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Chicago remains undefeated in wild win over Cards

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These men and women listen intently Monday afternoon during the **Grisham Conference at Howard College's Dorothy** Garrett Coliseum. The college, City of Big Spring **Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Rural Community College** Initiative are hosting the three-day conference, entitled "Extraordinary **Results in Ordinary** Communities." The conference includes presentations by Dr. Vaughn Grisham, an internationally recognized authority on rural community development, as well as numerous other speakers from Georgia, Mississippi, Minnesota and Arkansas.



300 million and counting

With little celebration, nation's population officially reaches new milestone

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON nation's population officially hit 300 million at 6:46 a.m. CDT Tuesday, when the Census Bureau's population clock rolled over to the big number.

celebrations, fireworks or any associate director for demo-account illegal immigration, dispatched a cadre of photograother government-sponsored

hoopla to mark the milestone. Interview before the milestone think the population actually hit 300 million months ago.

believes it will be the precise exact number of people in a conference at the Commerce American has already walked moment when the population country the size of the United Department to hail America's across the border from Mexico. hits 300 million," Howard States. It gets even more com- past and to talk about the chal- "It's a couple of weeks before But there weren't any wild Hogan, the Census Bureau's plicated when you take into lenges ahead. Life magazine an election when illegal immi-

Why bother? Many experts was reached. But, he added, "We're confident that we're somewhat close."

government to let the milestone pass quietly.

When the U.S. population officially hit 200 million in 1967,

exact moment, anointing a boy born in Atlanta as the 200 millionth American.

This year, there's a good "I don't think anybody It's not easy estimating the President Johnson held a news chance the 300 millionth

graphic programs, said in an another reason for the federal phers to find a baby born at the See **POPULATION**, Page 3A

Early voting begins in just one week

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area voters who want to avoid waiting in line Nov. 7 will get their first shot at the general election ballot Monday, as early voting gets under way at the Howard County Courthouse.

Set for Oct. 23, through Nov. 3 in the courthouse lobby, voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

According to Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, several branch locations have also been designated during early voting, including:

• Oct. 25 — 10 a.m. until noon at Canterbury South located at 1700 S.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkin

Lloyd Claxton, one of the founding members of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club, works

on one of his famous "gnome homes" during the group's 16th annual Show and Sale at the **Dora Roberts Community Center.**

CARVING FEVER

Lloyd Claxton caught it about 20 years ago

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Some might say Lloyd Claxton's "bark" is worse than his bite — tree bark, that is.

Claxton, one of the founding members of the Mustang Draw Woodcarver's Club, was just one of many wood carving enthusiasts from all over the Permian Basin attending the group's annual Show and Sale Monday afternoon.

Claxton said he caught the carving bug almost two decades ago when he saw another artists work at a show in Big Spring.

"About 18 years ago I saw a fellow who was the director at the Circle 6 See CARVING, Page 3A

Baptist encampment, and I saw some of the wood carvings he had done," said Claxton. "He was a good woodcarver and I saw some of his work at one of the local shows in Big Spring and that's what got me interested.

"Shortly after that, we formed the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club. Jerry Bob Taylor was the guy, that got it going, and it's been about 18 or 19 years since all of that. I've been involved pretty much ever since then."

Claxton said he tries to spend a little time carving daily, but everyday life has a way of intrud-

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BOWLING FOR GLORY

NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) -Ralph Kluk has made a rosary fit for the Jolly Green Giant.

The 76-year-old has a 70-foot, 700pound rosary made out of bowling balls in his front yard.

"It's a sign of his devotion. And it's a good idea," said Kluk's priest, the Rev. Darius Wyszynski. "What else do you do with an old bowling ball?"

Kluk combined 59 balls, 20 cans of pastel spray paint, 40 feet of black piping and a wooden cross.

"I do crazy things," he said. "But they're not really crazy. "The hardest part." Kluk, adds, "will be cutting my grass around it."

JAIL FORUMS SLATED

Proponents of the \$10.1 million bond election to finance a new Howard County Jail will hold several forums this week.

The first forum is slated for tonight from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Bauer Elementary. A second forum is set for Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Marcy Elementary. The third forum is slated for Thursday, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Kentwood Elementary.

Among the speakers expected to present information during the forum are **Howard County Commissioners Bill** Crooker, Jerry Kilgore and Emma Brown, County Judge Ben Lockhart, Sheriff Dale Walker and local architect Phil Furgueron.

UNITED WAY ACTIVITIES

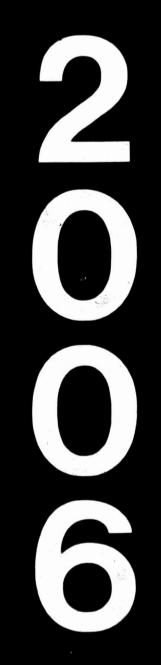
KC Steakhouse is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

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

Also Friday, UW's mid-campaign breakfast will be held at 7:15 a.m. at Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall.

For information about UW, call Cynthia

Scott at 267-5201



Obituaries

Wanda Wolf



Wanda Wolf, 73, of Coahoma, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8

She was born Aug. 31, 1933, in Big Spring, and married Jack Wolf Dec. 27, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 28, 1986.

Wanda was a lifelong resident of Vincent and Coahoma. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 1951. She and her late husband farmed and ranched in the Vincent area and she was a homemaker, a mother, grandmother and dear friend.

Wanda was a member of the Sister Act of Coahoma, Bluebonnet Belles of Big Spring, an avid supporter of Coahoma school teams and was active in Howard County Relay For Life. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law. Jack Jr. and Jeanna Wolf of Dallas, and Steve and Jean Ann Wolf of Coahoma; two grandsons, Weylin Wolf of Coahoma and Lorin and wife, Kay Lee Wolf of Irving: three nieces and husbands, Kay and Eddie Mann of Saginaw, Sue and Mike Carter of Granbury, and Linda and Glen Berry of Coahoma; one grandnephew and wife, Cash and Leslie Berry of Big Spring; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Vernon and Delores Wolf of Vincent; and other nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Loyd Branon on Jan. 26, 1963, and Juanita Branon Walker on Sept. 26, 1992, and one sister, Melba Branon Read on Oct. 10, 1994.

The family suggests memorials be made to Howard County Relay For Life, c/o Diane Wood, 3200 Greenbriar, Big Spring 79720.

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

Judy Murphy

Judy Murphy, 59, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

She was born Nov. 5, 1946, in Big Spring and married

Mike Murphy.

Judy was a hair stylist for 20 years. She enjoyed camping, traveling and watching the food network. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and really loved her grandchildren. She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Murphy of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Dennis Witt of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Judy Osborn of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Cody Witt and Braden Witt both of Big Spring, and Breanna Jones and Stetson Jones, both of Colorado City; one step-daughter, Shanna Jones of Colorado City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Olive Osborn; one brother, Kenneth Osborn, and one sister. Mamie Osborn.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-5, Midland 79701.

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

Paid obituary

Jermaine Moore

Jermaine L. Moore, 32, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- · RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

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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:

- KATHERINE SCAGGS, 35, of 707.5 N. Scurry, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a Howard County warrant.
- TOMAS BOTELLO PEREZ, 52, transient, was arrested Monday on a Dawson County warrant. • JOHNNY WILLIAMS JR., 18, of 4006 Dixon, was
- arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant. TIMOTHY EDENS, 19, of 538 Westover Road, was
- arrested Monday on two local capias warrants. · THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of Main
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

CAMERON ROBERT SEAGO, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
• FRANK LEE JACKSON, 48, was transferred to the

county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

 KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and failure to identify as a fugitive from jus-

· SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off

· JOHNNY CLIFFORD WILLIAMS JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threats.

 ADRIAN ESCOVEDO YANEZ, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 NICK HERNANDEZ, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of

Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

Take Note

- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S ROMEO AND JULIET will open Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Following performances will be held Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds will benefit the drama department's one act play in the Spring.
- WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY FALL FESTI-VAL will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free; booth tickets are four for \$1. Children are invited to wear costumes. Activities include a Coke toss, cake walk, potato sack race, fish pond, face painting and more. There will also be drawings for gifts. All funds raised will go to projects at Washington Elementary.
- THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers, anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.
- THE SECOND ANNUAL HAUNTED HANGAR will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The Halloween alternative event is open to children of all ages. Admission is \$2. There will be a pumpkin carving contest. Bring your own carved pumpkin between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for judging. Among the activities will be 15 games booths, face painting, dance and costume contests and a performance by the Dance Gallery. For more information contact Heather Wallace at 264-1999.
- · CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517.



Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. · Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

· Howard County Jail forum, 6 p.m., Bauer Elementary.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 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. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. • Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big

Spring Country Club. · Howard County Jail forum, 6 p.m., Kentwood

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

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-

· Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. · American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call

263-2084 for more information. · Howard County Jail forum, 6 p.m., Marcy

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Weather

Today - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-8-26-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$30,547. Winning ticket sold in El Paso.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night. Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-14-22-27. Bonus Ball: 8. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$500,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-9



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"I try to carve a little every day, but I usually can't," said Claxton. "How much work goes into one of these pieces really depends on what your trying to carve and how much detail you put in it. You can carve a spirit face like this one pretty fast, but if you carve one of these gnome homes, it takes quite a while. About half the time you're looking at it trying to figure out what to do next. But it kind of evolves as you go along. You start at the top and work your way down the base.'

Claxton's "specialty" is carving cottonwood bark, but don't let him fool you — woodcarving is just one facet of the club that keeps him coming

back year after year. "Right now my favorite part of woodcarving is carving bark. It's also really nice to see the kind of camaraderie you find with woodcarvers. As long as you can put up with this bunch you've got it made," he said with a laugh. "We really have a big time.

"We have more than 30 members in the club located throughout the Permian Basin. We meet monthly in Midland, which is kind of central to all of us, and we just get together and have fun. We share ideas, and if

you're having trouble with one particular thing, there's always someone around to help you."

LOCAL/WIRE

Having spent nearly 20 years honing his skills — and carving blades - Claxton is hesitant to claim he had the hobby completely figured out.

"I'm still working on that," said Claxton with a laugh. "Like I always say, you can use it as firewood if you mess up. You can just chunk it in the fire, so you really don't lose anything. You might lose a little hide every now and then. When I first started it wasn't too bad. It's something you can get as serious with as you really want to. You can just get out your pocket knife and start whittling and try to make a toothpick out of a two-by-four. But it's a really good hobby to get involved with."

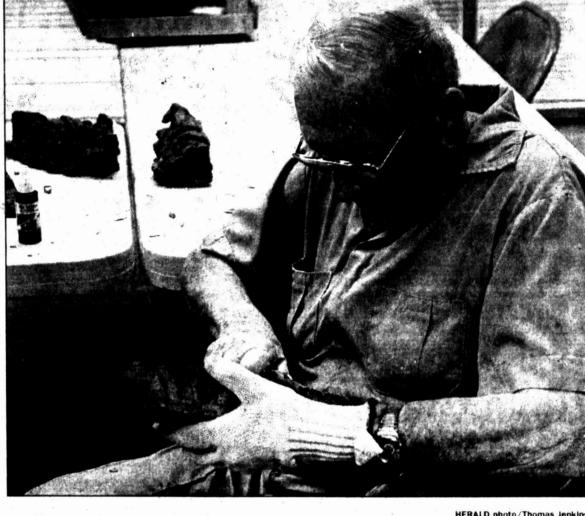
This is the fourth year that the club is holding its show and sale in Big

Classes are being held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The organization will feature a special art sale Friday and Saturday, also from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To register for classes or learn more about them or the show, call Casey at 267-7687.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-

citydesk@bigspringherald.com



Poodle Rosson, a member of a Lubbock-based woodcarving club, carves a piece of tree bark Monday afternoon during the 16th Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club's Show and Sale. The event will continue through Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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Lancaster.

• Oct. 26 — 10 a.m. until noon at the Park View **Retirement Center located** at 3200 Parkway.

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• Nov. 1-10 a.m. until noon at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home located at 1809 N. Highway 87.

Bloom said extended early voting hours will also be offered at the candidacy for the office courthouse polls Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 7

Voting will also be open Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for area residents that can't get to the polls during the week.

Voters will have several decisions to make concerning county officials. as local rancher and Democratic nominee Mark Barr squares off against Coahoma resident John Wayne Metcalf for the county judge seat.

Metcalf announced his

after former Republican party nominee Mark Morgan pulled out of the race due to personal matters. Although Metcalf is running as a non-aligned candidate, Howard County Republic Party Chairman Margarita Durand-Hollis said the party will support Metcalf in the race.

Also a last-minute filer, local resident Erven Fisher will run as a writein candidate for the Precinct 2 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court. Fisher will face incum-

bent 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 at a staggering combined price of \$35 million — will also 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.

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom at 264-2273

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



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson - 267-8288 Jermaine L. Moore 32, died Tuesday at Mountain Medical Center Services are pending.

POPULATION

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gration is a high-profile issue and they don't want to make a big deal out of it," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a

Washington think tank. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said the Bush administration isn't playing down the milestone, though he said he had no plans for Tuesday. Census Bureau employees planned to mark the moment Tuesday afternoon with cake and punch.

"I would hate to think that we are going to be low key about this," said Gutierrez, whose department oversees the Census Bureau. "I would hope that we make a big deal about it."

America's growing popu-

lation is good for the

Gutierrez

economy. He noted that Japan and some countries European expect to lose population in the next few decades, raising concerns that there won't be enough young people entering the work force to support aging populations. 'This is one more area where we seem to have an advantage," Gutierrez

said. "We should all feel good about reaching this milestone.' The U.S. adds about 2.8 million people a year, for

a growth rate of less than 1 percent. About 40 percent of the growth comes from immigration. The rest comes from births outnumbering deaths. The Census Bureau counts the population

every 10 years. between it uses administrative records and surveys to estimate monthly averages for births, deaths and net immigration. The bureau has a "population clock" that estimates a birth every seven seconds, a death every 13 seconds and a

new immigrant every 31 seconds. Add it together and you get one new American every 11 seconds.

The 300 millionth American — born months misses people," ago or on Tuesday – is Passel, a former Census probably because they are the used to help estimate the fastest growing demographic group in the U.S., Frey said.

Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at the Pew Hispanic Center, said the Bureau has Census improved its population estimates in the past few years, but it still underillegal immicounts grants.

There are an estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. Experts differ on the

specifics, but many estimate that more than 1 million of them don't show up in census figures.

"The census clearly Hispanic Bureau employee who undercount. "Having said that, when they crossed

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200 million, they were missing about 5 million people. We think the 2000 census missed a lot less than 5 million people."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Managing Editor

Bill McClellan

OUR VIEWS

Bible Class Fund needs donations for this semester

nother good cause ... a very good cause ... is in need of help from the citizens of our community. We never seem to be short of good causes needing help in our area, but there's no question that the Howard County Bible Class Fund is one of them.

That's because this is an effort to not only promote education, but to provide our children an opportunity to study the Bible at the same

But fund coordinators always need our help, because this is a program that cannot be supported by governmental or tax funds.

The Big Spring High School Bible Class is probably the oldest consistently held Bible program held in any of Texas' schools. References to it have been found as far back as 1939. At present, Dr. Bill Welsh teaches the class at Big Spring High School which currently has an enrollment of 125 students.

The class is taught as a humanitarian course, but because it is a Bible class, the school cannot pay Welsh's salary or any of the other expenses such as the purchase of Bibles for each student.

The program is managed by a not-for-profit incorporated board and is made up of local pastors and private citizens.

The board is now beginning its campaign to raise funds for the fall semester and hopes to have the same type of community support as it has enjoyed in the past.

The Howard County Bible Class Fund has set this year's goal at \$35,000. That money will support three classes at BSHS, two classes at Forsan High School and two classes at Coahoma High School.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made to The Howard County Bible Class Fund, P.O. Box 2609, Big Spring 79721-2609.

There is no question in our collective mind that this is one of our community's most worthy causes. And that's why we are asking that if you can, please contribute to the Bible Class

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You alone know the exact tools we need for our

Ah, yes, November's almost here

or most, the mere mention of the 11th month will bring about beautiful memories of Thanksgiving dinners, cooler weather and the seasonal trek to prepare for the Christmas holiday.

It's a little different for a reporter who finds himself - or herself, for that matter — on the political beat.

For us, the approach of November means one thing: Election time.

That's right. Political candidates bad mouthing one another under their breath and political parties whining and crying over which side is getting more ink in the daily news-

paper. The sweet smell of subterfuge and the endless trail of red herrings. And let's not forget the finger

pointing and accusations that newspapers — the Herald included — are on the receiving end of for months leading up to election day, not to mention months after the last ballot has been counted.

