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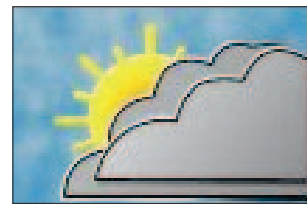
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Local man indicted for murder

Howard County grand jury true bills 28 during Thursday session

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County grand jurors indicted a 39-year-old Big Spring man for murder during their Thursday session.

Steven Glen Hildebrand, of

1300 Wright, was indicted for the May 31 beating death of James David Boettcher, 59, also of Big Spring.

Hildebrand was arrested Sept. 22 for murdering Boettcher, who was found dead near his residence at approximately

11:22 p.m. on May 31.

"At the time Mr. Boettcher's body was found, his death was ruled a suspicious death," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer of the Big Spring Police Department. "He had suffered trauma to the head and

face, but it was unclear at that point if he had fallen."

Hildebrand is currently being held at the Howard County Jail, with bond set at \$100,000. If convicted, he faces a term of between 5 and 99 years or life in prison and a fine not to exceed

\$10,000.

A total of 28 people were indicted during Thursday's grand jury session. They are:

- Brandon Shane Anderson, 25, Abilene, unauthorized use

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Jobs up in Texas

Unemployment rate for September at 4.3 percent

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Jobs are up in Texas, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 23,100 jobs in September, for a total of 217,400 jobs in the past year. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 4.3 percent in September, up slightly from 4.2 percent in August and down from 4.8 percent a year ago.

"Our continued job growth reflects the state's solid economic foundation and remains the best indicator of a strong Texas economy," said Diane Rath, TWC chairman. "At 4.3 percent, the Texas unemployment rate remains well below the national unemployment rate of 4.7 percent."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo, Odessa, and Lubbock MSAs tied for second at 3.5 percent.

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United Way Executive Director Jan Hansen, left, receives the ALON Refinery's UW contribution from Jerry Moos early today. Officials say the campaign is almost halfway to its goal of \$305,000.

United Way campaign tops \$130,000

Officials optimistic goal will be surpassed

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

At its midpoint, Howard County's United Way campaign is almost where it wants to be.

Officials held their annual Mid-Campaign Breakfast this morning at Greg's Grill and announced that more than \$130,000 has been collected so far this year, slightly less than half of the \$305,000 goal.

And directors expressed optimism that the goal would be reached by the Nov. 15 wrap-up date.

"We still have a ways to go, but it's looking good," Campaign Chairman Jesse Mendoza said. "The volunteers are all out there doing their jobs ... and it is just going to be a matter of finishing up the campaign and meeting our

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Volunteers sought to Make a Difference

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Officials are putting out the call for volunteers to help with a variety of clean-up and beautification efforts this weekend.

Comanche Trail Lake will be the starting point for three beautification efforts — Make a



Simmons Wegman

Difference Day, Love Our Lake and a wildflower planting project.

Clean-up crews annually fan out across Big Spring during Make a Difference Day, picking up trash along major thoroughfares in the area, coordinator Pat Simmons said.

A slight hitch has developed, however.

"Everything is going slower than normal this year," Simmons said. "We haven't had

the number of volunteers we usually have."

Simmons said the project will include private efforts along with coordinated projects by service organizations such as local Rotarians and Lions, along with groups from Cornell Corrections

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MARCY BOUNCING BACK

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 tickets at 264-4144 or Jennifer Gillespie at 466-3684. Tickets will be available at the event.

SILVER WINGS BALL

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

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

Dress is "Texas Formal."

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Reserved tables for eight are \$200.

RSVP by Oct. 29 by calling (432) 264-1999 or e-mailing hangar25@crcom.net

Everyone is invited.

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

Area high school varsity sports weekly calendar

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

TODAY

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.

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.

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.

Big Spring High School cheerleaders holding cheer clinic

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer clinic for girls in grades K-6 Oct. 29-30 at the Steer Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night.

Participants will learn a cheer, a chant and a bleacher mania dance. They will perform the cheer at the black out community pep rally on Nov. 1 and then again at

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Beckett keeps Boston in the hunt

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — He blocked out everything: the screaming crowd, Kenny Lofton's chirping, even his ex-girlfriend singing only a few feet away.

Josh Beckett, standing tall as ever on the mound, rose above it all — October's biggest star.

Beckett dominated the Cleveland Indians for the second time and Manny Ramirez drove in the go-ahead run with a 390-foot single as the Boston Red Sox stayed alive in the AL championship series with a 7-1 win Thursday night in Game 5.

Back to Fenway Park they go. Just the Red Sox being the Red

Sox. They have plenty of practice at these postseason comebacks.

Kevin Youkilis set the tone with a first-inning homer off C.C. Sabathia as Boston shipped the best-of-seven series back to the heart of Red Sox Nation to continue a season nearly canned for the cold New England winter.

Clearly, Ramirez & Co. cared. "We made it happen," Ramirez said.

In 2004, Boston rallied from an 0-3 deficit to win the 2004 ALCS against the New York Yankees and went on to sweep the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight for its first World Series title since 1918.

The Red Sox forced Game 6 on

Saturday night, and will turn to Curt Schilling, 9-3 in 17 career postseason starts, against Fausto Carmona.

Boston still trails 3-2, but if not for Beckett, the calm, cool and cocky 20-game winner, their would be no more baseball until spring.

In the late innings, drummer John Adams, whose tom-tom beat has pulsed through a special season at Jacobs Field, slumped against his instrument as the Red Sox tacked on runs. Meanwhile, in the Boston bullpen, two relievers used water bottles to playfully bang on back-up catcher Doug Mirabelli's shin-guards.

The 27-year-old Beckett, who beat Cleveland in the opener, once again came through with the stakes at their highest.

The right-hander allowed only a run and three hits in the first, and only five total hits in eight innings. He struck out 11, walked one and was around the plate with almost every one of his 109 pitches.

Beckett, who with each start carves his name deeper among the postseason pitching elite, is no stranger to comebacks.

In 2003, he pitched a two-hitter for Florida in Game 5 of the NLCS as the Marlins rallied from

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Steers hope to keep building momentum

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

No matter the outcome of the rest of the football season, at least fans know that watching the Big Spring Steers will at least be entertaining.

However, it's always more entertaining when they're winning.

Getting a win definitely was a challenge for the Steers as they opened the season 0-6. Yet, Big Spring couldn't have opened the district season in a better way, overcoming a 10-0 first quarter deficit to defeat Plainview, 26-16.

"That's something that shows the development of this team," said Steers Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "We didn't respond well after getting down earlier in the season. We're a young team and it's something that had to be learned."

Ritchey was ecstatic and relieved for the Steers to get their first win last week.

"Honestly, I'm much more excited for these kids than I am for our coaching staff or for myself. These kids earned this win tonight and absolutely deserve it," he said. "If I've got tears, then they're not tears of joy for the coaching staff. They're tears of joy for these athletes. Everything is starting to come together. Winning can be everything for a team. It changes attitudes and a player's outlook. It gives us great confidence as well."

The Steers will need that confidence as they prepare to face off against Frenship's Tigers next Friday in Wolfforth. Frenship is the perennial front runner of District 4-4A and while the Tigers haven't looked as formidable as they have in the past, they are the only team in the district with a winning record.

Ironically, the 1-6 Steers will be playing the 4-2 Tigers for first place in the district standings, provided that Frenship isn't upset by Plainview tonight.

"No one has stepped up and claimed this district for themselves, yet," Ritchey noted earlier in the season. "We want to be that team to make a statement. We want to get some momentum going and serve notice that we are a team to beat in this district."

One of the reasons that the Steers have steadily improved over the past two weeks is the smaller amount of turnovers and penalties they are committing.

"The penalties we were getting always seemed to occur on big plays. So instead of it hurting us 10 yards, we would be losing 30 or 40 yards," Ritchey said. "We've got to keep making fewer mistakes and stop hurting ourselves."

Big Spring's offensive explosion is keyed around running back Monte Anderson who has more than 350 yards rushing in the past two games. Anderson has taken some snaps lined up at the quarterback position in a new formation the Steers revealed against Andrews called Jumbo.

His effectiveness has also fueled the passing game as quarterback Nathan Doporto has thrown for better than 150 yards against both Andrews and Plainview.

"Things are starting to click," Ritchey said before last week's game against Plainview. "We're looking crisper with our execution everyday."

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 Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring Steers Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Ritchey talks with players during the Steers, 26-16, win over Plainview last Friday. The Steers have a bye this week before traveling to Frenship next week.

Torre says no to Yankees' one-year contract offer

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Joe Torre took a morning flight to Tampa, Fla., walked into George Steinbrenner's office at Legends Field and listened to the offer. He said he couldn't accept it, shook hands and left the ballpark, the New York Yankees' manager no more.

After all he had accomplished — four World Series titles, 12 straight years in the playoffs, almost certain entry into the Hall of Fame — and after all the indignities, this was one he wasn't going to stand for.

