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# Judge: Bond failure equals disaster

*Drastic cuts in personnel, services will occur if jail is closed, Barr says*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

With the threat of having the Howard County Jail closed by state officials looming heavily overhead, county and city officials came together Tuesday night for a town hall meeting regarding the proposed \$11.57



Barr

million jail bond on the November ballot. Howard County commissioners — along with representatives from the city of Big Spring, architect Jeff Heffelfinger, Texas

Commission on Jail Standards Executive Director Adan Munoz and a myriad of consultants — fielded questions from the audience regarding the proposed facility, including what the overall cost to county taxpayers will be if the bond meets voter approval. "If we pass the bond, the debt

service on it will be about \$860,000 per year, and that's for 25 years at 5.5 percent interest. Plus, we'll have the additional cost of about \$400,000 in maintenance and utilities," said County Judge Mark Barr. "So you can see it's an even swap here. Do we want to pass the jail bond and have a jail and

something to show for our tax dollars, or do you want to let those tax dollars go outside the county, and that's exactly what will happen." Barr said the scenario where the bond fails will spell financial disaster for Howard County. See **BOND**, Page 3A



Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, address the audience during a town hall meeting on the jail bond issue Tuesday at Hall Center for the Arts.

# Munoz will recommend closing jail

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

"After what I saw today, my recommendation to the commission will be to shut the Howard County Jail down permanently if the jail bond doesn't pass." That was the message delivered by Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Tuesday night during a special town hall meeting concerning the upcoming \$11.57 million bond election to finance a new jail facility. "The entire facility is a life safety issue," Munoz told the audience after having visited the facility earlier in the day. "Folks,

**"Folks, you've done it to yourselves. There are plenty of people who want to run around pointing fingers, but it was you that voted this bond down last year, and costs just keep jumping up."**



Munoz

you've done it to yourselves. See **JAIL**, Page 3A

# Forsan ISD gets A on financial reportcard

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The Forsan school district's financial reputation remains spotless. For the fourth year in a row,

Forsan Independent School District received a "Superior Achievement" ranking from the Texas Education Agency for its handling of district financial matters. The Financial Integrity

Rating System of Texas (FIRST) grades school districts on 21 different areas of financial accountability, Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson said. Forsan has received a

Superior Achievement rating — the highest possible — ever since FIRST's inception in 2002. The FIRST report includes a description of the district's financial performance based on indicators established by TEA,

Forsan Business Manager Diana Newton said. "We're really excited to report that the school district has earned this rating," Johnson said. See **FISD**, Page 2A

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## 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.

## BLOOD DRIVES SLATED

United Blood Services will be holding several blood drives in Howard County during October. Among those scheduled are:

- Star Tek, Thursday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- United Methodist Church, Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This will be a special blood drive in recognition of Pastor Shane Brue, who is battling cancer.
- Scenic Mountain, Monday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



## EARLY VOTING TO BEGIN

Early voting for the Nov. 6 general election begins Monday, according to information released by Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom. Early ballots can be cast at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, with the exception of Oct. 30 and Nov. 1, when the office will be open until 8 p.m. Voters with special needs need to contact Bloom so they can receive either mail-in ballots or curbside voting. Curbside voting is also provided at the polls on election day. For more information, call 264-2273.



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## IN BRIEF

### West Texas Juniors Volleyball League meeting Sunday

Big Spring Lady Steers Head Volleyball Coach Amanda 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](http://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 cook-out and awards will be handed out.

Volunteers are needed.

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

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

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

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

### Area high school varsity sports weekly calendar

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

#### FRIDAY

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

Forsan football vs. 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.

Garden City football at Wellman Hart, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Swimming hosts the Big Spring Invitational.

#### SATURDAY

Big Spring volleyball at Lubbock Estacado, 2:30 p.m.

Big Spring swimming hosts the Big Spring Invitational.

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## Despite getting off track, Dawson places third

**Herald Staff Report**

Stay on the right path. Not only is that good advice for life, but it's also a pretty solid motto to use when running cross country.

Unfortunately for Big Spring's Zack Dawson, he got off on the wrong path at the Georgetown Invitational cross country meet, keeping him from claiming his fourth individual win of the season.

"Zack was leading about three-quarters of the way through the race and just went the wrong way," said Steers' Head Coach Randy Britton. "He just couldn't

make up the ground that he lost."

Dawson still finished the 3-mile course in third with a time of 15:15, just 12 seconds behind first place. He was, however, the top finisher from a 4A school.

Dawson finished third at the state cross country meet last year as he led the Steers to a team state championship. He's widely considered the favorite to win an individual state title this season.

Teammate Jordan Valle finished just nine seconds behind Dawson, coming in fourth with a time of 15:24. Valle has finished in the top five in all but one of

the six meets the Steers have competed in.

As a team, Big Spring finished second with a team score of 85 as host Georgetown took first with a score of 36. Georgetown had four runners finish in the top five and eight finish in the top 25.

Shane Allen was the third Big Spring runner to cross the finish line, registering a time of 16:27 which was good enough for 19th. Kade Parker finished 10 seconds later in 25th.

Jessie Sanchez finished 40th with a time of 17:03. Daniel Segundo was 83rd, completing the race in 17:49. In all, 200 runners competed in the race.

For the Lady Steers, Catherine Leubner finished sixth out of 171 total runners with time of 12:06. Mistie Aguilar came in 45th, completing the race in 13 minutes. Crystal Torres was the final Big Spring runner to cross the finish line, finishing 121st with a time of 14:16.

The Lady Steers didn't have the required five runners to post a team score.

Big Spring has the week off to prepare for the District 4-4A meet Oct. 27 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

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## Maidens end Lady Steers' playoff hopes

**By JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Although the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team lost Thursday night, ending any hopes of a playoff berth, no one can say that the team didn't put out a deserving effort.

San Angelo Lake View's Maidens bested the Lady Steers in five sets, 20-25, 25-21, 25-20, 24-26, 15-8.

"I really wanted this win tonight and so did the girls," said Lady Steers' Head Coach Amanda Whitaker. "These girls deserve a trip to the playoffs. It's unfortunate that we came up just short."

Lake View (3-4, 10-27) clinches third place in District 4-4A with the victory, giving them the district's final playoff spot. The Steers (1-6, 4-31) will play Lubbock Estacado (1-6, 12-20) for fourth place in district Saturday at Estacado High School.

"It's the last game of the season so it's not hard to get up for it," Whitaker said. "Everyone wants to go out a winner. We just need to have fun and go through our typical routine. It's nicer to say you finished fourth than to say we were last."

Callie Partee, who Whitaker said played her best game of the season, led with 21 kills, seven digs, four aces and five blocks.

Clarissa Carrisalez contributed 13 digs and Jordan Chesworth had 36 assists.

Andrea Claxton had nine kills and two blocks and Hali Torres finished with six kills and four blocks.

The match against Lake View almost didn't last until the fifth set as the Maidens built a 23-20 lead and then came within a point of winning the match at 24-22. However, led by the hustling play of Chesworth, the Lady Steers rallied to win the set, 26-24.

"We lost the first three or four points and we just couldn't pull out of it," Whitaker said. "All

that Lake View kept doing was tipping the ball over the net and it kept us from getting a good pass which kept us from getting a good hit back over the net. It started to frustrate us and the breaks just weren't going our way."

With the momentum in its favor, the Lady Steers appeared to be ready to win the fifth game as they broke Lake View's serve for the first point. However, Big Spring couldn't hold its serve for long and the Maidens jumped out to a 9-4 lead, eventually winning, 15-8.

"A lot of times you get emotionally drained when you fight as hard as we did in the fourth set," Whitaker said. "Lake View looked 10 times better than they did the last time we played them. They were ready for us. I just wish we could've won it because the girls deserved it."

This was the final home game for seven seniors — Chesworth, Partee, Carrisalez, Torres, Whitney Lewis, Kayla Bailey and Amanda Caskey — and they were honored before the start of the game. Caskey has missed the entire season with a knee injury.

"These seniors have come so far in the past year," Whitaker said. "No one will notice because of our record, but they're much better than they were. Jordan has only been setting for two years. Usually setters play that role for their entire careers. Hali had a tough time hitting last season, but she's one of our top hitters this year. There has been loads of improvement and it's all due to their hard work."

**Notes:** Lake View made a clean sweep of the Lady Steers with both its junior varsity and freshman teams winning in earlier matches Tuesday night. The Lady Steers JV fell, 25-15, 25-22, while the freshmen went down, 25-16, 25, 20.

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Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Clarissa Carrisalez serves in a volleyball match played earlier this season. The Lady Steers were eliminated from playoff contention Thursday night at Steer Gym, losing to Lake View in five sets.

## Cowboys lack maturity to be in the NFL's elite

In 1991, the Dallas Cowboys were just two years

removed from a dismal 1-15 season under the new tutelage of Head Coach Jimmy Johnson and the ownership of Jerry Jones. However, that season the team started to show exponential amounts of improvement, finishing 11-5 and advancing to the playoffs as a Wild Card participant.

After defeating the Bears, 17-13, in the Wild Card round, the Cowboys were routed, 38-6, by a Barry Sanders led Detroit Lions team.

The next season, Dallas won its first NFC East division championship since 1985 and advanced and won its first Super Bowl — a memorable 52-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills — since 1978.

Now in 2007, the Dallas Cowboys once again look playoff bound and many would argue

Super Bowl bound. However, after being trounced by the mighty New England Patriots, 48-27, Sunday, these Cowboys look more like the 1991 version than they do the Super Bowl winning 1992 version.

