubernatorial candidates' stance on deregulation

Anyone who opened an electricity bill this past summer got an eye-popping revelation. It took more dollars to cool a home this summer than it did last summer. One reason was the unrelenting Texas heat wave; another was the cost of natural gas. In Texas' deregulated power market, some electricity companies peg their prices to the price of natural gas, which last year rose sharply in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Natural gas prices have fallen since then, but electricity bills haven't, and consumers and others are asking why. Texas Public Utility Commission Chairman Paul Hudson recently called on electricity providers to step up competition and cut prices, adding that rates would drop 30 percent if electricity prices were based on today's natural gas prices, rather than on last year's record-high prices.

The PUC is also moving closer to opening an investigation into whether a power wholesaler manipulated energy supply and price last year, an investigation all the gubernatorial candidates say they welcome.

So, what are the candidates' solutions to electricity prices that are among the highest in the nation?

Gov. Rick Perry, who contends that deregulation is working and has saved residential customers more than \$2 billion in power costs, insists that deregulation will prove to be prudent public policy. He's certainly closer to being right than his challengers.

Deregulation has to have more time, and with the expiration this coming January of the last impediment to full-fledged competition the so-called price-to-beat benchmark that incumbent power suppliers like Reliant and TXU use to set prices consumers should see more aggressive competition for customers and ultimately more moderate bills.

Independent Kinky Friedman is the only candidate who is calling for the state to re-regulate electricity prices, a position that would turn the power industry in Texas into chaos and not guarantee more affordable electricity bills.

Democrat Chris Bell and Independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn are long on critique and short on solutions. Both say that deregulation hasn't worked and that the PUC caters to special power interests. They blame Mr. Perry for not acting swiftly enough to restore a fund that would have helped low-income ratepayers make ends meet a valid criticism. Neither offers a clear solution, though. Both wisely stop short of calling for re-regulating the state's electricity industry.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We send our thanks to You today, Lord, for loving us.  
Amen

## Real distractions and hypocrisy?

Do you remember how many times during the Clinton years Democrats told us everyone lies about sex and that Republicans were shamefully distracting the Clinton administration by harping on White House cover-ups about sex with an intern?

Well, we have far worse distractions now being promoted by Democrats about far less important matters and during far more dangerous times.

When Clinton was president he lamented, "I just want to get back to the work of the American people." That deserves to be echoed by Democrats today, because we need to have a genuine debate on the issues that really matter — the war against the jihadists, the economy, marriage and abortion, and other vital issues — before the November elections.

Will Democrats, if they regain control of either — or both — houses of Congress, use their new-found majority to further stifle the president's prosecution of the war on terror? Will they de-fund our soldiers in Iraq and demand a timetable for withdrawal? Their incessant criticisms of Iraq being "the wrong war, wrong place, wrong time" imply that they would.

Likewise, would the Democrats undo the partial reform measures aimed at sealing our borders? Would they try to roll back tax cuts? The public is entitled to know what the Republicans stand for and what the Democrats stand for, and the media is supposed to be the vehicle to make sure that we do. But the media seems uninterested in these issues. Their sole focus seems to be to try to embar-

ass, if not emasculate, President Bush and the Republicans and return the Democrats to power.

Don't tell me the media and the Democrats are morally outraged about any aspect of the Foley matter, because that dog just won't hunt. They have absolutely no moral standing to complain about anyone else's laxity over deviant sexual behavior.

You know the drill. You've read and heard the Democrats' sordid track record on these matters. They not only didn't condemn Democratic congressman Gerry Studds for his actual sex — not perverted flirting — with a page; they gave him ovations.

Congressman Barney Frank remains a respected Democrat even though an aide ran a prostitution ring out of Frank's apartment. The Democrats told us that Clinton's defilement of the Oval Office was a private matter. They champion the advancement of the radical homosexual agenda and safeguard partial birth abortion.

"No, no, no," they cry. This is about Republican hypocrisy. The GOP pretends to be the party of values and yet embroils itself in this salacious scandal.

But Republicans are not guilty of hypocrisy here — they immediately purged Foley when they discovered the extent of his disgraceful misconduct.

And if Speaker Dennis Hastert had dropped the axe on Foley earlier, based on what he was told about the initial e-mails, you can be sure that the ACLU, the gay lobby, and apparently indignant Democrats would have cried homophobia at the top of their lungs.

It's the Democrats who are the hypocrites. Here they are castigating Hastert for not taking action that they would otherwise describe as homophobia.

This should be a non-scandal

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## Where there's war, there's Kissinger

The Old War Criminal is back. I try not to hold grudges, but I must admit I have never lost one ounce of rancor toward Henry Kissinger, that cynical, slithery, self-absorbed pathological liar. He has all the loyalty and principle of Charles Talleyrand, whom Napoleon described as "a piece of dung in a silk stocking."

Come to think of it, Talleyrand looks pretty good compared to Kissinger, who always aspired to be Metternich (a 19th century Austrian diplomat). Just count the number of Americans and Vietnamese who died between 1969 and 1973, and see if you can find any indication he ever gave a damn.

As for Kissinger's getting the Nobel Peace Prize, it is a thing so wrong it has come to define wrongness — as in, "As weird as the time Henry Kissinger got the Nobel Peace Prize."

Tom Lehrer, who was a lovely political satirist, gave up satire after that blow.

The War Criminal's return is the only piece of news I have yet found in Bob Woodward's new book, and what amazes me is the reaction to the work. Gosh, gasp, imagine, Woodward says the war's a disaster!

People who know a lot more than Bob Woodward have been

saying the war's a disaster for years — because war is self-evidently a disaster. Why this is greeted as an annunciation from on high just because Woodward, the world's most establishment reporter, now says so is a mystery to me.

I have read snippets here and there suggesting the self-important chattering class of Washington is massively resistant to admitting they were wrong about Iraq, and that you only have credibility as a critic of the war if you were for it in the first place. I missed a logical link there. I know how vain the chattering classes are, but the majority of the American people has since come to conclude they were wrong about the war — and they say so without feeling disgraced.

What's wrong with the Washington press corps? Speaking of people who have trouble with the truth, here's a recent George W. line from two weeks ago I particularly prize: "There's kind of an urban myth here in Washington about how this administration hasn't stayed focused on Osama bin Laden. Forget it. It's convenient throwaway lines when people say that."

How do these urban myths get started? Perhaps with GWB on March 13, 2002: "I don't know where bin Laden is. ... You know ... I just don't spend that much time on him. ... I'll repeat what I said. I truly am not that concerned about him."

Or as Gen. Richard Myers, chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on April 6, 2002: "The goal (in Afghanistan) has never been to get bin Laden. ... The goal there was never (to go) after specific individuals." Donald Rumsfeld: Bin Laden has been "neutralized." And Vice President Cheney: "Bin Laden himself is not that big a threat."

And etc., etc. We got two straight years of quotes from officials all across the Bush administration pushing the idea that Osama bin Laden is just a minor player, we're not hunting him, the war on terror is a much larger deal, and so on and so forth. You know, it's one thing to tell a whopper yourself — it's adding insult to injury to call the people who point this out liars themselves.

A half-hour documentary about Granny D (Doris Haddock) will be playing throughout October on various PBS channels around the country.

Granny D, the crusader for campaign finance reform, who hiked across the country at age 90, is now 96, and the documentary of her work is inspiring.

She's such an adorably "sweet old lady" that one forgets how tough she has been and how consistent she has been.

You want to know where to get the strength, courage and optimism to keep fighting for change? Listen to Granny D. More at www.grannyd.com.

