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Suspect sought in armed robbery

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By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Big Spring police are searching for a suspect who allegedly robbed a local woman at knife-

point early Wednesday morn-

Sgt. Tony Everett, public imately 3:30 a.m. information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said aggravated robbery

occurred in a residence in the 1200 block of Harding at approx-

At that time, the home's resident, an 89-year-old woman, was asleep when the suspect

Everett said.

He then awoke the woman, threatened her with a knife, took an undisclosed amount of See ROBBERY, Page 3A

gained entry to the house by property and money and left kicking in the back door, the residence out the front

The suspect is described as a



Texas State Sen. Kel Seliger shares a light moment with the crowd at the Howard County Library this morning. Seliger announced his candidacy for re-election to the District 31 State Senate post.

Seliger to re-up

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Four years ago a littleknown man from Amarillo stepped into the Howard County Library to announce his candidacy for the District 31 seat on the Texas Senate.

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surviving his freshman term in the Senate, Kel Seliger returned to the county library to announce he will be running for re-election in 2008.

"It was a little less than four years ago, in this See SELIGER, Page 3A

Thursday morning, after library, that I announced I was going to run for the state senate seat," said Seliger. "Some things have changed since then, and some things remain the same... The issues that were important in 2004

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KING FINALISTS





King, queen finalists named for Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Bonfires, parades, pageantry and football — it has to be homecoming week at Big Spring High School.

BSHS' 2007 homecoming celebrations, which began Monday, will kick into high gear with a bonfire tonight and culminate with the Steers' football game against Andrews Friday night in Memorial Stadium.

The student council sponsored Steer Spirit Week beginning Monday, which gave the students the opportunity to participate in dress-themed days; for example, they wore pajamas Monday to say "Nighty Night to the Mustangs" and wore clothes from the 1960s and 1970s Thursday as part of "Blast From the Past Day.

On Tuesday, elections were held to select the finalists for Homecoming king and queen.

ACTIVITIES

Today

7:30 p.m., bonfire, compost facility

4:30 p.m., Homecoming Parade along Main Street

7:30 p.m. Football Game at Memorial Stadium, Steers vs. Andrews High School Mustangs

10 p.m., Homecoming dance for students, high school cafeteria

Saturday

1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Centennial Celebration Reception for former players at the high school ATC

All Day, Various activities. Contact your reunion chairperson.

Homecoming queen finalists

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VA cook-off planned at Eagle's Lodge

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

You can help volunteers at the VA Medical Center build a gazebo, and all you have to do is eat barbecue.

To help finance projects at the hospital, Volunteer Services, along with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the local American

Legion, is hosting a barbecue cookoff Saturday at the Eagle's Lodge.

"Money raised at the cookoff this year goes to building a covered gazebo on the hospital grounds," said Laurie Phillips of the VAMC. "It will have a barbecue pit for the patients and their families to use."

Cooking teams can enter

the cookoff — chicken, brisket, ribs and jackpot beans — Phillips said. Cost to enter a cooking team is \$10 per category, or \$25 for

Phillips said that judging will be held at noon. Meals will be served beginning at 1 p.m. Cost is \$7 per plate.

all four divisions.

Phillips said volunteers

up to four categories during also plan on having cake walks and "plant walks" during the day.

For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at 270-

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

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

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Andres, 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 Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Garden City football vs. El Paso Emmanuel,

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 swimat Lubbock ming Relays.

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

OCT. 12

Big Spring football 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

OCT. 13

Big Spring cross country at Georgetown Big Spring volleyball vs. Frenship, 2:30 p.m. Big Spring tennis vs. Frenship, 10 a.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 attent and help support the Steers' football program.

Washer tourney set for Saturday

The Amigos Washer Club has sceduled a washer tournament for Saturday at the La Vedera Club.

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

Restritration fee is \$30 per team with trophies and cash being award 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 himsports@bigspringherald.com.

Area roundup: Grady dominating defensively

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

LENORAH — If the old saying "Defense wins championships" is true, then the Grady Wildcats (5-0) had better start clearing a lot of space in the trophy case.

The Wildcats have given up just 20 points in five games, including shut outs over both New Home and Trent in weeks two and three.

Led by leading tackler Roy Rodriguez, Grady's swarming defense has consistently outclassed anyone that has gotten in its line of sight. Wildcats Head Coach Joe Helms hopes that Hermleigh Cardinals (4-1) come calling in hopes of spoiling Grady's homecoming.

"They are much improved over their past teams," Helms said of the Cardinals. "Historically they have been inconsistent and just not very good, but all that has changed this year. They have put together an excellent run and have beaten some pretty decent teams. We are going to have to be prepared and not take them light-

Taking the Cardinals for granted is not something that the Wildcats are likely to do, as they

trend continues this week as the enter the last non-district game of the season before entering the war that will be the race for the District I, Division I title.

> "We are going to have to be prepared and have a good running game," Helms said. "Hopefully we can just continue to do like we have been and play solid defense."

> Thrown into the equation are the distractions of it being homecoming and the possibility of a let down.

"It hasn't been as bad here as

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Area football

Hermleigh at Grady

Hawley at Stanton

Dawson at Sands

Coahoma seeks season's first win against Anson

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Facing a hungry bulldog is a situation that most would choose to avoid.

Anson's Tigers come into Coahoma forced to face a pack of Bulldogs starving for a victory.

Despite keeping Merkel off the scoreboard in the first half last week, the Bulldogs (0-1, 0-4) gave up 19 points in the last two quarters of the game and 311 rushing yards to the Badgers. However, it was just the first game back for the Bulldogs' starting quarterback Donnie Garcia, who had missed the previous two games with a stress fracture in his foot.

The Tigers also come into Bulldog Stadium in hopes of recovering from a shut out loss at the hands of Stanton last week. Anson was able to move the ball against Stanton, but couldn't find the end zone.

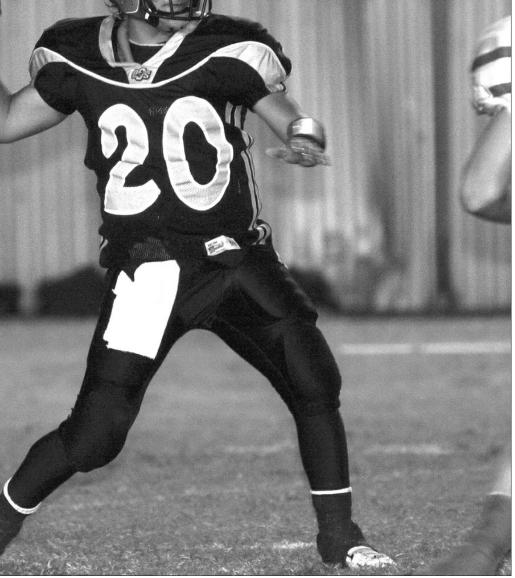
Last season, the Tigers racked up 367 rushing yards on the Bulldogs on their way to a 36-8 win.

Offensively, the Bulldogs will look to the returning Garcia to provide a little more balance to the attack. Running back P.J. Daylong has been the Bulldogs' most consistent threat. Daylong has 223 rushing yards on 48 carries.

Garcia's return gives the Bulldogs a chance to reinstate some of the offense they had to scale back while he was injured. It also means that backup quarterback Josh Paniagua returns to wide receiver where he had 35 yards on two receptions last week.

Defensively, the Bulldogs will try to take advantage of their speed to keep the Tigers from breaking big runs.

However, Anson is able to create big plays in the passing game as well. This puts a lot of pressure on a young secondary that had problems earlier this season.



Big Spring Steers quarterback Nathan Doporto winds up to throw a pass in the Steers' 61-13 loss to Abilene Wylie Sept. 21. Big Spring is still looking for the first win of the season as they head into their homecoming matchup against the undefeated Andrews Mustangs.

Steers host rival Andrews for homecoming

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Mustangs are wild horses that often take more than one try to properly wrangle.

Big Spring's Steers get a second chance to tame some Mustangs Friday night when they host Andrews at Memorial Stadium. Last week, the Steers (0-5) failed to corral a different group of Mustangs as long-time rival Sweetwater ran through Big Spring, 40-0.