What's the difference?

Maturity.

In 1991, Dallas had an incredible amount of talent led by "The Triplets" — Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin. They had a strong offensive line that suited Johnson's desire for an inside running game and tight end that helped move the chains and open up the middle of the field for the passing game.

Sound familiar? In 2007, the Cowboys have a confident quarterback in Tony Romo. They have a big play receiver in Terrell Owens. A dual-threat at running back, with Julius Jones and Marion Barber, gives Dallas one of the top five rushing attacks in the league.

The offensive line is big, strong and much improved from a season ago. It absolutely suits the power running game that

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MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo reacts on the sidelines after throwing an interception to New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau late in the fourth quarter Sunday at Texas Stadium in Irving. The Patriots defeated the Cowboys, 48-27, proving that Dallas is not yet mature enough to contend for a Super Bowl.

## Obituaries

### Wilma Nell Cathey Barrington

Wilma Nell Cathey Barrington died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at the Midland Primitive Baptist Church. Interment is at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Wilma Nell was born May 15, 1925, in Lenorah. She graduated from Stanton High School. She married James Elvis Barrington on March 7, 1946. They moved to Midland in 1952.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years; her parents, George and Lillie Shackelford Cathey; brothers Friou and Luke Cathey; and sisters Lurline Gregg, Betty Jo White and Billie Jean.

She is survived by sons James Barrington Jr. of Denton, Gary Barrington of Goodlettsville, Tenn., Troy Barrington and wife, Martha, of Lawn; daughters Cathie Barrington of Grand Prairie and Deborah Stephens and husband, Audie, of Midland; 12 grandchildren; her brother, Wesley Cathey and wife, Maye, of Boerne; sisters-in-law Susan Cathey of Abilene and Ruby Mariner of Amarillo; brother-in-law Tillman Barrington and wife, Belva, of Belton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Midland Primitive Baptist Church. Along with her husband, she helped establish the Harmony Plains Singing School and served for 32 years as office manager, newsletter editor and printer. She was a member and officer of the Lioness 500 Club, a division of the West Side Lions Club. She was a volunteer on the Shepherd's Staff at Midland Memorial Hospital and gave numerous volunteer hours to Midland public schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, local nursing homes and the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Midland Primitive Baptist Church, in care of Bob Drummond, 1808 W Loop 250 N, Apt. 2103, Midland 79705-1514; Harmony Plains Singing School, 4811 15th St., Lubbock 79416-5617; or Home Hospice, 901 W Missouri, Midland 79701.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Lee Roy Day

Lee Roy Day, 97, of Forsan died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Zula McCrary

Zula McCrary, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **TERRY SHIRLEY**, 43, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of 11th and the 2100 block of Wasson.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2800 block of FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy, the 1200 block of 11th Place and the 1800 block of Gregg.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (Note: Officials reported 60 inmates in the county jail):

- **ANGELEE DANIELLE DANIELS**, 26, was arrested on charges of prohibited weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROBERT DEAN SCHOROVSKY**, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **PATRICIA SUE HOWARD**, 37, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession or transportation of a prohibited chemical.
- **TRACIE WILSON**, 45, was transferred from BSPD after his arrest on charges of kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping.
- **ROBERT LUIS SALAZAR**, 41, was arrested on a parole violation warrant.
- **JOHNNY LARA JR.**, 18, was arrested on charges of no driver's license and expired motor vehicle registration.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Tuesday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Highland Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FY** Saturday 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 Intermediate School, on the southeast field. Contact Marcy Elementary for early tickets at 264-4144 or Jennifer Gillespie at 466-3684. Tickets will be available at the event.

• **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.

• **HOME HOSPICE HALOS JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS** will have a Relay For Life garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 3. The sale will be at 111 E. Seveth, behind Home Hospice in the Runnels Street parking lot. Antiques, clothes, what-nots and more will be available.

• **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 COLLECTING 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.

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• **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.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **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).

• **BRING JOY AND KINDNESS TO OTHERS** by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-14-29-32-35.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-8-6. Sum It Up: 27.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-3

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**TODAY**  
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

**THURSDAY**  
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.  
• 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.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.  
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.  
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.  
• Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

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

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.

## FISD

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said. "We're very proud of the business office, principals and directors for the way they've handled our budget every year. They've made Forsan ISD very stable financially."

FISD earned a positive check mark on every indicator but one, Johnson said — the district failed (by .26 of a percent) to meet state guidelines for money directly earmarked for classroom education.

Johnson said smaller school districts have always struggled to meet that guideline because non-classroom costs count for a larger percentage in the overall budget.

"That's a small-school problem, and I don't

know if we'll ever reach that goal," he said. "In a smaller school district, auxiliary services such as transportation or the cafeteria take a proportionally larger chunk of expenditures than you would see in a larger school district."

Johnson said the high rating was welcome news as the school district transitions from "property poor" to "property rich" status, meaning it will be liable for revenue capture from the state.

"We know we have some tough times ahead as we transition into (property rich) status," Johnson said. "So it was important for us to have things in order now."

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# Indians streak past Boston, take 3-1 series lead

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Paul Byrd couldn't believe his eyes. Pumping his arms and rocking his body, Cleveland's retro right-hander, looked up at the scoreboard and noticed his fastball had registered 90 mph on the radar gun.

Returning to the Indians' dugout in the fifth inning, he made a small request.

"I high-fived a couple guys and said, 'Hey pick me up here,'" Byrd recalled. "I just hit 90."

All Byrd wanted was a couple of runs.

"Next thing you know," Byrd said. "We have seven."

And so it goes for these Indians, now one win away from a trip to the World Series.

Byrd, relying on guile and location, blanked Boston until the sixth inning, Casey Blake hit a solo homer and Jhonny Peralta added a three-run shot in Cleveland's seven-run, fifth-inning outburst that sent the Indians to a 7-3 win Tuesday night over the Red Sox and a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series.

Hang tight, Colorado Rockies. You may have a dance partner sooner than expected.

The Indians, now on the doorstep of their first Series appearance since 1997, are roaring through October like they own it.

Given little chance to win the best-of-seven series after getting clobbered 10-3 in Game 1 at Boston, Cleveland's on the verge of knocking off its second straight AL

East corporate giant.

First, it was the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox could be next.

On Thursday night in Game 5, the Indians will turn to C.C. Sabathia, one of their pocket aces who fizzled in the opener but who now has a chance to do something never seen before in Cleveland: clinch a pennant at home.

"We want to put them away here," Byrd said. "But that's a great team over there. They can easily come back and win three. We're taking absolutely nothing for granted. We'll enjoy the win for now, but we want to put them away."

Just like those rockin'-and-rollin' Rockies, these Indians, who haven't won it all since 1948, are soaring like a team of destiny.

Everything is falling their way.

The Red Sox seem to be falling apart.

Since the 11th inning of Game 2 — when the Indians also scored seven runs — Boston has been outscored 18-5. The Red Sox have failed in the clutch; lacked their usual strong pitching and haven't looked like themselves since strolling into Jacobs Field.

Even back-to-back-to-back homers in the sixth inning weren't enough.

They've got to turn it around, quickly, or face a colder New England winter than usual.

"We'll just keep playing," said rookie second baseman Dustin Pedroia, "until we can't anymore."

In Game 5, the Red Sox will start Game 1 winner Josh Beckett, their Cy

Young candidate who held the Indians to two runs in six innings and may have to do better than that to move the series back to Fenway Park.

"We've got the right guy on the mound that day," said knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, who coasted through four innings in Game 4 before the Indians unloaded on him.

Blake homered leading off the fifth against Wakefield, whose now-you-see-it-now-you-don't pitch had Cleveland's hitters flailing at air for nearly four innings.

Then, the ball began bouncing in the Indians' favor as a dropped foul pop and a grounder seemingly headed for an inning-ending double play tipped off Wakefield's glove and allowed the Indians to blow it open — just as they did in Game 2.

Cleveland batted for 35 minutes in the fifth, and the down time seemed to hurt Byrd, who gave up consecutive homers in a seven-pitch span to Kevin Youkilis and David Ortiz to open the sixth before Indians manager Eric Wedge rescued him.

As Byrd walked to the dugout in favor of rookie Jensen Lewis, Cleveland's towel-twirling fans saluted the 36-year-old, who instead of trying to blow pitches past hitters, uses off-speed stuff to fool them.

"My goal was to move the ball in and out," said Byrd, who used the same strategy to beat the Yankees in the Bronx last week. "I really didn't strike anybody out. I was



MCT photo/Bob DeMay/Akron Beacon Journal

Cleveland Indians pitcher Paul Byrd throws in the first inning during Game 4 of the American League Championship Series at Jacobs Field in Cleveland Tuesday. The Indians took a 3-1 series lead over the Boston Red Sox courtesy of a 7-3 win.

hoping to jam some people."

Lewis replaced Byrd and gave up a homer to Manny Ramirez, who posed to admire his 451-foot shot, as the Red Sox became the first team in ALCS history to hit three straight homers.

They came too late as Boston missed a chance to even the series and now the Red Sox must hope they can conjure up some of their 2004 ALCS magic when they came back from an 0-3 deficit and won four straight against the Yankees.