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The October morning was cool and crisp as the groundskeeper drove to work. Keeping the greens and fairways in prime condition meant watering long before the golfers were allowed to play. As the sun's rays highlighted the top of the poles and netting near the driving range, the employee noticed the flapping of wings.

The netted structure had been erected to prevent numerous golf balls from finding their way across the street and into neighborhood windows, yards, and windshields. On this occasion the netting had prevented a great horned owl from pursuing his nightly hunt. As the bird hung upside down and struggled, the groundskeeper stopped his truck and called his boss.

Assuring the employer that he would call the game warden, the manager learned that this authority was in a box in the middle of Lake Colorado City. The warden told him he would call the "bird people" Big Spring to come rescue the owl. Impatient with any delay, the manager then called the sheriff's office. Soon law enforcement was at the scene. The situation required someone from animal control, so a dog was placed.

Meanwhile, the game warden radioed us to get to Stanton quickly as possible. \$ it would take us about minutes, we urged the warden to demand that if anyone were able to free the owl from the netting, it not be released.



## TWO

There once were friends who do just about anything for each other. They were great friends. They have a good friend who is your friend's name. You have more than one good friend? Remember to have a good friend, you have to be a good friend. Are you a good friend?

One of the friends was called Wyatt. The other was called Flagler. Wyatt and Flagler have known each other for a very long time. They are all grown up now. But they still see each other every day. They are together. They are people like you and I. A train engine. Flagger. Wyatt is thing you will see. See a big train. Wyatt has a great so he can see in business and so you

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**Bird Poop:**

**A great horned owl overcomes its golf course encounter**

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Meanwhile, the game warden radioed us with a plea to get to Stanton as quickly as possible. Since it would take us about 25 minutes, we urged the warden to demand that, if anyone were able to free the owl from the netting, it not be released.

Without knowing how long the great horned owl had been suspended by its legs, we anticipated some damage to muscles, tendons, and possibly its wings. Closing the conversation, I repeated, "Under no circumstances is that owl to be released."

Calling the sheriff to say we were in route, the warden sternly repeated, "DO NOT let anyone release that owl until the McCaslands have examined it. They should be there shortly."

Told to report to the sheriff's office, we anticipated the work ahead. However, with the help of the local electric company, an animal control officer had already managed to free the owl from the netting. "One of their guys got tore up pretty bad," added a deputy.

We related that in our rescue efforts, injuries are expected. Talons can inflict severe damage and the owl has the capability and strength to bite off a finger. Equipment and knowledge of how an owl, or any bird, might react are our best defense. It was unfortunate that an animal control officer was injured; he was to be commended for the rescue.

Another deputy entered the foyer with a large cardboard box. The owl had been contained and was quiet. After expressing our gratitude to both animal control and the sheriff's deputies, we brought the owl back to Big Spring.

Unable to stand, the great horned owl refused to eat. The stress of its ordeal and its new environment were intimidating. Mincing mice and feeding it one bite at a time that night, we were able to provide enough sustenance for the bird to start regaining its strength. If the owl had been released immediately after its rescue from



Courtesy photo

As a great horned owl glides through the night hunting prey, it does not let size limit its menu. Jackrabbits, Canada geese, turkeys and even other owls respect its prowess.

the netting, it might have flown away, but landing and catching its food would have been impossible. The bird would have been in great danger from another owl, or mammal.

After about 36 hours, the owl finally stood. The bruising and trauma to its legs would take time to heal. The second night the bird, on its own, readily ate the mice placed in its carrier. The next day the great

horned was taken to South Plains Wildlife Center in Lubbock.

For 10 days, the owl exercised in its own well and dined on rabbit and mice. The manager felt it was then time for the bird to be released back in its own area. After returning with the owl, and waiting until early evening, we drove seven miles north of Stanton. A dirt road through miles

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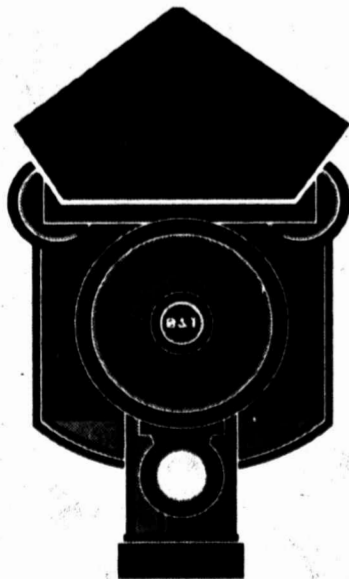
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**TWO FRIENDS, WYATT AND FLAGLER MAKE MORE FRIENDS**

There once were two friends who would do just about anything for each other. They were great friends. Do you have a good friend? What is your friend's name? Do you have more than one good friend? Remember, to have a good friend, you have to be a good friend. Are you a good friend?



One of the friends was called Wyatt. The other was called Flagler. Wyatt and Flagler have known each other for a very long time. They are all grown up now. But they still see each other every day. They even work together. They are not people like you and I. Wyatt is a train engine. Flagler is a caboose. Wyatt is the first thing you will see when you see a big train coming. Wyatt has a great big light so he can see in the darkness and so you can see

him. Wyatt also has a very loud horn. Have you ever heard a train engine horn? They are very loud, aren't they. Wyatt is so glad that his horn is the loudest of them all. He can tell you he is coming from a very long distance and this will give you lots of time to move out of his way, for he can't stop too quickly.

Flagler loved being a caboose. Do you know what a caboose might be? Have you ever seen a little caboose? Would you like to ride in a caboose one day? I am sure Flagler would let you ride with him if you asked him very nicely. Flagler could always hear Wyatt as he started up his big engine. Flagler could always hear Wyatt when he blew that horn, too. Wyatt would always keep telling Flagler that everything was

looking just fine way up in front of them. Flagler would always tell Wyatt that everything was looking just fine behind them. They took good care of each other just as all good friends do.

They carried people sometimes on their cars. Sometimes, they would carry bicycles for good little boys and girls. Then, sometimes they would carry animals. They even carried elephants once. Elephants are very big and heavy. These were not just everyday elephants you see everywhere, but these were circus elephants. Big, circus elephants! Big, heavy, circus elephants.

The circus was coming to town! Everybody loves a circus. Have you ever been to a circus? What animals did you see? It was the day before the circus. The pretty circus tents were all standing so proudly. The music machines were making their circus music. You could almost smell cotton candy in the air. Everything was looking very good until—rain! It started raining. It rained some more, then more! The ground was wet

now. Finally the rain stopped. Now the circus trucks can go to the last

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town they were in and load up the elephants. Oh no! the trucks are stuck in the mud. What can they do? What will they do? You can't have a circus without elephants.

Wyatt and Flagler knew what they had to do. Wyatt fired off his big engine. Flagler looked both ways to be sure it was safe to start moving. He told Wyatt to "Go!" Wyatt pulled out of his station, very slowly at first, then faster and faster. Flagler had never seen Wyatt go so fast. He had to really hold on. They even went fast over Durthick's Hill, a very big high mountain.

Very soon, they were in the other town where all the circus elephants were. The circus manager asked all of the elephants to jump on board this train named Wyatt and please hurry because they had to be

ready for the circus tomorrow. Soon, all were on board. Flagler waved his tiny little light at Wyatt. Wyatt saw the signal and with a mighty roar of his engine, rolled on down the tracks, toward the circus. "Maybe the kids will still have a circus," he thought as he ran faster and faster.