Torre walked away Thursday, turning down a \$5 million, one-year contract — \$2.5 million less than he made this season, when the Yankees failed to make it past the first round of the playoffs for the third straight year.

"A difficult day," general manager Brian Cashman said. "He will always be a Yankee."

Bench coach Don Mattingly is the leading contender to replace Torre. Yankees broadcaster Joe Girardi, the NL Manager of the Year with Florida in 2006, is another top contender. Tony La Russa and Bobby Valentine also could be considered.

Most Yankees fans could see this day coming. After losing the first two playoff games to Cleveland, owner George Steinbrenner said he didn't think Torre would be asked back if the Yankees didn't advance. New York hasn't won it all since 2000.

The 67-year-old Torre, who made the playoffs in every year with the Yankees, indicated last week that he might be interested in managing elsewhere.

New York's offer included \$3 million in bonuses if the Yankees reached next year's World Series — \$1 million for each round reached — and an \$8 million option for 2009 that

would have become guaranteed if New York won the AL pennant.

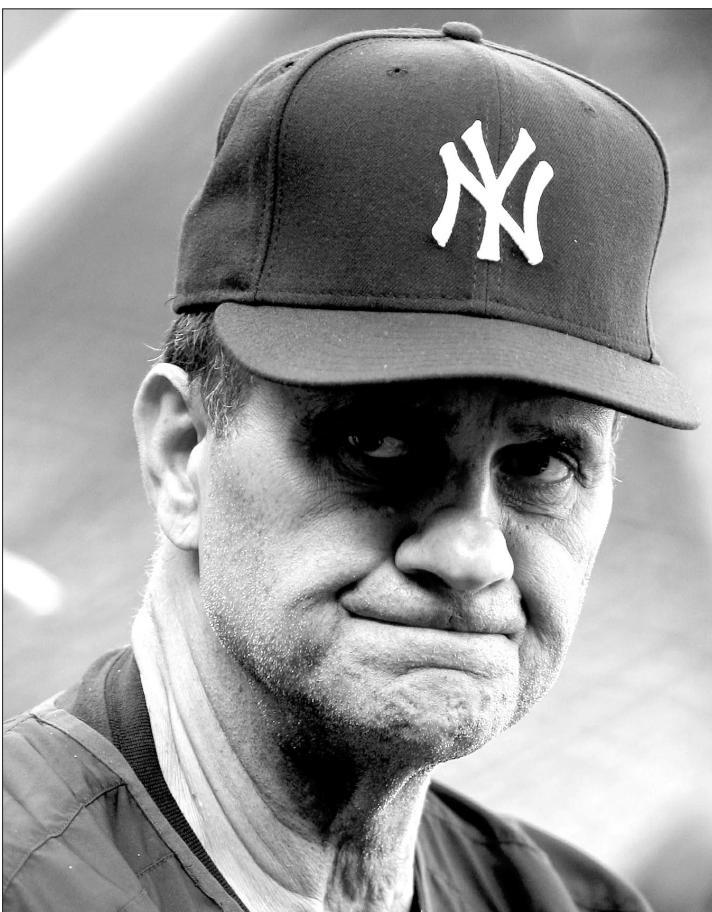
Torre just completed a \$19.2 million, three-year contract. The Chicago Cubs' Lou Piniella was the second-highest paid manager at \$3.5 million.

"Under this offer, he would continue to be the highest-paid manager in major league baseball," team president Randy Levine said. "We thought that we need to go to a performance-based model, having nothing to do with Joe Torre's character, integrity or ability. We just think it's important to motivate people."

It appeared to be an offer designed to be rejected. Scott Boras, the agent for Yankees star Alex Rodriguez, said players would have interpreted an acceptance by Torre as weakness.

"It is difficult, near impossible, to accept a salary cut," Boras said. "Successful people can afford their principles."

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 MCT photo/Paul J. Bereswill/Newsday
New York Yankees announced Joe Torre turned down a one-year, \$5 million contract with bonuses to return. Torre is seen at batting practice before Game 3 of the American League Division Series against the Cleveland Indians at Yankee Stadium, in Bronx, N.Y., Oct. 3.

Obituaries

Frances L. (King) Lee



Frances L. (King) Lee, 72, of Fredericksburg, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rev. Guy White, former pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born March 13, 1935, in Big Spring and married Jack Lee May 28, 1954.

Before moving to Fredericksburg, Frances was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School and earned an associate of arts degree at Howard College. She had worked in military pay at Webb Air Force Base for many years, and prior to that she was employed by Fina Petroleum in Big Spring as a payroll clerk.

Frances was a longtime member of East Fourth Baptist Church and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was wonderful mother and homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Lee of Fredericksburg; a daughter, Lorinda Lee of Fredericksburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill W. and Virginia King of The Villages, Fla.; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends in both Big Spring and Fredericksburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe B. King and Laura Nell King.

The family suggests memorials be made to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 East Third Street, Big Spring 79720; the American Cancer Society, care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; or to Hill Country Memorial Hospice, 808 Reuben Street, Fredericksburg 78624.

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

Paid obituary

Delbert Harrison Hopper



Delbert Harrison Hopper, 81, of Stanton passed away Oct. 17, 2007.

He was born Oct. 14, 1926 in Coahoma to John H. and Lissie Ann Hopper. Delbert grew up in Coahoma, Lomax and Sterling City. He served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947 earning the rank of Sergeant.

Hopper owned and operated his own trucking business in Sterling City. He moved his family to Stanton in 1966, where he began his career as a cotton farmer until his retirement in 1991. He had great success in his business endeavors, but his greatest accomplishment was providing for his family. Pops was patient, kind and a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Stanton. Officiating the services will be Rev. Daniel Armstrong and Pastor Jerry Berry. A visitation will be held Friday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Hopper of Stanton; two daughters, Lisa and husband Bruce Stanley of Midland and Carolyn Hopper of Midland; three granddaughters, Amanda and husband Adam Binnix of Big Spring, Alaina Stanley of Fort Worth, and Kelly Stanley of Midland; a grandson, Keith Stanley of Midland; two brothers, Allan and wife Laverne Hopper of Stanton, and Joe Hopper of Colorado City; and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Virginia 'Gin' Bates



Virginia "Gin" Bates, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 25, 1931, in Loraine. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1971. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, M. W. Bates of Big Spring; a sister, Eileen Walsh of Sun City, Calif.; one brother, Marvin "Bobby" Patterson of Big Spring; two grandchildren and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, J. R. "Rusty" Geiger.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds around 15 mph.
 Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest around 20 mph in the afternoon.
 Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.
 Monday...Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Highs in the lower 60s.
 Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
 Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.
 Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
 Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
 Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.
 Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Police blotter

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

- **TAHANNA MCALISTER**, 34, of 1508 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and charges of disorderly conduct - language and running a stop sign.
- **STEPHANIE N. BANSK**, 20, of 1604 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **STEPHEN CRAIG GASS**, 46, of 207 Washington, was arrested Friday on a Callahan County warrant.
- **GINA RENE NORRED**, 49, of 910 Fourth Street Apt. 2, was arrested Friday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of San Antonio.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

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

- **CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON**, 18, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, failure to yield the right of way, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and failure to identify - giving false information.
- **IRENE PAREDEZ FLORES**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ROBERT LEE EVANS**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance.
- **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify - giving false information and consumption of alcohol by a minor - third or more offense.
- **ZACK MONROE TURMAN**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **FRANCISCO LOYA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **JAMES HENRY GIBBS**, 62, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- **BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE JR.**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft, evading arrest or detention and bondsman off bond for criminal mischief.
- **JOE ERIC CANALES**, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for sex offenders duty to register annually.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-20-34. Bonus Ball: 16.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
 Prize: \$225,000

Winning ticket sold in: Houston.
 Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 3-12-17-19-37.
 Number matching five of five: 0.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

he winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-6-5. Sum It Up: 27

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-0

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TODAY
 • 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.
 • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 • Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
 • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
 • The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
 • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY** 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.

• **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. Friday. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.

• **SALVATION ARMY LODGE, 308 AYLESFORD, WILL HAVE A COMMUNITY COOKOUT** and open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Hotdogs and other food will be available at no charge. The community is invited to come see what the lodge is all about. Everyone is invited.

• **ANGEL FOOD ORDERS FOR OCTOBER** can be picked up from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church. Orders for November will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3. For more information, call 267-3241 or 267-2203.

JOBS

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Trade, transportation and utilities employment recorded the largest over-the-month gain since November 2005, adding 10,700 jobs in September. Professional and business services posted gains of 5,800 positions in September, producing 65,700 positions since last year for an annual growth rate of 5.3 percent.

"Texas employers continue to spark the state's economy with the annual job growth rate at 2.2 percent, well above the national rate of 1.2 percent," said Ron Lehman TWC commissioner representing employers. "Texas significantly outpaces the nation in job growth in industries such as construction, professional and business services, and natural resources and mining."

The construction industry spurred job growth again this month, adding 3,800 jobs in September and bringing 17,200 positions to the state since last year. Education and health services employment also showed strong results with a growth of 3,100 positions, for a total of 25,900 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality added 4,200 positions this month, an increase of 39,000 since September 2006.

