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United Way

Effort nears one-third of goal at midway point

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

As the United Way campaign nears its midway point, local officials are feeling more optimistic than a year ago.

Cynthia Scott, executive director of the local United Way, said the drive has netted slightly

more than \$95,000 to date. Although that figure represents less than half of the campaign's \$300,000 goal, it is still cause for optimism,

Scott

Scott said. "That's with a lot of money still out and some divisions not reporting yet," she noted. "There were a lot of things going on last year. This year, I'm feeling pretty optimistic. Our people are getting great responses."

Money raised by the different campaign divisions include:

· Loaned executive -\$65,000.

• Pacesetters — **\$20,000**. • Commercial — \$6,875.

• Restaurant — \$2,000. • Community — \$1,200.

The Professional and Agency divisions have not reported yet, Scott said.

Last year, the campaign lasted well into December before officials finally called a halt. Scott doesn't envision the drive lasting

that long this year. "Last year ... was just too long," she said. "This year, we're a lot further along than at any time since I've been here."

A more accurate accounting of the state of this year's drive can be found Friday morning, when officials hold their mid-campaign report breakfast at 7:15 a.m. at Greg's Grill in Big Spring Mall.

Agencies assisted by the United Way include: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America. Big Spring Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross. West Chapter.

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Baby receives a blessing Tuesday evening from Father James Lig Gulett and friend Bandit watch. Critters of all types participated in St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Blessing of the Animals. The annual event is held in observance of St. Francis' Day. St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the late 12th Century and early 13th Century, devoted himself to serving the poor while living in strict poverty himself.

Social Security checks going up

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Social Security checks for nearly 49 million Americans are going up by 3.3 percent in 2007, a smaller percentage gain than this year, the government announced Wednesday.

The cost of living adjustment will translate into an average monthly increase of \$33 for the typical retired worker, pushing the average monthly benefit from \$1,011 currently to \$1,044.

The cost of living adjustment announced Wednesday by the Social Security Administration will go to more than 53 million people. Nearly 49 million receive Social Security benefits and the Supplemental rest Security Income payments aimed at the poor.

The 3.3 percent increase compares to a 4.1 percent rise in monthly benefits for 2006, which had been the biggest increase in 15 years. Starting in 1975, the benefit payments have been adjusted each year to keep up with inflation.

The COLA amount is based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index in the July-September quar-

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Vaughn Grisham, a noted authority on rural community development, addresses the crowd during "Extraordinary Results

SUCCESS STORY

Retired educator tells conference attendees how community came together

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Marilyn Beyer had two good reasons not to like what she saw in Houston, Minn.

As a retired educator with Beyer the school dis-

trict, she noted with alarm years of rapidly declining enrollment. As a life-long resident of the tiny town in southern Minnesota, she didn't like the economic outlook for her community, either.

turn around bad times. which was the message Beyer gave attendees at "Extraordinary the Results in Ordinary Communities" conference at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday after-

In small communities, the fortunes of the school district and town are often linked, and such was the case in Houston, a small community of 1,200 people in southeastern Minnesota.

"It's a symbiotic relationship between the two," Beyer said. "You have to be successful

But small towns can See SUCCESS, Page 3A

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LARGE-ITEM PICK UP SET

Big Spring will stage a large-item pick up Friday in District 6, represented by Councilman Greg Biddison.

Typical large items are tree branches, appliances, couches and mattresses. All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up.

Items need to be separated as much as possible for the trip to the municipal land-

For more information on the large item pick up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at www.ci.big-spring.tx.us, or contact the city at 264-2504.

DINOSAUR 'MISSING'

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. (AP) — Don't blame extinction or evolution for this missing dinosaur.

A 265-pound fiberglass replica of a raptor Deinonychus was stolen last weekend by thieves who unbolted it from a trailer at the annual Oyster Festival.

The dinosaur had been brought to the festival as a promotional tool for an upcoming "Battle of the Dinosaurs" exhibit at the Center for Science Teaching and Learning in Rockville Centre.

Instead, the prehistoric creature was liberated from the trailer sometime after 6 p.m. Saturday, said Nassau County

ANGEL TREE SIGN UP

Applications for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program are being taken now through Oct. 27. The program helps to ensure that all young children in Howard County will receive Christmas gifts.

Applicants should bring a picture ID for all of the adults in the home, Social Security cards for all of the household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income.

They also need to include a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas. including clothes sizes and shoe sizes. Applications are be made at 811 W. Fifth St. Call 267-8239 for information.

Joseph Scott Knight

Joseph Scott Knight, 79, a retired carpenter and former Big Spring resident, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at his daughter's home in Arlington. A private service will be held at a later date.

He was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Terrell. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He retired from Civil Service as foreman of the carpentry shop at Webb Air Force Base.

He was a member of Santa Anna Presbyterian Church and Big Spring's First Presbyterian Church, where he was also an elder. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Santo.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Scott; two sons, Scott Knight and wife, Hilde, and Gregg Knight and wife, Karen; two daughters, Joan Ridgeway and husband, Fred Fielder, and Ruth Knight; six grandchildren, Jennifer Fielder, Matt and Mark Ridgeway, Lisa Pina, and Megan and Landon Knight; niece, Pamela Jordan and husband, J.D.; and cousins, Robbie Ellis, James Ellis, Ida Sue Stephenson, Betty Ruth York and Mary Jo Maddox.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Ollie and W.B. Knight, and a brother, Barton Knight.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Coleman County Medical Hospital or Pottsboro Church of Christ.

Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Funeral Home, Arlington.

Paid obituary

Jermaine Moore

Jermaine "Cubba" Moore, 32, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006 at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of the Lighthouse Restoration Center, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A prayer service will

be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Jan. 13, 1974 in Big Spring to Jimmy and Margarita Moore. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School. He had worked as a cook for the former Rip Griffin Truck Stop and Brenda's Barbecue in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, John and Margarita Rosas, of Big Spring; his father, Jimmy Moore of Dallas; two sisters, Diane Hill of Austin, and Anna Hoffpauir of Big Spring; and a brother, Tony Hill of Stanton. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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

Fran Cullins

Fran Cullins, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 at Mountain View Lodge. Funeral services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Patricia Hoffman

Patricia Hoffman, 53, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jim Parrish

Jim Parrish, 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 18. 2006, in Wichita Falls. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- · A RELAY FOR LIFE SPOOK HOUSE will be sponsored by the Big Spring Independent School District Yellow Dogs from 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28 and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29-31 at the Old College Heights School. Admission is \$5 per person.
- 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.
- 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.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m.

 DORIS VALENTINE, 45, of Merkel, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify and local and Howard County warrants.

 ZACHARY WILLIAMS, 24, of 2305 Allendale, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and held for the HCSO.

 TAMMEYE ATKINSON, 57, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of interfering with the discharge of a police officer's

 SHELITA DUPRE, 36, of Coahoma, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 VICTOR CASTILLO, 33, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license

 CARLOS MUNOZ, 19, of 1105 N. Bell, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal mischief. DEREK PIERCE, 18, of 1016 Bluebonnet, was

arrested Tuesday on a TYC warrant. • THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell

 FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

· in the 600 block of Lancaster.

- in the 4000 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report. MAGDALENE LOPEZ, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft.

• JIMMY ESCOVEDO RODRIGUEZ, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• SONYA GAY BIDDLE, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

· CONSUELLA ANN MENDOZA, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and possession of a controlled substance.

 JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, 23, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and speeding.

 JOSE MIGUEL ROSALES, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and violation of a promise to appear.

REYNALDO CHAVERRIA JUAREZ, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

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

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3100 block of Collins. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy.

One person was transported to SMMC. · TRAUMA was reported in the 4000 block of

Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Lancaster and Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

• 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.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or nonalcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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TODAY

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

• 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., Kentwood Elementary.

· 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.

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

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds around 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Thursday-Mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Thursday night-Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Light and variable winds. Friday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South

winds around 10 mph.

Friday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night-Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Lottery

A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing _ worth \$55 million — was sold in North Bend, Wash.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 6, 18, 20, 28 and 38. The Mega Ball number was 37. The next drawing will be Friday and the jackpot is \$12 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-23-28-36-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$28,880.

Winning ticket sold in: Needville. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night

by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-8

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ter of this year compared to the same quarter in 2005. The Labor Department announced Wednesday that consumer prices actually fell by 0.5 percent in September, reflecting a big drop in energy prices.

While energy prices jumped sharply at the beginning of the year, reflecting rising Mideast tensions, they have recently retreated to a level where they are little

changed from this time a announced Wednesday year ago, when prices surged after Hurricane Katrina knocked out oil production along the Gulf Coast.

The average retired couple, both receiving Social Security benefits, will see their monthly check go from \$1,658 to \$1,713.

The standard SSI payment will go from \$603 per month for an individual to \$623, and from \$904 to \$934 for a couple.

The average monthly check for a disabled worker will go from \$947 to

The government also

that 11 million taxpayers will pay higher taxes next year because the maxifacilities mum amount of Social Security earnings subject to the payroll tax will rise from \$94,200 to \$97,500. In all, an estimated 163 million workers will pay Social Security taxes in

> The \$33 per month average monthly increase for Social Security retirees in 2007 compares to a \$39 rise for 2006.

However, much of the 2006 gain was eaten up by a \$10.30 monthly increase in the payments retirees

ing them of important

The result of these

efforts were greatly

increased enrollment,

Beyer said, and that

involved itself in several

community projects, such

as the construction of a

bike trail, public library

and nature center, as well

as other community beau-

tification and improve-

ment projects.

district also

announcements

upcoming events.

