



## Grocery clerk accused in Internet hoax threat

By EMILY FREDRIX

Associated Press Writer

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (AP) — Jake J. Brahm's jokes began on the Internet with smart remarks about his boredom and mundane day-to-day activities such as buying socks.

On Friday, the 20-year-old grocery store clerk was still laughing after learning in federal court that he faces up to five years in prison on charges he posted prank Internet warnings of terrorist attacks against NFL stadiums.

When reporters asked him to comment after the hearing, Brahm smiled and laughed, saying nothing.

But authorities were not amused. Brahm was accused of

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writing that radioactive "dirty bombs" would be detonated this weekend at seven football stadiums. He admitted posting the same threat about 40 times on various Web sites between September and Wednesday, investigators said.

"These types of hoaxes scare innocent people, cost business resources and waste valuable homeland security resources. We cannot tolerate this Internet version of yelling fire in a crowded theater in the post-9/11 era," said U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie in

Newark, N.J., where Brahm was charged in a sealed complaint filed Thursday. One of the stadiums mentioned was Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Brahm, of Wauwatosa, was charged with making a terrorist threat over the Internet, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine. When the potential sentence was read in court, his mother, with whom he lives, closed her eyes and put her hand over her mouth. U.S. Magistrate Patricia

Gorence released Brahm without bail, citing his spotless record and strong community ties. She prohibited him from using the Internet, where he maintained several blogs, or traveling outside Wisconsin and New Jersey, where his lawyer said he plans to make a court appearance.

Brahm's attorney, Patrick Knight, said after the hearing that his client was shocked by the way the threats were received. He described Brahm as quiet and gentle and said he had not seen anything to indi-

cate Brahm meant any real harm.

"When you're a 20-year-old, and you roll a snowball, and the next thing you know, it's as big as a house rolling down a hill, it surprises you a bit," Knight said.

Brahm's parents declined to comment at the courthouse or at their home in a middle-class neighborhood near the grocery store where Brahm had worked.

Richard Ruminski, the FBI agent in charge of the agency's Milwaukee office, said Brahm thought posting the threats would be funny.

"As I understand it, Mr.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Fred Henderson displays some of his creations during the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center. Organizers said this was the most-attended event in its 16-year history.

## Tax rebates up sharply

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring's sales tax rebates were up fairly strong this month — almost 17 percent compared to October 2005, according according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Meanwhile, the city with a big heart surpassed the \$4 million mark.

Big Spring received \$382,620.53 this month, compared to \$327,142.98 in October of 2005. That's a difference on the positive side of 16.95 percent. For the year, the Howard County seat has collected \$4,103,054.78 — up 16.44 percent compared to a year ago.

Coahoma continued to experience strong

increases. The community took in \$7,564.67 this month compared to \$3,643.81 for October of 2005 — a whopping 107.6 percent increase. For the year, Coahoma has received \$54,094.41, up 36.77 percent when compared to the first 10 months of 2005.

Forsan's sales tax rebates were up 9.75 percent for October. Forsan took in \$7,995.83 this month, compared to \$7,285.07 in October of 2005. For the year thus far, Forsan has received \$70,937.98, a figure ahead of last year's pace by 14.77 percent.

Abilene brought home \$2,585,462.55 this month, up 9.58 percent compared

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## Fire marshal: Halloween time for safety as well as goodies

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As Halloween approaches, Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray is urging area trick-or-treaters to keep safety in mind this holiday.

"It's here again," said Condray with a laugh. "Fall is upon us and so are the holiday seasons. With Halloween coming up, the safety of our children should be of special concern for everyone. Your fire department wants everyone to make Halloween a safe night."

Condray said with so many ghosts and goblins

gracing the streets of area cities, Halloween can be a good time to go over some basic pedestrian-oriented rules.

"As parents, we need to stress to the children they need to look left, look right, then look left again before they attempt to cross the street," said Condray. "Try to walk on the sidewalks, and if there are no sidewalks and your forced to walk in the street, be sure to walk facing traffic."

"Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, vacant lots or alleys. Also, don't hide behind parked cars or cross the street from between parked cars. Go to the corner."

Motorists on the road Halloween evening should be vigilant as well, according to Condray.

"Keep a close eye out for children in the medians and on the curbs in the residential areas," said Condray. "Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully. Also, be sure to let your kids out on the curbside of your car if

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Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay For Life team will hold its third annual Halloween Haunted House beginning Friday and running through Oct. 31. Admission is \$5 per person.

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### PLETHORA O' PUMPKINS

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's nickname is Beantown, but Pumpkintown might also apply now.

Bostonians on Saturday lit 30,128 pumpkins on Boston Common, shattering the world record for the most jack-o'-lanterns lit in one place.

"It's fantastic," said Jim Laughlin, a spokesman for Life is Good, the Boston clothing company that sponsored the event. "We've been going after this record for a long time."

The old record of 28,952 lit pumpkins had been held since 2003 by Keene, N.H. That city tried to keep up with their own attempt Saturday, but lit only 24,682.

### RECEPTION SET TODAY

Longtime advocates Letha Nixon and Kaye Wylie will be honored today by the West Texas Centers for MHMR for their contributions to the center.

Both women are longtime volunteers for the Association of Retarded Citizens. Wylie serves as executive director of the Arc of Howard County, and Nixon serves as president.

A come-and-go reception recognizing their contributions will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Claude Craven Complex, 900 East 11th Place.

The public is encouraged to attend and thank these advocates for their outstanding support.

### EATING FOR LIFE

The idea of a skillet supper is hardly revolutionary.

A staple in many American kitchens since General Mills introduced Hamburger Helper in the 1970s, the classic casserole was a precursor to today's popular and convenient "meal kits."

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Obituaries

Lucy F. Ochoa



Lucy F. Ochoa, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 2006 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Interment followed at Ackerly Cemetery. A vigil was held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Lucy was born April 1, 1921, in Karnes City and married Pedro Ochoa March 20, 1937, in Karnes City. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 1988.

Lucy worked for Dudley and Zula Coleman for 30 years, retiring in 1973. She moved to Big Spring in 1999 from Ackerly. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lamesa.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Saragosa and Lucy Ochoa of Big Spring, Johnny and Carmen Ochoa of San Antonio and Ely and Adela Ochoa of Lamesa; three daughters and sons-in-law, Guadalupe and Jeff Williams of Austin, Connie and Bud Bridges of Pleasanton and Maria Grace and Manuel Baeza of Big Spring; two daughters, Jayne Calhoun and Maria Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; two daughters-in-law, Lydia Ochoa of San Antonio and Carmen Ochoa of Rotan; five sisters, Maria Castro, Easter Guerra, Leonor Cantu, Marcey Favela and Frances McKinney; and two brothers, Salvador and Frank Favela.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Silverio and Leonor Favela; two sons, Gonzalo Ochoa and Luther Ochoa; and two brothers, Juan Favela and Arguelo Favela.

The family suggest memorial to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

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David Andrew Belew



David Andrew Belew, 30, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, in Big Spring. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David was born April 12, 1976, in Big Spring to Jacqueline and Richard Belew. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, having graduated from Big Spring High School in 1995. David attended Howard College. He was a surveyor for **Crim and Bradshaw Engineering**. David was hard working and a loving father, son, brother, and friend. He was also a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

David is survived by a daughter, Jacqueline Marie Belew of Big Spring; his mother, Jackie Ervin and her husband Phil of Big Spring; his father, Richard Belew and his wife Virginia of Big Spring; three brothers, Coby Williams and his wife Margie of Big Spring, Lane Belew and Allan Belew, both of Wichita Falls; three nephews, Hunter Williams, Kip Williams and Jake Williams, all of Big Spring; a niece, Emily Belew of Wichita Falls; a grandmother, Fayrene Williams of San Angelo; two uncles, William Belew and Marshall Williams; and a number of cousins.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents, E. D. "Pete" Belew, Agnes Rhyne Belew, Effie Weeks, Paul Weeks and Jack Williams.

Pallbearers will be Paul George, J. C. Moore, Brandon Johnson, Joe Owens, Keith Monger and Shawn Eason.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of East 14th Street. Service was refused.

Richard McGruder

Richard McGruder, 52, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. William Vaughn Jr., pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Dec. 5, 1953, in Cleveland, Texas, to Dorothy and Jasper McGruder. He was born a Methodist. He attended and graduated from Big Spring High School. He also attended college in San Antonio, and had lived most of his life in Big Spring.

He is survived by his father, Jasper McGruder of San Antonio; three sisters, Jacqui Wilson of Chicago, Ill., Deborah Evans and Beverly Easley, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Kenneth McGruder and David McGruder, both of Big Spring; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy McGruder Wooden; and step-father, James Wooden.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Norman V. Carter

Norman V. Carter, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, with Pastor Kenneth Winchester, officiating.

Norman was born April 12, 1921, in Granbury and married Gay Saunders July 4, 1946, in Lubbock. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Infantry in Europe during World War II. He received the Purple Heart, the Silver Star Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Survivors include his wife, Gay Carter of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Norman Wade and Robin Carter of Slaton; two sisters, Mildred Lewis of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Neva Jo Beck of Satellite Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Maxelle Pettit.

The family suggest memorials be sent to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- RAYMUNDO HERNANDEZ, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- AMADO GONZALES VALLE III, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- STEVEN NALL, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- CHRISTOPHER ALTON RANEY, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order - enhanced and assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- ORLANDO SANCHEZ JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- BILLY NELSON, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid, a Midland County warrant for driving while license suspended, disregarding a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and open container.
- MARY GUTHRIE NELSON, 44, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOEY HERRERA, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DANIEL V. FLORES, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- CARLOS MONTANEZ SR., 54, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of service.
- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and no liability insurance.
- JEREMIAH COKER, 30, was arrested Saturday by

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOHN MORELION, 50, of 609 N. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- FRANK JACKSON, 48, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs.
- KRISTOPHER BALFOUR, 18, of 508 N. San Antonio, was arrested Sunday on a charge of interfering with a police officer's duties.
- WHITNEY LEWIS, 18, of 4102 Muir, was arrested Sunday on a charge of interfering with a police officer's duties.
- LISA ARISPE, 38, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a local capias warrant.
- JUAN GUZMAN, 23, of 2400 S. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- CALEB CORTEZ, 21, of Lamesa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL SIFUENTES, 22, of Lamesa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SAMANTHA DAWSON, age and address not provided, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNIE LESSLEY, 53, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- RONNIE FREEMAN, 49, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMANDA CLEMENT, 23, of 1114 Mulberry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported:
  - in the 2600 block of Coronado.
  - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 1900 block of Mittel.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 3700 block of Hamilton.
  - in the 1600 block of Owens.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of Young.

DPS on charges of theft by check (two counts) and driving while license suspended.

- LAQUITA LASHAY GRAY, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear - credit/debit card abuse (two counts) and public intoxication.
- LEONARD GLEN HERRERA, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of ride not secured by safety belt, violation of a promise to appear and public intoxication.
- JOHN LORANZO GUZMAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- EDDIE RODRIGUEZ, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.
- MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 43, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - motion for enforcement.
- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for theft by check and theft (three counts).
- ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 45, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- LISA J. RUBIO, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information, failure to identify and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Tips on

Halloween safety from the Department of Health Services:

- Look left, right and again for cars and before crossing the street. Keep looking both as you cross the street.
- Walk on sidewalk there is no sidewalk on the far left side of road facing traffic.
- Walk, don't run.
- Don't cut across or go through back parks and alleys.
- Don't hide behind or cross the street between parked cars to a corner.
- Never accept food from strangers or treats from someone who's in a car or truck.
- Use a flashlight.
- Fresh batteries or glow stick.
- Wear light-colored tights and put reflective strips on them. Be costumes are enough so you will trip.
- Use face paint rather than a mask or hood covers your eyes.
- Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High or big floppy shoes

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HOAX

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Brahm had put out threat thinking it preposterous that would take it serious. Ruminski "Unfortunately, wrong."