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TORRE

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They understand if they accept the position, there is a great risk the message to all under him is dissatisfaction.

Torre called Cashman on Tuesday and asked to meet with the 77-year-old Steinbrenner and the owners' sons, Hal and Hank, who have taken an increased role in recent month. They spent an hour together, and then Torre was gone.

Steinbrenner let his sons do the talking.

"The objective of the Yankees since the '20s has been to win the championship every year, just as the objective of (Vince) Lombardi with the Packers was or (Bill) Belichick and the Patriots," Hank said.

"None of us think we can win the championship every year, but that's the goal. Period."

Torre led the Yankees to 10 AL East titles, but they haven't reached the World Series since 2003.

With 2,067 regular-season wins, Torre is eighth on the career list and was third among active managers behind the St. Louis Cardinals' La Russa (2,375) and the Atlanta Braves' Bobby Cox (2,255). Torre's four World Series titles are likely to earn him a place in the Hall of Fame.

"Joe Torre is a great man, he is a legendary Yankee and a legendary Yankee manager," Levine said, adding: "The goal of this franchise is to win the World Series. All of us get up every day knowing that is the goal and all us take that responsibility on."

Torre's was the longest uninterrupted term for a Yankees manager since Casey Stengel held the job for 12 years from 1949-60. Stengel was pushed out, too, let go exactly 47 years earlier after his team lost a 7-game World Series to Pittsburgh.

Under Torre, the Yankees went 1,173-767. He trails only Joe McCarthy (1,460) for wins among Yankees managers.

Torre's departure could factor into whether potential free agents Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte and Rodriguez remain with the Yankees.

"We certainly hope that they decide to come back," Cashman said. "At the end of the day we consider them Yankees and they will have an opportunity to remain part of the Yankees."

ALCS

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a 3-1 deficit to eliminate the Chicago Cubs. Then, pitching on just three days' rest in Game 6 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, he allowed five hits in a 2-0 win and was picked as MVP.

If the Red Sox can win two more, he might have another trophy for his mantle.

The Indians missed a chance to advance to the World Series for the first time since 1997, and will have to find a way to avoid being the latest Cleveland team to come close but not win it all.

Cleveland, which hasn't won the Series since 1948, had won three straight to seemingly take control. But the Indians, trying to

clinch a pennant at home for the first time, could do little against Beckett, who rarely shook off a sign from Varitek and kept hitters guessing with a rocket fastball and knee-buckling curve.

The Indians fell apart at the seams.

Even their rock-solid bullpen cracked for the first time. Boston added three runs in the eighth on three walks, a throwing error by reliever Rafael Perez, a passed ball and a sacrifice fly.

"Beating Boston four in a row is tough to do," Indians manager Eric Wedge said.

With so much on the line, both teams were on edge and tempers flared briefly in the fifth when Beckett and Lofton screamed at each other.

Cleveland's outfielder had flipped his bat to the ground after what he

thought was ball four, and when Beckett retired him on a fly, the pair exchanged words and both benches and bullpens emptied.

The two got into a similar argument two years ago, when Lofton was with Philadelphia and Beckett with Florida.

"It goes back a way," Beckett said. "Those things have a way of working themselves out."

No punches were thrown, and if Lofton was trying to rattle Beckett, he didn't.

The Indians ace Sabathia allowed four runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings, his third straight sub-par performance this month.

"I don't think we're going into Boston on a downer," he said. "I can live with this. I thought I made some good pitches."

BRIEFS

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halftime of the Powder Puff football game following the pep rally.

The student must participate in both nights of the clinic in order to perform.

Cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641, ext. 166 or at ssstutevi@bsisd.esc18.net.

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. Or call Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

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.

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 7, Indians 1
Game 6
Indians at Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Game 7
Indians at Red Sox, Sunday, 7 p.m.

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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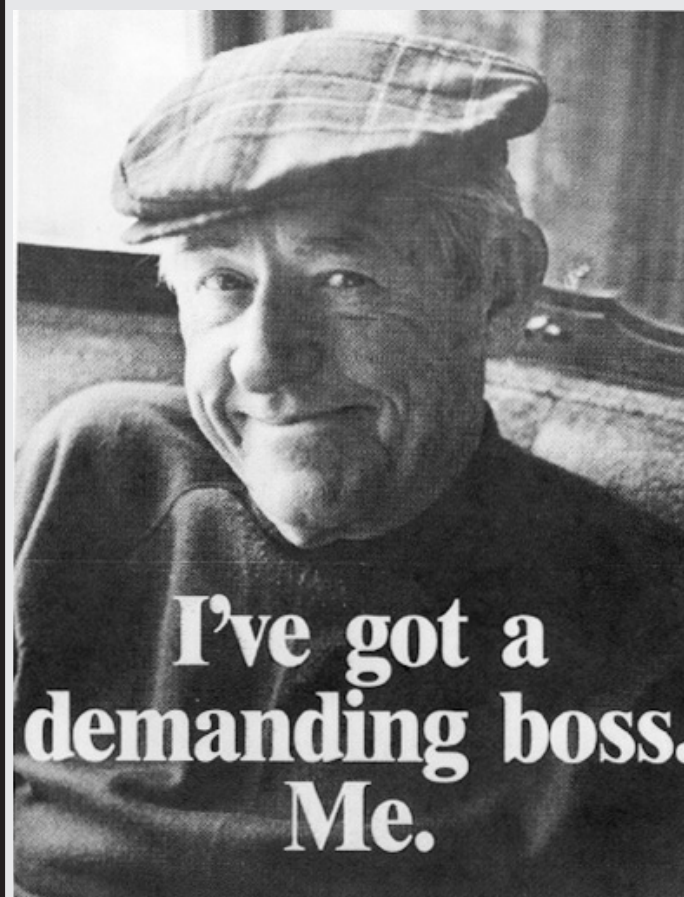
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

curiosity connects you with someone who wonders in a similar way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You really want to please those close to you, but don't try too hard. When you follow your own bliss, you end up making others happy, too. Tonight, tell loved ones what's on your mind or needless complications will arise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Show mercy for your fellow humans. Use a compliment instead of a reprimand, a new agreement instead of a lawsuit. Merciful living makes your heart ever so much lighter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Align yourself with the people you enjoy. Instead of walking ahead of or behind others, walk side-by-side and feel loved. Success is a matter of matching the pace of what is going on around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're brilliant. So why have you lately been feeling uncomfortable when others notice? Don't worry. You'll be able to handle the success that's coming to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others talk about needing serenity, but right now, you're not convinced it's for you. And you could be right. Something about the chaos feeds your soul today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As for that situation that seems to have gotten out of your control, there's still time

to turn things around. Life only asks you to do your best, not the impossible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Others are relying on you to pull a plan together. Don't complain. Don't explain. Do talk plenty about what you intend to do, as this solidifies your approach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be bold in the pursuit of power. As you prepare and over-prepare for the challenges that are coming, you'll gain confidence. When you're at your best, you're unbeatable.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: A casual friendship intrigues. Consider promoting them to your innermost circle.

TAURUS: You work on your relationship for the esteem it generates inside, not for recognition. Though that comes, too! GEMINI: Show off. You're wild about the one who teaches you a new trick or two.

CANCER: Your clan has your best interests at heart, but sometimes you've got to make sure they know what those are. LEO: You've got enough love to go around. Lavish your attention on all the village people.

VIRGO: A problem isn't a problem when you're around. What would they do without you? LIBRA: You're no mind reader. Decide what you want, not what you think they need. SCORPIO: Fool around with old ideas. Visit with an old friend

and something old becomes new again.

SAGITTARIUS: A friendship reflects the beauty that you carry with you always.

CAPRICORN: Go solo? Pshaw! You keep up appearances by having a special someone at your side.

AQUARIUS: You don't need to convert someone to your POV to be happy; relish in the differences and you're happier for it.

PISCES: Attract romance into your life by romancing up your life — try new sheets and a second pillow.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Capricorn and Aries, what's not to admire? Both are born leaders with expressed attraction for the other's independence.

But when either of the strong-willed duo attempts to dominate the other, competition overtakes love. For these two, shared relationship goals are as necessary as personal ones. But not everything's a contest. Love isn't never having to say "I'm sorry." Love is saying "I'm sorry" with a full heart.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Having a Mercury-retrograde moment? As retrograde Mercury backs into Saturn,



HOLIDAY MATHIS

it's easy to be preoccupied with solving the temporarily unsolvable. Harness mental concentration by working a demanding mental task as you would a fun crossword puzzle, with curiosity and humor. You can piece together a future plan. Just don't put it in stone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While you see the beauty that's all around you, others see the beauty that is in you. You're not doing what you do for the approval of others, and that's part of the charm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before you go on, stop and take a moment to give yourself credit for how far you've come. Tonight, playing or listening to music brings good energy your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Short trips are fun, but home is where you feel most satisfied. Little ones are trying to explain their feelings, but they act out terribly instead. Remember who the adult is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Dealing with strong personalities is the theme. Use your psychic vibes to learn quickly what's going to work. Tonight: Intellectual

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 14-year-old girl. Lately, I've been feeling somewhat lost as to what I want to do with my life. I mean, I live a mundane existence, while my friends e-mail me telling me they've gotten their nose pierced, or are going to Las Vegas, or switching boyfriends every few days — the exciting life, if you will. This is not me. I appreciate more of a quiet lifestyle. But I wonder if maybe I'm not making enough effort to be social. It's hard, though, since both my parents work, I can't drive yet, and I'm often tethered to the house because I'm obligated to baby-sit my autistic brother.