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had to make for Medicare Part B insurance that pays for their doctors' visits and outpatient hospital care. This year, that premium increase is a smaller \$5, driving the total premium to \$93.50. The

wealthiest Medicare recipients will see much larger increases as part of changes to the law passed in 2003 when the drug care benefit was adopted.

The higher payments will apply to about 1.5 million beneficiaries with incomes of more than \$80,000 annually. Many in this group will see their

The nature center and bike trail were perfect fits for the Houston area, and similar projects could work just as well in West Texas, Beyer said.

your assets," she said. You have to make the most of what you've got. You have to see the glass as half-full, and then decide what it's full of.'

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with both."

And up until a few years ago, the outlook was anything but cheerful, Beyer

Aside from declining enrollment, the district suffered from operating debt, high administrative turnover (it went through four superintendents in eight years), a sharply divided school board and a general loss of community trust, she said.

But school and civic leaders teamed up to devise a long-range strategic plan that involved both the district and community.

For the school district, the goals were straightforward: Increase student achievement, hire and retain high-quality staff strengthen

school's economic condition.

The most ambitious program hatched from this plan was the district's membership in online instruction for students.

The district's biggest helped improve the displan was one aimed at home-schooled students. The Minnesota Virtual Academy (for students in grades K through 8) and the Minnesota Center for Online Learning (for grades 9-12) provided instruction in courses fully certified by state

education officials. The district also used a high-tech approach toward getting the community involved. For example, parents were sent daily e-mails inform-

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Managing Editor

Bill McClellan News Editor

OTHER VIEWS

A victory is a victory

■ he United Nations Security Council resolution condemning North Korea's nuclear test was a limited victory for the United States and Japan, but a victory nonetheless.

Bush administration critics and U.N. bashers have been quick to seize on what the resolution does not do. It will not force North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons, and it cannot prevent Kim Jong Il from transferring a few kilograms of plutonium to rogue states or terrorists if he is determined to do so. But no U.N. resolution could guarantee that, nor could any enforcement regime, even one joined by China and South Korea.

Still, the unanimous U.N. resolution adopted Saturday is historic in three respects. First, it marks one of the few times that China has agreed to impose economic sanctions on any rogue state. Beijing has long viewed sanctions as an impermissible violation of national sovereignty and either threatened to use its veto or abstained from voting. For a nation as concerned with precedent as China to change position on such a core foreign policy. issue — to vote with the U.S. for sanctions against its longtime ally, North Korea, and to label Pyongyang's behavior as "brazen," a term ordinarily reserved for hostile states — represents a tectonic shift in official Chinese

Second, the vote at last puts North Korea squarely on the wrong side of the international community. Until now, North Korea could claim it was merely a fiercely independent nation with a long-running dispute against a bullying United States — a glossy self-portrait that, however implausible, nonetheless generated some international sympathy. By defying the United Nations in testing a nuclear device and becoming the subject of unanimous Security Council reprobation, North Korea has become an official pariah. While purely symbolic, this is progress.

Third, the language of the resolution was appreciably strengthened from earlier drafts. It demands that North Korea return to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty the only international agreement that stands between us and a frightening world of potentially dozens of nuclear weapons states. You may recall that, in late 2002, North Korea announced it was kicking out International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors and a few weeks later quit the

That precedent must not be allowed to stand. The U.N. resolution also requires all nations to "prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to (North Korea), through their territories or by their nationals," of materials or technologies that could be used for nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles or other weapons of mass destruction.

China and South Korea may choose not to enforce this provision. But if plutonium were found to have passed from North Korea to a rogue state through their territories, they still would be seen as complicit in the eyes of the international community — and they know it.

In this respect, the U.N. resolution changes everything and nothing. It remains up to North Korea's two closest allies, China and South Korea, to accept this mandate and persuade Pyongyang to abandon its dangerous course.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our actions and words speak loud for You, Lord.

Democrats to immigrant voters: Where else are you going to go?

t happens in every national election, but this year it is more blatantly obvious than ever before: Democrats will win the immigrant and minority vote by doing nothing - nada!

They simply sit back and let Republicans alienate minority voters. And then they just tell Latinos and African Americans that they have no other choice but to vote Democratic.

And it's true, we don't.

Nevertheless, you would think the Democrats would do a little more to earn and deserve minority support.

This year, you would think they would be screaming and pounding their fists about what

Republicans have done to immigrants on their way to reforming immigration laws. You would think they would be telling immigrant voters that many Republicans are mean-spirited big-

ots, and that if the GOP retains a majority in Congress we will be subjected to many more draconian measures. You would think that on the

campaign trail, they would be reminding us that Republicans wanted to make criminals not just out of illegal immigrants, but out of anyone who associates with them. You would think they would be citing how some Republicans wanted to deny American citizenship to the U.S. born children of illegal immigrants, or how they want to turn every local cop into an immigration agent, creating a state of fear that would preclude

many people from reporting crimes, fires and other emergen-

But nah, why should Democrats make immigration a campaign issue? They know they are going to win the minority vote by default. And so, instead of blasting Republicans for bashing immigrants, many Democrats are keeping their mouths shut.

Instead of standing on principles, they are actually concerned about alienating xenophobic Americans who may not vote Democratic if they realize a particular candidate is soft on illegal immigration.

Off the record, some Democratic operatives actually confide that this is a calculated scheme. They figure that if they go all out in defense of immigrants they are not likely to win many more minorities votes, but they are likely to lose at least some support from Americans who agree with them on other issues.

That's why we now see many Democrats who voted in Congress for logical, compassionate proimmigrant reforms failing to take that issue on the campaign trail. That's why we see Latino Democrats hypocritically acting like champions of immigrants when they speak to the Spanishlanguage media, but singing a totally different tune when they address the mainstream, Englishlanguage media.

They become two totally different people. In Spanish, they tell Latinos that immigration is the most important issue they can think of. But in English, they tell all Americans that they too are concerned about border security and immigrant lawbreakers.

If you are bilingual, do some channel switching and pay attention. In English, you'll see Democrats acting very concerned about the war in Iraq, the Rep. Mark Foley congressional page scandal and other issues that are not as important as immigration to the Hispanic population. But in Spanish, you'll see them shedding crocodile tears about what the

Republicans have done to the

immigration population.

At least the Republicans are honest. They hate the influx of immigrants, especially Latinos, and they make no effort to hide their prejudice. But the Democrats are two-faced hypocrites.

There are exceptions, of course. Some Democrats are indeed talking about immigration. But they are a minority among congressional candidates.

And even among them, in English, the issue is not usually raised out of their own initiative. They'll answer questions if they have to, and they will explain very carefully — why they voted for compassionate immigration reform.

In Spanish, that's all they want to talk about.

There is no question that, perhaps more than ever, Democrats are counting on votes they don't deserve, only because the other side deserves them even less.

Yes, we should vote Democratic, because Republicans need to be punished for being so divisive, xenophobic and downright racist for the last couple of years. But let's not get carried away. Democrats are only the lesser of two evils.

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Adventures with makeup and hair

lynda Taylor is one of the most active women in McCamey. She painted murals on downtown buildings, working mostly at night because of all her daytime activities. She works with the chamber

of commerce, fire department and ambulance service and is a member of the Lions Club.

She has climbed to the top of the tallest wind turbines around McCamey and says the view is wonderful from up there.

She and her husdren, six of them

band raised 10 chiladopted.

Once she had an ambulance call

in the middle of the night. "It was a wreck about five miles out of town," she recalled. "An 18wheeler had turned over. I realized my hair and face weren't fixed, so I thought I would fix them on the way out there. I hurried up and took off.

"When I got to the accident scene, emergency vehicles were

there and the truck driver was walking around hurting. I told him we needed to take him to the hospital. I knew he acted kind of funny about getting on the cot and he told me he really didn't want to go. I told him he really needed medical help.

'We finally got him in the ambulance and I kept looking at him and checking his eyes and he kept saying he didn't want to go to the hospital," Taylor continued. "I told him he really needed to go. He finally agreed, so we rushed him to the emergency room. While we were walking around the hall, somebody told me I needed to get in the bathroom and look in the mirror. When I did, I realized that when I fixed my face in the dark I had painted my eyebrows and my eyes with my lip liner. I had the pinkest eyebrows and the pinkest eves you've ever seen. I know that truck driver must have wondered if he was hallucinating or he had the craziest ambulance lady in the world working on him.

Glynda has a beauty shop, which sometimes is the scene of some unusual experiences

"One time I had this little lady

and I was teasing her hair and had it sprayed just about as spiked out as it could be," she said. "I was just starting to fix it when she fainted on me. I guess she got too hot or something.

"I called 911 and there her hair is sticking straight out and I had a lady under the dryer and I hollered at her to please come in here and hold her head. She fainted and I need to comb her hair before the ambulance gets here. She's gonna be very upset if she gets there and finds out I let her go to the hospital with her hair sticking out like a porcupine.

"So this lady grabbed her head and held it up so I could comb her hair before the ambulance got there. She told me she really understood the situation and told me if that ever happens to her, don't ever let her be taken away with her hair in a mess.

The woman who fainted later thanked Glynda for preventing embarrassment by combing her hair before taking her to the hospital.

Glynda says you never know what's going to happen next in a small town beauty shop.