"It doesn't matter which Mustangs they are. It's not hard for Big Spring to get up to play

Andrews or Sweetwater," said Steers Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "As long as they use a Mustang for their mascot, then it takes nothing extra to get the Steers ready to

play." After Sweetwater, there isn't a more intense and storied rivalry in the eyes of many current and ex-Steers than the one they share with Andrews. With many Big Spring exes planning to attend the Homecoming game Friday night, there's little doubt in Ritchey's mind that all of Memorial Stadium will be wanting a victory.

"That's the great thing about

this rivalry with Andrews. Most people in the town want the win badly because of our history with them," Ritchey said. "The stadium will be packed as it always is for homecoming games. We're going to have plenty of fan support this

week. That's for certain.' Andrews (5-0) comes into Memorial Stadium undefeated and returns 16 starters from last season's squad that made it to the state quarterfinals in the Class 3A playoffs despite finishing the regular season 2-8. Ritchey notes that

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Forsan looks to build on last week's OT win

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

There are times during a season that a team can point at a particular game that changes the squad's fortunes. Forsan's Buffaloes quite possibly had that moment last Friday when they made up a 27-0 third quarter deficit to Irion County and pulled out a 35-34 overtime victory.

After getting their first win, the Buffs (1-0, 1-3) travel to Sterling City Friday night to challenge the Eagles (0-1, 0-4) — a team that has beaten Forsan the last two

years in a row. Buffs Head Coach Tommy Thompson hopes to see a focused team as they look to keep a per-

fect district record. "Anytime you lose to an oppo- See FORSAN, Page 2B

nent twice in a row your team should be more focused," said Thompson. "Sterling City is a good team with quality coaches and players. Even though they are 0-4 right now, they are a solid football team. We do not see this as a revenge type game, but simply one where we have another chance to get better."

Thompson said his team is feeling good about last week's victory, but has its sights set on the Eagles.

"Last Friday was great. Those that left early missed a great ball game," Thompson said. "Our guys never accepted defeat and we are all very proud of what they accomplished. But they



Forsan Buffaloes running back Jeremy Freitag runs past an Irion County defender in the Buffs' 35-34 overtime victory last week. The Buffs face Sterling City Friday night.

Obituaries

Van Henry Gaston



Heaven is rejoicing with a servant that's come home. Van Henry Gaston stepped from this world into heaven with his Savior on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, his children, Vance Gaston of Big Spring and Vanessa Cates-Backes of Forsan, eight grandchildren, PVT Vanna Gaston of Ft. Lee, Va., Curtis Gaston, Joshua Cates, Hannah Cates, Dakota Backes and Ethan Backes, all of Forsan,

Danny Moore and Jackie Moore of Big Spring, three great-grandchildren, six sisters, four brothers and his mother, Viola Gaston.

Van was born March 23, 1945, in Nolan County and married Susan Heideman, June 27, 1965, in Big Spring. He was raised on a ranch near Sterling City and came to Forsan to work in the oilfield when he was 18. He eventually owned and operated his own oilwell servicing company for 16 years. Van was a hard worker who strived for excellence in all that he did. He had the gift of encouraging others to become the best they could be.

Van loved his family and enjoyed taking them water skiing, camping, fishing and traveling. His kind heart and ready smile truly blessed all those around him. He was a member of Family Faith Victory Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Sammy and Christina Segundo officiating and Derrick Looney assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Gaston, one sister and one brother.

The family suggests memorials be made to Family Faith Victory Center, P.O. Box 507, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Take Note

- ANGEL FOOD ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Oct. 12 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 13 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1997 will have its 10-year reunion this weekend. Activities include a float in the homecoming parade at 4:30 p.m. Friday, followed by the football game at Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, there will be a family picnic at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park at noon, dinner at La Posada at 6:30 p.m. and a dance at the Howard County Fair Barns at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Amanda Armstrong Arguello at 262-0949 or Mindy Robertson at 212-1770.
- LENORAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BARBECUE FUND-RAISER AND **DANCE** will be held Saturday at the new firehouse, Highway 176 at the county barns.

The barbecue is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the dance will be from 8 p.m. to midnight with music provided by the Zach Edwards Band. Everyone is invited.

- FIELDS OF FAITH, featuring Ornan's Floor in partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be at Big Spring Memorial Stadium Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.
- BIG SPRING DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS HAVING A HAMBURGER SUPPER at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct.12 at \$6 per plate. Includes beans, fries and dessert.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m.

- ARTHUR CALLOWAY, 18, of 1301 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ROY THOMAS, 23, of 3304 Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation.
- FAVIAN A. URIAS III, 21, of 217 Third Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disregarding a
- BRYAN C. ODLE, 25, of 1110 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
- was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. • **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Scurry.
- FORGERY was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg Street. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800
- block of FM 700. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported 300
- block of Second Street. · ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was
- reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: - in the 1500 block of 17th Street.
- in the 100 block of Fourth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.

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. ARMANDO FRANCO, 22, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ARMANDO FRANCO JR., 52, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, no driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to appear (two counts).

• ASHLEY WARD, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for possession of a controlled substance.

• PERRY WAYNE WELLS, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.

• LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• RICKY RAY WINTERS JR., 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or

• DESMOND RAY MORRIS, 20, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of minor in posses-

• STEPHEN WAYNE GAMBREL, 23, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 5900 block of Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday

Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-23-38-39-52.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$9

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-15-29-30. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$27,919.

Winning ticket sold in: Watauga. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-6-3. Sum It Up:

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TODAY

- 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.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Cactus Room in the Howard College Student Union Building.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- · Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

· Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

•The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

· Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

•Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For

more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599. • The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 per-

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 per-

Saturday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the

Columbus day...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Support Groups

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.

• 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.

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know that it is just one win and have already begun practicing hard and working on the little things to prepare for Sterling City."

The Eagles like to run their offense out of the T and Slot-T formations. They will throw a lot of misdirection plays at the Buffs, running the option, leads and sweeps. They will often load up behind their 6'1", 280-pound tack-le Colby Hasty and a solid offensive line and utilize the talent of quarterback Lucas Rawls and running back Abel Rivas.

The Buffs will try and counter the Eagles' offense by swarming the ball and paying close attention to Rivas, wherever he is on the field. Thompson said it is

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other places that I have

been. We don't have a

bonfire and all the other

stuff that keeps the kids

out late at night. It has

really disrupted the

school day more than

anything else," Helms

said of the festivities sur-

rounding homecoming. "I

really don't think that it

is going to be that big of a

problem. When it comes

down to it the boys know

that they have to go out

and play the way that

they know they can and

not get caught up in the

fact that it is homecom-

"This is the last game

before we start district in

two weeks," he contin-

ued. "Next week is our

bye which actually comes

at a good time for us. It

will give us a week to pre-

pare for what very well

could be the toughest dis-

trict in the state in any

classification. I honestly

believe that four of the

five teams in our district

are good enough to win

any other district in the

The latest state rank-

ings seem to back up that

statement as Rankin (4),

Grady (6), Ft. Davis (13)

and Garden City (14) have

throttled teams week in

and week out with the

Bearcats of Garden City

suffering the only loss of

the group to No. 3 Calvert

ended their last three

games by halftime cour-

tesy of the 45-point mercy

rule that oversees six-

man football. If history

holds true, then Grady could make it four

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important that they do not give up the big plays and hurt themselves.

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When Forsan lines up on offense it will face a base 5-2, cover-3 defense. Hasty will also anchor the Eagle defensive line and will be backed up by solid linebackers, Clayton Long and Jacob Hasty.

"We will have to execute perfectly and make sure we pick up all of our assignments," Thompson said. "If we can keep the ball moving, keep them guessing and eliminate turnovers then we will put ourselves in great position to win this game."

Thompson said his linebacking crew of Josh Daniels, Ryan Flores and Garrett and Chance Pool have to make big plays and attack the ball carri-

Blake Grantham, Aaron Hughes, Anthony

the half. The Wildcats

defeated Hermleigh, 46-0,

last season, needing just

two quarters of play to

STANTON — Stanton's

Buffaloes are hoping that

the dejavu of this week

stops Friday night when

At this time last season,

the Buffs (1-0, 3-1) entered

their matchup against the

Bearcats (1-0, 2-2) with the

exact same record that

they have now. They left

Hawley with a 20-13 loss.

