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PD investigates aggravated robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating an aggravated robbery that took place at Neighbor's Convenience Store Sunday morning.

According to BSPD Det. Jim

Rider, a woman entered the store shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday and displayed a knife to the store's clerk, demanding money.

"The suspect is a white female," said Rider. "She was wearing a black sweatshirt, blue jeans and a toboggan-style

hat. She entered the business and showed the clerk a knife, demanding money."

Rider said the clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect, who made away from the business, located in the 3300 block of FM 700, traveling north.

"No injuries were reported as a result of the robbery," said Rider. "We don't currently have anyone in custody in relation to the crime, but we've interviewed several subjects. We're still looking at it, and we're waiting for the video tape from the robbery."

Anyone with information on this, or any other crime is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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WORK IN PROGRESS



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Bobby McDonald, left, and Festival of Lights Director Pat Simmons inspect a 13-foot by 20-foot U.S. flag that festival committee members plan to adorn with more than 5,000 lights when the 11th annual festival is held this December.

Festival needs you to help light up flag

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Festival of Lights officials need volunteers to rally 'round the flag, literally.

The annual Christmas season attraction, which lights up Comanche Trail Park with holiday scenes, has an added attraction

this year.

Bobby McDonald, one of the festival committee members, said plans call for a 20-foot by 13-foot U.S. flag, illuminated by more than 5,000 lights, to be added to the diorama section as a salute to American military personnel.

But there's a catch — getting the supersized flag ready in time for

the festival is going to take a lot of elbow grease.

"That's where you can help, he said.

"It's very labor-intensive," McDonald said. "It will probably take about 1,000 man-hours to get it ready ... So we basically want to

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Tickets go fast for ag luncheon

Annual salute to producers planned Thursday at DRCC

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

A limited number of tickets remain for Thursday's annual Appreciation Luncheon, to be held in concert with the West Texas Ag Expo at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"Response has been very good. We're going to have a large crowd," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We need everyone who has reserved

tickets to pick them up now. We still have a few tickets remaining this morning but the best advice would be to call the chamber and see if any are left before you come by."

The event is free to area farmers and producers, but tickets are required. Tickets for the general public are \$10 each.

Tickets will not be available at the door Thursday.

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State reps lined up for town hall meeting

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Two representatives for the price of one?

Big Spring residents eager to keep abreast of the goings-on in Austin can certainly double their pleasure Thursday when State Sen. Kel Seliger is joined by State Rep. Joe Heflin for a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

The meeting, set for 5:30



Heflin Seliger

p.m. will give local residents a chance to ask both their state representatives questions about the top issues facing

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HUGGING BANNED

OAK PARK, Ill. (AP) — If you need a hug, you won't get it at Percy Julian Middle School.

Principal Victoria Sharts banned hugging among the suburban Chicago school's 860 students anywhere inside the building. She said students were forming "hug lines" that made them late for classes and crowded the hallways.

"Hugging is really more appropriate for airports or for family reunions than passing and seeing each other every few minutes in the halls," Sharts said.

Another reason to institute the no-hugging policy was that some hugs could be too long and too close, she said.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring police and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of Scurry and W. 22nd streets Monday afternoon. One person received undisclosed injuries in the accident.

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a look at the area high school varsity sports' calendar:

TODAY

Big Spring volleyball at Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis vs. Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Andrews, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Grady football vs. Hermleigh, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan football at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton football vs. Hawley, 7:30 p.m.
Sands football vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Garden City football vs. El Paso Emmanuel, 4 p.m.
Big Spring volleyball at Plainview, 2:30 p.m.
Big Spring cross country at McNeil Invitational in Round Rock.
Big Spring tennis vs. Plainview, 10 a.m.
Big Spring swimming at Lubbock Relays.

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Big Spring tennis vs. Snyder, 4 p.m.

OCT. 12

Big Spring football vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan football at Miles, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City football vs. Sands, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football at Hawley, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton football at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring football players from junior high to varsity are encouraged to attend and help support the Steers' football program.

Washer tourney set for Saturday

The Amigos Washer Club has scheduled a washer tournament for Saturday at the La Vadera Club.

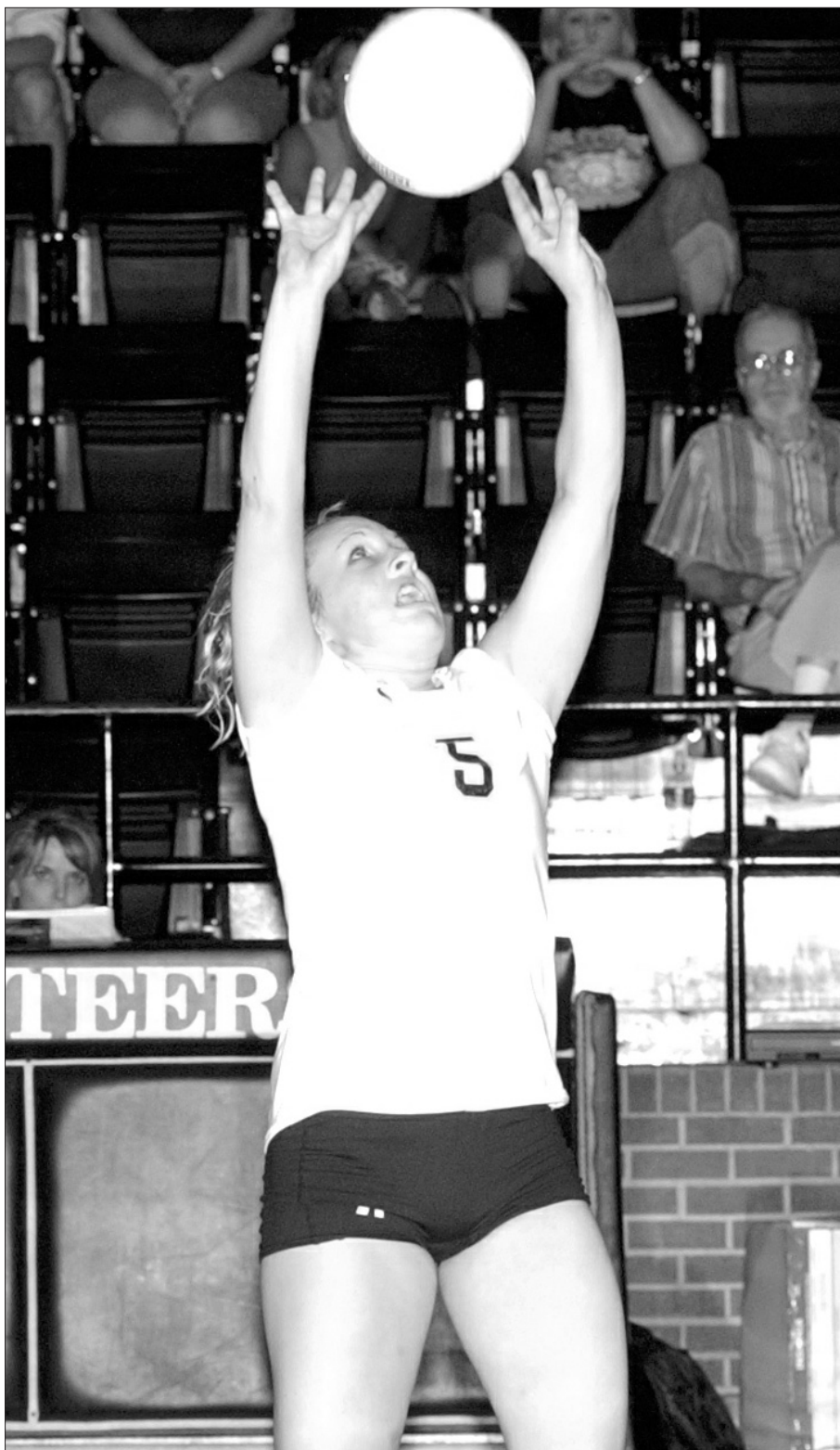
The tournament is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. and the deadline to register is at 1 p.m.

