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Lady Steers try to keep playoff hopes alive

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From left, Jeff Thompson, Charles Thompson and Alton Hall participate in the Big Spring Shrine Club Suez Fire Brigade Chili Cook-Off at the Shriner's hall on Goliad Street Saturday morning. The event was a major fund-raiser for the club.

Jail bond forum set for 6 p.m.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With the success of a \$11.57 million jail bond hanging in the balance this November, county officials hope to leave a positive impression on voters with a special town hall meeting tonight regarding the design and construction of a new jail facility.

Among those scheduled to speak during the meeting is Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, who recently told commissioners failure to pass the bond or find some other avenue of finance could force the state agency to shut down the existing county jail.

"It should be noted that if the voters do not approve the proposed bond issue, then Howard County officials need to understand the possible consequences," Munoz wrote to commissioners "Howard August.

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-Adan Munoz, executive director, Texas Commission on Jail Standards

County is subject to annual inspections by the commission, and if, at any time, it is determined that the facility is again in a state of non-compliance, the possibility of ordering the facility closed remains an option. "The role of the

Commission on Standards as a regulatory

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Hutchison may step down early, won't seek re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison told a Texas magazine she will not seek re-election after this term and may leave the Senate as early as 2009, according to excerpts published on the magazine's Web blog on Monday.

Hutchison told *Texas Monthly* in an interview to be fully published in December that she would end her Senate career in 2012, whether or not



she runs for governor. Stepping down in two years "has to be considered," the Texas Republican senior senator is quoted as saying in the excerpts. Hutchison declined an

interview request from The Associated Press, but a

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Choose costumes wisely, fire marshal urges parents

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Ghosts, ghouls, super heroes and the like will take to the streets of Big Spring Halloween evening, but before the first trick-or-treat can be yelled, area officials are asking adults to make sure the costumes children wear are safe.

According to Big Spring Fire See COSTUMES, Page 3A

Marshal Carl Condray, parents should prepare a "safety checklist" before deciding what costume to purchase or make for their children.

"You want it to be a fantastic costume, but you shouldn't forget about safety," said Condray. "One of the most overlooked issues, especially

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CELEBRATE COC WEEK

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Texas Chamber of Commerce Week through Friday, with a celebration slated for Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the facility parking lot at 215 W. Third Street.

Blue Bell Ice Cream, which is celebrating 100 years of serving one of the Lone Star State's favorite ice creams, will be handing out free frozen treats, while cheerleaders and mascots from area schools will be on hand to take part in the fun. The board of directors and staff for the local Chamber will also be on hand. For more information, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

DRIVE-THRU SHOTS

Flu shots will be given to eligible veterans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the VA Medical Center. Shots will be given in the parking lot adjacent to FM 700. Veterans residing in the area may stay in their vehicle and drive through the designed area.

Staff will check in the veterans, a nurse will administer the injection and the veteran will be requested to remain in the lot for a few minutes to make sure there is no adverse reaction.

Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots.

HALLOWEEN ALREADY?



Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life Haunted House will be held Friday, Oct. 26; Saturday, Oct. 27; Tuesday, Oct. 30; and Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the

Malone & Hogan Clinic. Admission is \$5.

Halloween at the Big Spring Mall will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Parents, bring your children in costumes for fun, safe trick or treating. For more information, call the mall at 267-3853.



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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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West Texas Juniors Volleyball League meeting Sunday

Big Spring Steers Head Volleyball Amanda Coach Whitaker is encouraging all parents of volleyball players ages 12-17 to attend a meeting Sunday so that players can be involved in the West Texas Juniors Volleyball League.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Parents and players must attend this meeting in order to play in the league.

For more information, visit www.westtexasjuniors.com.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting Monday in the ATC

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

Parents who have a Lady Steers athlete from the junior high to the varsity are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association closing ceremony

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be having its season closing ceremonies at 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the soccer fields.

There will be a cookout and awards will be handed out. Volunteers are needed.

To help out or for more details, call Isaac Miramontes at 268-8740.

Howard College announces Hawk **Buddies Program**

The Howard College Women's Basketball team is tipping off its season with the Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

It starts Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a basketball clinic from 9

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each Hawk Buddy will receive an opportunity to learn how to play the game from Howard players and coaches for a fee of \$20. A T-shirt will be given to each participant that will also serve as a free family season pass when worn to Howard College home games.

A second clinic is scheduled for Jan. 12 to be followed by a pizza party with the women's basketball team.

Each Hawk Buddy will be recognized at halftime of the Hawks home game against Clarendon College Jan.

For more information, contact Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043.

Area high school varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the area high school varsity

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IN BRIEF Rockies advance to World Series

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Hurry up and wait. That's the latest chapter of the Colorado Rockies' incredible run through postseason.

With their 21st win in 22 games, the relentless Rockies beat the rattled Arizona Diamondbacks 6-4 in Game 4 Monday night to sweep the NL championship series at chilly Coors Field.

With their delirious fans waving brooms and towels, the Rockies joined the 1976 Cincinnati Reds as the only teams to start a postseason with seven straight wins. The Reds won all seven of their playoff

then sweeping the Yankees in the World Series.

Colorado has won 10 in a row overall and lost only once since Sept. 16.

The Rockies have a record eight days off before opening the World Series at either Cleveland or Boston on Oct. 24. The Indians lead the ALCS 2-1.

Series MVP Matt Holliday hit a three-run homer into the pinefilled rock pile in center field that capped a six-run outburst in the fourth inning, and the wildcard Rockies, born as an expansion team in 1993, were on their way to their first World Series.