All was well until he came across Durthick's Hill again. Then, Wyatt ran slower and slower, and slower. He was trying as hard as his little engine would go but those elephants were just too heavy. Wyatt could not get to the top of that hill! But, those elephants were all circus elephants and they were very smart. They knew what to do!

One by one, they climbed off of Wyatt's back, then walked to the back of the train where Flagler had been wishing he was an engine too, so he could help his friend, Wyatt. "Hold on tight," the elephants said to Flagler, as they put their trunks next to him and started pushing the train. It moved! It moved some more! It moved all the way to the top of Durthick's Hill. Wyatt put on his brakes and told

the elephants, "Thank You."

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for your help. Jump back up on my back and we will get rolling again. I will never forget your helping me."

Down Durthick's Hill they flew. Very soon they were at the circus. The rain had stopped completely. The mud was drying up. The circus tents were still looking very proud. It was time for "THE BIG SHOW!"

Wyatt and Flagler watched the circus animals and the clowns. They loved all of the circus. Everyone at the circus loved them, too. They made lots of new friends that day.

The circus is over. The tents are down. The elephants are being loaded on their trucks once again. The clowns are gone, too. Don't be sad. They will come again next year. I hope it doesn't rain. But for now, Wyatt and Flagler are both very tired and said, "Good Night."

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NATION AND WORLD BRIEFS

U.N. weighs

N. Korea sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The world lined up against North Korea on Monday for staging a nuclear test denounced even by key allies. President Bush called it "a threat to international peace and security," and the U.N. Security Council weighed severe sanctions to punish the impoverished communist nation.

There was no talk of military action. But the Security Council quickly condemned North Korea's decision to flout a U.N. appeal to cancel the test after the reclusive regime announced it had set off an underground atomic explosion.

Russia was the only country to say it had "no doubts" over the North Korean claim. The U.S. and other experts said the explosion was smaller than expected and they had yet to confirm it was nuclear.

But the reaction of world governments reflected little doubt that they were treating the announcement as fact.

The 15-nation council

urged Pyongyang to return to stalled talks, refrain from further tests and keep its pledge to scrap its clandestine weapons program.

Papers: CIA knew about bomb plot

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — An anti-Castro militant now in a Texas jail warned the CIA months before the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner that fellow exiles were planning such an attack, according to a newly released U.S. government document.

The document shows that Luis Posada Carriles — who had worked for the CIA but was cut off by the agency earlier that year — was secretly telling the CIA that his fellow far-right Cuban exiles opposed to Fidel Castro's communist government were plotting to bring down a commercial jet.

The document does not say what the CIA did with Posada's tip. A CIA spokesman said he had no comment on Monday, a federal holiday.

The CIA had extensive

contacts with anti-Castro militants and trained some of them, but has denied involvement in the bombing.

Demos assail Bush over security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats seized on North Korea's brazen act to criticize President Bush's record in confronting the communist regime, contending the administration's focus on Iraq ignored legitimate threats.

Democratic Sen. John Kerry, the president's rival in 2004 and a potential 2008 candidate, assailed Bush's policy as a "shocking failure," and said, "While we've been bogged down in Iraq where there were no weapons of mass destruction, a madman has apparently tested the ultimate weapon of mass destruction."

One month before midterm elections, North

Korea's reported nuclear test provided Republicans an opportunity to shift the focus from their embarrassing — and politically explosive — congressional page scandal to national security, an issue the GOP considers its strength.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate's second-ranking Republican, accused Democrats of playing partisan politics with a nuclear weapons threat. "Listening to some Democrats, you'd think the enemy was George Bush, not Kim Jong Il," he said.

Death squads claim more victims

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Authorities found the mutilated bodies of 60 men in Baghdad in the 24 hours ending Tuesday morning, likely the latest victims of sectarian death squads.

The bullet-riddled bod-

ies all had their hands and feet bound and showed signs of torture — hallmarks of death-squad killings, police 1st Lt. Mohamed Khayon said.

The victims were from 20 to 50 years old, and their bodies had been

dumped in several neighborhoods.

Sectarian death squads have killed thousands in recent months and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is coming under increased pressure to find an end to the violence.

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♦10 7 2  
♣K Q 9 6

WEST

♦9 4 2  
♥9 7 5 2  
♦K J 8 4  
♣5 3

SOUTH

♦A 6  
♥K Q 10 8 3  
♦Q 5  
♣A J 10 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ Pass 1♣ Pass

2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass

3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Assume you're East, defending

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diamond, which you win with the

ace, and you return a diamond to

partner's king. Partner continues with

the jack, and declarer ruffs.

South plays a low heart to

dummy's jack, and it is at this point

that the outcome hangs in the

balance. If you take the ace, declarer

makes the contract; if you duck, he

goes down one.

Let's say you win the jack with the

ace, as most players would do. If you

return a diamond, declarer ruffs in

dummy and scores the rest of the

tricks; if you return anything else,

declarer likewise makes the rest.

Now let's assume you duck the

jack of hearts, as you should. What

can South then do to bring home the

contract? If he leads another trump,

you win with the ace and return your

last diamond. If declarer ruffs, he

will have only one trump left to

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Quarterback C... meeting sched...

Big Spring School's Quarterback Club will meet Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, booster club's president, encourages all players ages 8 through 12, and fans to attend the game.

For more information call Tissue at 816-...

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior League continues Figure 7 Tennis on Tuesday.

The league, open to players ages 8 through 12, is held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Players should bring their own racquet. One will be provided when available.

Golf tournament Comanche Trail

Family and friends of Juan Ortega will host a benefit golf tournament to help pay medical expenses for Mr. Ortega.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, there will be a scramble (pick-up team) at Comanche Trail Golf Course that is open to all.

Entry fee will be \$25.00 per man and include meal.

For additional information call Linda at (432) 264-2366, or her email Linda@CTCG.com

Ladies Steer Bo... Club Meeting

Big Spring School's Ladies Steer Booster will meet Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

Leslie Whitte, booster club's vice president, encourages parents of BSHS Steers players to attend.

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AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 team Associated Press Football Poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Oct. 9.

- Ohio St. (63)
- Florida
- USC
- Michigan
- W. Va. (2)
- Texas
- Louisville
- Tennessee
- Notre Dame
- California
- Auburn
- Clemson
- Ga. Tech
- Iowa
- Georgia
- Arkansas
- Oregon
- Missouri
- Boise St.
- Nevada
- Va. Tech
- Oklahoma
- Rutgers
- Wisconsin

Others teams with votes: Boston College (1), Florida St. (25), Miami (13), Penn State (12), Washington State (11), Utah State (10), Tech (9), BYU (8).

## IN BRIEF

### Quarterback Club meeting scheduled

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

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### Golf tournament at Comanche Trail

Family and friends of Juan Ortega will be hosting a benefit tournament to help with medical expenses for Mr. Ortega.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, there will be a 4-man scramble (pick your team) at the Comanche Trail Golf Course that is scheduled to tee off at 9 a.m. for a shotgun start.

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### Ladies Steer Booster Club Meeting

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### AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll with number of first-place votes in parentheses and season records through Oct. 9.