The warnings brought off a scare this before federal authorities announced the warning was a hoax. Wauwatosa police Barry Weber said had bragged to about his actions. An FBI office, Washington, who on condition of anonymity because the case under investigation. The Associated Press Brahm acknowledged it as part of a "winning duel" with from Texas to see could post the

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# Tips on how to have a safe, fun Halloween

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- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the far left side of the road facing traffic.
- Walk, don't run.
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## SAFETY

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you plan to drive them around to trick-or-treat, and if you're driving, don't wear a mask."

Condray said children enjoying the spooky night should never accept rides from strangers or take candy from someone in an automobile.

"These all seem like common sense things to adults, but if we don't remind the children we can be putting them at risk," said Condray. "Be sure to carry a flashlight with fresh batteries. If you have to rattle it or bang on it to get it to work, don't risk it."

"Make sure your child can be seen. Select costumes that are bright col-

ored. If that is not possible be sure to decorate the costume with reflective tape or reflective fabric paint.

"Reflective tape can be incorporated into the costume. For instance, if your child wants to be a witch with a black cape, cut stars out of reflective tape and put them all over the cape."

While being seen by others is a major concern come Halloween night, Condray said it's important to consider how well the children can see, as well.

"You can avoid a lot of scrapes and bruises by making sure your child can see well," said Condray. "A lot of times that means cutting larger eye holes in makes. Also keep in mind it's much harder for children to breathe with a mask on, so you may want to cut

mouth holes as well.

"Face paint is a really good alternative to masks because it doesn't impair the children's vision like a mask does. However, some face paints with a lot of petroleum product in them can cause the children to break out or develop a rash. Be sure to test the paint on the child a few days before the holiday to be sure they won't have a reaction to it."

Condray said pets can also present a potential danger to trick-or-treaters.

"Be very careful around animals, even those you know well," said Condray. "They can be upset very quickly by your costume, and with it being Halloween, there's going to be plenty of loud and spooky noises that could also provoke a pet."

not safe for walking.

- Stay away from lighted candles, matches and open fires.
- Be careful around animals. Even pets you know may be scared by cos-

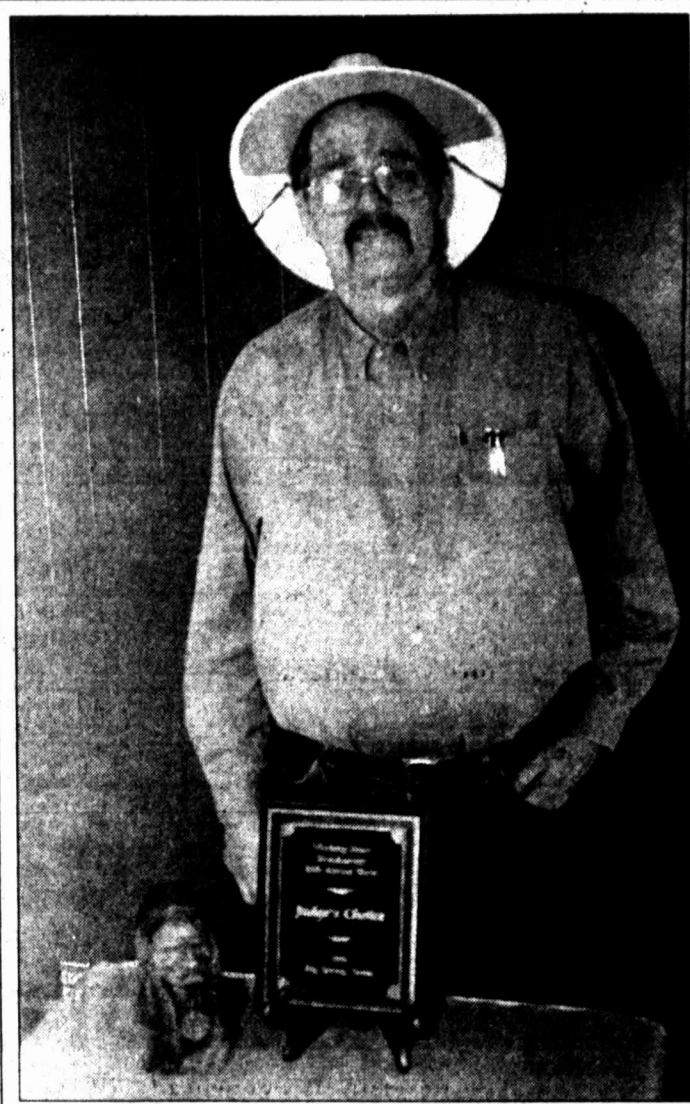
tumes and loud or strange noises.

- Trick-or-treat only at houses where you know the people and then only if the porch light is on.
- Don't eat any treats

until they are checked by an adult.

DSHS offers these safety suggestions for adults:

- Accompany trick-or-treaters 12 and under.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**Robert Miles of Gardendale won the Judge's Choice Award at the 16th annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Show and Sale, which concluded Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center.**

## TAX

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October 2005. Through the first 10 months of 2006, Brownfield has received \$842,431.49, up 15.14 percent.

Colorado City had an increase of 23.36 percent, comparing sales tax rebates received this month — \$39,048.23 — to rebates received in October of last year — \$31,651.60. For the year, the Mitchell County seat has received \$405,160.91, up 11.48 percent.

Fort Stockton received \$139,097.45 this month, up 5.8 percent compared to the \$131,466.10 received in October 2005. For the year, Fort Stockton has taken in \$1,496,470.05; up 14.92 percent.

Kermit, in Winkler County, took in \$40,546.97 this month, up 111.89 percent when compared to

the \$19,135.15 it received a year ago. For 2006, Kermit has received \$409,143.98, an increase of 46.32 percent.

Lamesa collected \$71,207.69 this month, up 14.84 percent compared to the \$62,437.70 the Dawson County seat took to the bank in October 2005. This year, Lamesa has received \$827,806.14, up 10.65 percent.

Lubbock collected \$3,544,464.04 in sales tax rebates this month, a 6.76 percent increase when compared to the \$3,319,936.77 gathered in October 2005. For the year, Lubbock has received \$36,940,153.67; up 9.07 percent.

Midland took in \$2,260,428.66, a 15.75 percent increase when compared to the \$1,952,853.77

received in October 2005. For the year, Midland has received \$24,467,189.09, up 21.96 percent.

Monahans received \$107,648.71 this month, up 27.51 percent compared to the \$84,417.20 in rebates collected for October 2005. For the year, the Ward County seat has received \$1,074,261.10, up 24.1 percent.

Odessa accumulated \$1,524,045.68 this month, an increase of 16.6 percent compared to \$1,306,996.24 gathered for October last year. For 2006, Odessa has pulled in \$16,119,884.71, up 16.02 percent.

Pecos received \$84,059.09 in rebates, up 2.63 percent compared to the \$81,900.68 received a year ago. Over the past 10 months, the city has taken in \$819,516.95, up 11.78 percent.

Rebates received by San Angelo totaled \$1,420,633.32, an increase of 12.72 percent compared to the \$1,260,225.21 received in October 2005. For the year, San Angelo has received \$14,610,147.65, up 14.66 percent.

Snyder took in

\$175,690.53 this month, up 19.58 percent compared to the \$146,915.06 taken in for October 2005. For 2006, the Scurry County seat has received \$1,669,003.30, up 19.28 percent.

Stanton brought in \$19,771.50, an increase of 22.07 percent when compared to the \$25,372.48 taken in last year. For 2006, the home of the Old Sorehead Trade Days has received \$265,435.85, up 14.94 percent.

Sterling City took in \$9,986.71 this time around, up 18.95 percent when compared to the \$8,395.12 accumulated in October of 2005. For 2006, Sterling City has amassed \$89,534.63, up 8.94 percent.

Sweetwater received \$184,535.97 this month, up 6.97 percent compared to the \$172,501.65 taken in for October 2005. This year, the Nolan County seat has received \$2,075,685.82, up 12.34 percent.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

## HOAX

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Brahm had put out this threat thinking it was so preposterous that no one would take it seriously," Ruminski said. "Unfortunately, he was wrong."

The warnings briefly set off a scare this week, before federal authorities announced the warnings were a hoax.

Wauwatosa police Chief Barry Weber said Brahm had bragged to friends about his actions.

An FBI official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is still under investigation, told The Associated Press that Brahm acknowledged doing it as part of a "writing duel" with a man from Texas to see who could post the scariest

threat.

One of the threats, dated Oct. 12, appeared on the Web site "The Friend Society," which links to various online forums and off-color cartoons. Its author, identified in the message as "javness," said that trucks would deliver radiological bombs Sunday to stadiums in Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Cleveland, Oakland, Calif., and the New York City area, and that Osama bin Laden would claim responsibility.

On a separate blog under Brahm's name, the writer posted a photo of a football stadium next to a list of goals for 2006, which included committing a felony and "trying to leave the house at least

twice a week."

Brahm worked for the last 10 weeks at Outpost Natural Foods, a co-op around the corner from his house.

"He was a normal guy. That's all we're going to say at this time," said Jeremy Layman, assistant manager.

Mallory McKenney, who graduated a year before Brahm from Wauwatosa East High School, said: "He was quiet but always seemed friendly whenever we were in a group of people together."

Erik Vasys, an FBI spokesman in San Antonio, said there would be no charges against the Texas man because he did not take part in the writing of the threats.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Angel Tree registration in last week

There's one week remaining to begin thinking about Christmas, that is if you or someone you know will be in need of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program this holiday season.

Capt. Russ and Linda Keeney and their staff will be taking applications from parents needing the holiday assistance on Monday and continue through Friday at the Corps building, located at 811 W. Fifth St., and will continue to do so from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

It is important to note that this week is the second and last week for those wanting assistance to register. There is not going to be a late registration period because the Army's personnel have to get everything written on cards and get them distributed to the various Angel Tree sites. So, it's imperative that those needing assistance from the program get registered this week.

Last year the Salvation Army helped more than 500 children and countless senior citizens, but organizers admit having some concern that even more will need help this year.

The list of documents applicants need to bring with them to apply is rather lengthy, but applicants will be able to know whether or not they are approved on the spot.

Those seeking to apply should bring a picture ID for the person applying, Social Security cards for all household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and some proof of income like a payroll check stub from work or forms provided by food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD etc. They must also provide a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothing and shoe sizes.

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

Although the Angel Tree program is a large part of the Salvation Army's holiday spirit, it's by no means the only one. The local corps' office staff is also gearing up for the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as the annual canned food drive.

For information concerning any of the Salvation Army's community programs, call 267-8239.

And for those of us more fortunate, we encourage planning to participate once the Angel Trees go up around town. It just takes a few dollars to brighten this special time for a child or an elderly person.

After all, the holidays are a special time. And we can think of no better way to get into the spirit than by sharing one's good fortune with others less fortunate.

