

# Halloween has arrived, and so has the fun

Parents, for your child's safety, the Big Spring Police Department has made available a list of known sex offender residencies. See Page 12A.

## Herald Staff Report

Tonight's the night! Spook houses, festivals, "trunk and treats" abound

tonight — and actually this afternoon in some cases — across Howard County.

Most offer safe entertainment for youngsters and lots and lots and lots of candy.

Here are at least some of the choices to get excited about:

— Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay For Life Team continues its third annual Haunted House tonight from 7

p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Malone and Hogan Clinic. Admission is \$5 per person. There will be a child waiting area where parents can leave their little ones while attending the haunted house. The event has been remodeled with 13 rooms. All proceeds go to Relay For Life.

— A Relay For Life spook house is being sponsored by the Big Spring Independent School District Yellow Dogs from 7

p.m. to 10 p.m. tonight at the Old College Heights School. Admission is \$5 per person.

— Coahoma Church of Christ will host Trunk or Treat from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight. Everyone is invited.

— While in Coahoma, be sure and get some candy and popcorn balls at the Charles and Bettye Parrish residence, 410 College St. This has been a tradition for 26-plus years. Last

year, family and friends sacked up 2,000 popcorn balls for all ages.

— North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will had out goodies in its parking lot from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

— First Baptist Church in Big Spring will hold a Fall Festival for children at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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## Vote

Trip to polls not just to determine local seats

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While there are plenty of races to be decided in Howard County on election day, voters are also being asked to show their support in a number of different state races.

In the race for Texas governor, incumbent Republican candidate Rick Perry faces Democrat and former Congressman Chris Bell of Houston and Libertarian candidate and sales consultant James Werner.

Perry will also have to defend his seat from two independent candidates, outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Richard "Kinky" Friedman, a country singer and Texas icon.

If Perry is reelected and serves a full second term, he would become the longest serving governor in Texas history, with 10 years of total service.

One of the most recent polls — released Oct. 5 by the *Dallas Morning News*

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## 'NEW DIMENSIONS' PERFORMS AT AMPHITHEATER



Students and faculty look on as Howard College holds its first concert in the Marie Hall Amphitheater. "New Dimensions," a student performing group, includes, from left, Tai Heckart, Eric Barton, Erin Griffin, Joe Baker, Gloria Garibay and Danile Melville. The group is available to sing for clubs, civic groups and other organizations and events and features soloists who can perform the national anthem as well. Contact Stan Hanes, adjunct voice/choral faculty, at Howard College Music Department 264-5145 to schedule the group.

Courtesy photo

## Officials: Write-ins don't make voting difficult

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With a trio of write-in candidates on the Nov. 7 ballot, many voters preparing to go to the polls may have a rather perplexing question on their minds.

Exactly how do you vote for a write-in candidate?

In past years, when paper ballots were used,



Bloom

race.

However, with the implementation of electronic voting booths, the

idea of a "write-in" was easy. Voters could simply scribble the name of their candidate in the space provided and go on to the next

process has changed, according to Sandra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County.

"It's not difficult at all," said Bloom. "When you come to the race that has a write-in candidate, all the voter has to do is push the 'write-in' button. That will bring up a keyboard on the screen where they can type in the name of the person they want to

vote for.

"Once they've entered the name, they will confirm it, and that's the name that will appear on the ballot where it shows them who they have voted for."

Bloom said the electronic voting booths have offered very few problems during early voting.

"We've had some people with questions regarding

the electronic booths, but we've been able to answer them and move everything along very smoothly," said Bloom. "I'm very pleased with the way it's going."

Coahoma resident John Wayne Metcalf is running as a write-in candidate for Howard County Judge, facing off against local

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## Last-minute flurry helps boost Angel Tree count

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A slew of last minute applications for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program may have boosted totals somewhat, but according to officials with the charity, the number of requests are still down compared to last year.

According to Capt. Linda Keeney, the local charity received 135 applications for assistance through the program, which provides Christmas gifts to area children

and senior citizens.

"We're glad to see the number of applications pick up toward the end of the sign-up period, but the totals are still down compared to last season," said Keeney. "I'm not really sure why."

Salvation Army officials took applications for two weeks, winding up the sign-up process Friday.

"We're really excited about the program," said Keeney. "This is my favorite time of the year. Between now and Christmas you never have the

same day twice around here."

Keeney said her office will begin the process of preparing the Angel Trees, which will be set up at several area businesses, along with the cards that represent the children the program will help.

Adopting a holiday angel is simple, according to Keeney.

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior," said Keeney. "It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the

*"A child who has everything they need provided for them has no concept of children out there who do without. If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things."*



—Capt. Linda Keeney

items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from. It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift,

however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child."

Keeney said the gifts donated to area needy children through

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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.

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 Thursday, when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 at various polling places throughout Howard County.

## 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 visiting.

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 candlelight service at the community center. Call (800) 272-3900 for information.

## CLINTON'S NOT ON A \$100?

BATESVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Police instantly knew this Bill wasn't authentic. A man has been arrested for trying to use a \$100 bill with no president's portrait and the name of former President Clinton.

The man was arrested Friday after trying to use the bill to buy cigarettes.

"The bill was unmistakably fake due to the fact that the ink was running on the bill, the president's face was missing and for the president's name, it had the name Clinton on it," said Deputy Nathan Stephens.

"Of all the cases I've worked with phony money, this is the sorriest bill I've ever seen," Lt. Brenda Bittle said.



# Nation and world briefs

## Iraqi prime minister orders lifting of checkpoints

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Tuesday ordered the lifting of joint U.S.-Iraqi military checkpoints around the Shiite militant stronghold of Sadr City and other parts of Baghdad — another apparent move to assert his authority with the Americans and appeal to his Shiite support base.

U.S. officials apparently did not have advance warning of the order to remove the around-the-clock barriers by 5 p.m. Tuesday. A military spokesman, Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, said officers were meeting to "formulate a response to address the prime minister's concerns."

Witnesses said U.S. forces were seen dismantling checkpoints around Sadr City made of sandbags and concrete blocks Tuesday afternoon.

The tightened security had been credited by some for producing a temporary decline in violence, possibly because they curbed the activities of Shiite death squads blamed for waves of sectarian killings of Sunnis.

But a car bomb exploded in the neighborhood on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding five, police said. On Monday, a bombing there killed at least 33 people.

The extra checkpoints were set up last week around Sadr City as U.S. troops launched an intensive search for a missing American soldier and raided homes looking for death squad leaders in the sprawling slum that is home to an overwhelmingly Shiite population of 2.5 million people.

Other checkpoints manned by U.S. troops were erected in the downtown Karradah neighborhood where the soldier had been abducted.

## Bush campaigns on anti-terror platform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaigning for Republicans, President Bush said Monday that "terrorists win and America loses" if opponents of his Iraq policy triumph in next week's elections. Undeterred, House Democrats countered with television ads critical of the war in several competitive races.

"There's a big national debate in this country about the direction of this war set by President Bush, Defense Secretary (Donald) Rumsfeld and Vice President Cheney; and Democrats think we need to change that policy," said Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel, who heads the Democratic campaign committee.

As the death toll for U.S. troops in Iraq passed 100 for the month, officials said ads criticizing Republican candidates for following the president's lead on the war would air in the campaign's final week in Connecticut, New Mexico, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Iowa and other areas they declined to name.

Public opinion polls show widespread public dissatisfaction with the war, helping give Democrats their best chance in more than a decade at winning control of at least one house of Congress.

They must gain 15 seats in the House or six in the Senate to usher in a new era of divided government — and complicate Bush's final two years in office.

## 2 NATO soldiers killed by roadside bomb

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A roadside bomb killed two NATO soldiers

and wounded two others on patrol in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the alliance said.

The roadside bomb struck the soldiers' vehicle in the province of Nuristan, NATO said. The two wounded soldiers were taken to a U.S. military facility in Asadabad in neighboring Kunar province.

NATO did not release the nationalities of the soldiers, but U.S. troops are the primary NATO component in eastern Afghanistan.

NATO troops on Monday fought insurgents in southern Afghanistan for six hours in a firefight that left 55 militants and one NATO soldier dead. Another 20 militants were wounded in the battle in Zabul province, NATO said.

The nationality of the soldier killed Monday was not released, but many of the Western troops in Zabul are also American.

## Thousands denounce U.S., Pakistan

KHAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's army spokesman said Tuesday that the military used intelligence from U.S.-led coalition forces in a helicopter attack that left 80 people dead. Thousands of angry tribesmen decried both governments over the killings.

Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, the chief army spokesman, told The Associated Press that American forces did not take part in Monday's attack on a religious school, or madrasa, that Pakistan called a front for an al-Qaida training camp.

But he said his government received intelligence as part of long-standing cooperation with the U.S.-led coalition

forces in Afghanistan to battle terrorists operating along the porous border between the countries.

"Intelligence sharing was definitely there, but to say they (the coalition) have carried out the operation, that is absolutely wrong," Sultan said. "One doesn't know... what was the percentage of help (was provided)."

Sultan later contacted the AP to deny he had made the remarks.

In Kabul, Col. Tom Collins, a U.S. military spokesman, said it is common knowledge that the United States, Pakistan and Afghanistan share intelligence as part of a three-way military agreement. But he said he had no information regarding the recent operation in Pakistan.

As many as 20,000 people protested Tuesday in Khar, the main town in Pakistan's northwestern tribal Bajur district, claiming innocent students and teachers were killed in the attack. They chanted: "God is Great!" "Death to Bush! Death to Musharraf!" and "Anyone who is a friend of America is a traitor!"

"We will continue our jihad (holy war). We will take revenge for the blood of our martyrs," a local Islamic cleric, Maulana Roohul Amin, yelled into a loudspeaker at the rally. "The forces of infidelity are trying to erase us from existence!"

Islamic leaders had called for nationwide protests Tuesday to denounce the raid in Chingai village, about 6 miles from Khar near the

Afghan border. It was the deadliest military operation known to have been launched against suspected militants in the country.

## Army: 7 war deaths incorrectly reported to families

WASHINGTON (AP) — The families of seven soldiers who died in Iraq or Afghanistan were given incorrect or misleading information about the deaths, the Army has concluded after a review of war casualty reports.

The review, which began last summer, covered hundreds of casualty reports and marked the first step in a new process ordered by Army Secretary Francis Harvey to ensure that families receive accurate information.

An Army spokesman, Lt. Col. Kevin Arata, said Monday the review found seven cases in which families were given erro-

neous information. The best-known was Cpl. Patrick Tillman, the former National Football League player whose family initially was told he had been killed by enemy forces in Afghanistan. After Tillman's memorial service the family was told the truth: He was killed unintentionally by gunfire from his fellow soldiers.

The Tillman case triggered a series of highly publicized Army investigations, leading to Harvey's decision last April to begin a unit-level investigation of every soldier's death, rather than only under certain circumstances.

The Army has not released final results from the Tillman and some other death investigations.

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**The SMMC Volunteers will be hosting a "Colección Guatemalan Luna Purse & Jewelry Sale" on November 8th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. These purses are made by Mayan Women in Guatemala. Come out and browse this unique collection of items.**

**Senior Circle Advisor / Volunteer Director**  
**Anita Cline**  
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# EDITORIAL

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's help kids to avoid homes of sex offenders

Remember the good old days ... you know when your parents could let you dress up in your Halloween costume and allow you to roam nearby neighborhoods almost at will in the process of trick-or-treating? Well, sadly those really were the good old days. In today's world, none of us should be brave enough to let our children go trick-or-treating unaccompanied by an adult.

