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# Salvation Army slates information luncheon Wednesday

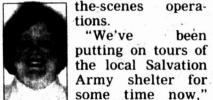
### **By THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

What goes on "Behind the Red Shield?"

That's a question the local Salvation Army will be trying to answer for local residents Wednesday, as the charity prepares to hold a special luncheon Wednesday afternoon at the Kentwood Center.

And while many people in the community are familiar with the dozens of programs the Salvation Army coordinates food drives, Thanksgiving dinver, Angel Trees and many others — Capt. Linda Keeney said they miss out on the behind-



said Keeney. "We want people to KEENEY understand how it operates, as well as

see first hand why we need a new shelter so badly. We desperately need a new facility so we can help more families"

One of the biggest problems with the facility, according to Keeney, is restrictions that could potentially split up fami-

lies that are seeking shelter.

"Mothers with older boys have to be separated when they come to the shelter. The mother is on one side of the building, while the boy has to be housed on the other," said Keeney. "I really feel like that poses a situation where a lot of mothers aren't going to seek the help they need. I have an older boy myself, and I know I couldn't deal with being separated from him."

Keeney called the luncheon a "fundraiser," but not in the traditional sense.

"There's no charge for lunch, and we're not going to be ask-

ing people for donations. We're have enough food on hand, so going to be asking them for we need an approximate head commitments," said Keeney. "So often people hear the word 'donation' and all they think of is money. We're asking for funding, but we're also asking for people to make a commitment to give their time and support as well.'

Keynote speakers for the luncheon include Capt. Russ Keeney and Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John A. Moseley.

And while admission is free, Keeney is asking those that plan to attend to call ahead. "We want to make sure we

count before the luncheon," said Keeney. "We're not going to require tickets or anything like that to attend, but if they will just give us a call and let us know they're planning to attend, we can make sure everyone enjoys the afternoon.'

For more information on the luncheon, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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

# **COSTUMED FOR FESTIVAL**



# **Big Spring** woman dies in accident

### **By THOMAS JENKINS** Staff Writer

A one-vehicle rollover in Midland County claimed the life of a Big Spring woman early Saturday morning.

Leticia Hernandez Terry, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene at approximately 7:53 a.m. Saturday near the south exit TERRY

ramp at mile

20," said Pacheco. "She attempted to take the ramp onto Interstate Highway 20 and failed to negotiate the curve, sending the 2001 four-door Chevrolet she was traveling in into a side skid down the embankment.

"The vehicle then rolled over, ejecting the driver. The vehicle came to rest in the median.'

Pacheco said Terry was not wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident.

Vigil services will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at

marker 144 on Interstate Highway 20,

According to Department of Public Safety Communications **Operator Sandra Pacheco**, Terry was traveling in the wrong direction on **Business Highway 20 and** attempted to exit when the accident occurred.

"According to the trooper's report, Terry was traveling east in the west bound lane on Business

Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial following at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

Little Madison Bryant gets her face painted by Chance Urias at the Fall Festival at Kentwood Elementary Saturday evening.

# State, federal school ratings often conflict and confuse

### **By RASHA MADKOUR**

#### Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON – Bellaire High School graduates scores of national merit finalists every year and Newsweek ranks it among the top half percent of high schools in the country. Kashmere High School has been low-performing four years straight and the Houston school district has threatened to shut it down.

So which is doing the better job, at least in the eves of state and federal education agencies that rate school performance?

The answer isn't as obvious as it might seem.

the embattled gave Kashmere its seal of approval, but says the much-lauded Bellaire doesn't meet standards. The state of Texas, however, rates them the other way around.

And those two schools aren't the only ones - in Texas or elsewhere in the United States – getting mixed messages.

It's a phenomenon that frustrates parents and educators nationwide.

For the 2005-06 school year, one out of every six schools in the Houston Independent School District, the largest in Texas and seventh largest

conflicting ratings.

"Most states in the country have the same problem and it's confuscoast," said Mike Petrilli, vice president for national programs and policy at the Fordham Foundation, a conservative education think tank. He is the coauthor of a primer on the federal No Child Left Behind accountability law, under which schools and districts can lose funding when students fail to meet learning benchmarks.

The law is based on the Texas school accountability model. which

The federal government in the nation, received President Bush, a former Lone Star state governor, took with him to the White House. But even then, the two systems diding parents from coast to n't agree on 49 of the 275 Houston schools that each assessed during the last academic year.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

In three-fourths of such cases, schools failed to meet federal expectations but scored acceptable or better by the state's measure.

"The best advice is to dig in and try to get the information behind the rating," Petrilli said.

To start, the state and federal governments use different combinations of data, to come up with

### **'CHICKEN' COUNCILMAN**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Steve Volan drew guffaws and cackles when he walked into City Council meeting dressed in a yellow chicken costume.

The councilman's outfit led to a string of jokes before the serious business of debating whether chicken-keeping within city limits should be allowed got under way.

During Wednesday's discussion, 21 audience members spoke in favor of allowing residents to raise egg-laying chickens and four spoke against the ordinance. Volan joined the 5-1 council major ity in voting to recommend the ordinance for final approval.

their ratings.

Texas looks at performance on its standardized , the Texas test, Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, in reading. math, science and social studies, for all students and four subgroups: whites, blacks, Hispanics and low-income students. It also looks at the dropout rate and how special education students fare on alternative tests. designed for them.

The federal system looks at reading and math performance for all students and six subgroups: whites, blacks, Hispanies, low-income, special education and non-native See RATINGS, Page 3A

English speaking stu dents. It also takes into account the graduation rate and the percentage of students who took the standardized tests. It also limits the percentage of special education students' who can be assessed through alternative testing.

The federal system docked Bellaire because 93 percent of its Hispanic and low-income students took the math TAKS, two percentage points fewer than the required 95 percent participation rate.

Its performance was much higher, though,

### **ALZHEIMER'S ACTIVITIES**

The Alzheimer's Association will have a caregiver education program, "Alzheimer's Disease and the Holidays," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Topics will include preparing for the holidays, adjusting expectations, involving the person with dementia, traveling and visitna

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge unless CEUs (continuing education units) are requested. Cost of CEUs is \$21.

That evening at 6:30 p.m. there will be a candelight service at the community center. Call (800) 272-3900 for information.

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### **EARLY VOTING CONTINUES**

Early voting will continue in the Howard County Courthouse lobby from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through

A branch location has also been designated during early voting:

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

Extended early voting hours will be offered at the courthouse polls Nov. 2. when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.



### LOCAL

# **Obituaries**

### **Ruby K. Nix**



Ruby Katherine Nix, 87, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, in Lubbock.

Celebration of life services will be held Resthaven's Abbey Chapel Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at 4 p.m. with Rachel Shapard officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven **Funeral Home.** 

Mrs. Nix was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Eastland to the late Sisco and Willie Lee Huitt. She moved to Big Spring as a child and grew up there. She first married Gene Jones and had three sons. She married Leo Nix in Big Spring March 31, 1950. He preceded her in death Sept. 12, 1995. She was a homemaker and later worked as a caregiver. She was a kind-hearted caregiver who never met a stranger. Everyone who met her loved her.

She is preceded in death by two grandchildren. Ricky Jones and Clinton Nix, three brothers and one sister.

She was the wonderful mother of five sons, Bob Jones, Roy Jones, Carroll Jones, Weldon Nix and David Nix; and two daughters, Glenda Gremillion and Wanda Byrd. Also left to cherish her memory are a brother, J. O. Huitt, fifteen grandchildren and 16 greatgrandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

### Leticia Rodriguez Terry



Leticia Rodriguez Terry, 21, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, in Midland. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel led by Mary Garcia. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 31, 1985, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 2003 and attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. She was currently employed by the Family Medical Center in Big Spring. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her daughter, Ava Brenae Bryand of Big Spring and her father, Austin Bryand of Stanton; her husband, Zach Terry of Big Spring; her mother, Annette Nesbit and her husband, Tim, of Round Rock; her father, Antonio "Tony" Rodriguez III of Big Spring; four sisters, her twin Alicia Gonzales and her husband, Lucas, of Odessa, Ali Flores and her husband, Ben, of Stanton, and Brandi Nesbit and Brooklynn Nesbit, both of Round Rock; one brother, Aaron Arguello of Stanton; her grandparents, Anna and Antonio "Tony" Rodriguez Jr. of Big Spring, Joe Hernandez of Coahoma and Helen Hernandez and Phil Swift of Midland; her great-grandmother, Angela Deanda of Big Spring; one nephew, Tristan Flores; one niece. Alea Flores; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Antonio Rodriguez Sr., Juana and Jesus Mendez and Albert and Celia Cardenas.

### Joe R. Boadle

Joe R. Boadle Jr., 80, of Odessa died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### **Johnnie L. Brooks**

Johnnie L. Brooks, 71, of Mineola, formerly of Stanton, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, in Tyler. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

# **Police blotter**

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

• MIGUEL BURCIAGA, 19, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a local citation and a charge of driving while license invalid.

 LORENZO JUAREZ, 48, of 6509 N. Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to stop and exchange information.

• ALVINO VALDEZ, 72, of 404 N.W. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

· JAMES COGBURN, 29, of 1500 S. Main Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• JENNIFER CATE, 24, of 605 Dealy, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

MICHAEL COGBURN, 28, of 605 Dealy, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• PEDRO BRISENO, 23, of 2605 Fairchild, was arrested Sunday on charges of Class C assault - family violence and endangering a child.

• DAVID VALDEZ, 23, of Lamesa, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.

• DANIELLE FREITAG, 17, of 1003 N. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• DAVID MURPHY, 19, of 601 E. 16th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 MIGUEL ALONSO-ORNELAS, 18, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration.

 GABRIEL TOBAR-JUAREZ, 51, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration.

• AMANDA DELGADO, 25. of 1900 Wasson, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.

· GEORGE KOSTELAZ, 47, of 1200 E. FM 700, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:

- in the 1700 block of Owens.
- in the 1800 block of Benton.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in
- the 2500 block of Albrook. • ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported:
- in the 1300 block of Nolan.

**BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, October 30, 2006

# 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.

• KEVIN BRENT MATTESON, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication

· JESUS JIMENEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

 SHANE ALLEN KNOWLTON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.

