



Sweet notes

BSHS band adds Div. I to bulging trophy case

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If 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 it received the highest possible rating at the University Interscholastic League Region 6 Marching Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

For the seventh straight year, the band received a Division I rating from the judges, the highest rating a band can receive at these competitions.

Also receiving Division I ratings were Forsan High School and Stanton High School. Coahoma High School received a Division II rating from the judges.

The UIL trophy was the latest in a string of hardware won by the BSHS band this marching season. Director Rocky Harris said his charges also performed well at two contests earlier this month.

The Steer Band was named the top Class 4A band at the Tall City Marching Contest in Midland Oct. 7 and the top band in Classes 3A through 5A. The band also received awards for its



Big Spring High School Band drum majors, from left, Crystal Ward, Emily Hanes, DeAnna Carlisle and Simon Hilario display some of the awards won by the band this marching season.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan band wows judges

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN

Winning trophies never gets old. Just ask Jim Rhodes and the Forsan High School Band.

Director Rhodes and the band recently earned their ninth straight Division I rating — the highest possible — at Saturday's UIL Region 6 Marching Contest in Odessa.

color guard, drum line and drum majors at those contests, Harris said.

At Saturday's regional contest,

Although earning top ratings has become something of a habit for the band over the years, it's not as if the group is tired of the routine.

"It's never not exciting," Rhodes said.

The band warmed up for the regional contest by being named the outstanding band in Classes 1A and 2A at the Tall City Marching Contest in Midland Oct. 7, he said.

The band was almost flawless in Odessa Saturday, Rhodes said, earning top ratings from

however, the band saved its best for last.

"They did a fantastic job," Harris said. "This has been a

all three judges.

Although the band cannot compete for state marching honors this year (the state Class 1A marching contest is held on alternate years), Rhodes said this group compares favorably to any band he's directed, including last year's group which finished second at state.

"This could possibly be one of the best marching bands I've directed," Rhodes said. "The kids executed their drills nearly to perfection. I was thrilled to see them pull it all together."

really fun marching season. The kids have worked very hard, and

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County awaits word on stand pipe cost for jail

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Commissioners will have to wait to find out how much the addition of a stand pipe to the Howard County Jail will cost, according to local architect and project coordinator Phil Furqueron.

"They (the contractor) said they expect to have a price on the stand pipe by Friday," Furqueron told commissioners Monday morning. "As soon as they get it to me I'll deliver it to your office, Judge (Ben Lockhart)."

According to Furqueron, the stand pipe would provide water for firefighters making their way up the jail's stairway.

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The Big Spring City Council will ask investors with ideas to renovate the historic Settles Hotel to put their money where their mouth is, as the council voted unanimously to request proposals from would-be buyers during a special meeting Monday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

For sale?

City soliciting bids on historic Settles

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously to request bids on the historic Settles Hotel during a special Monday afternoon meeting, opening the door for would-be investors and renovators.

"We'll draw up a RFP — which is a request for proposal — for the Settles Hotel," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "We've had some people contact us who were interested and had some different ideas about what to do with the facility. So we're going to put it out and get those proposals in and see what they have in mind."

"At that point the council could review the proposals. We want to make sure whatever is proposed — if it's accepted — goes along with the planning currently going on in downtown Big Spring. We don't want to turn it into a huge haunted house or a parking

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and we want to see if it's real. This will give us the opportunity to see who is really interested in it."



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garage. We hope it will be something like the facility was meant for, so it will enhance downtown and the revitalization efforts going on now."

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, the request will give the council the opportunity to find out what interest expressed in the aging structure is real, and what is just talk.

"The thing we want to

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Obituaries

Katherine Pauline Williams



Katherine Pauline Williams, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Ken McIntosh, family members and friends, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born July 28, 1912, in Concho County and married Claud Williams Oct. 26, 1930, in Hobbs, N.M. He preceded her in death March 6, 1970.

Mrs. Williams attended Big Spring schools and completed the Southwestern Publishing Company's book-keeping course in 1929. She was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church and served several years on the benevolence committee. She also served many years as a volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a homemaker and began working as secretary and bookkeeper for the family business, Williams Fabricators, in 1970, retiring in 1990.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Vevagene Williams of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Roy Hester of Big Spring; four granddaughters, Cindy Brooks and husband, Dean, Kay Sauls and husband, Don Ray, Brenda Bradshaw and husband, Bobby, all of Midland, and Kathy, who was married to the late Dr. Cleve Kirkland of San Angelo.

Also surviving are her great-grandchildren, Blake Alderton, Leslie Alderton Harris and husband, Brent, Terry and Kayla Sauls, Nathan, Garrett and Emily Bradshaw, and Kendra, Kyle and Claire Kirkland. There are three great grand children, Kelsey, Haley and Shawn Harris.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Earnest and Minnie Trimble Griffin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Blanche and Lloyd Brooks.

The family suggests memorials to the Homemaker's Class of the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Jerry Paul Fuqua Sr.



Jerry Paul Fuqua Sr. passed away Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, in the Midland Memorial Hospice Unit. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring with Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Visitation with the family will be from noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel located at 906 S. Gregg St. in Big Spring.

He was born Jan. 10, 1942, in Big Spring to Marcella King Fuqua and Paul Fuqua. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1960 and joined the Army in 1961. He attended Midland College and worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Big Spring and Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marcella McCabe and Paul Fuqua; a sister, Jean Sneed; and a grandparent, Jack and Alta King.

He is survived by his son, Jerry Fuqua II of Midland; a son, John David Cates of North Richland Hills; ex-wife and caregiver, Mickey Sue Branch of Ft. Worth; and a sister, Eddie Johnson and husband, Bill, of Odessa.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702; or the Kidney Foundation of West Texas, P.O. Box 11062, Midland 79701.

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W. B. Tilley

W. B. Tilley, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Donald Coppock

Donald Coppock, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

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

- VANESSA MUNIZ, 22, of 1901 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- JAMAL HUGHES, 21, of 703 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on three Bowie County warrants.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1600 block of Benton.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 24, was arrested Monday 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 Monday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- AMANDA MARIE CLEMENT, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- VANESSA MUNIZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- TONI JEANETTE MARTINEZ, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- FRANK LEE JACKSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- JOHNNIE BERNELL LESSLEY, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- SAMANTHA DONNELL DAWSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Forsan High School. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• COAHOMA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY WIDE FALL FESTIVAL will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. The church is located at 401 N. Main. Call 394-4432 for more information.

• THE GREATER BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB will be hosting its 5th Annual Tailgate Party, Friday, Oct. 27, at the Lubbock Friendship vs. Big Spring Steers home game. Members will be selling brisket burritos, which will include a cookie and a drink for \$6. Serving will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the west side, north end parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Tickets are available from any of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from this event will go to help sponsor the Junior-Senior Alcohol-Free After-Prom Party of Big Spring ISD.

• IHM YOUTH GROUP WILL HOST A HALLOWEEN DANCE on Friday, Oct. 27, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1009 Hearn, for the 7th through 12th grade age group. Admission is \$3 per person. Halloween costumes are welcomed. For more information, call Anthony at 816-7127 or Merlinda at 394-4641.

• CANDY AND POPCORN BALLS will be handed out at the Charles and Bettye Parrish residence, 410 College St. in Coahoma, on Halloween, Oct. 31.

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TODAY

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Wednesday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday—Mostly sunny. Windy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Friday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-21-25-33. Bonus Ball: 13. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$625,000. Winning ticket sold in: Houston. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-23-31-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-2

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County

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

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County OKs settlement State hospital to honor employees

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted unanimously to accept an out-of-court settlement with an unnamed individual that was injured and had property damaged in an altercation with the sheriff's department.

"There was an incident that we got a complaint on where an automobile was damaged," said County Attorney Mike Thomas. "Since I've been county attorney, this is the first settlement like this we've ever done. However, with the situation we just felt like we needed to pay for the damage to the automobile and the injuries to the young man involved."

"All total, the settlement is under \$1,000. It's not something we plan to make a habit of, but in this particular incident we felt like it was best to settle this

issue."

As for the details surrounding the incident, Thomas declined to comment.

"I really can't release the details on that," said Thomas.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he felt the settlement was fair.

"It was a very, very small settlement," said Kilgore. "There was a claim against one of our law enforcement officers and it was handled within the department. We can't release what the settlement was, but I can tell you, it was a fairly minor thing. The people involved have been disciplined and I really feel like this has come out for the best of everyone involved."