Boston has been haunted by past Oct. 16 failures, and Blake's homer must have stirred painful memories across Red Sox Nation. It was on that date that New York's Aaron Boone opened the

11th inning of Game 7 of the 2003 ALCS with a series-clinching homer — off Wakefield.

Franklin Gutierrez followed Blake's shot with a single and Wakefield plunked Kelly Shoppach. A groundout moved up Gutierrez, and Asdrubal Cabrera followed with a foul pop that first baseman Youkilis seemed to have lined up.

But the ball squirted from his glove, giving Cabrera another shot and the rookie second baseman hit a hard comebacker — a possible double-play ball — that Wakefield deflected and trickled behind the mound.

Wakefield was pulled after 4 2-3 innings — the third straight Red Sox starter to last exactly that

long in this series. Manny Delcarmen came on but he couldn't stop the Indians' onslaught, either.

Peralta, Cleveland's Mr. October 2007 with a .406 average and nine RBIs in the postseason, homered to make it 6-0. Kenny Lofton singled and stole second, his record-setting 34th career swipe in the postseason, and Blake, who started the outburst, dumped an RBI single.

At that point, Indians fans started thinking about what's on deck — another chance to finally end a 59-year drought without a World Series title.

"It means a lot for us," Victor Martinez said. "We've come a long way. To be in this spot right now, it's amazing."

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County, as Munoz officially announced during the meeting he will be recommending the existing jail be closed permanently if the election is unsuccessful.

"If the jail bond does not pass, the county will be faced with a little more than \$1 million for housing prisoners, if the jail is closed," said Barr. "We're on very thin ice ... If our jail is closed, we will be in a very, very difficult financial situation. If we face a rollback, which is a possibility, we'll have to go over the rollback rate. You'll see your county services decline considerably."

"If that were to happen, we're looking at cutting 20 more employees out of the county, and that will directly effect you. In road and bridge, tax assessor and collector — you may have to wait in long

lines and we may even have to close down for a couple of days — the county clerk. Every department in the county will be effected if that happens. So, I think if you know what we're looking at, we don't really have a choice here."

County officials also spoke of the signs being displayed by local residents touting the proposed jail as a "Taj Mahal" design.

"I'm not looking to win any awards with this design," said Heffelfinger. "This is essentially a metal building with a facade. It has concrete floors, a metal ceiling and concrete blocks for walls. That's what the inmates will have to live with. We've looked at every avenue to meet jail standards and keep costs as low as possible. This is anything but a Taj Mahal jail."

Heffelfinger, joined by Sheriff Dale Walker, said the proposed design would keep additional personnel necessary to run it to a minimum, possibly allowing

the county to man the new facility without additional jailers compared to the staff of 16 it has now.

"You can pay for a building. That will eventually go away with time," said Heffelfinger. "However, the cost of employees will go on, long after the building itself is paid for. That's why we are working very hard to keep the number of jailers it takes to run the facility to a minimum."

One member of the audience said they weren't happy with Munoz's decree, saying it is forcing them to vote for a bond they don't support, an idea the TCJS official laid to rest quickly.

"I'm not telling you how to vote. I hope you go out and vote your conscience," said Munoz. "However, if Howard County is not making progress to correct its problems with the jail, we will shut it down."

Munoz said he's not comfortable with leaving the existing facility open any

longer than absolutely necessary.

"It's a situation where I'm damned if I do, and damned if I don't," said Munoz. "If I leave it open while the county is making progress, it's still a liability. If I shut it down, the county not only has the expense of building a new jail, it also has to cover the cost of housing more than 60 inmates out of county."

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 existing county jail was shut down by the Commission on Jail Standards in November 2006, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to 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.

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selves. There are plenty of people who want to run around pointing fingers, but it was you that voted this bond down last year, and costs just keep jumping up."

Munoz said his decision came after a visit to the jail facility Tuesday morning.

"I was just in your jail about two hours ago ... I found two people on the floor where it's supposed to be a changing area," Munoz told members of the Big Spring Rotary Club earlier in the afternoon. "Both females, exposed to the public, exposed to the maintenance people who are fixing the jail because they had a leak. That is a violation of jail standards, and it goes against one of the variances you currently have. So, what am I supposed to do? Turn my back and say, 'I didn't see that?' I can't do that. Not ethically, not professionally, not in responsibility, not only to my agency, but to you as private citizens because you all see that."

"With all due respect to the people who are here, how many have been inside the jail?" Munoz asked the audience, with approximately a half-dozen citizens raising their hands. "That's a great deal of difference, because seeing is believing when it comes to what you are encumbered to

do, and you have as a responsibility, not only as a public official, but as a private citizen. Because what ever you do as a private citizen to make your community better, you're part of the solution, rather than being part of the problem."

While Munoz may wear a suit and tie these days, he's no stranger to a uniform. The executive director served in law enforcement for more than 36 years, including time as a sheriff, giving him a unique perspective on the three-year effort to build a new jail in Howard County.

"When I took that office of sheriff in 1989, my jail was identical to yours," said Munoz. "Identical. It was scary, because I knew when I inherited the jail, which was built in that way and outdated, every day that I came to work I had a liability issue on my hands. We went to a bond issue in Cleburne County during my first term, and we went from a 34-bed facility to a 124-bed bond issue, which passed."

"I had to sell it to the citizens like I had to sell my election as sheriff, because you have to help people try to understand that what's facing you isn't just spending your money or taxes going up, it's because it's going to save you money in the long run. You can get an inmate to sue you for \$50 million, but it's only going to cost you \$11 million to build a 96-bed facility to get you into compli-

ance. Those are the kinds of examples I've seen, because I've lived it."

It's simply a matter of paying now, or paying later, according to Munoz.

"Spending money and raising taxes is hard to swallow, but you're either going to pay now or you're going to pay later," said Munoz. "I guarantee you Howard County has a tremendous need for a new jail facility. How they come to terms with bonds, architects, consultants and so forth is a local level decision. I think it's important for everyone to understand I'm on the side of safety, I'm on the side of compliance. You have an outdated jail that is a tremendous liability. Do you want to encumber it later, or now? Because this jail situation should have taken care of itself four or five years ago. It's not going to go away."

Munoz said the only reason the county has been allowed to continue operating the antiquated jail is thanks to commissioner-granted variances, but those waivers don't come without an expectation for the problems to be corrected.

"The ability to continue operating your jail right now is due to variances. We, as a commission, have the authority to grant these to counties in order for them to continue to operate," said Munoz. "But those variances are only given to counties with the understanding you're going to do something to correct

those deficiencies. There are jail standards that mandate how much square footage you have to have per inmate. You didn't have that when the jail was built. So, right off the bat, your jail doesn't even have enough square footage for the number of people it's allowed to carry, which is a 39-inmate capacity."

And while extreme ideas such as the tent-city jail in Maricopa County, Ariz., may have their appeal — both in the form of cost and to further punish criminals — Munoz said they are a bad fiscal investment.

"That idea is bad for you. It's going to cost you money and it's not a permanent solution," said Munoz. "The state of Arizona doesn't tell you they have already lost more than \$28 million in lawsuits as a result of those tents. Do you want to pay now, or do you want to pay later? With 36 years in law enforcement, I'll be the first to agree, punish the crook and punish them in whatever way you can. Unfortunately, the situation in today's world, even in Arizona they are winning lawsuits. I may have to grant the authority to pitch a tent because the standards allow for temporary construction of them, but you have to build that tent just like you'd build four walls. The temperature, the bunks, everything just like you were building four walls, and then you have to tear it down in three years.

That's not a viable solution."


Early voting in this year's election will begin Monday and continue through Nov. 2, with balloting taking place on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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offensive coordinator Jason Garrett — a member of two Cowboys' Super Bowl teams in the '90s — prefers. Dallas even has the tight end that will stretch the middle of the field and also just move the chains.

One can argue that the 1992 version of the Cowboys also had all of these things. It's true, they did. However, there is still one huge difference between the two years. Maturity.

Frankly, the 1991 Cowboys were a year away from truly contending for a championship. That's an easy thing to say in hindsight, but the point here is that the 2007 Cowboys are in the same boat.

This team needs to continue to learn how to win and then figure out how to beat the elite teams of the league before it can truly hope to threaten for a Super Bowl title. Remember that Romo is yet to serve a full season as a starting quarterback in the NFL. This is also the first season that Owens has shown anything close to maturity in his highly publicized career.

If anything can be learned from the loss to the Patriots, it is that the talent is there, but the maturity is not. Talent wise, Dallas can match up with anyone in the league. However, the experience of beating the

elite teams of the NFL is not something that can be taken lightly.

Unfortunately for the Cowboys, the only way they'll face another elite team is to make it to the Super Bowl. There isn't an elite team anywhere to be found in the NFC, although still will be some challenges.

It turns out that the NFC East might not be that weak after all. Now, both the New York Giants (4-2) and Washington Redskins (3-2) are looking like playoff contenders and could threaten the Dallas' current reign at the top of the division. And don't count out the Philadelphia Eagles (2-3), who are still the most dangerous team within the NFC East if they're healthy.

It's still hard to find a team on Dallas' level within in the conference, though. The Cowboys simply appear to be the best that the NFC can offer.

If that's true, then what a statement made by the Patriots Sunday. They took the best the NFC had and just swatted it away like an annoying mosquito.