This candidate (this is completely hypothetical... well, for the most part) feels their opponent is receiving more coverage than they are, while the opponent is saying the exact same thing.

The supporters of this bond issue say you haven't given them enough ink — that's reporter talk for media coverage, by the way while the opposition says you've given them too much. One side says you've done a good job of presenting the facts, while the other side says you're misleading the public.

It's a never-ending battle that takes the center stage in virtually every newsroom before and after each election. It rarely changes, and when it does, you can bet your bottom dollar it's not for the betterment of anyone.

So, in the interest of trying to make it through the upcoming election without the acute care of a psychiatrist, here's some advice for political players as we begin the headlong dash into November.

Make a difference While I'm still firmly rooted in

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the idea that politicians — after they are elected — are replaced with clones being grown secretly somewhere in the desert, I'm still impressed by a candidate that goes out and does things.

Sitting on a float waving at a crowd is not doing something. Eating lunch with the producers this county was founded by at the annual Ag Expo and Luncheon is not doing something.

Candidates who go out and knock on doors and ask you what's on your mind are doing something. Candidates who go out with Keep Big Spring Beautiful volunteers and help clean up the community are doing something.

Most candidates want peoples' votes because they want to make a difference in the community. They want to go out and make some positive changes to where we live. If that's the case, why not show the voters? Why not send the message you're going to help Big Spring and Howard County be a better place to live, whether you're elected in November or not? Besides, some exercise would n't hurt most of them anyway.

Stop complaining

If you'll go way back to you childhood, when you were pretty sure your mother or father was the smartest human being on Earth — and it turned out you were right all along — you'll probably remember them telling you whining is a bad idea.

That's right. Whining and winning only look alike. They certain ly don't sound alike.

When the proponents of a bond issue decide to hold forums to get their message out to the voters, don't call your local newspaper and tell the editor he shou'd contact the opponents of the issue for their views following each forum.

If you want to get your opinion out to the voters, hold forums of your own. Make an effort to get out on the streets and take your message to the men and women that cast the ballots. Request coverage of your forum instead of try ing to ride the coat tails of your opponents, and chances are you'll get it.

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were a teen. And whether or not you want to face reality, telling the voters to simply take your side of the issue because it comes from you isn't likely to work with the

If you're going to offer your version of "the facts," back them up. If you're going to put something in your political flyer that says the construction of a new jail facility in Howard County will cause taxes to go up 30 percent, back it up with some real num-

Preying on the trust of voters who are unable — or unwilling to do their own research on the matter is simply underhanded.

Makes me wish there were statistics police running around checking everyone's claims and exposing those who fabricate their own numbers as the bunko artists they are.

Face to face

Most Texans couldn't care less whether this special interest group or that special interest group has endorsed a candidate. What they want to know is where that candidate stands on the issues facing the men and women that government was designed to serve.

What could answer those heartfelt issues better than a debate?

Sadly enough, some candidates embrace the idea of debating their opponents, while others will run away from such affairs with their tails tucked firmly between their legs. Of course, we're just speaking hypothetically again. It's not like I'm going to name names

In the end, Election Day has the capacity to be an exercise in democracy supported by the men and women running for office or supporting/opposing an issue or it can be an exercise in futility. Much as it did more than 200 years ago, it all depends on those

Do the voters a favor and give them something worth voting for. Who knows, maybe the thousands who traditionally don't vote will actually head to the polls for a change.

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Credit cards should 'fess up on fees

ero percent interest - 'til we jack it up the wazoo! No late fees — until you're late! Low, low monthly payments — so you can stay in debt forever! Ah, if only the credit card companies laid it on the line like that. But of course, why would they? They're making fistfuls of dough hiding their fees and penalties deeper than the peanuts in Cracker Jack.

How MUCH dough? In 2003, Americans paid almost \$8 billion in credit card fees quadruple what we paid in 1996. Hey, when being one hour late on your payment costs \$34, it adds up fast! And so do the penalties for going over your credit limit.



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Oh, you didn't know that when you go over your limit, your card is no longer automatically declined? Now it buys your item AND a \$35 penalty AND a penalty rate: 30 percent from now on. Too bad you didn't read Page 13, paragraph 4, section D. The card companies are fleecing Americans so efficiently, even the government is taking notes!

Er, notice. A report last week by the General Accountability Office -

that's Congress's investigative arm president of the American concluded that the info provided by most card companies in fact exhibits "various weaknesses that reduced consumers' ability to use it and understand it." Which makes the GAO sound

like a credit card company itself. So here's how my friend James puts it: "They are dirty and nasty." He ought to know. He got socked

with a couple of those late fees, making it even harder for him to pay off his balance. "All I was doing was paying the interest!" says the retiree. "It had to be about 25 percent."

And, frankly, 25 percent doesn't even sound that bad anymore, compared to the 30 percent rates and higher — being generated by a new practice called "universal default.' Under universal default, already

employed by roughly half of all the card companies, if you're late paying ANY bill - even (if it gets outsourced to a collections agency) your LIBRARY BILL - your credit card is allowed to jack up your interest rate as if you had paid ITS bill late.

The GAO report disapproved of this, too — or at least the fact that most consumers have no idea this could happen to them, thanks to the card companies' legalese.

In response, Edward Yingling,

Bankers Association, was quoted as saying, "The disclosure system is not working well. It needs to be

Not working well? Oh please the "disclosure system" is working exactly the way the companies want it to. It's perfect! It's so exquisitely misleading that we are now spending \$90 billion a year in interest and penalty payments. That's \$90 billion of our money with nothing to show for it except credit card company profits!

How hard would it be for a statement to say: "Here's your bill. Pay it PRONTO or we'll soak you dry. Go over your limit, we'll soak you dryer. Pay by phone, there's gonna be a fee. Pay by computer, we just imposed a new fee. Pay any OTHER bill late and ... You get the idea. So does the

GAO. Now let's hope Congress does, too, and forces the credit cards to let us in on their tricks. Or, even better: Stop using them! But I'm open to a special

introductory offer. Lenore Skenazy is a columnist at

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Rains let up after Southeast Texas storms kill four

HOUSTON (AP) - A Management. powerful series of storms that drenched Southeast Texas and resulted in four deaths had moved on, but emergency officials monitored problematic waterways for more clean-up flooding as efforts began.

The Monday storms caused widespread flooding that trapped drivers on submerged freeways and spawned tornadoes that destroyed mobile homes. But with the storms moving East, there was no rain in Tuesday's forecast and flood waters were receding, officials said.

"We are well on our way to the clean-up period," said Rusty Cornelius, administrative coordinator for the Harris County Office of Emergency school systems were

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More flooding was likely for the San Jacinto River near Humble, with the river expected to crest Tuesday afternoon, Cornelius said. He said the flooding could affect 150 to 300 homes in the North Shore subdivision.

Officials were also monitoring Buffalo Bayou, which runs through Houston, though it wasn't expected to flood any residential structures. Cornelius said.

From 5 to 11 inches of rain fell across the Houston-Galveston area overnight Sunday and into Monday. Flooding prompted road closures throughout the region. Houston's two major airports experienced some delays and some public

closed. Twenty bayous rain-slicked highway. overflowed their banks, but county officials said no evacuations were ordered.

Two women were found dead in a sport utility vehicle in floodwaters between 8 and 12 feet deep in Houston.

A tow truck driver pulled the SUV from a feeding onto Interstate 45 in Houston and found the two bodies, said Police Lt. Tom Jennings. The victims identified were Patricia Gutierrez, 36, and her daughter Melissa Rojas, 16, both of Houston. They apparently

drowned, he said. Two others died in Brazoria County, southwest of Houston, A 54year-old woman died in a two-vehicle collision on a

The Department of Public Safety said James Johnston, 56, of Needville, died on the Fort Bend-Brazoria County line. **Authorities said Johnston** drove into high water on Farm-to-Market Road 1462

In Hitchcock, near the Gulf Coast, a tornado tore the roof off a mobile home, but none of the six people inside injured.

The storm spread as far east as the Louisiana line, where a tornado struck near the Jefferson County town of China, said emermanagement gency spokeswoman Darlene Koch. The National Weather Service confirmed the tornado, and -Koch said five mobile homes and two houses

destroyed. No injuries were reported.

Another tornado ripped through northern Newton County on the Texas-Louisiana line.

Koch said the Jefferson County storm brought 40mph wind gusts and knocked over trees, causing some power outages in east Texas.