Both teams have an

affinity for running the

football. Hawley has four

players — Seth Manly,

Harris and Kyle Sellers —

that have already rushed

for better than 100 yards

this season. Meanwhile,

Stanton boasts two play-

makers — running back

Robbie Noland and quar-

terback Garrett Fulton —

who have fueled the

offense with several big

Last week, Stanton's

backfield duo combined

for 207 rushing yards and

including a 55-yard scam-

per by Fulton — in the

Buffs' 17-0 district-open-

Hawley also won their

first district game last

week, defeating Stamford

39-20. The Bearcats fin-

ished with 366 yards rush-

Stanton will rely on

Fulton, middle linebacker

Mark Garcia and defen-

sive end Adam Evans —

against Anson — to

thwart the Bearcats

ground attack.

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plays on the ground.

Daniel Brewer,

Hawley's

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host

reach that outcome.

Hawley at Stanton

they

Bearcats.

Neighbors and Michael Leal will be expected to control the line of scrimmage and keep pressure on Rawls to hopefully force turnovers.

Offensively, the Buffs look to take up where they left off last week with a balanced attack that had over 300 yards rushing and 200 passing. Thompson said he expects the offensive line to open big holes for Jeremy Frietag and Jace Sandridge and keep the heat off quarterback Alex Huckabee.

"We have to expect the same kind of effort we had in the second half last week for a full game this week," said Thompson. "If we can do that and stop hurting ourselves, I have no doubt we will be right where we need to be when the clock runs out."

plays six degress of separation with the Dawson Dragons and Sands Mustangs this season, it isn't hard to come up with a reason why Dawson could win the

Friday night matchup. Dawson defeated Loraine, 45-14, in week zero of this season. Loraine narrowly lost to Westbrook, 54-52, in week three after Westbrook had defeated Sands, 41-32, the previous week. After all of that research, one could come away with the opinion that Dawson could defeat Mustangs.

Fortunately for Sands, football games are played on the field and not with six degrees of separation.

The Mustangs (3-2) do have history on their side. They have defeated the Dragons for four straight seasons, including a 51-6 victory last season.

Sands' quarterback Johnny Rogers has scored 10 touchdowns in two weeks, including four scores last week in the Mustangs' 56-7 win over Klondike. The Dragons (1-4) are coming off of a 64-29 loss to New Home.

El Paso Immanuel Christian at Garden City

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats (3-1) host El Paso Immanuel Christian's Warriors (3-1) at 4 p.m. Saturday in Garden City. A full preview will be available in the Friday edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Beckett, Ortiz, lead Red Sox to 4-0 win over Angels in playoff opener

By HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Chone Figgins led off the game with a single off Josh Beckett and actually made it to third base.

The next 19 Angels who faced the postseason star couldn't even get to first.

"You've got to go up there and swing and he was ahead of us all night," Figgins said. "It's what you expect from him. He's tough."

Beckett proved that by being the only 20-game winner this year. On Wednesday night, he went one step further, pitching the best game of his best season and leading the Boston Red Sox to a 4-0 win over Los Angeles in the opener of the AL division series.

The MVP of the 2003 World Series pitched his second consecutive post-season shutout with backing from homers by David Ortiz and Kevin Youkilis. Beckett gave up just four singles and no walks and struck out eight in extending his playoff scoreless streak to 18 innings with his first complete-game win of the year.

"It's a really cool thing to be able to go out there and be the only pitcher that pitches for your team that day," he said. "I don't think that they ever thought about taking me out."

After Thursday's off day, the Angels will try to even the best-of-5 series on Friday night when they send Kelvim Escobar to the mound against Daisuke Matsuzaka, the Japanese star who will be making his major league playoff debut.

"I think this stage will be a good place for him to show what he can do," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Besides Figgins, the only runner to get past first on Wednesday was Erick Aybar, who reached second in the eighth. Then Beckett needed just seven pitches to retire the side in the ninth.

"He was throwing the ball better than he has at any point in the season. He was in control of himself," Francona said. "That was a great performance." Only Christy Mathewson, with four postseason shutouts, has more than Beckett's three. Whitey Ford and Mordecai Brown also have three.

Only two other pitchers have retired more than 19 consecutive batters in a postseason game — Don Larsen when he set down 27 straight in his perfect game for the New York Yankees in 1956 and Herb Pennock with 22 in a row for the Yankees in 1927.

"He's a guy that wants to be great," Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. "He doesn't want to be pretty good. He wants to be the best guy that takes the mound. That's what you want from your ace."

In the clinching Game 6 of the 2003 World Series, Beckett allowed five hits and the Florida Marlins beat the Yankees 2-0.

His numbers were comparable in Wednesday's game.

"They're similar because of the results," Beckett said. "I don't think really anything else is similar. I think I got a lot of ground balls tonight. I got a lot of fly balls that night."

He retired 12 Angels on grounders and only five on fly balls to the outfield.

They started swinging early in the count when they realized Beckett was putting the ball where he wanted to. He threw 83 of his 108 pitches for strikes and started 21 of the last 23 batters with first-pitch strikes, including 15 in a row

"He was strike one all night," said Garret Anderson, who went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. "He didn't give us a chance where he had to worry about base runners."

Ortiz finished the season on a hot streak and continued it Wednesday with a single in the first after Youkilis' solo homer and a two-run homer in the third after Youkilis' double. John Lackey then walked Manny Ramirez and threw a wild pitch before allowing Lowell's run-scoring single in the third.

Lackey was 19-9 with an AL-best 3.01 ERA this year. But Wednesday's loss dropped him to 0-3 against the Red Sox this season and 1-7 in his career.

"They get to a lot of people," Lackey said. "That's why we're playing them right now. With Beckett pitching that way, it's going to be tough to hold down that kind of lineup with not getting much from your side."

In 2004, Ortiz eliminated the Angels with a 10th inning homer that ended the AL division series. The Red Sox then rallied after losing the first three games of the AL championship series to the Yankees and won the next four before sweeping St. Louis in the World Series.

"This is his time of year, too," Youkilis said of Ortiz. "For David to come out and have a big hit is always good. Because when David's confidence is high, this team succeeds."

But Beckett was the star of the series opener, just as he was the key to the closing game of the 2003 World Series, one year after Lackey won Game 7 of the World Series as a rookie for the Angels.

In the postseason, Beckett is 3-2 with a 1.74 ERA.

"You don't change a lot of things just because now you're in the postseason," Beckett said. "You do what made you successful to get here."

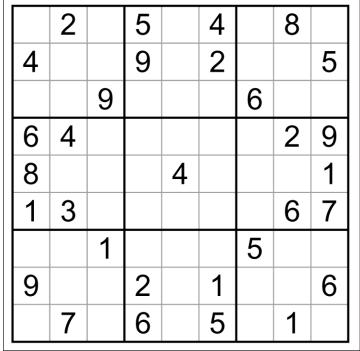
Notes: Beckett is the first pitcher with two straight postseason shutouts since current teammate Curt Schilling threw one Philadelphia in 1993 and Arizona in 2001. Schilling is scheduled to pitch Game 3 Sunday in Anaheim against Jered Weaver. ... The Red Sox have won their last seven postseason games against the Angels. Orlando Angeles SS Cabrera, who played on Boston's 2004 championship team, was 0-for-4 with a strikeout and three groundouts. ... Ramirez has hit safely in 20 of his last 21 postseason games.

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Dawson at Sands ACKERLY — If one

had two sacks

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Case of the Missing Damsel

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

A Q J

8 7 3

7 4

K J 9 5 3

WEST

10 7 6 3

A Q J 9 2

4 Q J 9 2

4 J 9 5

6

SOUTH

K 4

K 10 5

A K 6 3

A 10 8 2

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads the queen of hearts. How would you play the hand?

Looking at all 52 cards, it is obvious you can score 11 tricks if you win the heart with the king, cross to the king of clubs and take a club finesse against East.

The trouble is that very few

The trouble is that very few declarers get to see their opponents' cards during the play. So, with the location of the queen of clubs unknown, declarer might try the percentage play of cashing the A-K of clubs in hopes of dropping the queen.

In the actual deal, this would result in down one.

Yet there is a way of assuring the contract regardless of how the clubs lie. The problem can be resolved very simply if you allow West's queen of hearts to hold the first trick! No matter what he does next, you are guaranteed to score at least nine tricks before your opponents can score five.