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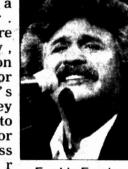
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Hometown locals pay last respects to Freddy

SAN BENITO (AP) - Some born. On Tuesday, mourners crooned "Wasted Days and one." were children, clutching a parent's hand and looking wideeyed at the coffin and the row of paintings of a man with big

hair, a big smile and a guitar. Others were elderly, leaning on walkers or another's arm as they walked up to touch or kiss even their deceased



Freddy Fender

hometown

legend, Freddy Fender. Fender died of cancer Saturday at his home in Corpus Christi. A funeral Mass and burial are planned Wednesday in San Benito, where he was

streamed in to Our Lady of the Universe Catholic church.

"Freddy's really the only music we listened to when I was growing up, before I could even speak English properly," said Jodie Ruiz, 41. "I idolized him my whole life; we really didn't have a lot of role models. When I was 17, 18, I even used to wear my hair like him."

She said Fender's talents outshined bouts with drugs and alcohol that cost him a liver, a kidney, and three years in a Louisiana prison.

"You see him play," she said, "his face would light up."

A year ago, the country-pop singer's visage was painted onto the city's water tower, a landmark in the flat South Texas borderlands.

But everybody here already

Wasted Nights," and "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" was from.

Before he coined a name from the brand on his guitar, Fender 1937 in El Jardin, a poor enclave of a town credited for spawning the Mexican-polka sound of conjunto. His family exposed to the blues sung by blacks alongside Mexicans in the fields.

Eugenio Garza, a 66-year-old cousin, remembered how 'Balde" was always coming by the house.

"My father used to feed him, give him haircuts. They were very poor," he said. When the young Fender got into music, "My father was always making knew where the man who him play his guitar for every-

In later years, Garza got a

doctorate in education and enlisted Fender for civil rights

Other cousins sat with old was born Baldemar Huerta in friends in a corner of the church, remembering times in the old house on the street that is now "Freddy Fender Lane."

Before he was big, before he traveled across the country was in movies and on "Dukes of picking crops, and he was Hazzard" and Dinah Shore's show, they remembered, Fender sang and played with a conjunto band at weddings and town events.

> At the church, Fender, a Marine in the 1950s, was dressed in white Marine Corps military dress, a Marine Corps League hat folded at his waist. Family snapshots filled the inside of the coffin.

His wife, Evangelina Huerta, said she had wanted to keep the

No one was hurt when 17 cars left the

track, and no hazardous materials were

on board, Union Pacific spokesman Joe

Arbona said. He said 14 cars were car-

rying scrap paper, one was empty,

another was carrying steel coils and

casket closed because of the cancer weight loss. She said she changed her mind after seeing how peaceful he looked and because she wanted to give people who had known him so long a better chance for closure.

"I used to go out with him when he was performing but this is like his last performance and it's so sad, people are coming in for so many different reasons," she said. "One lady, he'd sang at her wedding in 1955 or 56 _ she was just crying, wanted to touch him."

Marla Huerta Fender's 25-year-old daughter and his kidney donor, said there was no question about bringing Fender back to San Benito.

"His people were a big impact," she said. "Where he started is where he finishes.'

Antonio Fire Chief Robert Ojeda.

one," Ojeda said from the scene.

"We dodged a pretty big bullet on this

One of the derailed cars was sticking

out the side of Martin Alvarez's home.

The 41-year-old maintenance worker

Texas briefs

Student regent resigns following plagiarism allegations

LUBBOCK (AP) - Texas Tech University's first student regent resigned Tuesday after being accused of plagiarizing several paragraphs in a column he wrote for the student newspa-

Chad Greenfield, a graduate student from Monahans, said he regretted having to resign but felt it was best for the university.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Greenfield after legislation created a non-voting spot for students on the governing boards of state university systems.

"He offered to resign after our office called him about the allegations and we accepted," Perry spokesman Eric Bearse said. "Human beings make mistakes, and sometimes there's real difficult consequences. We hope that, for Mr. Greenfield's sake, this will be a lesson learned and he 'll be a better person for

The Daily Toreador told readers that Greenfield would no longer be writing for the paper after the discovery of similarities between his Sept. 25 column and a piece by syndicated columnist Thomas Sowell.

Greenfield said it was a mistake. He said he was sick when he submitted the column and didn't mean to include text of the column without reference.

as, I guess, malicious plagiarism," Greenfield said

Judge vacates conviction of late **Enron founder Kenneth Lay**

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron founder Kenneth Lay's criminal record is now

A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Lay's death this summer vacated his conviction on fraud and conspiracy charges connected to the downfall of the

once mighty energy giant. Lay was convicted of 10 counts of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks in two separate cases on May 25. He died of heart disease July 5 while vacationing

in Aspen, Colo. Enron's collapse in 2001 wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans.

Lay's attorneys argued that legal precedent called for his convictions to be erased and his indictment dismissed. They cited a 2004 ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found that a defendant's death pending appeal extinguished his entire case because he hadn't had a full opportunity to challenge the conviction and the government shouldn't be able to punish a dead defendant or his estate.

Train cars smash 2 homes in San Antonio derailment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Union "It frustrates me that it was portrayed Pacific freight train derailed near downtown Tuesday morning, nearly destroying two houses.

another had potash. said he feels fortunate that he, his wife No one was in the two damaged housand his daughter were gone when the es when the train derailed, said San accident happened.

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Gorbachev criticizes border wall proposal

Former Soviet President interaction with," Mikhail Gorbachev criticized U.S. plans to build a 700-mile fence on the nation's southern border Tuesday.

Gorbachev, visiting President Bush's hometown for a lecture series at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, said fixing the border requires new ideas and cooperation.

"I don't think the U.S. is so weak and so much lacks confidence as not to be able to find a different solution," he said.

Bush signed a homeland security funding bill earlier this month that includes \$1.2 billion for fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border to stop illegal immigrants and criminals sneaking over.

Gorbachev, the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize winner, recalled President Reagan's 1987 visit to the Berlin Wall, when he called on Gorbachev to tear down the wall.

"Now the United States seems to be building almost the Wall of China between itself and this other nation with which it has been associated for many decades and has

said.

Speaking through a translator, Gorbachev also addressed the Oct. 7 assassination of Russian reporter Anna Politkovskaya. reporter worked for Novaya Gazeta, a newspaper that Gorbachev is part owner of.

Politkovskaya, 48, was gunned down in her apartment building. She was known as a critic of Russian policy toward the breakaway region of Chechnya. Gorbachev said her unsolved murder

was related to her work.

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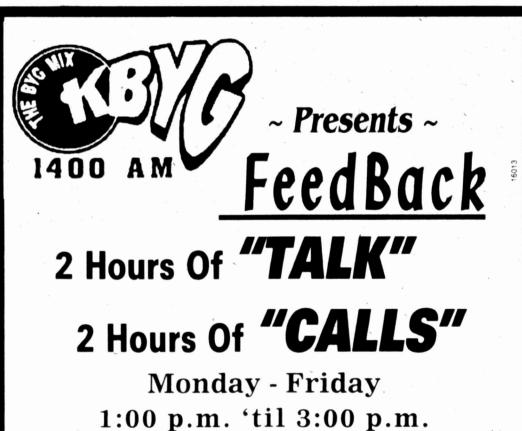
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Anna, but by doing so they dealt a heavy blow to democracy in our country," said Gorbachev, 75. "Not only her colleagues but the Russian public generally condemned this very strongly and that's why thousands of people came to her funeral."

In a speech that also touched on international issues related to Iraq and North Korea, Gorbachev said the collaboration between the United States and Russia that ended the Cold War "was mostly squandered."



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Man accused of killing family holds key to laptop mystery

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — As the man accused of kidnapping two children and killing their family waits in a jail cell for a federal indictment to be handed down, he still holds what could be a bargaining chip: An encrypted laptop that may contain more horrors.

The FBI's top hackers apparently have been unable to break through Joseph Edward Duncan III's security encryptions. and a plea bargain Duncan's lawyers struck Monday with state prosecutors says the key must only be shared with his defense lawyer.

The computer key may provide Duncan some negotiating leverage in the next few weeks when authorities file federal charges that are expected to carry the death penal-

"Federal authorities are going to attempt to execute my client," said

FBI computer experts in Quantico, Va., have reportedly spent the past year trying to break into Duncan's laptop, which was found in his stolen vehicle in July 2005.

Roger Peven, Duncan's federal public defender. "This is something I'd be happy to talk with federal authorities about.'

Peven is the only person other than Duncan to have seen some of the; contents of the laptop. He has declined to say what he saw on the computer.

Has Duncan, a computer-savvy predator with his blogs, videos and other high-tech tools, outwitted law officers? And what do his computers contain?

"I am working on an encrypted journal that is hundreds of times more out parole.

frank than this blog could ever be (that's why I keep it encrypted)," Duncan 16, 2005, murders near .Coeur d'Alene.

it would take at least 30 years for technology to emerge that could easily crack the encryption "and then the world will know who I really was, and what I really did, and what I really thought."

guilty Monday to killing three people - Brenda Groene, her 13-year-old son, Slade; and her boyfriend, McKenzie — so he could kidnap Shasta Groene, then 8, and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, for sex.

Duncan, 43, pleaded

Seven weeks after the May 2005 slayings, Shasta was rescued. Dylan's body was later found at a remote campsite in Montana. Under his state plea agreement, he is to be sentenced to three consecutive life terms with-

But federal prosecutors Peven. have said they intend to charge Duncan with kidwrote on his Web log napping Shasta and three days before the May Dylan, and that they expect to seek the death penalty. Court documents Duncan speculated that allege he repeatedly molested the pair.