Just one strike from postseason elimination on the final weekend

games, beating Philadelphia and of the season, the Rockies have become a charmed team that seemingly cannot lose. This marked the sixth straight year a wild-card club reached the World Series.

> Colorado had never won more than 83 games before going 90-73 this season and sneaking into the playoffs with a 9-8, 13-inning win over San Diego in the wild-card tiebreaker — rallying for three runs against career saves leader Trevor Hoffman.

After sweeping Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs, the Rockies put a purple pummeling on a D-backs club that finished with the best record in the league.

Ahead 6-1, the Rockies with-

stood Chris Snyder's three-run homer in the eighth. Chris Young doubled with one out in the ninth off closer Manny Corpas, but Stephen Drew popped out on a 3-0 pitch.

Byrnes followed with a checked-swing grounder that shortstop Troy Tulowitzki charged. His throw beat Byrnes' headfirst dive, and Helton threw his arms in the air, a decade of disappointment finally forgotten.

Corpas earned his second save of the series and fifth in the post-

The Rockies are the first team since the 1935 Chicago Cubs to win at least 21 of 22 after Sept. 1, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Lady Steers' seniors prep for final home game

Big Spring in pursuit of playoffs against Lake View at 7 p.m. tonight

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Just about any team in any sport will say that its main goal at the beginning of a season is to make the playoffs.

That goal is now within reach for the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team. Just two district games remain for the Lady Steers and despite being just 1-5 thus far through district play, Big Spring holds its postseason destiny in its own hands.

First things first, the Lady Steers must defeat San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 7 p.m. tonight at the Big Spring High School gymnasium. If they can accomplish that, then they tie Lake View for District 4-4A's third and final playoff spot and setup one of three scenarios for Saturday's season finale which is at Lubbock Estacado.

• If both Big Spring and Lake View (at Plainview) win their matches Saturday then a play-in match will be scheduled to decide who advances to the postseason. The game would most likely take place at a neutral site.

• If either Big Spring or Lake View loses while the other wins, then the team that won will advance to the playoffs. Example: Lake View falls to Plainview and Big Spring defeats Estacado. Big Spring would advance.

• If both teams lose, then there would be a three-way tie between Lake View, Big Spring and Estacado. It is unclear how this tie would be broken as of press time.

Steers' Head Coach Lady Amanda Whitaker notes that one reason she wants her team to make the playoffs is because of the seniors on this year's squad.

"I want us in the playoffs because it's one of our goals, but it'd be nice to get in for the seniors as well," Whitaker said. "It's always nice to advance in

your senior year, but especially with the tough road these girls have faced. They're playing the best they have all season right now. We had a really good practice Monday and we're treating this game as a must win situation. The seniors are taking the game more seriously than any other so far."

Tonight marks the final home game for seven seniors Clarissa Carrisalez, Baylea Fox, Jordan Chesworth, Callie Partee, Hali Torres, Whitney Lewis, Kayla Bailey and Amanda Caskey.

While all play pivotal roles on the team, Whitaker says that Carrisalez is the vocal team

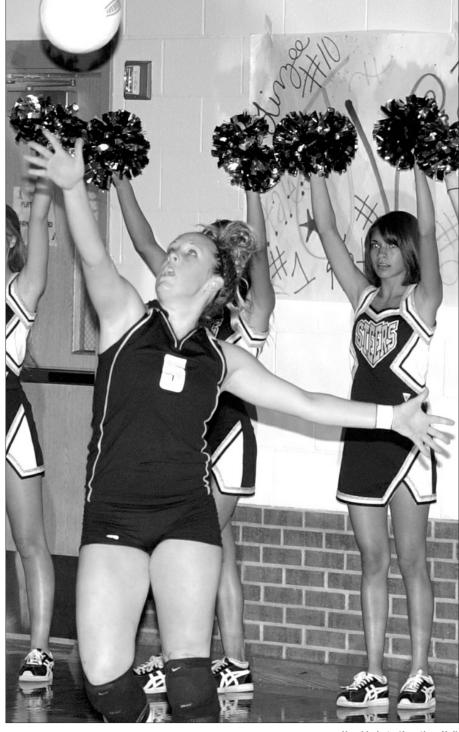
"Clarissa knows when it's okay to goof off and also when it's time to get serious," Whitaker said. "She's a great communicator on the floor. She tells the girls where to be and talks them up. She's a great hustler and is going 100 percent after every ball in practices and games."

Carrisalez is also the team leader in digs and plays the libero role.

Partee has been the star striker for the Lady Steers this season, leading the team in kills in almost every game. Whitaker notes that her success at the net provides the team with a lot of energy.

"Callie has been our star hitter this season and is very consistent," Whitaker said. "I've noticed that when Callie is having a good night hitting then the rest of the team gets pumped up as well. She's a leader in the way that she inspires the rest of the team on the court. The rest of the team knows that if they set it to her, then she's probably going to get a kill."

Whitaker, According to Chesworth is the player who makes the offense work. She



Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Jordan Chesworth prepares to serve at a volleybal match against Plainview Sept. 18. Chesworth is one of eight seniors playing their last home game tonight at 7 p.m. against San Angelo Lake View.

"Jordan communicates more than anyone else on the floor,' commented Whitaker. "She's our

leads the team with close to 675 setter and our setter always needs to be talking. She's a great hustler for a setter as well and

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Indians hold off Red Sox, take 2-1 series lead

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — As October's curtain rose, were unknown underdogs.