• SAMANTHA DIANE CASTRO, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

 JAMES WELDON WATSON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

 MATTHEW CASEY O'BRIEN, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and a motion to revoke probation for arson of a building with intent to damage or injure.

 RICHARD SEPULBEDA MARTINEZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.

· JAMES RAY COGBURN, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

· HILDA SABEDRA CANTU, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.

• THOMAS RIOS, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, possession of open alcohol container and no seat belt.

 JUAN LUIZ VALBUENA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a building and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

 DANNY CRAIG DALTON, 36, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

 MARY ALICE VILLA, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.

• ERIC WADE TOWRY, 32, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• DENNIS WILLIAMS, 57, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of displaying a fictitious driver's license, expired driver's license, assault by threat, displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.

• JENNIFER DEAN CATE, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

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### **BIG SPRING HERAL** Monday, October

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- in the 1800 block of Settles.

Pallbearers will be Gene Albert Rodriguez, Joe Cardenas, Steve Hernandez, Rudy Cardenas, Rey Martinez and Adrian Norman. Honorary pallbearers will be Aaron Arguello and Steven Islas.

The family suggests memorials to a fund for Ava Brenae Bryand at State National Bank, P.O. Box 1271, Big Spring 79721.

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

### Megan Michelle Banks



Megan Michelle Banks, 20, of Midland died on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, in Culberson County as a result of an automobile accident Funeral services will be held Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at 1 p.m. at the Mid Cities Community Church with fomer Pastor Kevin York, of Nashville, Tenn.: Pastor Daniel Stephens of Mid Cities Community Church; and Pastor Jerry Phillips of Lubbock officiating. Interment will follow at at Resthaven

Memorial Park in Midland.

She was born on May 22, 1986, in Midland, grew up in Midland and was a lifetime resident. She recieved her education through home schooling and then graduated with her cosmotology license from ITS Academy in Odessa. At the time of her death she was working at Club Cuts in Midland. She was a member of Mid **Cities Community Church.** 

Survivors include her parents, Jake and Ginger Banks of Midland; two brothers, Jason Banks and his wife, Crystal, and Jared Keith Banks, all of Midland; grandparents, Roy and Geneva Burk of Snyder and Doris Banks of Big Spring; a great-grandmother, Nancy Grantham of Big Spring; one nephew; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Megan Banks Memorial Fund has been established at Mid Cities Community Church and donations can be made at any location of Security State Bank.

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

# Fire/EMS

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

**MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 37. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North **Highway 87.** One person was transported to the VAMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of Owens. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Todd Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of North FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to the VAMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of East Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Goliad. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of North Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 8600 block of the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road. Service was refused.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of East 22nd Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

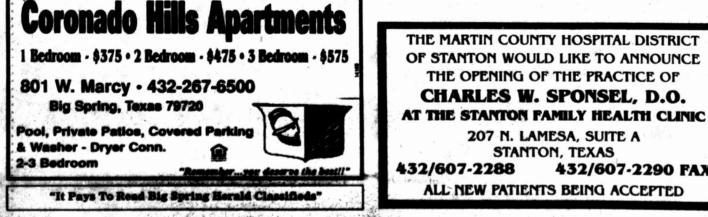
• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Northeast Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to

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SMMC

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Fm 820. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.



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### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, October 30, 2006

# LOCAL/STATE



Abel Carrillo looks like he's been in jail just a bit too long as he greets visitors to the haunted house at Malone-Hogan Clinic Saturday night (photo at left). In the photo above,

Kathy Gartman waits patiently amid a stack of boxes, just waiting to give visitors to the haunted housea good scare Saturday night. The haunted house was sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team.

### Some states also take Trust, a national group that advocates for poor and minority students.

"Everyone should recogoped the perfect accountability system," Weiner

said.

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# **MYERS & SMITH**

### FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Paul Gene Alexander,

69, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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# RATINGS

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Kashmere's. than Seventy-eight percent of Bellaire students passed the state's math test, compared to Kashmere's 44 percent — just two points over the federal minimum.

Parents, school officials and teachers all expressed frustration with the variance between the two systems.

Tiffany Davis thought she found a match for her gifted-and-talented thirdgrader when she was researching local schools and read about Pilgrim Elementary. Its test scores looked good and the state ranked it exemplary, the highest rating. Then she came across a newspaper article that said the school didn't meet federal standards. "It's too confusing. I didn't know which one was legit," said Davis, a secretary at the Houston Federation of Teachers. "I never really found out." Davis ultimately sent her daughter to another school, partly because of availability and partly because she didn't know how to reconcile the information.

"That needs to be resolved," Davis said. "You can't have the state saying one thing and the federal government say-

ing another." **Pilgrim Elementary was** penalized because too many special education students were assessed using an alternative test designed to measure their progress. School districts are not permitted to use the test on more than 3 percent of their student population. Each school, in turn, is limited in the number of special educa special education stu-

"It's creating major problems," said Fallon, who favors using solely the state accountability system.

For Houston schools Superintendent Abe Saavedra, the disconnect between the two accountability systems creates another problem. "It's frankly unreasonable to expect schools to have two targets to shoot for," he said.

The district hopes to convince the U.S. Education Department to resolve the issue. "There tion tests it may adminis- ought to be some ter. If a school has more changes," Saavedra said.

### growth into account when assessing schools, something the education department is piloting in nize we haven't yet devel-Tennessee and North Carolina.

State and federal education agencies each need to work to better standardize their school ratings, said Ross Weiner, policy director for the Education



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dents than its testing quota, the additional students are counted as having failed.

Gayle Fallon, president of the Houston Federation of Teachers union, believes this phenomenon has prompted some schools to put some special education students into regular classrooms and have them take standardized tests corresponding to their age, not to their level of ability.

Fallon said she has teachers calling her, saving they have eight special education students in a class of about two dozen, all of whom have different needs.

Chad Colby, spokesman for the Education Department, doesn't see the two systems as a problem. "They're measuring two different things," he said. "If anything, they complement each other."

Still, Colby said the department is considering taking features from state models and incorporating them into the No Child Left Behind law when it's up for reauthorization in 2009. For example, many states draw more distinctions between schools, using a more detailed, tiered rating system. Under the federal system, schools simply "meet" or "missed" expectations.



# **One** of **Our Best One of** Our Own.

### "A MAN OF PROVEN INTEGRITY, WEST TEXAS NEEDS JOE HEFLIN IN THE LEGISLATURE." - ABILENE REPORTER NEWS

"This election involves such a clear choice, it is almost no "It is no secret that Landtroop is being touted by the choice .... Heflin stands head and shoulders above in every leadership in Austin .... All of these guys have shown measurement.- Hale Center American little regard for our part of Texas."

Brownfield News

their opponents, while others will run away from such affairs with their tails tucked firmly between

their legs."- Big Spring Herald Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins

effective advocate for the citizens of rural West

"Pete Laney's ... legacy would be dishonored if a

political big spender Dr. James Leininger were

elected to replace (him)."Abilene Reporter News

on November 7.- Pete Laney, Texas District 85

Representative and former Speaker of the House

candidate backed by the voucher-loving, single-issue

"Nelda and I hope you will join us in voting for Joe

Texas."- David Counts, former Texas Representative

"Joe ... will look for solutions to problems, not ways

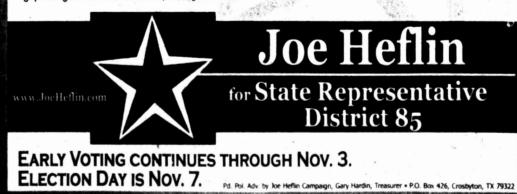
to gain political leverage. And he will be an extremely

"Joe will be faithful to the principles of government that West Texans hold dear .... We need more statesmen like "Some candidates embrace the idea of debating Joe." - Charlie Stenholm, former U.S. Representative

"West Texans can trust Joe Heflin to be independent and to put the needs of his constituents first .... He will not be beholden to big campaign contributors who seek to weaken public schools by using tax-funded vouchers to pay for private school tuition in Houston and Dallas." - Dinah Miller, Texas Parent PAC Director

Mr. Heflin's "strong roots in Texas agriculture combined with his active leadership and community service not only speak to his character but make him the clear choice for the District 85 House of Representatives seat." - Kenneth Dierschke, Texas Farm Bureau President

"Several people closely affiliated with farming and ranching report that Landtroop suffers from a credibility gap on ag issues. The Quorum Report, August 28, 2006



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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Let's make sure Halloween's safe time for children

hile minor stomach aches from eating too much candy may be the most common hazard on Halloween, we should all remember that emergency physicians say they treat way too many children for serious injuries that could have been prevented.

The most common injuries on Halloween are eye injuries from sharp objects, burns from flammable costumes and injuries from collisions with motor vehicles, according to the American College of **Emergency Physicians (ACEP).** 

To ensure a safer Halloween, parents and caregivers should follow important safety measures.

The list of things parents and children should follow are mostly common sense measures, but bear reminding

· Make sure you see all the candy before your child consumes it. Avoid candy not wrapped in its original wrapper, as well as all fruit.

 Make sure your child stays on the sidewalks as much as possible (off the streets) and obeys all traffic signals.

• Discuss the importance of staying together in a group. Require at least one adult to serve as chaperone during candy gathering and forbid children from accepting rides from strangers or visiting unfamiliar homes

• Avoid costumes that could cause children to trip, such as baggy pants, long hems, high heels and oversized shoes.

Avoid costume contact lenses.

· Avoid masks, but if your child must wear one, make sure it is well ventilated and does not impair his

# The Internet isn't real society

"Hey, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend? People can be so cold.

They'll hurt you and desert you. Well, they'll take your soul if you let them.

Oh yeah, but don't you let them." - James Taylor's song "You've Got a Friend."

mericans have more ways to connect, but ironically, we seem to communicate less. Welcome to our new depersonalized society, where the Internet

has supplanted chats with neighbors over backyard fences and mere screen names become friends. For empirical data and but one example

of this detachment, look to the American

**Community Survey**, released this month by the U.S. Census Bureau. It shows married couples,

declining in numbers in recent decades, are now the in minority. More Americans are choosing to live their lives single or cohabitating with a partner, as same- or opposite-gender couples. If you're married, you're in the minority, and a dwindling one at that.