KATHY MITCHELL
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I feel like I'm not making any progress growing up, while everyone else is leaving me in the dust. I'm torn between my evolving best friends, my family, my lifestyle and the pressure to be cool, and being at an awkward stage of development does not exactly make things easier. Please give me some advice to cope with being a teenager. — Dazed and Confused in Nevada

Dear Dazed: You don't sound lost. You sound very mature. We understand the appeal of doing wild and crazy things, but if piercing your nose and running off to Las Vegas isn't your cup of tea, you shouldn't force yourself. There will always be opportunities to behave

foolishly, if that's what you want. Excitement isn't always about doing outrageous things. Socialize with your friends in less extreme ways and concentrate on your academics. Mundane, maybe, but worthwhile, definitely. You won't be sorry.

Dear Annie: I recently lost my mother to lung cancer. She lived in Florida and I'm in New York, but I visited as much as possible before she died. Each time, she asked me to take care of her and talk to her doctors. This made her husband angry and jealous.

During her last few weeks, when she was unable to speak for herself, my stepfather seized the opportunity to keep me from talking to Mom's doctors. He also limited my visits and made me feel like a stranger in my mother's house. My two children, who called this man "Grandpa," were ignored. He did not allow me access to my mother's address book so I could contact relatives and friends.

Since Mom died, my stepfather has not spoken to me. I wrote him a brief letter politely asking for a few items from the house that would be precious to me but are of no monetary value. He hasn't responded.

Mom made out a will 10 years ago (after her marriage), naming my

sister as executor. Unfortunately, when Mom moved to Florida, she thought the will was no longer valid and tossed it. We have been unable to locate the original. I don't sleep well and am having a hard time functioning. I miss my mother so much. How do I go on? — Very Sad

Dear Sad: Do you know the name of the lawyer who handled the original will in New York? The law firm should have a copy, although it may have been superseded by a more recent will. Meanwhile, try not to see your stepfather as the enemy. He, too, is grieving. You might have better luck calling or sending him a note of condolence, asking for nothing, saying your children miss their grandpa. And please consider grief counseling. We'll be thinking of you.

Dear Annie: My husband and I were briefly divorced. During that time, I had a child with another man. Later, my husband and I remarried, but my younger son has a different last name from his brother and parents.

How should I sign our Christmas cards? — Just Asking

Dear Just: You can sign them, "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Family" or, less formally, "Mary and John Smith, Chad and Jeremy." You don't have to advertise that one of your children has a different last name.

Dear Annie: I am bothered by the fact that I don't have a relationship with my younger brother and sister. Our dad died when we were young, and Mom passed away four years ago.

My brother is mentally ill and divorced, and has an 18-year-old son in jail on drug charges. My sister just turned 50, never married and has no children. I have three grown children who are doing well. My youngest

just moved out of the house, so I'm experiencing the empty nest.

When Mom was alive, we got together for holidays and family gatherings. Since she died, we have seen each other only a few times. My husband and kids have trouble tolerating my brother because he refuses to take medication and can be hard to deal with. My sister and I used to talk weekly on the phone, but she doesn't call anymore. When I call her, I always get her machine and leave a message, but she never calls back. My children were close to my sister when they were growing up, but they all have told me their aunt is "different" now. They think she is jealous and bitter that I have a family and she wasn't able to have children.

We spend a great deal of time with my husband's very large and welcoming family, but I feel bad that I rarely see my siblings. When I invite them to my home, they make excuses why they can't come. Should I leave things alone? Was I wrong to think we would become closer after my mother died? It's depressing me. — Sad

Dear Sad: Actually, parents are often the glue that holds siblings together. When the parents die, siblings who don't have a lot in common often go their separate ways. It takes effort to maintain family ties, and since you are the one who wants to stay in touch, you will have to do the work. Keep calling your siblings just to say hello, send cards on their birthdays and invite them for family gatherings. One of these days, we hope they will surprise you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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GRAND JURY

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of a vehicle (state jail felony).
• Robert Edward Baker Jr., 34, Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation (second degree felony, enhanced to first degree felony).
• Christene Michelle Beam, 27, 1308 E. 17th, unauthorized use of a vehicle (state jail felony enhanced to third degree felony).
• Shannon Louise Beeler, 28, 810 E. 13th, forgery (state jail felony).
• Lonnie D. Bethany, 25, Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation (second degree felony).
• Geronimo Ray Calderon, 25, Howard County Jail, two counts of burglary of a building (state jail felony enhanced to third degree felony).
• Kyler Ray Cannady, 18, 1513 Wood St., unlawfully carrying a weapon in prohibited place (third degree felony).
• Christopher Ryan Castanuela, 23, 4117 Muir, evading arrest (state jail felony).
• Roy G. Cervantes Jr., 28, 1304 Nolan, indecency with a child by exposure (third degree felony).
• Leroy Coleman, 19, 3913

Hamilton, criminal mischief (state jail felony).
• Joseph Michael Cook, 28, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 133, aggravated robbery (first degree felony).
• Arturo Esquivel-Alvarado, 37, Howard County Jail, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Sherry A. Felts, 51, 1411 Virginia, driving while intoxicated (third degree felony).
• Antonio Joe Flores Jr., 27, 1302 Kendall, evading arrest (state jail felony enhanced to third degree felony).
• Raul Flores Jr., 27, 509 Lancaster, deadly conduct (third degree felony).
• William Gordon Fuller III, 36, 1410 Ritchie Rd., aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).
• Michael Ray Hernandez Jr., 39, 604 N.E. Ninth, robbery (second degree felony enhanced to first degree felony).
• Antonio Limon Ibarra, 19, 1504 Kentucky Way, evading arrest (state jail felony).
• Jose Jimenez Manuel Jr., 32, 301 N.W. 10th, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

(second degree felony) and hindering a secured creditor (state jail felony).
• Leeroy Clay Kitchell, 43, Howard County Jail, indecency with a child/sexual contact (second degree felony) and indecency with a child/exposure (third degree felony).
• Larry Johnathan Lee, 31, 7400 S. Service Rd., forgery (state jail felony enhanced to second degree felony).
• Brandy Michelle Lopez, 29, 4213 Hamilton, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Jimmy Joe Sanchez, 32, Howard County Jail, driving while intoxicated (third degree felony enhanced to second degree felony).
• Lauren Smith, 20, 1002 E. 16th, forgery (state jail felony enhanced to third degree felony).
• Daniel Vigil, 42, no address given, unauthorized use of a vehicle (state jail felony).
• Cynthia Jean White, 42, 2616 Ent, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony enhanced to third degree felony).
• Tekia Williams, 24, 910 N.W. Fourth, two counts of forgery (each a state jail felony).

Sidewinders head to meet

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders will be competing this weekend in Midland at the annual Judges Cup. They will compete at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Legacy Elite athletics building, located just off the loop and I-20. The public is invited. They competed this past weekend for the level 4-6 district championships at their home gym at the YMCA. Level 6 Brooke Lindsey scored a 31.55 in the all around, taking first in her age group. Karina Alvarado scored a 33.90 in the all around, taking second in her age group. Rebekah Pearson scored a 34.10 in the all around, and placed first in her group as well. Pearson has qualified to go to North State competition Oct. 27 and will be competing for her spot in the state championships. Level 5 Shelbi Montgomery scored

a 34.75 in the all around, taking first in her age group. Alyssa Armentrout scored a 34.05 in the all around, taking second place in her age group. Courtney Berringer scored a 32.70 in the all around, taking second in the all around for her age group. These girls also won first place in the small team competition. They will have their district meet Nov. 10 to try and take their spots in the state championships. Level 4 Kate Sorton scored a 34.1 in the all around; however at level 4 and below they do not receive places, just ribbons and scores. She got her first 9 of the year last weekend on the balance beam, scoring a 9.25. Level 3 Deliah Guzman Austyn Montgomery Vanessa Highfield These girls don't receive scores at this level and received placement ribbons for each event.