1. Ohio St. (63)	6-0
2. Florida	6-0
3. USC	5-0
4. Michigan	6-0
5. W. Va. (2)	5-0
6. Texas	5-1
7. Louisville	5-0
8. Tennessee	5-1
9. Notre Dame	5-1
10. California	5-1
11. Auburn	5-1
12. Clemson	5-1
13. Ga. Tech	5-1
15. Iowa	5-1
16. Georgia	5-1
17. Arkansas	4-1
18. Oregon	4-1
19. Missouri	6-0
20. Boise St.	6-0
21. Nebraska	5-1
22. Va. Tech	4-1
23. Oklahoma	3-2
24. Rutgers	5-0
25. Wisconsin	5-1

Others teams receiving votes: Boston College 79, Florida St. 25, Miami 13, UCLA 13, Penn St. 10, Washington 9, Pittsburgh 8, O. State 7, Texas Tech 5, BYU 1, Wake

# Broncos blast Ravens, 13-3



Photo By Bryan Oller/Baltimore Sun/MCT  
Denver Broncos safety John Lynch, left, crushes Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis during first quarter action at Mile High Stadium in Denver. The Broncos defeated the Ravens 13-3.

By PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — All through Baltimore's 4-0 start, Steve McNair had lived up to his billing as the antithesis of a typical Ravens quarterback: experienced, workmanlike, a savvy game manager who would avoid mistakes and let the Baltimore defense shine.

Until he lobbed a pass to the corner of the end zone where Champ Bailey was lurking, that is.

The Denver Broncos, it turns out, know a little about defense themselves, derailing the Ravens with a 13-3 win Monday night made possible by three interceptions including Bailey's leaping pick in the end zone just before halftime.

"You can't expect to win the game on just three points," said McNair, who completed 20-of-34 passes for only 165 yards. "I didn't manage the game as well as I should have. I take the blame for this one."

Just as well, since everyone was crediting McNair's steady hand-paired with a Ravens defense that's still among the NFL's most intimidating- for Baltimore's fast start.

After the game, the

Broncos (3-1) were still bemoaning what they perceive as a lack of respect. Despite allowing only one touchdown all season, the Denver defense feels disrespected: All week long they heard about how the Baltimore Ravens were the industry standard.

According to Williams, a Baltimore player even called the Broncos' defense "soft" in a newspaper story.

"We've got a tough defense," Williams said. "That got us pumped up when they said we were 'soft.' We were like, 'We're going to show them who's soft.'"

Turns out, the Broncos showed everybody.

"Our defense has been pretty consistent this year," Mike Shanahan said. "Hopefully we can continue to play the defense we've been playing."

The combination of cold, rainy weather and two defenses out to prove they're the best around turned the game into mostly a field-goal contest. Matt Stover connected from 24 yards in the first quarter to give the Ravens an early 3-0 lead. Jason Elam kicked a 43-yard field goal in the second quarter.

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# Sooners brought out tough side of No. 6 ranked Longhorns

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown has found his team's identity at mid-season.

It surfaced in a come-from-behind, rock 'em, sock 'em 28-10 win over rival Oklahoma in which the Longhorns delivered the game's hardest hits and made the biggest plays.

"Toughness," Brown said Monday. "For them to come out in the second half like they did is a huge moment that gives them the possibility, if they keep playing like that, to be really good, to have a chance to have a special year."

How tough No. 6 Texas (5-1, 2-0 Big 12) and freshman quarterback Colt McCoy would be this season was a cause for concern after a 24-7 home loss to Ohio State.

And against the Sooners, McCoy and the offense sputtered in the second quarter as Oklahoma rallied to a 10-7 lead. Sooners running

back Adrian Peterson was just getting rolling and the Longhorns looked desperate.

"I wasn't happy" at halftime, Brown said. "(But) I've been around too long to scream. I told the coaches and the team the next 30 minutes would define this team."

The turnaround was immediate.

The defense forced the Sooners to punt on their first possession of the third. McCoy connected with Limas Sweed for a 33-yard touchdown and the lead. Texas' next drive covered 79 yards to McCoy's second TD pass that made it 21-10.

"We really had to come together," McCoy said. "I was just glad to see the team respond."

One run by McCoy illustrated just how dominant Texas was after halftime. Needing 1 yard for a first down on the second drive, McCoy bulled for 6 on a quarterback sneak as his line drove a pile of defenders backward.

"It pumps you up when

you're running the ball and you're pounding that rock," said guard Kasey Studdard.

Given a two-score cushion, the defense took over with jarring hits and smooth open field tackling on Peterson that never let him get untracked. Peterson gained only 38 yards in the second half.

"Coach (Darrell) Royal called me on the bus right after the game and said he thought it was as physical of a Texas-OU game as he's seen, and he's seen a lot of them," Brown said. "It was one of those in-your-face games: Here it is. Stop it. And they did."

The defense forced four turnovers in the second half. Aaron Ross had two interceptions and recovered a fumble in the end zone for the final touchdown.

"What the offense did in the third quarter sent a message to us to go out and get the job done," said strong safety Michael Griffin.



Photo By Sharon M. Steinhilber/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT  
Brian Robison (39) tries on the Golden Hat trophy after the Texas-Oklahoma College Football game. Texas won 28-10.

So Texas is tough now, something the coaches weren't sure of a month ago.

"We talked about trying

to have a team that handled challenges and overcame them. You can't

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# T.O. won't be getting a new QB

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Like it or not, Terrell Owens will still be catching passes from Drew Bledsoe this week.

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells stood by his quarterback Monday, instead blaming the offensive line for most of Bledsoe's mistakes in a 38-24 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm not switching the quarterback," Parcells said. "I don't think that's the answer right this minute. ... Let's try to get some of the things corrected (on the line) and we'll go from there."

Bledsoe threw three interceptions Sunday, the last on a pass to the end zone that could've tied the game in the final minute, but wound up going 102 yards the other way.

He also set up an early field goal for the Eagles with a fumble. That turnover came on the first of his seven sacks.

"He was under pretty good duress," Parcells said. "The majority of the easy

sacks they had were mental mistakes."

Owens was none too pleased with the way things went in what he expected to be a breakout game against the team and town that dumped him last season.

After months of anticipation, Owens had to wait until the third quarter for his first catch. He finished with three receptions for 45 yards. More notable were his antics on the sideline, although his jawing at teammates and coaches supposedly involved shouts of encouragement.

"He was just trying to get us going," said right guard Marco Rivera, among those Owens was seen yelling at. "He basically said, 'We're going to win this game.' ... I just feel that he really wanted to show the world what T.O. was all about and he didn't get that chance."

Parcells' explanation for Owens' lack of activity? Double coverage.

"They were taking him out of the

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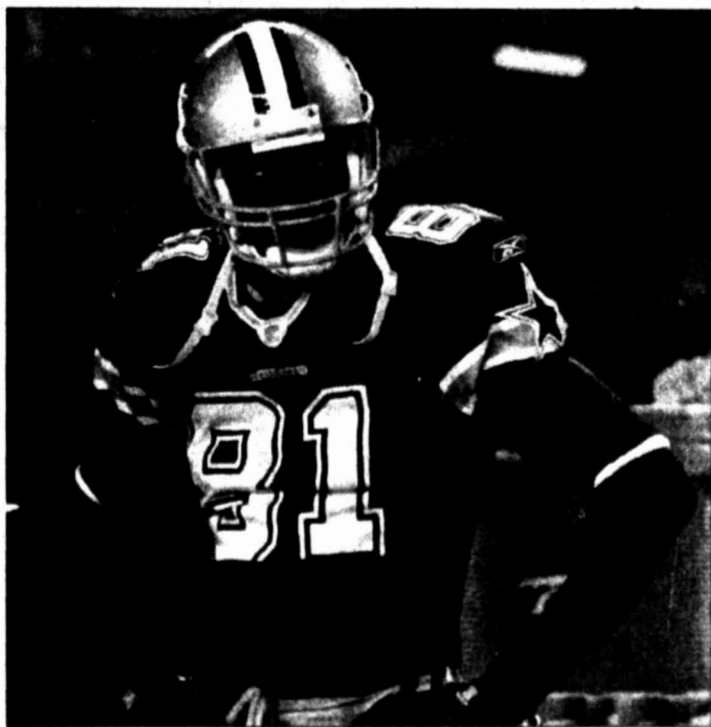


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A frustrated Terrell Owens (81) watches the action against the Philadelphia Eagles.