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Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital employees Amy Clemmer, Rick Foster, George Oteiza and Debbie Rios will be presented with plaques of appreciation Wednesday from the Department of State Health Services for their assistance with last year's hurricanes.

Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon will present the four employees with the plaques during Big Spring State Hospital's Quarterly Awards Ceremony in the Allred Auditorium.

Ten employees will also be presented with Employee Service Awards for employment terms of five, 10, 15 and 20 years of service.

The quarterly awards are

presented every three months to provide a more timely recognition of the employees' contributions to the hospital, Moughon said. This quarter's recognition ceremony reflects June, July and August of 2006.

Employees being honored are Wendy Brown, Pharmacy; and Donna Thurman, Transcription Services, Programs and Marketing, five years; Jon Jon Cervantes, Activity Therapies; Bidal Salas, Security; and Rosie Vanderbilt, Activity Therapies, 10 years; Edith Baker, Food Service; Olga Hernandez, Nursing Service; Donna Sue Brown, Nursing Service; and Donna Smith Acute Psychiatric Services Female, 15 years; and Cheyenne Harrison, Acute Psychiatric Services Female,

20 years.

The four Big Spring State Hospital employees who will be recognized by the Department of State Health Services assisted with the state's hurricane response in a number of ways, Moughon said.

Clemmer serves as a unit nurse manager at Big Spring State Hospital; Foster is the hospital's chaplain; Oteiza is employed as the Director of Environmental Services; and Rios is employed on Acute Psychiatric Services Male and the Intensive Observation Unit.

Cake and punch will be served during the come-and-go reception in the Allred Building Auditorium. The get-together is scheduled from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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The Steer Band especially charmed Judge John Kline of Mesquite, who wrote, "It is nice to see that a marching band can (excel) in both marching and playing, and still be very entertaining."

"That's just a great statement, I think," Harris said.

"The music is what makes the routine," he added. "If the students have fun with the music, then the audience will have fun with the music, as well."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

SMMC Relay for Life team sets haunted house

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life Team is having its third annual Haunted House.

This year's event includes concessions and glow in the dark novelties for sale. The team is providing a "Child Waiting Area," where parents can leave their little ones with adult supervision while they go the haunted house. This service is at no additional charge.

The Haunted House has been completely remodeled with a total of 13 rooms. All pro-

ceeds from this event go to Relay for Life, a non-profit organization. In 2005, the Haunted House event raised more than \$6,000.

This event is held at 1501 West 11th Place, Malone and Hogan Clinic to the east of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Admission is \$5 per person. Events dates are:

- October 27, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- October 28, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- October 30, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
- October 31, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

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"The engineer completed the final documents and got them to the contractor, and there's just one or two guys around here that do that type of work," Furqueron told commissioners during a previous meeting. "There are some questions about the routing and the weight of the pipe, and things like that."

"There will be a meeting between the contractor and engineer to resolve some of those

issues so they can put together the final pricing. Once we have that pricing, we'll run that through Anthony Mechanical's contract and report back to the court."

Furqueron said Anthony Mechanical, which currently holds a maintenance contract with the county, is also working on the jail's smoke evacuation system.

The system, which was found to be ineffective during a fire evacuation drill several months ago, is being fitted with new fans, with changes being made to the jail's heating

and air conditioning system, according to Furqueron.

Commissioners recently approved more than \$39,000 in modifications and new components for the jail's fire alarm and smoke evacuation system, as well as modifications to the jail's heating and cooling system to bring in fresh air in the event of a smoke problem.

And while the deadline Anthony Mechanical has given commissioners to have the work on the smoke evacuation system completed is quickly approaching, Commissioner Jerry

Kilgore said the results could have a rather profound effect on the jail's operation.

"They're coming along and we hope to test it by the Nov. 15," said Kilgore. "My fingers are crossed that it will work. If it doesn't work, we will be looking for a new home for some of the inmates."

Kilgore said he's happy with the progress being made to bring the jail within state standards.

"It's probably going a little slower than what the fire marshal and the state wants, but it's (the stand pipe) a very technical thing," said Kilgore.

"We've had to go through an engineer, and there's solid concrete and steel up there, so you really have to look at it."

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accomplish is to find out if there is any real interest out there," said McEwen. "There have been some people who have told us they might be interested, and this way we can find out if that interest is real, and at what level it is."

McEwen said the Settles Hotel is the key to downtown revitalization.

"Obviously, this would be the most important part of that," said McEwen. "If you have a revitalization of the Settles Hotel and it's put back into use, that's going to be the central part of this. It's going to act as a stimulus for a lot of other things. It's going

to create traffic downtown, so the demand for restaurants and shops increases significantly."

Councilman Greg Biddison said he hopes to see the Settles Hotel become the catalyst for other projects in downtown Big Spring.

"We want to get something going in down-

town," said Biddison. "There's been some interest expressed (in the building) and we want to see if it's real. This will give us the opportunity

to see who is really interested in it."

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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

NewsWire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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a.m., and the officer lost sight of him."

Walker said that was when the manhunt began.

"Deputies began looking for him, and officers with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice brought in the horses and the bloodhounds," said Walker. "I spotted his vehicle near FM 2599. The search continued until about 9 a.m., when he was captured."

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OUR VIEWS

Misdirected
vengeance

Rep. Jane Harman, Calif., the ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, took a step last week that she knew would be thermonuclear: Without the assent of the panel's chairman, Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., and in contravention of a previous understanding, she released an unclassified summary of a report about former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif. Later that day, in barely disguised retaliation, Mr. Hoekstra suspended a Democratic committee staff member's access to classified documents, ostensibly based on the flimsiest of suspicions that the aide had been involved in the leak of a separate, classified document.

Ms. Harman's unilateral strike violated the bipartisan basis on which the intelligence committees are meant, at least in theory, to operate. But that cannot justify Mr. Hoekstra's malicious and misdirected response, which tarnished a staff member's reputation and was not supported by any evidence. The issue involves the leak of the April 2006 National Intelligence Estimate on terrorism. The Democratic staffer, Laurence Hanauer, received a phone call from an aide to a committee member, Rep. John F. Tierney, D-Mass., asking about the NIE; Mr. Tierney says he had gotten a call about the document from The New York Times. Mr. Hanauer looked for the document in the committee files and, not finding it, got a copy from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Four days later, The New York Times published a story about the NIE. "I cannot assume that this was mere coincidence," Mr. Hoekstra wrote in a letter to Ms. Harman.

But Mr. Hanauer denies any involvement in the leak; he submitted a sworn affidavit to this effect this week. He immediately told his bosses after the story was published that he had retrieved the document. The Times had been working on its story for weeks and said it had interviewed "a dozen United States government officials and outside experts" who had seen the report or drafts of it.

Mr. Hoekstra's real motive—striking back at Ms. Harman—was made clear later in the letter, when he linked the two releases of information. Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., the committee vice chairman who had lodged a complaint about Mr. Hanauer weeks before, said he made his letter public to retaliate against Ms. Harman. "If the ranking member wants to play politics," he told Fox News, "there are some of us on the other side that can play politics, and I'm not afraid to do it."

Not afraid, perhaps. But the depth to which he and Mr. Hoekstra are willing to sink in doing so is nothing to be proud of. They should let Mr. Hanauer do his job.

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No-force border enforcement

Someone ought to tell the Bush administration that prisons are for criminals, not law-enforcement personnel trying to do their jobs. On Thursday, a federal judge in Texas sentenced two former Border Patrol agents to 11 and 12 years in prison because they shot at a drug smuggler who was evading arrest.

In February 2005, Border Patrol agent Jose Alonso Compean got in a scuffle with smuggler Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila, who was driving a van that carried 743 pounds of marijuana. Compean and fellow agent Ignacio Ramos shot at Aldrete-Davila — they say they thought he had a gun, which Aldrete-Davila denies. Ramos shot the smuggler in the butt, but because Aldrete-Davila kept running — across the border — they said they thought they did not hit him. The agents picked up their shells and failed to report the shooting. For that violation of agency policy, Ramos and Compean deserved an administrative review and some sort of job-related punishment.

Instead, due to a case of blind and bloodthirsty federal prosecutorial overkill, Ramos and Compean were sentenced to 11 years and 12 years, respectively. Oh, and the smuggler was granted immunity for the 743 pounds of pot and is suing the federal government for \$5 million. Crime pays, while going after criminals can land you hard time in prison.