Nobody's calling the Cleveland Indians anything close to that now.

Jake Westbrook, often overlooked in Cleveland's top-heavy starting rotation, kept Boston grounded for nearly seven innings Monday night, leading the Indians to a 4-2 win over the Red Sox and a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

With two more games at Jacobs Field, the Indians, who haven't won it all since 1948, are in control of a best-of-seven series that seemed to belong to Boston after the opener. But as they did against the New York Yankees in

the opening round, the Indians are showing they can swing with baseball's big boys.

Westbrook, a laid-back Georgian, doesn't possess the overpowering stuff of C.C. Sabathia or Fausto Carmona — Cleveland's two aces who flopped in Games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park — or their stellar reputations.

But Westbrook does have a devastating sinkerball, and oh my, how it sunk the Red Sox.

At the Jake, Jake was all the Indians needed.

Backed by an early homer from old pro Kenny Lofton, the righthander took a shutout into the seventh inning.

"Our bullpen has been working hard. Jake controlled the ballgame. He did a good job working ahead and keeping the

ball on the ground," said Indians manager Eric Wedge, who used five relievers in Cleveland's Game 2, 11-inning marathon win.

Game 4 on Tuesday night will feature two soft tossers: Cleveland's Paul Byrd, with his old-school windup, and Boston's Tim Wakefield, the 41-year-old knuckleballing master who hasn't pitched Sept.

Boston grounded into three double plays, two by October's scariest twosome — Ortiz and Manny Ramirez. They also combined for something even more unusual: Ramirez's grounder nailed Big Papi in the leg on the basepath between second and third for an easy out that helped Westbrook.

In all, Westbrook got 14 of 19 outs on balls the Red

Sox pounded weakly into the manicured grass and infield dirt at Jacobs Field, which hosted its first ALCS game since 1998. Back then, Westbrook was Montreal's minor league system perfecting a pitch that drops, dips and darts as it approaches home plate.

The Red Sox couldn't do anything with it until the seventh, when Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer.

Jensen Lewis relieved with a runner on and struck out rookie Dustin Pedroia to end the inning. Rafael Betancourt worked a perfect eighth and Borowski, the AL saves leader, pitched a rare 1-2-3 ninth.

Lofton, with a baseball passport stamped by 11 teams over 17 seasons, handed Westbrook an early lead with a two-run homer in the second off rookie Daisuke Matsuzaka. Cleveland added two more runs in the fifth against Dice-K.

Westbrook was in complete control until J.D. Drew singled to center in the seventh. Varitek followed with his homer, bringing the Red Sox to 4-

The homer ended Boston's 13-inning scoreless streak, a drought that began in the sixth inning of Game 2.

Westbrook struck out Coco Crisp but when Julio Lugo beat out an infield single, Wedge pulled his gutty starter, who received a thunderous ovation from the towel-waving crowd of 44,402 as he left.

Obituaries

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James Allen "Poochie" Herm

James Allen "Poochie" Herm, 72, of Colorado City died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007. Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City with the Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial was in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral

Mr. Herm was born on Oct. 22, 1934, in Lott, to Alfred and Mattie Welch Herm. He graduated from Loraine High School. He served as a Boy Scout leader of Webelos in Sand Springs. He retired after 30 years with the Cosden Oil Refinery in Big Spring. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a long time resident of Colorado City. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Leonard Herm, Edgar Herm and Harold Herm; and three sisters, Hazel Logan, Geraldine Parnell and Mildred Little.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Faye Nell Herm of Colorado City; daughters Karen Cook of Mansfield and Karla Borger of San Angelo; sons Kevin Herm and wife, Lvnn, of Lewisville and Kerry Herm and wife, Heejon, of Cedar Park; 10 grandchildren; a sister, Martha Martzolf and husband, Bud, of Sanford, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Ivy Herm of Austin and Francis White of Weatherford; a brother, Walter C. Herm and wife, Earnestine, of Deland, Fla.; and two brothers-in-law, Virgil Parnell of Loraine and Cal Logan of Las Cruces, N.M.

Take Note

- AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY Saturdsay at the post, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon to 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Everyone is welcome.
- MARCY ELEMENTARY WILL HAVE A BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL fund-raiser for the entire community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be huge inflatables: bouncers, 24-foot slide, spider wall, bungee run, boxing and more. Tickets are \$10 each for the entire day. A concession stand will be available and there will be a shaded area and seating for parents. The location will be at Goliad Intermedite School, on the southeast field. Contact Marcy Elementry for early tickets at 264-4144 or Jennifer Gillespie at 466-3684. Tickets will be available at the
- FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT **OCTOBER** at the Department of State Health Service, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28 B. Clinics will be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 24. Clinics will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave., and at the Big Spring Mall from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.
- ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.
- ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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Police blotter

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

- RAMONA BLACKSHEAR, 27, of 1308 Monmouth, was arrested Monday on a charge of Class C assault family violence.
- BRANDON WHITE, 19, of 1509 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- CYNTHIA WHITE, 42, of 1509 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 100 block of 24th Street.
- in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 3200 block of Parkway.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Monmouth.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- PATRICK RIOS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- BOBBIE L. GIBSON, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a dangerous drug and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- ANGELEE DANIELLE DANIELS, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROBERT DEAN SCHOROVSKY, 20, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported near the 191 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of E. 24th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S.
- Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of 11th Place. Service refused.