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  7. Kentucky;
  8. Arizona St.;
  9. West Virginia;
  10. Oregon;
  11. Virginia Tech;
  12. Cal.
- Forget that the name of the university is South

Florida for a minute and look at their resume. There are wins over No. 18 Auburn and No. 9 West Virginia. The Bulls have also beaten a North Carolina team, 37-10, that came close to upsetting No. 6 South Carolina and dominated a Central Florida team, 64-12, that almost beat No. 19 Texas.

South Florida is very deserving of that No. 2 ranking. Now one questions keeps coming up. Could the Bulls beat LSU or Oklahoma? I wouldn't count them out. It's hard to accept that this team could possibly be contenders for the national championship, but with the way this college football season has gone, can South Florida really be counted out?

Last week, the top two nationally ranked teams in the country were upset. Parity is sweeping across college football. South Florida could end up being the greatest Cinderella story in NCAA football history, but just because the media and general public crown them as the underdog doesn't mean they are.

I believe this team is one of the top five in the country as of right now. There are still some bumps in South Florida's road to the BCS Championship game, however. The first potential hiccup is Thursday when the Bulls play Rutgers on the road. The No. 2 team in the nation has been beaten for two consecutive weeks and



**Texas Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree and quarterback Graham Harrell have had plenty to celebrate so far this season.**

that streak could easily continue this week.

South Florida also still has games against No. 23 Cincinnati and Louisville. Either of those teams could kill any hopes of a national or conference title.

**Texas Tech 35, Texas A&M 7**

Texas Tech wasn't supposed to find the success they have this season. Graham Harrell was expected to be brilliant at quarterback, but the rest of the team is highly inexperienced.

However, Harrell has Tech playing the sleeper role in the Big 12 with 31 touchdown passes and just three interceptions.

Then there is Michael Crabtree. The redshirt freshman receiver is lighting the field on fire everytime he touches the ball. Crabtree already has the arrogance apparently required to play the wideout position and also has 78 catches for 1,244 yards and 17 touchdowns.

He's on a record-setting pace and could break every career receiving record that the NCAA has available by the time he's done. However, the scary thing is that Crabtree is eligible for the NFL draft after his sophomore year.

He's already got great size for the next level at 6-3 and 222 pounds. Just watch the Dallas Carter graduate play and it's obvious that he's also got

great hands and speed.

I'm going to show off my own football expertise — or a lack thereof if anyone has seen the standings in the Herald's football pick-it line lately. I had the pleasure of attending Tech's spring game and as I saw Crabtree play I stated that he would someday break school records.

Turns out I was wrong. He's not going to just break Tech records. He's going to break national records.

Oh well. Just chalk it up as another thing I was wrong about this season.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports at bigspringherald.com.

**BRIEFS**

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**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. 21.

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

**MLB Championship Series schedules**

**ALCS (Indians lead series 3-1)**

- Game 1 Red Sox 10, Indians 3
- Game 2 Indians 11, Red Sox 6
- Game 3 Indians 4, Red Sox 2
- Game 4 Indians 7, Red Sox 3
- Game 5 Red Sox at Indians, 10/18, 7 p.m.
- Game 6

**Indians at Red Sox, 10/20, TBD**

**Game 7 Indians at Red Sox, 10/21, TBD**

**NLCS (Rockies win series 4-0)**

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

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**Maximizing Your Chances**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 8 3  
♥ A K 9 7  
♦ 7 5 4  
♣ 7 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 9 5  
♥ J 5  
♦ Q 10 9 2  
♣ 9 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 7 6 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 4 3  
♦ J 6  
♣ 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ 6 2  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ A K Q J 10 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass  
3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass  
6♣

Opening lead — queen of spades.

**Safety plays** come in many different forms. Their use is determined by the special circumstances of a particular deal, but the basic goal is always the same: to give declarer a better chance to make his contract.

**Take this case** where South is in six clubs and West leads a spade. Declarer sees at once that the slam will fail only if he loses two diamond tricks. He also notes that if the diamonds are divided 3-3 or the clubs 2-2, the slam is assured, as his fourth diamond either will become established or can be ruffed in dummy. South therefore focuses on those

cases where the diamonds are 4-2 and the trumps 3-1.

**He should conclude** that the proper play is to win the spade lead, cash one high trump and then lead a low diamond! Before discussing the reason for this sequence of plays, let's first examine its effect in the actual deal.

**Assume the defender** who wins the diamond returns a spade. South ruffs, draws another round of trumps, and ruffs his fourth diamond with dummy's last trump to make the slam.

**Now let's consider** the alternative approaches. If South draws three rounds of trumps at the outset, he is defeated by the 4-2 diamond break. He also fails if he draws just two rounds of trumps and then plays the A-K and another diamond. West simply wins and returns a trump to sink the contract.

**Although it works** in the actual deal, it would be wrong for South to draw only one round of trumps and then play the A-K and a third diamond. This risks the contract unnecessarily when the diamonds are 4-2 and the clubs divide evenly, as the opponents may score a diamond ruff on the fourth round of the suit.

**The recommended line of play** succeeds not only when the diamonds are 3-3 (or the trumps 2-2), but also whenever the defender with the greater diamond length also has the trump length.

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**BSCC**

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**Team results**

1. Georgetown - 36;
2. Big Spring - 85;
3. Belton - 175;
4. Bastrop - 176;
5. Luling - 178;
6. Bryan - 179;
7. Georgetown B - 194;
8. Westlake - 222;
9. New Braunfels - 287;
10. Anderson - 293.

**Individual results**

1. Hibbs, Georgetown - 15:03;
2. Stones, Round Rock - 15:09;
3. Zack Dawson, Big Spring - 15:15;
4. Jordan Valle, Big Spring - 15:24;
5. Kern, Georgetown - 15:32;
6. Hoffman, Llano - 15:41;
7. Guerrero, Georgetown - 15:46;
8. Thomason, Georgetown - 15:56;
9. Smith, Austin High - 16:01;
10. Stephenson, Westlake - 16:03.1.

**In Sunday's Big Spring Herald**



**Inside America's attic**

It was a generous gift from British scientist James Smithson that laid the foundation for America's national museum, the Smithsonian Institution. The odd thing is, no one knows why he did it since he never visited America. Plus, Our Picks and fresh apple recipes.

**American Profile**



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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Be sure you help make a difference Saturday morning

What a difference a day makes! It's a tried and true adage, one that most of us have found to be true on a number of occasions. And Saturday will once again be the time to make it true with our community by taking part in "Make A Difference Day."

What is "Make A Difference Day?"

Well, according to coordinator Pat Simmons, "Make A Difference Day" is the fall "Trash Off" event for Keep Big Spring Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful.

Who makes a difference?

We all do, or at least we can, Simmons said, noting that volunteers are needed for the Saturday clean up effort.

"Most of our 'Don't Mess With Texas' trash off volunteers have been contacted and are going to be involved," Simmons said. "But, to 'Make A Difference' we need our whole community working."

That's because in addition to the traditional fall clean-up effort, volunteers will also be staging the "Love Our Lake" clean-up around Comanche Trail Lake, while others will be planting wildflower seeds in a number of areas throughout the city.

Obviously, Simmons is absolutely right. We as a community need to get involved Saturday and make a difference.

Choose your hours, and work as long as you like. And we would hope that every property owner or renter would take a look at their property, front and back. If something needs cleaning up or fixing, take the opportunity to do that work Saturday.

And if you happen to be involved in a beautification project, Simmons asks that you take a picture, before and afterward so that the Keep Big Spring Beautiful group can submit it with its application to Keep Texas Beautiful.

Those planning to work Saturday can go by the Dora Roberts Community Center, sign up and receive bags from 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be providing a noon meal at the Yellow Rose Cafe for participants on Saturday. In addition, there will be door prizes and drawings.

Remember, as you pick up trash Saturday morning, make sure to save aluminum cans and place them in a separate bag. Those cans can be recycled, which provides a way for Keep Big Spring Beautiful to raise funds.

Other trash can be disposed at the most convenient dumpster, because unlike the spring "Trash Off" there will be no weigh-in of the trash collected.

Anyone needing additional information concerning the project can contact Simmons by calling 263-4607 or 213-5444.

And remember, regardless of how much or little time you have Saturday, take at least a little of it and help do something to clean up our community. It will not only give you a sense of achievement, but all our lives will be a little better as a result.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

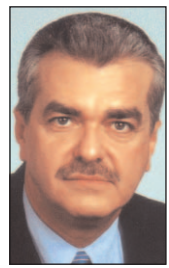
*We have the best-laid plans, Lord, but You know the right path.*

Amen

# Unspoken menace threatens Latinos

It sends Latinos to the hospital and the cemetery at a higher rate than violent criminals, and yet in the Hispanic community, most people don't like to talk about it.

It's "el SIDA," the Spanish name for the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and it continues to pose a major threat to the health and well-being of Latinos in the United States, according to a new analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



MIGUEL PEREZ

But it also continues to be a taboo subject in a community where many people are in denial of the threat it represents.

While the rest of the U.S. population has learned to deal with this devastating illness by discussing it openly, Latinos often are held back by cultural values that prevent them from speaking out candidly about other topics that are related to HIV/AIDS — sex, homosexuality, drug addiction and even death.

Because of the machismo that is prevalent in the Hispanic community, there is a stigma associated with male-to-male sex and a misconception that leads many to believe that all HIV/AIDS cases stem from homosexuality.

As a result of such fallacies and their failure to discuss the threat, Latinos continue to be infected disproportionately by "el SIDA."

While Latinos now represent almost 15 percent of the U.S. population, they were almost 20 percent of the people living with HIV/AIDS in 2005.