Suppose West decides to continue with the jack of hearts. In that case, you win with the king, cash the ace of clubs and lead another club. If West follows suit, you finesse, while if West shows out, you concede the queen to East.

This method of play ensures that only East can gain the lead with a club. If he has a heart remaining, it means the hearts were originally divided 4-3, so you finish with nine tricks. If East doesn't have a heart, you score 10 tricks.

you score 10 tricks.

Now let's say West does not continue hearts at trick two, but shifts to another suit. In that event, you win his return, cash the club king and finesse East for the queen. If West wins the trick, he cannot run his hearts, and again you make the con-

Thus, there is nothing that can stop you from getting home safely — provided you refuse to take the king of hearts at trick one. That's all there is to it

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Avoiding a colonoscopy? An X-ray version may be more available soon

By STEPHANIE NANO

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Having an X-ray to look for signs of colon cancer may soon be an option for those who dread the traditional scope exam.

Two of the largest studies yet of "virtual colonoscopy" show the experimental technique works just as well at spotting potentially cancerous growths as the more invasive method. It's also quicker and cheaper.

The X-rays can help sort out who really needs the full exam and removal of suspicious growths, called polyps. In one study, only 8 percent of patients had to have followup traditional colonoscopies, which are done under sedation sites around the country is meant to be by a gastroenterologist, a long, thin tube and carry a small risk of puncturing the bowel.

But what some people consider the most unpleasant part can't be avoided: drinking laxatives to purge the bowel so growths can be seen.

Still, proponents hope that the newer test will lure those who have balked at getting conventional screening.

"This is ready for prime time," said Dr. Perry Pickhardt, one of the researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School who are reporting the results of their study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

A second, federally funded study at 15

test of virtual the definitive colonoscopy.

Results have not been published, but they show the test to be promising.

Colonoscopies are recommended for everyone over 50, but just about half get tested. Colon cancer is the nation's second leading cause of cancer deaths, and an estimated 52,000 people will die from it this year.

Screening can save lives by finding growths before they turn cancerous. Colonoscopies, considered the gold standard test, are recommended every 10 years and more frequently after polyps are found.

In traditional colonoscopy, performed

is inserted and snaked through the large intestines. General-ly, any polyps that are spotted, regardless of size, are taken out in the process.

Virtual colonography uses a CT scanner to take a series of X-rays of the colon and a computer to create a 3-D view. A small tube is inserted in the rectum to inflate the colon so it can be more easily viewed.

A radiologist then checks the images for suspicious polyps. Since the patient isn't sedated, there's no recovery time required.

But if any polyps need to be removed, the patient must then have a regular colonoscopy to do that.

FINALISTS

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- Senior Mistie Aguilar, the daughter of Raul and Christie Aguilar. She is active with the cross country and track and field teams.
- Senior Amanda Caskey, the daughter of Stephen and Melinda Teel. She is a student council representative, secretary of the senior class and a member of the volleyball team.
- Senior Ale Garcia, the daughter of Eduardo and Marta Garcia. She is a varsity cheerleader and member of the high

school band. In addition, she Beau earlier this year. been named Band Sweetheart and Miss Howdy.

- Senior Whitney Lewis, daughter of Vernell and Carletta McKinney. She is a varsity cheerleader, participates in volleyball and track and field and is the manager of the boys' basketball team.
- · Senior Callie Partee, daughter of Alan and Della Partee. She is senior class president and is active in volleyball, basketball and track and field

Homecoming king finalists

· Senior Shane Bowles, the son of Don and Karla Bowles. He is a captain in the BSHS Band and was selected Band

- Senior Zack Dawson, the son of Mike and Evelyn Dawson. He is a member of the cross country team and National Honor Society.
- Senior Lance Gross, the son of James and Debbie Gross. He is president of the student council and is a member of the baseball and basketball teams.
- Senior Jessie Sanchez, son of Melissa Sanchez. He is a member of the cross country and track and field teams.
- Senior Jono Smith, son of Manuela Bernal. He is in choir, is a captain on the BSHS football team and is involved in powerlifting.
- A bonfire and pep rally will

p.m. tonight at the City of Big Spring compost facility south of McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

The annual BSHS homecoming parade, featuring the BSHS Steer Band, homecoming king and queen nominees and lots of former students, will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday. The parade will head north on Main Street starting at 10th, move through the downtown area, then head south on Scurry.

The king and queen will be crowned at halftime of the BSHS-Andrews football game, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Memorial Stadium.

A homecoming dance for students and their guests will be

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tees. He has also served as

a member of the Senate

Prior to election to the

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be held at approximately 7:30 held beginning at 10 p.m. Friday at the high school cafe-

> Among the many reunions planned, the Quarterback Club will hold a reception for all former BSHS football players to celebrate the school's football centennial.

> The reception will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School. Call Frank Stiles at 270-3041 or Denise Carillo at 816-1685 for more information.

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are pretty much issues that are important in 2008, and they are going to be in important as long as people choose to live in this community and work in this community. They invest their lives and their energy in this community."

Seliger said one of the most important concerns for Howard County is education, as the state continues to struggle with financing for public schools.

"First and foremost is public education," said Seliger. "A budget that makes sense. A tax system that feeds that budget that is fair, equitable, adequate and broad-based, with the lowest rates possible. The over-arching goal in that strategy is to see to it that Texas remains the best place in the United States to build jobs and new businesses.

"Community colleges will continue to be, and will be ever-more important as time goes on. With 4.4 million kids in schools today, and the population of Texas growing from 23 million to 40 million, we must educate Texans who aren't born yet. But we want them to have the same sort of promise, potential and opportunities that we had growing up in the state of Texas.'

Criminal justice, transportation for urban areas, Texas' role in controlling the nation's borders and issues of local control are also major concerns for the Senate, according to Seliger.

"Letting the people who we elect locally — school board, county commission, city council — let them do the work that we elected them to do," said Seliger. "Don't handicap them with the things we do in Austin. The central government in Austin assists local governments.

"It's not really up to me to decide what I can do in the best interest of Big Spring. It's up to you to decide what is in the best interests of Big Spring, and then let me know how I can help. I feel like that's been done very, very effectively, and I owe a real thanks to your local officials, for that.'

Seliger went on to stress the importance of the Big Spring State Hospital, and

Town hall meeting slated today

State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Joe Heflin will address the public during a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus at 5:30 p.m. today.

The representatives were also to be featureed speakers at the Ag Expo and Luncheon at noon today in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

point out the role Big Spring played in recent legislature that could eventually do away with TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test.

"The first time anybody really talked about doing away with the TAKS test was right here in Big Spring," said Seliger. "It was the response I got from teachers, families and administration to go ahead and introduce that bill. It got absorbed into a bigger bill and formed its foundation, and we're going to see some big, big changes in the TAKS

Seliger, who was sworn in to the Texas Senate to serve the citizens of Senate District 31 on March 2, 2004, to complete the term of former Sen. Teel Bivins, was re-elected to serve a full, fouryear term in November 2004. District 31 spans 26

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counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin and includes Big Spring, Amarillo, Midland and Odessa.

Seliger is a native of Amarillo and was raised in Borger, where he graduated from the Borger public school system and Dartmouth went to College.

Seliger currently serves as vice-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee and as a mem $o_{\rm I}$ tne Naturai



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Caucasian male in his mid to late 20s, approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall. He was clean-shaven and wore a black "hoodie" (hooded sweatshirt). The victim

unharmed. Everett said no other

details were available, as the incident is still under investigation, but he

urged anyone with information on this incident to contact police immediate-

"Call the police, or call Crimestoppers," Everett said. "We need to get this guy behind bars immediately."

To report a crime or information about a crime, call the PD at 264-2550 or Crime Stoppers at 263-TIPS.

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Jonathan Hull

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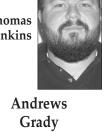
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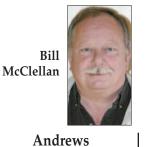
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STEERS

Last Week

Overall

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the Mustangs were a young team last season much like Big Spring is this year.

"What they did last season is something we'd like to replicate this year," he explained. "We're off to a slow start, but we like our team. We believe that if we can get rolling with a couple of wins then we can make a decent push into the playoffs. That would give us a lot of momentum with a young team heading into next year. There wouldn't be a better time to start gaining that momentum than this week against Andrews at our own homecoming."