Restriction fee is \$30 per team with trophies and cash being awarded to first, second and third places.

For more information, contact Larry Lara at 264-6060 or Richard Villa at 268-9590.

To submit a sports brief or any other sports item, call Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Lady Steers take steps to improve fortunes



Big Spring's Jordan Chesworth sets the ball for a teammate to spike in a volleyball game against Lubbock Estacado Tuesday. The Lady Steers lost to Estacado in five sets. Big Spring looks to claim its first district win against Lake View tonight in San Angelo.

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

No team starts a season with the thought that they're going to lose more games than they win. However, it happens to every sports program in the country at some point.

The key is to back up, look at what's wrong and fix the problems so that a repeat of that losing season doesn't occur again.

Such is the case for the Big Spring Lady Steers' volleyball team and their head coach, Amanda Whitaker. Whitaker believes that there are a few things that can be changed in the offseason to turn the Lady Steers' fortunes on the volleyball court around.

"First off, we have to get our girls playing club volleyball," Whitaker said. "You can tell a difference between teams that play club ball and teams that don't. It can be a little costly, but the results really pay off. This needs to start at a young age as well. We have to start teaching girls how to play volleyball competitively. The YMCA has a league that starts in fourth grade. That's a nice gateway for girls to get into the sport."

Whitaker is working on arranging some opportunities for high school players to join a club league.

"West Texas Juniors is starting in November and I've been checking their website daily for the new sign-up applications," she said. "The top hitters in our district play club ball. The difference can be clearly seen on the court."

Part of the worry about girls playing club ball during the school year is that they might miss out on other sports. However, Whitaker says this won't be a problem.

"If we start our own club team then we can be a little more lenient with the amount of games and practices girls can

miss because of participation in other sports," she explained. "This way the girls can still play basketball and softball for the school and still participate in club ball."

Another key to improving the volleyball program, according to Whitaker, is to be sure that the coaching at the junior high levels remains solid.

"We have a great group of coaches at the junior high level this year and that hasn't always been true in the past," Whitaker said. "We're very fortunate to have the coaches we do, though. These girls have to learn that they can win games at a young age. The younger we can teach them the game then the more we'll win as they reach the high school level."

As for this season, Whitaker and the Lady Steers are far from throwing in the towel. This was evident in their 5-set loss to Lubbock Estacado Saturday.

"We competed so hard Saturday," Whitaker said. "We've got the abilities to win some district games and compete for some playoff spots. We just have to keep playing tough and get stronger mentally. Volleyball is a sport that is greatly played with your head. Things can snowball on a team in a hurry."

"We've had great support from parents and other students, though," she continued. "We really appreciate it. I really believe that we'll start winning more. We're on the right track."

The Lady Steers hope to win their first district match when they visit San Angelo Lake View's Lady Chiefs tonight. The two teams have already played each other three times in tournaments this season with Lake View winning each match by a narrow margin.

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Weekend wrapup: The experts never saw this coming

There was a disturbance in the Force.

The Force being the NCAA's top 10 in both major polls — the Associated Press and USA Today Coach's polls. The disturbance being six of those 10 teams in last week's rankings suffering defeats.

Talk about a shake-up. Eight of the top 13 teams in the AP poll were defeated Friday and Saturday. If anything, this weekend revealed that the pollsters have less of an idea about which teams are the best in the country than they'd like to believe. These are the people that we rely upon to decide who plays in the national championship game each season. The massive amount of upsets reveals the absolute need for a playoff system within Division I-A football.

Now the top 10 has three very unlikely residents. Looking at the first five schools listed in the AP top 25 poll, there seems to be nothing too out of ordinary. It might be a little odd to see Cal at No. 3, but seeing teams like Ohio State and Wisconsin in the top 5 is nothing out of the ordinary. However, the rankings start to appear very strange at No. 6-8.

Did anyone believe South Florida would be ranked sixth at any point during the season? What about Boston College at No. 7? Could you see

Kentucky placed eighth? How wrong were the voters? This just shows that preseason polls are close to worthless. No one is a true expert at predicting the season.

Let's talk South Florida. The Bulls had upset West Virginia last season and thanks to six Mountaineers turnovers, made an encore performance Friday. This is the second big upset they have pulled off this season. They defeated nationally ranked Auburn earlier in the season and earned a No. 24 ranking with the win.