The declining marriage rates are symptomatic of the depersonalization of our culture. We're not getting together, and we're not staying together. Rugged American frontier individualism has morphed into a neo-isolationism. The Cleavers – Dad Ward and Mom June, with sons Wally and Beaver - the epitome of the 1950s, post-World War II American family, are dead. We buried them and tore down their

white picket fence, and we're not rebuilding it any time soon. The heyday of small town America is past, and suburban sprawl is the here and now. People live in 'developer-planned-subdivisions' with cookie-cutter houses and strip malls, not neighborhoods with kids playing, weekend barbecues, and community schools.

The communication technology possibilities are limitless today: cell phones and multiple emails, faxes and voicemails, at home and at work. Ironically, though, we're still a fragmented culture, politically and personally.

More American families are living apart. Maybe dad travels for his job, climbing the corporate ladder. Or perhaps a 40-something mom moves to another city to work on her graduate degree and leaves her preschool children in their dad's care. Women are less economically dependent on men. "First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes so-and-so pushing the baby carriage," the nursery rhyme taunts. Not so today, because of increased education and opportunities for the average American woman. Professional achievements provide women with personal choices, including the decision not to marry for sustenance. Lasting relationships are a rare commodity. I spoke with a friend recently on this very subject, about his pervasive loneliness, how disconnected he feels in his small Midwestern town.

My friend is a university professor. He was born in Africa and emigrated to the United States via Switzerland. He teaches at a private liberal arts college and travels extensively across the world, lecturing and presenting

research. My friend is divorced and has no children. His family is scattered. My friend shared with me how he has developed a global network of friends, mostly out of the necessity for human interaction. He feels adrift, lost in his small community, searching for like-minded souls.

I have another friend whom I've never met in person - a seemingly peculiar connection but all too familiar today. He and I have never had coffee at the local cafe, and we don't know one other's addresses, only the respective cities where we live at opposite ends of same state. We share mutual friends in the East Texas town where he grew up and where I lived for many years. He and I have corresponded via email for nearly two years and have exchanged our thoughts on philosophy and politics. We talk about our sons - his and mine - and his previous career and my future one in the legal profession. Our relationship consists of his email address in my inbox and my words on his computer screen a couple of times a week. I wouldn't be able to identify him in a crowd, yet I've had more indepth conversations with him than people in my omnipresent circle of acquaintances.

But is an ongoing email conversation really a friendship?

Call me an idealist. but the depersonalization of our culture saddens me, and I don't want to be an accomplice to it.

I think that I will go meet my neighbor.

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New agenda for Texas education

uring the 1990s Texas became a national leader in education reform when a bipartisan group of Texans joined together to establish academic standards and accountability as the framework for transforming public schools.

students lag two years behind their Anglo classmates. Eighth grade reading proficiency is below national average and 8th grade reading (26 percent) and math (31 percent) proficiency are too low to support success in advanced studies.

They need to have research based professional development to help make them more effective in the classroom. And, they need to be more carefully evaluated, rewarded for their successes and held accountable for academic failure

they need to educate our students.

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or her vision.

 Make sure that costume fabric, wigs and beards are made of flame-resistant materials, such as nylon or polyester.

• Make sure that costumes are visible at night; avoid dark colors. Add reflective tape to the costume to help make your child more visible to motor vehicles.

• Check that accessories such as swords, knives, wands and other pointed objects are made from flexi ble materials and nave dulled edges.

That's the list offered by the ACEP. But don't forget that children who "trick-or-treat" at houses of worship, shopping malls, schools, or other types of community sponsored events still need to do so with adult supervision.

And most importantly, if you happen to be out driving Tuesday night, take extra caution. Make sure any youngster wrapped up in the excitement of trickor-treating that does venture into your path doesn't become a heart-breaking statistic.

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# **A SMALL PRAYER**

### by K. Rae Anderson

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Dear Lord, You are our good news in life.

The reforms began in 1993 when the state adopted a new accountability system that linked school accreditation with success in meeting academic standards. At the time it was a rad-

ical concept but over the next few years Texas adopted other sweeping initiatives that would place it at the forefront of a growing effort to improve education.

Chief among the changes was Senate Bill 1, legislation that in 1995 began the largest overhaul

of the Texas Education Code in half a century. It increased local control of schools, created the State Board for Educator Certification and established charter school authority.

Over the next 10 years Texans would adopt knowledge and skills standards, statewide reading and math initiatives and end social promotion.

**Tougher high school programs** and graduate exams would be instituted and in 2006 more rigorous math and science courses were added as requirements for high school graduation.

The reforms made a dramatic change in the delivery of public education in Texas. They resulted in an increase in state assessment pass rates from 45 percent in 1992 to 85 percent in 2002.

The percentage of students taking college prep curriculum increased to 68 percent and the number of AP scores acceptable for college credit tripled. In addition, each ethnic group in K-8 outperformed the national average for their peers and began to close achievement gaps on state and national tests.

The progress was remarkable but problems remained. Gains were largely at the elementary level, and our students' ability to succeed in middle school and beyond presents a huge challenge. Even with the progress, K-8 Hispanic and African-American

Although more students are tak-

ing a more rigorous curriculum, the fundamental skills of many of our high school graduates have not improved. Only 18 percent of high school graduates acquire the skills necessary for college and the workplace and 52 percent of high school graduates require remediation to do college work. There are major gaps in the pass rates between the high school exit exam and the college ready scale score

The bottom line is that unless we speed up performance many of the positive trends set by the reforms of the 1990s will be offset by our failure to aggressively bring reforms to the secondary level.

We are already behind. Many of our international competitors are producing highly competitive workforces and their students often outperform us on tests. They are rapidly increasing their numbers of high school and college graduates. The results likely mean that our children will be the first generation of Americans worse off economically than their parents.

The Texas Center for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research predicts that, based on the current rate of population growth and pace of educational improvement, Texans will experience a 12 percent decrease in average household income and a 40 percent increase in poverty in less than 40 years.

The urgency for action couldn't be more evident. We must not allow this prediction to become a reality. We must develop a longterm plan for moving to the next phase of public education reform so that our students can begin to immediately accelerate their preparation for success.

Here is an immediate agenda: Enhance educator effectiveness

We need to have and support the best teachers available. We want to help teachers be more effective by providing them clear standards and expectations. Our teachers must have the materials In addition, we need to develop more avenues for qualified people to become feachers.

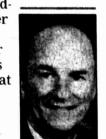
Raise standards

We want to know that our youngsters are ready to graduate from high school and are prepared for college. Our current standards are too vague, not clearly measurable and not aligned with our expectations. We need to do better and we need to do better quickly. We must have strong academic standards on each grade level and ensure that we meet our education goals.

 Strengthen accountability Currently our education system deems some schools acceptable even when a majority of certain groups are failing tests necessary for the accreditation of a campus. This is wrong. We have become too lenient by not holding our schools fully accountable for the progress of our students. We should have a higher standard and when we say acceptable, we should mean acceptable. It is unacceptable that significant numbers of students still fail to pass basic tests. We must raise our expectations for all groups of students and be urgent about fixing the problems when performance is low. And we must allow new and better educational options for students and parents when their schools are failing.

What Texans can dream, Texans can do. Working together, parents, teachers, administrators, civic and business leaders, can set new standards and accountability needed to prepare our students for higher education and the 21st Century workforce. We must energize our education system so it can build the schools we need to thrive in a highly competitive knowledge-based economy and once again lead the nation in public school innovation.

Jim Windham heads the Texas Institute for Education Reform (TIER), a nonpartisan nonprofit group that works to improve Texas education. For more on TIER, visit www.texaseducationreform.org.



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## HEALTH

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# Happy and successful dental visits for children

oth parents and dentists want happy and successful dental appointments for young children. Have you ever considered how difficult to get a 3- or 4-year-old to sit still for an hour? Now think about having to do complex dental procedures on that child, who



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is awake and possibly frightened. The following

are suggestions that help in my office to routinely accomplish what seems impossible.

Bring your child to the dentist for easy exams and cleanings starting in their 3rd or 4th year; hopefully before any significant problems develop. A dental emergency makes a very bad way to start your child,s dental experience.

Do not try to prepare your child men-

tally by describing what may occur at the appointment. Parents often unintentionally scare their child or transfer their own fears to the child when trying to explain dental procedures.

Do not act like your child's dental visit it a "big deal." If the child thinks it is a big deal, due to parents talking about bravery or promising special treats, problems are more likely.

Schedule your young child's appointment in the morning when they are freshest. The worst times are nap time or late afternoon.

Pat your child on the head and send them back for treatment while you, wait bravely in the lobby. It isn't easy on you, but your child will usually be less afraid and cooperate better.

If you do accompany your child to the treatment room, be prepared to leave if your child doesn't cooperate. Remember that your goal and mine is to successfully and gently accomplish the treatment goals.

Young children (and nervous adults) often benefit from sedation. Nitrous oxide (laughing gas) provides safe, light conscious sedation. This helps them relax but does not put them to sleep and does not make an uncooperative child cooperate.

At my office, we have children watch TV or DVD's during treatment. This provides excellent distraction. A favorite DVD from home can be very helpful.

Children who cannot or will not coop erate will need to be referred to a pediatric dentist for deep sedation or to be put to sleep in the hospital, both of which involve more risk (and expense) than nitrous oxide.

Parents really need to watch children after the appointment. Kids will sometimes chew on a numb lip or tongue and do significant damage.

With these suggestions, most preschoolers can be successfully treated with out deep sedation or being put to sleep. Many kids can actually enjoy their dental visits!

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is currently president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

The Big Spring Herald invites local health care professionals to submit columns that might be of interest to our readers in the Crossroads area. For more information, call (432) 267-7331 ext. 235 or e-mail newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

# African-American women and breast cancer

ecause October is national breast cancer awareness month, let's take an opportunity to discuss breast cancer among

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About 5,640 women in the United States are expected to die from breast cancer this year. Because of higher death rates in African-American women with breast cancer, Texas

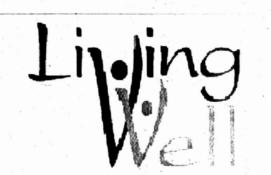
to be cured. Another possible reason is that tumors generally grow faster in African-Americans than in other groups of people. So what can African-

Americans do to decrease their risk of dying of breast cancer? An important step is to have regular health screenings such as mammograms. Screening examinations can detect breast cancers early-before symptoms occur-which may make it easier to treat the disease.