What's an even more troubling state of affairs is the number of sex offenders who live in our midst.

Most assuredly we don't want our children stepping up to the front door of a convicted sex offender during tonight's march for treats. That's why the Herald printed in our weekend edition and again in today's paper a list of 55 addresses — those of registered sex offenders in Howard County.

There is no question that we applaud the District Adult Probation Office which will once again hold mandatory meetings for approximately 17 convicted sex offenders who will gather for a probation meeting at the Howard County Courthouse during traditional trick-or-treat hours tonight.

The District Adult Probation Office won't be the only local agency looking out for children tonight. Officers from the street crimes division of the Big Spring Police Department as well as those out on patrol will be checking on the homes of all convicted sex offenders throughout the evening — not just those offenders still on probation, but the residences of all registered sex offenders in our community.

But as Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, notes, "Unfortunately, if they (sex offenders) aren't on probation anymore, all we can really do is warn the children and strongly discourage the offenders."

Therefore, the best weapon parents and area residents have against sexual predators, Everett said, is information.

We couldn't agree more. That's exactly why we've provided readers with the list of addresses to avoid tonight.

So, tonight be sure you accompany your children on their trick-or-treating rounds and be sure to check the list in today's paper to make sure of the addresses you need to avoid.

Concerned parents can also check out the list of the sexual offenders in Big Spring on the BSPD Web site, located at [www.police.big-spring.tx.us](http://www.police.big-spring.tx.us). There's also a link to the DPS Web site, which also has a list.

Make sure your children are safe while enjoying the holiday. That way they'll have a chance to look back on tonight's Halloween activities in the years to come and remember the "good old days."

## LETTER POLICIES

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we not get so caught up in our own position and status in life that we forget our real future.

Amen

# Raising the ante of negativity

In 1964, a nation was shocked as a young girl counted down to a nuclear explosion, picking the petals off a daisy. It was an ad for Lyndon Johnson, and it was only on for a day before an uproar caused it to be pulled. By the time of the election, however, nearly everyone claimed they'd seen it, which they probably had, on the news.

Today, there's a mushroom cloud in a negative being run against Pennsylvania Senate candidate Bob Casey, and the only reason it's on the news is because there is no uproar.

In 1988, there were two ads about Willie Horton, the murderer who committed rape while out on furlough — one widely considered to have racial overtones, the other made carefully, with an abundance of white "prisoners" going through a turnstile, so as not to. Today, when I show both ads to my students, they seem almost innocent compared to the one that has been running against Harold Ford Jr. in Tennessee, featuring a white Playboy bunny saying she met the African-American candidate at the Playboy mansion.

Every year, we say it's getting worse.

But is it really getting worse? The truth is, politicians have

been calling each other terrible names since they've been running against each other. But if the medium is the message, as Marshall McLuhan so famously said, then the message has definitely changed.

Today, they spend more money doing it than ever before, they have more media in which to do it, they are more creative and more unregulated about how to do it, and the limits of taste, truth, decency and decorum don't apply where they used to.

There are network ads, cable ads and Internet ads. There are ads that you never expect to show on television, but make for news conferences, ads made to stir controversy, ads that get more airtime on the news than they ever get on paid television, and virtually all of them are negative.

Every year, I play dozens of ads for my students, and the ones they remember afterward are the "best" negative ones. Best is toughest. Voters are the same way. They'll tell you how much they hate negative ads, but then you show them a reel, and the spot that changes their mind is the negative one.

In the old days, people used to at least make a pretense of putting on as many positive as negative spots. Today, there isn't even any pretense. Negative ads vastly outnumber positive ones. Because they work, we get more of them.

But because we see them coming and know we hate them, we pay

even less attention than we used to, so we get even more. (Do you really think the consultants would suggest that the answer is to give us fewer?) And the attacks can't help but be sharper: Since we are inured to the attacks from last time, this year's must be even more creative, which usually means more vicious.

The ante is continuously being upped. There is no limit to what will be done.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee initially stood behind the anti-Ford ad. The chairman of the Republican National Committee said he saw nothing racist about it. It took a good two days before its Congressional Campaign Committee sponsors took it off the air.

By then, nearly everyone in the country had seen it, if not as a paid spot, then in the "free media" (aka the news), which, as the Johnson campaign discovered, is the ultimate placement for an advertisement.

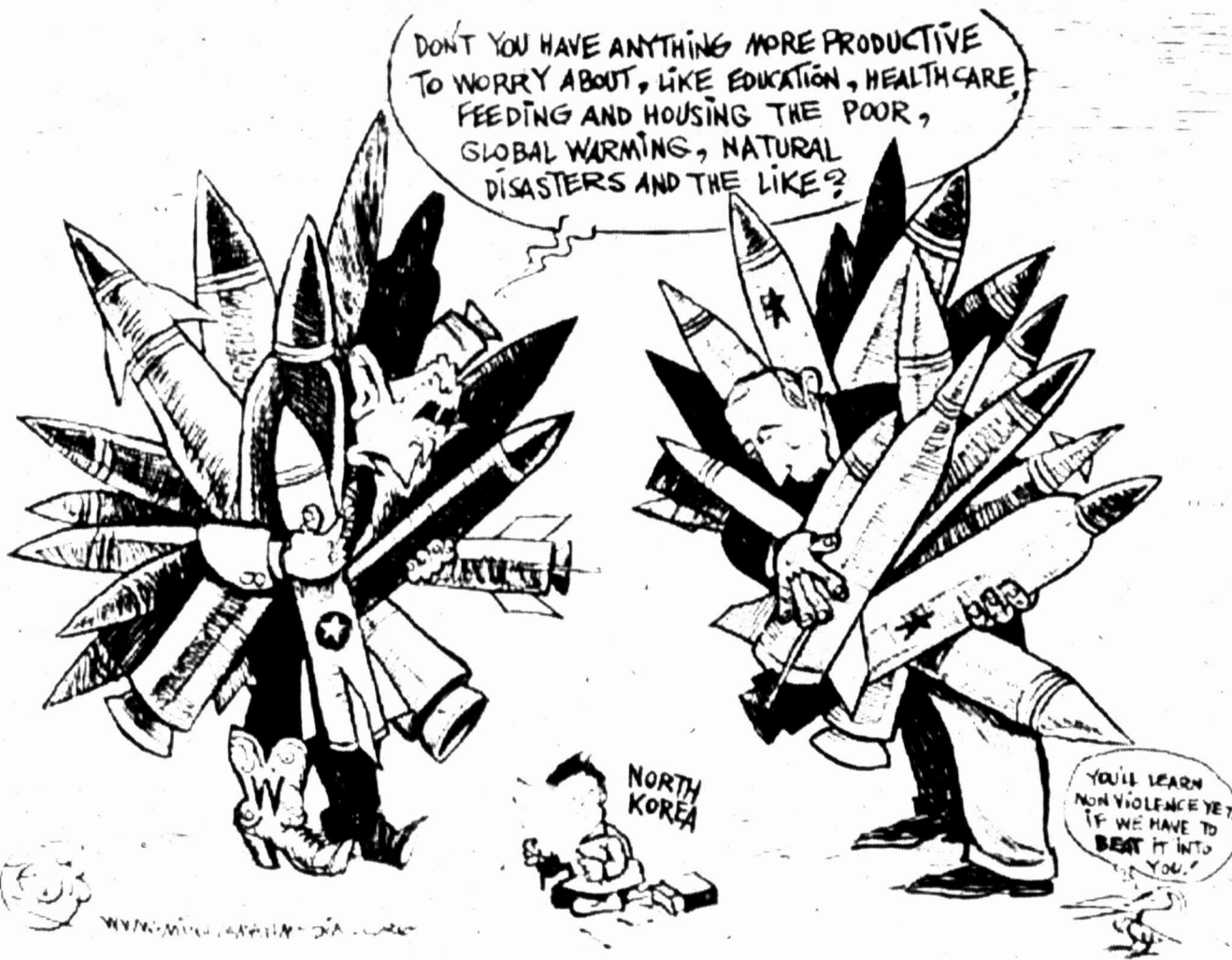
Whether the controversy helps Ford or the people who placed the ad remains to be seen. But the ad-makers must surely figure that the more times people see the ad, the less likely they are to vote for Ford.

Otherwise, why would they have made it?

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SUSAN ESTRICH



## Get serious about N. Korea's nukes

Recently, North Korea conducted what appeared to be a nuclear explosive test, spotlighting the growing threat from its nuclear weapons program to the United States and its allies in Northeast Asia. A viable diplomatic strategy that would effectively stop, or at least contain the spread of nuclear weapons and materials is urgently needed as our last viable line of defense against nuclear terrorism and further proliferation.

First, North Korea's success has now increased the threat of nuclear terrorism. Last month, it threatened to transfer nuclear material or weapons to terrorists or U.S. enemies. A terrorist group detonating such a weapon in the United States could kill hundreds of thousands of Americans, and devastate our economy, political system and way of life. Bomb-grade material is easy to hide and transport. If we fail to dismantle North Korea's weapons before it enables a terrorist group to acquire a nuclear device; stopping a nuclear attack on the United States will be next to impossible.

The recent test and North Korea's growing nuclear arsenal also directly threaten U.S. allies. The South Korean capital, Seoul, is just 20 miles from the North Korean border and extremely vulnerable to attack. Furthermore, the confirmation that North Korea possesses nuclear weapons could

jeopardize long-term regional stability if it eventually leads Japan, South Korea or Taiwan to get the bomb. This turn of events could create a domino effect, with China reacting by increasing the size of its nuclear arsenal, leading India to expand its own nuclear weapon capability, in turn causing Pakistan to do the same.

With no viable option to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapon program with military force, our only effective option for getting it to give up its nukes is successful diplomacy.

As Graham Allison of Harvard University has urged, we must make North Korea an offer it cannot refuse, combining carrots and sticks, despite concerns about rewarding bad behavior. The United States must give North Korea a stark choice. On one hand, it would risk a sure end to the Kim Jong Il regime and a crushing war that would fatally cripple the country if it enabled a terrorist to detonate a nuclear weapon in the United States. On the other hand, it could reap the benefits of economic and energy incentives, the security of a non-aggression pact, a pledge from the United States not to destabilize Kim Jong Il's regime, and the prospect of eventually normalizing relations if it abandons its nuclear weapons. Any agreement would require intrusive inspections.

We should not forget that North Korea has negotiated in the past. In 1992, the international nuclear monitoring agency discovered that North Korea was pursuing a path to nuclear weapons by producing and diverting plutonium. While

imperfect, the negotiated 1994 Agreed Framework stopped this plutonium production and significantly slowed North Korea's nuclear program. It later started enriching uranium — the second way to make nuclear weapons. When this program was discovered in 2002 and North Korea threatened to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the Bush administration refused to engage in direct talks.

In the intervening four years of ineffective U.S. diplomacy, North Korea re-started its plutonium program, produced enough bomb-grade material for about 10 nuclear weapons, and said it plans to resume construction of two additional reactors that would produce material for 50 nuclear weapons annually. This compares to a current production level of one bomb per year. In addition it has tested missiles, threatened to sell nuclear weapons, and now seems to have conducted a nuclear weapon test.

We do not have the luxury to ignore North Korea or to complicate negotiations aimed at dismantling its bomb program.