We invite you to reach out to a small child or elderly person in need this holiday season. The feeling you will receive from helping others is truly what the holiday spirit is all about.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not sidestep Your desire for our lives, Lord, but dive into it through our prayers.

Amen

# Corporate leaders still demean women

These days you don't have to try very hard to find material for a column on sex discrimination. From "Friday Night Lights," the hit TV series that could more properly be called "Friday Night Stereotypes," to former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina's new book on her career, and Warren Buffett's latest ethics advice, we are served up a wealth of opportunity.

Come to think of it, all of the above are connected. Let me explain. "Friday Night Lights" is about high school football in a small Texas town, much like the one I attended way back in 1956. Football was king then; the girls weren't allowed even to play sports. Their role was adoring cheerleader. Fast forward to 2006, and nothing has changed on the small screen. All the boys are good looking, all the girls are ornamental adoring sexy types. Winning is what it's about, and loyalty to "the team" is the most critical element in life. Your buddies depend on it, the coach depends on it, and even the future of the town depends on it. Stick together, exclude the unworthy, and you will always come out on top.

So what does this have to do with corporate America, where Fiorina and Buffett hang out? It's just a different level of the same mentality, all the way to "the girls" being unworthy and unwelcome non-players except when cheerleading the boys or providing

diversions of a sexual nature. Fiorina reveals that when she started as a young exec at AT&T, she had to go along with business meetings at strip clubs. Just like small town football, it was all about the boys. As she climbed the corporate ladder, she was routinely called a bimbo or a bitch, but rarely treated as an equal, even by male subordinates. If she fired someone, she was "vindictive," while the guys were "decisive" if they cut somebody from the team. All in the past? Not so fast. Morgan Stanley settled a multi-million dollar sex discrimination lawsuit last year, brought on because male executives routinely entertained clients at strip clubs and all-male golf outings, making the playing field decidedly uneven for females in the company.

Enter Warren Buffett, publicly warning his top executives this week not to be lemmings. He says many corporate scandals (and no doubt lawsuits like the one above) arise because activity that is wrong is accepted as normal behavior. According to Buffett, if well-respected managers engage in questionable practices, the thinking is "it must be OK to do it," and that's wrong too. He urges his managers to take leadership and not go along. Trouble is, he doesn't really mean it. Buffett needs to take his own advice. Four years ago, "USA Today" revealed that the previously secret list of Augusta National Golf Club members is populated with many of the nation's top executives, including Buffett, and the heads of the aforementioned AT&T and Morgan Stanley. The club proudly discriminates against women. Even

though the exclusion became a national argument that played out on the front pages, Buffett and his buddies never spoke out, and certainly didn't desert "team Augusta" for something so trivial as the fairness principle. So what if women executives are left out of client entertainment at the world's most prestigious golf club, and we hire a few prostitutes during Masters Tournament week?

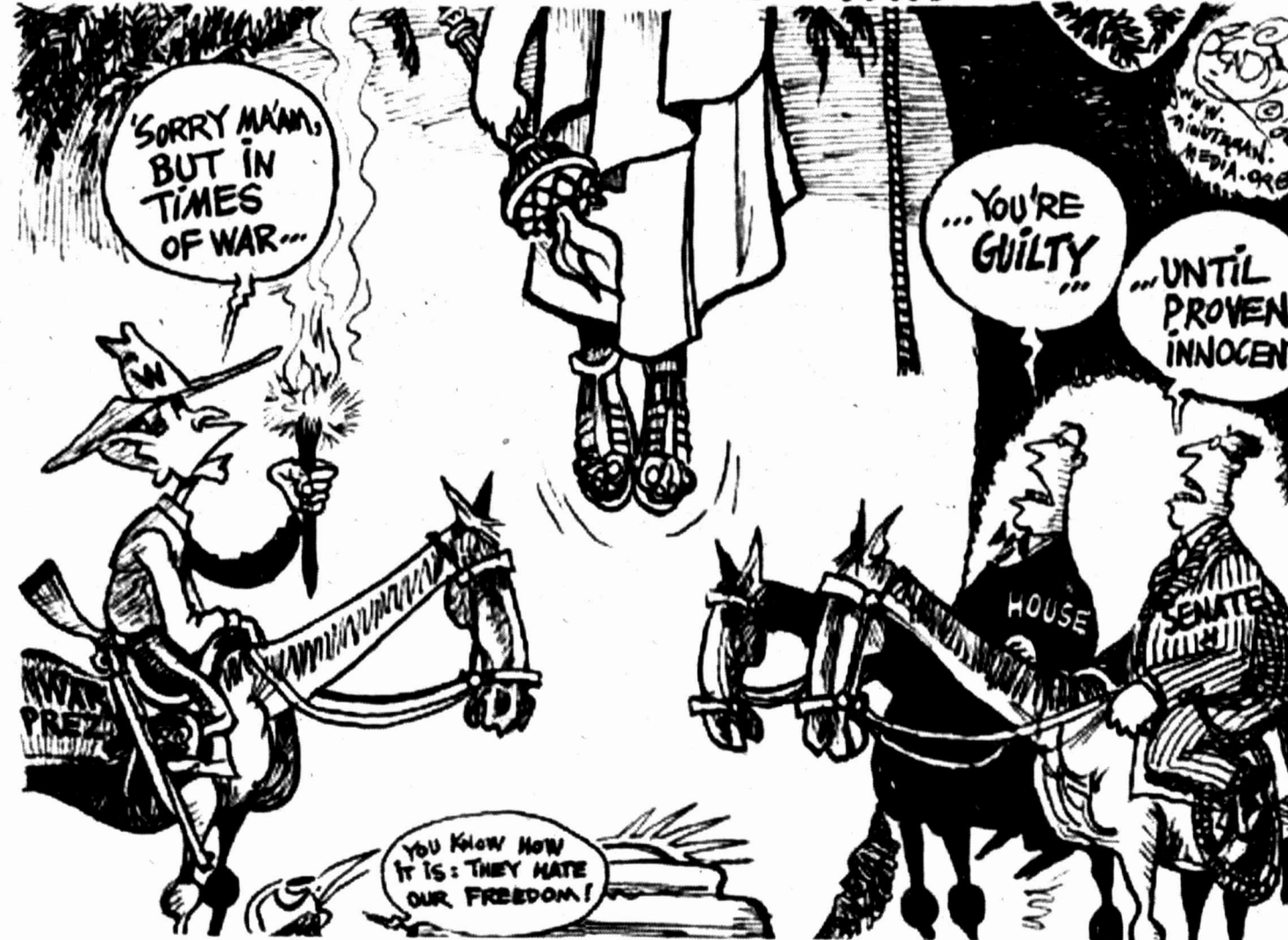
An attitude of sex discrimination from top management is one place where the trickle-down theory works. Women at lower levels of all of these companies and many others continue to report that front line managers get the message. Females are lesser, and a little sex discrimination in pay or promotion, on even a pinch on the butt once in awhile is no big deal. The all-male team is where the real action is.

So here's a challenge to Warren Buffett. Step up and say sex discrimination at the highest executive levels is wrong, and challenge your buddies in the Fortune 500 to join you in resigning from a club that remains militantly anti-woman. Fifty years after I left that Texas high school and four years after the boys at Augusta stonewalled to defend an indefensible practice, it's time these particular Friday Night Lights were turned off.

Martha Burk, the author of "Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America and What Can Be Done About It," just out from Scribner is director, Corporate Accountability Project, National Council of Women's Organizations. [www.womensorganizations.org](http://www.womensorganizations.org).

MARTHA BURK

## HABEAS CORPUS SUSPENDED



# Corporate CEOs seeking sympathy

Friends, I'm appealing today to your most charitable instincts. I want you to know about the terrible oppression being suffered by a minority of our fellow citizens.

Once you hear their story of horror, I know you'll be deeply touched and will respond with all of the sympathy they deserve. I refer, of course, to the CEOs of America's largest corporations.

Well, yes, it's true that this minority group is made up of pampered, phenomenally wealthy elites, but even the rich have feelings, and they say that they're feeling victimized by government regulators and prosecutors. The CEOs wail that these

pesky officials are harassing them over such standard business practices as cooking the corporate books, inflating their own pay packages, and engaging in fraud.

Surely, we must help them. Last year, Americans opened their arms to Hurricane Katrina victims. Won't you do the same for this year's tragic poster child of charitable need: Overregulated Corporate Executives?

The CEOs — backed by a phalanx of their lobbyists, lawyers, front groups, and think tanks — are now going all out to reduce government oversight of executive wrongdoing. Leading the charge is the Cato Institute, a corporate-funded think tank filled with laissez-faire ideologues. The Cato gang has recently published a book that concludes that America would be better off if there were no criminal enforcement of laws requiring

businesses to be honest.

Taking this "poor oppressed executive" theme deep into the abyss of absurdity, the book carries an endorsement from Mark Levin, a right-wing radio yacker, who blurts out this pitiful cry for help: "Did you know that in many ways the terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay have more rights than corporate CEOs and their employees?"

Gosh, bosses treated worse than terrorists! Can you feel their pain? Yes, let's give these corporate honchos all the sympathy they deserve.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back." For more information, go to his website at [www.jimhightower.com](http://www.jimhightower.com)

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# Flu shot have you gotten

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, October or November is the best time to get Influenza vaccination. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as May. The flu vaccine is relatively inexpensive and may be obtained through your health provider's office, pharmacist or possibly your local cery store.

There are two types of vaccines (check with your health provider for availability):

- The "flu shot" — inactivated vaccine containing killed virus is given with a needle usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

- The nasal-spray vaccine — a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu. The nasal spray is approved for use in healthy people 5 years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

Keep the following in mind to reduce your risk of contracting the flu: spreading it to you, workers, especially if you choose not to get a flu vaccination:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

- Stay home when you are sick — If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You can help prevent others from catching your illness.

- Cover your mouth and nose — Cover

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- Cover your mouth and nose — Cover your

mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Cough and/or sneeze into your elbow rather than your hands to help prevent the spread of germs.

- Clean your hands — Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with warm, soapy water.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth — Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

Four antiviral drugs are approved for use in preventing the flu. The recommendations for use of these medications may change due to the ability of the influenza virus to change.

These are prescription medications and a health provider should be consulted before they are used.

For more information, refer to the HealthHints issue on Colds, Flu and Other Respiratory Infections: [http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/Health\\_Education\\_Rural\\_Outreach/Health\\_Hints/2001/december/december-2001.php](http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/Health_Education_Rural_Outreach/Health_Hints/2001/december/december-2001.php)

Also, you can contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

For more information on this topic you may contact, Andrew B. Crocker — Specialist for Gerontology Health at 806-677-5600 or Howard County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

## Eating for life: one-skillet meal

### ITALIAN MEAL

Makes 6 servings  
1 pound ground round  
1 onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1 zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
4 ounces dry vermicelli, broken into 2-inch pieces  
3 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 (14.5-ounce) can no-salt-added whole tomatoes  
2 1/2 cups sodium-reduced tomato juice  
1 cup fresh spinach leaves, coarsely chopped  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Spray a large (12-inch) skillet with nonstick spray coating. Cook ground beef, onion and garlic in skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until meat is browned and onion is tender. Drain and set aside.