Screening involves having mammograms, clinical breast exams and self breast exams, which are optional.

Many factors affect the chances of survival of a woman diagnosed with breast cancer; however, finding the cancer as early as possible greatly improves the likelihood that treatment will be effective. A mammogram is an xray of the breast that usually involves two views, or pictures, of each breast. Mammograms help find lumps or growths that are too small for you or your health care provider to feel when conducting

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#### an exam.

When should women starting screening for breast cancer?

If you are over 40 years old, you need a mammogram every year, according to Courtney Schoessow, Health Program Specialist with **Texas** Cooperative Extension. Women younger than 40 who have had breast cancer or breast problems or have a family history of breast cancer also need a mammogram once a year.

A clinical breast examination is an examination 30s and every year for women 10 and over. During the clinical breast examination, the health care provider may explain how to perform a breast self exam (BSE). By regularly performing BSEs, you will learn how your breasts normally feel, and you will be able to report any changes in your breasts to your health professional as soon as you find them. You may choose not to do BSEs, or you can just do them occasionally. Remember: The most important screening tools we have are mammo-

follow the guidelines on when to get them. Taking charge of your health now can lead to a healthier tomorrow.

Start by getting screened this month in recognition of National **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month.

For more information on screening, risk factors, early detection, mammograms and other screening tools for African-American women, go to

http://fcs.tamu.edu/health /h2h/index.php..

**Remember:** "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well." For more information you may contact the Howard County Extension Office at 432-264-2236. Educational programs of Texas **Cooperative Extension** are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



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**Cooperative Extension** has developed a Web site, Halleluiah to Health. to explain the risk factors, signs and symptoms of breast and cervical cancer. The Hallelujah to

Health Web site can be found at: http://fcs.tamu.edu/health

/h2h/index.php. Experts are unsure about the reasons for the higher death rates in African-American women with breast cancer, but one possible cause is that African-American women tend to not have mammograms or clinical breast exams, so the cancer is not detected early enough

of your breasts by a health professional, such as a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurse or doctor's assistant.

Clinical breast exams should be part of a periodic health exam at least every three years for women in their 20s and

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# <u>Texas News Briefs</u>

### Report says BP's own experts knew of risks at Texas City plant

TEXAS CITY (AP) - Safety experts for BP PLC warned their bosses of the potential for a "major site" incident" 2 1/2 years before an explosion at the com-) pany's Texas City refinery killed 15 people, accordingd to a broadcast report.

CBS' "60 Minutes" also reported Sunday that the Texas City plant manager, Don Parus, told his bosses in the company's London headquarters that most workers at the refinery felt the plant was unsafe.

According to CBS, one worker wrote, "This place is set up for a catastrophic failure."

BP's top refinery executive, John Manzoni, has said under oath he didn't know of serious safety concerns until the explosion.

Another 170 people were injured in the explosion about 40 miles southeast of Houston.

### Poll shows write-in candidate even with Democrat in race for DeLay's seat

HOUSTON (AP) — In the race for the congressional seat once held by former Rep. Tom DeLay, support among likely voters for a write-in candidate equals support for the Democratic nominee, according to a new poll.

Thirty-five percent of respondents said they would vote for a write-in candidate, a statistical tie with the 36 percent support for Democrat Nick Lampson, according to the poll of likely voters in the Houston area's 22nd Congressional District.

Of the respondents who said they'd choose a write-in candidate, 79 percent said they planned to name Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, a Houston city councilwoman backed by the Republican Party.

Twenty-five percent of surveyed voters said they were still undecided.

Zogby International conducted the poll for Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV.

The poll surveyed 504 likely voters last week and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

### Underpass where two died in Houston will get flood markers it lacked

HOUSTON (AP) - A freeway underpass where a mother and her daughter died in flooding earlier this month will soon have markers for water depth that it previously lacked, a Texas Department of Transportation official said.

The plan to mark that underpass and another nearby was announced this weekend by Director of **Transportation Operations Stuart Corder at a meeting** to discuss ways to prevent underpass flooding and warn drivers of dangerous conditions.

Patricia Gutierrez, 37, and her 16-year-old daughter, Melissa Rojas, were trapped inside their sport utility

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vehicle when they tried to drive through the underpass during a rainstorm two weeks ago. Their vehicle was submerged in about 10 feet of water, and their bodies were not recovered for hours.

The markers should be up within a week, and TxDOT officials are considering flashing signs and lights in areas prone to flooding.

### Boy, 10, killed in sand pile collapse

HOUSTON (AP) - A 10-year-old boy playing at a construction site was killed when a sand pile collapsed on him, officials said.

Harris County sheriff's deputies and witnesses said the boy was burrowing into the sand pile when the accident occurred Sunday.

The 5-year-old brother of the victim ran home to report the accident, but the boys' mother was unable to pull the older boy out.

Authorities did not publicly identify the boy.

"It was a freak accident," neighbor Marlow Falwell said. "These were just kids being typical kids and playing in the sand."

Falwell said her husband found the 10-year-old facedown in the sand, pulled him out and performed CPR. Efforts to resuscitate the boy were unsuccessful.

"They just couldn't get enough oxygen inside him," she said.

### Pit bull kills Southeast Texas man in attack

WILLIS (AP) - A man has died after a pit bull dog bit him in the throat while he was visiting a home in north Montgomery County, officials said.

The name of the victim, who was in his 40s and from the Conroe area, was not released. He died at the scene Saturday, officials said.

Authorities found the dog when they arrived and used a Taser to bring it under control. Animal control officers removed the dog and took it into custody.

Authorities said they didn't know who owned the dog.

### Change in the air with possible retirement age of 65 for pilots

HOUSTON (AP) - Robert "Hoot" Gibson traveled to space five times as a member of NASA's astronaut corps and is a member of the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame.

But even those flying credentials won't allow Hoot to keep operating commercial planes for Southwest Airlines.

That's because on Monday he turns 60, the mandatory retirement age for commercial pilots in the United States.

Gibson, commander of four of the five space shuttle missions he flew, said the retirement policy is age discrimination.

"I'm not ready," he said.

The retirement rule, in effect since 1959, might soon change.

Next month, the International Civil Aviation Organization is expected to establish a worldwide retirement age of 65 for commercial pilots. Pilots older



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than 60 would have to undergo medical evaluations every six months and work only with co-pilots who are younger than 60.

The United States remains one of four nations to officially oppose the change. The others are France, Pakistan and Colombia.

The Federal Aviation Administration is considering a possible change, but doesn't want to do so without approval from Congress. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has co-sponsored Senate legislation to raise the retirement age. Lawmakers could vote on it later this year, a Cornyn spokesman said.

**Opposition could come from the Air Line Pilots** Association, which favors the age limit and isn't considering a change, union spokesman Pete Janhunen said. Pilots who retire at 60 have a strong benefits package, Gibson said.

The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association supports raising the retirement age, airline spokesman Ed Stewart said. Southwest chairman Herb Kelleher has lobbied lawmakers asking them to consider a change.

"It's been in effect since 1959, and the world has changed," Stewart said.

### Goodyear to close tire plant in Tyler, eliminating 1,100 jobs

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said on Monday that it plans to close a plant in Tyler three weeks after workers at the plant and 15 others went on strike in part because of the tire maker's plan to shut down the plant.

The move will eliminate about 1,100 jobs and is part of its strategy to end some of its private label tire business.

The plant, which opened in 1962, has produced approximately 25,000 passenger and light truck tires per day.

United Steelworkers members in Tyler and elsewhere in North America went on strike Oct. 5 after months of talks with the world's third biggest tire maker.

Akron-based Goodyear has said the union refused to agree to help it remain competitive in a global economy. The union said the company's last proposal would have included two plant closings and other concessions.

Goodyear said in June that it wanted to leave parts of the private label tire business and that the decision would mean a reduction in capacity.

Goodyear previously announced to investors an aggressive strategy to reduce costs by more than \$1 billion by 2008.

"We must take the steps necessary to reduce our costs and improve our competitive position," Jon Rich, president of North American Tire, said in a statement.

While this is an extremely difficult decision for everyone involved, it was required to help turn around our North American business."

He did not say when the plant will close.



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#### By JEANNINE AVERSA

**AP Economics Writer** 

WASHINGTON Consumers kept a pretty firm grip on their wallets in September, boosting spending by just 0.1 perthe cent, smallest increase in 10 months. The

Commerce Department's report. released Monday, showed that consumers had a solid appetite for big-ticket goods such as cars and appliances last month but they cut spending on nondurable goods such as food and clothes.

The increase in spending in September, down from a 0.2 percent rise posted in August, matched a 0.1 percent rise in November of last year. The last time spending was weaker was in August of last year, when consumers trimmed purchases by 0.1 percent.

Incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by a brisk 0.5 percent in September. That was up from 0.4 percent in August and marked the biggest gain since June.

The income and spending figures aren't adjusted for inflation.

September's spending increase was less than the 0.3 percent gain that economists were expecting. Income growth, however, turned out to be stronger than the 0.3 percent increases that economists were forecasting.

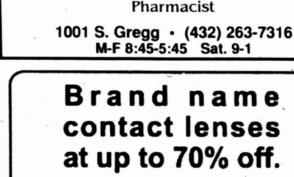
When consumer spending is adjusted for inflation, which is now easing, the spending picture looked better. Spending rose by a 0.4 percent in September, a turnaround from a 0.1 percent dip in August

Even though consumers spent respectably during July-to-September the quarter as a whole, the economy grew at a feeble pace of 1.6 percent, the slowest in more than three years. The culprit in the slowdown: the slumping housing market, which shaved just over 1 percentage point" from overall economic<sup>3</sup> activity.

With the Nov. 7 elections around the corner." the latest snapshot of national economic health fueled fresh debate between Republicans and Democrats competing with each other to hold sway at the ballot box.

Economists, meanwhile, are hopeful the current October-to-December quarter will turn out to be better and that the housing slump will not be a significant drag on overall economic activity. In addition, lower energy prices should help out, taking pressure off consumers and businesses.