The Mustangs are led by quarterback Eric Kelton, who poses a dual threat to defenses. Last week, the Mustangs held off a late rally by Seminole to win, 25-21.

Kelton accounted for all three of the Mustangs' touchdowns — one passing, two rushing — and finished with 219 of Andrews' 312 total offensive yards.

"They like to get their quarterback in the best position to make plays," Ritchey said. "He's a good athlete and has shown big play ability. They have

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some good players around him as well, including a very good running back and capable receivers. They're going to be a good test for our defense.'

Running back Michael Reid is Andrews' other playmaker. He rushed for 146 yards and four touchdowns on 15 carries two weeks ago against Monahans. The Mustangs generally run offense out of the spread formation with Reid lined up next to Kelton in the shotgun.

However, they don't mind moving into an Iformation and playing power football either.

"They're offense is similar to what we like to try and execute," Ritchey said. "They have two playmakers in the backfield and they set them up

Defensively, the Steers get a little healthier with linebacker Justin Amaro returning to the starting lineup after he sprained his knee three weeks ago. Amaro was the team's second-leading tackler before his injury. Big Spring is still going to be without the services of defensive end Matt Casteneda, but middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth, who had been playing with a sore knee, is going to be closer to 100 percent.



Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth Big Spring Steers backup quarterback Tyler Tannehill looks for a receiver downfield as a San Angelo Central defender pursues him in a football game played Sept. 7. The Steers host Andrews for homecoming Friday night.

Offensively, the Steers could be without offensive lineman Quentin Ausby, who sat out most of practice this week with a sprained ankle. Big Spring will also be limited at quarterback with sophomore backup Tyler Tannehill, who has seen

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signal caller in previous action, nursing a sore knee.

Ritchey notes that there are several important facets to Friday night's game.

"We want to win because it's homecoming.

significant action as the It's an important tradition to Big Spring, but we also want to win to give Andrews their first loss,' Ritchey said. "But, most importantly, we want to get our first win of the season. The coaches and players are both hungry for that first win and I

think that much of the community is as well."

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Crossroads District Standings and Schedule

District 16-1A

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3. Lake View	0	0	1	4	79	140	Forsan	1	0	1	3	61	131
4. Plainview	0	0	0	5	53	144	Menard	1	0	1	3	72	99
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Imagine an all-night diner where

sympathetic waitress serves weary hearts and travelers. That's today's Cancer moon, and when the moon shifts into Leo, a new neon sign is erected, flashing warmly: "Open." Feel the shift of the moon's movement as hearts move from tender to tickled and atmosphere invites us in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships need care, just like pets or plants. Sometimes nature lends a hand, and other times, like now, you're the sole person keeping it alive. It's so worth it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You so belong to a person or group that you can't help but make frequent use of the word "we." That's great! But it's also lucky for you to assert your individuality few times afternoon, just to change it up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are unspoken rules by which you feel obliged to conform. To add to the pressure, everyone else seems to be conforming. If you risk being the odd man out, the prize is that you get to make up your own rules!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You crave intense connections, excitement and fireworks. The most difficult aspect of maintaining such

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passionate relationship is not losing yourself in it. You can fly high with your feet firmly planted at the same time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's not a lot of change in your opinions lately. You know what you think, and even very influential people are not likely to sway you. You may as well tell them not to try, it's only fair.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make "prevention" your motto. Right now, there's no problem that can't be solved before it occurs. From car trouble to dealing with the family, an ounce of foresight will save you a considerable amount of money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have an inner social clock that tells you when to arrive, when to leave and what will be between appropriate those times. Oh, wouldn't be wonderful if everyone had such guidance?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sharing is an art you mastered in kindergarten, and

usually it's easy for you, but today you could be asked to share something you really don't want anyone else to have. It's your call!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel smug regarding another person's shortcomings. You're not a petty person, though. You can take this attitude of yours as a sign that you're ready to look at your own faults and improve quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You work extremely well with others who are as organized as you. As for the ones who aren't, you're not willing to wait around until they get their together. acts Instead, you take over and help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People feel compelled to be generous with you, though they don't always know what you like. Tonight, you're given a gift, and with it comes the expectation that you'll be using the thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If someone hasn't planned properly, that's not your problem. And yet, you are sweet about it. You don't judge, and neither do you complain. You make the best of it what more could a friend want.

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Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: I've been long-distance relationship for a few months. I love being with "Duke," but when he's back in his hometown, my mind goes crazy. I think about the worst possible situation and worry myself sick. I have this trust issue, and it drives me nuts.

My suspicions started when I found out Duke had a MySpace page but never told me about it. He shares a lot with me, so that seemed strange. He finally let me see it, and I realized he has pictures of himself with his ex still posted there, and he states that his status is "single."

I understand that he and his ex are still friends, and that doesn't bother me, but he told me once that he'd like to forget about her. So why does he keep the pictures up? He also has told me that his ex calls him every so often.

I don't want him to think he has to hide stuff from me. Am I just overthinking the situation? Should I worry? - Stressed and Frustrated

Dear Stressed: If your instincts are telling you that Duke is hiding things, he probably is. It's possible Duke hadn't updated his MySpace page and knew you'd be upset to see the pictures of the ex, so he postponed showing them to you. Has he since removed them and changed his status? If not, he is giving you information his level of about $commitment - and \ you$ indeed may have something to about.

Dear Annie: My wife and I are both in our 80s and have been married for 60 years. Between us, we have 11 siblings, 22 nieces and nephews, 28 grandnieces grandnephews and three great-grandnieces. family is the growing. We wish to inform

them that we will not feel slighted if they don't send us invitations to their birthdays, graduations, weddings, etc. We are retired with fixed incomes, on strict diets and don't drive at night. When we receive

invitations, we compelled to decline and send a gift.

There also are funerals. We were recently asked why we didn't attend the service for the sibling of a nephew's spouse, whom we barely knew. That's because we have to narrow our attendance to services for numerous close friends and relatives. Otherwise, we would be constantly attending funerals with requests for donations. To spare our elderly friends and relatives, my wife and I have decided not to have any service when our time comes.

Thank you for letting us use your column to convey our message. — Not So Grateful Uncle in Honolulu Dear Honolulu: We

understand position, but perhaps you could think of these invitations in a different light. Your extended family is trying to stay in touch and keep you informed of family events. You are not obligated to send a gift, but perhaps you can manage a card or note with your best wishes.

Dear Annie: I, too, have a husband who starts projects he never I think a finishes. "Husband Swap" is in order. Not for sex, just for household repairs.

My husband is more than happy to work on someone else's home projects, but not ours. A few weeks ago a coworker needed some help with plumbing and moving his washer and dryer. As usual, my husband was eager to help and really enjoyed himself. When suggested the "swap" to the co-worker, he thought it was a great idea.

So how about it, ladies (and gentlemen)? Get together with some of your

friends and start a household projects co-op. It works for baby-sitting, why not painting and hammering? — Blessings

From Pastor Diane Dear Pastor Diane: You may be onto something here — as long as no one is held liable for damages or injuries that may result. But this could catch on. Thanks.

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OUR VIEWS

It's time to start planning for this year's Christmas

may seem much too early in the year for thinking about Christmas gifts, but that's exactly what the Salvation Army in Big Spring is doing these days as it starts taking applications for the annual Angel Tree program.

Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney and their staff have begun the task of providing presents for children and elderly citizens that might not otherwise have a merry Christmas.

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

"There have been many, many changes in our economy just in this past year and, sadly, it has affected a lot of us," Capt. Russ Keeney noted. "There's not much doubt in our minds that there's going to be a greater demand for the Angel Tree program than ever."

The Salvation Army will be taking applications from parents needing the holiday assistance Monday, Oct. 15, through Friday, Oct. 29, at the Corps building, located at 811 W. Fifth St., and will continue to do so from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Registration will continue through the week of Oct. 22-26.

There will be no late registration because the Army's personnel have to get everything written on cards and get them distributed to the various Angel Tree sites.

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

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

"We do ask that parents be reasonable in their requests," Keeney said.