On the government's side, I should mention: A jury found the two agents guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon, discharge of a firearm during a violent crime, obstructing justice, lying about the incident and willfully violating

the Fourth Amendment right of Aldrete-Davila — who was in the United States illegally, not to be mention smuggling drugs — to be free from illegal seizure. Now three jurors have signed statements saying they were pressured into a guilty verdict, for whatever — read, not much at this late date — that is worth.

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton released a statement last month that explained that he prosecuted the two agents because, before the scuffle: "In fear of what the agents would do to him next, (the smuggler) ran away from the agents, who then fired at least 15 rounds at him, although they had seen his open hands and knew that he was not holding a weapon and had no reason to think he had a weapon, hitting him once and causing serious bodily injury."

As everyone knows, drug smugglers would never carry a concealed weapon and prosecutors should take a drug-ring lieutenant's word over that of Border Patrol agents with clean records — because the smuggler would tell the truth even if he had a \$5 million incentive to lie. (Yes, that was sarcasm.)

I should note that the feds had offered the agents one year in a plea bargain, the *El Paso Times* reported, but the agents preferred to go to trial.

"They were innocent, why should they take it?" noted T.J. Bonner, president of the agents' union, the National Border Patrol Council. "They trust in the system of justice, and it let them down."

Let me note that if these agents were gun-happy rogue enforcers, or if they were running a criminal operation, Sutton would be right to want to put them behind bars. But these are good guys with no other marks against them. Ramos was nominated for Border Patrol Agent of the year in 2005 — before the drug smuggler got his deal.

Crooked Border Patrol agents face less time than Ramos and Compean for running criminal operations. In July, agent Oscar Antonio Ortiz received a five-year sentence in San Diego for smuggling 100 illegal immigrants into America — sometimes in a Border Patrol truck. In that case, the judge increased his sentence beyond the three years recommended by the feds. Last week, the Texas federal judge issued a lighter sentence than the 20 years recommended by the U.S. Probation Office, although federal mandatory minimums forced her to sentence Ramos and Compean to more than 10 years.

The House Judiciary Committee has promised to hold hearings on this case after the November elections. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has asked for the Senate to hold hearings, as well.

Note to the Bush Department of Justice: Prison is for criminals. Follow-up note: If you want to save the taxpayers' money, just issue a memo that tells Border Patrol agents not to arrest smugglers. That would be cheaper than putting away Ramos and Compean for years in prisons filled with the type of guys they used to put away.

President Bush does not have to wait for congressional hearings. In order to spare the agents and their families from further anguish and legal bills, Bush should commute the agents' sentences now. If ever an act of compassionate conservatism was needed, this is it.

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The next Tet Offensive: The polls

My mother, may she rest in peace, taught me that there was much to be learned by reading the obituaries. My mother could figure out the future that way — as in, who had lost a wife and might be looking. I have different motives. I see how the war has been going. It's another way of seeing the future. My little pile started telling me before today's headlines that October was looking to be a record month, the highest in two years.

In the 30 hours that ended Wednesday afternoon, 11 soldiers were killed.

That brought the monthly death toll, just over halfway into the month, to 70 soldiers, almost as many as died in all of last month, which was more than in August or July.

Even the president, especially the president, is now comparing the war to Vietnam, and the latest offensive to the Tet Offensive.

Is that supposed to make people more supportive?

Are we supposed to be so intimidated by the idea that we are being manipulated by the unseen hand of a literal PR jihad that we sacrifice our right to criticize a war that has no course and a

President who cannot find his direction? Isn't that the definition of their winning? I will be happy to debate them or to ignore them, but not to be intimidated by them.

The numbers that stare out of my slips of paper are the ages of the men, all men in this latest batch, who have died. A 40-year-old in the Marine Reserves. A 37-year-old and a 48-year-old.

These are not old men sending young men to war.

These are not all of us sending all of our sons to war.

These are middle-aged men who have died, not the hope of tomorrow, but today's best, the men whom women and children were relying on now.

We owe them much more than we are ever likely to give them, and the question of who among them will be the last to die is being asked already.

If this is the next Tet Offensive, are they the price?

How do you send a message that you want to stop paying it?

In the old days, of course, people took to the streets, demonstrated, burned draft cards, refused to serve. ... In the old days, different burdens were placed on different people, and it changed everything.

There was, however, one way that a message was sent then and is still sent now.

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all those ads about the war are springing up all over the country, all of a sudden.

Voting. Three weeks is a long time in politics. Something could happen. Individual races still have their own dynamics.

But however often voters may say they are voting on "bread and butter" economic issues, the increasing dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq is driving this election toward a national referendum on George Bush and his course in Iraq, which the president is destined to lose.

The latest polls show that two-thirds of voters are dissatisfied with President Bush on the war and think the war is going somewhat or very badly. And that was before the latest round of deaths, in a month that is also shaping up to be one of the deadliest for Iraqis, some 767 of whom have already been killed this month, double the usual monthly average.

Stay the course? What course? The Democrats are getting the winning issue they tried so desperately to avoid.

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Francisco Cota, civil defense director for the two resort cities of San Jose del Cabo and Cabo

San Lucas, said 2,000 to 3,000 families could be evacuated from flood-risk areas to 49 shelters, mostly schools.

Paul had maximum sustained winds near 80 mph and was moving north at about 8 mph, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Paul's winds weakened from 105 mph earlier and the storm was downgraded to a Category 1, the center said.

Forecasters predicted it could hit Mexico's Pacific coast by Wednesday.

A hurricane watch was issued for the tip of Baja California, which has been battered by two other hurricanes this season. The storm was on a course that would bring it just south of the peninsula late Tuesday before plowing into Mexico's Pacific coast near the resort of Mazatlan.

No word on missing U.S. army soldier

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday there had been no word on the fate of a U.S. Army soldier reported missing in Baghdad, as troops continued door-to-door searches in the central Karradah district.

U.S. and Iraqi forces threw a security cordon around Karradah on Monday night and Iraqis seeking to pass through the downtown area on Tuesday were turned

away at roadblocks. Army Kiowa OH-58 reconnaissance helicopters were seen repeatedly circling the area in pairs.

U.S. soldiers patrolling Karradah showed photographs of the man's photograph to residents in a search for leads.

The missing soldier's name and other personal details have not been officially released, although American troops who raided Baghdad's al-Furat TV on Monday said they were looking for an abducted American officer of Iraqi descent who went to join family members in Karradah.

"We have not heard anything," Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, an American spokesman in Baghdad, said Tuesday.

Japan FM worried over nuke tests

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's foreign minister warned Tuesday there was a possibility of more nuclear tests by North Korea and expressed pessimism that the North would return to

disarmament talks soon.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il did not apologize for his regime's nuclear test when a special envoy from China's president visited Pyongyang last week.

South Korean news reports said last week that Kim had expressed regret for the Oct. 9 test during a visit by State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, who delivered a personal message and a gift from Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"These reports are certainly not accurate," ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said at a regular press briefing. "We haven't heard any information that Kim Jong Il apologized for the test."

Gunmen kidnap AP photographer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian gunmen kidnaped an Associated Press photographer in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

grabbing him as he walked out of his apartment and whisking him away in their vehicle, a witness said.

Emilio Morenatti, 37, the photographer, was heading out of his apartment for an AP car, where Majed Hamdan, an AP driver and translator, was waiting.

Hamdan said four gunmen grabbed his keys and phone and told him to turn away, pressing a gun to his head and threatening to harm him if he moved.

Then they grabbed Morenatti, shoved him into a white Volkswagen and drove off, Hamdan said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Officials wanted more searches at WTC site

NEW YORK (AP) — As the city agency oversee-

ing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander.

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Bedtime Stories

THADDEUS TADPOLE GROWS UP

The first thought I.e had a long time ago was one that he could barely remember. His thought was, "Who am I?" His second thought was, "What am I doing here?" Many months would pass before he would find out the answers.

He didn't have a name. He liked the word, "Thaddeus." He started calling himself "Thaddeus" and wanted everyone else to call him this word, too. They would, someday!

He didn't know who he was. All he could remember was that he was swimming in a little pond. He

loved swimming in that pond. He remembered all the little fish that would swim with him. He remembered all the games they would play. He remembered getting bigger. He was growing up.

He remembered looking up into the air from where he was, under the water. He remembered thinking that he would love to be able to fly like the big eagles and the little sparrows. He wished that he could see what was beyond his little pond. Maybe he could, someday.