Duncan also has been investigated in the abductions and murders of 10year-old Anthony Martinez in Riverside County, Calif., in 1997 and two Seattle half-sisters, Sammiejo White, 11, and Carmen Cubias, 9, in

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marc Haws noted that Duncan's initial plea offer, which was rejected Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas, called for Duncan to reveal the encryption key in exchange for escaping

the death penalty. That initial deal also hinted that the contents of the laptop contained information involving at least Shasta Groene. The final deal called for the key to be revealed only to

Haws declined to criticize the state's plea agreement, saying Douglas' job was only to get the best deal against Duncan in state court.

"How it affects the federal case is not their job," Haws said.

If the federal trial does not produce a death sentence, Duncan could be brought back for a death penalty hearing in state court, Douglas said.

FBI computer experts in Quantico, Va., have reportedly spent the past year trying to break into Duncan's laptop, which was found in his stolen vehicle in July 2005, and the desktop computer at his apartment in Fargo, N.D.

Douglas said he rejected the initial offer that would have given law enforcement officers the encryption key because it also spared Duncan the death penalty in the state case. The contents of the computer were only of

interest to federal authorities, Douglas said.

"That was not even my case," Douglas said.

Duncan, a Tacoma, Wash., native, is a registered sex offender who spent most of his adult life in prison for sex crimes against children. He was released from prison in 2000, and was scheduled to complete a bachelor's degree in computer science at North Dakota State University in May 2005, the same murders month the occurred.

Public defender John Adams, who negotiated the plea agreement with Douglas, said the final deal "was something both sides could live with."

"I don't know what's on there," Adams said of the laptop computer.

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Chris Rock's mother claims racism at Cracker Barrel

(AP) - Rose Rock, the mother of comedian Chris Rock, claims she was racially discriminated against when she was seated but ignored for a half hour at a Cracker Barrel restaurant along the South Carolina coast.

Rock said Tuesday she planned to sue the Lebanon, Tenn.-based company. A Cracker Barrel spokeswoman said the restaurant chain was investigating and taking the complaint "very seriously.

Cracker Barrel has in the past faced numerous inquiry over complaints ever happened." of refusing to serve black against minority workers and firing gay employees. The company has taken steps to rebuild its folksy image and reach out to minorities.

Rock, who is from Georgetown, said she and her 21-year-old daughter were the only blacks at the chain's Murrells Inlet restaurant in April. She said when she asked the manager about the delay she was told they could

the waitresses and asked, here for a half hour without service?" she said.

CHARLESTON, S.C. was we could have a free planned lawsuit. meal and neither of us wanted to eat."

Cracker Barrel spokeswoman Julie Davis said the company doesn't "tolerate any form of discrimination.'

"It has always been a violation of our policies and procedures and it is neither condoned nor allowed," she said. "We do not allow the type of behavior you are describing," Davis said.

Rock said she contacted South Carolina the Human Affairs Commission and was told her complaint would be lawsuits and a federal handled, but "nothing

The head of the commiscustomers, discriminat- sion, Jesse Washington, said Tuesday that after initial discussions, the complaint was finalized Aug. 7 and his agency also was investigating. He would not comment on the complaint.

"We get thousands of charges coming through here in the course of a year," he said. "It's not out of line — the time frame on this. It is being investigated and we will be in touch with her

The Rev. Al Sharpton will join Rock on Wednesday in South Carolina to announce that Sharpton's Action

from all over the country about Cracker Barrel," Sharpton said from New York on Tuesday.

He also said state offisuch complaints.

"When people are talk-"I'm getting reports ing about there is no more discrimination, a lot of it is because they are not following this stuff up," Sharpton said.

Cracker Barrel, estabcials are slow to act on lished in 1969, operates 547 restaurants.

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North Korea may be preparing for second nuclear test

By BO-MI LIM

Associated Press Writer SEOUL, South Korea — Satellite images indicate North Korea appears to be getting ready for a second nuclear test, officials said Tuesday, as the defiant communist regime held huge rallies and proclaimed that U.N. sanctions amount to a declara-

tion of war. China, the North's longtime ally and biggest trading partner, warned Pyongyang not to aggravate tensions. The U.N. has condemned the Oct. 9 atomic blast, and U.S.

Christopher Hill told reporters in Seoul on Tuesday that another nuclear explosion would be "a very belligerent answer" to the world.

As the White House acknowledged that the isolated nation might try a second test, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Japan, launching a diplomatic drive to persuade Asian allies and Russia to intensify North Korea's isolation by enforcing sanctions that the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved on Saturday.

North Korean leader

since his country's recent nuclear test, attending a performance of songs praising him, the North's

official media reported.

The exact date of the performance wasn't specified in the report by the official Korean Central News Agency, but Kim would most likely have attended the event on Tuesday evening as the nation marked the 80th anniversary of the "Down-with-Imperialism Union" — a political platform on which the ruling party was built.

KCNA said the perform- a senior U.S. defense offi-Kim Jong Il made his first ers "sang high praises of cial said.

known public appearance the immortal exploits" of both Kims.

> There was no mention of the nuclear test.

Alexander Vershbow, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, said Wednesday in Seoul that Rice plans to ask the South to expand its role in a U.S.-led international program to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Concern over a second test stems partly from new satellite imagery showing increased activity around at least two other North Korean sites.

The activity, started a number of days ago, included ground preparation at one site and construction of some buildings and other structures. said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because it intelligence involved gathering. He said that although the purpose of the structures is unclear, officials are concerned because North Korea has left open the possibility of

another test. A senior South Korean official told foreign journalists that despite signs of a possible second test, his government had yet to confirm any signs of an imminent second test.

Celebrating the platform's 80th anniversary, North Koreans held parades across the country along with an enormous gathering at a central square in Pyongyang.

In the capital, hundreds of women in brightly colored costumes sang and held bunches of flowers. including some named for Kim Il Sung, the country's first leader and the late father of current leader Kim Jong Il.

The regime slammed the U.N. measures in a Foreign Ministry statement.

Instant phone translations connects immigrants, businesses

By JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO -Foreigners here will soon be able to get a Spanish "hola" or Korean "yeoboseyo" translated into "hello" by dialing up an interpreter who can instantly help them pay a utility bill, apply for credit cards or buy opera tickets in the comfort of their own languages.

Starting Wednesday, a toll-free telephone number will connect immigrants, tourists and business travelers to translators standing by to communicate a caller's needs to the city government and a handful of businesses that have signed on to the eight-language pilot program.

The Your World, Your Language service is a collaboration between telecom giant AT&T and

Language Line Services. For now available only in San Francisco, where nearly half of all residents speak a language other than English, it is slated to go nationwide over the next year-and-a-half.

"Clearly, the demographics of the country are staggering, and we believe once the service is readily available it will be used by millions," said Louis Provenzano, president of Language Line Services. The service is free for

callers, with the companies and organizations that have signed up paying for the two-way translations— about \$15 for a 10-minute call, Provenzano said. Language Line already over-the-phone offers interpreters versed in

over 170 languages to gov-

ernment agencies, health

and other companies, including San Antoniobased AT&T.

AT&T also has bilingual service representatives on used by U.S. residents — Census data show that about one out of five speaks a language other in-house interpreters isn't feasible for many businesses and service service.

interpretation provider care institutions, insurers providers, said Jody Garcia, an AT&T vice president for specialty customer care.

The idea for Your World, Your Language staff to help non-English came in part from the speaking customers. But businesses that agreed to with dozens of languages test it, according to from Albanian to Swahili Garcia. Frustrated by the uncertain success of multilingual advertising campaigns, the companies. wanted a better way to than English — having reach a "warm lead," someone who is already interested in a product or

The telephone transla- said. tion service appeared to

"It's clear customers are offer that, plus the tools to looking to reach us in change an eager con- their language of their sumer into a buyer, she choice," said Garcia.

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Since our book-buying season is just about over, I have been reduced to reprising some earlier columns. If, when reading this column, you experience a sense of deja vu, let me assure you that, yes, you have probably read this before. Although there may also be a few new books thrown in.

In fact, here are a couple right now: "The Children's Hour" by Marcia Williett is reminiscent of Maeve Binchy and Rosamunde Pilcher's writings. It is a family saga sort of book, encompassing several generations. Of course, there are secrets that are long hidden and will be revealed to the new generation.

Here is a contradictory mix of books: cookbooks and diet books. I suppose if you read the cookbooks you can lose some weight. Or how about using them as weights for your training? Although, as I list them, I

low-fat or low carb. "Eat Carbs, Lose Weight" (613.25 AUS D), by Denise Austin; "The South Beach Diet Quick and Easy Cookbook" (641.563 AGA A), by Arthur Agatston;

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"Low-Carb Slow Cooker Recipes" (641.563 BET H). from Better Homes & Gardens; and "Weight Watchers Five Star Recipes" (641.563 WEI W), from Weight Watchers. From Leisure Arts, we have "Christmas" (745.594 LEI A). It has both recipes

holiday season.

Here are some audio her books on CD that we have for you: "Missionary Stew", "Voodoo, Ltd.,"
"Out on the Rim," "Chinaman's Chance," "Briarpatch" and "Ah Treachery" are mysteries written by Ross Thomas. "Gorky Park," by Martin Cruz Smith; "Cat's Eye," by Margaret Atwood; and his move into Egypt. "Unnatural Causes" by P.D. James have also come in. These were purchased by the Friends of the Library for your enjoyment.

It has become popular to ally happened. write about the time and characters of the Bible.

ten of the men and women of the Old Testament. Then there is "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant and several series which escape me at the moment.