In the Texas Coastal Bend, as many as 20 homes were damaged as a suspected tornado roared through the small Lavaca community of Bay Magnolia Beach before daybreak Monday, Calhoun County Sheriff

B.B. Browning said. That was up to one-fifth of the homes in the town 75 miles northeast of Corpus Christi, he said. The only injury reported was a cut thumb a man suffered from flying glass, he said.

Nine members of one family were injured when their sport utility vehicle skidded off rain-slicked Interstate 10 and hit a guardrail on their way home from a family gathering, said Harris County emergency management spokeswoman Roemer.

Harris County Sgt. Dana Wolfe said none of the injuries were life-threatening. Wolfe said one of the victims was a 1month-old baby, who was not secured in a car seat and was ejected.

Paul Lewis, a meteorologist with the weather services' Houston office, said Tuesday morning that flood waters were receding slowly.

Mexican police find girls who ran away with alleged kidnapper

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) - Two teenage girls who with kidnapping because the girls were taken to had run away with an alleged kidnapper returned home after 10 days when authorities found them in a Mexican border town.

Mexican police found the two girls, ages 13 and 14, while conducting a door-to-door search Monday in Piedras Negras, across the border from Eagle Pass.

They were found with 22-year-old Steven Alan Stuber, of Austin, who was being held in the Comal County Jail on two kidnapping charges, authorities said. No bond had been set as of late Monday.

"It's like 1,000 pounds has been taken off my shoulders," said the grandmother of one of the girls. "I'll sleep tonight for the first time in 10 days. I tried to stay positive, but the longer it went on, the harder it was to hope for a happy ending."

Authorities said Stuber could face more charges.

The girls appeared to be unharmed, but Comal County Sheriff's Detective Tommy Ward said the girls would be interviewed and taken to a hospital for sexual assault exams.

The two girls ran away Oct. 7 from their homes in Spring Branch, about 30 miles north San Antonio. authorities said. They allegedly went with Stuber.

Sheriff Bob Holder said Stuber has been charged

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Mexico without their parents' permission.

Felony charges for teen in case

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) - A teenager accused of sending suggestive and threatening messages to students on MySpace.com while posing as a high school teacher made his first court appearance

Todd Gugat, 17, of Dallas, faces felony charges of criminal libel and criminal impersonation and a misdemeanor computer crime charge.

Fruita Monument High School teacher Bill Johnson was placed on administrative leave during the summer and reinstated early last month after a Grand Junction Police Department investigation cleared him.

Messages sent to other students contained photographs from Johnson's legitimate MySpace.com profile with rewritten captions. One girl reported receiving a message that included a photo of Johnson barechested in a hot tub.

It read in part: "I have really enjoyed watching you evolve over the years. Well you will be turning 18 any time now and hopefully you will keep of (sic) Billy J

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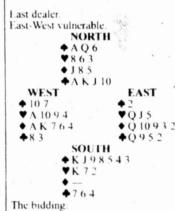
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quently examined in the cold light of day, its validity cannot be denied.

Consider this deal where West led the king of diamonds against four spades. South ruffed, played the A-K of trumps, then led a club to the jack, osing to the queen. Back came the

It's not easy to see what declarer could have done to prevent this un lucky outcome, even if you look a all four hands. But the fact is that South could have guaranteed the contract at trick one. Instead of trumping West's opening lead, he

should have discarded a club! Let's say West leads another dia mond. South ruffs, cashes the A-K of trumps and plays the A-K-J of clubs If East produces the queen, South ruffs, returns to dummy with a trump and discards a heart on the club ten to make the contract. If East does not produce the queen of clubs, South discards a heart and achieves the same result even if West has the queen. Either way, declarer can't lose

more than three tricks There is no question that discarding a club at trick one is a play few declarers would think of. It simply runs too much against the grain Nevertheless, there can be no deny ing that the club discard virtually assures a favorable outcome, while trumping the king of diamond

clearly jeopardizes the contract. By discarding on West's king of clubs. South makes sure that East queen' of hearts, whereupon the killing heart shift. From that point

defenders collected three heart tricks on, all roads lead directly to Rome Iomorrow: It happened in Dead Man's Gulch.

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that you are probably ready for bed and maybe already tucked

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someone? Good! Now,

take a little walk ing your hand is smiling. You are smiling and feeling wonderful. Let's

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glad the person you nies. They are cute, the rest of the carrot to leave them now so they love is with us for we aren't they? The father the two little baby bun-can enjoy their dinner. should never go into the bunny runs into a big nies. The little baby pretend I am holding forest alone. I don't hole in the ground. He bunnies are nibbling on home now. We must your other hand. I see want to get lost, do you? comes back out with the carrot. Can you see take another walk soon. the forest now, too! We I hear a noise, but it is something in his paws. them? Can you hear There are so many ani-

you. Did you choose are walking deeper and not a scary noise. I the mother bunny. The see the father and deeper into the forest. think that this person is We are not afraid rabbits holding your hand, and because the person you about, playing games. grabs a bite. The little for dinner. They have could, would you tell you are walking toward love is with you and I It is! Can you see baby bunnies want plenty of nuts now, and a giant forest with big am with you, too. We them? I see a mother some of the delicious they are ready to go trees and lots of ani- are all happy. I am smil- bunny, a father bunny, carrot, too. The mother home to feed their little

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squirrels, playing on the can open your eyes. high branches. They Can you are having such a good time. Would you love to something be able to play on the bunnies high branches? I would might love too! But, it is too dangerous for us, isn't it? The father Squirrels can play in b u n n y these high branches all crunches day and never have to you close your eyes down on worry about falling. the carrot, They are having fun, think about all the then offers Can you see them? Can things you saw in the you see them playing? I mother bunny loves car- mother squirrels gather. Think of the bunnies scampering rots too, and quickly ing nuts to take home and the squirrels. If you

We are walking back What is it? them nibbling? Let's mals that we did not see Could it leave them alone for today. Hove walking in be a car- now and walk into the the forest, don't you? Will you walk with me I see something mov- again? I am letting go of bits love ing in the trees. It is your hand now. You

It is time for you to go to sleep, isn't it? When

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again to fall asleep, forest. Think about how peaceful the forest was. them, 'Good Night?'

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Recently I was involved in a conversation concerning the negative attitudes we see from so many people these days. It reminded me of the article entitled "When Yo I Wasn't Look message every should read be dren are watch we do and list what we say! So, I re-read

and thought i interesting to and change th "When You T Wasn't Listen Let's observ the negative s

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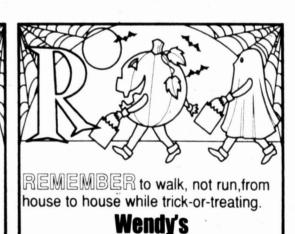
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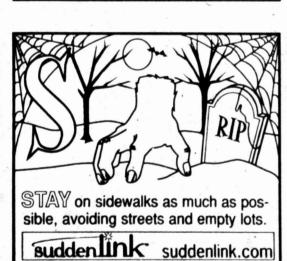
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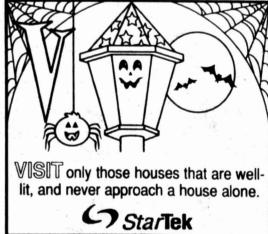
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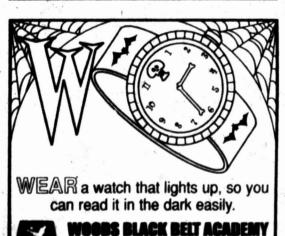
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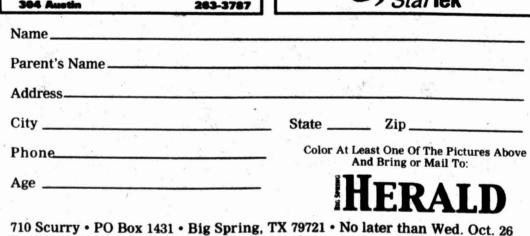




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Bird Poop: Brightly-colored wood duck finds itself in unfamiliar territory

orth of town on a two-lane road, a homeowner had noticed a colorful bird walking in her yard. For years, in mid-September, she had seen migratory birds, but

never one like this. Securing her dogs in the back yard, and her cat in the bathroom, she ran to the telephone.

Excited over her discovery, the lady told us

there was a gorgeous bird in front of her house that could only fly about 20 feet, and not more than two or three feet off the ground. When she tried to get near, it walked away or ran down the fence line. She added, "That's the prettiest duck I've ever seen."