After blacks, Latinos continue to

have the second-highest rate of HIV diagnoses among all racial and ethnic groups in the country.

According to the CDC analysis of data from 33 states reporting figures of HIV cases from 2001 until 2005, of 184,167 diagnosed cases among adults and adolescents, 18 percent were Latinos; 51 percent were non-Hispanic blacks; 29 percent were non-Hispanic whites; 1 percent were Asians; and 1 percent were Native Americans.

But Latinos don't even want to think about it. They are scared of being tested and, as a result of their denial, they are not being as careful as they should be.

The CDC study found that the mode of HIV infection for 61 percent of Hispanic males was male-to-male sexual contact. But another 17 percent of male Latinos were infected through high-risk heterosexual contact, and yet another 17 percent became HIV-positive through drug use by injection.

For Hispanic women, injection drug use was responsible for 23 percent of the HIV cases, and high-risk heterosexual contact accounted for 76 percent of the infections.

Those infection patterns were also found to vary greatly, depending on where the patients were born.

The report says infection through male-to-male sexual contact was more common among Latinos born in the U.S., South America, Cuba and Mexico; heterosexual infection, among those born in Central America and the Dominican Republic; and injection drug use, among those born in Puerto Rico. These findings show the importance of tailoring HIV prevention efforts to the needs of a multiethnic Latino community.

The CDC also found great disparity according to U.S. geography. In those 33 states reporting HIV cases in 2005, infection among Hispanics was estimated at 173 cases per 100,000 persons. But those estimates ranged from 34.3 per 100,000 in Wyoming, to 443 per 100,000 in New York. And as for those living with AIDS in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the rate for Latinos was 244.2 per 100,000, and the range went from 28.7 per 100,000 persons in Montana, to 1,165.8 per 100,000 in Washington, D.C.

Armed with this new information, on Monday, Oct. 15, Latino community organizations across the country observed the fifth annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, a mobilization campaign designed to confront the cultural barriers and misconceptions that contribute to the spread of HIV/AIDS among Latinos.

More than 1,000 organizations in more than 300 cities held activities to promote HIV testing and prevention initiatives. They produced public service announcements and conducted health fairs, news conferences, candlelight vigils and religious services. By making HIV/AIDS more visible and less of a taboo subject, activists are trying to arrest a mass murderer that is loose in their community.

"The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to devastate our Latino community," said Dennis deLeon, president of the Latino Commission on AIDS. "More than 77,000 Latinos/Hispanics have died due to AIDS. We must respond united in voice and action to this devastation."

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# Just the basics: Energy Security 101

Americans burn 490 million gallons of gasoline and diesel every day and import 65 percent of the oil used to make those products. Worldwide energy consumption is expected to increase 40 percent in the next 25 years, and widespread adoption of alternative energy sources is decades away. Because America will need to rely on energy that comes from natural gas and oil for the foreseeable future, the energy legislation pending in Congress could be disastrous for our country.



ELIZABETH AMES JONES

If this legislation is finalized and sent to President Bush as the House passed it, it could hurt, not help, America by building barriers to production of domestic energy supplies. In the face of expanding global demand for energy, this legislation defies logic.

America's undeveloped oil and gas resources should be considered our generation's victory garden in the face of today's struggle to maintain energy security. Innovative technology is bringing on line oil and gas production from heretofore noncommercial and unconventional geological reservoirs. Such technology is on the verge of unleashing vast new supplies of oil and gas.

It stands to reason that a rational and responsible federal government would craft energy policies that nurture the growth and development of this exciting potential energy supply. Yet Congress is slamming the door on development of large domestic reserves of hydrocarbons.

This is not the first time that

anti-oil demagoguery has produced misguided legislation. Today's rhetoric is an echo of what we heard in the late 1970s. Cries for windfall-profits taxes and price controls led to misguided policies then and squelched any coherent energy policy discussion. We shouldn't repeat those mistakes.

For America to achieve energy stability and security, federal policymakers must cast off '70s thinking and learn from the recent experiences of energy-producing states such as Texas. A new era of oil and gas exploration has begun. Technologies such as horizontal drilling require only a fraction of the "footprint" once used for well sites. Using best practices, drilling and production today are much cleaner and far more efficient than in the past.

The Texas Railroad Commission has overseen oil and gas exploration in the state for more than 90 years. Texas's energy policies, crafted over decades, encourage the use of advanced technology. The state recognizes the importance of access to private and state-owned lands and acknowledges the role that risk plays in drilling prospects.

Strict environmental rules and targeted tax credits for drilling in hard-to-reach reservoirs are tools that have kept Texas the nation's top producer of oil and natural gas. Important new gas fields have been developed in areas that geologists once considered goat pasture. The shining star is the Barnett Shale play, a 16-county swath of north-central Texas that includes Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the communities surrounding it. Advanced exploration techniques have transformed this once marginal trend into a giant. The Barnett Shale, which produces 1.5 billion cubic feet of nat-

ural gas a day, may become the largest natural gas field in the country. Similarly, increased demand has generated interest in using technology to bring mature oil fields back to life.

Energy development in Texas has been achieved mostly on privately owned property.

Why can't our federal lands be used as productively?

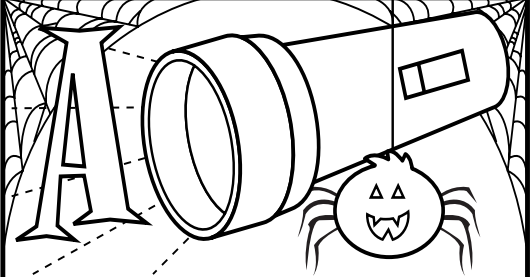
The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge may offer oil reserves of as much as 16 billion barrels — which is comparable to the world's largest oil fields. Even though the environmental impact would be minuscule, Congress insists on keeping the refuge and other potential domestic resources off-limits and ignores the fact that modern exploration techniques could limit drilling in the refuge to a 2,000-acre footprint, or not even half of 1 percent of the refuge's 19 million acres. Similarly, America's vast offshore oil and gas reserves in the outer continental shelf remain mostly off-limits to exploration, but successful wells would provide revenue that could be used to fund development of alternative sources of energy for decades to come.

Our country's energy dependency makes us dangerously vulnerable in economic terms and compromises our national security. Public policies that support rather than impede efforts to increase responsible domestic production are what America needs to retake control of its energy lifeblood from rogue dictators and banana republics.

*Elizabeth Ames Jones is a member and immediate past chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission which regulates the state's oil and gas, propane, mining and intrastate pipeline industries.*

# Halloween Coloring Contest

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**EAT** dinner before you trick-or-treat and bag up those sweets!

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**FOLLOW** all traffic laws and signals, and cross streets only at crosswalks.

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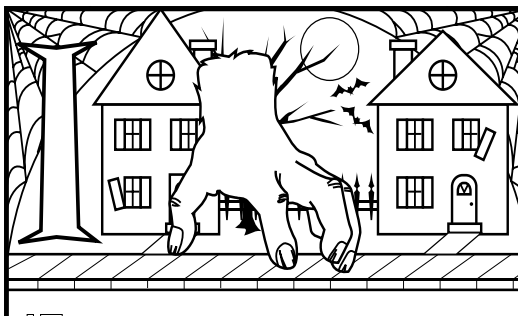
**GO** slow, drivers. Look out for trick-or-treaters while you are driving.

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**HAND OUT** healthy alternatives to candy, like sealed trail mix or raisins.

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**LIGHT** your jack-o-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.

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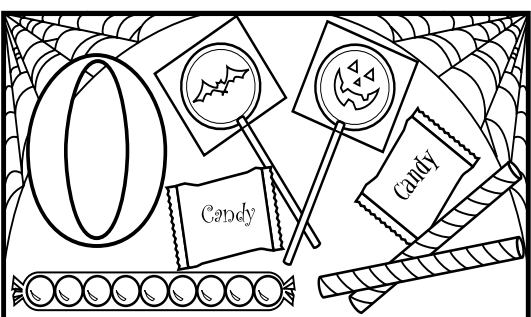
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**NEVER** enter a stranger's house or car under any circumstances.

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**ONLY** eat candy in sealed wrappers, and have your parents inspect all of your candy.

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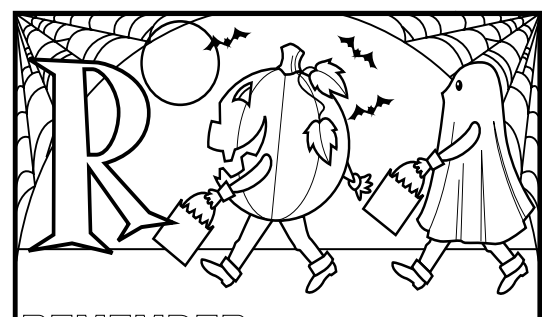
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**QUICKLY** review your trick-or-treating route with Mom and Dad before you leave.

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**REMEMBER** to walk, not run, from house to house while trick-or-treating.

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**TRICK**-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods close to your home.