Tough and smart diplomacy is all the more necessary as Iran takes notes and ponders its own options.

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# Bird Poop: Hawk's injuries prove difficult for bird, rescuer

Not far from the Garden City Highway appeared in the distance a grove of trees in a fenced pasture. In what seemed an endless grassland, the tall clusters of foliage were striking. Subsurface moisture continued to sustain nature's shade and offered a haven for wildlife.

Passing daily this familiar landmark, the rancher was headed to town. Movement on the ground near the outer perimeter of the trees and tall grasses caught his eye. It was a large hawk. As the driver stopped his pickup to take a closer look, the bird of prey did not fly away. Instead, it walked into the dense undergrowth and disappeared.

Having seen hawks take to the sky, the rancher wondered if the raptor were hurt. He decided to walk toward the trees. Perhaps the bird would at least fly up on one of the large limbs. Nothing happened. As the rancher entered the grove, he heard a rustling in the grass ahead. Unable to see the bird, he could tell that his pursuit only made the raptor go further into the undergrowth. It was obvious that the hawk had chosen this cover to elude danger.

With exact directions and mileage from the rancher, we headed south to see if we could find the hawk in case it was injured. Once at the edge of this forested island, we realized we faced the same predicament as the



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During fall migration, a raptor, such as the Swainson's hawk, often becomes a ground bird due to inexperience in hunting. The inability to find food and drought conditions increase the possibility of starvation.

man who had called. Waist-high grasses, brambles and numerous saplings were so dense it was impossible to see where our next step would be.

The year before, when we were checking on some property south of town, Art had stepped on a rattlesnake. His ordeal, recovery, and six weeks away from work made us

extremely cautious. Knowing it would take time and different clothing to search for the hawk, we drove home to get heavier boots and snake proof chaps.

Fortunately for us, an outfitter for hunters offered more than shin guards for protection from snakes. Too many hunters were being bitten in the upper thigh.

we were becoming frustrated in not finding the hawk. The bird could be close to us and we'd never know it. Having crisscrossed the grove, we decided to walk its entire length, south to north, then east to west. We changed the pattern of our steps. About three yards ahead a small clearing appeared in the dense growth.

With the next step, I saw the hawk two feet in front of me. Afraid the bird would get away, I did not dare take another step toward it. A net was useless with the tall grasses in the way. My only chance at that moment was to fall forward on my knees, extend my arms and with gloved hands, grab the hawk. I prayed it would work.

The hawk was as surprised as I was at my attempt to capture him. Kneeling on the ground and holding the bird, I started breathing again. Art asked, "Aren't you going to get up?" With both hands holding the bird in front of me and the bulk of the chaps restricting movement of my legs, I had very poor balance. I wasn't sure if I'd ever get up.

Putting his hands under my arms, Art lifted the two of us off the ground, and told me, "It's a young Swainson's

hawk." All I had been able to see was the back of the hawk and my leather gloves.

As with many first year young, the migrating hawk, a summer resident of West Texas, was not the most adept hunter. Weakened from a sparse diet, it did not have the strength to fly. Since there were no broken bones, the bird, with food and exercise, would be releasable to hunt and soar again

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Parent's Corner:

Just wondering how we as a society will be judged

Each year we have the opportunity to attend the Special Olympics. This extraordinary event is made possible to allow many of our handicapped children to participate and win in sporting events.



DARRELL RYAN

A few years ago, when I was working at the Department of Education in Colorado, I was given a story which emphasized just how important these moments of success can be.

It seems that the father of a handicapped child was the guest speaker at a fund-raising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children. He delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued, "I believe that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child."

Then he told the following story: Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew

were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?"

Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench, and with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. His father watched with a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning,

Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone

knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. The game would now be over. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all teammates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay,

run to first! Run to first!"

Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!"

Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran toward second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base.

By the time Shay rounded second, the right fielder had the ball... the smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team.

He could have thrown the ball to the third baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions. So he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliciously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, "All the Way Shay, all the way!"

Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base,

and shouted, "Run to third! Shay, run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home! Run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world."

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died

that winter, having never forgotten being the hero, making his father so happy and coming home and seeing his mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

However, I can't help but believe that every boy on each of the teams that played that day were heroes.

A wise man once said every society is judged by how it treats the least fortunate among them.

As a society and a country, I wonder how we will be judged.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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♥ 8 3 2  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ 7 4

**EAST**  
♦ A 3  
♥ Q 9 8 7 4  
♠ A 7 6 4 2  
♣ 9

**SOUTH**  
♦ K Q J 7 4  
♥ A 10  
♠ 1 8  
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3♠	Pass	3♣	Pass

Opening lead: King of diamonds

Let's say you're in four spades and West leads the king of diamonds. Everything looks copacetic, since your only losers appear to be two diamonds and a spade.

But the outlook changes abruptly when East overtakes the king of diamonds with the ace and returns the time of clubs, almost certainly a singleton.

East is apparently planning to win the first trump lead with the ace, put his partner on lead with a dia-

mond and obtain a club ruff. If this occurs, you will go down, losing two diamonds, a spade and a ruff.

So you don't your thinking cap to see if there might be a way to extricate yourself from this predicament. The first thing that occurs to you is that if West has the Q-x-x of hearts, you can save the day by playing the A-10 of hearts, finessing the jack, and then discarding a diamond on the king.

But this method of play is not very promising, considering that East overcalled with one heart. It's virtually a sure thing that East has the queen.

And then the solution dawns on you. The thought that East has the queen of hearts suggests there is a way out. So you win the club, cash the A-K of hearts and continue with the jack.

When East covers the jack with the queen, you discard the jack of diamonds on it. That's the second trick for the defense, and the only other trick they can get is the ace of spades.

The opponents thus end up scoring a diamond, a heart and a spade, instead of two diamonds and a spade, but the all-important difference is that East doesn't get to ruff a club. By substituting one loser for another, you have circumvented defeat.

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Reality show to find match for farmer?

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer  
LUBBOCK — Move over Eva Gabor. Your Green Acres rerun days as city-girl-turned-farmer's-wife appear to be numbered.

On Sunday, farmers and ranchers from around Texas came for the first of four open casting calls across the country for a new reality show from the producers of "American Idol" and "The Price Is Right." In "The Farmer Wants a Wife," city girls and others will vie for a chance to become a farmer's wife.

Micah Keeney didn't come in a cowboy hat or boots from nearby Shallowater, preferring his typical "comfy" farmer look. He lives alone in a small, old farmhouse on his more than 3,700 acres of cotton, cattle and hay.

Though he doesn't date, the 24-year-old blond said he thought he'd come see if he could find a single woman willing to come live on the land with him.

"I've been waiting for something like this for a while, and I want to be on TV," Keeney said. "I want to be picked. That's the reason I'm here. I think it'll be fun."

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# Women gather to knit, crochet, swap tales of lives

By TERRI JO RYAN

Waco Tribune-Herald  
WACO — Jennifer Adams and her gal pals love to keep each other in stitches.

Each Thursday, about 7 p.m., they plop themselves down in an aisle of Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Waco. Among the tote bags and journals, they spin tales of their lives while they knit or crochet.

The group started as a social gathering more than three years ago among a core cadre of roommates and their friends, she said, a method of female bonding that just happens to produce handmade items as a side benefit.

The group includes Jeni Harris, 29, a graduate student in the Baylor University School of Education, who learned how to crochet from a former roommate; Ceci Michelotti, 28, a Lake Air

Middle School teacher who knits; Laura Himstedt, 30, a juvenile probation officer for McLennan County, who learned how to knit from Michelotti; and Megan Monnich, 30, a third-grade teacher at Brook Avenue Elementary who knits.

The women are part of what some cultural observers call the "wool revolution." The daughters and granddaughters of the post-World War II feminist wave are embracing the "needle arts" of the distant past to help them cope with 21st-century life.

Knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting and other needle arts, formerly seen as pastimes for the older generation, are increasingly hip with a much younger crowd. In some parts of the country, "knit cafes" have sprung up, and a wide array of celebrities have been spotted sporting needles

and balls of yarn in public.

"I didn't know we were being trendy," said Adams, 28, a social work graduate student at Baylor. "We're just here to have fun."

Adams and her friends say they agree with the folks who find the pursuit soothing after a day of doing battle with modernity.

The therapeutic effect draws people in, and they become addicted to the calm, the women said. The ritualistic stitching forces you to focus on something other than the original stressors. And best of all, at the end of the process, you have something to show for it.

Yarn therapy in a technology-driven world offers tactile comfort, said B.J. Heeke of Speegleville, leader for the Heart of Texas Spinners and Weavers Guild. HOT Spinners, a 15-year-old group, unites about a

dozen fans of the fabric arts.

"For me, the appeal is about working with natural fibers, like cotton, wool, angora and silk," said Heeke, a Washington native who's been knitting for 20 years and weaving just as long.

Currently the HOT Spinners group is all women, who range in age from the mid-20s to 70s, but men have visited before, she recalled. "One fellow was knitting socks, I think, and another worked on a prayer shawl."

Some trend watchers say the needle arts movement is a generational revolt against mass consumerism and the "branding" of every product, as well as the isolation of hard-wired, contemporary life.

Needlework brings people together, in classes or at cafes, forging friendships through fabrication, noted Nancy Pugh, owner

of The Quilt Block in Waco for a decade.

There are more younger people getting into it, she said. "The schools don't offer it anymore, so they

have to learn somewhere."

Indeed, knitter Himstedt said, "I'm pretty See WOOL, Page 9A

## SHOW

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Billy Kemp, the head of casting for Fremantle Media. The format isn't finalized. It could be one farmer or rancher in each of as many as 13 episodes or it could be a different one each week, Kemp said.

"We don't expect the turnout we get for 'American Idol,'" Kemp said. "This is a very, very different kind of show."

It won't be like Green Acres, where Lisa Douglas, played by Gabor, begrudgingly gave up her life in New York City to join her husband, Oliver Wendell Douglas, portrayed by Eddie Albert, in his dream of living the farmer life.

The new production will be an American version of others that have found success in Belgium, Norway and the Netherlands.

The next casting call

was scheduled Friday in Lincoln, Neb. Producers then visit Des Moines, Iowa, on Nov. 5 and Springfield, Mo., on Nov. 10. Producers are accepting applications from across the country and have had interest from states such as California and Wisconsin.

Those casting the show are looking for single men 25-35 years old who live and work on a farm or ranch, preferably someone who has crops and animals, but that's not required.

"We're not looking for any one thing in particular," said Rebecca Greenberg of Fremantle Media. "We're not limiting ourselves."

Casting for the show's women will begin at a later date.

Urged on by those who know him, Doug Wilde drove about 200 miles from Wall, near San Angelo, for the casting call.

"I've probably gotten 10

phone calls and e-mails from kinfolk and friends" asking if he'd heard of the show, said the 28-year-old Wilde, who stands 6 feet, 5 inches tall. "It sounds like a good deal."

Any woman dating or married to a farmer or a rancher quickly learns that days are long and schedules get tossed when storms — whether sand, wind, rain or snow — strike.

Keeney said he's looking for a woman who could smell cow manure, "and then not think I'm a bad guy."

Wilde and Keeney said they're not unhappy living the single life.

"But I would love to have some love out there, too," Keeney said. "It gets lonely."

"They got to be fun," Wilde said. "I don't want a stick in the mud."