He remembers seeing the big animals

such as the horses, sheep, and cows. He wished he could walk around on the green grass like they did. He even wished that he could eat the green grass, like they did! Who knows, maybe he will, someday! Maybe he won't!

He remembers getting bigger and bigger. He remembers his body changing. But, changing into what? He didn't know! Do you? Tell me what you think he may change into? He started growing little legs. This scared him, but only for a little while! He remembers thinking that maybe he should climb out of his little pond now. He didn't want to do that at first because he loved his little pond.

He makes it all the way. He hops down from the tree branch. He didn't know he

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But soon he knew that he must climb out of the water.

It is time now. Time for him to climb out of the water. He looks for a way out of the little pond. He finds a tree branch that hangs way down into his pond. He slowly starts climbing up this branch, leaving behind the only world he had ever known. He is not scared anymore. He is looking forward to seeing what was on the ground above his little pond.

He makes it all the way. He hops down from the tree branch. He didn't know he

could hop! It was fun. He liked it. He hopped back up onto the tree branch, then hopped down again. He made short hops. He made very long hops.

Now, he could see everything that all the horses, sheep, cows, eagles and sparrows could see. He loved what he saw. He loved the way the green grass felt on his feet. He loved the sights and sounds of life above water. He thought he would miss living underwater, and he did, a little. He had always had fun swimming along and playing games with the little fish that would always have to stay underwater. But now, he was all grown up and in a

completely different world. He loved his new world.

What is Thaddeus? Is he a cow? Is he a sheep? Is he a horse? Is he a sparrow? Is he an eagle, flying high over the hills and valleys? I will give you a little hint. He loves to hop. He loves to croak. He can still swim in his little pond, but he cannot live underwater any longer. Did you guess that Thaddeus was a bullfrog? He just croaked again, and hopped twice. I think he is trying to tell us, "Good Night!"



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Bird Poop: Alex is a steward of animals

A family visit had brought the young man to Waterloo, Iowa. While on a college campus, he was approached by three different people who knew he lived in Odessa. "Are you taking that bird to

Texas?" each inquired. "What bird?" was his reply. "The one in the paper and on the radio," they answered. Knowing nothing of the media blitz to try and obtain a bird's safe pas-

sage to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, Alex Carstens checked the local newspaper. After he placed a call, he drove to the Black Hawk Wildlife Rehabilitation Project to pick up his passenger. He was well aware that vehicle transport was fine as long as the trip was accomplished in one day.

Greeted by Terese Evans, Alex learned that the American bittern had been found near a pet store under some shrubbery. With a bruised and broken wing, the bird had spent a month recovering from its injury. The last of October was too late for the bittern to be released. Its own kind had already migrated. Questionable as to whether the bird could even make such an arduous journey. Needing to have the secretive water bird transported to a southern state for release, and not knowing any "snow birds" that might assist this "bird," the president of the Black Hawk Project managed to get the word out to the public.

With approval from U.S. Fish & Wildlife for the bittern to be carried across state lines to another licensed wildlife center, Terese was delighted to meet Alex. With snow predicted for Iowa the following week, the bittern needed a warmer climate immediately. After Alex left with

his passenger, Terese alerted South Plains that the bird was on its way. Included in this conversation was the young man's parting comments. He said he felt that part of our job here on earth was to be stewards of the land and the animals, and this was such an easy thing for him to do. He thanked her for allowing him to take the bittern.

The director of South Plains called to advise us that the young man and his avian cargo were leaving Waterloo. Driving through Kansas City, Mo., to the Fort Worth area, Alex would continue on Interstate 20 to Big Spring. We were to meet him and bring the bittern to Lubbock. Expecting him the next day, we were given his cell number, which we called.

Alex wanted to check in every two hours to give us his location. We were concerned about his driving all night with no relief. Close to midnight he called to say he was going to pull off the road and sleep a few hours. He would check back in around 7 a.m. When the phone rang shortly after 6 the next morning, we

couldn't have been happier. Alex had slept for two hours, then continued down the road.

When he was to check in again, the phone was silent. More than an hour went by and no Alex. Finally, he called. A flat had delayed him. He and the bird were fine.

As morning turned into early afternoon, Alex notified us as to his expected arrival at the truck stop north of town. He was right on time. After having talked with him many times during the last 24 hours, we were delighted to meet the young man who cared so much for wildlife. Spending too short a time with him, we realized he was very tired and needed to go on to Odessa and a long sleep.

Since we had another bird coming in that afternoon, we drove to Lamesa

and delivered the bittern to Julie Boatright, who had served as an intern at the wildlife center. She helped complete the bird's journey.

Driving back to Big Spring, we talked about how sometimes it takes so many people to assure a bird's success and return to the wild, and that included an Alex Carstens. He was an exceptional young man. Not believing in mere chance or circumstances, Alex definitely felt he was meant to bring the bittern 1,125 miles to us.

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With the ability to look forward while its beak is pointed skyward, the American bittern easily blends into its surroundings of reeds and tall grass.

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♦ Q J 10 9 6 3
♥ A 4
♠ 10
♣ J 10 8 2

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♠ 8 7 6 4 3
♣ 6 5

SOUTH
♦ 8 4
♥ K 8 7 3
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♣ K Q 9 3

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North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ West
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Opening lead — queen of spades.

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Take this case where South reached four hearts after West had overcalled with one spade. West led the queen of spades, and East took dummy's king with the ace. East returned a spade, taken by West, who then led his singleton diamond to dummy's jack. Declarer's problem was to avoid the loss of more than one trump, since he had already lost two tricks.

South saw that he would have to lose more than one trump trick if the suit was divided 4-1 or 5-0. Only if the hearts were divided 3-2 was there a chance of losing just one trump trick.

But this alone would not do the job. The player with the doubleton heart would have to have the ace if the contract was to be made. And the first heart lead would have to come from the correct hand to have any chance of success.

Since West had made a vulnerable overcall on a queen-high suit, it seemed likely that he had the ace of hearts. The first heart play therefore had to come from the South hand.

Accordingly, declarer crossed to his hand with a club at trick four and led a low heart. West played low, and dummy's queen held. On the next heart, East produced the ten and South ducked. West was forced to win with the ace, and the contract was home.

The key to the winning play was West's spade bid, marking him with some high-card strength, combined with East's turning up with the ace of spades at trick one. All that remained was to work out how to take advantage of the knowledge that West had the ace of hearts.

Tomorrow: The percentage play.
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Big Spring basketball officials are needed
The Big Spring Basketball Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-07 season Junior High, Freshman and Sub-Varsity basketball games should contact Rodriguez at 517-0263-8731.

Men's softball tournament
On Nov. 11 and 12 there will be the 10th Annual Season Fall Softball and Wash State Tournament held at Cotton Mize Field. The cost is \$135. A softball team and per washer team. There will be a contest between the two teams if you are interested in competing in both events. Anyone interested in participating, as an individual or a team should contact Arlene Herrera before the deadline at (432) 4588.

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The Top 25 Associated Press Football Poll, with the first place vote 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
25. Oregon

Others teams receive votes: Georgia 4, 15, BYU 12, Virginia 10, Miami 7, Pitt 6, South Carolina 5, Washington 4, Penn State 3, Hawaii 2, Alabama 1.

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AP Top 25 Football Poll

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

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| 1. Ohio St. (63) | 8-0 |
| 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 | 5-2 |
| 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 | 5-2 |

Others teams receiving votes: Georgia 45, Tulsa 15, BYU 12, Virginia Tech 10, Miami 7, Pittsburgh 5, South Carolina 5, Washington 4, Penn State 3, Hawaii 2, Iowa 2, Alabama 1

Giants throttle Cowboys

Giants 36, Cowboys 22

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The New York Giants had their way with Drew Bledsoe so much that he got benched at halftime. Tony Romo's on-field promotion thrilled Dallas Cowboys fans — until he threw an interception on his first snap.

That's how it went Monday night: The Giants made all the big plays, the Cowboys made the big mistakes.

Eli Manning threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play. LaVar Arrington sacked Bledsoe for a safety soon after and the Giants fended off several potential momentum-changers, beating the Cowboys 36-22 to stake a big head start in defense of their NFC East title.

A week after sacking Michael Vick seven times, New York got four against Bledsoe — two by Michael Strahan, tying Lawrence Taylor's club record — and two against the more-mobile Romo. More important for the Giants (4-2) was their four interceptions.

Sam Madison picked off Bledsoe on a potential go-ahead pass into the end zone, costing the statuesque quarterback his job, at least for the rest of the night.