UNITED WAY

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goals." A breakdown of the campaign by divisions show:
• Pacesetters Division has raised \$29,115 of its \$50,000 goal.
• Community Division has raised \$600 of its \$6,000 goal.
• The Combined Federal

Campaign has collected \$11,385 to date. Its goal is \$30,000.
• Dine Out Day officials reported collecting \$750. The goal is \$1,250.
• Professional Division officials said they had collected \$4,435 toward their goal of \$6,000.
• Commercial Division volunteers are exactly half-way to their \$40,000 goal.
• Loaned Executive Division officials have

officially collected \$48,000 of the division's \$150,000 goal, but much more is on the way, they said. The largest corporate donation to date has been received by the Big Spring Alon Refinery, whose employees have pledged \$31,932 to date, said Jerry Moos of the refinery. That figure far surpasses Alon's 2006 contribution of \$27,696 and includes a 35 percent

matching donation from company headquarters, Moos said. Overall, today's figures give campaign officials reason for optimism. "I think it's on schedule," Executive Director Jan Hansen said. "This is a first for me, but I'm pleased with the way things are going, and I just want to encourage people who can give to the United Way to do so and help those in need."

Agencies helped by the United Way include the Red Cross, Boys Club, Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Victim Services of Big Spring and the YMCA.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Virginia "Gin" Bates, 76, died Wednesday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

VOLUNTEERS

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and the County Adult Probation Department. "We're just letting people pick up trash basically where they want to," she said. "If people would just clean up their own yards, that would be great." Crews are expected to gather at DRCC at 9 a.m. Saturday before heading off to their respective areas, she added. The Love Our Lake project was originally scheduled for April, but postponed because of heavy spring rains, coordinator Debbie Wegman said. Wegman said crews will be assigned to picking up trash along the shoreline and grassy areas surrounding the lake. In addition, she is asking people with small rowboats or light horsepower motorboats to volunteer their craft to help pick up shoreline trash in hard to reach spots. She noted that the lake is an annual clean-up target because it attracts visitors from across the area. "We are one of the few towns in West Texas that has a lake we can be really proud of," Wegman said. "Drive out there any day, and there's always people out there. We have a responsibility to keep it clean." If enough people show up Saturday, a third project — the wildflower planting — will kick in, coordinator Sarah Bavin said.

"It depends on the numbers," Bavin said. "Our first priority is cleaning up the lake. If we get

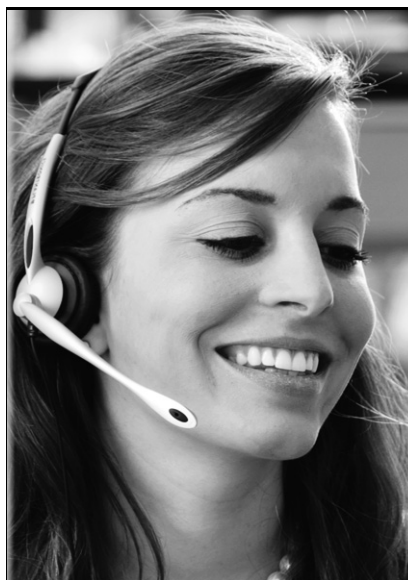
enough people, then we plan to plant the wildflowers."

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- The Mustang Draw Woodcarver's Club, which has been offering classes all week at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Don't forget the big sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m!

- The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, of course, celebrating Texas Chamber of Commerce Week. Hats off to Debbye ValVerde and all the gang at Gregg and Third streets.

- The Big Spring VA Hospital for making flu shots available to veterans this week with the facility's "drive-through" shots program.

- Forsan Independent School District staff and administrators — we'll include the board since they oversee most everything — on receiving a superior rating from the Texas Education Agency in the handling of district financial matters. Did we mention this was the fourth straight year for FISD to earn this honor? Congratulations!

- Coahoma Independent School District, or perhaps contractors for CISD — or maybe the administrators, teachers and students putting up with the noise — but in any case, it's great to see their numerous renovation projects making such great progress.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May You take our time, Lord, and turn it into what works for You.

Amen

Decisive battles; Saints at San Jacinto

The Brewer is a sixth-generation Texan and dang proud of it. I have an ancestor, Henry Brewer, who actually fought alongside Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto.

I was there, if only in microscopic form and really glad (for my sake) that Henry Brewer was with Houston, instead of Travis at the Alamo. San Jacinto is the decisive battle that won Texas her independence. To wrap your head around what a big deal it really is, it's important you read the inscription carved into the monument that stands on the battlefield today.

"Measured by its results, San Jacinto was one of the decisive battles of the world. The freedom of Texas from Mexico won here led to annexation and to the Mexican-American War, resulting in the acquisition by the United States of the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma. Almost one-third of the present area of the American nation, nearly a million square miles of territory, changed sovereignty."

In other words, there is a reason

why people in Fort Worth, Salt Lake and Los Angeles don't have to live the lifestyle of our neighbors in Matamoros, Juarez and Tijuana. That reason is because of a handful of heroes, not even trained soldiers, who chose to oppose and defeat a dictator back in 1836.

The Fight Is On

Some battles are so strategically important that everything afterward hinges upon the results of that single event. I wonder if those Texans knew how important that one single battle actually was.

I wonder if you know how important it is that you win the battles you are fighting. Unseen spiritual battles in brutal mental and emotional arenas you are choosing to oppose.

There is a lot more on the line for what you think then what you might think.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Every Christian has to fight in order to hang on to and possess the land or to have victory with the territory God trusts us with. Our fight is first spiritual and most of

that fight goes on between our ears.

God has given us weapons to fight with and they are "mighty in God." Powerless in and of themselves, but in God they are mighty, powerful and able to bring those thoughts under control. They break down the mightiest stronghold.

These weapons include the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17), prayer (Ephesians 6:18) and the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

One of the ways you use the Word of God as a weapon is to personalize it for you. It is no good as black ink on a white page, but actually in your hand. It's a sword that kicks mental butt!

Declare what the Word says about you while God works on your problem.

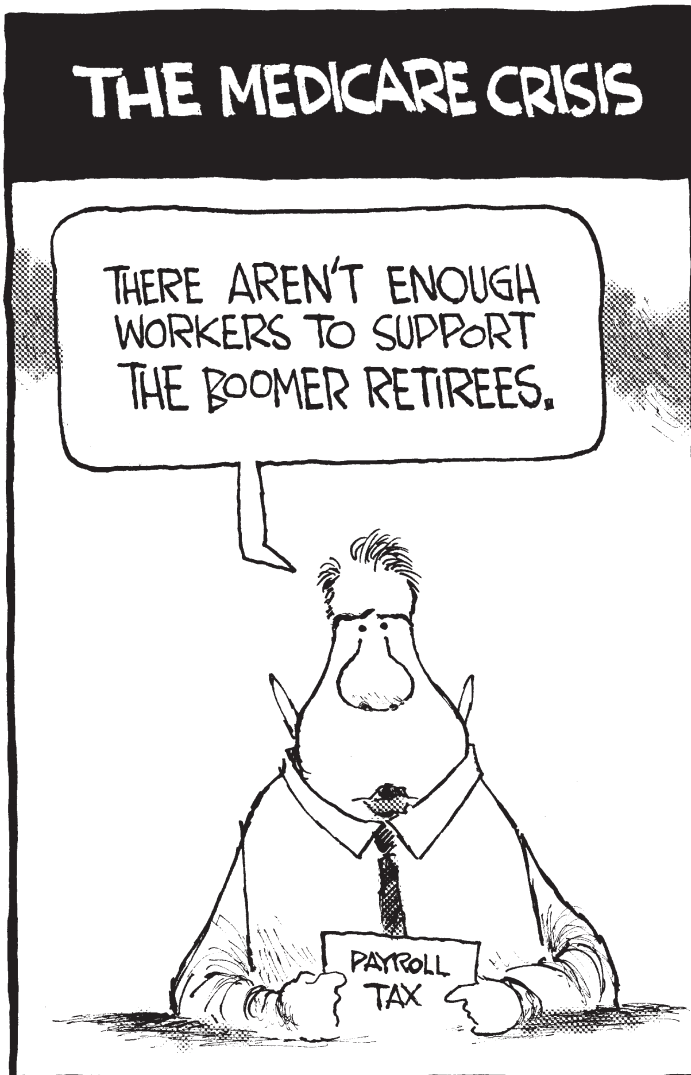
Personalize Jeremiah 29:11 by saying, "I know that God has plans to prosper me. I know that God has a hope and a future for me and I know those plans are good and I know that they will come to pass because God said they would."

Let it be said of you, the reason why those behind you live in victory is because you chose to oppose and defeat an oppressive enemy in the battle between your ears.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. E-mail him at FFTB@OpenDoorMinistries.org.



TROY BREWER



Farm bill ignores dire reserve need

You can't pick up a newspaper these days without confronting anxious headlines blaring about the rising crisis in food costs. From Mexicans protesting sky-high tortilla prices to Italians boycotting pasta, the entire planet faces a growing dilemma of how to adequately feed its growing populations. The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects that world grain supply will plunge to a 53-day equivalent by the end of this crop year, the lowest level since 1960. But you wouldn't even know there was an emerging global food crisis if you listened to the United States Congress.



GEORGE NAYLOR

As the Senate finally considers the Farm Bill, virtually absent from the discussion is the need to have strategic food reserves, akin to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Portuguese Farm Minister Jaime Silva, whose country chairs the European Union, said the EU needed to consider the issue of strategic stocks after seeing food protests rock Italy. As a matter of national security, our government should recognize its responsibility to provide a stable market for food in an era of unprecedented risk. Now should be the time to consider the issue, not after a calamity has occurred that could have easily been prevented with better planning.