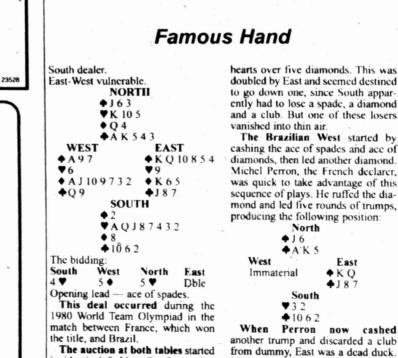
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The auction at both tables started in identical fashion, South opening with four hearts and West bidding five diamonds. At the table where Brazil was North-South, Pedro Branco made what appeared to be the winning decision when he doubled five diamonds. The defense quickly cashed two club tricks and a heart to score 200 points.

At the other table, the bidding went as shown, the French North quite reasonably electing to bid five

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### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, October 30, 2006

# FEATURES

# So who else is on the ballot this November?

### **By JAMIE STENGLE**

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Associated Press Writer

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### Lieutenant Governor

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Board of Education.

**Republican** incumbent David Dewhurst is favored to retain his position as lieutenant governor, a spot he was elected to in 2002 after serving four years as state land commissioner.

Dewhurst faces lesserknown Democrat Maria Luisa Alvarado, a 50-yearold research analyst who served in the Air Force. Dewhurst, 61, has cam-

paigned this fall on behalf of mandatory random testing of Texas public high school athletes for performance-enhancing drugs and tougher laws against online sexual predators.

'There's more work to be done to make sure that the vulnerable in our society are protected," Dewhurst said.

> If elected to another term, he said he would work to improve public education, including universities, and to pass legislation protecting children against sexual abuse and sexual predators. He also wants to make sure the border is secured.

Alvarado said she is running to address children's issues, particularly to help protect children" Abbott said. He said that his office has collected record child support. He said fighting cybercrime crime will be a pri-

ority. "The methods used on "Children are our future the Internet to take people's money are growing worse

state, she said. If elected, Alvarado

said, she would work to move away

from "teaching to the he believes we are living test," referring to the widespread use of standardized testing in Texas classrooms. She also said she would seek a permanent source of funding for public education, possibly money that's from already available within the state budget.

Also running for lieutenant governor is Libertarian Judy Baker, a retired 65-year-old.

### Attorney General

Republican incumbent Greg Abbott faces lesserknown opponents, including Democrat David Van Os, a San Antonio attorney.

Abbott, 48, has served as attorney general since December 2002 and was previously a Texas Supreme Court justice and a state district judge in Harris County. He recently joined Dewhurst to push for tougher laws on sexual online predators.

"I want to continue using the laws of the state Head has criticized Combs for writing a steamy romance novel and Combs has pointed out Head's reprimands from the

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Os, who also contends

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Jon Roland, a 62-year-

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Association. Combs, who was elected agriculture commissioner in 1998, said that since and worse,' serving in the Legislature, she's been Abbott said. interested in how tax Abbott's money is spent. Combs, 61, served two terms in the state House.

Texas Bar

Head served as a state representative for 14 years beginning in the late 1960s. He said he decided to return to politics because he was dissatisfied with the recent leadership in Austin.

The 67-year-old lawyer, real estate investor and Athens cattleman was part of the "Dirty 30" movement in the early 1970s which rallied against the speaker of the House and other officials investigated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

In regards to the reprimands, Head, a lawyer for 43 years, said that it's not out of the ordinary to have clients complain.

He said that Combs, who wrote a 1990 bodiceripper featuring sex scenes, is a hypocrite because she also favors abstinence education.

"She also has been posing as a family values person. Writing pornographic books is not family values," he said.

**Combs dismisses Head's** characterization of her book and counters: "I think it's unfortunate that he has no interest in the

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race has been intense. issues relevant to that office \_ how we collect our taxes, how we fund our state."

The comptroller oversees tax collections and monitors spending. The iob has nothing to do with sex education.

Libertarian Mike Burris, a 55-year-old consultant and auditor, is also running.

#### Land Commissioner

**Republican** incumbent Jerry Patterson faces VaLinda Democrat Hathcox in the race to head the General Land Office, which manages state lands to create education revenue. The office also oversees veterans programs and the State Coastal Management Program.

Patterson, 59, a former Marine and a Vietnam veteran, has been land commissioner since 2003. When first elected, the former state senator said he would seek re-election rather than using it as a stepping stone for higher office and has made good on that promise.

"We have a lot of things that we're doing extremely well," he said.

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lion Permanent School Fund to include resources aside from oil and gas royalty income like real estate investment and wind farms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Hathcox, 58, is a Yantis rancher and Sulphur Springs attorney. She has served as Hopkins County attorney, director of governmental relations and programs with the Texas attorney general, the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties.

Hathcox said she began her career as an intern in the planning division of the General Land Office. Libertarian Michael

French, a 43-year-old rancher, is also running.

### Agriculture Commissioner

State Sen. Todd Staples, Republican from Palestine, faces Democrat Hank Gilbert to head of the Texas Department of Agriculture, which promotes agriculture, children's nutrition and rural economic development.

Staples, 43, is a small businessman and rancher who says he wants to be an advocate for the farming and ranching families of Texas. If elected, he said he would address such issues as renewable energy, water policies and private property rights.

"The protection of private property rights is at the top of the list," he said. "There are policy issues that must continually be analyzed to ensure that private property is not condemned for use that's not essential to the public.'

In the Legislature, he said he helped protect landowners rights.

Gilbert, 46, said previous agriculture commissioners have often used the job as a stepping stone to higher office. As a nonpolitician, he said he can homes and houses and offer a new perspective.

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### Railroad Commissioner

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Republican incumbent Elizabeth Ames Jones is running for a full term after being appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2005 to fill a spot on the Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees oil, gas and pipelines. Before that, Jones served in the Texas House, where she was a member of the appropriaand energy tions resources committee.

Jones, faces Democrat Dale Henry, who worked as a petroleum engineer for more than 50 years. He said that he would like to strengthen standards for plugging up wells and to help protect the water supply.

"For about 100 years now, the railroad commission hasn't been taking care of that," said Henry, 75.

Jones, 49, said that Henry can "rest assured that we've got the best people and oversight."

**Railroad commissioners** must both nurture the energy industry and hold it responsible, Jones said. Another issue facing the office is the urbanization of the oil patch, which she describes as "when gas wells become neigh bors." "We don't want to stifle development of this bountiful resource, but we have to be mindful of the fact that a lot of this is going on near people's homes," she said. Making sure that the groundwater is protected is also a concern, said Jones.

There are six contested races for spots on the State Board of Education, which among other duties sets' graduation requirements, establishes testing

standards and invests the permanent school fund. For District 3, which covers parts of South Texas, Republican Tony Cunningham, a 44-yearold unemployed man, faces Democrat Rick Agosto, a 37-year-old who heads a sales and market-

ing firm in San Antonio. For District 5, which includes Central Texas, Republican Ken Mercer, 51, of San Antonio, who works for a financial ser-

vices' company, faces Libertarian, Bill Oliver, a 41-year-old software developer from Temple. In District 9, which

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In District 12, a Dallasarea district, Republican Geraldine "Tincy" Miller,71, who is in real estate in Dallas, is being challenged by Matthew Havener, a 21-year-old Richardson student. In District 15, which includes West Texas and Panhandle, Republican incumbent

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"I'm a third generation cattle rancher and not a-politician," Gilbert said. "They've politicized this position."

Gilbert and Staples each oppose the Trans-Texas Corridor in its proposed form. Gilbert said he would rather see a highspeed commuter rail.

Clay Libertarian Woolam, a 21-year-old student, is also in the race.

Also running is Libertarian Tabitha Serrano, a 26-year-old law

# 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2

Parade theme:

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 17

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

Herald's Best of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme.

Mavor's Trophy: for best use of lighting.

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First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories: 1. Individual or family 2. Civic group, school or church 3. Commercial 4. Industrial In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

### PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald

2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height. 3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.

4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.

5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.

6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone alking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

### 2006 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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# Romo leads Cowboys' to 35-14 win IN BRIEF

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### By MIKE CRANSTON

Sports

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**AP Sports Writer** 

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Tony Romo waited four years to get his first NFL start. It looks as if he'll have the job for some time.

Romo rallied Dallas from a 14-point firstquarter deficit, throwing for 270 yards and a touchdown, and Julius Jones ran for 94 yards and a score to help the Cowboys beat Carolina 35-14 Sunday night. Dallas set a team record with 25 fourth-quarter points.

Romo, starting in place of the benched Drew Bledsoe, showed poise in slowly leading the Cowboys (4-3) back, using a variety of short passes to different receivers.

Early in the fourth quarter, facing a thirdand-12 from the Carolina 21, Romo sidestepped pressure and fired a 16-yard pass to Jason Witten. But the drive stalled when Romo misfired to Witten in the end zone on third down, and Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 24-yard field goal to cut the Panthers' lead to 14-13.

On the ensuing kickoff, Sam Hurd ripped the ball from Brad Hoover and recovered the fumble at the Carolina 14. On the next play, Jones ran untouched up the middle for the touchdown. The Cowboys added the 2-point conversion when Romo faked a draw and threw a pass to Terrell Owens to make it 21-14.

"It's been tough, you never know, the change that we made at quarterback," Romo said. "You never know what you're going to get ... with a new starter who is untested."

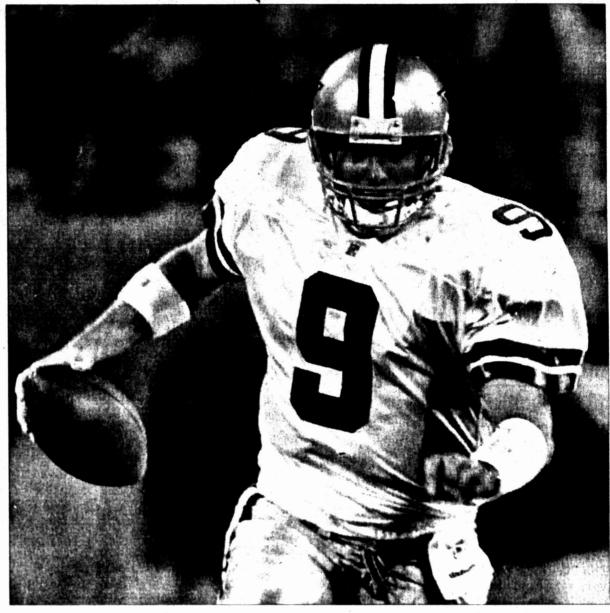
Owens, who had nine catches for 107 yards, was impressed with Romo's poise.