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# Baylor - yes, Baylor faces showdown with Texas

**By MURRAY EVANS**  
Associated Press Writer  
**OKLAHOMA CITY** — When the Big 12 Conference South Division co-leaders meet Saturday, Texas' involvement won't be a surprise. Most folks pegged the Longhorns as one of the league's elite teams before the season. But their opponent in the showdown in Austin might catch some off guard: Baylor. Those are the same Bears that went

8-72 in Big 12 play during the past 10 seasons and have finished outside of last place in the six-team division exactly once — last season, when they ended up fifth. But the Bears (3-3, 2-0) opened conference this year with a 17-3 win over Kansas State, then followed that with a 34-31 victory in triple overtime at winless Colorado. Sixth-ranked Texas (5-1, 2-0) is favored by nearly 30 points, but Baylor's start

has, if nothing else, added an interesting wrinkle to what usually has been a midseason blowout. "They've got our attention now," Texas coach Mack Brown said Monday during the weekly Big 12 coaches' teleconference. "They've got better players." Brown noted Baylor has improved in recent years under coach Guy Morriss, who left one rebuilding job at Kentucky before the 2003 season for another

in Waco. Two years ago, the Bears won in overtime at Texas A&M. Last year, they lost to Texas A&M and Oklahoma in two more overtime affairs en route to a 5-6 finish. "They're winning a lot more games," Brown said. "Guy has done a good job. ... They could have easily won seven or eight games last year. Our players will be excited about Baylor coming to town and the challenge."

Such a statement might have sounded like merely coachspeak two weeks ago. "I think we're gaining some respect from opponents," Morriss said. "That's something our kids talk about. We obviously use that as a motivational factor as well. I don't believe people just look at us like an automatic win anymore."

## OWENS

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game and so we didn't get him involved as much as we would have liked to," Parcels said. "They put two guys over there. It's hard to force the ball over there." Parcels said Philadelphia had two defenders committed to Owens a "pretty good percentage" of the game, more than other teams Dallas (2-2) has faced. He added that Owens is still adjusting to the offense, which is why his timing with Bledsoe may still be off. "I think there's some things he is trying to still gain an understanding of here," Parcels said. Bledsoe is in his second season with the Cowboys and sixth with Parcels. So the coach certainly knows all about how prone the quarterback is to sacks and interceptions. But Parcels let Bledsoe off the hook this time because there was plenty of blame to go around. He

said missed blocks led to three or four of the sacks and receivers being "completely covered" factored into two or three others. The missed blocks angered Parcels the most because they came on blitzes Dallas had seen from Philadelphia before — thus, players should've known what to expect. He never implicated anyone, but most problems seemed to come from the left side of the line, particularly tackle Flozell Adams. Parcels also refused to consider crowd noise as a factor "because there's not much communication involved." "This is recognition," he said. "You got to see this." As for the interceptions, Parcels noted Bledsoe's arm was hit on the first one. The other two were operator error: an underthrown pass when Owens had the defense beaten for a likely touchdown, and a throw straight to Philadelphia's Lito Sheppard when the defense prevented tight end Jason Witten from getting to where Bledsoe expected. "Hopefully in that situation, we

throw it out of the end zone and have two more shots at it," Parcels said. "For some reason, we didn't." There aren't enough of those reasons for Parcels to consider turning to unproven backup Tony Romo. "Not right at this moment, no," Parcels said. How long will he stick with Bledsoe? "As long as I feel like going, OK?" he said. Parcels wasn't at all defensive about rookie safety Pat Watkins, who was burned on a 60-yard pass to L.J. Smith, failed to tackle Hank Baskett on an 87-yard touchdown pass, and was caught out of position on a 40-yard flea-flicker touchdown for Reggie Brown. Parcels said he expects rookies to make mistakes, but with Watkins "it was more than I expected." Parcels didn't say whether Watkins will start Sunday against Houston. The position could get interesting as veteran Marcus Coleman is eligible to return this week from a suspension.

## BRONCOS

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ond quarter and then a 44-yarder with 8:03 remaining in the fourth quarter to give the Broncos a 6-3 lead. The Broncos put the game away on Rod Smith's 4-yard touchdown grab, which was set up by Williams' interception. Plummer's rainbow pass into the corner of the end zone with 1:55 left — unlike the one Baltimore tried Bailey's way earlier in the game — was Smith's first touchdown of the season. With a 6-3 lead, the Broncos could've sent Elam on for another kick. But besides icing the game, Shanahan's call for the fade pass to the corner sent a subtle message: We're not afraid of your defense. "We saw on film that we had the chance to get the fade there," said quarterback Jake Plummer, who was 13-for-24 for 106 yards and one interception. "I just threw it up there for Rod."

interception. "They could've easily gotten three points and gone into halftime with a three-point lead. That might have been the end of the game right there." Baltimore's Trevor Pryce didn't have much to say all week as he prepared to play his old team. Pryce, who was released in the offseason,

only had one tackle against the Broncos. "The loss hurts, but I really don't care who it is against," he said. "They are just another football team. The thing is, they are a great football team. They always have been. They were before I got there and they are now that I'm gone."

As for the loss, it won't be weighing on Pryce's mind for long. "We're 4-1," he said. "What's there to complain about?"

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## Kats

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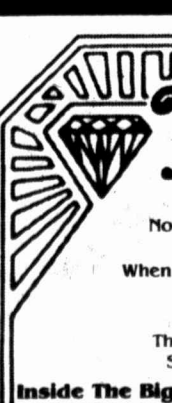
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# Kats crush Hart Saturday night, roll to 72-6 win

By ALEX HALFFMAN  
Special to the Herald  
GARDEN CITY — In area high school six man

football action, the No. 2 ranked Garden City Bearkats continued their winning ways Saturday

with a 72-6 romping of the Hart Longhorns. The game ended at halftime due to the 45 point mercy rule.

The Bearkats were led by senior quarterback Evan Jansa who took over the signal calling after senior Alex Halfmann suffered a season-ending injury in the previous week's 60-14 win over Lorenzo. In his first start at quarterback, Jansa kept the 'Kats' high powered offense in tune going 5 of 8 for 102 yards and two touchdowns through the air.

On the receiving end of Jansa's passes, seniors Taylor Niehues and Jared Bradford came up big with a touchdown catch

apiece. The ground game was equally efficient as the Bearkats were never denied paydirt. Big runs from Bo Eggemeyer, Jared Bradford, Colton Schwartz and Sam Long kept the 'Kats' moving. Junior Nick Sanchez got in on the action as well adding the final touchdown to the board with a 5 yard toss to senior Cade Halfmann.

Defensively, the Kats remained stout, allowing only 39 yards of total offense and no first downs. The 'Horns lone score came with 8:18 left in the second quarter with a kickoff return for 72 yards, missing the PAT. The 'Horns made the score 48-6. Senior leadership

prevailed defensively, with numerous tackles and big hits from Colton Schwartz, Blaine Walker, Cade Halfmann, Jason Flores and Luis Zuniga.

The depth on the 'Kats' roster once again benefited the team with offensive and defensive plays from seniors Ryan Machicek, Chase O'Brien and juniors Pancho Zuniga and Ryan Alvarado.