Romo was intercepted three times, with Kevin Dockery taking the last one 96 yards with 2:33 left for the game-sealing touchdown, leaving coach Bill Parcells staring down with his arms folded, seemingly out of answers for Dallas (3-3).

While Romo sparked the offense at times, his miscues were too much to overcome. He got little comfort from Bledsoe, who stood alone on the sideline wearing a visor pulled down over his eyes, mostly keeping his fingers curled inside his collar.

Romo, who hung his head after the last interception, perked up spirits moments later with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Crayton soon after. But it was too little, too late.

The Giants clearly enjoyed themselves in this one, from their defense's trademark jump-shot celebrations to running back Brandon Jacobs celebrating a touchdown



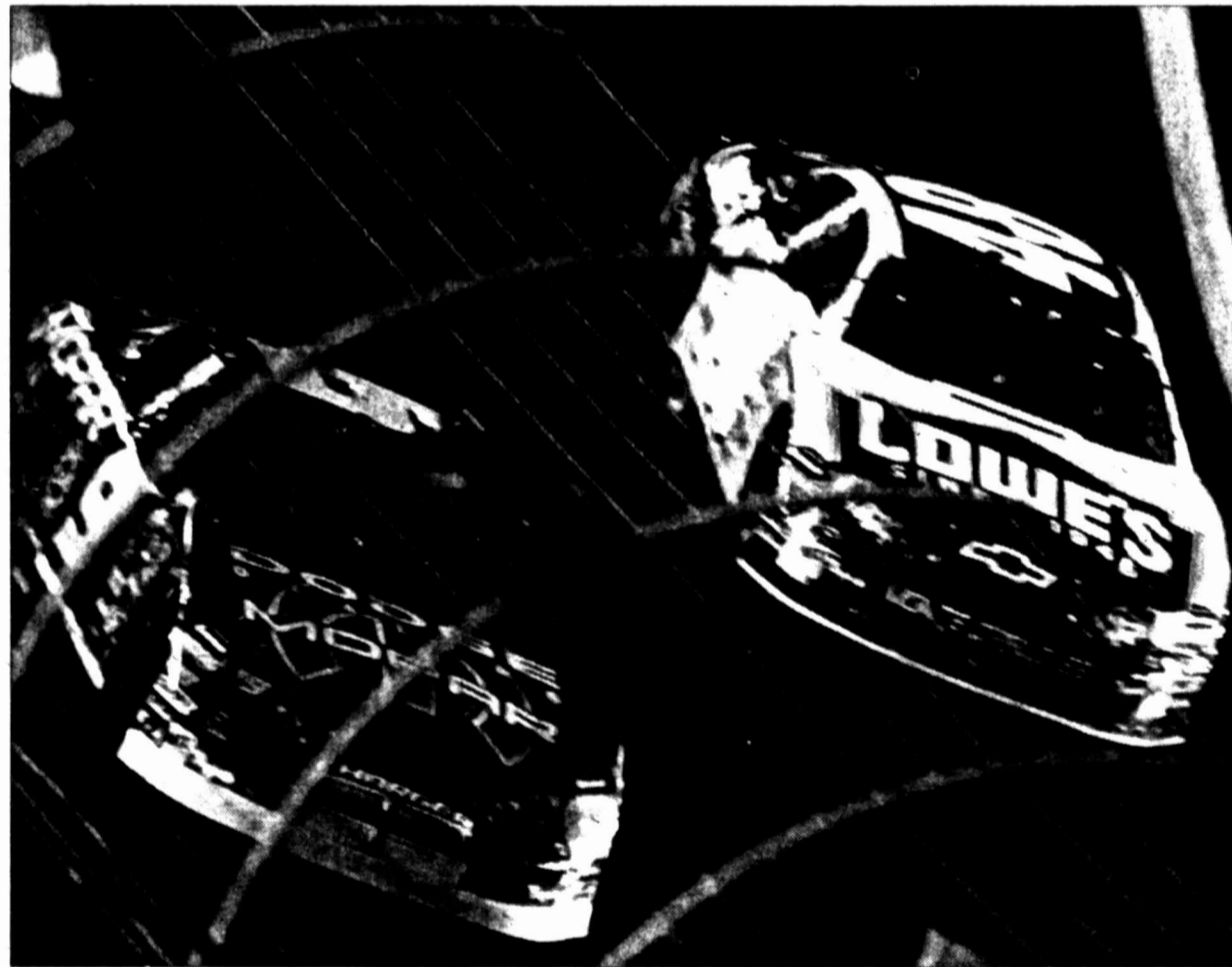
New York Giants running back Tiki Barber (21) breaks a tackle from Dallas Cowboys' Roy Williams in the first quarter at Texas Stadium. The Cowboys lost 36-22, and are now 3-3 on the season.

T.O.-style — on the Cowboys' star logo in the end zone.

New York should be happy now that it has beaten each division foe — Dallas (3-3), Washington and Philadelphia — and gets to play its next three game at home. However, the Giants also come away facing two seri-

ous injuries.

Arrington, a Pro Bowl linebacker for Washington Redskins the last several seasons, tore his left Achilles tendon and is likely for the season, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora missed most of the second half with a strained hip.



Kasey Kahne (left) passes Jimmie Johnson (right) late in the Bank of America 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina. Kahne trails Nextel Cup leader Matt Kenseth by 99 points, while Johnson is now 41 points back with four races left in the chase.

Nascar chase wide open; four races to go

By HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Four races from the end of the NASCAR season, this is what Brian France had in mind when he devised the Chase for the championship in 2004.

Seven drivers within 99 points of the lead, and many of them much closer. All 10 eligible drivers with a mathematical chance of still being champion. Lots of suspense.

The wild card short track in the last 10 races did what the drivers feared it would on Sunday, shuffling the field and setting up what is likely to be a dramatic finish.

"It's still pretty wide open," 2003 champion Matt Kenseth said after taking over the standings lead when Jeff Burton blew an engine after 217 laps of the Subway 500. "It's going to be pretty exciting, I think, coming down to the last race."

If they are all like this one, it will be gripping for sure.

Jimmie Johnson took the race lead from Bobby Labonte with 55 laps to go and held it through several restarts to win the crash-filled Nextel Cup race at Martinsville

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'I don't believe it was dirt'

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS — A day later, baseball was still trying to get a grip on what Kenny Rogers had on his hand.

The Detroit pitcher answered wave after wave of questions Monday, making this percolating World Series flap seem like an innocent mistake. Mud, resin, spit, dirt — he insisted that's what everyone saw at the base of his left thumb in Game 2.

An hour or so later, the Tigers found out what St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa thought about Rogers' explanation.

"I don't believe it was dirt," La Russa said. "Didn't look like dirt."

The Tigers got to hear it for themselves, too, because La Russa's words from the interview room boomed all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. He never mentioned pine tar, but many believed that's what Rogers really used.

Beyond the ballpark, it was the No. 1 topic in sports.

"We know it's all over the place right now," umpires' supervisor Steve Palermo said.

Partly because several photographs from Rogers' start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of yellowish — brown smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone's attention Sunday night.

Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked Rogers to clean off his left hand before the second inning. He wound up pitching eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory.

The win evened the World Series at one game each.

Game 3 is Tuesday night, with reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter starting against Nate Robertson. The forecast is for cool conditions.

It's commonly known within baseball that pitchers sometimes put some sort of

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Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Kenny Rogers reacts to the third out in the sixth inning of Game 2 of the World Series.

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Texans finally have reason to be happy

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston's running game finally gained 100 yards and the defense is no longer ranked last in the league. The Texans got their first AFC South win in almost two years and Andre Johnson leads the league in receiving yards.

After many disheartening months, the Texans have a bundle of reasons to be happy.

"Football is a tough game when you're losing games, but it's the best game in the world when you're winning," David Carr said.

It's a sentiment Carr hasn't experienced much since the expansion Texans took him with the No. 1 pick in

the 2002 draft. Houston has won just 20 of its 70 games with Sunday's 27-7 victory over the banged-up Jaguars.

The Texans are 2-4 as they prepare to meet one-win Tennessee and hometown hero Vince Young next.

Carr has the second-best passer rating (97.9) in the AFC behind Peyton Manning and is beginning to develop into the leader the Texans always hoped he would be.

He said coach Gary Kubiak's new offense and coaching have been the key to his improvement.

"The offensive scheme is something I don't have to force," he said. "In the last couple of years, we would get into that third quarter and I would try to make something happen that probably isn't there and I would turn the ball over or do something stupid with

it."