More information on the casting calls is available by e-mail at farmer-casting@gmail.com or by phone at 1-877-255-8009.

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That turn inward has an interest in home and crafts that has

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"They called it the 9-11 effect."

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, people started pulling back and staying closer to home, they said.

Their quest for domestic tranquility led them to rediscover the comforts of being a homebody, Heeke said.

That turn inward led to an interest in home arts and crafts that had been

neglected by the mainstream.

Sewing one's own clothes was considered too square for many years, Weathers said, but now younger folks are embracing their inner bobbin-jockeys.

The stuff in department stores is too expensive, he said, or not their style, and the young folk seek the satisfaction of making items for themselves.

Jeans parties are popular, where youngsters bring to his shop store-bought denim and add embellishments, like embroidery or patches, he said.

With some practice, he added, they can take a "little denim shirt they got at Wal-Mart for \$6 and with embellishments like vines and leaves and flowers and turn it into something you would have paid \$75 for at Dillard's."

The Barnes & Noble groups current joint project is making squares, which Himstedt will sew together with yarn, for a baby blanket for a friend.

Adams said she started coming two years ago for the camaraderie, but stayed for the skills.

"They looked like they were having so much fun,

I wanted to learn. I just like to be creative," she said. "I'm left-handed, so it was tough to learn. I had to take what they taught me and basically flipped it."

The project she fashioned on a recent Thursday was a purple-fuchsia scarf with blocks of variegated yarn, mohair blends that make each skein fuzzy. (Texas is the mohair-producing capital of the country, incidentally).

Adams uses circular needles — needles linked by a thin cable which keep her work from sliding off, causing her to lose stitches.

She can change the heads on each side of the cable to use smaller or larger needles as needed.

She said she gets comments when she whips out her knitting at a coffeehouse, concert or lecture.

"For me, it helps me pay attention," she said. "It occupies my hands while my mind is trying to think."

Monnich admitted she knits at church and at football games, to the dismay of her husband, who thinks she's not paying attention.

When the women get together, they discuss relationships, religion, social justice causes and community affairs.

They aren't prejudiced against men joining them, although they admit when that happens it changes the tenor of the conversation.

Knitting is more complex than in days of yore, the women noted, with thousands of different stitches, hundreds of different fibers and yarn colors, and not to mention needle choices to give items different looks.

"Everyone is getting a scarf, or if you are lucky, a throw from me for Christmas this year," said Adams, who moved to Waco five years ago to earn her master's of divinity degree at Truett Seminary.

She then worked for two years in the Communities in Schools program before starting on her second master's degree, in social work, a year ago.

"People think knitting is for older people and not for people my age. So I kid around with them and say, 'Well, I guess you won't be getting anything from me then.'"

**Scientists uncover new strain of bird flu among Chinese**

By RANDOLPH SCHMID  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON  
Scientists have discovered a new strain of bird flu that appears to sidestep current vaccines.

It's infecting people as well as poultry in Asia, and some researchers fear its evolution may have been steered by the vaccination programs designed to protect poultry from earlier types of the H5N1 flu.

The discovery by Yi Guan of the University of Hong Kong and colleagues is reported in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The new variant has become the primary version of the bird flu in several provinces of China and has spread to Hong Kong, Laos, Malaysia and Thailand, the researchers report. It is being called H5N1 Fujian-like, to distinguish it from earlier Hong Kong and Vietnam variants.

"We don't know what is driving this," report co-author Dr. Robert G. Webster of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., said in a telephone interview.

New vaccines will have to be developed, Webster said.

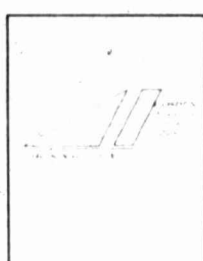
Many scientists are going to think the vaccination program encouraged the virus to evolve resistance, he added, but high-quality vaccines can reduce the level of illness and prevent emergence of variants.

While the new virus has infected people, there is no evidence that it can pass easily from person to person, Webster said.

However, he added, "this virus is continuing to drift."

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- World Almanac for Kids

# KID NEWS

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## HOT TOPICS

HERE'S WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

So. Uh. Do you like ... stuff? Sometimes it's hard to find things to say to new people, especially when you're the new kid at school. Instead of struggling for the right thing to say, kids should try asking questions and sharing stories about themselves, says Scott Cooper, author of "Speak up and Get Along!" (Free Spirit Press, \$12.95).

At the lunch table, kids can ask easy questions. "Often the safe topics are asking questions about teachers, what types of things there are to do at school, what kinds of things there are to do in town," he says.

But don't get too personal. Avoid asking too many questions about family or personal life.

And be sure to stay positive. Cooper says kids are making a first impression, and complaining about the school, teachers or other students makes a kid look like no fun. Also avoid bragging or talking too much about yourself.

Instead, ask questions, and then occasionally add in stories about yourself to keep the conversation going. "The things they can share are where they've come from and what they do like about the school," he says.

As the conversation starts rolling, be careful not to make comments that might offend someone. Criticizing someone's ethnicity, gender or religion is never a good idea, Cooper says.

But it's fine to talk about current events or politics. Just make sure you don't get too negative, he says.

HOW YOU STAY CONNECTED

Passing notes is so old school. Kids today have much more advanced ways to communicate. Jim Taylor of research firm the Harrison Group says kids spend almost 40 hours a week just gabbing with friends.

"Kids are astonishing communicators with one another," Taylor says. So how do kids connect? A recent survey from the Roper Youth Report found kids are high-tech talkers:

- Fifty percent of teens and 34 percent of tweens send and receive e-mail.
- Forty-one percent of teens and 16 percent of tweens chat online.
- Twenty-three percent of kids ages 8-17 talk on the phone while surfing the Internet.

— Emilie Le Beau  
SOURCE: 2006 YOUTH REPORT BY GFK ROPER

### Fashion, current events reign in the lunchroom, but celeb worship fading from cafeteria conversation

BY EMILIE LE BEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Britney Spears, your math teacher and President Bush — maybe they'll never meet in real life, but during lunch time, all three can be the topic of conversation.

Laura P., 14, gets about 30 minutes to eat her lunch and talk with her friends. Because the cafeteria lines are long, she usually brown bags it so she has more time to chat. The conversation, Laura says, usually centers on "who's in your class, who you know and your teachers."



When she and her buds aren't talking about workload and other classmates, Laura says their caf chatter covers current events and even politics. Celebrity gossip also makes the list, but Laura says some celebs have totally lost their status as lunchroom hot topics.

So who and what still are hot topics in the cafeteria? And which topics are totally out?

FASHION IS THEIR PASSION

Kids are way into fashion, and they're talking about it. Grunge and punk are out but name brands are now big. "It hasn't been like this in years," says Jim Taylor of the Harrison Group, a market research firm in Connecticut.

Kids started with Coach purses and accessories a few years ago. "Now they've graduated to Armani and Gucci and Louis Vuitton," Taylor says.

Couture is cool but costs a bundle, so Laura says brands such as Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister are in at her school. "There are a lot of graphic T-shirts with brands on them," she says.

Laura says '80s styles are back, and many girls are wearing leggings under skirts. But she prefers jeans, which Taylor says is fine too. Current fashion isn't about conformity, he says, and some kids like to set themselves apart with their clothing.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

For Sasha J., 15, stars are shining a little less bright. "We do talk about ... celebrities, media and what movies we want to see, but it's not consuming us," she says.

Instead of Hollywood stars, Taylor says there has been a big increase in "self-nominated celebrities." On Web sites such as MySpace.com and YouTube.com, kids create personal pages. So expect lunch buddies to talk about blogs, not Ashlee Simpson.

Britney might be out, but vote-off reality shows still are in, Taylor said. Kids like to talk about shows such as "Project Runway," above, in which contestants are voted off each week. He says this fits in with many kids' "voted off the island" fascination, started by "Survivor."

IT'S NOT ALL T-SHIRTS AND TV

Lunchtime talk often delves into deeper issues. Taylor says kids are very aware of current events and often talk about politics. The war in Iraq, for example, is something Laura and her friends discuss. "Some of my friends have family members in the war," she says.

Laura's lunch table also talks about issues such as immigration, and gas prices are of interest to Sasha's pals, a few of whom are just months from getting their drivers' licenses.

Some kids prefer that their conversations take a more personal turn. Savannah E., 12, says lunchtime is a chance to catch up with each other.

"We mostly talk about (things) that happened earlier that day or remember something that happened a couple of years ago," Savannah says.

"Mostly we talk about what is going on in our lives," Sasha says. She is more interested in school news, she says, because the homecoming dance and spirit week are coming up.



In The News



COURTESY OF JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT  
America's 400th anniversary celebration of Jamestown launched in May with an 80-day sail of the newly commissioned replica Godspeed, which stopped at six major ports along the eastern seaboard.

### Explore the founding of Jamestown

Four hundred years ago, the first permanent English settlement in America was founded in Jamestown, Va. On Nov. 9, classrooms across the country will mark the event by participating in a free national Webcast from Historic Jamestowne (that's the historic spelling) and Jamestown Settlement.



AMERICA'S FIRST SETTLEMENT

On May 13, 1607, a ship carrying 104 men and boys from England arrived at a pear-shaped peninsula in Virginia. It was named Jamestown, after Britain's King James. The soil and climate seemed just right for a new home. Using old-fashioned spelling, Captain John Smith described the spot as "a verie fit place for the erecting of a great citie."

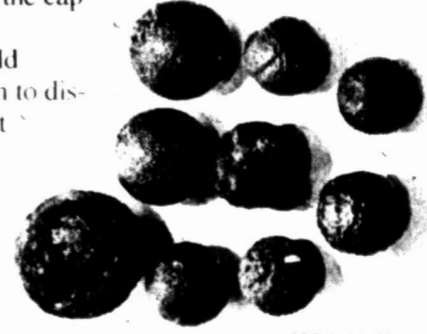
The colonists built a triangle-shaped fort along the river to protect themselves from the Spanish and Native Americans. Over the next few years, disease, starvation and attacks by the Powhatan tribe killed many settlers. In 1608, a fire ravaged the fort.

A MOVE TO WILLIAMSBURG

Eventually, Jamestown, Virginia's capital, shifted east of the original site. In 1698, another fire destroyed important buildings there. The governor of Virginia decided to move the capital to nearby Williamsburg. Old Jamestown began to disappear — at least aboveground. Underground, archaeologists are uncovering the past.