Return skillet to heat and add olive oil. Add mushrooms, green pepper and zucchini; stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes. Add dry vermicelli pieces. Cook, stirring occasionally and very gently, until pasta is golden-brown and vegetables are crisp-tender.

Spoon cooked meat into skillet over pasta and vegetables. Add seasonings, tomatoes and tomato juice. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 20 minutes.

Stir in spinach, cover and continue to cook 5 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan just before serving.

Per serving: 338 calories (44 percent from fat), 17 grams total fat (6 grams saturated), 55 milligrams cholesterol, 29 grams carbohydrates, 20 grams protein, 324 milligrams sodium, 3 grams dietary fiber.

By Jill Silva

McClatchy Newspapers

The idea of a skillet supper is hardly revolutionary.

A staple in many American kitchens since General Mills introduced Hamburger Helper in the 1970s, the classic casserole was a precursor to today's popular and convenient "meal kits."

The problem with a meal in a box? From a health standpoint, the veggies are dehydrated specks and the powdered seasoning mixes tend to be high in sodium.

This week The Star's One-Skillet Italian Meal takes a worthy concept and freshens it up: Add sliced mushrooms (buy them pre-sliced in the produce department), green pepper (buy chopped in the freezer case), fresh zucchini, canned tomatoes and fresh spinach.

Finally, substitute Italian vermicelli (ver-MIH-chell-ee) noodles, literally "little worms," for regular noodles. Vermicelli is thinner than spaghetti, and it's easy to break up the noodles and add them to the pan. They cook through as the meal simmers on the stovetop.

Spinach tips: This recipe was developed before news of the recent E. coli scare, so feel free to substitute alternative vegetable combinations to suit your family's tastes. Instead of 1 cup fresh spinach, try adding an equal amount of chopped Swiss chard, small chopped broccoli florets or frozen peas. Or use



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A one-skillet Italian meal uses vegetables and vermicelli.

frozen spinach, thawed and drained well. Be sure to adjust cooking time accordingly so the vegetables remain crisp tender.

Cooking tips: The ground round used in this recipe was 90 percent lean. We used Healthy

Choice reduced-sodium tomato juice.

If the kids aren't crazy about tomatoes, use kitchen shears to snip the tomatoes (while still in the can) into small pieces that cook down and nearly disappear.



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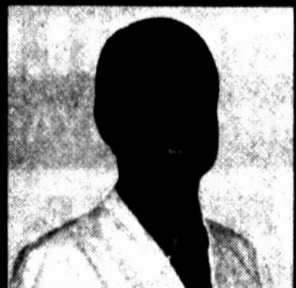
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Nation and world briefs

44 Iraqis killed across nation; U.S. military sees 83 deaths in Oct., highest toll in '06

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Militants targeted police recruits and shoppers rounding up last-minute sweets and delicacies for a feast to mark the end of the Ramadan holy month, the highlight of the Muslim year. At least 44 Iraqis were reported killed across the country.

The U.S. military announced Sunday the deaths of a Marine and four soldiers, raising to 83 the number of American servicemembers killed in October — the highest monthly toll this year. The pace of U.S. deaths could make October the deadliest month in two years.

Three soldiers were killed Sunday, two by small arms fire west of the capital and one by a roadside bomb in eastern Baghdad, the military said. On Saturday, a Marine was killed during combat in restive Anbar province and another soldier died in fighting in Salahuddin province.

"There will be no holiday in Iraq," said Abu Marwa, a 46-year-old Sunni Muslim father of three who owns a mobile phone shop in the capital. "Anyone who says otherwise is a liar."

White House bracing for GOP congressional losses that could cripple president's agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is bracing for guerrilla warfare on the homefront politically if Republicans lose control of the House, the Senate or both — and with it, the president's ability to shape and dominate the national agenda.

Republicans are battling to keep control of Congress. But polls and analysts in both parties increasingly suggest Democrats will capture the House and possibly the Senate on Election Day Nov. 7.

Democrats need a 15-seat pickup to regain the House and a gain of six seats to claim the Senate.

Everything could change overnight for President Bush, who has governed for most of the past six years with a Republican Congress and with little support from Democrats.

"Every session you change the way you do business with the Congress. And you test the mood of the Congress, find out what their appetite will be. But it doesn't change your priorities," the president told ABC News.

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama acknowledges he's considering running in 2008

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama acknowledged he was considering a run for president in 2008, backing off previous statements that he would not do so.

The Illinois Democrat said Sunday he could no longer stand by the statements he made after his 2004 election and earlier this year that he would serve a full six-year term in Congress. He said he would not make a decision until after the Nov. 7 elections.

"That was how I was thinking at that time," said Obama, when asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" about his previous statements.

"Given the responses that I've been getting over the last several months, I have thought about the possibility" although not with the seriousness or depth required, he said. "My main focus right now is in the '06. ... After November 7, I'll sit down, I'll sit down and consider, and if at some point I change my mind, I will make a public announcement and everybody will be able to go at me."

Obama was largely unknown outside Illinois when he burst onto the national scene with a widely acclaimed address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

Hurricane Paul strengthens to a Category 2 storm, threatens southern Baja California

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Paul strengthened to a Category 2 storm off Mexico's western coast on Monday and was threatening southern Baja California, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Paul had maximum sustained winds of 100 mph and had shifted direction, moving west-northwest at about 5 mph. The center said Paul could strengthen further and pick up speed Monday.

The Mexican government issued a hurricane watch Sunday for parts of the Baja California peninsula.

At 5 a.m. EDT, the storm was about 475 miles south of Baja California's southern tip, the hurricane center said.

It said the storm was expected to turn progressively toward the north and pick up its pace.

GOP candidate linked to intimidating letter accuses rival of stoking uproar

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — A Republican congressional candidate whose campaign is being investigated for sending intimidating letters to Hispanic voters lashed out at his Democratic rival, saying she was fueling the uproar over the mailings.

Tan Nguyen on Sunday rejected calls to drop out of the race to unseat longtime Rep. Loretta Sanchez, and implied the popular congresswoman was behind the probes into the letters warning immigrants they could be deported or jailed for voting in next month's election.

"There has been no crime committed so why is there a criminal investigation three weeks prior to a very

important election?" Nguyen asked. "What is going on? Who is fueling this investigation?"

Nguyen, a Vietnamese immigrant who has made illegal immigration a centerpiece of his campaign, said he would stay in the race despite calls from the state GOP and others to quit.

"I'm innocent," Nguyen said. "I'm not going to quit this race; I'm going to win this race."

Workers uncover more human remains at overlooked sites at World Trade Center

NEW YORK (AP) — Searchers who have yet to unearth more than half the underground sites apparently overlooked during the initial excavation of ground zero have uncovered more than 100 pieces of human remains believed to belong to Sept. 11 victims.

The medical examiner's office said 18 new pieces were found Sunday, adding to a yield ranging from tiny fragments to recognizable bones from skulls, torsos, feet and hands — some as large as whole arm and leg bones.

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the recovery effort, said officials had identified additional manholes and utility cavities at the World Trade Center site that need to be examined.

The team of searchers expects to burrow into at least 12 subterranean areas in coming days. About five have been excavated.

"They will go through every grain, every piece of material carefully, and sift through it," Skyler said.

Iceland breaks ban on commercial whaling with 1st fin whale kill in 20 years

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Iceland broke a global moratorium on commercial whaling, killing an endangered fin whale for the first time since the 1980s, local media reported.

Iceland's RUV television showed footage Sunday of a large fin whale being towed by a whaling boat. It said the whale was harpooned in the north Atlantic about 200 miles west of Iceland.

Iceland announced last week that it would resume commercial whaling, ignoring a worldwide moratorium that came into effect in 1986.

Fisheries Minister Einar Kristinn Gudfinnsson said his ministry would issue licenses to kill nine fin whales and 30 of the more numerous minke whales in the year ending Aug. 31, 2007.

The announcement was condemned by conservation groups and many governments around the world, but praised by pro-whaling nations Norway and Japan.

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'Father Knows Best' matriarch Wyatt dies at 96

By BOB THOMAS

Associated Press Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — To the millions watching the 1950s TV show "Father Knows Best," actress Jane Wyatt was the wholesome stay-at-home mom who, the series' title notwithstanding, could be counted on every week to solve crises on the homefront.

"Each script always solved a little problem that was universal," she told The Associated Press in 1989. "It appealed to everyone. I think the world is hankering for a family. People may want to be free, but they still want a nuclear family."

Wyatt, who won three Emmy Awards, died Friday in her sleep of natural causes at her Bel-Air home, according to publicist Meg McDonald. She was 96.

"Ninety-six and a few months old is a wonderful life," her son, Christopher Ward, said Sunday.

Wyatt had a successful film career in the 1930s and '40s, notably as Ronald Colman's lover in 1937's "Lost Horizon." She worked throughout the 1970s and 80s, appearing on TV shows including "St. Elsewhere."

But it was her years as Robert Young's TV wife, Margaret Anderson, on "Father Knows Best" that brought the actress her lasting fame. She gamely delivered lines like "Eat your dinner, dear," or "How did you do in school today?"

She appeared in 207 half-hour episodes from 1954 to 1960 and won three Emmys as best actress in a dramatic series in the years 1958 to 1960. The show began as a radio sitcom in 1949; it moved to television in 1954.

In later years critics claimed that shows like "Father Knows Best" and "Ozzie and Harriet" presented a glossy, unreal view of the American

family. In defense, Wyatt commented in 1966: "We tried to preserve the tradition that every show had something to say. The children were complicated personally, not just kids. We weren't just five Pollyannas."

It was a tribute to the popularity of the show that after its run ended, it continued in reruns on CBS and ABC for three years in prime-time, a TV rarity.

The show came to an end because Young, who had also played the father in the radio version, had enough. Wyatt remarked in 1965 that she was tired, too.

"The first year was pure joy," she said. "The second year was when the problems set in. We licked them, and the third year was smooth going. Fatigue began to set in during the fourth year. We got through the fifth year because we all thought it would be the last. The sixth? Pure hell."

The role wasn't the only time in her 60 years in films and TV that Wyatt was cast as the warm, compassionate wife and

mother. She even played Mr. Spock's mom in the original "Star Trek" series and the feature "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home." "In real life my grandmother embodied the persona of Margaret Anderson," said grandson Nicholas Ward. "She was loving and giving and always gave her time to

other people." She got her start in films in the mid-'30s, appearing in "One More River," "Great Expectations," "We're Only Human" and "The Luckiest Girl in the World." When Frank Capra chose her to play the Shangri-la beauty in "Lost Horizon," her reputation was made.

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HOUSTON (AP) — After his conviction earlier this year for orchestrating one of the nation's biggest financial scandals, former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling was to learn Monday how long he would have to spend behind bars.

Before the sentence is handed down, Skilling will have to listen to victims of Enron's 2001 collapse. They have been allowed by U.S. Judge Sim Lake to speak at the hearing about how the company's implosion affected their lives. The collapse wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans.

At least 10 people signed up to speak at the sentencing, including an attorney for the employees' savings and stock plans, who had prepared a 30-minute statement.

Neches River flooding destroys homes

VIDOR (AP) — Flooding along the Neches River in Southeast Texas has forced dozens of people from their homes and, in some cases, the FEMA trailers they have lived in since Hurricane Rita hit the region last year.

The river stood at about 12 feet late Sunday afternoon, 8 feet above flood stage.

"We have a lot of homes under water," said Jeff Kelley, Orange County emergency management coordinator, who estimated about 40 homes have been destroyed.