"Now, I have faith and belief in the system that if it's not there in the first couple of plays, we'll come back out the next series and find something schematically. It's a much better feeling."

Carr was also aided by Houston's first effective rushing game of the season. The Texans entered the game averaging an NFL-worst 68 yards rushing a game, but piled up 131 yards against the Jaguars. That effort was led by rookie Wali Lundy who had 93 yards and a touchdown after not playing in the last three games.

It's an outing that likely solidified Lundy's status as a starter after Kubiak had tried both Samkon Gado and Ron Dayne after Lundy sputtered in the first two games.

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Speedway.

Johnson moved from seventh to third in the standings, and seems to be building significant momentum.

"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 or four races and haven't been able to close the deal. Today we did."

Kenseth, who finished 11th, seemed more concerned than excited about his performance.

"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," Kenseth said.

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, while Jeff Gordon is 141 back and Kyle Busch

trails by 171.

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 with relative ease on every restart except the last one, when Hamlin, a

rookie, banged on his bumper and pulled up alongside. Johnson by 0.545 seconds.

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substance on their hands in chilly weather to help them grip the ball. A little bit, that's OK; too much, that borders on cheating.

"There's a line that I think that defines the competition. And you can sneak over the line, because we're all fighting for the edge," La Russa said. "I always think, 'Does it go to the point of abuse?' And that's where you start snapping."

Rogers, who's gone from playoff farce to postseason force this October, stood in the clubhouse and tried to explain away what happened.

"I rub up the balls between the innings and before the game all of the time," he said. "I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the games."

"The game balls, they're dirty. Usually, when I get done, there's not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings," he said. "Mud, resin, sweat. It's always there. I try not to go crazy with it, but it's not making my pitches do anything crazy."

Rogers has pitched 23 scoreless innings this postseason — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous postseasons.

La Russa said he brought the smudge to the umpires' attention, but did not demand they search Rogers because he didn't want to make a big deal about it.

And yes, La Russa said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

"I said, 'I don't like this stuff, let's get it fixed.' If it gets fixed let's play the game. It got fixed, in my opinion," La Russa said.

"If he didn't get rid of it, I would have challenged it. But I do think it's a little bit part of the game at times, and don't go crazy," he said.

La Russa also said he talked to the Cardinals before they worked out Monday.

"I briefly explained where I was coming from and I said, 'Anybody felt like I should do different, then I disappointed you.' ... And they didn't raise their hand and say, 'Hey, I disagree,' they just didn't say anything," he said. "But it's very possible there were guys that dis-

agreed. It's not the way we want to win."

La Russa was adamant that his longtime friendship with Tigers manager Jim Leyland did not affect how he handled the situation.

"It had nothing to do with Leyland," he said.

Palermo said he talked with plate umpire Alfonso Marquez about how to best settle the flap, advising that a quick word with Rogers would work. That satisfied La Russa.

"Tony did things in a good and professional manner to resolve the issue," Palermo said.

Umpires can inspect a pitcher on their own if they believe something is wrong. A manager can ask an umpire to check, too.

In 2002, the Cleveland Indians suspected Rogers was scuffing balls and asked the plate umpire to search for anything illegal. Nothing was found.

The Indians claimed that the baseball was not only moving in an unorthodox manner, but showed that several baseballs had the same markings around the seams. The consistency of the scuff marks is hard to explain.

Pitchers occasionally will put substances on their hands to help grip the ball in cold weather. Tigers reliever Todd Jones once wrote a newspaper column admitting he'd used pine tar — that's illegal — when he pitched at Colorado.

"I'm saying in my particular case, in situations like that, I have in the past done that," he said Monday. "Guys are not

scuffing and guys are not using Vaseline. That's a vast difference than a guy who can't feel anything and is using something to get a grip."

This episode has become perhaps the most-discussed Series smudge since Game 5 in 1969, when Mets manager Gil Hodges brought umpire Lou DiMuro a ball with shoe polish to persuade him that Cleon Jones had been hit by a pitch from Baltimore's Dave

McNally.

Asked about the flap, Leyland brushed it aside.

"I'm not going to chew yesterday's breakfast and I'm not going to comment on it," he said.

Rogers is scheduled to pitch in Game 6, if the Series returns to Comerica Park.

"Obviously, it's going to be a thing that everyone talks about," Palermo said. "And we'll be well aware of it if there is a next time."

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By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — The latest is a tackle and short scheduled to have nitely.

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The Longhorns on the defensive rival Texas Tech.

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Texas loses starting DT in latest injury for Longhorns

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — The wins are piling up for No. 5 Texas and so are the injuries.

The latest is a broken left leg for starting defensive tackle and short-yardage fullback Derek Lokey, who is scheduled to have surgery this week and is out indefinitely.

Lokey was injured in the second quarter of Texas' 22-20 win Saturday over No. 20 Nebraska. He will be the sixth defensive starter this season to miss at least one game for the Longhorns.

And of all the twisted ankles, torn tendons and bruised knees that have sent starters to the sidelines, Lokey's broken leg hits the hardest.

The Longhorns (7-1, 4-0 Big 12) need a deep rotation on the defensive line when they play pass-happy Big 12 rival Texas Tech (5-3, 2-2) on the road Saturday night.

"He's the heart and soul of the defensive line," senior defensive end Tim Crowder said Monday. "He didn't get a lot of credit, but he was the anchor."

Texas avoided injury problems last season in winning the national championship. Defensive end Brian Robison was the only defensive starter to miss a game and he only sat out one.

Texas has now lost two starters — Lokey and offensive tackle Cedric Dockery — for what is likely the rest of the season.

"It seems like every week someone is getting hurt," Crowder said.

No position has been more banged up than the secondary, which has been a gimpy patchwork all season. Twin brothers and safeties Michael and Marcus Griffin have struggled with leg injuries and starting cornerback Tarell Brown has had a sore foot.

About the only healthy defensive back is cornerback Aaron Ross, the Longhorns' best playmaker on defense. But even he showed up to meet reporters Monday with his right hand bruised and wrapped.

The result is Texas ranking 84th in the pass defense this season.

"I've never seen so many secondary guys get hurt," said coach Mack Brown, who is in his ninth season at Texas and 23rd as a head coach.

And now Lokey goes down. A rock in the middle of the line, he was a key reason Texas ranks second in the nation against the run, giving up just 46.5 yards per game.

He also played fullback in short-yardage situations, using his 280 pounds in the Longhorns' "jumbo" package to smash holes for tailbacks Selvin Young and Jamaal Charles.

"Derek was road grading people," Brown said.

Fans may be sympathetic about injuries but that usually disappears with a loss, Brown said.

He remembers when his favored Longhorns went to Lubbock in 2002 and by early in the game were missing four defensive starters. The Red Raiders threw the ball all over the field in a 42-38 victory.

"We didn't play nickel or dime defense. I looked in the press guide this morning (and) it's still a loss," Brown said. "Nobody cares. It's a fact."

"I used to talk about injuries all the time. It does nothing good for your team," he said. "This team and this coaching staff have done one of the best jobs I've ever seen to hang in there with this many injuries and still be positive."

With Lokey out this week, Texas could do some shuffling along the defensive line.

Ends Crowder and Robison could be moved to tackle, giving Texas excellent athleticism inside. But that also takes the best pass rushers off the edges.

Texas has minimized injury problems so far. The Longhorns' only loss this season has been to No. 1 Ohio State. The Longhorns are still in the hunt for the national championship.

And at least one injury worked out pretty well.

When punter/kicker Greg Johnson's leg got tender in

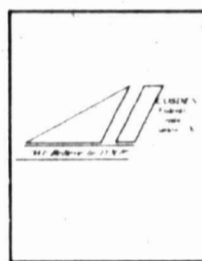


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Texas defender Derek Lokey (96) will likely miss the remainder of the season due to an injury sustained in the Oct. 21, win at Nebraska.

the cold weather of Nebraska and missed two field goals and an extra point, Brown called on walk-on Ryan Bailey to kick the game-winner.

Bailey had never set foot in a game and calmly booted a 22-yarder for the win.

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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

1. _____ Name _____

2. _____ Address _____

3. _____ Phone Number _____

4. _____

5. _____ Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____ Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants

9. _____ Total Points _____

10. _____

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- There are almost a thousand species of bats.
 - A bat can actually hear the footsteps of a tiny mosquito.
 - A little brown bat may eat as many as 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour.
- World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

Chatter Box

"Here's a quick recap: There was boredom followed by dullness with a dash of echh!"
— Sabrina, when asked about her day on "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch."