The latest is "Zipporah, Wife of Moses" (F HAL M), by Marek Halter. Zipporah is a Cushite and ostensibly is the adopted daughter of Jethro. Although she has found love and acceptance in her adoptive family, it's unlikely she will find a husband. Then she has a dream about an Egyptian prince and before long, Moses appears. The focus here is clearly on Zipporah rather than Moses or even God. The great happenings of Moses' life, including the 10 plagues, mostly occur offstage. The strongest part of the book, not surprisingly, is the intense rendering of Zipporah. and gifts to make for the Halter builds her character not only by re-creating most intimate thoughts but also by providing vivid details of her daily life in the desert.

Jean Auel (author of "Clan of the Cave Bear" series) writes that Judith Tarr's "Lord of the Two Lands" (F TAR J) is an exciting story Alexander the Great and Conveying a rich sense of time and place, Tarr has portrayed a very believable story. Please understand that this is historical fiction, not what actu-

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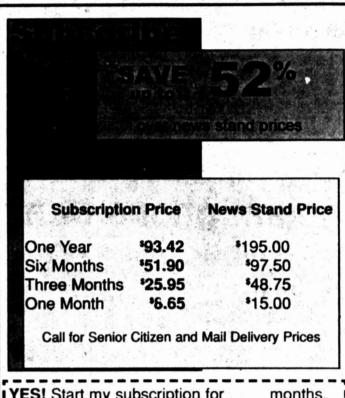
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N.Y. jury finds drunk driver guilty of murder

By FRANK ELTMAN

Associated Press Writer MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — When Martin Heidgen drove into oncoming traffic after a night of heavy drinking, drivers flashed their headlights and honked their horns to warn him, prosecutors said.

When the 25-year-old continued, hitting a wedding limousine and killing a chauffeur and a 7-year-old flower girl, he showed a "depraved indifference to human life" that qualified his actions as murder, jurors ruled Tuesday.

The murder verdict rare in cases stemming from fatal crashes caused by intoxicated drives followed a gut-wrenching, five-week trial filled with gruesome images and testimony.

Jennifer Flynn, who testified about holding daughter Katie's decapitated head immediately after the wreck, collapsed sobbing into her weeping husband's arms when the verdict was read.

"It was the right verdict," she said later. "I'm happy for that."

Limo driver Stanley Rabinowitz, 59, was the second victim.

Jurors, who deliberated for five days, saw a horrifying video from the limo's surveillance camthat showed Heidgen's pickup truck barreling toward the car moments before the headon crash. It ended with the metal-on-metal crunch of the two vehicles colliding.

The crash occurred on a Long Island highway in July 2005 as the family was returning home from a wedding.

Prosecutors will ask for the maximum of 25 years to life at the Nov. 20 sentencing for Heidgen, who stood stoically beside his two attorneys through the verdict. Jurors could have convicted him on the lesser charge of second-degree manslaughter, which carries up to 15 years in prison.

Juror Michael DeRita said deliberations became "pretty fierce," but ultimately jurors agreed unanimously on the murder charge.

"He voluntarily was intoxicated," DeRita said. "He got into the car, he turned the key, he drove, he turned, around, he avoided stimuli to make him get out of the way. It wasn't an accident because he brought this on himself and he caused

In addition to the two murder counts, the jury convicted Heidgen of assault and driving while intoxicated.

Defense Stephen LaMagna complained that prosecutors held Heidgen to the "same standard as a coldblooded murderer." He said he intended to appeal and was confident the murder conviction would be overturned.

Prosecutors estimated that Heidgen had at least 14 drinks before getting behind the wheel.



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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

Big Spring Jr. High volleyball update

Big Spring Junior took Greenwood Monday and won 3 of the 4 matches played.

Top performers were Bridgette Tuitt, Ambra Hill, Rebecca Loya and Bianca Hilario for the seventh graders, and the eigth grade teams were led by Alyssa Yanez, Valerie Ross, Fiero Gabby Patricia Morales.

Big Spring basketball officials are needed

The Big Spring basket-Officials ball Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-07 season for Junior High, Freshman and Sub - Varsity basketball games should contact Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300 or 263-8731.

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 per player and will include the noon meal.

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

Hawk Basketball Booster 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.



Running for a state championship

Zack Dawson has his sights set on a title

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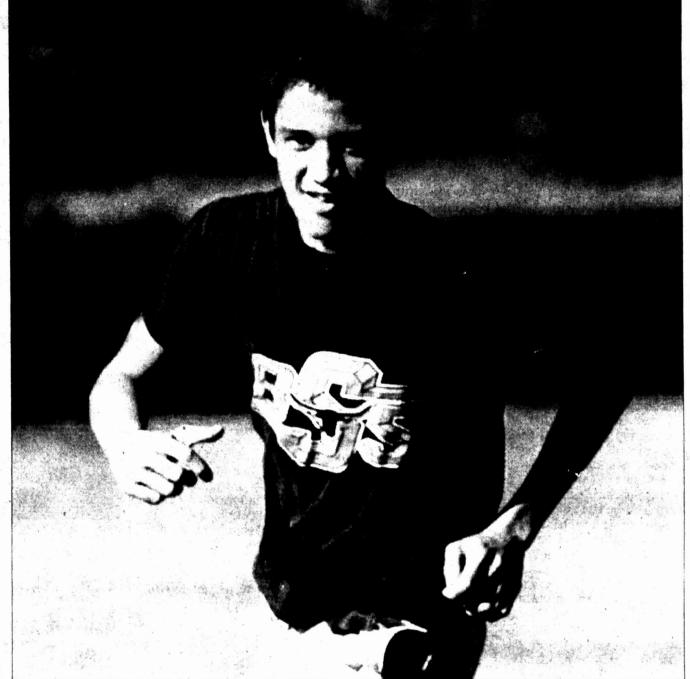
Sports Editor The Big Spring cross country team is off to a sensational start this season and they are expected to compete for the 4A state championship. Their leader, in the classroom and across the fields in competition, is junior Zack Dawson.

Dawson has finished first in several meets this year, and at one time helped the Steers team reach a top 10 ranking in the state. After a solid performance at the Georgetown Invitational, where the junior finished first against top 5A competition, Dawson is determined to not only qualify for the state meet in Round Rock, but he's determined to bring a cross country state title home with him.

"I could be the No. 3 runner on this team," Dawson said. "And if we were to bring home the state championship, I would be fine with that. Our main goal this year is to win state, that's what everybody is fixed on. Sure, I would love to finish first in the state meet, but I would rather the team win the state title any day of the week. That's my goal and the goal of everyone on this team."

With the success of the cross county program — three straight district titles and another one in the making — this team is what all of the BSHS teams should model themselves after. Early in the season, right after becoming state ranked, the team experienced some confusion. This confusion led to not being able to practice one Friday afternoon, and it ultimately led to the team having to make-up that practice with a five-mile run the morning of their meet in Lubbock. Dawson struggled to a third place finish, and the team, as one would expect, dropped out of the

"Coach (Randy) Britton knows what he is doing," explained Dawson. "He is the biggest asset



Junior Zack Dawson leads the cross country team into district competition on Oct. 28, 2006. The Steers will be looking for their fourth straight district championship, but for Dawson, that is only the first step on the path to something bigger.

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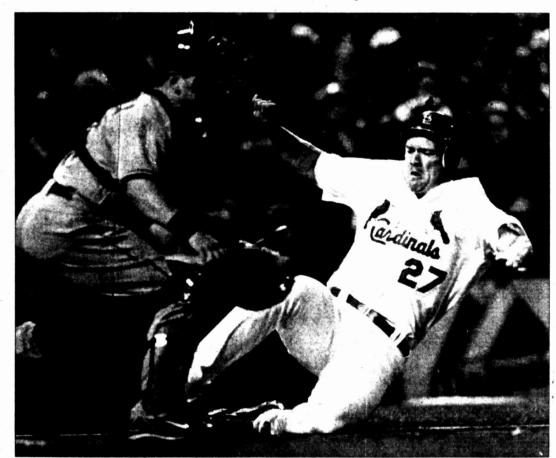
According to coach Britton, the is being consistent. With the dishies leading runner. "He's a very See DAWSON, Page 2B

to not let that happen again.

"He is a very bright kid," key for every cross country team Britton said, when asked about

to our team. He understands the trict meet, regionals and the intelligent student (carries a 4.0 right way to drop our times. You state meet all coming within a GPA and is ranked No. 2 in his have to understand that if we two-week period, it is easy to class) and he is what every coach peak too soon in the season, or understand why consistency is would like to have in every stutoo late, we're not going to be the so determining. As a sophomore, dent. You never have to worry champions we strive to be. He Dawson and his team failed to about his grades or anything understands what it will take, advance past regionals, where else. That is a testament to not and he has the right formula for they have placed fifth two con- only Zack, but to his family as

> "As an athlete, once he understood and bought into being con-



MCT photo/Chris Lee/St. Louis Post St. Louis Cardinals' Scott Rolen slides home on a single from Ronnie Belliard in the fourth inning during Game 5 of the National League Championship Series between the New York

Cards now 1 win away from World Series, down Mets 4-2

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols actually had a few nice things to say about Tom Glavine this time.

And why not? A big swing can put any slugger in a better mood, especially when his team is one win from the World Series.

Pujols' rally-starting homer and another playoff gem by a rejuvenated Jeff Weaver sent the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-2 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night -and a 3-2 lead in the NL championship

Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter can close it out Wednesday night in Game 6 at Shea Stadium, which would give St. Louis its second pennant in three years and a date with the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

After saying Glavine "wasn't good at all" in the opener even though he pitched seven shutout innings, Pujols helped St. Louis finally touch up the soft-tossing lefty with a home run in the fourth.