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

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

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

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

Yes, the holiday season is coming. And with it comes a special time to share our good fortunes with others less fortunate. We invite you to reach out to a small child or elderly person in need this holiday season. The feeling you will receive from helping others is truly what the holiday spirit is all about.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May we give the outcome of our situations to You, Lord.

At war with being at war

ew York Times columnist Thomas Friedman must be awfully tired of the global war on terror (GWOT). In his column "9/11 Is Over," he laments that "we've become 'The United States of Fighting Terrorism.' I will not vote for any candidate running on 9/11. We don't need another president of 9/11. We need a president for 9/12.

Alrighty, then. Let's just declare the war over.

Liberals have tried to convince us they are hawks on the GWOT but that they just don't believe Iraq is part of it. They want to go back into Afghanistan with greater force, or perhaps into Pakistan

and capture Osama bin Laden, who President Bush "let escape" at Tora Bora. Many conservatives have long

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been skeptical about the Democrats' claim to be hawkish on the GWOT. As I've detailed before, Democrats have opposed President Bush at every turn in the GWOT — not just on Iraq. They've scoffed at President

Bush's moral clarity in depicting the GWOT as a struggle between the forces of good and evil. They've tried to undermine the Patriot Act, which was designed to break down the walls between our intelligence agencies and help us "connect the dots" to prevent future terrorist attacks.

They've opposed — and exposed for terrorist consumption — our efforts to track terrorists' finances. They've tried to sabotage our terrorist surveillance program, fraudulently labeling it as "domestic spying," though it has probably

saved American lives and might have, had it been in place then, enabled us to prevent 9/11.

They have opposed tough interrogation techniques against suspected terrorists, though some of the methods they've opposed have demonstrably saved American lives. They've accused the Bush administration of systematically torturing enemy prisoners, though such false allegations diminish our image in the world and inflame potential terrorist recruits, which these same liberals profess they want to avoid at all costs. They insist on full-blown constitutional rights for "the worst of the worst" at Gitmo.

In the face of all this evidence, the left says it is better equipped to protect America's national security. Maybe some have even convinced themselves it's true, having temporarily suppressed their inner antiwar demons. But apparently this artificial suppression is too much for some liberals to sustain. Friedman's inner Jane Fonda is now exploding to the surface. He's tired of us acting like we are at war, and he isn't going to take it anymore, reality be damned.

"9/11 has made us stupid," says Friedman. "I honor, and weep for, all those murdered on that day. But our reaction to 9/11 — mine included — has knocked America completely out of balance, and it is time to get things right again."

Friedman admits that "we need new precautions, new barriers. But we also need our old habits and sense of openness. Our government has been exporting fear, not hope: 'Give me your tired, your poor and your fingerprints.' You may think Guantanamo Bay is a prison camp in Cuba for Al Qaeda terrorists. A lot of the world thinks it's a place we send visitors who don't give the right

answers at immigration."

Well, Tom, if they think so, why don't you use your "paper of record" megaphone to disabuse them of that abominable falsehood? Perhaps it's because you agree with them, since you say, "I will not vote for any candidate who is not committed to dismantling Guantanamo Bay and replacing it with a free field hospital for poor Cubans. Guantanamo Bay is the anti-Statue of Liberty."

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Like a good liberal, Friedman expresses no concern for the consequences of closing down Gitmo or for where these violent murderers will be transferred. Practicality doesn't matter. He just wants the war to be over.

"We need a president who will unite us around a common purpose, not a common enemy," says Friedman. "Al Qaeda is about 9/11. We are about 9/12..."

Why didn't we think of that? We don't need this war. It's bringing us down. It's just so 9/11.

Many have warned that liberals — despite their denials — don't believe we're really at war. They can wish it away, just like they can wish away that part of human nature that recoils against socialism, but the reality remains unchanged.

In the meantime, we must pray that adults continue to steer the ship of state in these perilous times, recognizing and confronting the real dangers and real enemies we face and leading us to make such temporary sacrifices as may be necessary to protect ourselves and safeguard our precious liber-

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With environment, you can't start over

Mother Nature Doesn't pout; She throws back, What we throw out.

rice President Dick Cheney feels that adjusting one's life in order to save nature is a commendable personal virtue — it's just not realistic. There is oil to be drilled,

power to be generated, homes to be cooled, lawns to be perfected, pork to be paid out and all the other daily activities that constitute civilized life.

Of course, he's right. Take Europe. In a spasm of self-flagellation, most Europeans drive small cars, live in

small houses, ride the trolley, recycle, reuse, live without lawns and pass up many of the other good things in life. There must be some stark religious dogma controlling them.

WILLIAM A.

COLLINS

Here in the free world we live without such dogma. For example, our town has no law requiring resplendent lawns — it's just that everyone happens to want one and is willing to work to create it. Our family knows this because we live by the neighborhood pond where all that fertilizer eventually drains. The surface is now so thick with algae that the ducks will soon be able to walk across on top. Learning from this lesson,

our own lawn features a worldclass crop of crab grass.

Then there is the saintly lady across town who is hung up on clotheslines, so to speak. She writes periodically, castigating neighborhood covenants that prohibit them. The dryer, after all, is a leading villain in global warming. Of course, she's right. Luckily, such covenants are of dubious legality, and would surely shrivel in the face of my wife's family. They're Swiss, and maintain an only lightly veiled contempt for dryer users as long as the temperature manages to hover

somewhere above absolute zero. Yes, these are those extremist families that Dick Cheney merely tolerates. They don the hair shirt of personal environmentalism in hopes of saving the planet. Unfortunately, even though their number is growing, there aren't yet enough to do the trick. If we were all like Jimmy Carter though, voluntarily turning off lights and putting on sweaters, there probably would be. But since we're not that individually motivated, we need laws.

Luckily, my state is actually pretty good at passing laws. We keep nibbling away at environmental issues posed by cars, waterways, power plants, recycling, sewage and other things. The trouble is that successfully saving the whole world takes federal action. Remember when the United States boldly banned lead, and CFCs, and DDT and imposed rationing?

No, probably not. But those brave actions worked. Today. Americans are not likely to give up SUVs, phthalates or lawn chemicals on their own until they're banned nationally. Nor are we likely to run our air conditioning at 80 until manufacturers have made that the lowest setting on the dial, or 70 the highest setting on the furnace.

Given the clout of corporate lobbyists in Washington, Congress probably won't do anything that dramatic until the Gulf Stream shifts from Maine to Moscow, more U.S. beaches wash away, or India says it won't accept our tossed computers anymore.

Whichever generation is unlucky enough to first face these crises will have to muddle along in a whole new world. Either parkas in July or malaria tablets in January.

The hot new investments may then become sump pumps, water desalination plants or mercury landfills.

Sure, it would make more sense for us to legislate prevention, but America isn't into prevention. Luckily for us old geezers though, there is comfort in knowing that we'll all be gone by the time those chickens come home to roost.

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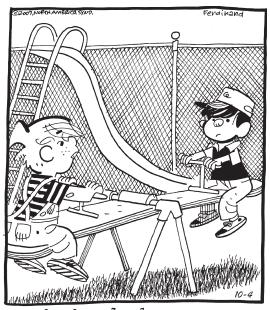
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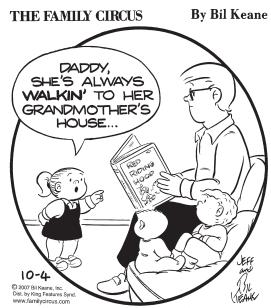
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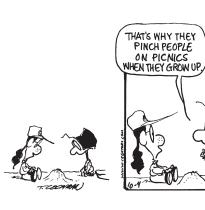


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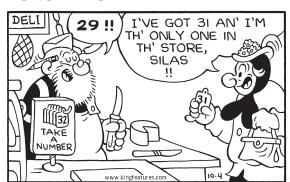




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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2007. There are 88 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Oct. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit.

On this date: In 1777,

George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties. In 1822, the 19th president

of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps, where the Nazi leader sought Italy's help in fighting the British.

In 1957, Jimmy Hoffa was elected president of the Teamsters Union.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI became the first pope to visit the Western Hemisphere as he addressed the U.N. General Assembly.

1976, Agriculture In Secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1978, a funeral mass was held at the Vatican for Pope John Paul I.