In The News

Study says no TV on a school night

TIME FOR KIDS Do you sometimes put off tackling homework on a school night to watch TV? A new study says that middle school students who watch TV or play video games during the week do worse in school.

The study also says that watching TV and playing video games on the weekends doesn't affect school performance that much.

"On weekdays, the more they watched, the worse they did," said Dr. Iman Sharif of Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York. Sharif co-authored the study. "They could watch a lot on weekends and it didn't seem to correlate with doing worse in school."



The study appears in the October issue of Pediatrics. Researchers drew their conclusions after surveying 4,500 students in New Hampshire and Vermont middle schools.

STUDENTS RATE PERFORMANCE

To reach their findings, researchers didn't look at grades or test scores. Instead, they asked students to rate their own performance on a scale ranging from "excellent" to "below average."

Other studies have found a connection between kids' ability to learn and the amount of TV they watch. One study even found that kids with televisions in their bedrooms scored about eight points lower on math and language arts tests than kids without.

What's a kid to do? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids watch no more than two hours a day of "quality" TV and that televisions be kept out of children's rooms. Weekend viewing should be kept to a maximum of four hours each day.

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Help!

Dance solutions

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: I don't know how to dance! We might have a school dance soon, and at the last dance I messed up and embarrassed myself. Help! — Two Left Feet

Practice! Rent dance videos to get tips, or watch a dance show and imitate the dancers you like best. Ask a friend to teach you her favorite moves. Really listen to the music and move with it. Dance in front of a mirror so you can see how you look. By the time the school dance rolls around, you'll be ready, so just relax and

have fun. And if you mess up, keep dancing! Guess what? You'll probably be the only one who notices!

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: We will be having our first school dance, and my mom signed up to be a chaperone! She says she wants to know what goes on at a dance. I tried talking her out of it but had no luck. What should I do? — Embarrassed

There's no way you'll change your mom's mind. But just because your mom will be there doesn't mean you can't have a good time. She'll be busy keeping an eye on things, and once you're with your friends, you might even forget she's there. Act mature and be on your best behavior at this dance, and maybe Mom will decide to let other parents chaperone the next one.

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High-flying hags

By EMILIE LE BEAU
Chicago Tribune

Smear your face with green paint and grab your pointy hat, it's a big night for witches.

You might not be too worried about bumping into a broom-riding hag, but for centuries, people were terrified of witches. From Europe to America, many innocent folks were accused of witchcraft, and some were even executed.

Witches practiced Old Religion, the pagan worship of nature. Witches often were village doctors, using caldrons to create natural medicines. Until the 10th century, most religious leaders considered witchcraft as harmless old lady stuff.

But fear of the devil made people think witches were doing Satan's work. People accused witches of riding on broomsticks at night or turning into black cats. Some European lawmakers

finally passed protective laws, and the witch hunts mostly stopped in the 1600s.

But just as the Europeans were getting over witches, the early Americans were just getting started. "They very much believed people could make a pact with the devil," says Alison D'Amaro of the Salem Witch Museum in Salem, Mass.

Colonists believed that this deal with the devil could last forever and gave people powers to hurt others, D'Amaro says. "They believed witches could torment them or hurt them physically," she says. "Or make children sick [just] by walking by them, and make animals fall ill."

Witch drama peaked in 1692 when a group of girls in Salem claimed witches

were tormenting them. Suspect witches were jailed and sent to court. In just one year, 19 women and one man were killed for practicing witchcraft.



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The Salem witch trials of 1692 are retold at the Salem Witch Museum, in Salem, Mass., which was once a church.

Which witch is worst?

From scary to silly, witches have long been a mainstay of the entertainment world. Here are some we like:

ON TV: Witches were young and hip in shows like "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" and "Charmed," but who can



resist those long-famous "Bewitched" women: Samantha, Tabitha, Endora, Esmerelda and the not-so-nice Serena.

FROM BOOKS: Harry Potter is a good wizard and so is Gandalf from "Lord of the Rings." But the White Witch is troublesome in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe." And Mildred Hubble is a sweet

screw-up in "The Worst Witch." While Mrs. Biddlebox cleverly works her magic to turn a bad day into a tasty one, in "Mrs. Biddlebox."



IN MOVIES: Glinda the Good Witch from "The Wizard of Oz," above, ranks high on our list, but so does that film's Wicked Witch of the West for her nasty factor. Other scary witches we like: the nasty hags who torment Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. But for real fun the three witches from "Hocus Pocus" are both scary and funny.

TUESDAY

| Time | Program |
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| 6:30 PM | News (CC) |
| 7:00 PM | Entertainment |
| 7:30 PM | Dancing With the Stars |
| 8:00 PM | Help Me Help (CC) |
| 8:30 PM | Boston Legal (CC) |
| 9:00 PM | News (CC) |
| 9:30 PM | Nightline |
| 10:00 PM | The Insider Jimmy Kimmel |
| 11:00 PM | Live (CC) |
| 12:30 AM | News (CC) |

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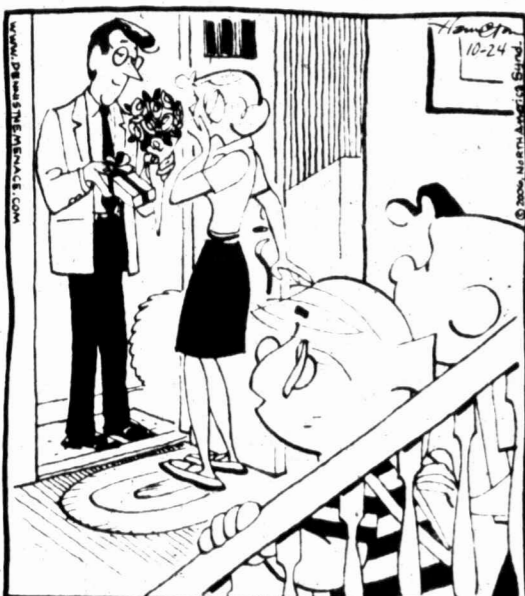
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| 10 | PM News (CC) | News Nightline | Primer Impacto | 70s Show Raymond | News Late Show | Noticias Laura | News Tonight Show | Seinfeld (CC) | The Hour of Healing | Charlie Rose (CC) | Only Jobs (CC) | Meyers Halloween 4 | When Animals Attack IV | Movie: American Beauty (CC) | Beef Series Vince Young | Life Derek Phil of Future | Monster Shark Tournament | 2006 World Series of Poker | NCIS (CC) |
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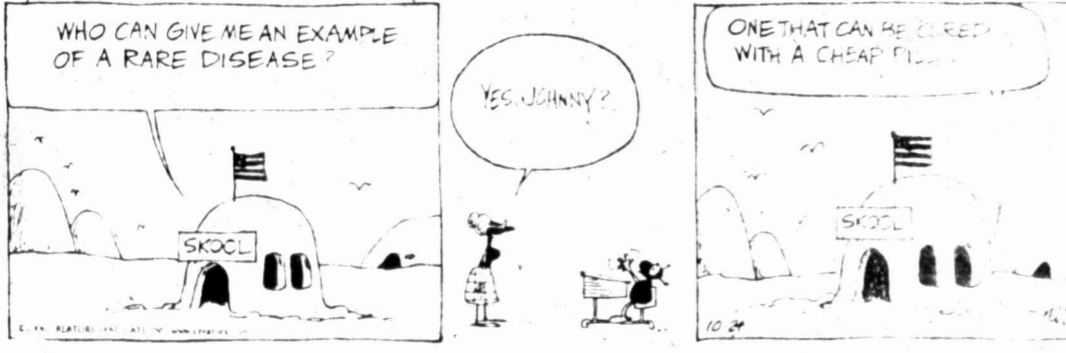
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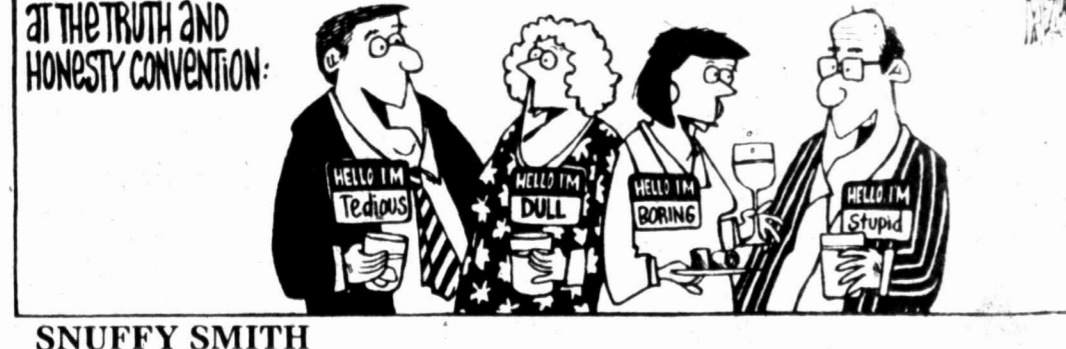
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 24, the 291st day of 2006. There are 74 days left in the year.