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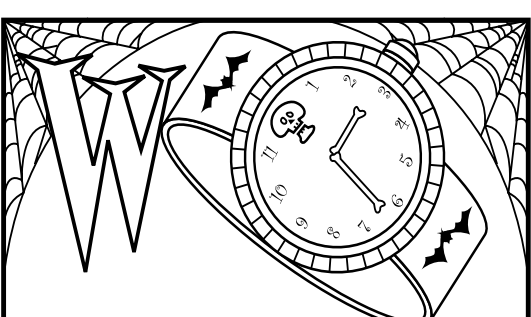
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

A rendezvous between Mercury and Mars lends direction and purpose in singing our own song.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

With unity of mind, speech and action, our newfound melody marks the point splendidly. The Capricorn moon's productive and rhythmic flow weaves melodious interludes into the day as our lyrics and music generate harmonious productivity.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Sometimes, luck is about getting yourself into the right elevator at the exact right time. This is the kind of day when strategic planning will lead to the position for which you've been aiming.

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's harder to expand your vision of what is possible than it is to actually accomplish impossible tasks. When you see someone else with the thing you want, smile and say to yourself, "And that's for me, too!"

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Believe in yourself. If you feel yourself start to falter, the people around you can provide the lift you need. As for the one who unconsciously pulls you down, it's time to have a talk with that person.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The prospects may seem overwhelming, but you are in the perfect position to handle what's coming. Start small, and build your way up as the opportunities present themselves.

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This September's Pisces-Virgo eclipses on

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a happily married man, with a beautiful and loving spouse. The problem is, I find myself extremely attracted to a co-worker. Although "Connie" and I work in different departments, we often work together on various projects, so I see her frequently. I try to limit contact as much as possible, but occasionally I'm forced to interact with her. This is very difficult because, after talking with her, I find it impossible to get her out of my mind for days on end.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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I have never laid a hand on Connie, nor do I intend to, and I'm pretty sure she doesn't have the slightest clue about my attraction. I had hoped these feelings would go away over time, but it's been almost three years. I fear they will never subside as long as I keep seeing her. I don't like feeling this way. Short of finding another job, how do I deal with this situation? — Worried at Work

Dear Worried: Workplace crushes are not uncommon, and we're glad you understand the importance of keeping your impulses under control. Remember that you are seeing Connie at her best, and this skews your opinion of her. (It might help to imagine her with odd things growing out of her head.) Still, if your infatuation undermines your marriage, it may be in your best interest to look for another job or transfer to a department where contact with Connie is minimal.

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Lewis" for 10 years. Recently, we have discussed marriage, sort of. He doesn't come right out and tell me he wants to get married, but he hints at it. He says, "You could start planning the details of how you want it to be." But when I say something about preferences and ask what he thinks, the tune changes and the subject is closed.

I know Lewis loves me. We have two beautiful children together. But this teasing conversation is making me insane. Lewis says a piece of paper won't change a

thing because it's like we're already married. We live together, have children, pay bills, stuff like that. So why do I long for that legal commitment? Why am I considering ending the relationship if he won't marry me? — Confused and Sad in Virginia

Dear Virginia: You have been waiting for marriage and are unhappy that it's not happening. It makes you question Lewis' love and commitment. In many states, living together constitutes common-law marriage, but not in Virginia. That "piece of paper" can protect you and your children in case of separation or death, and offer benefits available only to legally married couples. You ask why you want that piece of paper. We ask why he doesn't. If Lewis is willing to let you plan a wedding, we think you should stop asking for his opinion on the details and just make the arrangements. He may be more willing than you think.

Dear Annie: I am surprised at the amount of personal information we give to others without knowing it. I am talking about people who have those cute figures on their cars — a dad, mom, kids and pets, with "The Smiths" underneath, along with the names of each figure. This strikes me as unsafe. We've been told not to put our child's name on his backpack because a stranger might approach and appear to know him, but we park our cars in our driveways with even more personal information. What would stop a pedophile from approaching your child and saying, "Hi, Mary! How is your sister Sally?"

Please alert your readers not to put any personal information out for all to view. — Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

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# What is your 'rule of thumb?'

I had a very interesting conversation at lunch recently with some friends at

Rotary when the topic of thumbs came up. Wayne Frost asked, "Have you ever really looked at your thumb and realized how many ways you use it?"

There was a general laugh across the table but the conversation continued. Finally we agreed that the thumb is extremely important and has been utilized in many ways throughout history.

Many of these "thumb"

usages have become known as the "Rule of Thumb." Let's examine a few.

First let's discuss the financial rule of thumb, sometimes called the Rule of 72. You can divide 72 by the interest rate percent to determine the approximate amount of time to double your money in an investment. As an example at 8 percent interest, your money will double in approximately 9 years ( $72/8 = 9$ ).

Then there is the Tailors' "Rule of Thumb" which is an approximation used to determine the wrist, neck and waist circumferences of a person through one single measurement of the circumference of a person's thumb. The rule states that twice the circumference of a person's thumb is the circumference of

their wrist, twice the circumference of the wrist is the circumference of the neck, and twice around the neck is the person's waist. For example, if the circumference of the thumb is 4 inches, then the wrist circumference is 8 inches, the neck is 16 and the waist is 32 (of course in our current society the waist may have to be expanded!).

An interesting consequence of this is that this simple method can be used to determine if trousers will fit: If the waist of a pair of trousers is wrapped around the neck two times, and the clasp will connect, then they will fit. Any variance corresponds to the trousers being too loose or tight, respectively.

There is also a "rule of thumb" which applies to

marine navigation. A ship's captain, using a course scale nautical chart, should navigate a thumbs distance from the shore to keep the ship away from the hazards such as rocks. The thumb's width would represent a good distance and the ship would be safe from hazards.

There is also the "rule of thumb" which limited the width of a rod that a man may use to beat his wife must be no bigger than his thumb. Now the belief that this was a law has been discredited and exposed as a myth. Wife beating has been explicitly illegal in British law since the 1700s, and has never been legally sanctioned in America. However, at least four judges and other legal authorities from 1782 to 1897 have

## Parent's Corner

referred to the bogus law in spite of the fact that it never existed.

Now this is all well and good but where did the term "rule of thumb" originate? The expression has been recorded since 1692 and probably wasn't new then. It meant then what it means now: Some method or procedure that comes from practice or experience, without any formal basis. It is likely that it comes from the ancient use of parts of the body to make measurements. Such as: The unit of the foot comes from pacing out dimensions; the distance from the tip of the nose to the outstretched fingers is about one yard; horse

heights are still measured in hands which is the width of the palm and closed thumb, now fixed at four inches; and so on. It is a means of estimation made according to a rough and ready practical rule, not based on science or exact measurement.

Now as a "rule of thumb" I guess we could go with any of the stories above or develop our own. What is your "rule of thumb"?

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



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### Mystery

#### • "Unnatural Causes"

by Leah Ruth Robinson. From Dick Adler with Amazon.com: If you like your mystery mixed up with fast-paced emergency room action, this latest medical thriller Robinson (an emergency room technician herself) is just what the doctor ordered.

In between treating a wide variety of walk-in disasters, Dr. Evelyn Sutcliffe of Manhattan's University Hospital has to sleuth out who poisoned the mushrooms that her close friends consumed at a dinner party.

Her friend and colleague Gary Seligman, a nurse who is heavily

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### Biography

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(B MON M) by Michelle Morgan. A new biography, Marilyn Monroe still fascinates many people with her beauty and attendant insecurities. Years of research went into this book Michelle Morgan and it shows. Michelle has written an outstanding book, featuring interviews with many people who've never spoken publicly about Marilyn before.

There is something very appealing in the author's approach to her story, one that has no agenda other than sharing the details of Monroe's life in a simple and honest fashion. Interviews with bystanders, extras and com-

mon folk who were there to witness events in Marilyn's life but never before contacted to share their stories, are both plentiful, refreshing and thoroughly delightful to read. It's a very well balanced view of the woman who became a legend: it depicts her as neither angel nor devil, but a combination of both, depending on who's being quoted.

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► News in brief

**Human smuggling fugitive extradited from Mexico**

HOUSTON (AP) — A fugitive wanted since 2003 for his alleged role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt was extradited Tuesday from Mexico, federal prosecutors said.

Octavio Torres-Ortega, 42, is the last of 14 people indicted in the case who will be prosecuted for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants found in a sweltering tractor-trailer in South Texas in May 2003.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said he'll make his initial appearance in federal court this week. He faces 58 counts of running a smuggling operation that transported and harbored illegal immigrants into the United States.

Torres-Ortega is accused by authorities of being the alleged leader of one of the subordinate rings involved in the deadly smuggling attempt from South Texas to Houston.

**Appeals court throws out Texas inmate's death sentence**

HOUSTON (AP) — An appeals court has thrown out the death sentence of a Texas inmate convicted of killing a 3-year-old girl, ruling that jurors failed to adequately consider the man's abusive childhood and drug history before deciding he should die.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ordered that Fernando Garcia, 46, be resentenced because of improper jury instructions. Prosecutors are deciding whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Garcia was convicted for the 1987 rape, beating and strangulation of Veronica Rodriguez in Dallas. He was sentenced to death in 1989.

But the appeals court said jurors were given flawed special instructions about mitigating evidence, which is information a jury can consider that could allow for a lesser sentence.

**Famed surgeon DeBakey awarded top civilian honor**

HOUSTON (AP) — Famed Houston heart surgeon Michael DeBakey on Tuesday was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's top civilian honor.

DeBakey, 99, is considered the father of modern cardiovascular surgery. President Bush signed a bill approved recently by Congress awarding him the medal.

"Dr. DeBakey's life proves that not only can one person impact the world, but he can also change the world for the good of all," said Rep. Al Green, D-Houston, who was the chief sponsor of the bill in the House.