The idea of a grain reserve to protect societies from starvation and food shortages has Biblical roots, as the Pharaoh counseled

Joseph to implement a grain storage program that set aside one-fifth of production to account for seven fat years followed by seven lean years. The Chinese started a grain reserve program under the Qing Dynasty in 54 B.C., and operated it for 1400 years. The U.S. finally put in place a national reserve after the devastation of the Great Depression, which was eliminated under the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act.

Right now, countries around the world are grappling with the increased demand for grain, in part driven by ethanol and biofuels. However, commodity prices are only one factor impacting food prices. Energy costs account for far more of the cost in producing food. In a \$4 box of cereal, there is less than 7 cents worth of corn. Marketing, handling and transportation all comprise a far greater share of the retail price. Food processing is also controlled by a handful of corporations as is the food retailing sector, who have much more power in setting the price of food than farmers.

However, without any sort of grain reserve, we are one drought away from possibly seeing \$8 per bushel corn prices (as opposed to the current \$3), which could have truly destabilizing effects. Agribusiness companies would quickly urge more corn production. Farmers would plant more corn, causing even worse ecological damage, and an inevitable price crash when the surplus hit the market, even in an era of bio-fuel demand.

A grain reserve not only helps consumers by stabilizing prices for food, it also protects farmers

from facing depressed prices and could alleviate the need for costly taxpayer bailouts.

Allowing farmers to store their own grain, as was done in the previous Farmer-Owned Reserve, lets farmers ride out inevitable price swings.

While some may think farmers are getting rich off the current commodity prices, just last year, I was still selling my corn for under \$2 as my fertilizer and fuel costs were exploding!

There are many folks assuming that the current high commodity prices will go on forever.

Those of us who have lived through the 1970s export boom and the 1980s farm depression know better. As farmers around the world plant more corn, soybeans and wheat to take advantage of the current gold rush, a price bust is inevitable. According to a banker, a return to \$2 corn would cause farm foreclosures that could be even worse than the 1980s Farm Crisis due to farmers taking on more debt by updating their machinery and paying higher cash rents.

A Strategic Grain Reserve is now just as vital as a Strategic Petroleum reserve.

It is not too late for Congress to put in place a sane policy that will benefit both consumers and farmers instead of leaving our fates to the whims and dictates of unstable, globalized markets.

George Naylor is an Iowa corn and soybean farmer. He serves as President of the National Family Farm Coalition.

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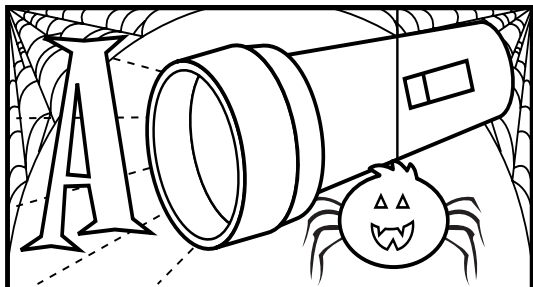
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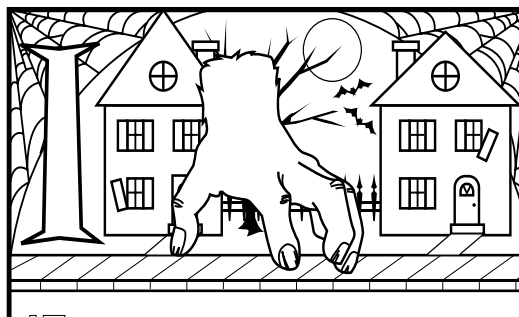
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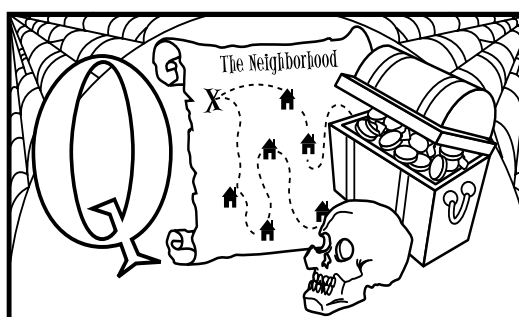
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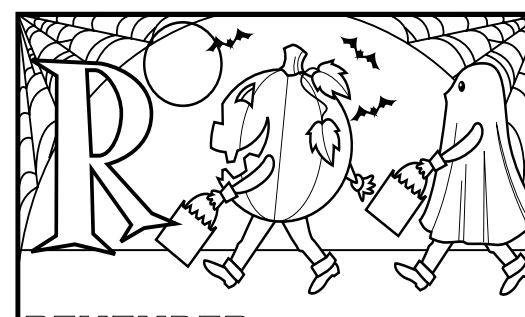
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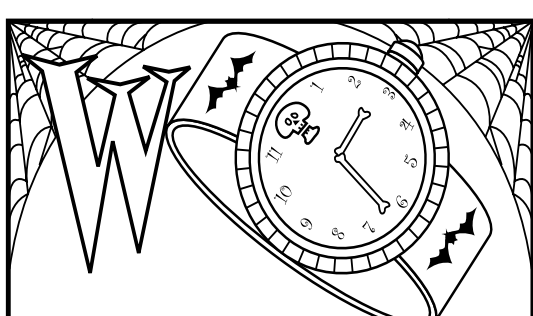
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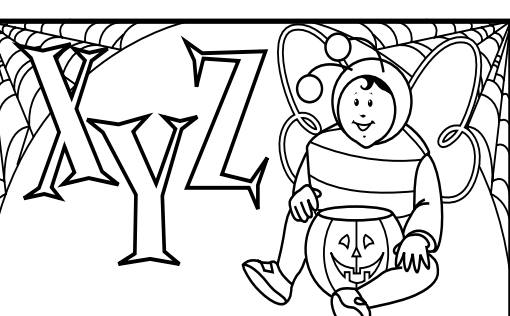
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► Church News



Hillcrest Baptist Church

The Good News Senior Adult Choir from Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, directed by James Kinman, will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700. The public is invited.

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, the Rev. Bob Zap, retired Presbyterian minister from Andrews, will preach at 11 a.m. The Rev. Zap is currently mayor of Andrews and father of Lisa Zap of the Big Spring congregation.

The lectionary for the service will be from Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; and Luke 18:1-8.

The Session will meet Monday and will be moderated by the Rev. Cheryl Holmsher from Grace Presbyterian in Midland. Wednesday, the youth will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Bible study will start at 5:17 p.m., and the choir will practice at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 14, there was a called congregational meeting following the morning service. The following were nominated and approved to serve as Elders for the Class of 2010: Mark Morgan, Helen Glass, Weldon Jones, Joe Horton and Baylor Walker.

Friday, Nov. 2, the Tres Rios Presbytery, 80th stated meeting, will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring starting at 8 a.m. Worship will begin at 9 a.m.

The community is asked to help celebrate the gift of life by donating blood at the third annual blood drive to be held Sunday, Nov. 4, from noon until 3 p.m. Soup and sandwiches will be served to all those who participate. This blood drive is being sponsored by the Service

Committee of the church. Call the church office at 263-4211 if you are interested in donating.

Baptist Temple Church

The gospel music concert is finally here! That's this Saturday at 7 p.m. What a great night this is going to be — a night of blessings from four singing groups from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Featured entertainers are Earley Praises, Friends by Grace, Heaven's Harbor and Marvin Stewart.

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A nursery will be provided for children under 4 years of age.

Our children and youth are currently working on a Christmas program, "Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch." We will perform this program for the church audience Sunday, Dec. 9. All youth and children between the ages of 6 and 18 who would like to be a part of this program are encouraged to practice with us at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Worship with us at 400 E. 11th Place. Our service times are Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning wor-

ship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday we have prayer meeting at 7 p.m. for adults and activities for youth and children.

A nursery is available during all services. Everyone is welcome at Baptist Temple. Call 267-8287 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Jim Smith of Amarillo will bring the Stewardship Sermons at both services of worship Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and at 10:50 a.m. Sunday school for all ages will be held at 9:45 a.m.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, United Blood Services will set up in the church parking lot. Donors must be at least 18 years of age and donations can be credited to our Pastor Shane Brue.

Our annual Charge Conference will be held in Garrett Hall on Sunday beginning at 3 p.m.

The GIG group will leave at noon to have an exciting adventure at the Cornfield Maize.

Our congratulations to Gloria and Agustin Y'pina and Justin having been named Big Spring's Family of the Year by the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas. They were recognized at a banquet at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland on Tuesday evening. Agustin is director of Hispanic ministries at First Methodist.

United Methodist Women will meet Oct. 23

in the Youth Hall at 2 p.m. Jane Jones will be leading the last session of the spiritual growth study on "God's Mission and God's Song." Eulaine McIntosh will perform an interpretative dance in conjunction with the study.