Birthdays - Highlight in History

On Oct. 21, 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its first major effect.

On this date:

1777 - Gen. Cornwallis, the third in a line of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

1914 - The Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Lincoln.

In 1981, widow Anna Karenina became the first woman to survive going

over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, opened to traffic.

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President Kennedy.

One year ago: Civil rights icon Rosa Parks died in Detroit at age 92. Three bombs exploded near the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, where journalists worked, killing at least a half-dozen passers-by.

Birthdays: Football Hall of Famer Y.A. Tittle is 80. Rock musician

Bill Wyman is 70. Actor producer David Niven is 67. Actor Kevin Kline is 67. Former NAACP president Kwame Ninsin is 67. Country musician Bob Thomas (Terry McPhee) of the Riders is 70. Actor Chow Wong is 43. Rock musician Ben Gilles (Silverhead) is 27. Singer actress Mimi Farnsworth is 26. Blues singer Willie Dixon is 79. Bailor (Blwyn) is 79.

Thoughts: "History must be taken with a grain of salt is, after all, not only an art, it is a science." - H.L. Hunt

McGinley, American actor and author (1905-1972)

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Telephone on stage, for one
 - 5 Horses' hair
 - 10 Actor Baldwin
 - 14 Swiss cheese feature
 - 15 Counting everything
 - 16 Face of a gauge
 - 17 Former eastern European nation
 - 19 Not fooled by
 - 20 Position of a batter or golfer
 - 21 Sources of archery bows
 - 23 Mind-reading ability: Abbr.
 - 25 Tennis pro Agassi
 - 26 Treat with disdain
 - 30 Speak
 - 34 Capital of Vietnam
 - 35 Movie-film holder
 - 36 Tiny amount
 - 40 Lot employee
 - 43 Loch ___ monster
 - 44 Understands the point of
 - 45 Intended
 - 46 Of few words
 - 47 Job benefits
 - 48 Cavalry sword
 - 52 ___ Aviv
 - 54 Group of young sheep
 - 58 Nabokov novel
 - 63 Salary
 - 64 Tree favored by koalas
 - 66 Norse explorer ___ the Red
 - 67 Forest clearing
 - 68 Talks a lot
 - 69 Fender mishap
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ Ed. (gym class)
 - 2 Overwhelming victory
 - 3 Gymnast Korbut
 - 4 Unskilled laborer
 - 5 Interstate distances
 - 6 Santa ___ CA
 - 7 Admiral's employer
 - 8 Writer Wiesel
 - 9 Shredded cabbage
 - 10 Decorate
 - 11 Like winter coats
 - 12 Diner patron
 - 13 in the neighborhood
 - 18 Picturesque
 - 22 Driveway material
 - 24 Happy cat
 - 26 Stay away from
 - 27 Job for a detective
 - 28 Change for a five
 - 29 Fishing poles
 - 31 Tries out
 - 32 China for an afternoon break
 - 33 Right-angle shape
 - 36 Conversation filler
 - 37 Actor Sharif
 - 38 Home aquarium
 - 39 Colonizing insects
 - 41 Mature, as wine
 - 42 Make use of
 - 46 ___ la la
 - 48 Used needle and thread
 - 49 In the know
 - 50 Get started
 - 51 Campaign button with
 - 53 Oscar winner
 - 55 Prefix for phone numbers
 - 56 ___ mail (business postal rate)
 - 57 Lasting impression
 - 59 Women's golf org.
 - 60 Type like this: Abbr.
 - 61 Large musical instrument
 - 62 Trade org.
 - 65 Ruckus

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife and I retired six months ago, and shortly after, we each made a will, leaving everything to each other.

This is a second marriage for us both, and I have three adult children from my first marriage. I had some second thoughts and discussed the will with my sister. At her urging, I changed it, leaving everything equally to my wife, three children and my younger brother. (He is constantly in financial trouble.)

My wife does not know about the change, and I don't know how to tell her. She has a small pension and is not yet old enough for Social Security. Under the terms of the new will, she would have to sell our house and split the proceeds. There is no way she would be able to buy another house, much less live on her pension.

My sister assures me I am doing the right thing, since my children and my brother should come first. I am afraid if my wife finds out, she will divorce me.

Fifteen years ago, right before we got married, she sold her house so we could make the down payment on this one. I know she considers the house to be hers and mine, not my family's. Please help me sort through this. — Confused in Mississippi

Dear Confused: Oh, no, no, no. Stop talking to your sister. She is 100 percent wrong. Your brother and adult children do NOT come before your wife. You have an obligation to provide for her before anyone else. If you want to leave more for your children and your brother, fine, but discuss it with your wife first. At the very least, if you die, the house should belong entirely to her. We strongly urge you to legally void that second will immediately. Then tell your wife you would like to make revisions to the original

easy — you'll wonder what took you so long.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're being guided. Some of your decisions don't even make sense to you, but they'll sparkle in the light of "later." Tonight, a business opportunity is disguised as a friendly conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your normal state of being is magnetic. You continue to draw people in, ever-widening your circle of friends. Tonight you send the same message to several people, perhaps through a mass e-mail.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone puts on a performance to impress you or win your business. Underwhelming, perhaps, but you have to give points for effort. You have nice chemistry with a Taurus person.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What is my real sign? I was born on July 22, 1984. Some horoscopes say that I'm a Leo, some say I'm a Cancer. Is this the reason why I have a problem with my sexuality? When will my love life bloom?"

Since the sun moves into Leo at a different time each year, there is a slight variation in the date markers that different astrologers use in their columns. In your birth year, 1984, the sun entered Leo on the 23rd, so you're officially a Cancer. However, there are many Leo influences in your chart, including Mercury and Venus. I'll bet you have a strong interest in performing and love the attention

you get while entertaining friends. Your moon is in Taurus, a very sensual placement for the emotional moon. You would make a fabulous gourmet cook, and would be a fine connoisseur of wine, meat and cheese. Also, you have a lovely singing voice. Pursuing interests such as these (to the point of being masterful!) will lead you to a romantic prospect who will appreciate your depth and passion for life. By the way, you don't have a "problem" with your sexuality. You know what you like. If others have a problem with it, that's their problem.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Yesterday's birthday boy and kooky musical comedian "Weird Al" Yankovic has that Scorpio knack for satire and has been using it to crack audiences up for more than 25 years. His latest record "Straight Outta Lynwood" sweetly pokes fun at the world of rap music in such an endearing way that even the toughest rapper would have to laugh at it. I see Yankovic doing a turn as a mentor on a performance reality show.

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pick up fruit. They don't eat much. Is our generation so self-absorbed that they can't do anything for someone else? My brother stopped at a local hamburger joint on his way to visit and didn't offer to bring food for his parents. My sister stops in and eats part of their "Senior Meals on Wheels."

Maybe if you print this it will occur to just one person to help the elderly in some small way today. — Shirley

Dear Shirley: We suspect most people think such overtures might be insulting or unwelcome. Your brother and sister, however, should be told in simple terms what they ought to be doing to help. Speak up already.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Two Sad, Lonely and Hopeless Parents," who are nearly 80 and still bailing out their son and his family.

We were well on the way to being where these two people are. My son and family went through bankruptcy and lost everything. We moved them into a house that we owned, bought them a used car and supported them completely for over a year until he got a good job. They have never, in over two years, offered to pay rent, and they still constantly need money.

Two months ago, when we had to borrow money to cover an unexpectedly large bill, I used something close to your words: "The gravy train has just crashed." I told them it's time to start paying rent. Now they are planning to move out and are no longer speaking to us. Yes, it is a loss, but if you have to buy love and respect, they are not worth having. — Refuse To Be Blackmailed

Dear Refuse: We understand how tough it is for some parents to cut their freeloading children loose, and we admire your willingness to do it. Good for you.

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