"He doesn't give in too much," Pujols said. "I'm just glad it went out of

the park. The Cardinals got also timely hits from Preston Wilson and Ronnie Belliard, and an insurance homer by pinch-hitter Chris Duncan. With the red-clad crowd of 46,496 twirling white towels, St. Louis' young bullpen held on in the late innings after getting roughed up during New York's 12-5 victory in Game 4.

Now, the Mets' must

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Lady Steers volleyball loses, still clinging to playoff hopes

By MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

October has not been kind to the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team. Tuesday night they dropped three straight games to Lake View to not only lose the match (25-12, 25-18, 29-27), but to continue their slide on a four game losing streak that has seen their playoff hopes diminish.

The Lady Steers are not only in a must win situation against Estacado on

Oct. 21, but they also need still a long way away. outside help from Plainview on Saturday afternoon. With a win on Friday, the BSHS team and faced a full gym, and will have to sit and wait I think that intimidated for their playoff fate. some of us. We just hit They would need for Lake View to lose to Plainview, and fall into a tie with the place. If that were to happen, the volleyball team would be in a position to possibly have a third and deciding match with Lake Lake View on Oct. 3, the View, but that scenario is team's only win this

Mets and the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. The Cardinals now lead the series 3

"We had our chance to beat Lake View," Head Coach Amanda Whitaker "Senior Night" this said. "We went up there rock bottom and lost all

three games. "Mentally, I just don't Lady Steers for third think we were ready to

play.' The Lady Steers needed two wins to secure a playoff spot after defeating

month. During this four not only lost their matches, but they have also struggled to win a single game.

"We stressed all week how important and how tough this match was going to be," Whitaker explained after last nights loss. "We just didn't seem to understand it. In the third game we were up 8 points, but we allowed them to come back and beat us. We just never set our tempo."

The possibility of game skid the team has Friday night being the last game of the season is not something Whitaker or her players care to hear, and according to Whitaker, they are not about to throw in the towel or give up on their playoff goals.

"I still feel confident," she said. "I'm confident about the match this Friday, and I hope that we can have a big crowd on 'Senior Night'. That

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DAWSON

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sistent, everything really came together for him."

Each week Dawson runs more than 48 miles in preparation for the upcoming meets. Not failing to meet those miles is part of being consistent. On Oct. 28, Dawson and the Big Spring Steers will travel to Mae Simmons Park, in Lubbock, and

attempt to qualify for the regional meet on Nov. 4. In this meet Dawson said he will be running for a good time, something in the area of 15:30's -a good 20 seconds faster than his last meet thereand not running for the actual win. However, at the regional and state meet, assuming that he and the Steers qualify, Dawson will be running to win. All of this is part of the formula and disci-

pline that it takes to win, need two dominant runaccording to Dawson.

There are times when his quads burn and his hamstrings hurt, but thanks to his teammates, he said he is able to continue and push forward. Specifically, he credits Michael Rodriguez, a member of the team, who qualified as an individual for last year's state meet.

"If we can make it to the state meet," Dawson shared, "we're going to

ners. Michael has been running some really good times lately, and together I think we can make this happen. We all have the same goal and it's going to take a team effort. In practice everyone pushes me, but Michael has the experience and we're going to need to lean on him. This should be his third year to make it to state. In the end, Mike might just be our most

"He has made me a

dominant runner.

Together, with the help of the rest of our team, we're better runner. going to go win state."

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count on rookie right-hander John Maine on Wednesday as they try to force a Game 7 at home.

"We've got to come out swinging," David Wright said. "We're backed into a corner. We're going to go out there and play relaxed, play loose tomorrow. Try to come out swinging and break their hearts.'

The second rainout of the series Monday night gave Glavine and Weaver a chance to pitch on regular rest instead of only a three-day break. And for the second time in the series, the clubs will travel without a day off.

Making his 35th postseason start, the most in major league history, Glavine got only 12 outs.

"They hit my bad pitches. I made a few mistakes tonight and didn't get away with them," he said. "I didn't feel like they made all that many adjustments. I made a mistake to Albert, he hit it. I made a mistake on Preston and he hit it for a double. All the other ones were kind of bloopers and groundballs that went through holes.'

Weaver, on the other hand, earned his second impressive playoff victo-

"I think one advantage of playing a team in a long series like this is the opportunity to pitch twice. You get a pretty good read off of their approach last time," Weaver said. "So I knew what they had hit before. And more than anything. just try to get ahead of them.'

Pujols' homer put St. Louis on the scoreboard and snapped Glavine's 22inning scoreless streak that dated to his final regular-season start at

Washington. "I think we made him work," Pujols said. "We just went out there and performed. We hit the ball the other way and he obviously left a couple of balls up. We took advan-

The 40-year-old Glavine threw four-hit ball in Game 1, beating Weaver 2-0 on Carlos Beltran's two-run homer.

But Weaver got the best of this matchup. Cast off by the Los Angeles Angels this summer to make roster room for little brother Jered, the St. Louis right-hander kept Beltran and Carlos Delgado in check, yielding only two runs and six hits in six strong innings.

"I don't even remember the first half of the season," Weaver said. "Just continued to believe in myself that eventually would things turn around."

The Mets put runners at second and third with one out in the eighth, but Randy Flores retired Shawn Green on a shallow fly and rookie Adam Wainwright struck out Jose Valentin looking to preserve a two-run lead. Wainwright struck out Jose Reyes to end the game for his second save of the postseason.

"He's got so much composure in the toughest situations, so we've gotten a tremendous lift from those guys," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa

In this postseason, Cardinals relievers have held opponents to 0-for-31 with two outs and runners in scoring position.

"We didn't have too many opportunities," fourth, but outside of that Mets manager Willie I thought he pitched pret-Randolph said. "They did pitch well. The bullpen did a great job."

Weaver is 2-1 with a 2.16 ERA in three playoff starts. He tossed five innings of two-hit ball to beat San Diego 2-0 in Game 2 of the first round.

"The biggest key to our win was the way he pitched," La Russa said. "The more you think about what he did, the more credit he deserves.

"By him being able to finish the sixth it really set up the last three

innings for our bullpen." Weaver walked Delgado in the fourth, and Green's one-out double kicked up chalk on the right-field line. Valentin hit the next pitch just over a leaping

Pujols at first base for a two-run double that put New York ahead.

But while the Mets have scored in 10 innings during the series, seven times St. Louis has responded with at least one run in its next at-bat. Sure enough, Glavine couldn't hold the lead. Pujols pulled a 2-2 pitch barely over the left-field fence in the fourth, his first home run since Game 1 against the Padres and his 12th over-

all in the postseason. "Albert just got enough of it, and you get something going," La Russa said. "We were sitting on zero and that got us going

and really perked us up.' With two outs, Scott Rolen walked, Edmonds singled and Belliard bounced a tying single through the right side as Delgado broke for first base instead of toward the ball.

Glavine retired Weaver with the bases loaded to end the inning, but the Cardinals chased him in the fifth and took a 3-2

Glavine threw only 40 of his 80 pitches for strikes, allowing three runs and seven hits in four-plus innings and failing to tie former Atlanta teammate John Smoltz for the most wins in postseason history at 15.

"He had the one tough inning obviously in the

ty well," Randolph said.

Left-hander Pedro Feliciano escaped a basesloaded jam in the fifth, keeping the score 3-2. But La Russa sent the lefthanded hitting Duncan u, for Weaver in the sixth against Feliciano, and Duncan drove a 3-2 delivery down the right-field line to make it 4-2.

"Once I got him to 3-2, I knew in a close ballgame like that he couldn't walk me," said Duncan, the son of Cardinals pitching coach Dave Duncan.

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Rockets and Mavericks tussle

Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks 72-69 in an exhibition game Tuesday night. The teams were tied at

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Ndudi Ebi made two free throws with 32.3 seconds remaining to get Dallas within three. The Mavericks had a chance to tie it with 10.8 seconds left. but Darius Washington shot an airball on a 3-point attempt from the right wing, and time ran out before Dallas could get off another attempt.

Houston center Yao

eight rebounds and two blocked shots in his first

Luther Head scored 13, points and Novak finished with 12 for the Rockets (2-1), who rallied from a 14-point thirdquarter deficit.

Josh Howard had 22 points and Maurice Ager added 12 for the Mavericks (0-4).

Dallas was without six of its top eight players, resting stars Nowitzki, Jason Terry and Jerry Stackhouse.

The Mavericks got a pair of 3-pointers from Howard during a 13-4 spurt to begin the second half, pushing their lead to

But the Rockets went on a 16-4 run over the final 6:22 of the third quarter.