Support Groups

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

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

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

- Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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TODAY

- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Then sunny in the afternoon. Windy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Cooler. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs around 80. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 31-22-26-10-4. Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step draw-

ing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 28-14-1-17. Bonus Ball: 10. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the TexasLottery, in order: 5-2-0-6. Sum It Up: 13.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the TexasLottery, in order: 0-1-5.

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Big Spring swimming vs. Andrews at the Big Spring YMCA

FRIDAY

Coahoma football vs. Colorado City, 7:30 p.m. Forsan football

Christoval, 7:30 p.m. Stanton football vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m. Grady football at Fort

Davis, 7:30 p.m. Sands football at Rankin, 7:30 p.m.

Wellman Hart, 7:30 p.m. Big Spring Swimming hosts the Big Spring Invitational.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in ATC

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Big The 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.

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Game 1 Rockies 5, D-Backs 1 Game 2 Rockies 3, D-Backs 2 Game 3 Rockies 4, D-Backs 1

Game 4 Rockies 6, D-Backs 1

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plays run through her." Fox is second on the team in digs and also provides good serving and a good attitude, according to Whitaker.

digs out a lot of balls. The

"Baylea nusues every ball she can," said "She's improved with every game. She's not afraid to get on the ground and go after a ball. Her teammates know they can count on her to make a play.'

Whitaker credits Torres with as being the team's spirit leader.

"Hali gets very spirited and it brings up the rest of the team," said Whitaker. "Her hitting has improved a lot this

year. She's gotten very good at the net."

A high school student's senior year always seems to bring out the desire for athletics. Several seniors in every school go back and play sports their final year that they didn't play in previous seasons.

The Lady Steers have two seniors of that nature in Lewis and Bailey.

"Whitney has really impressed me this year especially for not having played last season,' Whitaker said. "She's done a nice job on her blocking, digging and hitting."

played for at least a year," she continued. "She's improved a lot on her back row passing and serving."

"Kayla also hasn't

Injuries plagued several of the Lady Steers before the season even got underway. However, only Caskey was lost for the season.

"Amanda tore her ACL at the beginning of the year. I'm sure it's been hard on her to just watch this season," Whitaker said. "She was the leader on the court last year and she's been a good leader on the bench this season. She tries to come to every game and I'm really glad she's stuck around despite being hurt."

"I really want to make the playoffs for these girls," she continued. "They've put in a lot of work to get this chance. It was a tough start to the season, but we've gotten better as it's gone on. We're playing the best we have as a team right now and making the playoffs would prove that."

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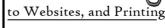
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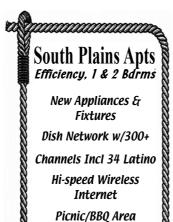
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You are as pretty as you

images the poem conjures. What you hear will tell you not only what to do but how to do it. There's a wonderful lyricism to what happens next. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You'll hear something you don't understand. It's better not to know than to fill in the blank with assumptions that could be false. What you need to know is revealed to you at the perfect time. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone does not see the world as you do. However, you find points of connection commonalities and

similarities — with

almost anyone you meet.

This is true of Cancer

and Taurus especially. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who are overly emotional drive you nuts. That's why, when you're hit with a surge of intense feeling this afternoon, it's particularly unnerving. The world will be compassionate; you don't

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So much falls under your control now — even the passage of time seems manageable to you. When you're fully engaged in a project, you control the flow of hours, milking them for all they are worth.

have to hold back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Profits and bonuses come because of imaginative ways you find of saving or making money. Dollars stretch when you spend on things you want and not on things you think you need to impress others.

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agency is to ensure that county jails are operated in a safe and secure manner in order to protect the public, staff and inmates. This agency remains cognizant of the variances in effect for the Howard County Jail and the potential for issues to arise in the future."

The existing county jail was shut down by the Commission on Jail Standards in November 2006, after the facility's smoke

evacuation system failed to drastic cuts to the budget meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006. The cost of the last closure, which lasted approximately six months, has been estimated at close to \$1 million by county officials.

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The unexpected \$1 million expenditure has cost the county dearly over the course of the year, forcing commissioners to make drastic budget cuts and laying off employees.

The cost of a second closure, according to County Judge Mark Barr, could be disastrous.

"In short, it would bankrupt the county. We've already made

Barr said he and the commissioners asked Munoz to write the letter — and speak at the town hall meeting — to impress upon county residents how important the upcoming bond

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because of the last closing, and

we would be forced to either

make more drastic, large cuts

or look to raise the tax rate,"

said Barr. "The county simply

can't survive another jail clo-

sure. The county would be

bankrupt within a year."

election is. "The reason the commissioners and I had him write that letter was to explain to the public where he's coming from, what he's telling us and where we are on the variances," said Barr. "It makes it a little bit clearer to people what we're looking at. It didn't say he's going to close our jail down, but we still have some life safety issues that we need to address, and the only way to address

them is with a new jail. Commissioner Bill Crooker said project architect Jeff Heffelfinger, along with the commissioners, will be on hand for the meeting, as well.

The commissioner's court

placed a similar bond election on the November 2006 ballot. asking voters to approve a bond for slightly more than \$10 million to finance a 144-bed jail, which was voted down by more than 60 percent.

The current bond is for a 96bed jail facility that would be located on U.S. Highway 80, between Utah and Wright, on the city's west side.

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HUTCHISON

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spokesman for the senator confirmed the accuracy of the magazine excerpts.