It was their first time in the polls since becoming a Division I-A team in 2001. The Bulls climb into the top 25 polls is the fastest in history. They made it after 104 weeks of AP polls. The previous record was held by Boise State, which made it after 115 weeks.

Now USF is a sleeper for the national title. They have two wins over quality programs and are in position to rise in the BCS poll that dictates the two competitors for the national championship game. If they somehow ascend that high, it would be the most unlikely ascension since Oklahoma made and won the title game in 2001.

Speaking of Oklahoma, wasn't the Big 12 South division supposed to be leagues ahead of the Big 12 North? Instead, the top two teams in the South get blasted by two teams who weren't considered by most 'experts' to be contenders in the North.

Now, Colorado's and Kansas State's wins put a



JONATHAN HULL



Oklahoma Sooners' tight end Jermaine Gresham (18) is dragged down after catching a pass by Colorado safety Daniel Dykes, on ground, and linebacker Jordon Dizon (44) in the second quarter of a Big-12 college football game in Boulder, Colo., on Saturday. The Buffs won 27-24 on a last-second field goal, providing one of the many upsets that highlighted the weekend's college football action.

Obituaries

Darrell William Gordon

Darrell William Gordon, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Chapel of the Veterans Administration Medical Center with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating.

He was born June 17, 1941, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada to Thelma and William Gordon. He was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps. He was a pipeline inspector for gas companies. He moved to Big Spring in 2003. He was a Protestant.

He is survived by his mother, Thelma Gordon of Sackville, Nova Scotia; three sisters, Betty Ann Lawther of Sackville, Nova Scotia, Donna Currie of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Marilyn Bryden of Brooks, Alberta; and two brothers, Melvin Gordon of Arlington and Roger Gordon of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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

Support Groups

TODAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Take Note

• **KIDS KLUB DVD ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** for \$20. Partial proceeds of these DVDs will benefit next summer's Klub program. Supplies are limited. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **THE BETA KAPPA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA** will meet Monday in the Howard County Library Community Room. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be: Breast Cancer Awareness - A Passion for Prevention. All members are encouraged to attend.

• **FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT OCTOBER** at the Department of State Health Service, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28 B. Clinics will be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 3, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24. Clinics will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 and at the Big Spring Mall from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.

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Police blotter

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

- **KIMBERLY JAMES**, 18, address not provided, was arrested Monday on charges of evading arrest and criminal mischief.
- **MATT CASEY EDWARDS**, 22, of 1107 Jeffrey Road, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- **JONATHAN DOUGLAS**, 25, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JANIE AGUILAR**, 41, of 1101 E. 12th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RICHARD ANDERSON**, 40, of 2301 Marshall, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SHANNON BOUDREAUX**, 36, of 401 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane and in the 300 block of Owens.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 800 block of Seventh Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Duquoin and in the 1000 block of Locust.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Tulsa.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of 12th Street.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1100 block of Aylesford.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.

- **NICKOLE RUTH MORROW**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - theft by check.
- **RANDY SALAZAR**, 27, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **ANTHONY (TONY) SALAZAR**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **JENNIFER VELASQUEZ**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a dwelling.
- **DEBRA MAE JONES**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check (two counts).
- **JESSICA LYNN TALIAFERRO**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bond forfeiture - assault of a public servant, assault - family violence, criminal mischief, theft and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH**, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Refinery Road. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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TODAY

- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Weather

Tonight... Decreasing clouds. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday... Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows around 50.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-19-32-35. Bonus Ball: 13.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas Daily 4 drawing Monday: 4-2-1-5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 2-16-21-29-33

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-7

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WRAPUP

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bit of a damper on the hype surrounding the Red River Shootout between Oklahoma and Texas Saturday in Dallas. Obviously it's still a big game. It's one of the best rivalries in sports, but how much bigger would the game have been if both teams were still undefeated like most originally thought they would be?

For the record, I have enjoyed gloating about Colorado's upset victory, as I am one of the biggest Buffs' fans you'd ever meet. I just wish I knew more Sooners' fans in the area so I could maximize my pleasure.

This is the kind of victory that can turn a season. This is a Buffs' team that lost to Montana State last season in Head Coach Dan Hawkins' first season. Now with his son

at quarterback, Hawkins appears to have the program headed in the right direction.

I'm not predicting a Big 12 North title for Colorado this season, but maybe they'll contend for one in two or three years.

To do so, they'll have to overcome a Kansas State team that is also on the rise. Head Coach Ron Prince had very little to work with when Bill Snyder left the team.

However, beating the Longhorns twice in as many seasons does not go unnoticed. The Wildcats might be the fastest team collectively in the conference.

Unlike Colorado, they're ready to compete for a North title this season.

With Texas A&M disappointing, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State playing inconsistently and Texas and Oklahoma already having losses to North division teams, it won't be shocking if the supposed weak-

er division wins the Big 12 championship and represents the conference in the BCS.

Cowboys 35, Rams 7

Are the doubts about Tony Romo's abilities finally over? Anyone still questioning the gunslinger's abilities hasn't watched him play. Now national analysts are stealing my Brett Favre comparison that I laid on him after week 1.

At the same time, not too much should be taken of this dogging of St. Louis other than the fact that Dallas simply went in and took care of business. The Rams are decimated on offense. Three of their five starters on the offensive line were injured going into the game and a fourth one went down in the game. There was also no Steven Jackson in the backfield.

I feel sorry for Marc Bulger — especially considering that I have him on two of my four

fantasy football teams. Bulger doesn't have a chance to be the top notch quarterback that he's capable of being.

Dallas has established itself as the NFC's leading Super Bowl contender, though. However, I think it has less to do with how they looked playing against the Rams and much more to do with the inconsistencies within the conference.

Who is the Cowboys' main challenge? No one has really stepped up their play to the same level.

Philadelphia — My preseason pick as the NFC's representative. However, if Brian Westbrook stays inactive too much longer, the Eagles will work their way out of contention.

Green Bay — Brett Favre has been incredible. However, the Packers' running game is nonexistent. You don't win in the playoffs without a running game. Actually, you don't win

in Green Bay late in the season without a running game.