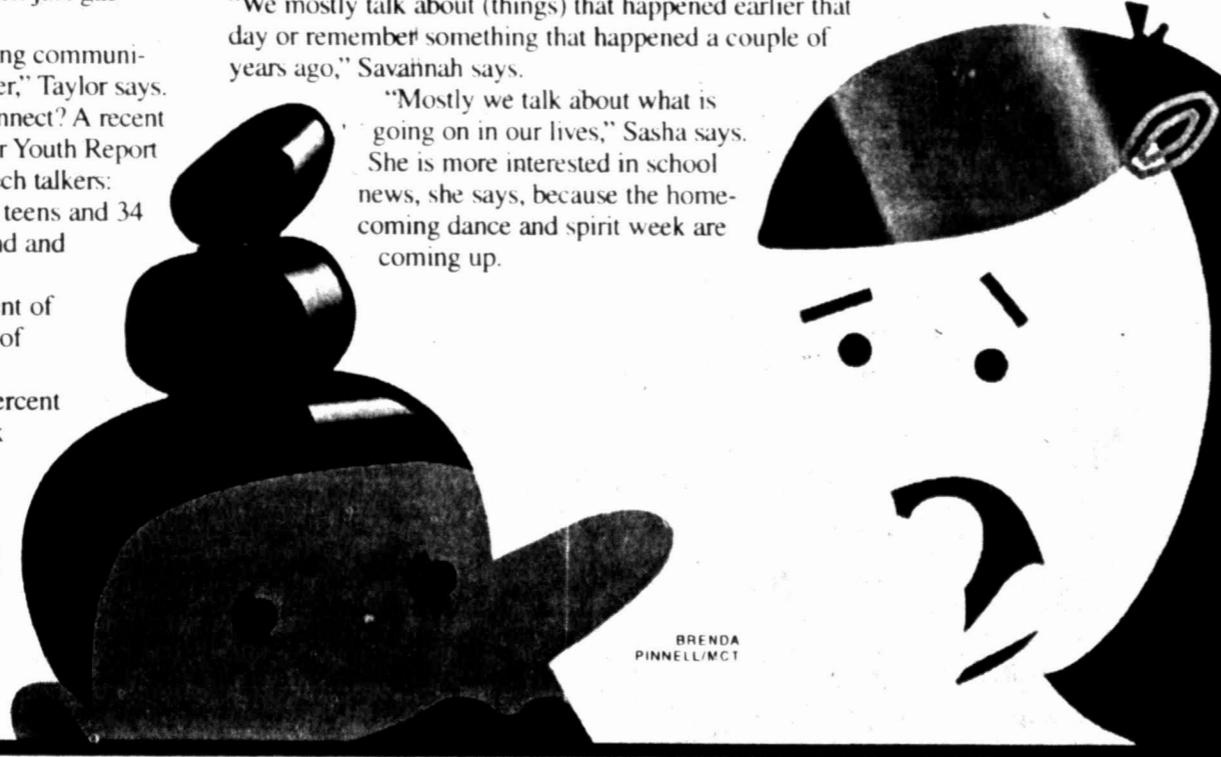
Meanwhile, historians are helping us experience the historical significance of Jamestown. They are also teaching us about the impact of the traditions, interactions and contributions of the three cultures that originally came together at Jamestown: Virginia Indian, European and African.

Want to get your class involved? Go to the Jamestown Web site at <http://www.jamestownjourney.org/Home.htm> to have your teachers sign up for the free national Webcast on Nov. 9.



ADRIAN SNIDER/MCI  
Balls discovered from an archaeological dig at the Jamestown fort.

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### Fun foliage friends

Come autumn, trees trade in their green summer coats for blazers of bright fall colors. You can pull off some leaf transformations of your own, using your imaginations (and some paper, glue and a pen or pencil) to turn ordinary backyard leaves into a whimsical menagerie.

Check out our examples, then go outside and see what kinds of animals are hiding in your leaf piles. To preserve your creations, press them between two books.

FROM LEAF TO CREATURE

Can you figure out what kind of leaf we used to make our creatures?

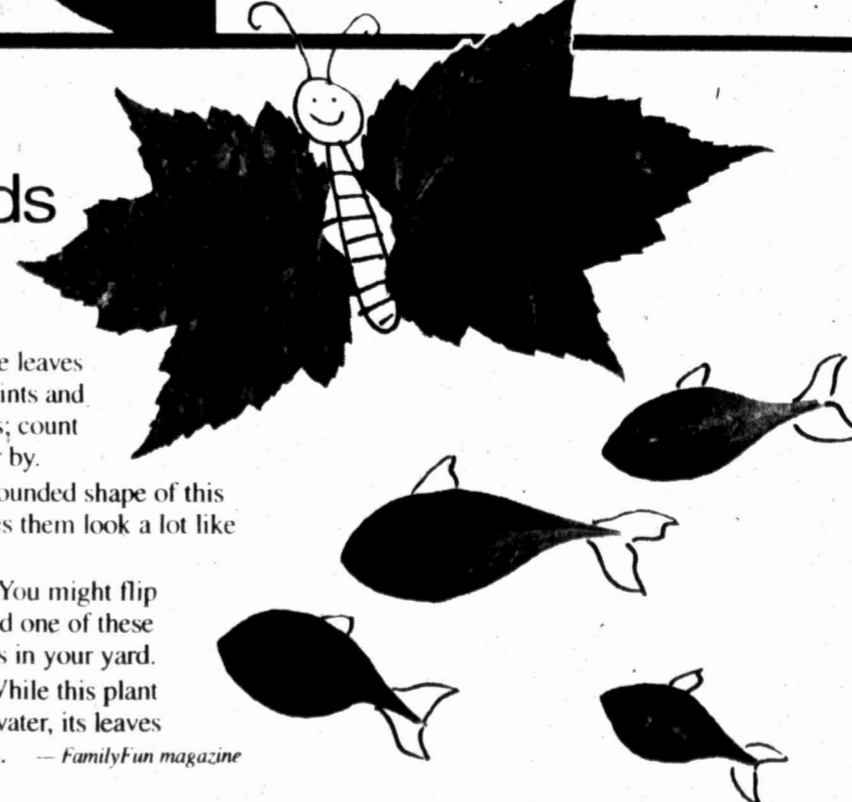
Here are some hints, and the answers are below.

• **Maple:** These leaves have three main points and lots of smaller ones; count them as they flutter by.

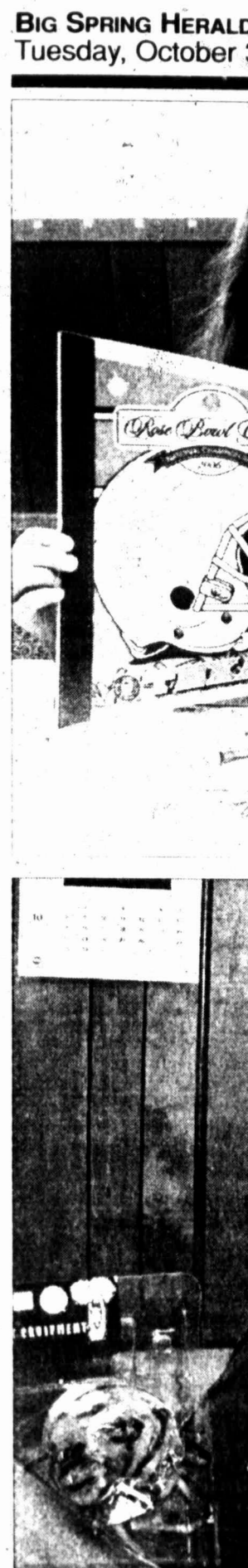
• **Rose:** The rounded shape of this bush's leaves makes them look a lot like little shields.

• **Geranium:** You might flip your wig if you find one of these wild-looking leaves in your yard.

• **Barberry:** While this plant doesn't live underwater, its leaves resemble raindrops. — FamilyFun magazine



BARBERY MAPLE  
BUTTERFLY ROSE TURTLE  
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BIRD FLU

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Ashley Dawson, 12, (top left); 1-year-old Isabelle Christine Moore (lower left) and 7-year-old McKenna Hopper (above) are shown with their prizes after winning their respective age group divisions in the Big Spring Herald's Halloween Coloring Contest.

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raminidase, the "N." There are 16 known hemagglutinin versions and nine neuraminidases. They also trigger the immune system to mount

an attack, particularly hemagglutinin, the protein the body aims for when it makes flu-fighting antibodies. The research was fund-

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### Sex offender addresses

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Following are the addresses for registered sex offenders in Big Spring and Howard County as provided by the Big Spring Police Department:

- 1403 Austin
- 2610 Dow
- 1211 S. Main
- 811 Willia
- 1203 College
- 801 S. Lancaster
- 401 Westover
- 1006 Nolan
- 1214 Lindbergh (front)
- 2705 Lynn
- 2506 March
- 206 N.E. 10th
- 1200 Harding
- 113 W. 19th
- 801 S. Scurry
- 110 E. 15th
- 1109 Lloyd
- 603 N.E. 8th
- 805 E. 15th
- 101 Carey
- 1301 E. 19th
- 2902 E. I-20
- 2907 West St
- 1604 E. Sixth
- 1503 W. Cherokee
- 1002 E. 13th

- 704 Willia
- 1208 Lloyd
- 1313 E. Sixth
- 1303 Utah
- 321 W. 22nd
- 1407 Wood
- 1309 Grafa
- 1503 Scurry, Apt. B
- 2911 W. Highway 80, No. 119
- 607 N. San Antonio
- 802 S. Nolan
- 1419 Sycamore
- 1510 E. Old Colorado City Highway
- 207 Moore Road
- 3112 Oasis Road
- 405 N. Moss Lake Road
- 105 Marvin Road
- 6307 Ranch Road 33
- 4015 Gail Highway
- 3100 S. McGregor Road
- 3006 McGregor Road
- 1086 Aguirre Road
- 208 Terry Road
- 207 Ave. F, Forsan
- 5810 Oak St.
- 5901 N. County Road 21
- 314 Pettus Road
- 5006 Wasson Road
- 12907 FM 2230

### FUN

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Participants are asked to avoid scary costumes. — H-E-B will host its first Halloween Safe Stop from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The grocer will provide "safe and fun" trick or treating. Children can have their photo taken with HEBuddy and the Keebler Elf. There will be a "best and scariest" costume contest with a \$50 gift card from H-E-B to be given away. — Big Spring Mall will

host trick or treaters Tuesday with a costume contest for children (6 months-24 months, 2-5 years, 6-9 years, 10-12 years) at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Merchants will distribute candy to children from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Dance Gallery's Danzation will perform at 6:30 p.m. — The Big Spring Citizens Police Academy has moved its treating to the mall this year. Members will be in front of Amerikicks with candy and surprises for children from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday

### VOTE

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— showed Bell with support of 15 percent of likely voters, behind Perry's 38 percent and Strayhorn's 18 percent.

Perry isn't the only Republican on the November ballot who has his hands full, as U.S. Congressional District 19 seat incumbent Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) faces a challenge from Democratic nominee Robert Ricketts of Lubbock. Fred C. Jones

### WRITE-IN

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rancher and Democratic nominee Mark Barr.

Metcalfe filed his candidacy after former Republican nominee Mark Morgan withdrew from the race. Morgan withdrew in time to have his name removed from the ballot.

Also a last-minute filer, local resident Erven Fisher is running as a write-in candidate for the Precinct 2 seat on the Howard County

Commissioner's Court. Fisher is facing incumbent Jerry Kilgore in the election.

Howard County resident Carl Lancaster is also running as a write-in candidate, in hopes of unseating Precinct 1 Constable Bill Holden.

For more information on write-in candidates and how to vote for them, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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

of Abilene rounds out the voting with the Libertarian nod.

While most races this election season feature an incumbent candidate, the race for the District 85 seat in the Texas House is taking place without long-time Democrat representative Pete Laney, who announced earlier this year he would not run for re-election.

Instead, Plainview businessman and Republican nominee Jim Landtroop is trying to unseat the Democratic Party. To do so, however, Landtroop will have to get by a pair of opponents, as former Crosbyton judge and Democratic

nominee Joe Heflin and Libertarian candidate David Schumacher are vying for the same seat.

Voters will also be asked to decide several Howard County races, including county judge; county commissioner, Precinct 2; county commissioner, Precinct 4; justice of the peace, Precinct 1 Place 2; and county constable, Precinct 1.