Kelley said the amount of water in the homes varies. Some of the homes along the river have been built on stilts while others sit on the ground. Some of them have water to the roof line while others may have 2 feet of water in them. Kelley said the area was hard hit when Hurricane Rita came ashore last year and there were a number of Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers in the area.

Opening statements set in driver's retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — Opening statements were set for Monday in the retrial of a truck driver accused of being responsible for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in what became the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt.

Prosecutors say Tyrone Williams, who faces a possible death sentence, was part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants in his hot, stifling tractor-trailer in May 2003.

Jury selection, which concluded on Thursday, took more than two weeks because potential jurors were questioned individually since Williams faces the death penalty.

2 killed in Lubbock County strip club shooting

LUBBOCK (AP) — Two employees of a Lubbock County strip club were killed and a third was injured in a shooting that police said could have been related to a robbery.

The employees were shot early Sunday as they tried to leave work at the Boom Boom Cabaret in southeast Lubbock County, said Capt. Don Carter of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office.

"There appears to have been a theft involved," Carter said, declining to elaborate.

Killed in the shooting were Gilbert Richard Victor, 48, and Anthony Noel Lopez, 25, authorities said.

Investigators didn't have any suspects as of Sunday, but they hoped the surviving victim would be able to assist in the investigation, Carter said.

Small town fires police force

TROY (AP) — Residents of this Central Texas city are making do without local police after the city council decided to fire the entire police department.

City officials said the department chief and three officers were fired over the last two months for reasons including insubordination and poor performance.

"I just hope the citizens of Troy know that we're doing what they elected us to do," said Sammy Warren, mayor of the town of about 1,400 people. "We are not going to let that department just run by itself. We're going to have a police department to be proud of again."

Residents of Troy, which is located about 70 miles north of Austin on Interstate 35, have relied on the Bell County Sheriff's Office since the local officers were fired. But the six deputies per shift are also responsible for the remainder of the county's 240,000 residents.

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of a change," said Neil Jeter, assistant superintendent of the Troy Independent School District. "So far, knock on wood, it's been pretty much business as usual. It does raise a level of concern, though, that our first call is to the Bell County Sheriff's Office. Fortunately, we haven't had to make any 911 calls."

Warren said he thinks the town is safer without the police department in place.

According to a city news release, former police chief David Seward was fired in late August for poor performance or

misconduct in the areas of department finances, record keeping, communication with superiors, supervising officers and maintaining the department office.

Seward did not return phone calls for comment.

Warren said Seward is now under investigation by the Bell County sheriff and the Texas Rangers. He said he's restricted from discussing specific allegations because of the investigation.

The city's remaining

three officers were fired in September.

The city accused former officer Jack Comeaux, 59, of insubordination, disrespect and keeping an unauthorized work schedule.

Comeaux disputed the allegations and said the officers were fired without a solid explanation or just cause. They are considering suing the city.

"I worry that the citizens don't have the level of protection that they had," he said. "We know the people. We know the neighborhoods. We know which kid belongs to which house. The deputies don't have that one-on-one personal knowledge like we do."

City officials said the city council is reviewing applicants and hopes to have a new chief in place this month. The new chief will then hire three new officers.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ A ♣ K 10 9 ♢ K J 8 ♣ Q 9 7 6 4 3 **WEST** ♠ 7 3 2 ♣ 6 5 4 ♢ 10 7 6 5 ♣ J 10 2 **EAST** ♠ K Q 10 5 4 ♣ J 3 2 ♢ A Q 9 2 ♣ K **SOUTH** ♠ J 9 8 6 ♣ A Q 8 7 ♢ 4 3 ♣ A 8 5

The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass 1♣ Dblc Redble Pass Pass 1♦ Pass Pass 2♦ Pass 2NT Pass 3NT Opening lead — seven of spades.

Here is a case where the player in the saddle rose to the occasion. The deal occurred in a team-of-four championship, and the hero was Billy Eisenberg, well-known Los Angeles star. He got to three notrump, and West led the seven of spades. Eisenberg won with dummy's ace and made the obvious lead of a low club from dummy. When East produced the king, Eisenberg followed with the five! Declarer was well-rewarded for his unusual play, since East could now do no better than cash his K-Q of spades and ace of diamonds to hold Eisenberg to three notrump. Now let's suppose declarer had won East's king of clubs with the ace, which almost anyone else in his shoes would have done. In that case, the contract would have failed. When South continued with another club to the queen, East would signal with the nine of diamonds, asking partner to return a diamond if he got the lead. Declarer could not now prevail, whatever he did next. If he continued with a club, West would win and shift to a diamond, and East would cash two diamonds and two spades to put the contract down one. And if declarer abandoned clubs, he would not be able to come to nine tricks.

There are plays one might never encounter in a lifetime of bridge. Most such plays would not be hard to execute if someone rang a bell at the crucial moment to warn a player that his chance to rise and shine had arrived. Unfortunately, these moments occur so rarely and unexpectedly that the opportunity for brilliance goes unnoticed and quietly passes by.

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## IN BRIEF

**Big Spring basketball officials are needed**  
The Big Spring Basketball Officials Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-2007 season for Junior High, Freshman and Sub - Varsity basketball games should contact Art Rodriguez at 517-030-263-8731.

## Men's softball/water tournament

Friday and Saturday there will be the Eastern Season Fall Softball and Water Tournament held at Cotton Mize Field. The cost is \$135.00 per softball team and \$25 per washer team. There will be a bracket between the tournaments if you are interested in competing in both events. Anyone interested in participating, as an individual or a team should contact Anthony Herrera before the 8 deadline at (432) 4588.

## Youth basketball tournament update

The Mid America Youth Basketball Winter Tournament covering seven states are now taking applications. The local tournaments are available for \$125.00 discount per page. Anyone interested in participating should contact MAYB at 284-0354 or email mayb@mayb.com for more information.

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## AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 teams Associated Press College Football Poll, with number of first place votes in parentheses.

1. Ohio St. (63)
2. Michigan
3. USC
4. W. Va. (2)
5. Texas
6. Louisville
7. Auburn
8. Tenn.
9. Florida
10. Clemson
11. N. Dame
12. California
13. Arkansas
14. LSU
15. Boise St.
16. Rutgers
17. Wisconsin
18. B. College
19. Oklahoma
20. Nebraska
21. Ga. Tech
22. Tx. A&M
23. Missouri
24. W. Forest
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Others teams received votes: Georgia 48, 15. BYU 12, Virginia 10, Miami 7, Pittsburgh 6, South Carolina 5, Washington 4, Penn State 3, Hawaii 2, Alabama 1.



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| 2. Michigan      | 8-0 |
| 3. USC           | 6-0 |
| 4. W. Va. (2)    | 7-0 |
| 5. Texas         | 7-1 |
| 6. Louisville    | 7-0 |
| 7. Auburn        | 7-1 |
| 8. Tenn.         | 6-1 |
| 9. Florida       | 6-1 |
| 10. Clemson      | 7-1 |
| 11. N. Dame      | 6-1 |
| 12. California   | 7-1 |
| 13. Arkansas     | 6-1 |
| 14. LSU          | 6-2 |
| 15. Boise St.    | 8-0 |
| 16. Rutgers      | 7-0 |
| 17. Wisconsin    | 7-1 |
| 18. B. College   | 6-1 |
| 19. Oklahoma     | 6-2 |
| 20. Nebraska     | 6-2 |
| 21. Ga. Tech     | 5-2 |
| 22. Tx. A&M      | 7-1 |
| 23. Missouri     | 7-1 |
| 24. W. Forest    | 6-1 |
| 25. Oregon       | 6-2 |

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# Steers tennis team advances

Regional meet Friday

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School tennis team finished second in District 4-4A, and after facing Sweetwater on Tuesday, they will be heading to Wichita Falls for the Regional Championship. The Steers regional meet is scheduled for Friday, and the top two teams (16 competing) will advance to Austin, where the state champion will be crowned.

The Steers (11-9) plan on using their match this Tuesday as a warm-up for the regional contest. Coach Benson Payne said the team will experiment with a some new doubles partners in preparation of the playoffs. The outcome of the match against Sweetwater will have no impact on the district race or the seedings for the regional tournament.

"We would still like to win the match," said Roshan Shroff, the Steers No. 1 ranked male. "It's a practice match, but the last time we played them I had a really tight match with their No. 1 guy. This should be helpful before we head to regionals."

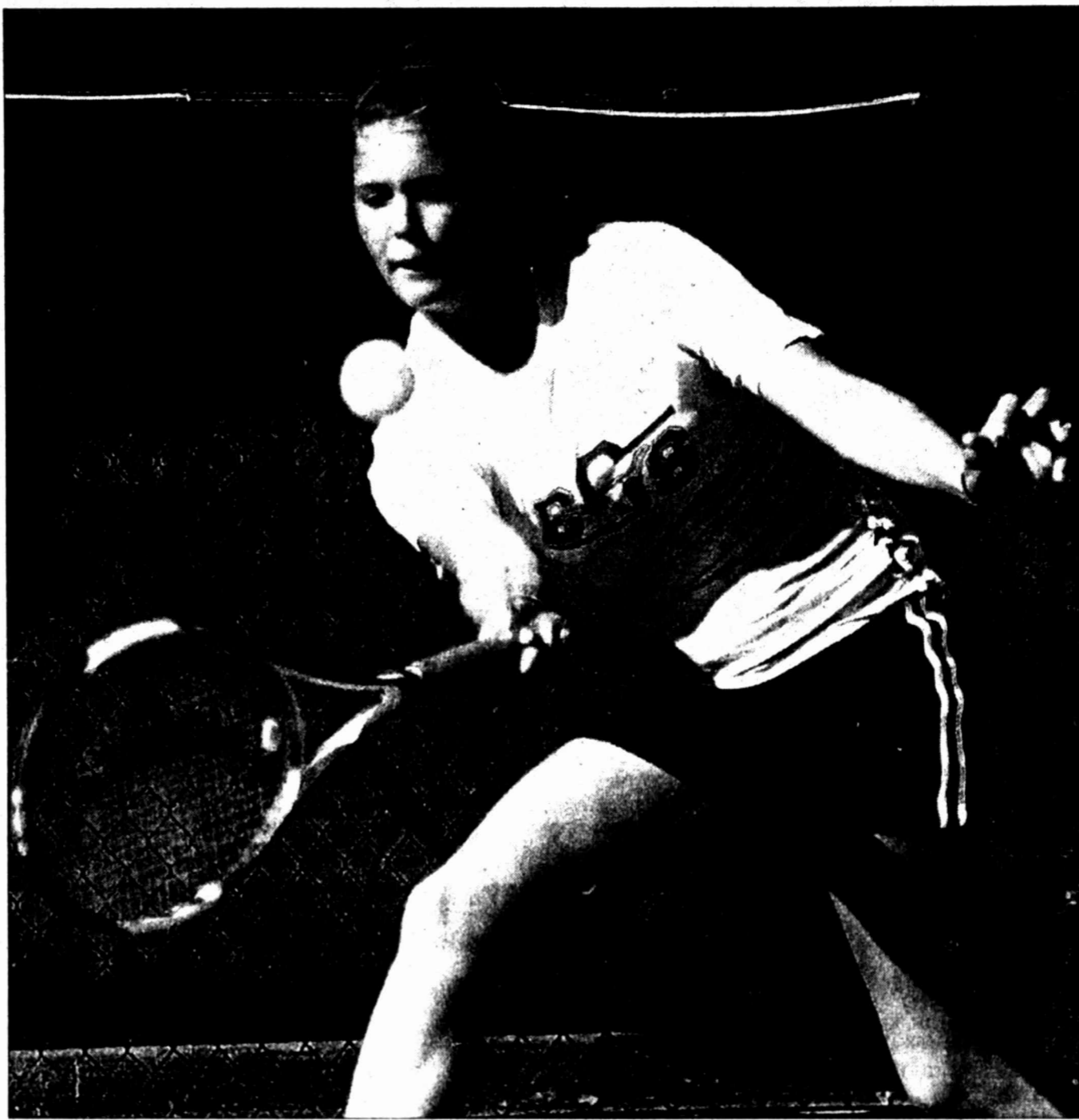
Shroff, a BSHS senior, has not lost a tennis match this season.