DeBakey pioneered now-common procedures such as bypass surgery and invented a host of devices to help heart patients.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who authored the legislation for the award and guided it through the Senate, said she was particularly pleased DeBakey received the medal because "he has saved thousands of lives" with development of battlefield medicine.

**Scott named Texas education commissioner**

AUSTIN (AP) — Longtime education guru Robert Scott has officially taken the helm as the state's new education commissioner, Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday.

Scott, 38, has been interim education commissioner since June, when Shirley Neeley announced her resignation from the post.

"With an unmatched record of service and commitment to Texas' students, Robert has the experience and dedication needed to raise the bar in classrooms and make sure students receive a top-notch education that prepares them for success in and out of school," Perry said.

Scott, a single father of two, spent more than two years in Perry's office as senior adviser for public education.

In addition to an upcoming curriculum overhaul, Scott said that preparing Texas students for college will be a focus of his tenure.

**Nevada suspect in young girl's videotaped sexual assault faces first court hearing**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A police report of the alleged videotaped sexual assault of a toddler reveals chilling details about a child so young at the time of the attack that her mother would remove drawer knobs to keep her from putting them in her mouth.

The man accused in the assault, Chester Arthur Stiles, 37, was due in court Wednesday after being arrested in a routine traffic stop. A booking photo showed Stiles with long, disheveled hair and the unkempt appearance of a man on the run for more than two weeks.

Stiles faces 21 felony charges, including sexual assault of a minor and use of a minor in producing pornography. The U.S. attorney also unsealed a grand jury indictment of a federal charge of producing child pornography, which could carry a sentence of 15 to 30 years in jail.

In the video, Stiles is shown committing a variety of sexual acts on the young girl while addressing her by name and repositioning the camera himself, according to a police report.

**U.S. tries to limit Chinese anger while honoring Dalai Lama**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has taken pains to keep a private meeting between President Bush and the Dalai Lama from further infuriating China, which reviles the Buddhist leader: no media access, not even a handout photo.

There was to be little subtlety for plans Wednesday, however, when Bush and America's most powerful lawmakers host an elaborate public ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda to award the exiled spiritual head of Tibet's Buddhists with Congress' highest civilian award.

It is a delicate bit of diplomatic balancing. Bush wants to ease anger in China, a growing economic and military powerhouse that the United States needs to manage nuclear standoffs with Iran and North Korea. He also wants to be seen as a champion of religious freedom and human rights.



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 Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**  
 2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.  
 3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.  
 4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.  
 5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.  
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# BSHS forensics places second at OHS event

## Team looking for judges to help with own tourney

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate team was narrowly edged out of a first place sweepstakes win this past weekend at the Odessa High School Speech and Debate tournament.

But, that didn't mean successes were not to be had, BSHS speech coach Jennifer Adams noted.

Rebecka Horton led the Steers' speech team by winning both Humorous Interpretation and United States Extemporaneous speaking, as well as placing fourth in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Not to be outdone, Maurice Africh took first place in Dramatic Interpretation and second place in Original Oratory. Africh made it a one-two sweep for Big Spring in United States Extemporaneous speaking by placing second behind Horton. He also placed second in Cross-Examination Speech with his partner Rachel Overby.

Both Africh and Horton qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State meet in Humorous and United States Extemporaneous Speaking, respectively.

"We are excited about the progress we have seen this year," Adams said. "The TFA increased the points needed to win a spot at the state tournament and our students are stepping up and getting the job done."

Roger Kauss placed

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*Jennifer Adams  
BSHS Speech and Debate coach*

third in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and fourth in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking. Also placing in Foreign was Malle Carrasco, who finished second.

The team of Pete Covarrubias and Erika Batten placed third in Cross-Examination Debate and Andrew Lewis came in fifth in Original Oratory.

The team will travel to Midland Lee this weekend and will host its own tournament Oct. 26. Judges are needed to make their tournament run smoothly, so if you are interested in helping the tournament by judging, please call Clint or Jennifer Adams at 264-3641 Ext. 151.

# Y'pinas named Family of the Year

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — Gloria and Agustin Y'pina and their son, Justin Amaro, were honored as Big Spring Family of the Year during the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas' 13th annual Family of the Year Banquet at the Green Tree Country Club.

Agustin is an associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

Past Family of the Year recipients from the Big Spring area have included Rocky and Barbara Harris, Henry and Patsy Sanchez, Richard and Pam Steel, and the Rev. Ken and Elesha McMeans.

The Y'Pinas were just one of three families honored during the banquet which featured a keynote by former Dallas Cowboys great Bill Bates.

Honorees as Midland Family of the year were Brenda and Travis Stice and their children, Elizabeth, Matthew and Luke. Odessa's Family of the year were Lisa and Steve Steen and their children, Avery and Steve III.

According to Samaritan Counseling Center Executive Director Margaret Jones, the three cities — Midland, Big Spring and Odessa — have been selected for the awards because they have been the largest cities serviced by the center for a number of years.

The organization serves 30 counties in West Texas and southeast-



Courtesy photo/Alison Peeler

**Gloria and Agustin Y'pina and their son, Justin Amaro, were honored as Big Spring Family of the Year Tuesday night during the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas' 13th annual Family of the Year Banquet at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.**

ern New Mexico, Jones said. Headquartered in Midland, the counseling center has satellite offices in Andrews, Odessa, Big Spring and Lamesa.

The annual banquet is a fundraiser to raise money to provide counseling services to those in need as well as an opportunity to honor families serving in their communities.

In today's times, it's important to

preserve the family unit for several reasons, explained LaNelle McBee, who serves as chairwoman of the committee which organized Tuesday's banquet.

"We have so much publicity about things that are going wrong and we'd like to recognize families who appear to be doing things the right way through their service in the community, in their churches, in their homes," she said.

According to McBee, some 15 families were nominated this year, selected by a consensus of the committee. The group carefully considered the recommendations of those who nominated the families, she added.

For the past 33 years the counseling center has provided faith-based professional counseling to complement the ministry of the religious community, Jones said.

Proceeds from Tuesday's banquet benefit Samaritan's Client Assistance Fund, helping families and individuals in psychological distress who might not receive help from any other professional source. With an experienced, licensed team of six clinicians and two medical and psychiatric consultants, Samaritan offers a wide range of services from marriage and family counseling, alcohol and chemical dependency, grief, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, special services for the aging and their caregivers, for persons with disabilities and their caregivers and play therapy for children.

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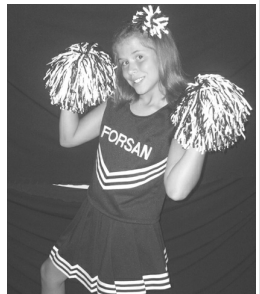
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Scenes from this past weekend's Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton included, clockwise from top, Mike Payne, a "full-time cotton farmer and part-time singer," entertains the crowd by the Martin County Courthouse; Bruce Cross, right, straps in a youngster at the Power Jump attraction; a large crowd of visitors searched for bargains and good food during the thrice-yearly event.

## Pianist, trumpet player to perform during recital

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald  
Concert pianist Helen Lin and trumpeter John Irish will present a recital of works for trumpet and piano Monday in Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

The concert, scheduled to last only 50 minutes, will begin at 12:05 p.m. Admission is free to all.

Lin is an internationally renowned concert pianist who has won numerous awards and toured extensively around the world. Lin's love affair with the piano resulted in her being the youngest person in history to win the Taiwan Piano Concerto Competition and from there, in 2003, Lin went on the Web Concert Hall International Competition where she was voted one of the top eight musicians in the world.

Although an established classical pianist, Lin also commands an assortment of genres including jazz, pop, sacred, and patriotic demonstrated in her CD titled In "Remembrance of September 11th."

She is the classical recording artist for Nightscape Records Label. Lin is also artist-in-residence at the Community Conservatory of Music at Doylestown, Pa.; on the piano faculty at Alvernia College in Reading, Pa.; and chairman of the Piano

Department at Albert Conservatory in Elkins Park, Pa.

Dr. John Irish is associate professor of Music/High Brass at Angelo State University. In addition to his duties with the high brass studio, he directs the ASU trumpet ensemble.

Prior to this position, he taught trumpet at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. His career includes performances with the Southwest German Radio Orchestra, the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, the Dayton Philharmonic, the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, many chamber orchestras, brass quintets and a wide variety of dance bands and commercial projects.

He currently holds the position of principal trumpet of the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra and is active in the musical life of the area as well as co-founder of Jazz Concho, a jazz quintet made up of local professionals.

The recital will feature the "Chaconne in G Major" by George Frideric Handel, Franz Joseph Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto in Eb,"

"Moments Musicaux, Op. 16" of Sergei Rachmaninov, Halsey Stevens' "Sonata for Trumpet" and "Oliver's Birthday" by Bruce Broughton.