Also on the table locally are three bond issues presented by the city of Big Spring, Howard County and Coahoma Independent School District.

### ANGELS

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### AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 team: Associated Press Football Poll, with first place in parentheses.

1. Ohio St. (63)
2. Michigan
3. W. Va. (2)
4. Texas
5. Louisville
6. Auburn
7. Florida
8. Tenn.
9. USC
10. California
11. N. Dame
12. Arkansas
13. LSU
14. Boise St.
15. Rutgers
16. B. College
17. Wisconsin
18. Oklahoma
19. Clemson
20. Ga. Tech
21. Tx. A&M
22. W. Forest
23. Va. Tech
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25. Wa. State

Others' teams in votes: Tulsa 38, Missouri 25, N. 17, Maryland 13, State 9, Penn. Pittsburgh 6, Alabama 2, Ha Oklahoma State

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6. Auburn	8-1
7. Florida	7-1
8. Tenn.	7-1
9. USC	6-1
10. California	7-1
11. N. Dame	7-1
12. Arkansas	7-1
13. LSU	6-2
14. Boise St.	8-0
15. Rutgers	8-0
16. B. College	7-1
17. Wisconsin	8-1
18. Oklahoma	6-2
19. Clemson	7-2
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22. W. Forest	7-1
23. Va. Tech	6-2
24. Oregon	6-2
25. Wa. State	6-3

Others' teams receiving votes: Tulsa 38, BYU 30 Missouri 25, Nebraska 17, Maryland 13, Oregon State 9, Penn State 8, Pittsburgh 6, Iowa 3, Alabama 2, Hawaii 2, Oklahoma State 2.

# Patriots thump Vikings, 31-7

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings were ready to show the New England Patriots — and a prime-time audience — that they're really a contender.

Tom Brady handed them a humbling defeat and hushed another loud crowd.

Brady beat a relentless rushing defense by simply passing over it for 372 yards and touchdowns to four different receivers, and the Patriots pounded Minnesota 31-7 on Monday night to win their sixth straight regular-season road game.

"If you can duplicate it, it's a blueprint to go after the Vikings," coach Brad Childress said. "My hat's off to them. They did a great job."

New England had four sacks and four interceptions, forcing Brad Johnson into a handful of uncharacteristic mistakes.

"It's probably one of the most embarrassing games I've been a part of," said Johnson, who went 20-of-33 for 185 yards and three interceptions, which sent him to the sideline for the final 12 minutes while backup Brooks Bollinger took over.

Still firing well into the fourth quarter, Brady didn't let up — going 29-of-43 to beat a defense that had been pretty decent against the pass, too.

"The plan was to come out and put the ball in the air a little bit," Brady said, grinning. "The receivers made a lot of great plays, and it was a lot of fun, needless to say."

The Patriots (6-1) more than doubled Minnesota's average of allowing 15.8 points per game, setting the tone for an easy victory with an opening drive on which Brady completed all six of his throws for 94 yards.

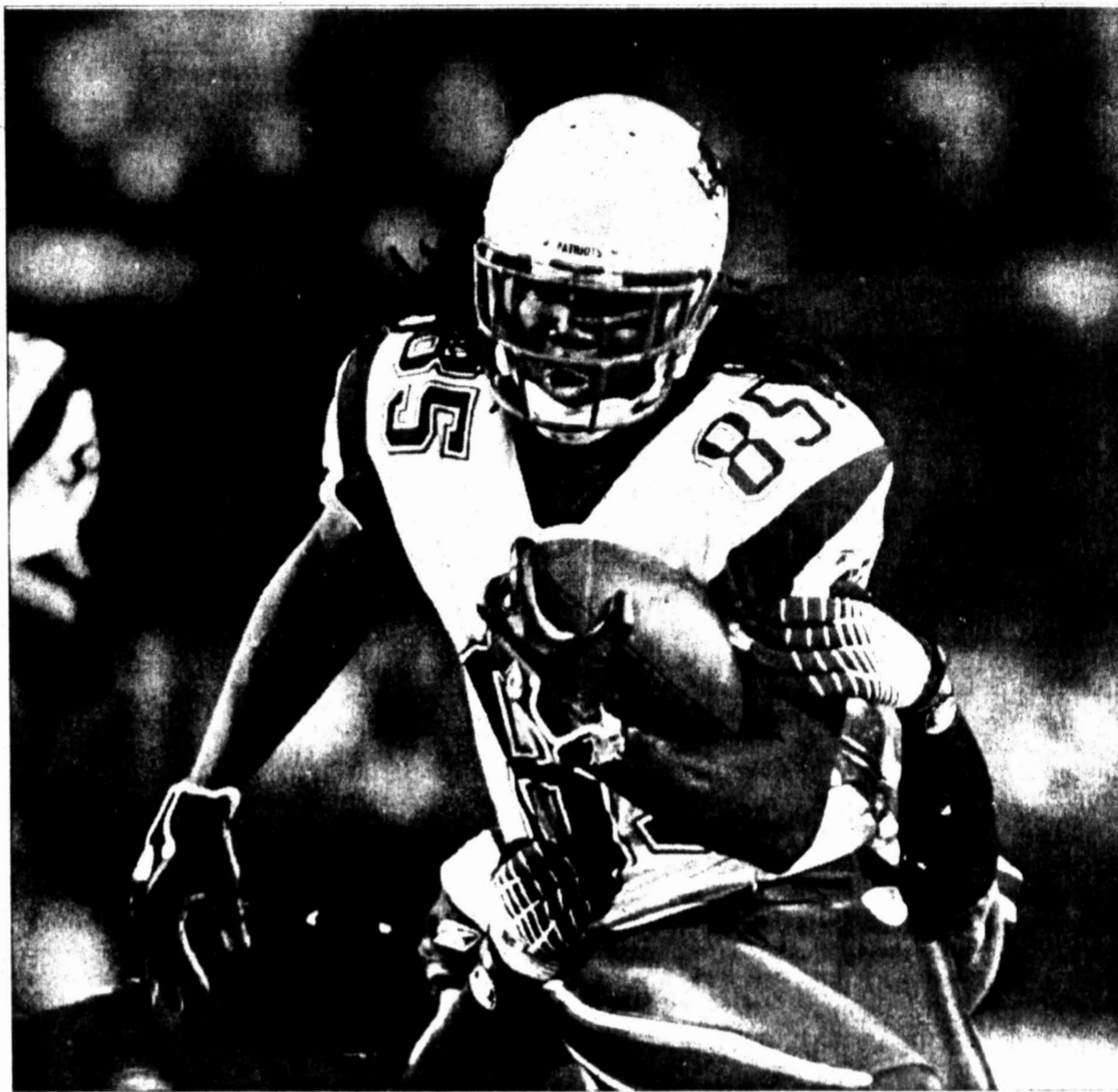
"He found every weakness," Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield said. "As soon as he got the ball, he knew exactly where he was going."

Minnesota's only score was a 71-yard punt return by Mewelde Moore in the third quarter, but New England rookie Laurence Maroney — playing in the stadium where he became a college star — answered that with a 74-yard kickoff return.

Up next for the Pats? A home game against Indianapolis (7-0), which is clearly a big one for November.

"We're happy to win," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, "but it doesn't get any easier."

The Vikings (4-3) proved they weren't in



Minnesota Vikings' Dwight Smith tackles New England Patriots' Doug Gabriel after hauling in a 45-yard pass from quarterback Tom Brady in the first quarter at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Monday, October 30, 2006.

their opponent's class just yet. Playing their first Monday night home game in five years, they were consistently outscored and outworked. The juzzed-up crowd of 63,819 lost the buzz by halftime.

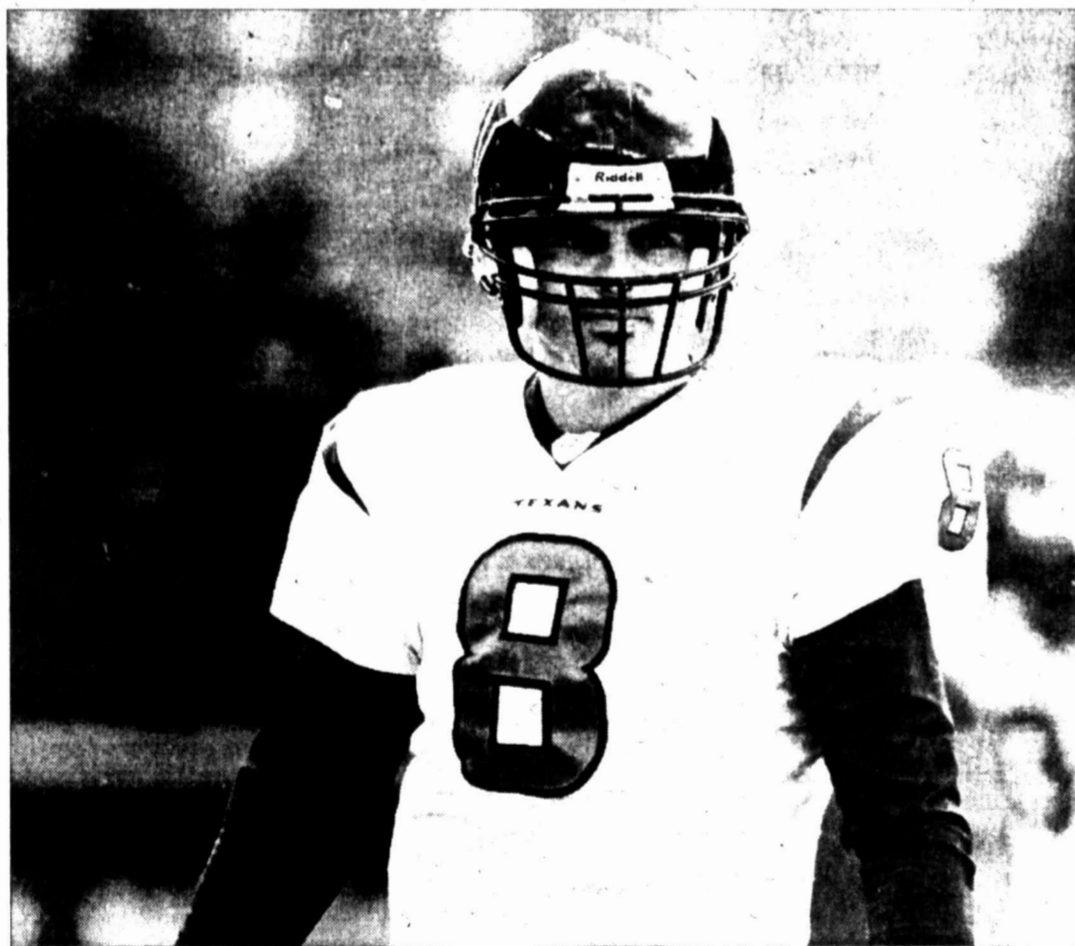
"It was just good to come into a hostile environment and get a win," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "That's the biggest storyline — just to come in here, fight the crowd and play good, sound football all away along the board."

Save for an up-for-grabs pass up the sideline that Darren Sharper snagged for a one-

handed interception as he fell down in the first quarter, Brady — now 100 when he plays inside — was brilliant.

The last time he was here, Brady was leading Michigan to a win over the University of Minnesota in 1998. And, boy, it sure looked like Brady was facing those defenseless Gophers again — not a Vikings team that had held every prior opponent to 19 points or fewer and entered the game ranked seventh in the league in total yards allowed.