In 1980, some 520 people were forced to abandon the cruise ship Prinsendam in the Gulf of Alaska after the Dutch luxury liner caught fire; no deaths or serious injury resulted. Today's Birthdays: Actor

Charlton Heston is 84. Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 78. Actress Felicia Farr is 75. Actor Eddie Applegate is 72. Author Anne Rice is 66. Actress Lori Saunders ("Petticoat Junction") is 66. Actor Clifton Davis is 62. Actress Susan Sarandon is 61. Blues musician Duke Robillard is 59. Playwright Lee Blessing is 58. Actor Armand Assante is 58. Actor Alan Rosenberg 57. Producer Russell Simmons is 50. Musician

Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 48. Country musician Gregg "Hobie' Hubbard (Sawyer Brown) is 47. Actor David W. Harper is 46. Singer Jon Secada is 46. personality Melendez ("The Tonight Show") is 42. Actor Liev Schreiber is 40. Actor Abraham Benrubi is 38. Country singer-musician Heidi Newfield is 37. Rock musician Andy Parle is 37. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 31. Actor Phillip Glasser is 29. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 28. Actor Jimmy Workman is 27. Rhythmand-blues singer Jessica Benson (3lw) is 20.

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- 24 Vietnam
- 25 Cry to a calf
- response
- **31** "Blue
- (Berlin tune)
- **34** Untold
- **35** Artist
- 36 Biblical phrase
- Fannie follower
- 42 Become rancid **43** Sports
- surprise
- **44** 3-D
- 49 Big bird of
- **50** "Now
- **51** Romance
- **54** Potent punch,
- perhaps
- 60 Huff and puff
- **61** Salami variety
- **64** Antagonist

1 Removes

- 10 Strong wind
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- 27 Alley game
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- **47** Shouting matches
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- thumbs up **54** Word of regret
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The new Saab 9-3

Aero styling, more power part of super sweet sedan

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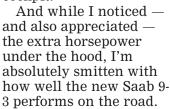
BY NEAL WHITE

f you want to drive a vehicle that moves you on an emotional as well as physical level, go to the nearest Saab dealership and take a test drive in the new 2008 9-3.

Do it now. Why deprive yourself of great experience.

The more I drove this car, the more I absolutely fell in love with it. Yes, I

appreciate the new Aero X Conceptinspired exterior styling and the sleek interior cockpit.



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Go drive one. Today! They just started arriving in dealer-

Available in sedan,

convertible and SportCombi wagon body styles, the five-passenger, front-wheel drive 9-3 also provides buyers with their choice of two engines and three transmissions.

A 2.0-liter I-4 high output turbo (210 horsepower/221 lbs.-ft. torque) powers the 2.0T Sport Sedan,

> SportCombi and Convertible models and is mated to either a five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission. EPA fuel economy ratings are listed as

19 mpg city, 29 mpg highway with the manual transmission, 19 mpg city, 26 mpg highway when equipped with automatic.

A 2.8-liter high output V-6 (255 horsepower/258 lbs.-ft. torque) powers the Aero Sport Sedan, Aero SportCombi and Aero Convertible mode and ls mated to either a sixspeed manual or sixspeed automatic transmission.

EPA fuel economy ratings are listed as 16 mpg city, 26 mpg highway when equipped with manual transmission, 15 mpg city, 24 mpg high-



The 2008 Saab 9-3 Sport Sedan.

way when equipped with automatic.

Later in the model year, an XWD crosswheel drive system will be available on 9-3 Aero models.

The pre-emptive, active on demand system is activated only when required to improve fuel efficiency and provide a rear-wheel drive feel. The system electronically engages the clutch before take-off, avoiding wheel spin and achieving immediate and maximum traction. No front wheel slip is required before the rear wheels are engaged.

For this review a 2008 Saab 9-3 Aero Sport Sedan was driven during a one-week test period.

For me, the week passed much too quickly.

While every week I recommend vehicles to add to the list for consideration for those in the market for that particular type of car, crossover, SUV or truck, the 2008

Saab 9-3 is a vehicle I strongly urge everyone to visit the nearest Saab dealership and take a test drive.

Go now. Don't wait.

FEATURES

We can talk about the bi-xenon cornering headlights, Bose Centerpoint Surround Sound audio system, its passive rearwheel steer suspension and advanced electronic stability program later.

You'll thank me next week.

The new Saab 9-3 has a base price starting at \$28,385 for sedan models, \$29,630 for SportCombi and \$39,710 for convertible models.

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL: 2008 Saab 9-3 5-seat sedan/wagon/convert-

Front-wheel drive (Cross-wheel drive late '08) Trim packages: 2.0T, Aero **PRICE RANGE:** \$29,000-\$49,000 **ENGINE:** 2.0-L turbo I-4 (210 hp/221 T)

2.8-L turbo V-6 (255 hp/258 TRANSMISSION:

5-speed automatic 6-speed manual 6-speed automatic **EPA:** 19 mpg city, 29/26 mpg nighway (sedan - manual/auto) FUEL: Premium unleaded **SUSPENSION:** MacPherson

struts, gas shocks, anti-roll bar, hydroformed subframe (front); independent, 4-link, coil springs, gas shocks, anti-roll bar, subframe, Re-Axs rear-wheel steer-

TRACTION CONTROL: Traction control with electron-

ic stability program. BRAKES: ABS with electronic brake force distribution and mechanical brake assist.

LENGTH: 182.5 inches * WHEELBASE: 105.3 in.* WIDTH: 69 inches* HEIGHT: 56.4 inches* WEIGHT: 3,175-3,285 lbs.* TRACK: 59.9/59.3° (front/rear) FUEL TANK: 16.4 gallons

TIRES: 16-, or 17-inch - sedan specs only

Australian customs officials find drugs hidden in Mr. Potato Head toy

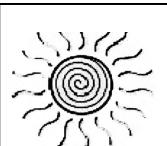
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Customs officers discovered nearly 10.5 ounces of ecstasy tablets hidden inside a Mr. Potato Head tov sent to Australia from Ireland, the agency said Thursday.

Upon opening the parcel, the officers were greeted with the smiling face of the popular children's toy, which features a potato-like head and removable facial features. But when they removed a panel from the back of the toy, the

officers found 10.34 ounces of ecstasy in a plastic bag.

The Australian Customs Service referred the matter to federal police, but no arrests were immediately made, the agency said. The maximum penalty for importing drugs to Australia is life imprisonment.

"Whilst this is one of the more unusual concealments that we have seen in recent times, people need to be aware that Customs officers are alert to unusual and often outlandish methods of concealment," Customs Director Post Karen Williams said.



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BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL

Meditation project nearing completion

atients will use our meditation garden and walking track as early as late fall when plant management and horticulture staff, along with patients, complete the project. Funding for the \$50,000 project was provided by our greatest resource: the Howard

County community and hospital donations through projects, including The Chalet Resale Shop, Cars and Stars, and the Valentine's Day plant



BILLIE CHRISTIE-Morgan

sale. The garden and walking track will provide a much-needed, secure area to enjoy the tranquility of the water garden or use exercise as a stress-reliever. The Volunteer Services Council donated \$50,000 to build the area.

New officers will lead the Volunteer Services Council. Robin Hallman will serve as chairman and Shirley Bodin as vice chairman. Hallman and Bodin were appointed during the board's Sept. 6 meeting where plans and projects were reviewed for the upcoming year.

Our next big push in the Community Relations office is preparing for Christmas. Think about how much work it is to celebrate the holidays with friends and family and multiply that by 200. Alon USA volunteers are penciled in for Operation Santa in December. And super volunteer Verna Davis developed a plan to decorate Christmas gifts with cards instead of ribbon this year. So if you have old holiday cards, cut off the front and deliver them to our office near the south entrance or drop them in the mail. Shirley Bodin is serving as our Christmas chair again and is lining up Santa's helpers and preparing shopping lists. So if you see volunteers Stacy Barr, Lucy Griffth, Sam Woodruff or Carolyn Brooks — or the many other volunteers with jogging suits falling off

the top of their shopping baskets — you will know they are shopping for our hospital's patients.

In addition to the above-mentioned Christmas cards, we need all-occasion cards for patients to send to family and friends. Suitcases, tote bags and gym bags also are needed for patients to take their possessions home when they are discharged from the hospital. We can also use old magazines that are no more than six months old and small hotel toiletry items.