The 'Kats' kicking game remained impressive with senior Taylor Niehuse racking up 9 extra points, resulting in 18 points. The Bearkats (6-0) will be on the road Friday, as they begin district play against the Sands Mustangs.

## HORNS

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script that until it happens, and it didn't happen against Ohio State," Brown said. Over the next three weeks, the Longhorns will face resurgent Baylor at home for the surprising lead in the Big XII South, then travel to face ranked Nebraska and Texas Tech in Lubbock. Brown said he'll talk to his team about treating the next stretch of games like a new season.

"There will be another stage in this team's life this weekend to see how they handle the win," Brown said.

The Baylor game will be nationally televised on TBS this Saturday night.



HERALD Photo By JAMES SCHWARTZ  
Garden City's defense was as good as billed Saturday night, as they swarmed the ball. No. 14, Ryan Alvarado and No. 17, Colton Schwartz bring down the ball carrier after a short gain.

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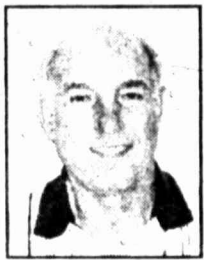
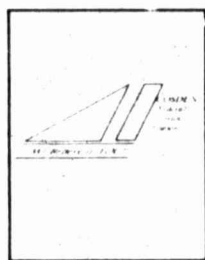
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# Pigskin Picks Football Contest



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**Pigskin Picks Entry Form**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored

**UCLA at Oregon**

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon in Gemini is a talkative time. In many of today's cases, the point of conversation is probably not apparent in the words, which indeed may seem particularly pointless now. But the dance of language connects us in important ways. Uranus throws a radical idea or two into the mix just for fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The way karma comes back full circle delights you. Your faith in the justice of the universe is restored. Now, onto the next adventure. It probably includes a Scorpio person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Franklin D. Roosevelt once wrote Winston

Churchill. "It's fun to be in the same decade as you." You feel a similar sentiment about someone you greatly admire. Maybe it's time to write this person a letter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Empathy is one of your most endearing qualities, but it opens you up to all manners of emotional manipulation. You're only responsible for your own happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many things can be accomplished virtually, but this is one day when your success depends on you showing up in the flesh. Tonight, someone gives to you openly, from the heart and without hesitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars favor expedient solutions. If you can fit your problem into a single sentence, short enough to be written on a business card, you can solve it by 4 p.m.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Finances are looking up. Delays and restrictions have been the norm for the past few weeks, but the check has finally arrived. A tardy birthday gift could find its way to you, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing dull about this day. It's as though the universe is deliberately throwing down a challenge in order to bring out the liveliest response in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of spinning your wheels, plant your heels on an ottoman. There are numerous benefits to doing nothing. If you try, you can do nothing passionately, almost actively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're trying to make a dysfunctional situation work. Others have done it before you -- use the library or go online to find out how they did. Cancer and Libra people are good sources.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars represent a mixed bag of high life and low life, old ways and new ways, destruction and creation. Hold on to your intention of taking it all in, without taking offense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes you act on impulse, but more often you act on second thought. In matters of romance, you benefit from doing the former, but in business you're better off doing the latter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You feel as if you're working at cross-purposes with a certain man. The conflict could, in the end, enlighten you, so don't shy away from it. With poise and diplomacy, all is made right.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo considering marrying a Pisces. I was married to another Pisces, and it didn't work out. My last husband had a selfish streak

and compulsive behaviors. I don't see any selfishness in my current love, but am concerned that Pisces people are just not for me. What do you think?"

Virgo holds her potential mates up to as high a standard as she can envision. As you've matured, your ideas about what is acceptable in a mate have gotten more specific and numerous. Your relationship with this Pisces will be better for being held to your new standard. In many ways, you'll be the leader in this relationship just as you were with your last husband. It's important to practice what you preach. The best way to create the kind of loving and mutually supportive environment you seek is to model what you wish to get back from your husband. Pisces people are open-minded, sensitive and will comfort you in ways nobody else can. But

never bully a Pisces man, or he'll retaliate in a way that'll drive you bonkers.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Boston-bred Oscar winner Matt Damon keeps a low Hollywood profile and yet continues to build an A-list reputation. This Libran artist builds on his body of work with upcoming sequels "Ocean's 13," "Star Trek XI" and "The Bourne Ultimatum." However, I predict it'll be the Robert De Niro-directed "The Good Shepherd" that will bring Damon another Academy Award.

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## Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 15 and a sophomore in high school. Recently, I've been a bit worried that I might suffer from depression, but I don't want to bring it up to my parents unless I'm 100 percent sure. It would be horrible of me to worry them when I don't actually have depression, not to mention how embarrassing that would be.

To tell the truth, I had to pull up all my courage to send this letter. Is there any way I can find out without upsetting my parents? — Tired in Toledo

Dear Tired: Here are some symptoms to look for: depressed or irritable mood, persistent sadness, crying, loss of interest in activities you used to enjoy, less interest in your friends, development of an eating disorder or a change in appetite, difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep, difficulty concentrating, difficulty making decisions, substance abuse, cutting, obsession with death.

Some depression can be a normal, temporary response to teenage stress and hormones, or a reaction to a disturbing event, such as breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, the death of someone important to you or failing in school. The time to worry is when these symptoms last more than a couple of weeks. Please talk to your parents about your feelings. They'll want to know. You also can discuss it with your school counselor and check out [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org) for more information.

Dear Annie: I have been living with "Noah" for nearly two years, and we recently purchased a home together. Yesterday, in the garage, I found some "lingerie" photos of a previous girlfriend. I am hurt and confused. Why would he keep pictures that are 10 years old — in our home?

I asked Noah the same question, and now he is mad at me for snooping. He said I violated his privacy and he can't trust ME! He claims he forgot the pictures were there. I am pretty sure that when we moved into this house, he put them away. He must have seen them. I am so upset I can't think straight. What should I do? — Hurt & Confused

Dear Hurt: We're going to ask you to do something difficult — forget you ever saw those pictures and don't mention them again. They're in the garage, packed up and out of sight. Noah proba-



KATHY MITCHELL  
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bly doesn't look at them at all and might have forgotten the pictures had you not reminded him of their existence. These photos are simply a part of his life before he knew you, and he is entitled to them. As long as they remain boxed up in the garage, such pictures do not threaten your relationship, so please don't make an issue of it.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Two Sad, Lonely and Hopeless Parents," who had to keep working to support their grown son and his family. My parents also bailed my brother out of various money problems, but he never seemed to get ahead. My parents died without knowing what would become of him.

My brother is a very nasty drunk and tried to treat me the way he treated my parents. I walked out of his life and wouldn't let him be around my family or me. My sister

still is upset with me for this. Left to his own devices, however, my brother has become a responsible truck driver. He still has a long way to go, but he's getting there, slowly but surely.

Someday, I hope to have a relationship with my brother again, although it won't be anytime soon, as he is still angry with me. He thought he could continue doing stupid things and I would always be there. I wish him well and don't care if he hates me for the rest of his life, as long as he learns to stand on his own two feet. — Big Sister

Dear Sister: Tough love certainly worked in this situation. We hope your brother realizes soon that you did what you thought was best for him.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are at our wits' end regarding my mother and stepdad. They have recently moved into our neighborhood, just one street behind our home, and are driving our friends and neighbors nuts.

My stepdad, "Jim," is very outgoing, but he butts into everyone's life. He couldn't care less whether his comments are welcome. Mom is rather scatterbrained and says nonsensical things from time to time, usually in a drunken state. By the way, they both are in their late 50s and drink to excess. They also are very self-centered, brag about

what they own, where they have traveled and how they know everything. Everyone is tired of hearing it over and over, and we've told them so, to no avail.