If she does run for governor and wins, once she steps down as senator a temporary appointment would be made by the governor to fill the Senate seat until an election is held. It's conceivable she would get to

make that interim selection if she's the incoming governor.

"Is it better for Texas for me to leave early and give someone else a chance to start building seniority before the class of 2013? I think it probably is," Hutchison said.

Hutchison said is not yet a candidate for governor, but would like to be.

"It's too early to be gearing up. I don't want to peak in 2007 for a 2010 race. Would I like to do it? Yes. A lot of things have

to happen to make it a reality. You can't plan that far ahead with certainty," she said.

She said to finally commit she'd have to feel the time was right to leave the Senate, that she has an agenda and is "ready to go."

Hutchison was actively considering challenging Gov. Rick Perry, also a Republican, in 2006. But she backed out of what was likely to be a bruising and divisive race.

"It was not the right time for

Texas and it was probably not the right time for the Republican Party to have that kind of challenge," she said.

But now, "there's not anyone who could really make a case to me that this would be divisive for the Republican Party in a way that would make me step back," she said.

When she was elected in 1993, Hutchison pledged to serve only two terms and declared herself a supporter of term limits.

But last year after she gave up

the gubernatorial race and declared she was seeking a third term, Hutchison said she still supports term limits but wouldn't bind herself unless other senators also left after two terms.

Hutchison won a special election in 1993 for the Senate seat vacated by Lloyd Bentsen. She won her first full term the next year and was re-elected in 2000 and again in 2006.

COSTUMES

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with homemade costumes, is whether or not the costume is flammable. You need to make sure that the costume will not catch fire if the material comes in contact with a flame, even for a very brief period. Keep in mind that your children will be going up on porches with pumpkins that have a lit candle. brush can Children against a pumpkin with long, flowing costumes."

Condray said it's important to purchase or make the costume so the child can move about freely, is visible and motorists.

"Make absolutely sure that the child can move freely and see well. Remember that children will be climbing steps and walking through yards,' said Condray. "Make sure your child can be seen. Select costumes that are bright colored. If that is not possible be sure to decorate the costume with reflective tape or reflective fabric paint.

"Reflective tape can be incorporated into the cos-

Hangar 25 news

The Silver Wings Ball, an annual fund-raiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Activities will include a silent auction, appetizers, desserts, dancing and live featuring music Millennium Jazz.

Tickets are \$25 per person; reserved tables for eight are \$200. RSVP by Oct. 29 by calling (432) 264-1999 or e-mailing hangar25@crcom.net

John Pilgrim has been selected Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for October.

A reception in his honor will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the museum briefing room.

served two Pilgrim tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Marines. He earned several campaign including medals, Purple Heart.

For more information on Hangar 25 Air Museum, call 264-1999.

tume. For instance, if your child wants to be a witch with a black cape, cut stars out of reflective tape and put them all over the cape.

While being seen by others is a major concern come Halloween night, Condray said it's important to consider how well the children can see, as well.

"You can avoid a lot of scrapes and bruises by making sure your child see well," said

Condray. "A lot of times that means cutting larger eye holes in masks. Also keep in mind it's much harder for children to breath with a mask on, so you may want to cut mouth holes as well.

"Face paint is a really good alternative to masks because it doesn't impair the children's vision like a mask does. However, some face paints with a lot of petroleum product in them can cause the children to break out or

develop a rash. Be sure to test the paint on the child a few days before the holiday to be sure they won't have a reaction to it."

Condray also suggests sewing a name tag into your child's costume, giv-

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By Steve Becker

Psychological Warfare

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH WEST ♦ A K 2 SOUTH **♦** K Q 9 8 5 The bidding: North 1 NT

It is a fundamental principle of defense to assume that every contract can be defeated. This might be impossible in many deals because declarer has you completely outgunned, but quite often the declarer's advantage is marginal, and the outcome depends on how well each side deploys its forces.

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Assume you're East defending against four spades in today's hand. West leads the heart deuce, which dummy wins with the ace. You make a mental note that your partner is not leading from a doubleton (in which

case he would lead his higher card), and on the basis of the bidding, it seems likely that declarer is the one with the singleton heart. Consejuentiy. vour side will not score any

South next plays two rounds of trumps and leads the ten of clubs, which you win with the king. It is now obvious that you can take no more tricks in spades, hearts or clubs, so the only hope remaining is to win three diamond tricks

This will not be difficult to do if your partner has three or four diamonds to the queen. In that case, all you'd have to do is to play the A-K and another diamond and let your partner take the setting trick.

However, you should also allow for the possibility that partner might have the jack of diamonds instead of the queen. In that case, there is still a chance to stop the contract, but you would destroy it if you first cashed the A-K.

The play that offers by far the best prospect is to return the two of diamonds after taking the king of clubs. South would then have to consider the possibility that you started with the A-J-2 or K-J-2 of diamonds rather than the A-K-2, and might elect to play low from his hand rather than put up the queen. If he does that of course, he goes down one. The low diamond return therefore offers the best chance to beat the contract.

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OUR VIEWS

Woodcarvers show and sale is a 'must see'

ne of our area's most unique events is on the schedule for this weekend as members of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club will show off their talent and wares during their 17th annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

In advance of the actual show — the fifth to be held here in Big Spring — there are four days of woodcarving classes which began Monday at the center. Those classes range from sessions for beginners to those with advanced woodcarving skills.

The show and sale will be held the Friday and Saturday.