Seattle — One of the more inconsistent offenses in the league. Nothing about this team screams elite.

Detroit — Wait. Did I just write that? They're 3-1, but they're the Lions. Moving on.

Tampa Bay — I think the Buccaneers might be the team that eventually challenges Dallas the most this season. Losing Cadillac Williams at tailback hurts less than most will think. Earnest Graham is more than adequate as a starting back. Jeff Garcia is a winner and the defense is playing Buccs ball again.

Regardless, as of now, it appears Dallas is the NFC's top team almost by default.

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News briefs

Brewer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted murderer Lawrence Russell Brewer, condemned for the heinous dragging death of a black man in Jasper in East Texas nine years ago, lost a U.S. Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear his case would appear to move Brewer, 40, closer to an execution date, although the prospect of continuing executions in Texas is in doubt.

The court last week agreed to consider the constitutionality of lethal injection in Kentucky, then halted a lethal injection last week in Texas. Kentucky's lethal injection procedures, virtually the same as those in Texas, are being reviewed after two inmates there argued they are unconstitutionally cruel.

Brewer was one of three white men convicted of chaining James Byrd to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him along a country road near Jasper, about 115 miles northeast of Houston.

New lab planned amid Britain's foot-and-mouth outbreaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recent spread of a deadly livestock disease from a biolab campus in Britain has not stopped American officials from considering building a new animal disease research lab in the United States.

The Aug. 3 outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Britain was tied to a government laboratory and a private vaccine manufacturer in Pirbright, England.

Nevertheless, Department of Homeland Security officials are proceeding with plans to move a similar lab isolated on Plum Island, N.Y., to one of five sites on the U.S. mainland, including San Antonio.

Generally, U.S. livestock and cattle groups have supported plans for the \$450 million National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility, even if it means moving the research to states heavy with livestock.

But Ross Wilson, CEO of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said his group has been rethinking its support since the British outbreaks.

Young offenders to be transferred from Coke County center

AUSTIN (AP) — Juvenile prison officials ordered the removal Monday of young offenders from the privately operated Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in West Texas citing unsanitary and unsafe conditions at the facility.

The concerns led the Texas Youth Commission to cancel its contract with the center's private operator, Boca Raton, Fla.-based GEO Group Inc.

Detainees will be transferred from the Coke County center, in Bronte, to other TYC facilities on Tuesday.

The facility holds 197 young offenders, said TYC spokesman Jim Hurley.

A TYC official found unsanitary conditions during a visit to the center on Sept. 24.

State officials followed up with an unannounced audit that began Wednesday and continued through the weekend, the Texas Youth Commission said Monday in a statement.

Lawyers for Honduran man file appeals to stop execution

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for a condemned Honduran man facing execution this week in Texas filed appeals late Monday to keep him alive in light of a U.S. Supreme Court decision to review lethal injection procedures in another state.

Heliberto Chi, 28, is scheduled to face execution Wednesday in Huntsville — a week after the Supreme Court said it would look at whether lethal injection in Kentucky is unconstitutionally cruel. The two states use the same procedures.

Chi's attorneys filed appeals in his trial court in Fort Worth and with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, asking the execution be delayed until the high court resolves the Kentucky case, where two condemned inmates are arguing the lethal injection process is unconstitutionally cruel.

A similar argument Thursday stopped an execution of another condemned Texas prisoner, Carlton Turner Jr.

REPS

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Texas.

"It's very important for Sen. Seliger to know what his constituents want and what they expect from him," said Stefanie Wilkerson, local staffer for the senator. "This is a great way for him to find

out what's on their minds."

Seliger is no stranger to town hall meetings in this area — this will be the third such gathering in Big Spring, but this will mark the first time he's joined by Heflin, this area's first-term representative.

Heflin also believes the meeting offers him a per-

fect opportunity to gauge his constituents' collective mood.

"This is a time when I get to hear directly from the people who entrusted me with the responsibility of representing them in Austin," Heflin said. "Nothing in my job is more valuable than the input of the people who elected me."

EXPO

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Lunch, catered by Al's and Son Barbecue, will begin about 11:30 a.m.

Featured speakers for the luncheon will be State

Rep. Joe Heflin and State Sen. Kel Seliger. Annual awards will be presented to the top agri-business and producer of the year.

There is no charge for the Ag Expo, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. And, crop tours will be held from 1:30 p.m. and

6 p.m., along with a number of demonstrations on topics such as drip irrigation, sorghum and cotton variety tests.

To check on ticket availability for the luncheon, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

FESTIVAL

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appeal to the public to see if anyone would want to help us light up the flag."

In the past, festival committee members could rely on help from local prison inmates, but that source of assistance is no longer available, McDonald said.

The flag was designed by Gary Morris and exhibited a few years ago, but is in need of a facelift, McDonald said.

"We need to redo the whole flag so it fits the entire frame," he said. "We're going to re-light it and install it in the diorama area in the middle of a field of poinsettias to honor our military peo-

ple."

Longtime Festival Director Pat Simmons said volunteers are sorely needed for the project.

"People don't know what's involved in getting the lights ready and making the whole thing presentable," Simmons said. "But this is going to be just a great, great display."

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ject, contact Simmons at 263-4607.

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Darrell William Gordon, 66, died Friday. Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Chapel of the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

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But this story is not about the beauty of Mother Nature. It is a story about a little ceramic frog. He sat in this pretty garden by the big blue house. He never moved. He couldn't. He never played games with the other little frogs. He was just a little ceramic frog. He could not move. He

could not think. He was not alive like all the other frogs.

When he was first placed in the flower garden, all of the other frogs ran to him and asked if he wanted to play with them. He could not answer them. They thought he was a very stuck-up frog. All of the members of the frog families asked the little ceramic frog to play with them at one time or another, but he never answered them. Finally, they gave up asking him to play their frog games. They would just leave him alone. He didn't seem to want to play with them anyway.

Then, one day some-

thing happened. A family of bullfrogs moved into the neighborhood. They were not very nice bullfrogs. They were almost mean frogs. They did not want to play with the other little frogs. They even

told the other little frogs to stay home because they were going to have the frog's playgrounds all to themselves. They were bully bullfrogs. We don't like bullies, do we?