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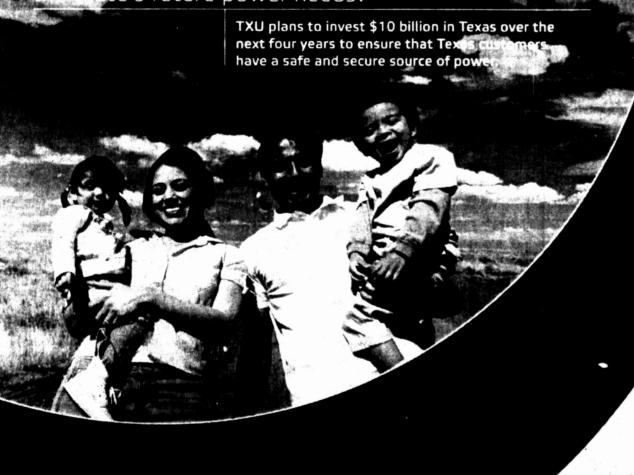
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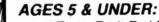
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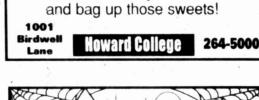
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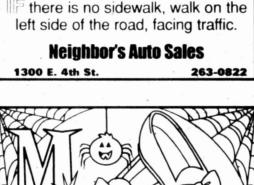
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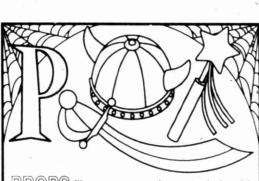
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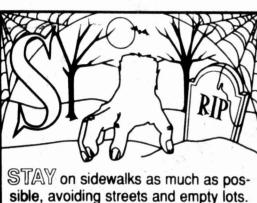
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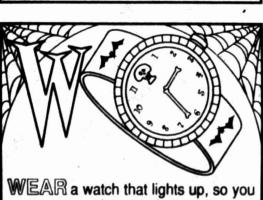
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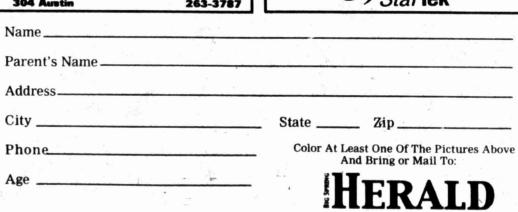


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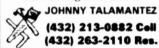
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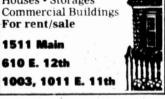
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Wednesday, Oct

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's genius in top of your list. This could your thinking and dull- be a Taurus person.

ness in over-thinking. Act on the initial impulse, and then let it go. Likewise, you do lucrative business when you don't oversell.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many seemingly unimportant tasks fill the morning, which amounts to something very important indeed. This afternoon's flirtatious exchange is as stimulating as cappuccino, and just as addictive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're creative all day. And more ideas strike in the dead of night and could awaken you, demanding to be recorded. Oblige. It won't look the same in the morning, but it'll lead to something

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are many who would like your business, your time or your attention. The one who gives you something beautiful to believe in will be at the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like the popular Gnarls Barkley song "Crazy," today is your day to be carefree and out of touch — not because you don't know enough, but because you know too

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You cleverly deal with at least three things that should've been handled by someone else. Tonight, it takes a lot to hold your attention, but a Cancer or Leo person has you leaning forward in your chair. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your universe is either expanding or contracting, but it's absolutely never static. For this very reason, you're determined not to get too comfortable in the current sit-

uation. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sophistication can be intimidating. You should know that someone who looks up to vou doesn't even know what you're talking about half of the time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though there are very few, if any, benefits from mentally beating up on oneself, self-contempt seems to be a national pastime now. To change the world, model forgiveness and be your own advocate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When in doubt (and you'll likely be in doubt this afternoon) improvise you fly by the seat of your pants and wind up in the very same place as folks who got there by flying first class. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You're determined to your so-called 'groove" back. This is done by placing yourself in the environment that intrigues you and following the most interesting thing in the room.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I'm melancholy. From the outside looking in, I'm set: I look young, have a great job, great friends and a great family. I'm single, but I really charm to the aim of DICATE, INC.

don't dwell on that ... or attracting this person. do I? Maybe it's just a funky time. What do the He may be "waiting on stars say? I was born Sept. 17, 1964.

No matter what astronomers are calling Pluto, you may think of a few of your own names for that non-planet of a planet as he squares your natal sun now through Nov. 22. As this occurs, you may be feeling threatened by things you don't currently embodies the perceive to be under your control — things as big as the passing of time or as small as a cavity in your tooth. These disruptions may bring to mind the question: What exactly is under my control? The happy news here is: most of it! Including love! Get clear about the kind of partner you'd like to have in the decade to come. By the start of 2007, it's time for you to maximize the read her past columns, Leo in your chart (which visit claims your Venus, Mars and rising sign) and turn on your considerable

CELEBRITY PROFILES: the world to change," but Libran singer/songwriter John Mayer sure is doing his part to make it happen. A fully aware artist who understands the dramatic impact his music has on his fans, Mayer both relates to and inspires his audience. As for his personal life, he romantic indecision that,

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My stepdaughter is 49 and in the hospital with terminal cancer. We live three hours away, but try and see her once a week. Her husband's family also visits often.

What I can't figure out is that on my husband's side of the family, there are three aunts and four first cousins who all live in the same city, but not one of them has visited. These cousins played together as children. My husband's twin sister feels fine about it because she and the other siblings chipped in and sent flowers. Wow! Yet I know for a fact they all will be crying at the funeral. What a bunch of hypocrites.

people who can't be both-, sneak in. ered with a sick person. I I don't want to make, would like to give them a piece of my mind, but my husband says, "What goes around comes 'around." I sure hope you print this before my stepdaughter passes away. Maybe one of them will read it and feel guilty. — Stepmom from Canada

they did, it's no guarantee Mostly Just Annoyed your letter will change their behavior. Some people simply cannot deal visit and explain that with illness or death, when it especially involves someone close. They stick their heads in the sand and pretend it isn't serious, hoping if they continue to lead normal lives, everything will remain normal.

Can you offer to pick up "Aunt Sue" and take her to the hospital with you? She might be more inclined to go. Regardless, your husband is right that life has a way of evening out, and it won't provide any comfort if you rail against his relatives. You are a loving stepmother, and he surely needs your steadiness at this difficult

time. Annie: Two Dear months ago, we moved into a small, upscale neighborhood. We've met a couple of the neighbors, but only to say hello. We have, however, made the acquaintance of one of the

neighbors' cats. This cat has made us its new family. I don't mind if it comes over for affection, but it sits in front of our door and waits for us to come home. If it sees us inside, it scratches on the window and screen to be let in. We had the garage door open the other day, and the cat strolled

inside. I don't mind petting the cat, but I don't feel comfortable picking it up, and my son is quite allergic.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Thankfully, my daughter has been here to take it outside, but she has now gone off to university and I am really tired of not being able to get into my own house without worry-I think these are selfish ing if this cat is going to a set of my favorite

enemies in my new neighborhood, but this situation is annoying. I have looked into some of the chemicals that are supposed to keep animals away, but I don't know if am old, but not nuts they are safe. By the way, the cat does not wear a collar, and I'm pretty sure her from my home. -Dear Canada: Even if it has given me fleas. —

> Dear Annoyed: Do you know the owners? Pay a your son is terribly allergic and you're so sorry, but you really can't have their adorable cat near your house. (The owners also may be in violation of local ordinances about roaming pets.) If you don't know the owners and the cat has no identification, you would not be faulted for assuming the at the nearest coffee shop. cat is a stray. Call the humane society.

were invited to celebrate a relative's birthday at a local restaurant, and we all brought gifts. When we arrived, the server asked which couples were together so she could keep the checks separate. Many of us were surprised. We assumed we were guests. Some of us would not have chosen this restaurant had we known we had to pay for

our own meals. How can we know if we are guests or not? -

Perplexed Dear Perplexed: When invited to a birthday party, it is correct to assume you are a guest unless told otherwise. However, a lot of ignorant people these days think being a guest means you pay for everything. Sorry.

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live in a retirement village and am pretty well off, having saved most of my life. I have five children who are now middleaged. The kids live between 15 and 500 miles away. They are very good to me and visit every two months. All have decent salaries and live nicely.

One of my children is the problem. Whenever "Alice" visits, she arrives with a large suitcase, even if she is visiting only for a few hours. After she leaves, there are empty spaces in my closets and drawers. I first noticed clothing was missing, then can openers, pots, pans and potted plants. The latest missing item is sheets.

asked for my things back. I no longer drive and can't shop to replace these items. Alice just smiled and looked at me as though I am imbecilic. I not yet. Any suggestions? I am considering barring

Pennsylvania Pop Dear Pennsylvania: We're with you on that. Talk to your other children about Alice's sticky fingers, and enlist their help. You could be mistaken about her stealing, so ask if one will accompany Alice on her next visit so she behaves herself or so there is a witness to the thievery. Until then, do not let her into your home. If she asks to see you, offer to meet her

Dear Annie: My husband, "Louis," won't do Dear Annie: We recently anything I like to do, and when I try talking to him, he doesn't respond. I have to raise my voice and say to him, "Well?" and he says, "Well, what?" Like he never heard a word I

said. Louis has a very hard time communicating with me, why I don't know. The only thing he enjoys with me is sex. His favorite activities are watching baseball and



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stay if I'm so unhappy, and maybe it's because I need his security and I don't want to hurt him by leaving. When I went to see my doctor for a stress test, I asked him what I should do. My doctor said my unhappiness and frustration could lead to a heart attack.