First Methodist will host a meeting of Church Women United on Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. in observance of World Community Day. The program for the day is entitled "Embracing Justice Under God's Tent."

Our church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry Streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

If you are looking for a church home we'd love to have you.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christian education for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their meeting and breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m.

The Fall Festival is Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be fun games, a cake walk and many items to buy.

St. Mary's will have a "Town Meeting" and a

pot-luck supper Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall with discussion on the pastor's search following the meal. Please join us for this very important time in the ministry of St. Mary's Church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Friends of Unity

Friends encourage everyone to pray affirmatively for peace. Affirmations such as "Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me" or "I am one in love and spirit with all people. Peace prevails in my heart and in the world."

The Center is located in the east boxcar in the downtown Railroad Plaza. The phone number is 267-8783.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

The delivery of the October Angel Food orders will be Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The pickup site is North Birdwell United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday,

orders for the Angel Food Ministry will be taken Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, and on Friday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The November delivery date will be Nov. 17.

The Halloween "tailgate" for the kids will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Halloween night. Come, bring the kids and let us help keep them safe on this fun night.

Nov. 10, North Birdwell Church will have a fund-raising chicken and spaghetti supper from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, 5 years old to 12 years old.

There will also be an arts and crafts and bake good sale. Everyone is invited to share fellowship and good eats with us.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following worship.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and United Methodist Women meets each second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

All persons are welcome to come and share in

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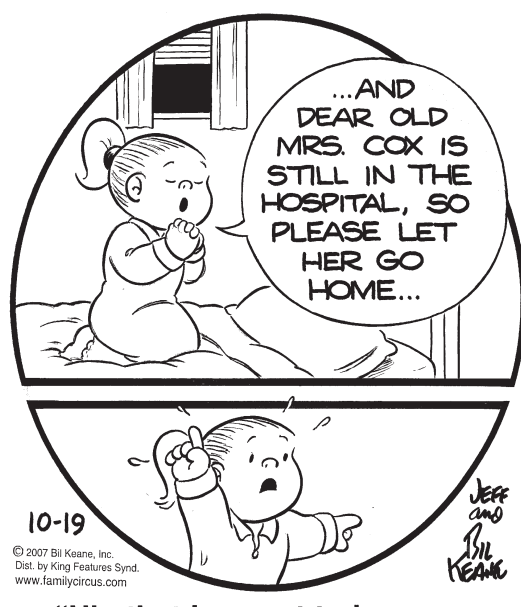
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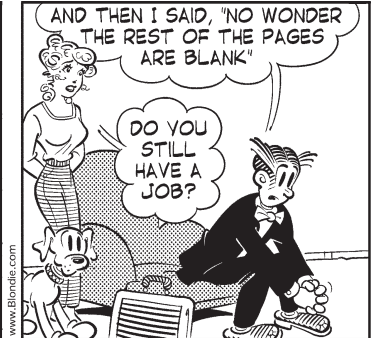
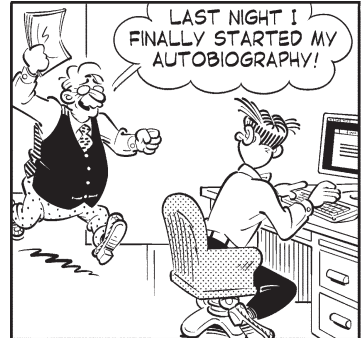


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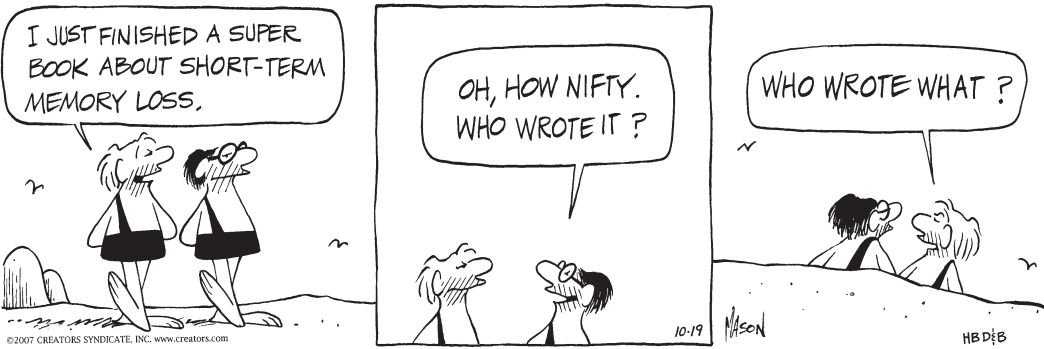
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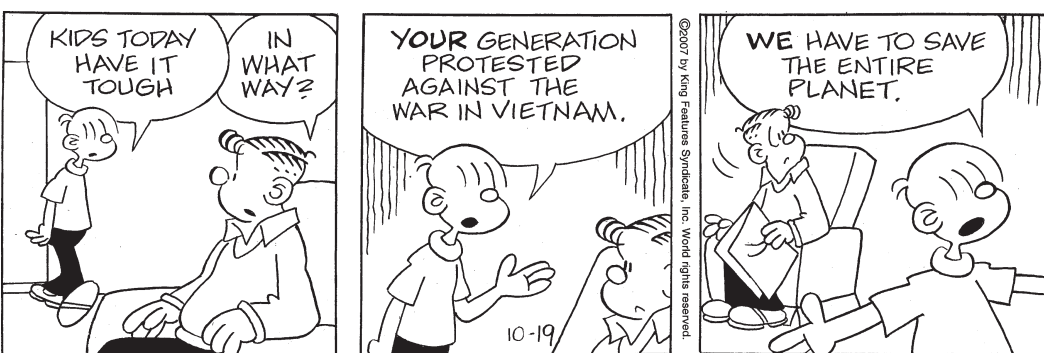
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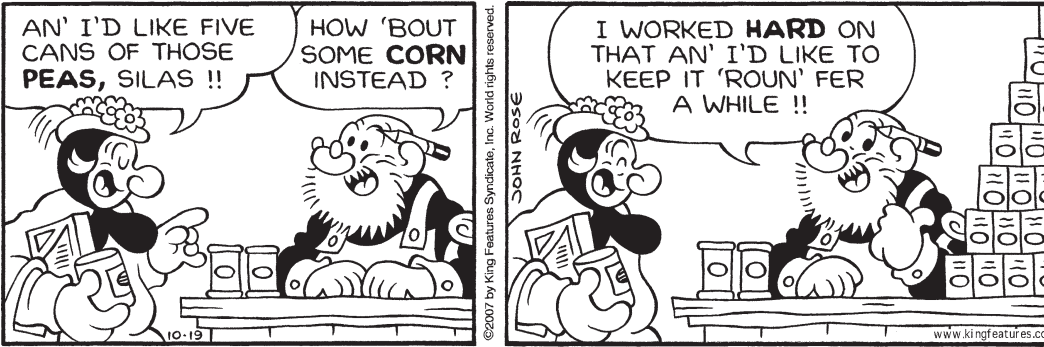
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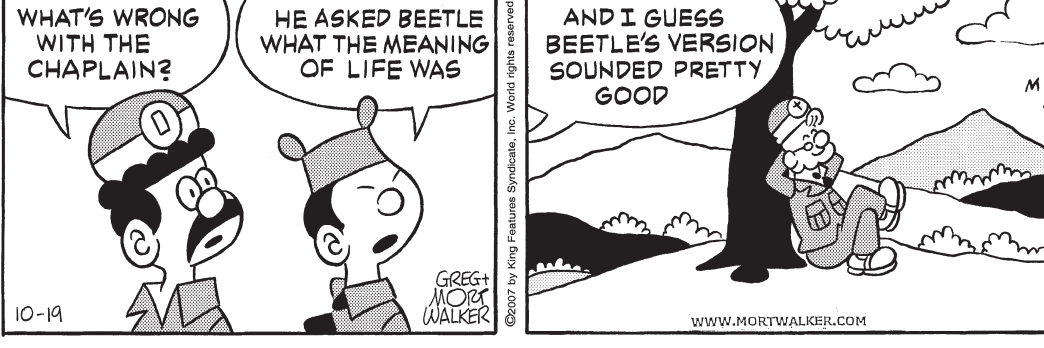
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2007. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1936, H.R. Ekins of the New York World-Telegram beat out Dorothy Kilgallen of the New York Journal

and Leo Kieran of The New York Times in a round-the-world race on commercial flights that lasted 81 1/2 days.

In 1950, during the Korean War, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner V flew past Venus.

In 1977, the body of West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, who had been kidnapped by left-wing extremists, was found in Mulhouse, France.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

Today's Birthdays: Former ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 89. Author John le Carre is 76. Artist Peter Max is 70. Actor Michael Gambon is 67.