It started when one of the little frogs named Francine went out to play. The bullfrogs saw her and teased her so much that she started to cry. The biggest bully bullfrog was named Rocky. Rocky was one mean bullfrog. He even laughed when he

made Francine cry. Francine ran back into her little frog house and wept for a very long time.

"And, don't any of you other frogs ever come out here again to play because this is my playground now!" He had shouted so loudly that all of the other frogs could hear him. The only frog that did not hear the bully was the little ceramic frog. He could not hear anything because he was just a little ceramic frog and had no real ears.

All of the other little frogs were so unhappy now. The big bully would never go away. He was a very mean bully. But bullies are really nothing to be afraid of. They often feel so badly about themselves that this is the reason they become bullies in the first place. They are to be pitied for they are never happy.

The big bully bullfrog had stopped all of the other little frogs from playing frog games again.

They were afraid to go outside anymore. The bully was so proud of the bad things he was doing.

He laughed at all the other little timid frogs. He laughed and laughed until he saw this one frog who had refused to go away. It was the little ceramic frog. Rocky would show this frog who was boss around here!

As the bully bullfrog approached the little ceramic frog, he noticed that the little frog didn't seem scared at all. He was even still smiling. The bully hopped closer and closer. The little ceramic frog never budged, or lost his smile! This made the bully a little uneasy.

Finally, the bully got as close as he dared to the little ceramic frog. The little frog would not move! This scared the bully frog. This little frog was not afraid of the bully. The bully turned and ran, just as all cowards do. He packed all of his things and all of his



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family and they moved away. As far as they could to get away from this little quiet, ceramic frog.

The other little frogs soon came out to play again. They knew that the little ceramic frog would not play with them, but they sure did like him now! All of them played games around the little ceramic frog so he could at least watch them playing. They thought he would enjoy that. This little ceramic frog was their hero.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to attend town hall meeting with lawmakers

Those who attend the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon won't be the only people to have a chance to visit with State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Joe Heflin with week, because the two lawmakers have scheduled a town hall meeting to meet with other constituents Thursday.

Both men will be keynote speakers during the Ag Expo and Luncheon, but will meet with local residents at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

The meeting will give local residents a chance to ask both their state representatives questions about the top issues facing Texans.

While both Seliger and Heflin have expressed their belief that it's important they hear from constituents about what they want and expect from them, we here at the *Herald* believe it's doubly important that citizens avail themselves of this opportunity to not only tell their elected representatives what they want and need, but to hear those two gentlemen explain the issues facing not only those living in their districts, but get an overall view of the challenges and opportunities facing West Texans and Texans in general.

It is often too easy to sit in our living rooms, watch televised reports of what's happening in state government and think we know everything we need to know about the political scene in Austin.

However, we believe nothing could be less true. As newspaper professionals, we often stress that our medium allows us to cover stories in much more depth than the electronic media can. There's little doubt about that. Nor is there any doubt the electronic media has an advantage of being able to provide immediacy that we in the print media can never match.

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We hope to see you all there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Sometimes it is difficult to choose the right path but with Your help, Lord, we can take the right fork in the road.

Amen

Greenspan: Champion of the rich

My old friend Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve Chairman, has been appearing on your television screen a lot lately, flogging his memoir, "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World." (Editor's note: In the interest of accuracy, it should be noted that Mr. Greenspan is not an "old friend" of the writer. Kaul has never met the Chairman, although he did see him on the street once. His use of the term is a feeble attempt to emulate columnists like George Will who are always telling you what famous person they had lunch with the week before.)



DONALD KAUL

I like Alan but I'm afraid his book is a little self-serving. (Ed.: Still hasn't met Greenspan; hasn't read the book, either.) In it (Ed.: According to "The New York Times") he refuses to take the blame for pretty much anything that went wrong during his nearly 20 years of running the Fed.

His low-interest policies that fueled the housing bubble whose demise has resulted in the sub-prime mortgage crisis, which in turn is threatening to sink the economy? Unavoidable, he says. He blames the fall of the Berlin Wall. Given the circumstances of the time, facing a possible financial panic, cheap money was a prudent and necessary policy, he said. He'd do it again.

His endorsement of the Bush tax

cuts that fueled our ever-expanding national debt, which in turn has put our economic fate in the hands of foreign interests? He didn't endorse the tax cut merely for the sake of cutting taxes, he says. He only wanted to make sure that the recurring budget surpluses of the Clinton years didn't result in the government having too much money. Once the national debt reached zero, he now says, he would have favored tax cuts only if they were matched by equal cuts in spending. He never intended a blanket endorsement of the Bush cuts, he says.

In short, he was a practically perfect Fed Chairman. It was our elected officials (and the Berlin Wall) who let us down.

And who is to say he's wrong? He's a smart man. He's Alan Greenspan. However, I would quibble (Ed.: Along with Paul Krugman) with his claim that his endorsement of Bush's tax cuts was misinterpreted. Greenspan appeared before Congress at a time when the issue of cutting taxes deeply was much in dispute. When he said he didn't see the harm in it, he put his stamp of approval on the cuts and made them all but inevitable.

A few years later, with the national debt ballooning again, he argued that the cuts should be made permanent. That's hardly an accidental slip of the tongue. No, he endorsed the tax cuts, even though they weren't carried out exactly as he might have wished.

That's the thing about Alan that's greatly underappreciated: He's a right-wing nut. As a young man, he was an acolyte of Ayn

Rand, a laissez-faire Loony Toons intellectual whose Greed-Is-Good philosophy made "Wall Street's" Gordon Gekko look like Mother Teresa. Greenspan never really got over that early infatuation. Here's what he says about the Bush administration in his book (Ed.: OK, so he read excerpts):

"Smaller government, lower spending, lower taxes, less regulation — they had the knowledge to do it, they had the political majority to do it. And they didn't."

That's Alan all over. (Ed.: He still wants you to think he knows him.) Always looking out for the little guy.

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That's Alan's idea of less government. Ayn Rand would be proud of him.

Greenspan's great talent as Fed Chairman was to make himself seem smarter than other people, without actually doing anything smarter.