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Not knowing exactly what the woman had observed, we were concerned that when the bird was approached, it did not leave the area. An injury to a wing may have grounded it for awhile.

In any case, the bird was in danger from coyotes and other critters if it could not reach a safe roosting site for the night.

When we arrived at the location on the Gail highway, we noticed the lady staring across the road at what must be the most beautiful water bird in North America.

Dressed in full breeding plumage, the brightly colored male wood duck easily walked along the fence row.

Accustomed to swamps. river bottoms, ponds and streams surrounded by woodlands, this was a bird of forests. Much of its life had been spent eating aquatic plants and insects, along with fruits, such as grapes and berries, acorns, occasional minnows and snails. Suddenly the drake found himself on asphalt, between rows of dried grasses that created a tunnel from which he could not escape.

Frustrated, the wood duck walked down the west side of the road as we stood and watched. With nets in hand, we started toward the bird.

Flying far enough ahead, the duck landed on the east side and continued his afternoon stroll. Running toward the bird would have frightened it, so again we slowly approached the duck.

Taking flight anew, it settled down at a safe distance. If ever we needed a break, it was now. Only when the duck tired would we have a chance to capture it. The break came.

Deciding to fly across the road again, the bird misjudged its landing and briefly tangled itself in the coyote fence and weeds.

Before the duck could free itself, we were able to grab it. As we neared the lady who had watched our efforts, she said how relieved she



An unfortunate wood duck, that was grounded in an arid and foreign terrain, survived and was later released because of the kindness of a rural resident in West Texas.

was. Then the three of us enjoyed the visitor in our midst.

With its greenish iridescent head striped with white, its drooping crest, the wood duck had orange red eyes that were active with fright.

Beneath its red, yellow, black, and white bill was a white throat. Its neck and breast were a deep burgundy. A white belly and cinnamon sides made the dark and blueish iridescent back more pronounced.

The duck's dark wings and tail accented even more its magnificent courting attire.

An examination of the wood duck revealed a slight neck wound from its confrontation with the fence. No calcification of the bones in the wings was evident. Treating the bird for a hairline fracture or soft tissue injury to the wings would require a stay at a wildlife center.

Only when he was flight worthy would a release be considered.

Then his swift flight and vertical ascents from the water's surface would become a reality.

Unfortunately, the drake would have to wait until the following season to resume his amorous activities.

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Parent's Corner: Think about what those little ears hear

ittle ears hear a lot! Each of us, parent, grandpar-🚛 ent, aunt, uncle teacher or friend, influences the life of a child. We never know for sure just how much but we can be assured that it's true. Things we do, words we say, how we react or expressions we make can influence more that we realize. How will you touch the life of

someone today? Recently I was involved in a conversation concerning the negative attitudes we see from so many people these days. It reminded me of the



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article entitled "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking." It's a message every adult should read because children are watching what we do and listening to what we say!

So, I re-read the article and thought it would be interesting to paraphrase and change the title to "When You Thought I Wasn't Listening.

Let's observe some of the negative side:

 When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you curse and use foul language about something you didn't like and I thought that it's okay to use foul language.

· When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you criticize a fellow worker and I thought that being critical of others can relieve you of responsibility.

 When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard say hurtful things about me and it made me feel

that I was unacceptable to you and I do not live up to the expectations you have for me.

These kinds of comments lead to negative thinking and therefore negative actions. But I had much rather focus on the positive kinds of comments.

Let's observe some of the positive:

 When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you compliment a painting I had completed and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

· When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you say that you put my picture in your wallet and I knew I was loved.

· When you thought I

wasn't listening, I heard you talking kindly to a stray dog and I learned kind to animals.

. When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you say a prayer and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

· When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you speak of making a meal to take to a friend who was sick and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

· When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you say that you would give your time and money to help people who had nothing and I

learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

 When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard you speak of taking care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

 When you thought I wasn't listening, I heard how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I

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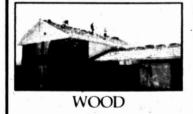


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Senior Centers Places to go for nutrition services, employment services and health screening, as well as a venue for social interaction and recreation.

Information, Referral and Assistance — Help getting information about federal, state or local services.

Benefits Counseling/Legal Assistance — Help provided by trained benefits counselors on public and private benefits.

Care Coordination — Arrangement and coordination of services for older people in the most efficient, economical

Nursing Home Ombudsmen - Trained and certified volunteer advocates, supervised by

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, All persons age 60 and

older are eligible for AAA services under Older Americans Act programs. When program resources are limited, priority is given to those in greatest economic and social need; however, no income test is required. Voluntary contributions are encouraged to defray costs and expand ser-

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Application for services should be made through the local Area Agency on Aging serving the location where the person who needs help lives. In Texas, services funded under the Older Americans Act are offered through 28 local Area Agencies on Aging,

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For more information on this topic you may

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wasn't listening, I overheard you compliment me to a friend and I understood that you cared for me and it made me want to be everything that I could be.

· When you thought I wasn't listening, I learned the things I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

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Sports

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Sports Editor Mike Grimes at 263-7331, ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Boys Basketball Boosters to meet

Big Spring High School' Boys Basketball Boosters will meet Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Sam Segundo, the booster club's new president, encourages all parents of BSHS boys basketball players and the teams' fans to attend.

For more information, call Segundo at 268-3025.

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior Tennis League is continuing play at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

League competition, open to players ages 8 through 12, is held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Players should bring their own rackets. However, rackets will be provided when available.

Golf tournament at Commanche Trail

Family and friends of Juan Ortega will be hosting a benefit tournament to help cover his medical expenses.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, there will be a four-man scramble (it's a pick your team event) at the Commanche Trail Golf Course.

Play is scheduled for a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fees will be \$25

include the noon meal For additional information, call Linda at 264-2366, or email her at Linda@CTCG.com

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Hawk Basketball **Boosters** meeting

On Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Howard Hawk Booster Club with be meeting in the Hawk Room. Albert Carlile, the booster club's new President, encourages parents, alumni and the teams' fans to attend.

For more information call Carlile at 270-2878.

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. 14.



Strange night in Arizona

Bears remain undefeated, escape Cardinals, 24-23

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — If the Chicago Bears finish the season without a loss, they will look back to that strange night in Arizona when they had a victory that was as improbable as they come.

"I have never seen anything like that," Bears quarterback Rex Grossman said. "It was unbelievable.'

Six turnovers, 3 points on offense, and somehow the Bears are still without a loss after beating the shellshocked Cardinals 24-23 on Monday night.

"I have never played so bad and won a game like that," said Grossman, who threw four interceptions and fumbled the ball away

Down 20-0 at halftime. Chicago returned two fumbles for touchdowns in the second half. Then Devin Hester returned a punt 83 yards for a score with 2:58 remaining to take the lead. The night ended with Neil Rackers missing a 41-yard field goal that would have been the game-winner with 53 seconds left.

"Sometimes, when you're a team of destiny, things like that happen," Chicago coach

Lovie Smith said. Matt Leinart, who threw two first-quarter touchdowns and finished 24-for-42 for 232 yards, coolly directed Arizona downfield at the finish for a chance to claim a victory that appeared to be the Cardinals' all night.

But Rackers, a Pro Bowl kicker last season who connected from 41, 28 and 29 yards earlier in the evening, missed a 41-yarder to the left with 53 seconds left for what would have been the game-winner for Arizona (1-5).

Just last week, he missed a 51-yard attempt at the finish that would have sent the game against Kansas City into overtime.

"Neil is still one of the best kickers in the league," Leinart said. "That's just life." The Cardinals have lost five in a row after

a season-opening win. Three have come at home - all in a similar excruciating fashion. "I've seen just about everything at this point," defensive end Bertrand Berry said. "Heart-wrenching games. You know, one

team doesn't deserve to lose like this. This is a good football team." Arizona coach Dennis Green was seething. Judging by his comments, he clearly didn't

believe the Bears lived up to the hype - or deserved to win. "The Bears are who we thought they were!" he said, yelling at the top of his lungs and pounding on the podium at his postgame press conference. "Now, if you want to crown them, then crown (them)! But they are

who they thought they were! And we let



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Chicago Bears running back Thomas Jones (20) tries to hurdle Arizona Cardinals cornerback Eric Green in the first quarter at University of Phoenix Stadium on Monday night. The Bears remained unbeaten in a wild 24-23 win.

them off the hook!"

Green then stormed away.