Our friends could tolerate Mom and Jim when they came to occasional parties and barbecues (usually uninvited), but now no one can escape because they live so close. The two of them were practically driven out of the retirement community they previously lived in. All their neighbors hated them and made no bones about it.

My older sister lives 60 miles away and just laughs about it. She rarely visits. My husband and I are considering moving closer to my father and stepmom, despite the distance. Dad and his wife have always been there for us. Still, I am a little ashamed to feel this way about my mother. Please help. — Fences Are Not Enough

Dear Fences: Moving away might not help if Mom is determined to live near you, and you shouldn't have to dig up stakes every time she gets too close. You are not responsible for Mom's unpleasant behavior, and her drinking is undoubtedly a huge factor. Do as much socializing as possible where she can't follow you, and let the rest of the chips fall wherever. Also contact Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org) at 1-888-4AL-

ANON (1-888-425-2666) for support and suggestions.

Dear Annie: My husband has become a news junkie. All he does is watch the news and, at any given moment, has a yelling match with the commentators or the people they are interviewing. He is extremely angry all the time.

My kids don't want to talk to their father any longer because he barks at them and can't carry on a decent conversation. I have considered getting earplugs for the family. Any other suggestions? — Lu

Dear Lu: Politics has a lot of folks upset these days, but reasonable people do not make it the sole focus of their lives. Your husband has gone over the edge. When you have a quiet moment and the TV is off, talk to him calmly about it. Be sympathetic, but make it clear that he is losing ground with his children and with you. If he cannot put his rants aside, it may be time for him to seek professional help. Sometimes such outward-focused anger is a way to avoid dealing with other, more personal, issues.

Dear Annie: This is for "Carl," who wrote a mathematical treatise for "Cramped and Poor in Ohio," who shares a bedroom while four other girls have their own. She asked how much rent she should pay.

It's not just a mathemat-

ical issue. One must consider the value of one's own space. Let's do the math as Carl suggests. Say it costs \$2,000 per month for a 2,000-square-foot house and the bedrooms are 144 square feet each. With five bedrooms, that would leave 1,280 square feet of common space or 213 feet for each of the six girls. Girls with a single room would pay \$357. The two girls sharing a room would pay \$285. Is lack of privacy worth \$72 per month? Not in my book. — Born in 1950

Dear Born in 1950: Actually, we liked Carl's math. For some, saving \$72 a month would indeed be worth it, but obviously, you place a higher value on your personal space, in which case, you'd have to negotiate a different deal.

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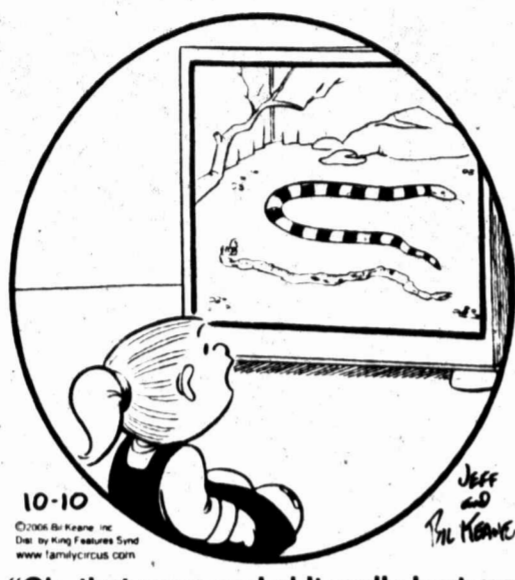
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"THEY SAY PRESERVATIVES ARE BAD FOR YOU, BUT AT MY AGE I NEED ALL THE PRESERVATIVES I CAN GET."

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"Oh, that poor snake! It really hurt me when I lost a tiny bit of skin on my knee."

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2006. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.

On this date:

In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.

In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen launched their overthrow of China's Manchu dynasty.

In 1935, George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.

In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1956, the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 9-0, in Game 7 at Ebbets Field.

In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found a week later.)

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

In 1981, funeral services were held in Cairo for Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, who had been assassinated by Muslim extremists.

One year ago, Angela Merkel struck a power-sharing deal that made her the first woman and politician from the ex-communist east to serve as Germany's chancellor.

President Bush dined in the French Quarter and stayed in a luxury hotel to showcase progress in hurricane-battered New Orleans.

Birthdays: Playwright Harold Pinter is 76. Former Illinois Sen. Adlai Stevenson III is 76. Actor Peter Coyote is 64. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 60. Singer John Prine is 60.

Actor Charles Dance is 60. Rock singer-musician Cyril Neville (The Neville Brothers) is 58. Actress Jessica Harper is 57. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 53. Country singer Tanya Tucker is 48. Actor Bradley Whitford is 47. Musician Martin Kemp is 45. Actress Rebecca Pidgeon is 41. Rock musician Mike Malinin (Goo Goo Dolls) is 39. Actor Mario Lopez is 33. Actress Jodi Lyn O'Keefe is 28. Singer Mya is 27. Singer Cherie is 22.

Thought for Today: "An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field." — Niels Bohr, Danish physicist (1885-1962).

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Answer to previous puzzle

PEAS	WADE	SCAM
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EPA	ERIE	ARENA
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Laundry unit
  - 5 Take a crack (try)
  - 9 Blackboard material
  - 14 Sedan or coupe
  - 15 Ocean phenomenon
  - 16 Peter the pepper picker
  - 17 Black bird
  - 18 Source of shade
  - 19 Whirlpool competitor
  - 20 Where to watch NBA games
  - 21 Early beginnings
  - 23 Hwy.
  - 25 Hawaiian party
  - 26 Mao -tung
  - 27 Lampoons
  - 31 Officeholder, for short
  - 32 Dreams up
  - 34 Be hospitable to
  - 39 Wales of Poland
  - 40 Distributed the cards
  - 43 A long time ago
  - 44 Pretzel shapes
  - 46 Hiker's woe, perhaps
  - 48 Keeps
  - 51 Turns to rags
  - 52 Nest-egg letters
  - 55 Prefix for freeze
  - 57 Short snooze
  - 58 The easy life, so to speak
  - 61 Online auction locale
  - 65 It may make a clown taller
  - 66 Largest city in Norway
  - 67 Be bold
  - 68 Wear away
- DOWN**
- 1 Shoestring
  - 2 Belonging to both of us
  - 3 On the summit of
  - 4 Completely
  - 5 When all is said and done
  - 6 Become weary
  - 7 Just perfect
  - 8 Prepared to hit a golf ball
  - 9 Kitchen scraper
  - 10 Capital of Peru
  - 11 Take (disassemble)
  - 12 Wigwags, for example
  - 13 Wipe clean
  - 22 Paulo, Brazil
  - 24 Half of hexa-
  - 27 Fine pajama fabric
  - 28 Prayer conclusion
  - 29 Mexican snack
  - 30 Catch sight of
  - 33 in "sleepy"
  - 35 Tone down
  - 36 Target of a doctor's hammer
  - 37 Champagne bucket
  - 38 Butterfly catchers
  - 41 Parking area
  - 42 Windows over doors
  - 45 Conned, so to speak
  - 47 Schedule stat.
  - 49 "Gimme!" (Start of a Rutgers cheer)
  - 50 Moe or Curly
  - 52 Norwegian playwright
  - 53 Nostalgic clothing style
  - 54 Felipe's farewell
  - 56 Debate topic
  - 59 Ye Tea Shoppe
  - 60 Israeli airline
  - 62 Like a in the woods
  - 63 Sector
  - 64 Puppy's cry

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Wacky Facts

- Oct. 26 is Mule Day.
- A group of elks is a gang.
- The male hawk is called a tiercel, the female hawk is a hen and a baby hawk is an eyas.
- A female fox is called a vixen — the term reynard is used for the male. — *World Almanac for Kids*

# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"If you don't believe in yourself, then who will believe in you? The next man's way of getting there might not necessarily work for me, so I have to create my own ways of getting there."  
— *Martin Lawrence, on www.answers.com*



Puzzle Play

fall word search

Can you find these words that have something to do with the month of October?