Louis won't go for counseling. I can't even get him to watch a segment on TV about marriage. He gives me no choice but to I confronted Alice and consider divorce or sepasolution? — Tired Heart

want to stay with Louis, you can find ways to be

life. There is no reason with friends and family, go bowling, see movies and concerts, etc., without your husband. He's not interested in these things and would not mind. If that doesn't de-stress you, consider counseling for yourself, without Louis, and work on those issues that are making you unhappy.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Sad," the 14year-old girl who is depressed. I went through the same thing when I started high school. I also never thought I would harm myself, but I became a cutter. I got caught by the principal and was sent for counseling. It worked!

be good for both of us. He was more effective, and I DICATE, INC.

player on the high school team. If I can go from suicidal to homecoming king, anyone can. Tell "Sad" not to give up, and to get counseling immedi-My Life Is ately. Meaningful

Dear Life: Thanks so much to you and everyone who wrote such positive and supportive let-

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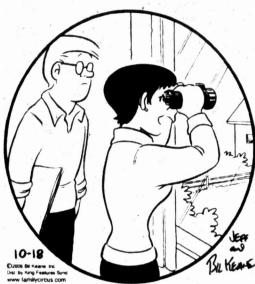
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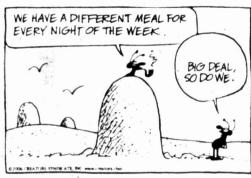
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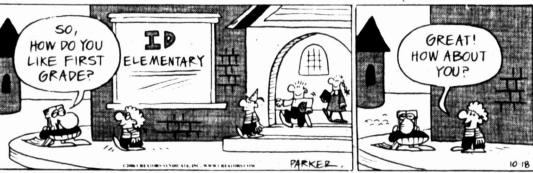


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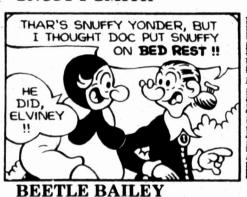




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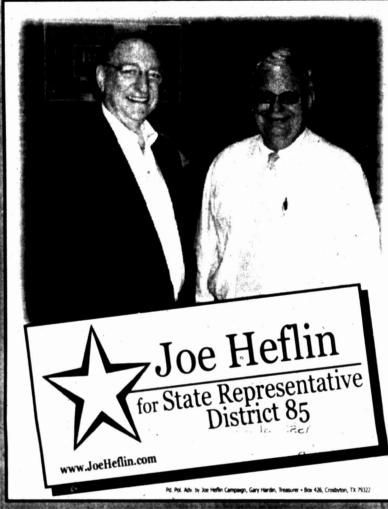
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Is there such a thing as the "cycle of violence"?

In a recent one of our hasbarah (educating and clarifying) messages, we described how untruths and misinformation advanced by the Arabs have made many people, even well-intentioned ones, believe this propaganda. In that installment, we addressed the myth of "occupation" and its being the alleged cause of the conflict between Arabs and Israelis. Today, we look at another myth - repeated over and over again - that of the "cycle of violence."

What are the facts?

The myth of the "cycle of violence." Our government, the media and many people refer to and deplore the acts of violence raging between Israelis and Arabs. They believe that if that "cycle" could somehow be broken, peace and good will would prevail. But there is no such "cycle." The Israelis, always exercising much restraint, are often forced

to respond to such violence in order to protect their civilian population and their installations and infrastructure. Ask yourself how many Palestinian civilians have intentionally been killed by the Israelis? The answer is zero, nobody! And then ask yourself, how many Israeli civilians have

been intentionally targeted and killed by the Arabs during that same period. The answer is: all of them! Any Palestinian civilian killed by Israel is an unintended victim. The Palestinians, on the other shand, target only Israeli civilians - shoppers in stores, teenagers in discotheques, celebrants at a bar mitzvah, a wedding, or a Passover Seder, or innocents riding in buses or other public transportation. The restraint of the Israelis in the face of never-ending provocation is almost unbelievable. What other country in the world would continue to suffer such sustained damage such loss of life, without making every effort to eliminate its source? The sense of ethics that inspires the Israeli government and the Jewish people and, to be sure, also the pressure of public opinion, prevents Israel from unleashing its military potential and obliterating its tormentors once and for all. In the worst enemy attack on our country, the outrage of September 11, 2001, 3,000 Americans died. Our country, justifiably, went into full attack mode. Regrettably, our enemies are elusive, and we cannot bring our military might to bear on them. We certainly would do so and do so mercilessly if we could. The over 1,000 civilian Israeli dead so far as a result of the current Palestinian "intifada," correspond to about 65,000 American victims. Does anybody think that we would stand idly by if that were to happen to us? Of course not! What degree of forbearance does the world expect of Israel?

Evacuation of Gaza in vain. Bowing to bad advice and the "Had [the Palestinians] accepted the pressure of public opinion, Israel hand of friendship and peace that evacuated Gaza - not a single Israel has extended so many times... Israeli soldier or civilian remains there. But instead of the expected the concept of the 'cycle of violence' peace, violence erupted almost would have never arisen." immediately. Israel was and continues to be subject to almost daily rocket attacks. In a most serious incident, the Gazans

dug a tunnel into Israel, attacked an Israeli patrol, killed two Israeli soldiers and kidnapped one. An even more serious incident occurred on Israel's northern border. In order to promote peace, Israel abandoned the southern Lebanon security strip, which it had maintained as a buffer against Hizbollah (the "party of God"). In a daring raid, Hizbollah invaded Israel, killed eight soldiers and kidnapped two. A violent war erupted as a result, during which Hizbollah launched thousands of sophisticated Iran-supplied rockets against Israel. It brought about enormous destruction and hundreds of dead in both Lebanon and Israel.

There is no "cycle of violence." There is only the very measured response of the Israeli military to defend its civilian population and its vital installations against unending attacks by the Arabs. They are prepared to sacrifice their lives and that of their children and are willing to go to any lengths to achieve their goal of

The Arab-Israel conflict has raged for almost 100 years. Israel has had to defend itself against attacks since the very day of its birth - and before. It has sustained casualties that, in proportion to its population, are far higher than that of any country in modern times, even those engaged in open warfare. The hatred of the Arabs against the Jews is bottomless. They will stop at nothing to inflict damage or, if possible, obliterate and "wipe Israel off the map." The Palestinians live in abject misery, their economy is in shambles, and their youths, having not learned much more than the Koran, violence, and 'martyrdom," face a hopeless future. Had they accepted the offered partition of the country in 1948, or had they accepted the hand of friendship and peace that Israel has extended so many times since, they could now have had their own state. perhaps for as long as the Israelis - since 1948. They could have an advanced, peaceful and prosperous society, just as that of Israel, in partnership with and next to it. The concept of the "cycle of violence" would have never arisen.

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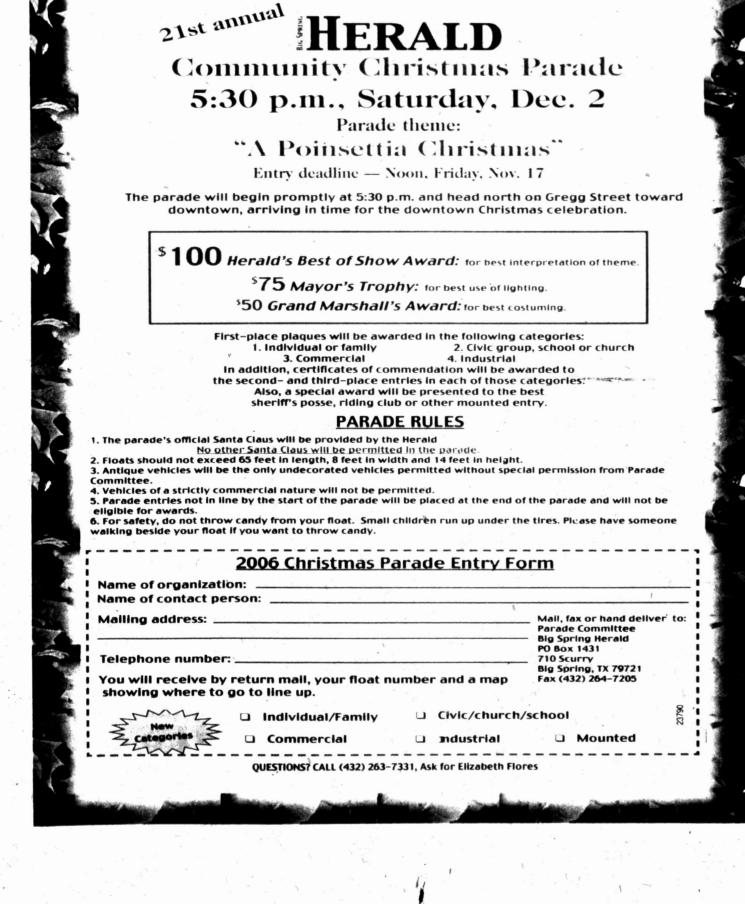
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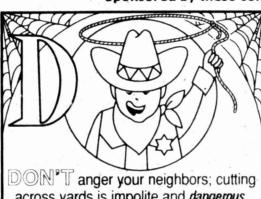


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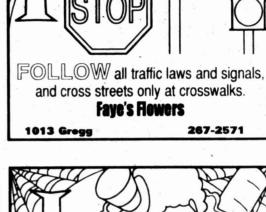


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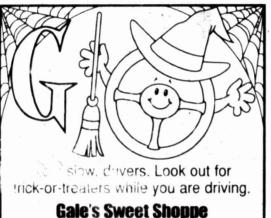


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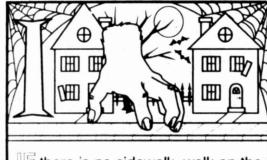
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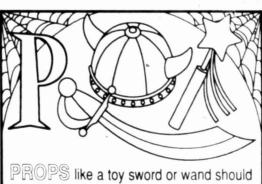
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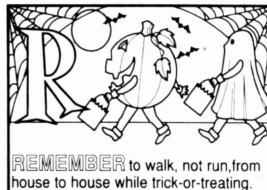


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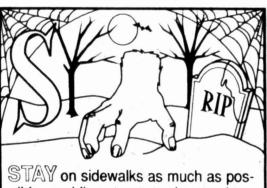


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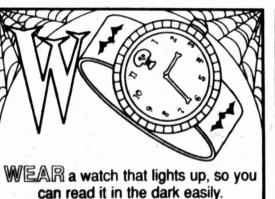
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