Anquan Boldin caught 12 passes for 136 yards and a touchdown for the Cardinals.

Edgerrin James carried 36 times for only 55 yards, an average of 1.5 yards. It was the most carries in an NFL game by a player while averaging less than 2 yards per attempt, according to the Elias Sports

"The way things have turned out is just unreal," James said. "This is some of the weirdest stuff I have ever seen in these past

James also had one very costly fumble.

After Grossman threw his fourth interception, the Cardinals were trying to use up time. But Brian Urlacher stripped the ball from James and Charles Tillman scooped it up for a 40-yard return to cut Arizona's lead to 23-17 with five minutes left.

Urlacher finished with 11 tackles, seeming See BEARS, Page 2B

to find his way to the ball on nearly every play as the Cardinals were making their final drives.

"First of all they weren't blocking me, so that was easy," Urlacher said.

On their next possession, the Cardinals were forced to punt. Hester caught the ball, broke a few arm tackles and weaved around hapless defenders as he sprinted upfield, scoring his second punt return for a touchdown this season and giving Chicago the lead for the first time all night.

In addition to his four picks, Grossman fumbled the ball away twice and struggled to hit receivers when he did manage to get the ball cleanly away, going 14-for-37 for 148 yards. With their offense suddenly punchless, the Bears' defense provided the points.

The first came when defensive end Mark Anderson broke through untouched and



Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach admits to causing disruption with his decisions regarding Quarterback Graham Harrell. The Red Raiders have now lost two

Leach admits to mistakes; offense needs to find rhythm

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech coach Mike Leach secondguessed himself more than once Monday, two days after Colorado trounced the Red Raiders 30-6 to end a school record-tying 10-game losing streak.

Pulling Graham Harrell out for one series in a 38-21 loss to Missouri two weeks ago was the right move, but trying it again against the Buffaloes wasn't smart, Leach said. Backup Chris Todd played the first two series of the second half in Boulder, Colo.

"I thought it was more disruptive than positive," Leach said. "You stick with them, let them get in a rhythm. You got to pitch your way through some of that stuff, so that would have been better on my part if I left him in."

He also wondered, too, if he was too harshly critical of his team earlier this season. After a 12-3 loss at TCU when the Red Raiders were still nationally ranked, Leach called some on the team "posers," "front-runner showboats" and 'prima donna pretty boys.'

"I think some of that exist ed, but I don't think I addressed it real well," he said. "The best way is the way that gets the best results. I don't think that got the best results, so that's not the best way."

Tech has five regular-season games remaining -including a visit from No. 5 Texas on Oct. 28 -and the Red Raiders already have lost as many games as all of last season.

Leach, who rarely alters the team's routine, canceled Sunday night's practice, and instead called a team meeting to address turning things

"We set some team goals," offensive lineman Brandon

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New Texans looking a lot like old, and bad, Texans

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

in a row.

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans were supposed to be revamped and revitalized after the housecleaning that followed last year's 2-14 debacle.

But five games into the season with their first-year coach Gary Kubiak and prized No. 1 draft pick Mario Williams, these new Texans are looking increasingly like the bad Texans of 2005.

Their defense is ranked last in

the league. The offense is third worst, thanks in large part to the feeble running game, which is also last in the NFL.

And quarterback David Carr, who had been this season's bright spot, fell apart Sunday under the continued pressure of Houston's inability to run the ball. He matched his season total for interceptions by throwing two in the second half of a 34-6 loss to Dallas and didn't have a touchdown pass for the first time

said the one-win Texans' problems with the running game were frustrating.

"We just flat out didn't give us a chance to run the ball," he said. "When you turn your, offense into a one-dimensional offense it makes it hard to win."

The Texans are averaging just 68 yards rushing a game. They had only 34 yards rushing against Dallas and 15 of those were by Carr.

Ron Dayne has started the past

Veteran center Mike Flanagan three games for Houston and averaged 43 yards a game. He was stopped for no gain several times on Sunday, including once from the 1-yard line.

> "It was tough, not being able to get those third-and-1s down on the goal line where I should have got in," he said. "I was disappointed in myself."

> After his 10-carry, 14-yard performance on Sunday, the 1999 Heisman Trophy winner's days

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Longhorns say winning Big 12, not BCS, is the priority

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

Darn the BCS anyway. Texas will worry about winning the Big 12 and then see what happens.

The defending national champion Longhorns couldn't help but be a bit surprised to find themselves all the way down at No. 9 in the first Bowl Championship Series standings released this week.

Texas is No. 5 in The Associated Press poll, which is not part of the **BCS** formula

With No. 17 Nebraska (6-1, 3-0) next on the schedule, coaches and players said all they care about is beating the Cornhuskers and defending their conference title.

"I haven't had one conversation about it (the BCS) with another player," receiver Quan Cosby said Monday.

Collectively, Longhorns (6-1, 3-0) said

it's too early to be con-first." cerned about the BCS and where they stand. Too much football left to play.

But there were hints the Longhorns did pay attention. And hints they aren't happy about it.

Senior offensive lineman Kasey Studdard acted like he didn't know where Texas or other need the undefeated have taken a hit for their teams stood, but then let it slip that he did.

"I don't care," Studdard said. "Notre Dame's ahead of us? I don't care. Oh, well."

In fact, the Irish are No. 8. They join No. 4 Auburn and No. 6 Florida as oneloss teams ahead of Texas. All three are behind the Longhorns in the AP poll.

"In a way, it's really a challenge to this team," said defensive tackle Derek Lokey. "Ultimately, our goal is to win the Big 12. We do that, and we hope to fall into those top two spots. To do that, we have to beat Nebraska

weeks it would need help to return to the Jan. 8 Glendale, Ariz.

A 24-7 loss to No. 1 Ohio State on Sept. 9 meant the Longhorns would not pen?" Brown said. only need to win the rest of their games, but would teams in front of them to

happen.

Head-to-head matchups between BCS No. 5 West Virginia and No. 7 Louisville, Ohio State and No. 3 Michigan, and No. 2 Southern California and Division I-AA. No. 10 California could boost the Longhorns.

on its own is win the Big Nebraska, Texas Tech, 12. If things fall the right way and teams ranked ahead of Texas lose, the A&M round out the sched-Longhorns could creep ule. into one of the top two BCS spots by season's end.

Brown admitted the

Longhorns are lower in Texas has known for the BCS standings than he expected.

"I thought we'd proba-BCS title game in bly be about fifth. When we came out ninth, everybody said, 'What does this mean? How did this hap-

It happened mostly because the Longhorns weak schedule.

Although Texas beat That could very well Oklahoma, the three other Division I-A opponents- North Texas, Rice and Iowa State- have a combined record of 7-13. Sam Houston State is 4-2, but the Bearkats play in

A late-season winning streak should push Texas The best Texas can do up the BCS rankings. Oklahoma State, Kansas State and No. 23 Texas In the meantime, Texas

must wait for the teams in front of them to lose.

"Somebody else needs to

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops and Texas Head Coach Mack Brown have a problem with the BCS Poll. Texas is No. 5 in the AP, but No. 9 in the BCS rankings that came out this week.

get beat," Brown said. "As the top are still

undefeated, none of the a long as those ranked at rest of us matter anyway."

halftime before the 31 unanswered points.

when things go wrong. Cowboys, aided by three Houston led Dallas 6-3 at Texans turnovers, scored

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as starter could be numbered. Kubiak said he wanted to get rookie Wali Lundy back on the field. Lundy started the first two games but hasn't had a carry since.

"It's obvious right now that we've got to give the kid a chance to come back and play some more," Kubiak said. "We've got to give other people chances if some of us aren't doing well. We've got to look at some other something. We just can't sit still."

Texans as being in a what will change things.

"The best way to get out of the funk is running the

runners. We've got to do football," he said. "It keeps your defense off the field (and) makes your Right tackle Zach offense and passing game Wiegert described the work better. I think the No. 1 thing we can do on "funk," but said he knows this team to get better is run the football.'

> The Texans also must improve their mind-set

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addressed being consistent -I think that was the most passed around word. Just remain focused, and the biggest thing is to have fun.' Harrell, who was not

available for comment Monday, will start at Iowa State on Saturday when Tech will try to avoid its first three-game losing streak in seven seasons under Leach.