Clubs or church organizations looking for projects can contact the Community Relations office to sponsor monthly birthday parties on patient units. All we need is for you to bake cakes or cupcakes once a month. If monthly parties are too much of a time commitment, some groups sponsor parties once or twice a year.

Volunteers are busy clearing out summer merchandise and replacing it with fall and winter selections in the Chalet Resale Shop. A volunteer workday is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9. We could use additional help that day if anyone would like to volunteer for a few hours. Watch for new "gently used" fall merchandise starting that day when the doors open at 1 p.m. The Chalet is located at 115 East Second and is open Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Chalet suffered a huge loss when longtime volunteer Mary Hughes passed away. Mary, with her wide smile, was our faithful Monday volunteer who assisted customers and put out merchandise until her death at the age of 91.Our condolences to her family and friends. She was such a treasure.

Dates to remember: October 9 - Chalet Workday October 15-19 - VSC **Board Training**

Billie Christie-Morgan is director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

Washington state woman staying put, forcing development to be built around house

SEATTLE (AP) — The little old lady who lives in a little old house is stubborn in a very BIG way. Edith Macefield, 86, has refused a \$1 million offer from a developer to move out of her 108-year-old farm-

house to make way for a commercial complex. "I don't want to move. I don't need the money. Money doesn't mean anything," she said recently.

Instead, the five-story project is being built around her, ringing the death knell for her once-thriving, blue-collar neighborhood.

Macefield's house is the last on her block, though there's a restaurant nearby that's staying put as well. Gravel and cement trucks noisily work around them, and a tall concrete wall stands within feet of Macefield's kitchen window. Construction cranes

hang over her roof. "When she digs her heels in, there is no changing her mind. She is set in her ways," said Charlie Peck, a friend for more than 20 years.

Macefield has lived in the two-story, two-bedroom house since 1966. It has been assessed at about \$8,000 on land worth about \$120,000.

She said she has no regrets about refusing to sell and simply drowns out the construction noise by turning up the television or blasting opera so loud you can hear it outside.

"I went through World War II, the noise doesn't bother me," she said. "They'll get it done someday."

Construction workers watch out for Macefield, particularly superintendent Barry Martin. He takes her to doctor appointments and to the hair salon. He brings her lunch.

"It's like having your grandmother here," Martin said. "Once you get to know someone, you can't just walk by without saying hello."

Watch your character

For it becomes your destiny

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n April of 2006, Maya Angelou was interviewed by Oprah on her 74th birthday. Oprah asked her what she thought of growing older. And, there on television,

she said it was "exciting." Regarding body changes, she said there were many, occurring every day. The audience was amazed with the simplicity and honesty and wisdom in her words!

Angelou said, "I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and

it will be better tomorrow. I've also learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.' She was so right.

It is amazing the things we learn as we grow older. I received an email not long ago that expressed a few of these learned behaviors. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from

your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as "making a life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. I've learned that vour tongue can be vour worse enemy. Your words, your dreams, and your thoughts have power to create conditions in your life. What you speak about, you can bring about.

If you keep saying you can't trust a man or trust a woman, you will always find someone in your life to hurt and betray you. If you keep saying you can't find a job, you will remain unemployed. If you keep saying you

Parent's Corner

can't find someone to love you or believe in you, your very thought will attract more experiences to confirm your beliefs.

If you keep talking about a divorce or break up in a relationship, then you might end up with it. We must turn our thoughts and conversations around to be more positive and power packed with faith, hope, love and action. We must not be afraid to believe that we can have what we want and deserve, but we must remain positive and believe.

There is a saying that I'd like to share with you. In the search for me, I discovered truth. In the search for truth, I discovered love. In the search for love, I have found everything.

Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny. The minute we settle for less than we deserve, we get even less than we settle for.

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



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Agency alerts neighbors to faulty sex offender address

AUSTIN (AP) — A man was busy remodeling his newly purchased home when he received a Texas Department of Public Safety notification that a highrisk sex offender was living there.

Clint Jurek, 24, said he now wants his new neighbors who received the notification to know it was a mistake.

Tela Mange, a department spokeswoman, said the agency didn't know that a sex offender who previously lived in the house was back in jail.

Eulalio Zamaripa, 39, was convicted of indecency with a child by exposure in 2001. He was released after four years behind bars, but was recently jailed again on a warrant related to child support.

Mange said the agency is supposed to notify neighbors within 10 days if a high-risk sex offender moves into the area. The notice on Zamaripa was delayed because his file was lost, she said.

She said the agency will send a letter to Jurek's neighborhood explaining that there was a mistake.

Another inmate exonerated

HOUSTON (AP) — New DNA testing has exonerated an inmate in another case connected to the Houston Police Department's troubled crime lab, officials and attorneys announced.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office said retesting of evidence in the case of 47-year-old Ronald Taylor showed he did not commit a rape that

sent him to prison 12 years ago.

Prosecutors and Taylor's attorneys are now working to free him. Two other inmates have been released from prison during the review of the crime lab's work.

The new DNA testing was paid for by the Innocence Project, a New Yorkbased legal clinic representing Taylor.

"I'm very unhappy and dismayed by the fact an innocent person has been sent to prison," Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal Wednesday.

Texans want better river levees instead of fence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beefing up neglected levees on the Rio Grande could help resolve a dispute over the planned U.S. Mexico border fence, South Texas officials said Wednesday.

Rio Grande Valley officials say restored levees could give agencies a better perch for monitoring illegal crossings and protect U.S. residents from floods caused by levee breaches.

"Instead of having the federal government spend millions on the wall, why don't they restore the levee system? Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos said in a phone interview.

Cascos and others have raised the levees issue with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who plans to be in McAllen next

Cascos wants Cornyn and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, to ask for a moratorium on border fence construction in South Texas.

TYC fires employees at vacated West Texas juvenile prison

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DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission fired seven employees. including four quality assurance monitors, in response to a report of juvenile inmates living in squalid conditions at a West Texas lockup.

TYC Inspector General Bruce Toney said Wednesday that he has opened a criminal investigation into the operations of the Coke County Juvenile Center, which was vacated of its 197 male inmates on Tuesday.

The state this week canceled its \$8 million annual contract with GEO Group Inc., which had operated the prison since 1994. Officials cited "deplorable conditions" outlined in a review by TYC ombudsman Will Harrell. His report cited dirty bed sheets, feces-smeared cells, insects in the food and examples of inmates being placed in solitary confinement for five weeks.

The closure of the Bronte facility near San Angelo is the latest problem in a year of turmoil for the commission,

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which was placed in state conservatorship this spring after a sex abuse scandal and subsequent cover-up.

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Jury struggling in terror-financing trial of Muslim charity

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas trial of a charity accused of financing Middle Eastern terrorists took a twist Wednesday when jurors indicated that a member of the panel was refusing to

Jurors in the case against the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development were called back into the courtroom of U.S. District Judge A. Joe Fish, who told panelists they had a duty to try to reach a decision.

The judge ordered jurors to resume their deliberations, which were in their ninth full day after a two-month trial.

Holy Land and five of its former leaders are accused of illegally aiding the Palestinian militant group Hamas. which the U.S. government designated a terrorist organization in 1995.

Holy Land was the largest U.S. Muslim charity when the government shut it down in December 2001.

Recording industry says it will keep filing suits

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — lawsuits. Regardless of how the first trial of a person accused of illegally sharing music online turns out, the record industry plans to keep suing listeners for a while.

"We think we're in for a long haul in terms of establishing that music few thousand dollars. has value, that music is property, and that property has to be respected," said Cary Sherman, President of the Recording Industry Association of America, which coordinates the

Some 26,000 lawsuits have been filed starting in 2003, but the case against Jammie Thomas, a mother of two from Brainerd, is the first to go to trial. Many other defendants settled by paying the record companies a

said Sherman Wednesday night that he's surprised it took this long for one of them to go to trial.

After four years, he said, "it's become business as usual, nobody

really thinks about it. This case has put it back in the news. Win or lose, people will understand that we are out there trying to protect our rights."

The case against Thomas was expected to go to jurors Thursday.

Six major record companies accuse Thomas, 30, of sharing 1,702 songs online in violation of the companies' copyrights. The record companies claim they found the songs on a Kazaa filesharing account they later linked to her.

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