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Houston's David Carr is shown before a game against the Baltimore Ravens. Carr was benched by Coach Gary Kubiak in last week's loss to the Titans.

## Carr looks to rebound after being benched

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — David Carr said he'd never been pulled out of a game for poor play at any level of his football career until Sunday.

Coach Gary Kubiak benched the quarterback after his third turnover in Houston's 28-22 loss to Tennessee, but said he'll keep his starting job.

Now Carr will have to figure out how to rebound from what he called the hardest thing he's had to deal with as a player.

"That situation of me standing on the sidelines, watching my team go up the field was frustrating for me because I kind of put myself in that situation," he said. "I've got to be more aware of what I'm doing with the football when I have it in my

hands. Carr, who is in his fifth season, threw an early interception and fumbled the ball twice while being sacked.

Kubiak, a former quarterback, said a component of being a leader is dealing with adversity in many different forms. He said the two discussed the situation last night and again Monday and that he hopes they'll be able to look back at it in 10 years as a key moment in his development.

"It that's the worst thing that happens to David Carr throughout his career he's going to be fine," Kubiak said. "I think it's a process where he's got a chance to mature and grow through it. I've seen some great ones go through it. I was

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# BSHS cross country team dominates

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School boy's cross country team members took one step closer to realizing their dream as state champions Saturday afternoon as they took first place in the district meet at Mae Simmon Park in Lubbock.

The team did exactly what they expected to do — dominate the field. The girl's squad was just as impressive, but does not meet the minimum number of varsity runners to compete for the team title. Prior to Saturday's meet, the boy's team had

been competing against some of the top cross country programs in the state, including some 5-A teams, and the Steers had more than held their own. There was no question they were the heavy district favorites, but Coach Randy Britton knew his team still had to come out and run well.

Finishing in first and second place amongst the field of 30 athletes was Zack Dawson and Michael Rodriguez, the BSHS top two runners. Dawson won the race with a time of 15:40.38, and Rodriguez, a state qualifier as an individual last season, finished with a time of 16:04.20 for the Steers.

All six BSHS runners finished in the top 10, as Jordan Valle, Chris Matrinez and Chris Salazar crossed the finish line in fifth, sixth and seventh place. Shane Allen placed 10th, and the team won easily with a total of 21 points. The nearest competing team was Frenship, and the Tigers finished with a team total 57 points. The least number of points determines which team advances to the regional and state tournament.

In the two-mile varsity run for the women, a

team event that the Lady Steers do not qualify for, but in which they can compete for individual honors, the three Steer athletes finished in the top five against a field of 26.

Catherine Leubner finished in first place with an impressive time of 12:12.89. Her next competitor, Amanda Zapata of Plainview, finished 20 seconds behind her. Mistie Aguilar placed third with a time of 12:59.19 and Esther Tobar crossed the line at 13:05.03 to round out the top five.

The team has continued to improve and run

extremely well, according to the coach, despite not being able to qualify for team competition.

This Saturday, the BSHS team will travel back to Lubbock and Mae Simmon Park for the regional meet, where a ticket to Round Rock and the state tournament awaits them. Since the team began its quest in September, Britton has made it crystal clear that he expects his girls to make it to the state meet, and anything less than a state championship will be a total disappointment for the boy's team.

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# NBA fan banned for racist remarks

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The fan who allegedly directed a racial slur at Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo was banned for the season Monday by the NBA and Orlando Magic.

Season-ticket holder Hooman Hamzehloui allegedly called Mutombo a "monkey" Thursday at a preseason game between the Rockets and the Magic. Mutombo — a native of Zaire, which is now called the Democratic Republic of Congo — yelled back at Hamzehloui and gestured from the court.

Hamzehloui was ejected from the game. The league said Hamzehloui is also barred from attending games at any NBA arena this season. Orlando said it will refund his season-ticket payment.

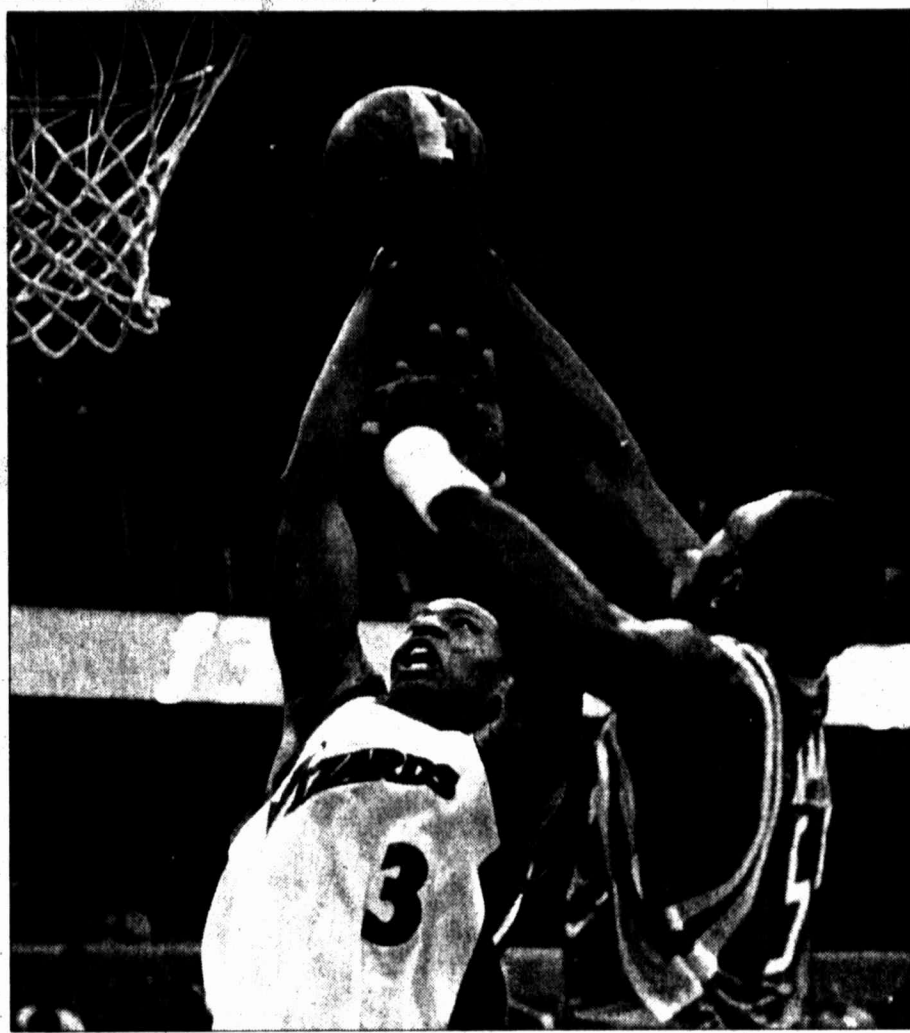
Mutombo said after the game he would go into

the stands if it ever happened again, but told Houston television station KRIV on Monday that he has already forgiven Hamzehloui.

"I will not say that I am happy about it," Mutombo said about the NBA's decision to ban Hamzehloui. "It is out of my hands. I have done my job. I have forgiven him."

"Whatever the commissioner and the league does, that's not my area," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said no action was taken against Mutombo and the matter was closed.

Hamzehloui sent Mutombo a letter of apology obtained by The Associated Press. In it, he promised \$5,000 to the charity of Mutombo's choice and vowed not to attend any games until the 7-foot-2 center gave his blessing.



MCT photo/Harry E. Walker/KRT  
Washington Wizards Caron Butler (3) attempts a slam dunk on Rockets Dikembe Mutombo (55). The Rockets reserve center was the victim of racial slurs during a preseason game against the Magic in Orlando, Fla.

# Test results: basketball fails

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — NBA players have complained all month that the league's new synthetic ball feels and performs differently from the old leather one.

According to results of a study requested by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, they may be right.

Physicists at the University of Texas-Arlington released results of preliminary tests they say proves the microfiber composite ball doesn't behave like the old leather ball. A number of players have griped about its grip and unpredictable bounce since training camps opened.

Cuban contacted Dr. James L. Horwitz, chairman of UT-Arlington's physics department, to test both balls — though the owner says he has no intention of doing anything with the results.

"Nothing," he told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "Just try to support the commissioner and the league to the fullest of my ability with the data."

According to the results released Sunday, the ball bounces 5 to 8 percent lower than typical leather balls when dropped from 4 feet. It also found that the new ball bounces 30 percent more erratically.

Commissioner David Stern dismissed that complaint last week, and said the NBA is staying with the new ball. Cuban said the league should do the same in his internet blog.

The other finding of the study directly contrasts with what the NBA and Spalding have said about the feel of the ball when it is wet.

The league has stressed that one of the advantages of the composite material is that it's easier to grip when it starts to get damp. But the researchers found that it's less absorbent than leather, causing it to be more slippery when moist.

The study recommends frequently drying or changing the balls during the game, which Cuban also does in his blog. An NBA spokesman said it is up to the officials' discretion if the ball should be changed during play.

Also, the physicists recommended inflating the ball to 14.5 pounds per square inch.

# Saints' Brees tells mother to pull his image from political ads

AUSTIN (AP) — New Orleans Saints' quarterback Drew Brees has asked his mother to stop using his picture in TV commercials touting her candidacy for a Texas appeals court.

In commercials running on Austin stations, Mina Brees had been using a picture of her son in the uniform of his former team, the San Diego Chargers, to emphasize her ties to football.

"I think the major point here is that my mother is using me in a campaign, and I've made it known many times I don't want to be involved," Drew Brees said Monday.

Mina Brees, an Austin

attorney, is running as a Democrat for a spot on Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals. She said replacement commercials that omit any mention of her son were taped last week and sent to stations on Friday.

She said she did not anticipate upsetting her son and that "everything in the ad was true."

She said her connection to football is relevant to her campaign because her father, a successful high school coach, used sports to teach her a strong work ethic that she would bring to the judicial bench.

Drew Brees, who won a state football championship with Westlake High School in

suburban Austin, said he got no response from his mother when he first heard about the ads and called her to ask that she stop using them. His agent sent her a letter Oct. 20 threatening legal action, he said.

He called his relationship with his mother "nonexistent" after it crumbled six years ago when he refused to hire her as his agent.

Mina Brees said her son's allegations were a mischaracterization and that she had no intention of becoming his agent.

"I love Drew very much, and I'm very proud of him. But sometimes when people are following a career path,

they change," she said.

Mina Brees also said she did not receive any messages asking her to exclude her son from her campaign.

Jill Fredericks, sales director for KVUE Television, said the station received a new version of Mina Brees' commercial late Friday. The old version stopped running Sunday and the new one was scheduled to begin Tuesday, she said.

Mina Brees is challenging incumbent Republican Justice David Puryear in next week's election. The appeals court reviews civil and criminal cases from 24 counties in Central and West Texas.

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A frighteningly easy opening march ended with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Reche Caldwell. The Patriots drove 93 yards in eight plays to get a 23-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski in the second quarter. And just before halftime, they moved 74 yards in 11 plays to take a 17-0 lead on a 9-yard scoring toss to tight end Ben Watson.

"Tom is such a smart guy," Watson said. "He studies. You could ask him anything, and he knows it."