ACORNS	Y E R C T T A U S V R P O
APPLES	A W C F N M T S E V R A H
AUTUMN	H Z E O K O U E A P P L R
CORN	F O H G R E E V K V D A E
CIDER	U B E A Q N J A K E E U W
FOOTBALL	Y A L L S T E R E W T O
HARVEST	R F O O T B A L L B A U R
HALLOWEEN	C O R T T E S T J N Z M C
HAY	Q V E E S A G H E I K N E
LEAVES	E F R B P M B E R I N L R
RAKE	I O N P H E W R A P P L A
SCARECROW	T I L M W O W E R R Y G C
	D E X F L E E D J O O P S
	S I O L N T N I D N R E T
	E K A R F B A C O R N S M
	S H E E B U X N V G I O N

## a true character

ashton kutcher  
opens up about  
his new movie

BY VICKIE AN  
TimeForKids.com

In the animated film "Open Season," we meet Boog, a domesticated grizzly who is living every bear's dream in the peaceful town of Timberline. His food bowl is never empty. Treats are always plentiful. And Park Ranger Beth even sings him a lullaby each night before bed. What more could a bear ask for?

Then along comes Elliot (voiced by Ashton Kutcher), a fast-talking, one-antlered mule deer. Elliot's antics get them both kicked out of the city three days before the start of hunting season!

Time For Kids talked to Kutcher, below, about the well-meaning Elliot, what it was like recording in a sound booth and the actor's favorite imaginary characters.

TFK: What attracted you to Elliot?

KUTCHER: I think it was the fact that he had only one antler. I think that we all, in some way, feel like we have only one antler, you know? Like what we have isn't as good as what everybody else has, so we try to overcompensate for it a little bit. Elliot would like to be a leader, but he's really not.



I think I responded to that.

TFK: Elliot is the runt of the pack. What makes him tick?

KUTCHER: Well, I think he's looking for his right to be the leader. He thinks that if he has this bear as a friend, that he'll be important. You know, like when you're a little kid, and you're sitting at the dinner table, and you're trying to find something to talk about that makes you fit in? That's what Elliot is trying to do. That's what makes him tick. He's trying to find something he can bring to the table.

TFK: Do you think there are similarities between you and Elliot?

KUTCHER: Yeah, definitely. Totally. A character doesn't come out of thin air, so it has to come from somewhere. Sometimes when I'm driving, I insist I know where I'm going, and everyone tells me I don't know where I'm going, and then I insist I know where I'm going. Ultimately, we end up going nowhere. I feel like I can relate to that, being bullheaded, like Elliot can be.

TFK: How well did the animators capture you as Elliot?

KUTCHER: They did a pretty good job. (Laughs) They watched videos of us reading the voices. I was a little bit up and down and getting all over the place.

TFK: Tell us about Boog and Elliot's friendship.

KUTCHER: Boog saves Elliot's life (by cutting him loose from the hood of a hunter's truck), so Elliot thinks that he owes Boog one. So Elliot tries to save Boog (by freeing him from the garage

where Boog lives); but Boog doesn't want to be saved. So Elliot ends up getting Boog into a bad situation, but then helping Boog get out of it. That's what friendships are about. One person gives you something, and you give them something back, and the next thing you know, the friendship grows. Most friends don't like each other when they first meet too. I didn't like my best friend at all when I first met him.

TFK: What prompts the animals to fight back against the hunters in the film?

KUTCHER: They're trying to save their own lives. I think they secretly do that in real life anyway.

TFK: This is the first time you've voiced an animated character in a movie. How was the experience?

KUTCHER: I thought it was great. It's a lot of fun. The nice thing is they can always sort of fix it. (Laughs)

TFK: Was it hard acting in a sound booth?

KUTCHER: Not for me. I go into my bathroom sometimes and just act into the mirror. Or I'll be driving and come up with imaginary characters. So I play the characters as I'm driving along. It wasn't hard for me at all. Sometimes I'll be a rapper, sometimes an angry Polish man. Whatever I feel like being today.



In "Open Season," Martin Lawrence provides the voice for a 900-pound domesticated grizzly bear named Boog, right.

TFK: Any other characters?

KUTCHER: Well, you know how sometimes when you see a squirrel or something in your yard, you try to talk to it? You try to make the sound, you know, just that tch-tch-tch sound? Sometimes I'll do a whole monologue using just that sound.

TFK: What are you saying when you're pretending to be a squirrel?

KUTCHER: I'm saying, "Wow, look how friendly I am. Would you like to come and play with me?"

TFK: Are there any other furry woodland creatures you'd like to play?

KUTCHER: Well, I'll wait and see what comes my way. Hopefully, I'll be able to play more of Elliot because that was kind of fun.



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### Try This

#### Decked-out denim

Make a fabulous customized wardrobe by following these simple dos and don'ts. Quick and easy, these clever clothes are sure to get high marks.

**DON'T:** Let your mom give away your too-short jeans

**DO:** Add a colorful ribbon to the hem and turn them into must-have capris

**DON'T:** Save all your artistic ability for art class  
**DO:** Use a bleach pen to unleash your inner Picasso on your jeans

#### CASUAL CAPRIS

##### YOU WILL NEED

- Pinking shears
- Fabric glue
- Washable fabric ribbon
- Jeans

Cut the jeans to the desired length, then use the glue to attach the ribbon along the outside of the bottoms of the pants. (We recommend Fabri-Tac because it holds up well when washed.) Let the jeans dry for 24 hours before washing them.

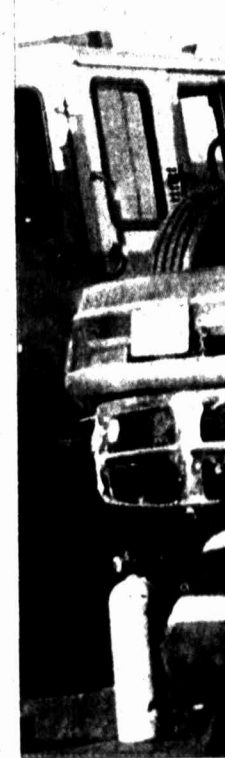
#### JAZZY JEANS

##### YOU WILL NEED

- Pencil
- Paper
- Jeans
- Bleach pen
- Two brown grocery bags

First sketch out a fun design on the paper. Next, place the folded bags inside the pant legs to keep the bleach from bleeding through. With the pen, re-create the design on the side of the jeans. Allow the bleach to set for 30 minutes before rinsing with water.

— *FamilyFun magazine*



Emergency person Stanton early today and flipped, coming

### City to waive

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A pair of motions were tabled during a meeting of the City Council, as the motions were

### County efforts jail into

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

While work on a smoke evacuation in the Howard County Jail is under proposed stand the facility still have a price tag. That's the re-architect and coordinator Furquerson del the Howard County Commissioner's Tuesday morning court continues bring the facility compliance with standards.

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