"Tony gives us a different change of pace," Owens said. "He gets the ball out quick and he gave us some chances. Everybody came up with some big plays today. Jason Witten played tremendous over the middle.'

Dallas sealed the win when Roy Williams intercepted Jake Delhomme's throw on the next possession. Delhomme lost another fumble with under 2 minutes to go, Carolina's third turnover in the fourth quarter.

"This is about as poor of a performance in the fourth quarter that I have been associated with," coach John Fox said. "I apologize





Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo scrambles down the field in the first quarter as the Dallas Cowboys take on the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C. Romo, in his first NFL start, led the Dallas to a 35-14 victory.

for all the people who paid for tickets."

Marion Barber had touchdown runs of 3 and 14 yards late as Dallas coach Bill Parcells won a game after trailing by 14 points in the first quarter for only the second time in his career. The victory justified his See DALLAS, Page 2B

decision to sit Bledsoe and end his streak of 70 consecutive starts. Bledsoe paced the sideline for most of the game, wearing a visor and occasionally glancing down at the play

### Carr benched; Young leads **Titans over Houston Texans**, 28-22 By TERESA M. WALKER tory coming off the bye."

The Titans had gone 39 games

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

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### Quarterback Club meeting scheduled

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

Tissue, Mark the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and the teams' fans to attend.

For more information. call Tissue at 816-3458.

### 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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2. Michigan	9-0
3. W, Va. (2)	7-0
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7. Florida	7-1
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19. Clemson	7-2
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Vince Young is chosen by the Tennessee Titans in the first round of the 2006 National Football League Draft. On Sunday he led the Titans to a 28-22 win over the Houston Texans, who chose to skip Young with the first pick of the draft.

AP Sports writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Vince Young danced on the grass, tossing his cap to cheering fans as he made his final exit from the Tennessee Titans' field.

David Carr spent most of the second half grabbing the neck of his jersey, angry at being benched for committing too many turnovers.

At least Young left some people in Houston happy: Young finally admitted he was glad to beat his hometown team after he ran for a touchdown and threw for another, and the Tennessee Titans won consecutive games for the first time since the end of the 2003 season by beating the Texans 28-22 Sunday.

"It means something to me, my family and all the fans back home in Houston, but at the same time, it meant the most here," Young said with a smile. "The Tennessee Titans wanted to get another vic-, See TITANS, Page 2B

before putting together consecutive victories.

"It is certainly nice to get back - to - back wins now," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "Of course, our goal now is to go out and get the next one."

The Texans (2-5) lost their 11th straight road game, wasting backup quarterback Sage Rosenfels' three TD passes in the final 17 minutes. His last pulled them. within 28-22 with 1:54 left, and the Texans tried an onside kick.

But Bobby Wade jumped up and grabbed the ball, allowing the Titans (2-5) to run out the clock.

That left Houston coach Gary Kubiak unhappy and Carr apologizing for his performance.

"I preached to this football team the step we have to take as a football team, we have to be able to go on the road, protect the football

## Stewart wins Atlanta; Johnson moves to within 26 points of leader

### **By MIKE HARRIS**

AP Auto Racing Writer HAMPTON, Ga. Don't bother asking Tony Stewart about what might have been.

The two-time NASCAR champion insists there's no frustration in winning races that make no difference in the standings - at least not to the defending Nextel Cup champion.

Stewart, bitterly disappointed after failing to qualify for NASCAR's playoffs by a mere 16 points, has won two of the first seven events in the 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship. His win in Sunday's Bass Pro Shops 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway again stole the spotlight from the title contenders.

"If we were in the Chase, we wouldn't have been able to do what we did at Kansas City." Stewart said, referring to 1.5-mile oval Sunday and,

his Oct. 1 win. "We wouldn't have been able to take the chance of running out of gas.'

Last year, Stewart won his second points championship without winning any of the 10 Chase events.

"There's a lot of pressure on those guys in the Chase. Sometimes, it gets you off your game a little bit and, sometimes, you just have to be more conservative than you'd want to be.'

At this point, Stewart, who also wrapped up his first IROC championship here Saturday, is 11th in the points and racing only for pride and wins. This latest victory, his fourth of the season, clearly made him proud as he held off title contender Jimmie Johnson in the waning laps.

Stewart led a race-high 145 of the 325 laps on the



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Tony Stewart celebrates after winning the Bass Pro Shops 500 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, Sunday, October 29, 2006.

afterward, literally grabbed the checkered flag after a somewhat perilous climb up the flagstand in celebration.

year," said Stewart after jumping out of his No. 20 Gibbs Racing Joe Chevrolet. "We were in it

"It's better than last last year and couldn't win any of these, so it's a lot of fun."

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### SPORTS

# Garden City Bearkats remain undefeated, protect No. 1 ranking

### **ALEX HALFMANN**

### Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY - Before a capacity crowd the No. 1 ranked Garden City Bearkats remained undefeated Friday night beating the No. 11 Rankin Red Devils 72-38 in a classic west Texas sixman rivalry game.

Although the last time these teams played one another was in 2003, the rivalry was no less intense. With big hits and big plays galore, the fans definitely got their money's worth.

After a stalled opening drive by the Devils, the 'Kats struck first with junior Devils' shocked the stadium with a Bo Eggemeyer, reaching paydirt on a 1- reverse pass that went for 40 yards and

### DALLAS

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chart on his wrist, while applauding Romo's performance.

'We haven't been having a lot of fun around here. They're having fun right now," Parcells said. "That's the thing that I enjoy the most. When I see the faces of those players."

added the extra point making the score 8-0

On the Red Devils' next drive, they were again held at bay by the Garden City defense, but got the ball after a controversial muffed punt call. The Devils took the opportunity and made something of it. Senior quarterback John Paup hit junior Chase Epley for an 18yard touchdown pass with 3:38 left in the first quarter.

It began to look as though the 'Kats would pull away, but with no time left on the clock in the first half, the Red

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He was 17-of-31 for 149

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Smith, Michael Gaines.

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"It's a team game. We

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tion, which he returned to the Houston 24.

pulled Carr midway through the third quarter and

"It wasn't my best effort," said Carr, who called his

Houston came in having won two of its last three.

The Texans outgained Tennessee 427-197 on offense

and held the ball for more than 36 minutes. It wasn't

On Rosenfels' second play, his pass to league-leading

receiver Andre Johnson's hands to Titans cornerback

Adam "Pacman" Jones for his first career intercep-

Young found Wade three plays later for a 20-yard TD

Jones, cited Saturday for misdemeanor assault for

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yard run. Senior Taylor Neihues then a touchdown. The catch gave the Devils a big boost of momentum going into half-time with a score of 28-18.

The teams traded scores most of the second half, but Garden City had an answer for everything the Devils accomplished and slowly began to pull away in the third leaving the score 52-32.

The Bearkats' offense proved to be a dominating force once again, racking up 456 yards on a stingy Rankin' defense. Eggemeyer contributed the largest chunk, rushing for 284 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries. Through the air, senior quarterback Evan Jansa completed 11 of 19 passes for four touchdowns and one interception.

drops, and his fumble of a punt return as the Panthers' once promising season has taken a turn. "Just keep keeping your

stats," Smith said. The Panthers were even plagued by a coaching miscue. Fox called a timeout late in the first half that wiped out Richard Marshall's blocked field goal. Given a second chance, Vanderjagt

make it 14-10 at halftime. "Hopefully with the bye coming that will give us a chance to get healthy and maybe find some guys who can finish games,'

Fox said. Foster rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown for Carolina, which lost starting cornerback Ken

The Rankin offense presented the Garden City defense with the most challenging test of the year, as the Red Devils put up 308 total yards on offense. Junior Garret Avalos and Paup combined for 19 of 29 passing and four touchdowns despite throwing four costly interceptions.

The Red Devils' rushing attack had a hard time trying to get rolling as they amassed only twenty-six yards on the ground.

The Bearkats remain undefeated and will host Grady Thursday night, while Rankin drops to 6-2 on the year, and will play its last regular season game against Grady Nov. 10.

> Owens and Terry Glenn. Owens was happy to put Parcells in a good mood.

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"He's a guy who's been miserable all week," Owens said. "I asked him coming off the field on Friday, I asked him what it was going and he said he doesn't like to get his butt kicked. As a team, we're tired of losing, we know we have a decent

kicked a 38-yarder to him into three of Houston's five turnovers. Kubiak

Lucas to a groin injury in the first quarter, forcing rookie Richard Marshall team. We just have to go to alternate coverage on out and play like it."

ter against a unit that had been the NFL's stingiest on punt coverage.

may miss a game once the coach investigates further.

## TITANS

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and play solid football ... We had too many bad things happen to us on the road," Kubiak said.

ter.

Kubiak said Carr will start again next week at the New York Giants.

"I'm going to demand whoever plays that position protect the ball. That's what I told David." Kubiak said.

The Texans passed up Young, the hometown favorite, because they had Carr and used the top pick in the draft on defensive end Mario Williams. Carr had justified the choice so far, completing an NFL-high 70.3 percent of his passes.

But the Titans harassed Carr into his worst performance this season, sacking him four times and forcing

## NASCAR

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The runner-up finish was just fine with Johnson, though, as he moved within 26 points of series leader Matt Kenseth with three races remaining.

and was eighth, 156 points

get by Earnhardt and his old tires. "We finished fourth and we had a 44th-place car on

Romo completed 24 of 36

passes and had one inter-

ception, which led to

Steve Smith's 24-yard

touchdown run that made

it 14-0 in the second quar-

But the Panthers (4-4)

were plagued by mistakes

as they lost their second

straight, blowing double-

digit leads in both.

Instead of Romo strug-

gling in his first NFL

start, it was Delhomme,

Saturday, so my team did a great job with it. That's how we need to run to have a shot at (the championship). All the rest of Stewart the rest of the Johnson got off to a those guys are going to be way, finishing nearly 2 slow start in the Chase running in the top five seconds — about 15 car and we need to be there in order to have a shot at it." Non-contender Carl Edwards took only two tires on the last pit stop and restarted right behind Earnhardt in second, followed by Stewart, Johnson and Kenseth.