This book, 800 pages of self-justification, shows he hasn't lost that talent.

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It's a paralyzing fog of uncertainty

Newsweek's global-warming cover story in August purported to reveal the "well-coordinated, well-funded campaign by contrarian scientists, free-market think tanks and industry," which for the last two decades "has created a paralyzing fog of doubt around climate change." It's the same story run repeatedly in mainstream media: The overwhelming majority of scientists believe the debate on global warming is over — but if there are any dissenting scientists left, they've been bought.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Here's the rub: If dissent is so rare, why do global-warming conformists feel the strong need to argue that minority views should be dismissed as nutty or venal? Why not posit that there is such a thing as honest disagreement on the science?

As for the overwhelming majority of scientists believing that man is behind global warming, former NASA scientist Roy Spencer, now at the University of Alabama, told me, "It's like an urban legend. There has never been any kind of vote on this issue." He referred me to a 2003 survey in which two German environmental scientists asked more than 530 climate scientists from 27 countries if they thought humans caused climate change: 56 percent answered yes, 30 percent said no.

What really frosts me about the Newsweek story is that it concentrates on industry funding for skeptics while ignoring the money that pours into pro-global-warming coffers. That focus ignores where

the big grant money goes — to pay for crisis-mongering research. Or as Reid Bryson, the father of scientific climatology, told the *Capital Times* in Madison, Wis., "If you want to be an eminent scientist, you have to have a lot of grad students and a lot of grants. You can't get grants unless you say, 'Oh, global warming, yes, yes, carbon dioxide.'"

That's not to say that industry does not liberally fund political efforts. Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope told me, "If you look at the cumulative public-relations weight of those who don't want action on climate change, such as the think tanks and trade associations, it vastly dwarfs what has been spent on the side of those who want action."

Pope cited American automakers' fight against tougher fuel-efficiency standards. Also, the campaign to defeat Prop. 87, the 2006 California ballot measure to tax oil production in order to fund alternative fuel development, outspent Prop. 87 proponents by two to one.

Newsweek led with the revelation that a conservative think tank that had been funded by ExxonMobil offered scientists "\$10,000 to write articles under cutting" a U.N. International Panel on Climate Change report that there is a 90 percent chance global warming is due to the burning of fossil fuels.

Ooooh, \$10,000. After the billions that have gone into pro-global-warming research, that's (pardon the pun) rich.

What critics call a \$10,000 "bounty" could be seen in the research community as the equivalent of a 25-cent tip. As Steven Hayward, fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, explained, his think tank was "asking very busy and promi-

nent people to wade through as much as 5,000 pages of material and write original papers on it, and people think they're going to do that for free?"

Spencer told me he had been writing on global warming for years before he started writing for TCS Daily, which received ExxonMobil money, three years ago. He said TCS Daily now provides some 5 percent of his income. And: "All I was doing was being paid for writing things I believed in anyway."

Global warming guru James Hansen, a NASA scientist, received \$250,000 from a foundation run by Teresa Heinz Kerry. Hansen endorsed John Kerry for president in 2004. But I wouldn't dream of suggesting Hansen was bought.

The science doesn't follow the money, the money follows the scientist. If you're a researcher on either side of the issue, eventually you'll get money from that side — or be unemployed.

I guess all skeptics are supposed to work for free.

True believers appear to be afraid of a fair fight. In March, when the audience was polled before a New York "Intelligence Squared U.S." debate, 30 percent agreed with the motion that global warming is not a crisis, 57 percent disagreed.

After the debate, 46 percent agreed with the motion, while 42 percent disagreed.

After all the Newsweek-like stories announcing the debate is over, it took one debate to flip the audience. No wonder they want to muzzle dissent.

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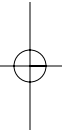
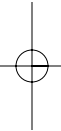
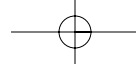
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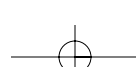
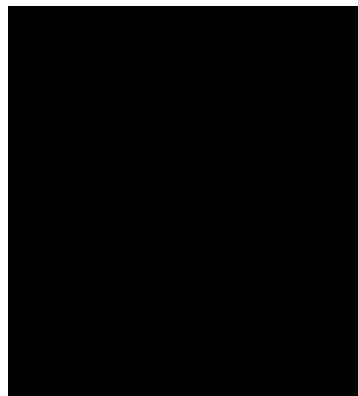
Come be a part of The Salvation Army Revival. The Texas Girls will be performing on October 5th at 6:30PM and October 6th at 5:00PM. Everyone is invited!

For more information, call 267-8239.

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Almost Invisible



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Water conservation district schedules youth art contest

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — Fourth and fifth grade students who live within the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District are being invited to enter the first ever Water Conservation Artwork Contest.

Winning artwork will be featured in the 2008 Permian Basin Underground Water District calendar which will be distributed free to the public.

The first-place winner will receive a \$50 cash prize, a certificate of recognition and will have his or her artwork featured on the cover of the calendar.

Twelve additional winners will each receive a \$25 cash prize, a certificate of recognition and will have their artwork featured on monthly pages inside the calendar.

Children may draw, paint or use any other medium to depict water conservation in creating

their entries for the contest.

The deadline for submission of entries to the Permian Basin UWCD is Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Entry forms and contest guidelines are available at Elbow Elementary, Grady Elementary, Sands Elementary, Stanton Elementary and the public library in Stanton. Artwork and an entry form should be submitted to Permian Basin UWCD at 101 N. St. Joseph, Stanton. For additional information, contact Judy London, education coordinator for the Permian Basin UWCD.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the programs available through the water education cooperative can contact London by calling the Permian Basin UWCD at 806-215-1650, or by e-mail londonj@windstream.net. Presentations can be scheduled for classrooms, home-school groups, civic organizations, youth groups or other organizations.

OSPREY

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from Comanche Lake to a telephone pole on the east side of town. The location had been a favorite perch for an osprey the previous year. Having spotted the bird perched on it the day before, she knew she could show us another aspect of the "fish hawk."

Soon, the osprey landed with its catch on top of the pole. With one foot holding the fish, the bird seemed to ponder whether to commence eating.