Club members say the classes are available to everyone, and there's no question the same can be said for the weekend show and sale.

James Fryar, a member of the club, told the Herald you can create almost anything with a knife and a piece of wood, and almost anything is just what will be on display at the show and sale — everything from realistic and charicature renditions of animals and humans to sceneries, religious items and numerous items with a Western theme will be judged and/or offered for sale.

And there's no question that the show and sale will provide smart shoppers to find that "one-of-a-kind Christmas present" for someone on their gift-giving list.

Club members say items for sale will vary in price and there should be something available for virtually anyone's price range.

According to Monroe Casey, another member of the club, the show was once much smaller than it is now. Today it easily fills the community center's big room. But that doesn't mean the carvers want to go back in time.

In fact, they encourage all those who attended last year's show and sale to return and bring their friends with them.

To learn more about the show, call Casey at 267-7687.

And make your plans to attend the show this weekend. It will be well worth your time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We want to take the high road with You, Lord, rather than get caught up in a difficult situation.

Amen

World War II homefront was better

en Burns' "The War," his World War II documentary, has been playing on your public television channel for the past two weeks and will continue in reruns for many more. Which is good news for those of you who haven't seen it yet.

True, it's long and slow to get moving, but a terrific piece of work nevertheless, comparable certainly to his film on the Civil War. Only in this one, the pictures move.

Critics will say, with some justification, that as a chronicle of the war it is incoherent, but that criticism misses the point. Burns wasn't interested in a straight history of World War II, he was interested in individual stories that illuminate

the war. And these he delivers

marvelously.

He focuses on soldiers from four medium-to-small American towns and follows their paths from a sleepy pre-war existence into the mind-bending brutality and viciousness of the fighting in Europe and the South Pacific, always careful to walk back to the home front to keep track of what was happening there.

Particularly moving are the stories of the men, old now, who fought the war, the horror of it still visible behind their eyes.

There's former Senator Daniel Inouye, a Japanese-American from Hawaii, describing the elation he felt when he shot his first man, and the shock when he realized he'd felt no remorse.

That's balanced by the story of the fighter-bomber pilot who temporarily loses the use of his right (trigger) hand after he strafes and destroys his first enemy truck, loaded with German troops.

Which is balanced by the crusty old Marine who remembers coming upon comrades on a Pacific island who had been staked to the ground and tortured to death by the Japanese. "We never took any prisoners after that," he said. "I don't know any outfit that did."

And leavened by the story of the Native American soldier who, to achieve the rank of Warrior Chief in his tribe, the Crow, stole a group of horses from the Nazis and rode off singing a Crow victory chant.

The picture that emerges is not merely one of a specific war but a picture of combat itself and its effect on young men who are no different from our friends and neighbors.

And back home you see America changing. The war and the social upheaval it generated — black soldiers, blacks working next to whites in defense plants — laid the foundations of the civil rights movement. It jump-started the feminist revolution by putting women in jobs they'd never had access to before.

Those fights were a long way from over of course, and they would suffer setbacks along the way, but the America the soldiers came home to was far different from the one they left, as different as they were from the boys who first went to war.

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But also we see a picture of a country united in a common cause. Almost everyone, young and old, felt they were part of that war. "Doing our part," it was called. We have not seen such national unity since and we are unlikely to again.

I was just a boy then but I remember collecting tin-foil for the war effort, carting my wagon around for paper drives, buying stamps to put in a book until I had enough for a war bond.

You can romanticize that too much, I suppose, and Burns teeters on that occasionally. There were "slackers" and draft dodgers and black marketeers back then as there are now. But they were on the periphery of things then. Now they run things.

Contrast that total effort to our feeble commitment to the Iraq war, which the Commander-in-Chief calls a "clash of civilizations." No draft, no rationing, no war bond drives, no nothing. We've been told that we can best support our boys by buying things.

What a contemptible notion. We should be grateful to Ken Burns for reminding us of what a real clash of civilizations looks like.

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Far away issue; far away candidates

say, a rally for Darfur — doesn't mean the presidential candidates will come.

Too bad.

The candidates missed a chance to see diverse components of a

community drawn together to make a moral statement transcending parochial interests.

"It's not a black or white issue; it's not a Republican or Democratic issue; it's a human issue," University of South Carolina President Andrew Sorensen said. The black and



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white and Republican (a few) and Democratic (probably a lot more) crowd sported an equally rainbowhued variety of T-shirts, caps and buttons with the rally's "Save Darfur" slogan.

Country singer Kenny Alphin skipped the diplomacy for a note of passion. "I'm ready to see some politicians jump and scream," Big Kenny (his performing name) fairly shouted.

There were politicians in the crowd and on stage — the mayor, a congressman, a former governor, a couple of legislators — all Democrats by my count. But not presidential candidates. Barack Obama was probably closest, campaigning Saturday in Aiken.

That wasn't the plan. The rally for Darfur — South Carolina Responds to Genocide — was set for a day when national and local advocates for health care solutions had planned an all-day candidates'

forum in Columbia, presuming candidates would be moved or compelled to also attend the Darfur rally a couple blocks away.

The flaw was in assuming the candidates would show up for the health care forum at which each was to have a 40-minute solo opportunity to explain his or her approach to the nation's health care needs. The candidates avoided that invitation like the plague. Presidential campaigns are com-

plex moving targets. Campaigns are besieged with invitations for debates and appearances, have their own strategies and priorities and have not figured out how to place a candidate in four states at once. Democrat Bill Richardson, whose Hispanic heritage helped elect him governor of New Mexico, cancelled an appearance at the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon here in Columbia last week.