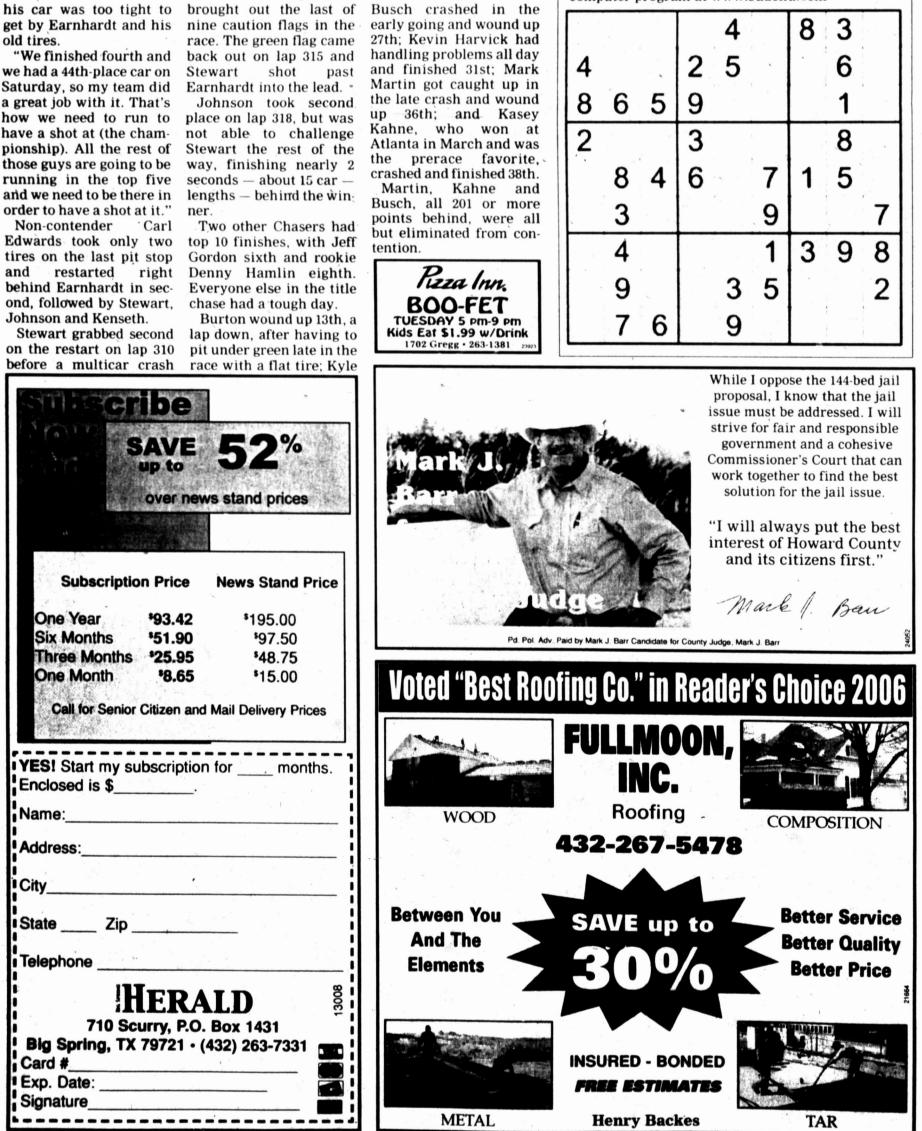
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Martin, Kahne and Busch, all 201 or more points behind, were all but eliminated from contention.

returned a punt 53 yards for a TD in the fourth quar-Fisher said Jones still faces team punishment and

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behind then-leader Jeff Burton just four weeks ago. But a second-place finish at Charlotte followed by the wins in Martinsville and second place here have put him right back into the mix for a shot at winning the one honor that has escaped him in his first four seasons in NASCAR's top stock car series.

"We got off to a rough start (in the Chase), but we had the speed in the car and now we're getting the results," Johnson said. "It was a fun race. You really had to challenge yourself and scare yourself on every lap."

Chase contenders Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kenseth fought it out for third place, with Earnhardt winning the battle by inches.

Earnhardt, who overcame losing a lap with a flat tire early in the race. took the lead when he stayed on track while all the other drivers on the lead lap pitted under caution on lap 306.

appeared that It Earnhardt, who was running third before the caution, was snookered as Stewart and Johnson waited until the last possible moment to commit to pit lane and Earnhardt wasn't able to react quickly enough to follow.

"I don't think we would've run third if we'd have gone in," Earnhardt said. "It wasn't a bad decision in the end."

As for his battle to the finish with Kenseth, Junior added, "It was like old times (in the Busch Series). I like racing against him. He's my good friend."

Kenseth, who started the day with a 41-point lead over Johnson, said

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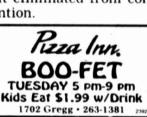
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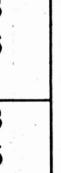
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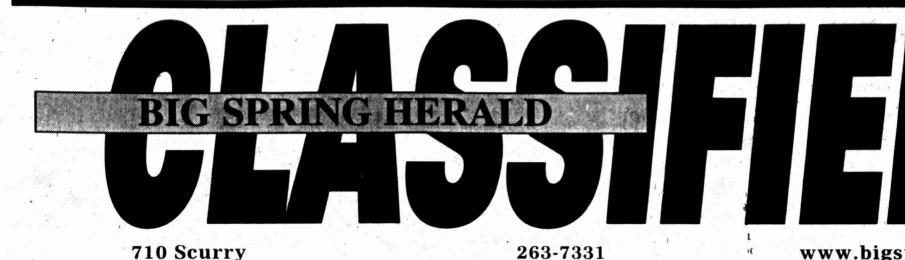
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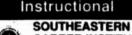
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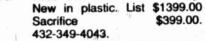
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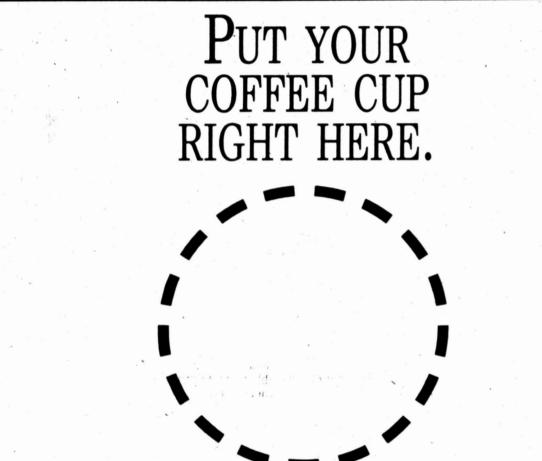
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to confront my daughter-

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my suspicions and offer

my legal help to chart a

way out of this mess. Of

course, if I am wrong, my

relationship with her could

be ruined for all time and

this may prevent me from

seeing my grandson, an

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the other hand, if I am

right, I believe I can be of

immeasurable assistance.

My wife says I should butt

out. Is she right? - What

Dear What To Do: Yes.

We know how much you

want to prevent a disaster.

but you have no proof that

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no reason you can't socialize with someone you admire. Getting to know a remarkable person will blow the doors off of what you think is possible. Without limits, you can soar with the eagles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're vigilant about protecting your agenda. The universe gets the message - your mission is important to you! There will be time and space for everything you need to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You must be very clear about what you want in order to get it. But if you're not clear, no worries, just try a want on for size. Your selfdiscipline and inner focus is becoming stronger each day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your dreams are a critical key to everything you create in your life. They're vivid now, buzzing with information. You'll benefit by telling loved ones your dreams or writing them down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). By sundown, you'll have made hundreds of decisions. The most important one has to do with deciding what qualities you have to develop or strengthen in order to reach your goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can count on your spiritual connections. Spontaneous imagery that pops into your mind this afternoon, seemingly from nowhere, is a fragment of genius. Follow where it leads.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'd like to know what I can expect people who have more from my life, especially than you. You're where love and finances are concerned. I was born June 22, 1970, and am a VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). foreigner married to an opportunities American Cancer. You SYNDICATE, INC.

#### love with a Taurus who is not available, but who loves me as well. The past decade has been hard on me. My husband, as nice as he is, is irresponsible and needs me more as his mother than his wife. In spite of that, we live together amicably while

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we sort out our lives. He still needs me financially, and I don't want to make a sudden move. I fantasize about making a fresh start' in another country (where the Taurus is). At this point I just want to create a life that is well-traveled, secure and happy. I don't think I'll get married again. What should I do?"

You were born just as the sun slipped into Cancer, and with Venus in Leo, you are drawn to romantic drama. Your lesson this year is to stop looking outside yourself for ways to be happy. Until you develop better а relationship with yourself, the outside world will only show you more drama.

**CELEBRITY** PROFILES: Handsome Scorpio Harry Hamlin is an ever-loving family man who enjoys taking a twirl in the spotlight every once in a while. An extreme support to his dazzling wife, Lisa Rinna, on the last season of television's "Dancing With The Stars," Hamlin took it upon himself during the current season to try a turn on the dance floor, too. Even though ballroom dance proved not to be his strongest forte, Scorpio men approach such creative expressions their hallmark with passion.

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# Dear Margo\_

THE BAD SEED

Dear Margo: I never thought I would write to an advice columnist, but here goes. I've been dating someone for about a year now, and we talk of marriage occasionally.

He's ready for commitment and very gungho about us getting married, which is unusual and refreshing. He makes me happy, and we're a good fit.

I didn't meet his 8-year-old son until a few months into the relationship. He had warned me that his son was a bad kid, but it still came as a shock. The child borders on demonic.

His mother doesn't want to be a part of his life, so he completely lacks empathy. He the has emotional capability of a 4-year-old. The child

constantly grumpy and complains incessantly.

He doesn't want to hug me or spend time with me alone, but has expressed interest in his dad and me getting married. He has the most horrible tantrums. I actually dread spending time with the child.

I've helped raise my niece for the past several years, so even though I'm 27, I have a bit of mothering under my belt . . . but nothing could prepare anyone for this. This child is on his way to becoming a textbook sociopath.

that this behavior will change, but he doesn't want me to enter a situation I can't handle. I agree with him when he says it's not fair to take the easy way out and leave because he has a bad child, but I'm not really sure what to do.