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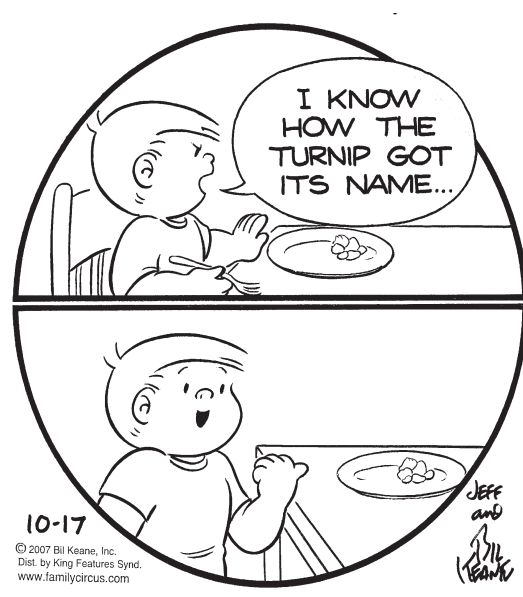
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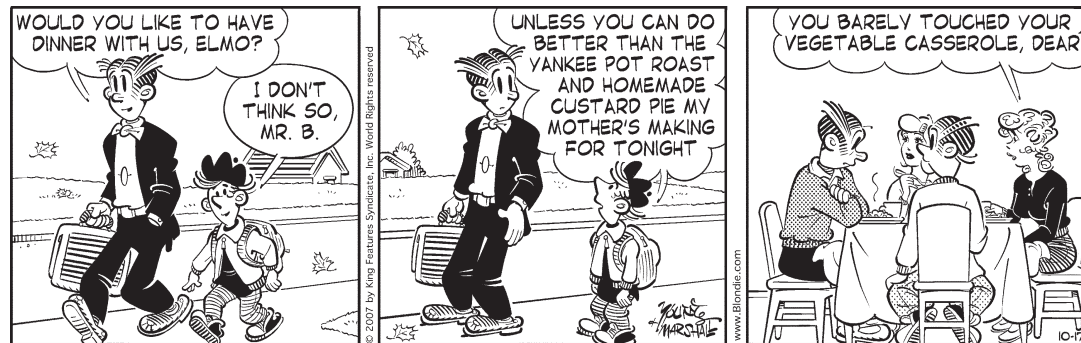


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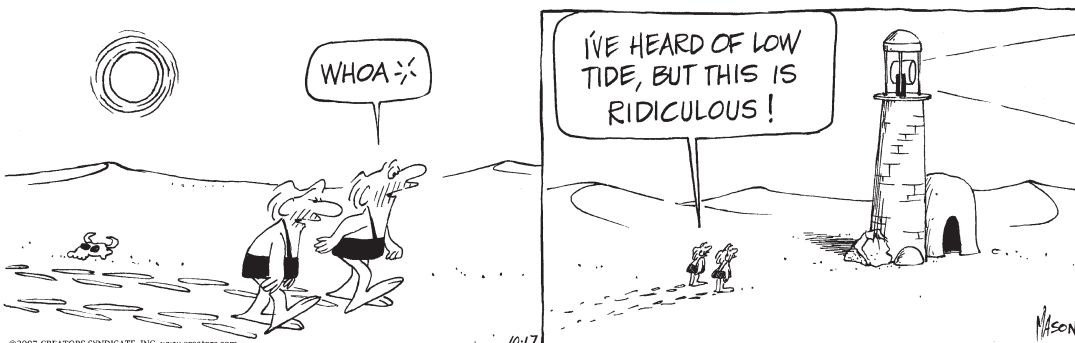
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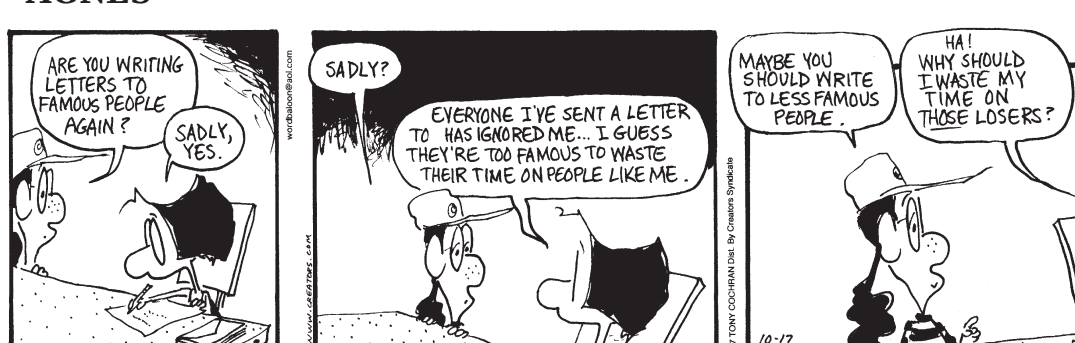
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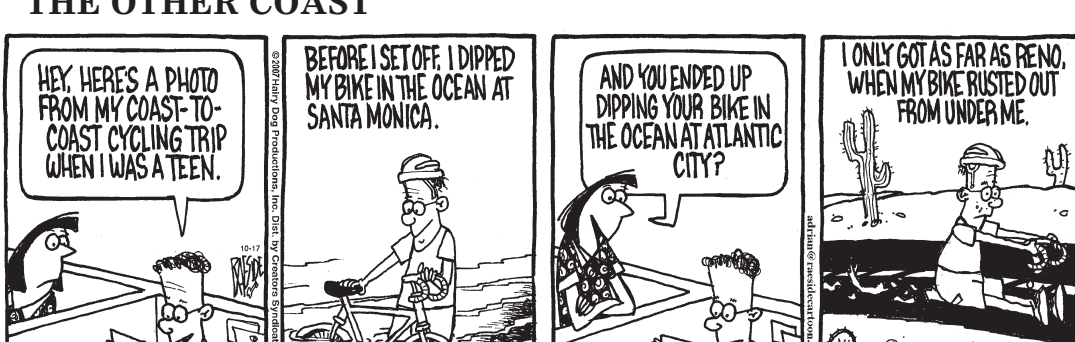
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2007. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

In 1907, Guglielmo Marconi began offering limited commercial wireless telegraph service between Nova Scotia and Ireland.

In 1919, the Radio Corporation of America was chartered.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of

income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion in damage.

In 1992, Japanese exchange student Yoshi Hattori was shot and killed by Rodney Peairs in Louisiana after Hattori and his American host mistakenly knocked on Peairs' door while looking for a Halloween party. (Peairs was acquitted of manslaughter, but in a civil trial was ordered to pay more than \$650,000 to Hattori's family.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marsha Hunt is 90. Actress Beverly Garland is 81.

Actress Julie Adams is 81. Daredevil Evel Knievel is 69. Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 66. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 65. Singer Gary Puckett is 65. Actor Michael McKean is 60. Actress Margot Kidder is 59. Actor George Wendt is 59. Actor Sam Bottoms is 52. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 51. Country singer Alan Jackson is 49. Movie director Rob Marshall is 47. Animator Mike Judge is 45. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 44. Singer Rene' Dif is 40. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 39. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 36. Rapper Eminem is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                   | 61 Newspaper piece               | 9 Tuneful                     | 41 Part of a grove             |
| 1 Portfolio component           | 62 Sea explorer                  | 10 Future doc's courses       | 44 "Like, stupendous!"         |
| 6 Appear to be                  | 64 Actress Lena                  | 11 <i>The Sopranos</i> mother | 45 Source of Interstate info   |
| 10 Jack Horner's find           | 65 Put together                  | 12 Overturn                   | 47 Vamps                       |
| 14 Zoo beast                    | 66 Perfect                       | 13 Uses tape on               | 49 Bank offering               |
| 15 Rod between wheels           | 67 Safety devices                | 22 Cravats                    | 50 Evil spirit                 |
| 16 Ready to harvest             | 68 Epochs                        | 23 Lets loose                 | 51 Napoleon's punishment       |
| 17 Neighborhoods                | 69 Stay awhile                   | 25 Narrow way                 | 52 Leave, so to speak          |
| 18 Cash drawer                  |                                  | 27 Happy                      | 53 Subordinate staffers        |
| 19 Get ___ (exact revenge)      | <b>DOWN</b>                      | 1 <i>Pequod</i> captain       | 55 Box for practice            |
| 20 Actress Arthur               | 2 Father                         | 28 Santa __, CA               | 56 Mother of Castor and Pollux |
| 21 Mood                         | 3 Prohibition-era hangout        | 29 Palm branch                | 58 Close at hand               |
| 24 Designer Calvin              | 4 DC water watchdog              | 30 Precept                    | 59 Parisian airport            |
| 26 Doesn't look forward to      | 5 Throws softly                  | 33 Window section             | 63 Wyo. neighbor               |
| 27 Machinery lubricant          | 6 <i>Paradise Lost</i> character | 34 Film narration work        |                                |
| 29 Saut ed                      | 7 Way out                        | 35 Ancient South American     |                                |
| 31 Bank transaction             | 8 She, in Chamonix               | 36 Henhouse sound             |                                |
| 32 Type of evergreen            |                                  | 38 Cross the goal line        |                                |
| 34 Traveler in a motorcade      |                                  |                               |                                |
| 37 Beasts of burden             |                                  |                               |                                |
| 39 EarthLink alternative        |                                  |                               |                                |
| 40 Boulder                      |                                  |                               |                                |
| 42 Part of a week               |                                  |                               |                                |
| 43 Riviera city                 |                                  |                               |                                |
| 46 Potatoes alternative         |                                  |                               |                                |
| 47 Planted                      |                                  |                               |                                |
| 48 Polar topping                |                                  |                               |                                |
| 50 Long for                     |                                  |                               |                                |
| 53 Match                        |                                  |                               |                                |
| 54 Checkout choice              |                                  |                               |                                |
| 57 Yoko __                      |                                  |                               |                                |
| 60 Horse-race distance, perhaps |                                  |                               |                                |

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