"When we went to Wichita Falls earlier in the year, I was losing a match that ended up being canceled, but that was the closest thing to a loss I've had this year," Shroff admitted. "I'm looking forward to getting to the semi-finals. From there maybe we can move on and make it to the state tournament. If we keep playing well as team then we have a chance."

"Personally, I have to work on my passing shots and staying calm during my matches. As a team I think we're just all looking forward to the opportunity."

According to Payne, Shroff has an advantage over his competition because of his mental game.

"The kid is tough," Payne explained. "When he steps on the



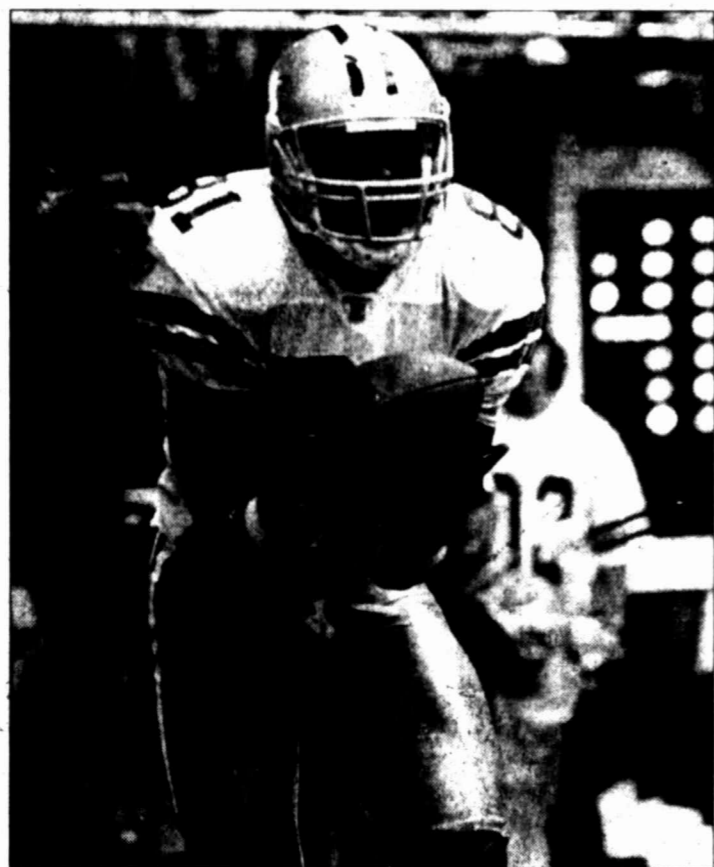
Big Spring's No. 1 ranked female, Keely Parnell, returns a serve during a tennis challenge Friday. The Steers tennis team will travel to Wichita Falls to compete in the regional tournament on Oct. 27.

court he has an advantage because of what's between his ears. He is the leader of this team. He has a good forehand and a good backhand. I've seen him play and defeat about three opponents who can hit the ball harder than he can, but they just

can't stay with him mentally — he just never gives in and never quits." In team tennis the boys and girls combine to create the Steers tennis team. In the spring the individual matches will begin, but for the No. 1 female player on

the team, she would prefer that the team competition last all year. "I just enjoy being a part of the team," said freshman Keely Parnell. "There is something

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Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) catches a touchdown pass last week. The Cowboys and Giants are set to face off on Monday Night Football.

## Giants and Cowboys tonight; Bledsoe knows he must find T.O.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys know Drew Bledsoe needs all the time he can get to look downfield, pick a receiver and make the right throw.

The problem is getting him those precious extra seconds.

Against Washington, Tennessee and Houston, Bledsoe was comfortable enough in the pocket that he threw just one interception. He was sacked a total of three times. And Dallas won them all.

Bledsoe didn't have as much time against Jacksonville and Philadelphia and the results were ugly. The Jaguars picked him off three times and sacked him twice, then the Eagles topped that with three interceptions, seven sacks and a pair of lost fumbles. Not surprisingly, the Cowboys lost both.

Now Bledsoe and his blockers are bracing for another challenge Monday night—the New York Giants, who boast a defense that just sacked Michael Vick seven times.

If the Giants (3-2) got to the slithery

Vick seven times, what will they do to the, uh, non-slithery Bledsoe?

As a point of reference, consider what they did to him last December: Four sacks, two interceptions and two fumbles, plus one of the lowest completion percentages of his career and a passer rating also near the bottom. New York won the game, which was for first place in the NFC East, and wound up winning the division; Dallas wound up missing the playoffs.

The good news for Bledsoe is that he has an upgraded set of tackles protecting him. The bad news is that the Giants still have Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora, and they're joined by Fred Robbins, Carlos Emmons and Barry Cofield, who were all in on multiple sacks against Vick.

Plus, New York's coaches have studied the blueprint drawn up by the Eagles.

"I'm sure they'll come after us more because they'll feel like we didn't han

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## Johnson wins at Martinsville; Burton blows engine

By HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Trouble finally found Jeff Burton at Martinsville Speedway. Jimmie Johnson and a handful of other championship chasers found themselves back in title contention.

NASCAR's Chase for the championship broke wide open Sunday, setting up what is likely to be a wild four-race finish.

Johnson took the lead from Bobby Labonte with 55 laps to go and held it through several restarts to win the crash-filled Subway 500, while 2003 champion Matt Kenseth replaced Burton atop the standings.

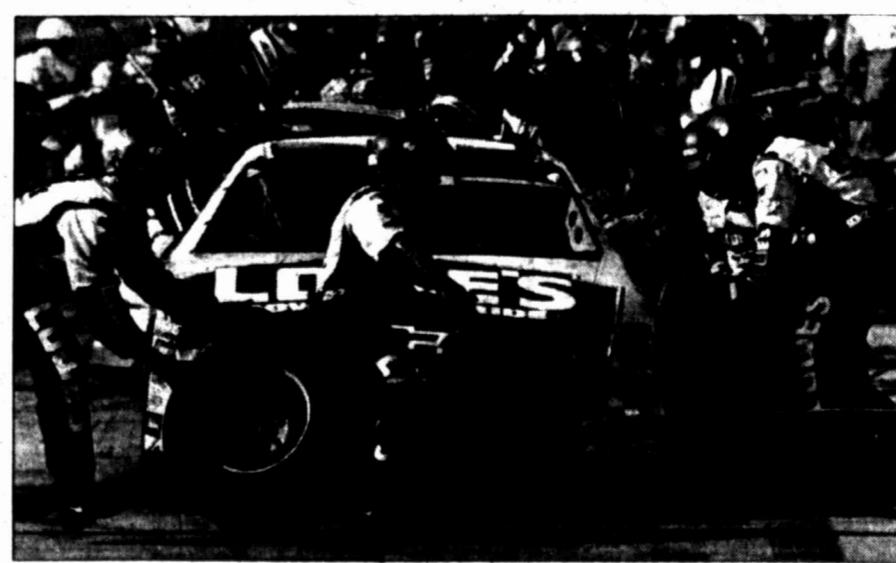
Johnson moved from seventh to third in the standings with four races left, and appears to be the driver with the most momen-

tum heading into the final month.

"I'm just happy to finish where we should have," said Johnson, who was denied at least a second-place finish at Talladega when he was spun out on the last lap two weeks ago, then finished second last week at Charlotte. "We've been running up front the last three of four races and haven't been able to close the deal. Today we did."

Kenseth assumed the points lead when Burton pulled his car into the garage after just 217 laps because of engine trouble, and most everyone took advantage.

Next week in Atlanta, seven drivers will start within 99 points of Kenseth, who finished 11th on Sunday and seemed more concerned about his performance than excited.



Jimmy Johnson's crew works on his car during an early pit stop. Johnson closed the gap on the race for the Nextel Cup by winning on Sunday.

"It's great to be the leader, but we've got to start running good," Kenseth said. "It's still pretty

wide open. It's going to be pretty

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dle it very well," Bledsoe said. "We can't sit back there all day. They are great pass rushers and we'll have to account for them, for sure."

Coach Bill Parcells' mantra ever since the Philadelphia game has been no turnovers. His secondary goal this week is for Bledsoe to keep drives going so NFL rushing leader Tiki Barber and the rest of New York's offense stay on the sideline.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Bledsoe said.

For an October game, this one is significant for both teams.

Going into Sunday's games, Dallas and New

York were tied for second in the division, a half-game behind Philadelphia.

To the Cowboys, this starts a pivotal chunk of their season. Their next three games are on the road, followed by a return home to face Indianapolis. Then the Thanksgiving Day game is four days after that.

The Giants have won two straight and three of four, starting with a tremendous comeback victory in overtime on the road against Philadelphia. Having victories over the Cowboys and Eagles would be a big boost, especially with the chance that NFC East clubs end up pinning so many losses on each other that the division can't produce a wild-card team.

"If you win the division, of course you're in. Anything outside of that, there is no guarantee," Strahan said. "That's our focus. First and foremost, win our division, and let everything fall into place after that."

Sacks also are on Strahan's mind - or, rather, his lack of them.

He has one all season, a number that feels even lonelier because he is two shy of tying Lawrence Taylor's club record of 132 1/2. The mark carries an asterisk because Taylor had 9 1/2 more as a rookie the season before sacks became an official statistic, but it's still a big deal for the owner of the NFL's single-season record.

"I'd love to get it behind me (because) that would

mean I've gotten more sacks this year," said Strahan, who has gotten five sacks against Bledsoe. "I've been close and no cigar, hitting the quarterback and all that stuff. I just haven't gotten them on the ground before they've thrown the ball."

Bledsoe certainly has plenty of options where to throw, including one New York hasn't seen in a Dallas uniform: Terrell Owens.

Coming off a three-touchdown game, T.O. is eager to become a bigger part of the offense. He squawked this week about not getting more passes in the first half (one catch over the last two weeks) and reminding everyone he runs a mean slant.

**Defense is alive, Texans win 27-7**

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston looked nothing like the old, pathetic Texans of last year. Maybe that's because the stars of Sunday's win over the Jacksonville Jaguars weren't around back then.

Rookie Wali Lundy had 93 yards rushing and a touchdown and fellow first-year players Mario Williams and DeMeco Ryans led a resurgent defense in a 27-7 win over the Jaguars.

Lundy, who hadn't played in the past three games, had a touchdown early in the fourth quarter that extended the lead to 17-7. No Houston running back had gained 60 yards rushing before Sunday and the Texans managed just 34 yards rushing last week.