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Harrell threw two interceptions and lost three out of four fumbles, helping dig a 28-0 hole. At Colorado, he was

In the loss to the Tigers,

intercepted three times and fumbled twice, losing Leach said the Colorado loss wasn't about Harrell

struggling. "I think as a team we struggled," Leach said. "The notion that (Harrell) struggled, and in particular, struggled by himself, is just not accurate."

Were he to believe someone else could do a

time in Arizona's extrava-

The Bears steamrolled

into town with a fierce

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out Seattle and Buffalo by

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to throw a pair of first-

quarter TD passes in his

first two starts. This time,

he did it without Pro

Bowl receiver Larry

Fitzgerald, sidelined with

But Leinart, in his sec-

gant new stadium.

quarterbacks, Leach said he'd hand off the responsibility.

there's going to be things I'm going to do that are dumb," he said. "But nevertheless if I stay the course, there's going to be a level of success with it."

"splintered" team, in part because he and other Tech coaches haven't there's been a "level of given players opportuni- panic" by coaches, himties to spend time togeth-

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"It's not just a group of, corrections, Leach said.

against a Chicago defense that had allowed two

hamstring injury,

together," he said. "Also, "There's going to be we (coaches) get too things I do smart, and caught up on what we're doing rather than bring a guy in the office and pat him on the back because there's a lot more to this than X's and O's. You're dealing with people and Leach diagnosed a people working together." When things haven't

gone as well as expected, self included, and some adjustments became over-

game. "He's young, we

tried to throw a lot of

stuff at him. He took care

touchdowns all season. of the football, didn't have "He's a good quarterany interceptions. But we made the plays when we Urlacher said after the had to."

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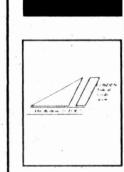
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Tigers GM Dombrowski acts like a fan, briefly

By LARRY LAGE

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DETROIT — The man who built these turnaround Tigers still has work to do before the World Series.

Like getting his voice back. General manager Dave Dombrowski hollered himself hoarse after Magglio Ordonez homered to clinch the AL pennant on Saturday, throwing his hands in the air and hugging everyone around him. It was a rare display for the reserved, buttoned-down executive.

"When you're in charge, you often have to keep your emotions inside," Dombrowski said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"People don't see the emotional side of me often, but there are times you just let it go like when you win the pennant in dramatic fashion at home like we did," he said. "Now, it's time to get composed again and hopefully we can react like that again because there's still another notch to go.'

Ordonez's ninth-inning homer finished a sweep of Oakland in the AL championship series. It gave Detroit a whole week to calm down and rest up for the World Series, starting Saturday night at Comerica Park against

either St. Louis or the New York Mets.

The Tigers will play for their first championship since 1984 just three years after losing an AL-record 119 games and being baseball's losingest team the past 13 years.

They could not have done it without owner Mike Ilitch's money and Dombrowski's

Ilitch was so embarrassed by the 2003 season that he desperately wanted to sign free agents at whatever costs were neces-

The owner of the Tigers since 1992 knew he would have to overpay to lure some stars to Detroit, but some such as Miguel Tejada, wouldn't even take the Tigers seriously when they called.

All-Star catcher Rodriguez did, signing a \$40 million, four-year deal the winter after the long-suffering franchise hit an all-time low.

Ordonez, an All-Star outfielder coming off an injury-shortened season, followed in 2005 with a \$75 million, five-year contract that could be worth as much as \$105 million over seven seasons.

Baseball analysts and fans laughed at the Tigers for giving



MCT photo/Julian H. Gonzalez/Detroit Free Press

The Detroit Tigers celebrate in the clubhouse as the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 in the ALCS Game Four at Comerica Park,

players, but they're not any-

"Dave's credit needs to be laid at Mr. Ilitch's feet for spending the money to get Pudge and Maggs." said 38-year-old closer

such lucrative offers to both Todd Jones, who signed last winter along with 41-year-old starter Kenny Rogers. "That gave the other guys reasons to come. If you're an older player and you don't have a chance to

win, there's no chance coming.

"But Dave gets credit for getting the right guys.'

Detroit's opening-day payroll was \$82.3 million -putting it in the middle of the pack in the majors and it grew by making trades during the season.

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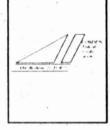
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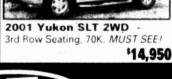
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World Almanac for Kids

By Brenda Iasevoli

stores Friday, Oct. 13. Snicket, also known

repeatedly to inform readers of the lives of

the three Baudelaire orphans. His work is

now complete, and he is ready to reveal

Will the Baudelaire orphans escape

crooked Count Olaf? Can you handle the

truth? We talked to the elusive author to

TFK: How does it feel to have complet-

SNICKET: I suppose it feels rather like

a fireman standing with a recently turned-

off hose in the ashes of what was once a

magnificent mansion. Whatever sense

of accomplishment the fireman would

that he hadn't arrived sooner and

that he couldn't have done more.

chronicling the lives of the

TFK: Now that you're done

Baudelaire children, what will

SNICKET: There are

a number of other cases

that have come up, so I

imagine that I'll be

almost as busy and

researching the

Baudelaire case.

possibly in even more

danger than I was while

TFK: What advice do

you have for kids who

may be disappointed that

they can no longer follow

the Baudelaire children's

should consult medical

professionals. The proper

emotion to be feeling at

the close of "A Series of

Unfortunate Events" is

relief that the dreadful

story is over. After all,

it's much less likely

that someone would

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read it.

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SNICKET: I think they

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as Daniel Handler, has risked his life

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"Stories can offer a truth — that real trouble cannot be erased, only endured — that is more soothing to me than any determinedly cheerful grin. You never love a book the way you love it when you're 10. It's a blessing to be a part of that.' - Daniel Handler, ueonline.tripod.com



Snicket talks about the unfortunate demise of the so for clever costumes you can copy for Halloween fun-

MISS FIT

She's ready to spread peace and happiness with biceps like a linebacker and a twinkling tiara. This idea was submitted by Tara Meisner, then 13.

Materials: Satin for sash, iron-on letters, silk roses, toy tiara, long-sleeved shirt, Tshirt, athletic pants and sneakers (Tara already owned the clothing.)

Tara's notes: A friend helped me sew the satin sash. Then I ironed on the Miss Fit letters. To make my "muscles," I cut a Styrofoam ball in half and inserted it into the sleeve of a fairly tight longsleeved T-shirt. Then I put another T-shirt on top and pulled on some athletic pants and shoes. In one hand, I'm carrying silk roses and in the

costume for a party, but carrying the weight would get heavy if you were trick-or-treating

ters from a crafts store onto the sash and make the sash with either safety pins or using hot glue. If ye want to add some big leg muscles, wear dark tights and place Styrofoam half-balls on your thighs and calves. Then top with some athletic shorts. Also, you might want to craft a papier-mache — or even two-dimensional card board - faux weight to make it easier to carry

fect for lactose-tolerant children. This idea was subunit ted by Nate Shepherd, then 12.

Materials: Big box, scissors, duct tape - print paint nerd glasses, pencil, fake teeth, dorky shoc

Total bill: \$7.51.

Nate's notes: This play-on-words costume was easy to put together. Most stores end up throwing away or recycling boxes that merchandise comes in. Just ask

After cutting one end of the box completely off, I pulled in the two sides and duct-taped them together to

> bought a can of yellow speak paint from Lowe's for \$7.51 and painted the box. Then I cut out the holes for a

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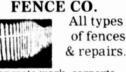
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being open-minded is part of your lovely personality, but there's a time to be firm in what you know, too, and this is it. Take hold of the courage of your convictions and don't let go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You connect people who really benefit from one another's acquaintance. This you do with pleasure. Next week, someone will do the same for you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I was wondering about the love advice I read from you last month. If a person (potential love interest) withdraws from you by "resisting" (resistance causes heat), then why would you want to engage that person even more? This advice seems off the beaten path of your normal logic."

Your question reminds me of what one of my favorite songs sung by LeAnne Rimes asserts that "nothin' 'bout love makes sense." So pardon me if I contradict myself, but the love energy of Venus is like that — keeping us a little off balance just to get us dancing. And to be clear, I'm not suggesting that people behave as bullies, taking "no" as "yes" or anything your appreciation for know you, what you're up of the sort. I'm merely

secret hearts we want someone to prove that their interest is specifically for us, and that they are willing to listen deep er, try harder and be more attentive. So, unconsciously, we test potential partners. Haven't you ever hung up the phone and thought, "If he really likes me, he'll call back, but I'm not calling him unless he does"? That's resisting. And if the "he" in question is persistent. he just might get the girl.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: They say personality can only take one so far, but in the case of Food Network star Emeril Lagasse, it's catapulted him straight to the top combined, of course, with his Libran passion and talent for the art of food. Lagasse's "it" factor destined him for fame, fortune and fandom. I see taking another him plunge into the world of sitcoms, this time in the more liberal world of cable.