Slowly, deliberately, it started to devour its dinner. Since it had flown with both feet grasping the fish, we guessed the fish to be three to four pounds. A smaller fish would have been carried by one claw. If hungry enough, the bird would eat all but the larger

bones. Any indigestible parts it would eject as a pellet.

The excitement of watching the fierce osprey hunt and eat was a memorable experience.

Listening to our recorded messages a few days later, we learned of a not-so-fortunate osprey from Lake Colorado City. The game warden for Mitchell County had found the raptor in shallow water. One of the bird's wings was injured.

Soon, with the officer's help, I pulled the reluctant bird from his carrier as Art carefully held the wings against the body. With its raised crest and glaring eyes, the osprey was formidable, even to us.

As I held the bird, the three of us marveled at its sleek beauty. Dark brown above, and clear white below, it had a distinct spotted breast. With its head mostly white, a broad black mark through its cheeks and

the side of its neck gave the appearance of a mask.

With black bill and claws, legs and feet a greenish-gray, the bird sported a long, barred tail. Black patches at the wrists of the wings completed its coloration.

In a family all by itself, the osprey is ranked between the hawk family and the falcon family. With curved, round claws, the bird is also equipped with rough pads on its feet to help it hold slippery fish. With keen vision and the ability to embed those claws in the back of its catch, the osprey could grab fish that swim on or near the surface.

Since we were working with the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland at that time, plans were made to deliver the osprey as soon as possible. Through experience it had been learned that osprey in captivity are hesitant to eat without

another osprey. Running water and fresh fish were also necessary for the bird's recovery. Without a companion, the injured bird would refuse food and decline. Knowing of a Florida rehabber who specialized in ospreys, Eos made the arrangements with an airline that was willing to donate a free ride in hopes of saving birds of prey.

During the drive home, we discussed how privileged we had been to have handled the bird that in Latin means sea eagle. "At least this one had a variation in its diet," I added.

Puzzled, Art didn't understand my comment until later in the evening, when he saw on my right arm a triangular-shaped cut.

It was a bite I'd always treasure.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The One and Only Chance

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 10 2
♣ 9 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ K 5
♦ J 9 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

EAST
♠ A 4
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q J 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8 5 3
♥ 10 9 7 2
♦ 5
♣ A 6

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ 2♣ 2♠ Pass

Opening lead — two of clubs.

As soon as dummy is tabled, it is the duty of the defenders to formulate a plan to defeat the contract. In striving to attain that goal, the defenders should utilize any clues they might glean from the bidding or play and then, at the appropriate moment, put their thoughts into action.

Consider this deal where North-South reached four spades on the bidding shown, and West led the deuce of clubs. Declarer won with

the ace, cashed the A-K of diamonds, discarding a club, and then led the seven of spades.

Had East been napping through the first three tricks, he could easily have missed his only chance to defeat the contract. If he had followed low to the spade lead, declarer would have won, led a second trump to East's ace and subsequently lost two hearts to make his game.

But East had been wide awake during the early play and was more than ready when the first spade was led. He realized that South could not have started with more than two clubs, since he had not attempted to discard another club on the queen of diamonds.

Furthermore, since declarer had no more clubs or diamonds and was known to hold a strong spade suit, East correctly concluded that the only chance for the defense was to score two heart tricks and a heart ruff in addition to the spade ace. And the only way this could be achieved was if West had the doubleton king of hearts.

Accordingly, East rose with the ace of spades at trick four and led a low heart to West's king. West then returned a heart to East's ace, and a third heart was ruffed by West to set the contract.

Tomorrow: The disappearing trick.
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In This Season Of Hope

22nd annual **HERALD** Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1

Parade theme:
"Peace On Earth"

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 16

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.

\$100 Herald's Best of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme.

\$75 Mayor's Trophy: for best use of lighting.

\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming.

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. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
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 walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

New Categories

Individual/Family
 Commercial

Civic/church/school
 Industrial

Mounted

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QUESTIONS? CALL (432) 263-7331, Ask for Elizabeth Flores or Rick Nunez

TUESDAY

	WFDA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6:PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. Young John Hagee	News-Lehrer (CC)	Mega Builders (CC)	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC)	Han. Montana Zack & Cody	NFL Live Football Live	MLB Special	Eureka (CC)
7:PM :30	Cavemen Carpoolers	Cavemen Carpoolers	Amar sin Limites	Bones (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Madre Luna	Singing Bee The Biggest Loser (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	Update/Israel Booker	The War (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	Cold Case (CC)	Sunday Best (CC)	Mom's Got a Date With a Vampire	College Football:	2007 World Series of Poker	Eureka (CC)
8:PM :30	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Destilando Amor	House (CC)	The Unit (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Loser (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	Light of the Southwest		Dirty Jobs (CC)	Machines	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	Cold Case (CC)	Exalted (CC)	Vampire Life Derek	Marshall at Memphis	2007 World Series of Poker	Eureka (CC)
9:PM :30	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	S.O.S. Sexo y Otros Secretos	TMZ (CC)	Cane (CC)	Amor Mio	Law & Order: SVU	The Office The Office		The War (CC)	How It's Made How It's Made	15 Movie: Insomnia	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	Cold Case (CC)	Girlfriends Girlfriends	That's-Raven Life Derek	(CC)	The Contender	ECW
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Nolciero Univ.	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Update/Israel Keith Miller		Dirty Jobs (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Cold Case (CC)	Take the Cake (CC)	Zack & Cody Han. Montana	Madden Nation Madden Nation	SportsCenter (CC)	Flash Gordon (CC)	
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	Letterman Late Late	!Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- SVU	Seinfeld (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Joe McGee Biblical Israel		Dirty Jobs (CC)	45 Movie: Iceman	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Hell Date Comicview	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now The Contender	Baseball NFL Live	Eureka (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Salome (SS)	Reno 911! George Lopez	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Update/Israel Upon a Time	J.R. Church	Sign Off	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Iceman	Star Trek: Voyager	Without a Trace (CC)	Rap City (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Contender	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE

"BOY, IT SURE TAKES A LOT LONGER TO FIX IT THAN IT DOES TO BREAK IT, HUH?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"Billy said I have to sleep with it 'til I learn to catch it."