With Brady slinging those usual darts all over the field to 10 different receivers, Minnesota just couldn't keep up. Childress has built the Vikings into a run-first, low-risk outfit that relies on a sound defense and a take-what-it-can-get offense to succeed, but they're not made for big rallies.

Their largest deficit to date was 17-3 against Detroit, and they overcame that with a 23-point fourth quarter three weeks ago. But after Troy Brown's 7-yard touch-

down catch, set up by Maroney's return, Minnesota was down 24-7. On the next possession, Troy Williamson dropped a should-be touchdown on a long pass up the sideline when he failed to adjust to the ball as it arrived.

The Vikings, then, were out of opportunities.

"You can't sulk your head too much, because we have a long season. We haven't reach the halfway point yet. We have a long way to go," Sharper said. "We know we're a good team, and we know they're a good team. It was their game tonight."

more...ever," he said of being on the sidelines.

"I learned that I don't want to be over there any-

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with Steve Young in this very situation. I expect David to respond very well."

Carr was initially angry about the decision, but on Monday said he thinks no one should be above being pulled for making mistakes.

"I don't want to be singled out as the guy that's just got a halo around him or a guy that can never be pulled out of a football game for fumbling the football," he said. "No one's that important that they can just turn the ball over and then just think that they can go out there with the other guys that are out there battling and lose the game for them."

Perhaps most disappointing about Carr's play against the Titans is that he had one of the best games of his career in Houston's 27-7 win over Jacksonville the week

before. He's thrown for 1,330 yards and nine touchdowns with five interceptions and is completing 70.5 percent of his passes this season.

"This is not the first time we've had a bad game around here or I've had one myself," Carr said. "So I know how to battle out of it and I've got a strong faith and a belief in myself. I will be fine."

And though Sage Rosenfels did, well in Carr's place, throwing for 186 yards and three touchdowns, there is no quarterback controversy in Houston.

"I'm going back to

David because I know it's the best thing for this football team," Kubiak said. "His growth process and his leadership and the type of player he becomes is what's important to this franchise and I'll do everything I can to make him the best possible player he can be."

Carr, who was the No. 1 pick in 2002, said he got a lot of encouragement from his teammates and that several veterans relayed stories of other quarterbacks who had been through similar situations.

"You find out when you're at your worst

moment who your friends are and I've got a lot of them on this team," Carr said.

Veteran tight end Mark Bruener has no doubt that Carr will rebound from this.

"I think he's going to come back and perform as well as he has in previous games this season," Bruener said. "I really don't see his demeanor changing. I don't see his approach changing."

Carr came away from the experience knowing that he has to hold onto the ball no matter how many times he's hit and one other important

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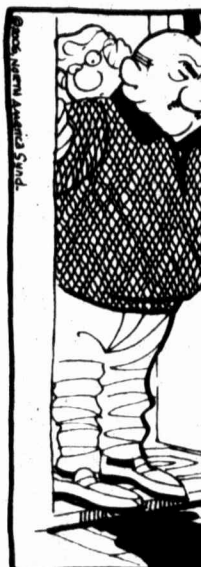
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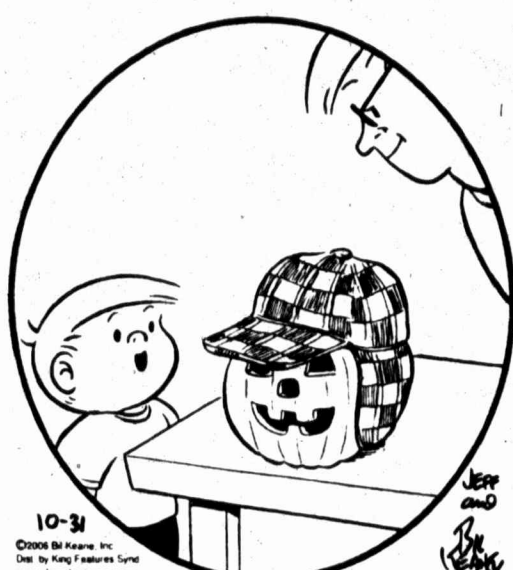
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This Date In History

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**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.  
On this date:  
In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London.  
In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.  
In 1941, the U.S. Navy destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of some 100 lives, even though the United States had not yet entered World War II.  
In 1956, Navy Rear Adm. George J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole.  
In 1968, President Johnson

ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.  
In 1980, Reza Pahlavi, eldest son of the late shah, proclaimed himself the rightful successor to the Peacock Throne.  
In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.  
In 1994, a Chicago-bound American Eagle ATR-72 crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.  
In 1999, EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Attorney General Griffin Bell is 88. Author Dick Francis is 86. Former Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk is 84. Movie critic Andrew Sarris is 78. Former astronaut Michael Collins is 76. Former CBS anchorman Dan Rather is 75. Actor Ron Rifkin is 67. Actor David Ogden Stiers is 64. Actress Sally Kirkland is 62. Country singer and Texas

gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman is 62. Actress Deirdre Hall is 58. Talk show host Jane Pauley is 56. Actor Brian Stokes Mitchell is 48. Movie director Peter Jackson is 45. Rock musician Larry Mullen is 45. Actor Dermot Mulroney is 43. Rock musician Mikkey Dee (Motorhead) is 43. Rock singer-musician Johnny Marr is 43. Actor Rob Schneider is 42. Country singer Darryl Worley is 42. Actor-comedian Mike O'Malley is 41. Rap musician Adrock is 40. Songwriter Adam Schlesinger is 39. Rap performer Vanilla Ice (Rob Van Winkle) is 38.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

IN COSTUME by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Music-score marking
  - 5 Piece of timber
  - 10 In the thick of
  - 14 Make angry
  - 15 Boca \_\_, FL
  - 16 Infamous Roman emperor
  - 17 Give off
  - 18 Run off to wed
  - 19 Acquire
  - 20 Barber's bottle
  - 22 Otherwise
  - 23 Sound of a giggle
  - 24 \_\_ Aviv
  - 26 Group of mountains
  - 30 Jaws menace
  - 34 Be boastful
  - 38 "Guided" vacation
  - 39 Place to get a manicure
  - 40 Apiece
  - 41 \_\_ as a tack
  - 43 Tiny spot of land
  - 44 One-way sign shape
  - 46 All done
  - 47 Part to play
  - 48 Oscar winner Witherspoon
  - 49 Walks through water
  - 51 Item in a golfer's pocket
  - 53 Prepares flour, as for baking
  - 57 Acting troupe
  - 60 Cave-dwelling mammal
  - 65 Female voice range
  - 66 Homeric saga
  - 67 Theater section
- DOWN**
- 1 Shipboard personnel
  - 2 Maximum speed
  - 3 Privileged group
  - 4 Command to a canine
  - 5 Prepares an oven, as for baking
  - 6 Singing syllables
  - 7 From \_\_ (completely)
  - 8 Informal refusal
  - 9 Prepared to propose
  - 10 Thin-strand pasta
  - 11 Brunch or dinner
  - 12 Part of the eye
  - 13 All finished
  - 21 That woman's
  - 25 Curved letter
  - 27 Emphatic refusal
  - 28 Tropical fruit
  - 29 Went awry
  - 31 In addition
  - 32 Sandwich-bread
  - 33 Elbow's lower counterpart
  - 34 Yellowstone beast
  - 35 Quite uncommon
  - 36 Land measure
  - 37 Western tourist attraction
  - 42 Is in charge at a meeting
  - 45 Tiny
  - 50 What corporals call colonels
  - 52 Lesser of two \_\_
  - 54 Career criminal
  - 55 Sort of steak
  - 56 Wise people
  - 57 Informal eatery
  - 58 \_\_ Well That Ends Well
  - 59 Procedure part
  - 61 Economist Greenspan
  - 62 Short skirt
  - 63 Treaty
  - 64 Dry run

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- Don't eat any treats until you get home and have them carefully inspected.
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- Be careful around neighborhood pets. Although they may know you, your costume may scare or confuse them.




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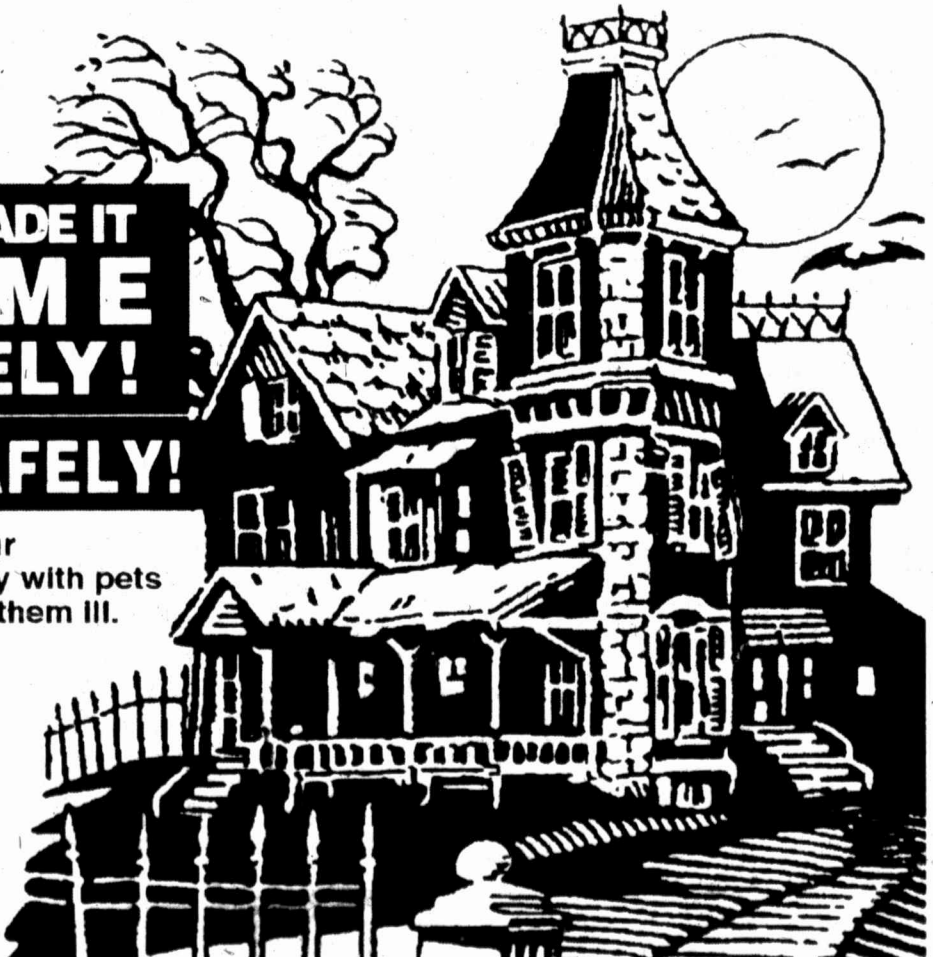
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## REMEMBER THESE RULES ON HALLOWEEN...GET HOME SAFELY!

- Don't eat any treats until you get home and have them carefully inspected.
- Wear white clothing or reflective tape. This will increase visibility. Costumes, wigs and beards should be flame resistant.
- Be careful around neighborhood pets. Although they may know you, your costume may scare or confuse them.
- Respect other people's property as well as your own.
- Observe all traffic rules. Only cross streets at intersections. Remember to look both ways before stepping off the curb.
- Trick-or-Treat in an area you know well.
- Cross only at corners. Never dart between parked cars or in the middle of the block. Don't forget to look both ways.
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