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NOTICE OF **GENERAL ELECTION** (AVISO DE **ELECCION GENERAL)**

To the Registered Voters of the County of Howard, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Howard, Texas:) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2006, for voting in a general election for the purpose of electing State and District

cers, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, county and precinct officers; and FOR the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 79th Legislature, regular session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de Noviembre de 2006, para elegir oficiales del estado, distrito, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, condado y del precincto y PARA adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometima por la 79th Legislatura Regular Sesion, de la Estado de Texas.) POLLING LOCATIONS

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Spring, Texas between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23. 2006 and ending on November 3.

2006. (entre las 8 del manana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el dia 23 de Octubre, 2006 y terminando el dia

3 de Noviembre, 2006. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Saundra Bloom **Flections Administrator**

P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, 79721

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 31. (Las solicitudes para boletas que

se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negoc io el dia 31 Octubre. 2006. Early voting will also take place at

the following locations in Big Spring, Texas: The Howard County Courthouse will be open on SATURDAY, OC-

TOBER 28th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for early (LaOficina de Condado Escribano va estar abierto Sabado el 28 de Octubre, 2006, etre las 10 de la

manana y las 2 de la tarde papa votar temprano.) Branch voting will take place at the following locations in Big Spring,

Texas: 10/25/06 CANTERBURY SOUTH 1700 Lancaster 10:00-12:00 PARKPLACE RET CENTER 501 W. 17th 70:00-12:00

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER Simler Drive 10:00-12:00 11/01/06 STATE VETERANS HOME 1809 N. Hwy 87 10:00-12:00

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My friend, "Lois," is pregnant and due in three months. On several occasions, I have observed her drinking and smoking heavily. Several of her friends have spoken to her about this, as has her doctor, to no avail. We have dropped the subject because we love Lois and can't change her behav ior.

Lois told us that her husband is fine with her drinking. However, he recently told me it was OK if she had a beer once in a while. This makes me believe he doesn't know how much she drinks.

I feel I have a moral obligation to speak up, but I don't want to lose the friendship. Should I tell him? Should I send an anonymous letter? I also ask myself if it will change the outcome and if her husband would believe me.

may already be too late. And if her husband finds stepsister, however. out, he might leave her, especially if the baby is born with fetal alcohol syndrome or worse, and I don't want to be the cause of her marriage ending. Please help me decide what to do. — Speak Up or Shut Up

Dear Speak Up: Lois should have been able to feel the baby move at about 20 weeks, but we assume she is getting regular checkups and her doctor would have noticed something amiss. Even if Hubby knows the extent of her drinking, it won't protect the baby if Lois refuses to give up her destructive habits. Is it possible she doesn't really want to be a mother? Mention that her behavior indicates she is ambivalent at best, and see if that turns on any lights for her.

Dear Annie: I'm tired of feeling guilty because I don't like my stepchildren or step-grandchildren.

When I remarried, my daughter and I were ecstatic about becoming a blended family, but it soon became apparent I was just Dad's wife and friend. Another reader



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

they wanted nothing to do with me or their stepsister. After continually forgotten being Christmas, birthdays and other special occasions, I

gave up. Until recently, the only time my stepchildren would call or visit was when they needed money. Now, after all these years, they suddenly want a relationship. They want I know Lois has yet to me to be "Grandma" to feel the baby move, so it their children. They still

have no interest in their My husband is disabled, and I work long hours. I come home after work exhausted and don't have energy to "Grandma" and take care grandchildren. of

However, my husband wants the family to be closer. I'm standing firm and it's causing a strain on our marriage. What should I do? — Stressed

Out in Oregon Dear Stressed Out: You don't have to be a baby sitter, but this is your husband's family, and even if you dislike them, try to be flexible. Perhaps the grandchildren could visit on the weekends. Some kids have a hard time accepting the new wife and siblings, but when grandchildren come along, they soften up. Give your stepchildren the opportunity to become closer, and at the very least, you will have made vour husband happy and established a relationship

with those grandchildren. Dear Annie: You printed a letter from a woman whose 80-year-old husband made a pass at a said it was an early sign of dementia.

My father's 86-year-old best friend propositioned me when his wife was out of town. I let him know he was out of line, and I can assure you the "disease" went away. He wasn't senile. He was a horny old can be controlled in front out while you can. of the wife is not a dis ease. — Virginia

Dear Virginia: This is less about control than about impaired judgment and the loosening of inhibitions. Some people with dementia don't realize how inappropriate their behavior is unless you point it out (and even then). Of course, your "horny old coot" may have a different problem.

Dear Annie: I've dated "Paul" for 16 years. I was quite slim when we met, and he told me how much he liked being with someone who didn't have aweight problem. Apparently, both his exwives are quite overweight, as is his only

daughter. Over time, I put on quite a few pounds, and Paul wasn't happy about it. I wasn't either, so a year ago, I lost 35 pounds. Paul was ecstatic and asked me to marry him. I didn't receive a ring and we didn't set a date, and over the past several months, I've gained back about 10 pounds, which I am trying to lose. I still wear a

size 10 petite. Paul barely speaks to me now. He insists I join a health club and tries to monitor everything I eat. He refuses to go on any trips or do anything fun until I lose the weight. I'm beginning to feel my total worth is whether or not I fit into a size 6.

I have wanted to get married for a long time, but the change in Paul's attitude over 10 pounds is really beginning to scare me. Should I go all out to lose the weight to please him, or is his behavior a red flag? — Not Thin **Enough** in Texas

Dear Texas: It's a large banner, honey. Do you think there is a possibili-

ty that you might, perhaps, gain a pound or two in the next 20 years? Paul is fixated on your weight. and he will use it as an excuse to avoid commitment (16 years?) and leave you if things don't go his way. You've wasted enough time on this shalcoot. Any behavior that low, controlling man. Get

Dear Annie: My close-toretirement age father was recently let go from his job because of difficulties due to his Parkinson's. He is currently seeking his doctor's advice improving his condition.

In the meantime, Dad has bills to pay and has racked up considerable debt. He and my mother have downsized, but they're having problems paying for their housing. Dad will get money from Social Security, but was told he could not go on disability.

I am so worried about how he and my mom are going to get through this. I can contribute somewhat financially, but not enough. And my poor father wants to work because it keeps his mind fresh and makes him feel valuable and productive. He's sending out resumes, but hasn't had much luck. Is there any agency that can help? — Concerned Progeny

Dear Concerned: It's possible your father's employer is in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. You can find information and support through the Job **Accommodation Network** (jan.wvu.edu) at 1-800-526-7234 or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (pdf.org) at 1-800-457-6676. Good luck.

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By STEVE REAGA Staff Writer

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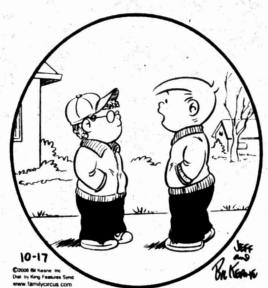
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



'They're gettin' me a wall phone. I've lost three cell phones in my room."

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2006. There are 75 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1919, the Radio Corporation of America was chartered.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion (sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearny was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Iceland; 11 people

exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1945, Col. Juan Peron,

the future president of

Argentina, was released

from prison after protests by

trade unionists, ending a

crisis that began with his

forced resignation from his

government posts and his

In 1973, Arab oil-producing

nations announced they

would begin cutting back oil

arrest.

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of

the four hijackers. In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 67 people and causing \$7 billion in damage

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marsha Hunt is 89. Actor Tom Poston is 85. Actress Beverly Garland is 80.

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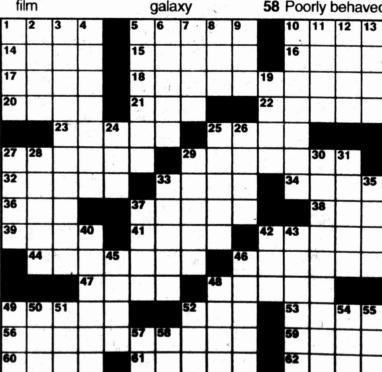
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JUNK DRAWER by Gail Grabowski

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