I will not marry him the way the child is now because I know I wouldn't be able to deal with him as a mother — but neither do I want to leave my boyfriend because of him. Am I in over my head? – Dreading Stepmotherhood

knows there is something wrong. The only hope for Advice for those in need your relationship, and for the kid, for that matter, is if he gets into the hands of a Debbie's particular injury competent kiddy shrink. You cannot marry a man and what, if anything, you whose child you dread can do to alleviate the dealing with. Until the little work problem. Contact the boy is in treatment and **Brain Injury Association of** making some progress, your America (www.biausa.org) only real choice is to at 8201 Greensboro Dr., "keeping continue Suite 611, McLean, VA company" without living together. Dear Annie: This is for Time will tell whether the "Up to My Neck in Sunny situation is viable or if the Florida," who survived youngster is too much of a melanoma and was upset hurdle. This is a sad situation, but you're wise to when people stared and commented on her facial deal with it now. – Margo, incrementally **GO!NG POSTAL?** I, too, was diagnosed Dear Margo: What do you with melanoma, and it make of a husband who metastasized and went into opens his wife's packages my lymph system. After and letters and reads her surgery, I was left in a mail, including personal ewheelchair. "Sunny" has mail, even after she has legs that work and a heart repeatedly requested he not that beats. People gawk at do so? everything, good and bad. "Why should you care?" Her scar is a badge of he says. "It's no big deal. honor. Live, girl! I have You don't have anything to been doing it seven years hide." True enough, I have past my expiration date. **nothing to hide** – **except my** Am Wheeling With My Horses annoyance. and On My Own in Hemet, overreacting? - Privacy, Please Dear Pri: Unless requested Dear Hemet: We admire to do so, I think anyone. the person who, regardless even a spouse – who opens of circumstances, enjoys another person's mail or life to the fullest. You are a packages is stepping over a role model for us all. line and displaying a lack of Thanks for writing. respect for that person's Dear Readers: Tomorrow privacy. is Halloween. Trick-or-The marriage vows say, treaters should dress in "То love, honor and flame-retardant costumes cherish," not "To nose that don't obstruct walking around and make or vision. Be careful. Have everything my business.' What this man is doing, Annie's Mailbox is written consciously or not, is by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy infantilizing you and saying, Sugar, longtime editors of in effect, "Your wishes do the Ann Landers column. not matter." One need not Please e-mail your questions have anything to hide and still wish to open one's own anniesmailbox@comcast.net, mail. or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL You might try a little 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and experiment. Get to the mail before he does, open read features by other Creators Syndicate writers everything of his, leave it on a table for him, and then and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page you probably won't have to bring up the subject again! at www.creators.com. - Margo, respectfully • 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE.

### **MOM PURLOINS** THE DIARY

Dear Margo: I found out last week that our 17-yearold high school junior is having sex with her boyfriend! First of all, I found out the wrong way: I snooped in her room and read her diary.

Second, she would never admit to it, so my husband insisted we just tell her what I found. Well, we did, and now she is furious with me and no longer trusts me not that she has in quite a while.

In hindsight I should have handled this whole thing differently, but I am not afforded the luxury of changing the past. My question to you is twofold. Besides the obvious, that I feel terrible knowing what I know, and that my daughter hates me, I am not sure if the route we are taking is the correct one.

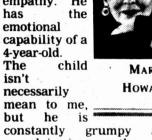
Without being angry with her, we offered to put her on the pill. We gave her two choices: either going with her boyfriend or by herself to Planned Parenthood to get contraception, or my getting her an appointment with a doctor.

I still don't agree with her choice to have sex with her boyfriend, but I did not want her to make any stupid mistakes, as she has such a bright future ahead of her. She says she is capable of handling things herself and of course knows everything there is about not getting pregnant. (Didn't we all know everything at that age?)

To add fuel to the fire, we know the boyfriend's parents and I told them, and they are discussing matters My boyfriend assures me, with him as well. Help! I am so saddened and sick to my stomach I am beside myself. Texas Mother

Dear Tex: You do need to apologize to your daughter for snooping, though, as a mother, I think it is better that you know what is going on with her. With all that is possible to happen to kids these days, it may not be so terrible to get information any way you can. I know not everyone agrees with me.

Perhaps involving the young man's family made more trouble than you Dear Dread: The good needed. The important news is that this man is thing, however, is that the realistic about his son and kids know about birth control, because once that horse is out of the barn, that's it. Margo, realistically



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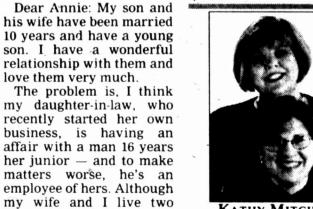
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"Debbie" suffered a brain injury in a car accident 10 years ago. I try to understand her behavior but am having a very hard

Debbie is paranoid and thinks everyone is talking about her. She has a temper and screams nonsense at me, then turns around and asks for my help. She cries when frustrated and throws things when angry. If anyone suggests she calm down, it makes her more upset. She has walked out of work saying she is quitting, then comes back the next day. The boss never holds her accountable.

When Debbie storms out like that, I am the one stuck doing her job and mine. I can't take much more. The boss is no help, and my co-workers have no clue what to do, either. Any suggestions? — Out of Ideas

Dear Out of Ideas: We know working with Debbie must be difficult, but please realize that she cannot entirely control her behavior. She has a disability. It might help for you and your co-workers to educate yourselves about INC

#### THE "ANGEL" AND THE DRUNK

Dear Margo: I am a single mother who kicked out my abusive, adulterous ex when my daughter was an infant. It's a hard life, but one that I am proud of, and I've had lots of family support to help me through the tough times.

My cousin, with two children, is married to an abusive alcoholic. She's tried to kick him out but always winds up taking him back "for the kids' sake." I recognize she has chosen a different path than I, and I respect her decisions.

The problem is, mv grandmother never fails to tell me what an "angel" my cousin is to keep her marriage together. I feel like such a loser when she tells everyone how "strong" and 'wonderful" my cousin is for making sure her children have a father.

My brother is getting married soon, and I don't know what to say to Grandmother when she starts her lectures. How do I explain to someone of a different generation that I am doing the best I can for my daughter? Or do I continue to shut my mouth and feel inferior? – Proud Mom in New Hampshire

Dear Proud: I happen to think you made a brave choice, and the right one for Because child. vour grandmothers are usually older and from another generation, there is little chance you can change her outlook.

If you absolutely feel you must say something, say, "Look, Gram, I am living an honest life, and I think my child is better off without the burdens of an unhappy home.'

As an outsider, I think the cousin who keeps the lout around is the one who should be feeling inferior. I guarantee you, your life is better than hers. — Margo, independently

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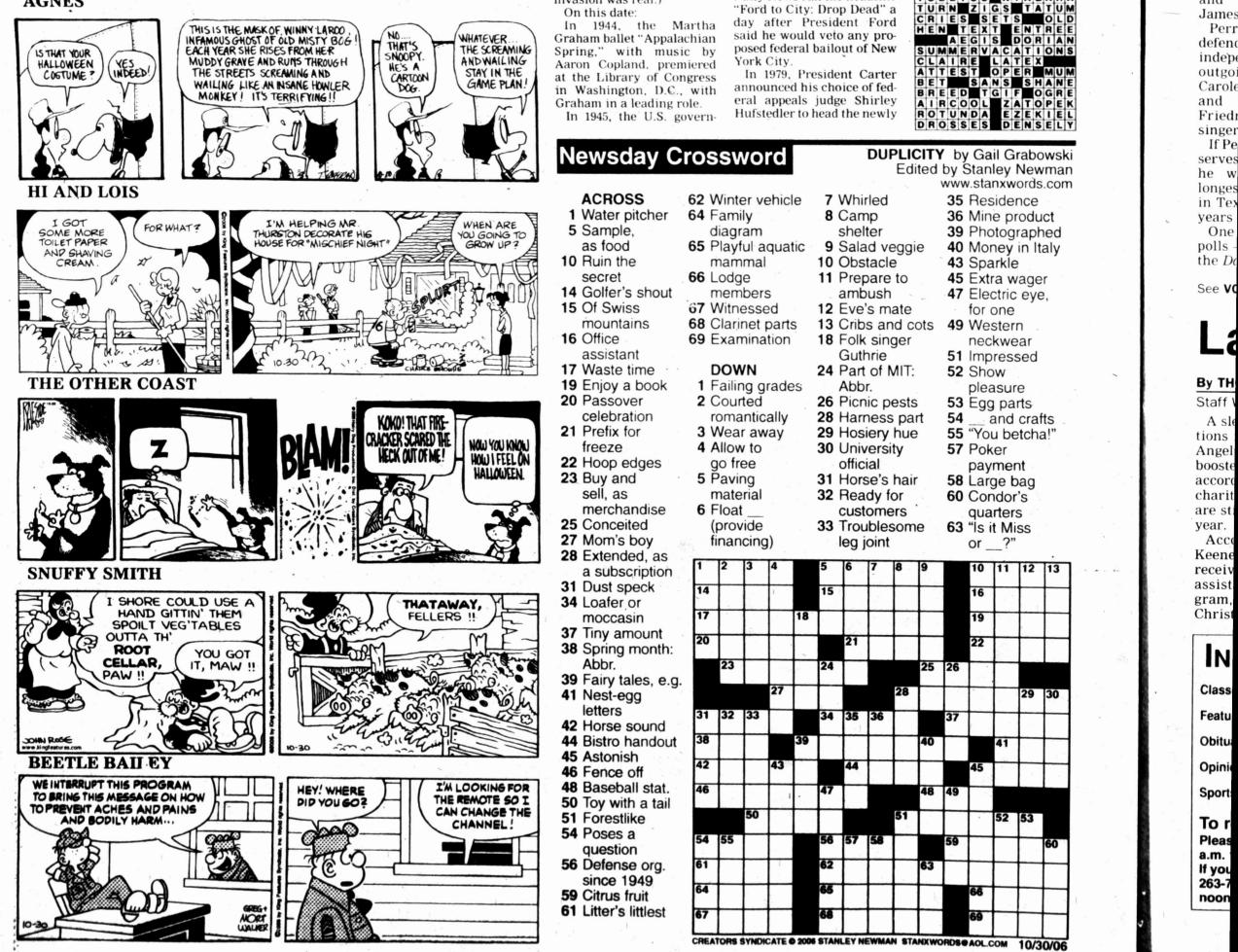
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