The four front-running
Republican candidates — Giuliani,
Romney, McCain and Thompson
— skipped a forum led by Tavis
Smiley at Morgan State University
in Maryland last month. In the
process, the candidates also
skipped an opportunity to show
they are attuned to issues that
matter to African-American voters.

Second tier candidates rarely pass up free media opportunities. At Morgan State, they got to talk about Darfur. Congressman Tom Tancredo suggested we "see whether the United Nations is worth its salt." Congressman Duncan Hunter called for a "humanitarian corridor." Congressman Ron Paul said the

U.S., as a nation, has neither constitutional nor moral authority to be in Darfur. Mike Huckabee said. "there are a lot of people in America that don't think the only poverty is in Darfur — understand there's poverty in the Delta."

You could search online for the Republican frontrunners views on Darfur. But you won't find any help on their official web sites. You could check the Democratic candidates, too, and find that only John Edwards has a detailed plan that says, in part: "we should work with NATO, one of the world's most effective security organizations, to make sure the UN process will be as rapid, tough, and effective as possible."

The U.S. State Department sent Sudan programs officer Joan Mower to speak to the Darfur rally. She held out some hope for UN-sponsored peace talks later this month and UN peacekeepers on the ground. But for now, Mower said, "It's violent, chaotic and evolving."

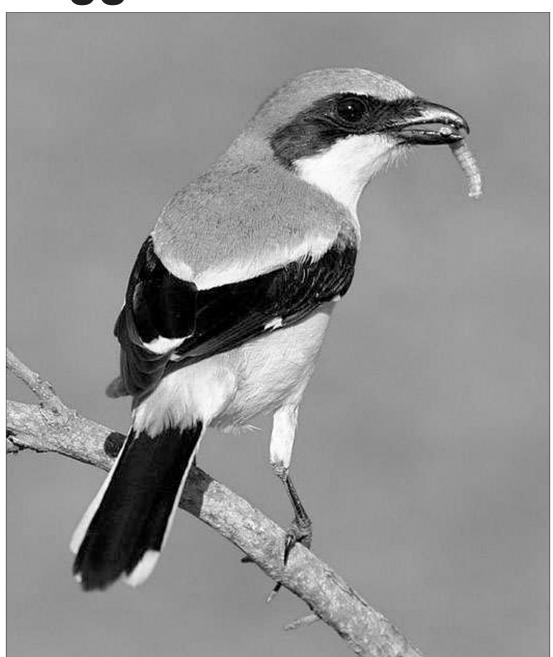
A candidate could argue that 15 months from now when a new president takes office, Darfur will have evolved from where it is now. The 1,500 or so who gathered at the South Carolina State House know Darfur won't be first among a new president's priorities. Their message to the candidates was, at least, think about it

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FEATURES

Bird Poop:

Loggerhead shrike unappreciative of rescuers



and hungry, we had hiked in the mountains, collected rocks and fossils and experienced a desert euphoria. Leading us back through miles of rolling ranch land, the

two-lane road would eventually connect with the highway to Marfa. As Art veered to the right to make sure he avoided a bird standing on the center



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stripe, he asked, "Was that a mockingbird?" Our immediate response was to turn around, because it had not moved as our vehicle passed.

Since we could see for miles in either direction, no approaching cars would hamper our slowly rolling toward the bird. Even when we were alongside it, there was no movement. Art stopped. Looking out the driver's window, we could see that the bird's eyes were closed. As Art eased his

foot from the brake pedal, we started moving forward. The bird remained asleep in the middle of the road.

Once again, we turned around and approached the bird. Parking in the middle of the road, Art would use the vehicle to signal any motorists while I walked toward the bird. Thirty feet seemed like the length of a football field as I tried not to make any noise. After looking both ways to make sure no cars were coming, I knelt behind the chunky bird. Grabbing the black, gray and white being was easy. Holding on to it was something else.

Uttering a harsh, shrill defiance of being clutched in a sweaty

hand, the loggerhead shrike protested adamantly. As he signaled me to hurry up and get out of the road, Art couldn't believe I had the bird in hand. Neither could I.

For the cool October mornings, a jacket served another purpose in calming the shrike I held in my lap. Once covered, the bird rested in the dark while we decided what to do. At the motel, a cardboard box was available. Placed inside, the shrike was quiet.

In this open country, we had occasionally seen dried carcasses of birds. small snakes and insects impaled on barbed-wire. Even mesquite thorns

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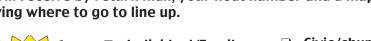
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2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: Name of contact person: $oldsymbol{_}$ Mail, fax or hand deliver to: Mailing address: _ **Parade Committee Big Spring Herald** PO Box 1431 Telephone number: ___ 710 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79721 You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map Fax (432) 264-7205 showing where to go to line up.



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Forsan Band off to impressive start

he Forsan High School Band competed at the Tall City Marching Festival on Oct. 6 in Midland.

The band won "Outstanding Band" designation in the Class A-AA Division.

Stanton High School placed third and Jim Ned High School was second.

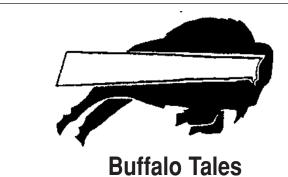
Regional Marching Contest is scheduled for Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Directors of the band are Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher.