Houston's defense, allowing a league-worst 418 yards a game coming into the game, forced two turnovers - both of which led to touchdowns - and held the Jaguars to 220 yards.

The Jaguars (3-3) trailed 10-7 and had a first down inside the 30 when Antwan Peek forced Fred Taylor's fumble, which No. 1 pick Williams

recovered. The fumble was Taylor's first since 2004 and Williams' first career recovery.

"It really felt like that gave this team a boost of energy," Williams said. "After that, everything started clicking. It was a big momentum change and I was glad to be a part of it."

Lundy had his first career touchdown and became the first Houston running back to score this season when he ran in from the 2 in the fourth. His 29 yard run - a career high - four plays earlier got the Texans to the 15.

Ron Dayne had started the last two games for Houston, but was inactive on Sunday, as coach Gary Kubiak said he wanted to give Lundy and Samkon Gado another shot.

"I was worried about him after the first couple of weeks that the overload had slowed him down and he wasn't reacting," Kubiak said of Lundy. "Sometimes you have to let players sit back and watch a week or two so that they calm down. He played with great presence today."

The Texans (2-4) put up their biggest point total of the season.

**STEERS**

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about everyone pulling together. I prefer that over the individual tennis tournaments. It has been a fun year and right now I'm just trying to work on improving my game. Specifically on my serves - spinning and slicing them."

Coming into her first year of high school, Parnell said she was just hoping to make the team. Now she is the No. 1 ranked female for BSHS, and according to Shroff, the team is counting on her to help get

them into the semi-finals.

"She can get us some important wins," Shroff added.

"Keely is an outstanding freshman," Payne said, as he explained her game. "Her strengths are patience, stamina and a sense of getting to the ball and being able to keep it in play. What we need her to work on is her power game. She needs to add a little power, but that is expected of most freshman."

The Steers struggled through their non-district schedule. As district play began the tennis team was playing .500 tennis (8-8), but then they got on a roll and won three district matches.

"All we need to do is put forth the same type of team effort that we had last week," Payne stated, as he described how the Steers put away Abilene Wylie. "We won two girls doubles matches out of three we played, and then we go out and do the same thing on the boys side. If we play together as a team, and play like we're capable of playing, then we have a good chance to be one of the two teams from our region to advance to Austin."

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**NASCAR**

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exciting, I think, coming down to the last race. I'm glad we are in the lead and if we can get going back on these last four tracks like we were earlier in the year, I think we've got a shot at it."

Kevin Harvick is now second, 36 points back, and Johnson is 41 points behind. Denny Hamlin moved into fourth, 47 back. Burton dropped to 48 points off the pace, marking the first time the points leader has changed in the second half of the playoffs.

"By no means do I think we are out of this thing," Burton said. "We won't lay down. We'll go to Atlanta feeling like we have as good a shot as anybody."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. (94), Mark Martin (96) and Kasey Kahne (99) also are within striking distance of Kenseth.

But Johnson, a two-time runner-up in the championship, made the biggest move in the standings after starting the race 146 points back. He quickly worked his way forward after being 10th on a restart with 94 laps to go, passed Gordon for second with about 70 laps to go and put Labonte in his rearview mirror on the 446th of 500 laps.

From there, he made it look easy, pulling away on every restart except the last one, when Hamlin, a rookie, nudged him and pulled alongside. Johnson rebuffed the challenge, got back in front and won by 0.545 seconds.

"Once I got pushed to the outside, I really felt like I was in trouble," Johnson said of the duel, "but I was able to rally back on the outside and get going, and once I got back going, I knew I had a better car and could get away from him."

"He played with that line, but didn't cross it and I respect him for it." Hamlin said it may have been best that he never did get around Johnson.

"I knew if I cleared him, he'd do the same thing to me going into the next corner and odds are I would not have been able to save it like he did," he said.

Labonte finished third, followed by Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon, who cut 75 points off his deficit but is still 141 back. Kyle Busch is 10th, 171 points behind.

The race featured 18 cautions for 107 laps, and the 17th one was, remarkably, the only one that really impacted Chase contenders. It happened on lap 477 when Earnhardt and Kahne, battling for sixth, bumped in Turn 3, sending Earnhardt spinning.

Kahne raced on and finished seventh; Earnhardt, who wound up 22nd, said he was to blame after driving too hard into the turn.

"I guess I need to get somebody on (the radio) to preach to me to have more patience because I definitely can't take control of myself," he said.

On the last restart, Hamlin stayed on Johnson's bumper heading into the first turn and bumped him coming out of the second turn, then pulled inside down the backstretch. Johnson stayed side-by-side with him for an entire lap, then beat him coming off the fourth turn to get in front and Hamlin seemed content to protect second place.

Earlier, it looked like it might be the day when Gordon tied Dale Earnhardt for sixth with 76 career victories, but Gordon's car wasn't good

enough to pull it off.

After pitting for four tires and fuel under a caution on lap 367 while most other teams stayed out, Gordon moved into third when another caution flew with 100 to go.

But the four-time champion's car wasn't strong enough to pass either leader Bobby Labonte or

Casey Mears, and when Johnson appeared on Gordon's back bumper with about 70 laps to go, it was only a matter of time before he also zoomed past his teammate.

Labonte used the same strategy to get to the front, and it worked.

"I feel like I stole something," he said.

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19). With your spunk,  
you'll be performing feats  
that others had laughed  
off as impossible. True  
happiness comes from  
continuing down the road  
you've started. A Virgo  
person helps you stay the  
course.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May  
20). Who wants to be a sta-  
tistic? Do everything in  
your power to defy catego-  
rization. Assert yourself  
at work this afternoon,  
though it'll feel like the  
most uncomfortable thing  
to do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June  
21). What you give to oth-  
ers gives you self-esteem.  
Your luckiest opportunity  
comes from being some-  
one's mentor, either offi-  
cially or unofficially. You  
have terrific chemistry  
with a Sagittarius person.

**CANCER** (June 22-July  
22). Love relationships are  
wrought with psychologi-

cal intensity and moral  
questioning. By tonight,  
you've had enough seri-  
ousness. Kick up your  
heels. Find a party, or be  
one.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).  
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takes. The best people  
make several a day,  
acknowledge this fact and  
learn as much as possible  
from each one. Waste no  
time defending a wrong  
move.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.  
22). Something you've  
been trying to do for ages  
is now within your abili-  
ty. It all depends on you  
getting the inside scoop -  
that's the scoop that any-  
one on the outside would-  
n't readily know.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).  
Your sophisticated way of  
pulling people closer to  
you (and yet still keeping  
them at exactly the dis-  
tance that makes you feel  
in charge) wins you new  
admirers now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.  
21). What's been gestating  
over a period of time is  
now ready to be born. But  
you still need to make  
space in your life for this  
new arrival. Ask for sup-  
port in clearing out an  
area, both physically and  
mentally.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21). Artistic happen-  
ings bring you together  
with interesting new  
friends and future busi-  
ness partners. Deja vu is  
lucky; take a little risk  
when this phenomenon  
occurs tonight.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19). Troublesome  
friendships are now a

breeze. Married couples  
handle challenges with  
real teamwork.  
Advancement or a job  
change comes just in  
time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18). Loved ones need your  
understanding more than  
ever. Trade places with  
that lost soul, and you'll  
solve the problem in your  
own life. So what if you  
feel under-rehearsed or  
out of your league - don't  
let fear stop you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March  
20). Your good deeds go  
unreported, and yet you  
keep doing them anyway.  
That's style. Your confi-  
dence builds with every  
kind act, regardless of  
who knows it's you.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUES-  
TIONS:** "I'm a Capricorn  
born in 1965, and my part-  
ner is an Aquarius born  
in 1962. We've been  
together seven years, pur-  
chased a home and had a  
child together. After that  
it got to be like a bad soap  
opera, replete with trust  
issues, a son from a previ-  
ous relationship whose  
paternity he questions  
and, of course, the good  
ol' infidelity. He's been  
verbally abusive to me  
when we argue, going so  
far as to tell me that I am  
of no good use, over-  
weight (I weigh 145), unat-  
tractive and that the time  
he spends with me is ill-  
spent and boring. All of  
which he apologizes for  
when he cools off. He has  
refused to go to counsel-  
ing, but says he loves me  
very much and that some-  
how we can work it out. Is  
it worth going on with

this? And if not, will get-  
ting out of it cost me the  
home I've worked so hard  
to get for my children?"

Most of his problems  
stem from the infidelity.  
He's afraid to go to coun-  
seling because he doesn't  
want the truth to come  
out. He's verbally abusive  
because he knows he's  
wronged you, and he feels  
he must make you the  
wrong one to justify his  
own behavior. It won't get  
better until he deals with  
his lies in some way or  
another. You'll get another  
house and another  
partner after you leave  
him.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**  
How do you sell more  
than 100 million books  
and become a phenome-  
non in publishing, film  
and television? Michael  
Crichton might answer,  
"Follow all of your inter-  
ests outside of writing."  
Crichton graduated from  
Harvard Medical School,  
hardly your average no-  
velist's background, and  
writes about his passions:  
medicine and technology.  
He's a Libran intellectual  
with many interests!

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My brother-  
in-law, "Fred," has been  
married to my sister for  
20 years. The problem is,  
he discards items that  
aren't his, and he does it  
without asking.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

I know Fred likes things  
very tidy, but at a recent  
family gathering, he  
removed some signs on  
the walls that were dis-  
played for renters. When I  
asked why, he said it was  
"a joke," but the signs  
never reappeared.  
Yesterday, I noticed a cof-  
fee mug in the wastebas-  
ket. Fred said he couldn't  
clean it, so he tossed it,  
but I washed it fairly easi-  
ly. And by the way, this is  
MY coffee mug.

Fred's a nice enough  
guy, but his behavior  
seems to be worsening.  
How do I approach this?  
Should I just let it drop  
until he throws out some-  
thing valuable? -  
Irritated Sister-In-Law

Dear Irritated: We've  
asked a few doctors about  
Fred's problem, and we  
told it could be an obses-  
sive-compulsive disorder,  
a control issue or some-  
thing else altogether.  
Such behaviors can get  
worse if they are not  
addressed.

First, tell Fred directly  
that he is not to throw out  
any items that belong to  
you. Then, suggest to  
your sister that Fred be  
evaluated by a psy-  
chologist, and she  
might also check the  
Obsessive Compulsive  
Foundation ([ocfoundation.org](http://ocfoundation.org)), 676 State St.,  
New Haven, CT 06511.

Dear Annie: I read the  
letter from "Torn in  
Tacoma," asking how  
many previous sexual  
partners it is appropriate  
for a woman to have had.  
You basically told him it  
had less to do with the  
number than with her  
character.

But really, Annie, how  
many is too many? 10? 30?  
100? How honest is a  
woman expected to be?  
My first serious girlfriend  
said I was her first, but I  
found out I was her  
fourth. I met my wife in  
college. When I asked  
about her past, she said,  
"I swear, only you and my

room. He never reciprocated.

I've begged him to be  
more responsive, but he  
remains happy with the  
basics. I got tired of being  
the only one to crave inti-  
macy, and sex is now just  
one more chore. Maybe if  
"Wishing" tried to be  
more romantic when he  
wasn't looking for sex, his  
wife would comply. I  
know I would. - In  
Misery in Michigan

Dear Misery: We don't  
know if this was  
"Wishing's" problem, but  
any husband who thinks  
it may be his, take a hint.  
Bring your wife some  
flowers tonight.