HAGAR

WHEN! THIS WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS RAID EVER! I WAS LUCKY TO GET OUT ALIVE!

YES, BUT WE HAVE TO GO BACK!

WHY ???

I FORGOT TO GET A PRESENT FOR THE KIDS... AND I PROMISED!

BC

YOU WILL FIND ROMANCE WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.

DAILY HOROSCO

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, ACCORDING TO MY BOOKS, THE LAST RAISE I GAVE YOU WAS BACK IN 1982

I THINK THAT'S TERRIBLE, MY SON, YOU CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO LIVE ON 1982 WAGES, CAN YOU?

I SURE CAN'T, BOSS

STARTING NEXT MONTH, YOU'LL BE GETTING 1983 WAGES

WIZARD OF ID

I'D LIKE A ROOM, PLEASE

SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING?

SMOKING

HOTEL

PARKER

AGNES

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS.

I FAILED TO COMPLETE IT... AND WITH THAT FAILURE CAME A GLOOM... A DARK HOLE OF SHAME.

SNIFF... MY ONLY HOPE... SNIFF... WAS TO SOMEHOW GET HERE TODAY... SO I COULD LOOK UP FROM MY PIT OF WOE AND SEE YOUR SHINING FACE... SNIFF, DESPERATELY TRYING TO LOVE ME BACK TO LIFE... SOB...

HM... THIS STILL LOOKS A LOT LIKE A PIT OF WOE

I DON'T COMPLAIN. I ONLY HAVE TWO MORE YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT.

PRINCIPAL

HI AND LOIS

HELLO, WE'RE THE FLAGSTONS, DITTO'S PARENTS.

AH YES, THE BUDDING CARTOONIST

DOES HE DRAW CARICATURES OF ALL HIS TEACHERS?

OPEN HOUSE

MRS. STRICHER

STUDENT ART

THE OTHER COAST

HERE YOU GO, SAKURA. DON'T GOBBLE.

JUMP JUMP JUMP

GULP!

YOU DIDN'T EVEN CHEW IT!

I'M SAVING MY STRENGTH FOR THE DESERT TROLLEY!

SNUFFY SMITH

WHAT'S YORE BEST RECIPE, SHERIFF?

MODESTY PREVENTS ME FROM SAYIN', PARSON!!

BUT YOU CAN ASK SNUFFY !!

HE DINES HERE REG'LAR !!

BETLE BAILEY

C'MON! THROW IT IN THERE! HE CAN'T HIT! HE STINKS!

TIME!

ZERO, THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY WHEN YOU'RE OUT IN THE FIELD, NOT WHEN YOU'RE UP AT BAT!

OH...

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2007. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; he was the first black appointed to the nation's highest court.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers defeated a Mexican cavalry near the Guadalupe River.

In 1919, President Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies began an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the 2-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during

which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was first published in nine newspapers.

In 1957, the World War II drama "The Bridge on the River Kwai," directed by David Lean, premiered in Britain. (The film opened in the United States the following December.)

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1975, President Ford welcomed Japan's Emperor Hirohito to the United States.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling AIDS.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 80. Former Dodgers shortstop Maury Wills is 75. Movie critic Rex Reed is 69. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 62. Cajun/country singer Jo-El Sonnier is 61. Actor Avery Brooks is 59.

Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 58. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 57. Singer-actor Sting is 56. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 53. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 53. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 49. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 49. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 40. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 40. Country singer Kelly Willis is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

VOTED	PLAN	ATMS
AWARE	AUTO	SHOE
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RELY	RIP	BLOT
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SHINER	AHOY	SEC
TILES	ELBOW	PATCH
IDLE	SEES	ALOHA
REDS	SALT	DEPOT

Newsday Crossword

IT'S FOR YOU by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cheese with holes
 - 6 Helper: Abbr.
 - 10 Derbies and berets
 - 14 Is compelled
 - 15 West Coast sch.
 - 16 Phrase of understanding
 - 17 Stared at
 - 18 Awl or chisel
 - 19 River through Cairo
 - 20 Have a good cry
 - 21 Evasive language
 - 23 Writer of praiseful poems
 - 25 Brewed beverage
 - 26 Merited
 - 29 Weekend family excursion
 - 33 Cook in the oven
 - 34 Silly one
 - 36 Exist
 - 37 Wheeler-dealer
 - 41 Compass pt. opposite WNW
 - 42 Spiny houseplant
 - 43 Signs of the future
 - 44 "The Motor City"
 - 47 Thinly scattered
 - 48 Feel poorly
 - 49 Irrigate
 - 51 Open acting audition
 - 55 Mid-March day
 - 59 Don't include

- 60 Star soprano
 - 61 Loud noise
 - 62 One of Columbus' ships
 - 63 Checkout-counter unit
 - 64 Prefix for violet
 - 65 Biblical paradise
 - 66 Infamous Roman emperor
 - 67 "Here's to you!", for one
- DOWN**
- 1 Theater offering
 - 2 Salary
 - 3 Tropical spot
 - 4 Go quickly
 - 5 Pregarrown grass
 - 6 Sedans and coupes
 - 7 Merit-badge wearer
 - 8 Messy one
 - 9 Unlikely story
 - 10 Allude to
 - 11 Where Laos is
 - 12 Spill the beans
 - 13 Look for
 - 21 Performed
 - 22 Ending for puppet
 - 24 Sandwich shop
 - 26 Receded
 - 27 Stand up
 - 28 Thesaurus guy
 - 29 Deal with adversity
 - 30 Film critic, often
 - 31 Removes creases from
 - 32 In itself
 - 34 Believed
 - 35 Tic-tac-toe win
 - 38 Submitted, as a contest entry
 - 39 Lariat
 - 40 Texas city
 - 45 Wickerwork material
 - 46 Lubricate
 - 47 City in Mo.
 - 49 Be unable to decide
 - 50 San Antonio shrine
 - 51 Dunce-cap shape
 - 52 In the thick of
 - 53 Fork part
 - 54 Give as an example
 - 56 Statistics
 - 57 Goes wrong
 - 58 Usher's destination
 - 61 However

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