Try-outs for the Forsan Junior High One-Act Play were held this past

Cast members selected were: Hope Cimino, Alex Park, Tanner Ballard. Treagan Kendrick, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Ali Knight, Falon Newton and Elizabeth Rhodes.

Crew members are: Kie Jones, C.J. Ballard, Autumn Alton, Megan Crane and Courtney Blair.

Directing this year's



production of "Dearly Departed" are Rhodes and Hoelscher. Competition is set for Nov. 14 at Miles High School.

Thirteen Forsan stu-

dents attended the Texas Tech Activity Conference for UIL to prepare for UIL competition in March.

CX Debaters Clint Lockhart, Rachael Wheeler, Alex Newsom,

Michael Leal, James Wheeler and Regan Newsom attended the debate workshop in Midland. The workshop is a part of the Baylor debate program.

Student Council members attended the Fall Forum in Stanton on Saturday. Clint Lockhart, Stephanie Williams and Alex Newsom led a session on the State Energy and Environment Program. Forsan is the district secretary and Lockhart fulfilled the duties as student representative. Spring Forum is scheduled for March.

Parents will be able to access grades this six weeks. Forms sent home with report cards need to be returned by the parents in person. Parents will then receive an access code to get their children's grades. Parents will need to go to both Elbow and Forsan if they have children in both schools.

The district cross country meet is scheduled for Oct. 23 in Hamlin.

SHRIKE

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held the remains of a shrike's meal. Rather than serving as a storage site or larder for the specie, the sharp projectiles helped the birds tear their food, since their feet were not strong enough to hold their prey like other predatory birds.

Before placing the shrike in the box, we had noticed its large head, which made it appear top heavy. By striking repeatedly whatever it had been able to catch, the bird would be able to kill its prey with sharp bites from its hooked bill or by breaking the neck of its victims.

Why we had mistaken it for a mockingbird were the colors gray, black and white. A closer examination taught us that although slightly smaller than a robin, the shrike had black wings with white patches and a black tail with white outer tail feathers. Gray

above, pale below, it had a black line running through the eye area that gave the impression it was wearing a mask. A mocker was lacking this identifying mark.

Suddenly, the box shook. A constant thumping against the sides notified us that the shrike was seeking its freedom. Knowing that these birds are attracted to highways to capture insects killed by cars during the night, we imagined that our captive may have overeaten his fill. Instead of flying to an elevated perch on a nearby barbed-wire fence to watch for its next meal, the shrike may have proceeded to rest for part of the early afternoon on the warm pave-

Although we had kept the loggerhead from being crushed or pummeled by the turbulence of a vehicle, we had removed from nature what we considered a healthy bird. Deciding to release it in the same area where we found it, we headed down the twolane road again. A dirt road to the north offered an unobstructed route to a nearby mountain. Still buffeting the box, the shrike indicated his readiness.

As soon as it detected daylight, the loggerhead darted forward, then abruptly turned to the left and flew through one of the square openings of coyote fencing. With its right wing bumping the vertical side, small feathers floated free as the shrike cleared the hole in a burst of energy. With rapid wing beats, it flew straight at a low elevation like a gray bullet. Continuing at this height until out of sight, the shrike never wavered in its effort to put as much distance as possible between itself and us.

Upset that the shrike had hit a part of the fence, we thought for a moment the bird had broken his wing.

After seeing the acceleration and speed it gained in less than 10 seconds, we were grateful that its rush to freedom had succeeded.







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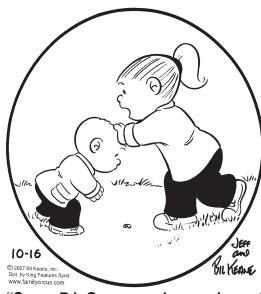
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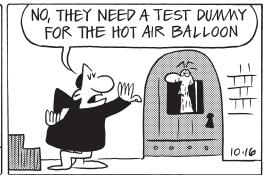
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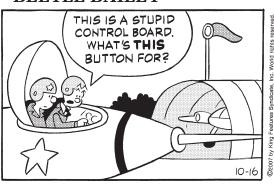
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This Date In History

Todav is Tuesday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2007. There are 76 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 16, 1987, a 58 1/2hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led a group of about 20 men in a failed raid on Harper's Ferry.

In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic, in Brooklyn, N.Y. (The clinic ended up being raided by police and Sanger was arrested.)

In 1946, 10 Nazi war criminals condemned during the Nuremberg trials were hanged.

In 1957, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip began a visit to the United States with a stopover at the site of the Jamestown settlement in Virginia.

In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

In 1964, Harold Wilson of the Labor Party assumed office as prime minister of Britain, succeeding Conservative Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

In 1964, China set off its first atomic bomb, codenamed "596," on the Lop Nur Test Ground.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II. In 1991, a deadly shooting

rampage took place in Killeen. Texas. as George Hennard opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own

Today's Birthdays: Actress

Angela Lansbury is 82. Author Gunter Grass is 80. Former presidential adviser Charles W. Colson is 76. Actor-producer Anthony is 70. Actor Barry Corbin is 67. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 64. Actress Suzanne Somers is 61. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir (The Dead) is 60. Producer-director Zucker is 60. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 59. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 56. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 49. Actormusician Gary Kemp is 48. Singer-musician Bob Mould

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- 54 Make simpler
- **55** Take rudely
- 56 Polo or parcheesi
- **58** Persuade
- **59** "Bye-bye!"

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60 Part of a rose

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