Dear Annie: I am seven  
years older than my hus-  
band. It is a second mar-  
riage for both of us.

Recently, my husband  
came at a bike rally and  
came home with dozens of  
pictures of women who  
were nearly naked. There  
were also photos of him  
with these women. In one,  
he is quite snuggly.

I am so torn apart in my  
heart and jealous. I don't  
have the body these filthy  
women do, but I am not a  
dog, either. My husband  
says it was all in good fun  
and he didn't cheat on me,  
but this has shaken me to  
my bones and I can't let it  
go.

How do I regain trust in  
my husband? He has apol-  
ogized and deleted the pic-  
tures, but I can't stop  
wondering what else he  
did or what he might do  
in the future.

Why do men think  
women who show every-  
thing are so great? It  
makes me sick. - Wife  
Without a Motorcycle

Dear Wife: We don't  
believe men think these  
women are "so great."  
The women simply are  
displaying the goods in a  
way everyone will notice.  
Certain events, like bike  
rallies, tend to bring out  
this behavior in both men  
and women. We think  
your husband was honest  
about his actions, but it  
might not be a bad idea to  
accompany him next  
time.

Dear Annie: I read the  
letter from "Mr. & Mrs.  
Retired," who asked if

they should give a gradu-  
ation gift to someone who  
had received his GED.  
Thank you for your posi-  
tive response. As the  
director and a longtime  
volunteer at an adult edu-  
cation program, I have to  
put in my two cents.

Adult education in  
Arizona serves people 16  
years of age and older,  
and it includes students  
who have dropped out of  
school, although that age  
group is not our largest.  
After a student leaves  
high school and goes out  
into the "real world," he  
usually finds out very  
quickly that jobs paying  
more than minimum  
wage require a diploma -  
and that is where we  
come in:

People who have decid-  
ed to pursue their educa-  
tion and obtain their GED  
are to be admired. While  
staying in school is best,  
in reality, that does not  
always happen. People  
deserve to continue their  
education at their own  
pace when they are ready.  
It does not matter if some-  
one has a high school  
diploma or GED. What  
matters is what they do  
with it to become produc-  
tive, responsible, con-  
tributing citizens.

Our county holds a GED  
graduation ceremony  
every year. The people  
who receive those diplo-  
mas are just as happy and  
thrilled as the high school  
students who receive  
theirs, and yes, they  
deserve the same recogni-  
tion. - Pat Purdin,  
Director, VICTORY Adult  
Education, Chino Valley,  
Ariz.

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Time	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel	Channel
6:30	News (CC)	News Wheel Fortune	Heridas de Amor	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Vida de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Van Inga Pro's John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Discovery	Classics	CSI Crime Scene Investigator	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC) College Hill	Phil of Future That's-Raven	Interruption Streetball	Monday Night Countdown	Heroes (CC)
7:30	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	La Faa Mas Bella	Prison Break (CC)	How I Met The Class	Tierra de Pasiones	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Charles Scott	Antiques Roadshow	American Hot Rod (CC)	Movie: Halloween II	CSI Crime Scene Investigator	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Getting Played (CC)	Movie: Hocus Pocus (CC)	Kickboxing The Contender	NFL Football: New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys	Tales-Darkside Tales-Darkside
8:30	The Bachelor Rome (CC)	The Bachelor Rome (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Justice (CC)	Two-Half Men Old Christine	Amores	Heroes (CC)	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	American Experience	Beaux Arts at 50 (CC)	Movie: Halloween III	CSI Crime Scene Investigator	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Soul Food (CC)	Life Derek Phil of Future That's-Raven	The Contender	Dallas Cowboys SportsCenter	Tales-Darkside Tales-Darkside
9:30	What About Brian (CC)	What About Brian (CC)	Cristina	To Be Announced	CSI: Miami (CC)	Decisiones	Studio 60: Sunset Strip	Family Guy	The Hour of Healing	Beaux Arts at 50 (CC)	American Chopper	Season of the Witch (CC)	The Ultimate Fighter	Cold Case (CC)	Jame Fox Zack & Cody	Phil of Future Kim Possible	With Smith Bull Hiding	NFL Primetime 2006 World	Tales-Darkside Tales-Darkside
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ. Raymond	70s Show	News Late Show: Laura	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop	Comedy Festival: Pit Stop
11:30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid	Letterman Late Late	'Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night	Movie: Lost & Found (CC)	CCM Minsters Scrwner	American Hot Rod (CC)	Movie: Halloween II (CC)	CSI Crime Scene Investigator	The X-Files (CC)	The X-Files (CC)	Comview (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	Fide Hard Tour 2006 World	NFL Primetime (CC)	Tales-Darkside Tales-Darkside
12:30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Malcolm-Mid	Show The Insider	Pagado	Conan O'Brien Paid Program	Update/Israel Booker	Update/Israel Booker	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off	Biker Build Off

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"TELL ME, MARTHA... HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW SCREEN SAVER?"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

MOTHER NATURE CERTAINLY KNOWS HOW TO DRESS UP.

"Yes, Mommy. I love her Fall wardrobe."

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**HAGAR**

TOMORROW WE LEAVE TO DO BATTLE WITH ATTILA THE HUN AND HIS VICIOUS WARRIORS!

AND USING SICKNESS AS AN EXCUSE FOR NOT GOING WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED!!

HOW ABOUT USING A BAD TOOTHACHE FOR AN EXCUSE?

**BC**

WANNA BUY A LOTTERY TICKET?

I DON'T BELIEVE IN GAMBLING.

BET I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND IN 5 SECONDS.

OK, YOU'RE ON!

YOU LOSE.

**BLONDIE**

TODAY'S SPECIAL IS A SIRLOIN BURGER SMOTHERED WITH SAUTEED ONIONS, GARLIC, AND JALAPENOS.

GEEZ LOUISE, WHERE'S MY BURGER?

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

IT SOUNDED SO GOOD I HAD TO HAVE ONE RIGHT AWAY!

**WIZARD OF ID**

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?

I HAD A DATE WITH A HOT WISP.

FROM THE NUCLEAR PLANT?

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

YOU GOT GLOW ON YOUR COLLAR.

**AGNES**

THAT'S IT! MY WEIRDNESS WILL BE THE WAY!

WHAT WAY?

ALL MY LIFE, I'VE TRIED TO WATER DOWN MY WEIRDNESS. JUST TO FIT IN... BUT NOW I REALIZE! WEIRD IS JUST WHO I AM! IT'S MY GIFT!

WEIRD IS MY LIGHT! AND BY GOLLY, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE!

VERY BAD IS NOT HEAVY DUTY ENOUGH TO DESCRIBE THIS PLAN.

**HI AND LOIS**

I'M LATE! BYE!

SMACK!

SLAM!

WAS THAT A KISS THAT JUST BLEW BY?

**THE OTHER COAST**

THAT'S UNCLE ROGER. HE FIANCED HIMSELF A GREAT ARTIST. WHEN IN FACT HE COULDN'T DRAW WORTH A DARN. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF DOZENS OF PEOPLE.

HE TURNED TO A LIFE OF CRIME?

HE ILLUSTRATED A BOOK ON HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EDIBLE AND POISONOUS MUSHROOMS.

**SNUFFY SMITH**

THAT SHE BE, LUKEY, TH' SECRET LAKE IN TH' WOODS. AN' WE GOT IT ALL TO OURSELVES !!

OOPS...

'CEPT FER TH' LOCALS !!

**BEETLE BAILEY**

YOU'RE IN BED EARLY, BEETLE. IT'S ONLY 8:00.

I NEED NINE HOURS' SLEEP.

DOES THAT INCLUDE THE TWO HOURS YOU SNEAK IN DURING THE DAY?

NO, THAT'S GRAVY.

**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2006. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Oct. 23, 1956, a spontaneous, student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began in Budapest; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport, Mo.

In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City,

demanding the right to vote.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf began.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow in Queens.

In 1973, President Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings requested by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1980, the resignation of Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was announced.

In 1983, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 para-

troopers.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected 58-42 the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Philip Kaufman is 70. Soccer great Pele is 66. Author Michael Crichton is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 63. Actor Michael Rupert is 55. Movie director Ang Lee is 52. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 50.

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- 1 Droops
  - 5 Saudi citizen, for one
  - 9 Data chart
  - 14 Jai
  - 15 Grain storage building
  - 16 Wild West show
  - 17 Feeling achy
  - 18 Unforeseen problem
  - 19 Take in, as a child
  - 20 Razor accessory
  - 23 Enthusiastic
  - 24 Show fear
  - 29 Opposite of NNW
  - 30 Come into sight
  - 34 Robert \_\_\_ (Civil War general)
  - 35 Scornful look
  - 36 Grim
  - 37 Organization's offshoot
  - 41 Fencing blades
  - 42 Poultry purchase
  - 43 Fill fully
  - 44 Caner's material
  - 46 Alphabet starter
  - 49 Twelve-year old, e.g.
  - 51 Red, white or blue
  - 53 Small dessert portion
  - 57 Rust particles
  - 61 Bread spread, for short
  - 62 Strong wind
  - 63 Sports stadium
  - 64 Once more
- DOWN**
- 1 Talks back to
  - 2 Hawaiian greetings
  - 3 Auto repair shop
  - 4 Kitchen strainer
  - 5 Special interest grp.
  - 6 Hand jewelry
  - 7 "Woe is me!"
  - 8 Colombia's capital
  - 9 Jelly flavor
  - 10 Fishing pole
  - 11 Commotion
  - 12 Get-up-and-go
  - 13 August forecast
  - 21 Tehran natives
  - 22 Incoming plane: Abbr.
  - 25 Breakfast fruit
  - 26 \_\_\_ cheese dressing
  - 27 Jump
  - 28 Comic-strip scream
  - 31 Farm enclosure
  - 32 Parakeet or poodle
  - 33 Build
  - 35 Ice precipitation
  - 36 Horse at a 16 Across
  - 37 Practice for a bout
  - 38 Tennis pro
  - 39 Lab animal
  - 40 College student's stat.
  - 41 Sixth sense: Abbr.
  - 44 Fam. member
  - 45 Mammal or bird
  - 46 Llama relative
  - 47 Hot-water tank
  - 48 Church doctrines
  - 50 English-class assignment
  - 52 Gift \_\_\_ (talker's asset)
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**Sweet note**

BSHS adds D... to bulgi trophy

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It things keep going like this, the Big Spring High School band is going to need a bigger trophy case — soon.

The Steer Band capped off a highly successful marching season when received the highest possible rating at the Interscholastic League Marching Contest Stadium in Odessa.

For the seventh straight year, the band received a rating from the judges that placed it in the top tier of these competitions.

Also receiving D ratings were Forsan and Stanton High Schools and Coahoma High School. Division II ratings were D.

The UIL trophy was in a string of hard-fought seasons. Director Fred said his charges did well at two contest months.

The Steer Band went to Class 4A band City Marching Midland Oct. 7 and in Classes 3A through band also received:

**County word on pipe cos**

By THOMAS JENKIN  
Staff Writer

Commissioners will find out how much stand pipe to the E will cost, according to project coordinator. "They (the contractor) expect to have a price by Friday," Furquison's Monday meeting they get it to me in office, Judge (Ben L. According to Furquison, pipe would provide ers making their way.

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