Actor John Lithgow is 62. Former National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland is 62. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 62. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 55. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 50. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 47. TV host Ty Pennington ("Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 43. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 42. Actor Jon Favreau is 41. Amy Carter is 40. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 38. Comedian Chris Kattan is 37. Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 17 Thor's dad
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 - 19 North Sea feeder
 - 20 Sweetheart workin' in a dairy?
 - 23 Frequent fund-raiser
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 - 27 Anyone but us
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- DOWN**
- 62 All fired up
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 - 29 Girl usin' her fists?
 - 30 Misrepresent
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 - 32 Residence
 - 34 ASAP, in the OR
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 - 40 Hawk's weapon
 - 43 See suddenly
 - 46 Bring together
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 - 49 Web-site architect
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CHURCH NEWS

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Christ's love. North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. The Sunday message will be brought by Certified Lay Speaker Jacque Mauch.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Blessings to you and your family. If you do not have a church home we invite you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. If you need a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Saturday will be our Fall Bazaar and Rummage sale. It will be in the fellowship hall at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Proceeds will go toward one of our youth, Trent Newton, who will be touring Europe next summer with a school program.

The Senior Saints will leave Monday for an old fashion camp meeting with preaching, special music, testimonies, great food and good fellowship. It will be at Fort Davis from noon Monday until noon Wednesday.

The Hinkle Family

Singers will be ministering in word and song at 7 p.m. next Wednesday. They are missionaries to nursing homes, a much-needed mission. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

House of Hope

House of Hope Community Church Missionary Society is having a women's workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 200 W. 17th St. in Colorado City.

There will be inspirational speaking and singing. Lunch will be served following the workshop. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call Sandra Green at (432) 816-1703. The Rev. Floyd Green Jr. is pastor of House of Hope.

Berea Baptist Church

Friends By Grace, a gospel trio will be in concert in the 11 a.m. worship hour at Berea Baptist Church on Sunday. A potluck lunch will follow as a means of meeting and getting acquainted with the group. The public is invited to attend.

Friends By Grace is composed of Randy and Judy Melton from Cedar Hill who started singing in 1998 and Randy Royal from Arlington who joined the group in 2002. CDs and cassettes of the



Friends By Grace will be in concert during the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. Everyone is invited.

group will be available for purchase.

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Road. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. with worship service beginning at 11:00 a.m. A nursery will be provided by children birth through 3 years of age. For more information, call the church office at 267-8438.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church News

The Mt. Bethel church family invites the public to the Sanctuary Choir's annual musical this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. It is our desire that you will come and receive a blessing as we lift up the name of Jesus in song.

We have some dynamic choirs invited to provide

selections on the program. We look forward to worshipping with you.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Bible study at 5 p.m. each Sunday and

Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m.

Youth Ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m. Evening prayer service is held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Bible studies are at 7 p.m. Monday, noon Wednesday, 6 a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Call the church at 267-7163 for details and locations.

October On Going Support care package items are gum, vitamin C drops, moleskin and blister packs and contributions to the AT&T phone card fund.

Christmas Child Shoeboxes were packed this week. Stay tuned to see how many boxes were contributed by our church.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North, who opened the bidding with three spades, leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠K 4, ♥A 10 4, ♦K 9 4 2, ♣10 9 6 3
East: ♠A 7, ♥Q J 6 3, ♦A 7 5, ♣K Q J 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the heart ten. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠A 8 3, ♥A K 7 4, ♦J 9 5, ♣Q J 10
East: ♠K 9 6, ♥Q 5 2, ♦8 4, ♣A K 8 5 3

1. North probably has seven spades and either the club ace or heart king. If he has them both, your cause is hopeless, so you start by assuming he has only one of them.

The key is to eliminate North's entry before his spades become established, and the question is which suit to attack first. Strange as it might seem, the proper approach is not to force out the ace of clubs but to win the spade lead in dummy and finesse the queen of hearts.

If North has the king, he is out of

the picture, and you later force out South's club ace to make four notrump. If South has the king, the finesse succeeds, and you make at least four notrump.

Thus, it is clearly correct to attack hearts before clubs. If you were to attack clubs first, you would go down whenever South had the ace of clubs and North the king of hearts.

2. Oddly enough, the best play is to let North's ten of hearts win the first trick! This assures the contract if the trumps are divided no worse than 4-2, since you have 10 tricks — three hearts, two spades and five clubs — waiting to be cashed after you duck the heart.

If you won the first heart, the contract would be in jeopardy. Suppose, for example, you took the trick and led a diamond, hoping to ruff one later in dummy. The defense would win and play another heart, and if you took this also and played another diamond, the defense would lead a third round of trumps.

If the trumps then turned out to be divided 4-2, you could try to run the clubs in an attempt to dispose of your last diamond on the fourth club. But if the first, second or third club got ruffed by the defender with the fourth trump, he would cash a diamond to put you down one.

In This Season Of Hope

22nd annual **HERALD** Community Christmas Parade

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

Parade theme: "Peace On Earth"

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 16

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

- \$100 Herald's Best of Show Award:** for best interpretation of theme.
- \$75 Mayor's Trophy:** for best use of lighting.
- \$50 Grand Marshall's Award:** for best costuming.

- First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:
1. Individual or family
 2. Civic group, school or church
 3. Commercial
 4. Industrial
- In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____
Name of contact person: _____

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Fax (432) 264-7205

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



- Individual/Family
- Commercial
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- Industrial
- Mounted

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

Club News



Lorrie Padron

Big Spring Art Association

Members of the Big Spring Art Association were fascinated Tuesday evening to watch artist Lorrie Padron turn slender colored and transparent rods of glass into lovely beads.

Using a torch, a few hand tools, her imagination and skilled fingers, Lorrie created beautiful art pieces in just minutes.

The Association members convened Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the community room of the Howard County Library. They had a new member and some visitors, and they welcome everyone interested in art to join them at that location every third Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Lorrie Padron is a member of the local Prospectors Club and makes the beads for use in creating the jewelry she sells. She saw a demonstration of making glass beads at one of the Club's meetings and was "hooked."

Lorrie first made beads by using a copper core and melting enamel in layers on the copper, adding millifiori chips to create flowers. Then she was given some glass rods to melt and has been making her own things ever since.

Lorrie has taken classes, read books and articles on the Internet and experimented on her own to develop her style of beads. She says the best part of this is to be able to create almost any look, color combination, design or size to fashion the jewelry she wants.

Lorrie has won first place in the Big Spring Gem and Mineral Show Venetian beads competi-

tion three years in a row. She has been invited to demonstrate at many of the local gem and mineral shows from Denison to Plainview. She has had a booth at the Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton for

two years.

Lorrie has been published in several newspapers and a Bluemoon Glass of Austin showcase poster. She also had her jewelry showcased at the new J'Mkai's store in downtown Big Spring.

The Art Association is in the process of signing Lorrie on as a new member to join with Vicki Nutter, our new member this week. And we welcome you as well.

To contact the Association, call President Bruce Schooler at (432) 264-7728, or e-mail Bruce at schoolerphoto@suddenlink.net

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR, held the first meeting of its new year Oct. 13, 2007, at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Charlene Ragan presided.

Our newest member, Neva Joyce Green, was introduced to the members.

Chaplain Sara Tipton led the chapter in a prayer for Jim Schuelke, who was severely burned this past week. He is the husband of member Mary Schuelke and father of members Heather Schafer and Luci Gabehart.

The chapter has donated a book, "Abstracts of Marriage Bonds 1771-1840, Guilford County, North Carolina," to the Howard County Library in memory of J.B. Cushing, husband of member Bonnie Cushing.

Regent Charlene Ragan won the door prize — a lighted Uncle Sam pen.

The regent reported on chapter activities during

the summer months. Anne Witherspoon attended Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., where she served as a platform page. The chapter sponsored a well-attended Genealogy and Lineage Workshop in July.

In August, four members attended the West Texas Regents' Council meeting at the Presidential Library in Odessa. Council President Ruth Ann Edney's program was to help chapter regents understand and effectively use the master questionnaire required by the national society. Examples of several completed reports were distributed to those present. Members who attended

charter member June Reid's 90th birthday party made a donation in her honor to the Martin County Museum, which Reid was instrumental in establishing.

Mary Schuelke, Sue Ann Damron and Anne Witherspoon went to the Fall Forum in Austin on Sept. 8, where they attended various workshops and presented reports for the state committees they chair.

On Sept. 20, six members attended the Constitution Week Luncheon at Green Tree Country Club in Midland. David P. Backus, an attorney with the Underwood Law Firm in Lubbock, was the speaker. His speech, "Religions

Freedom in the Public Schools," placed particular emphasis on the First Amendment with references to court decisions relating to private prayer, choral music, distribution of religious material, school assignments and prayer at graduation ceremonies.

The next meeting will be held at the Big Spring County Club Nov. 10, 2007. Librarian Hollis McCright will be the speaker.

West Texas Pachyderm Club

The West Texas Pachyderm Club invites the community to hear Cathie Adams, president of Texas Eagle Forum.

Ms. Adams will be speaking on the topic, "What's the Deal with Border Security?" The Pachyderm meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Church on the corner of Ninth and Gregg streets. The Pachyderm Club is a nationally federated organization that advocates and supports conservative views and candidates.

The public is invited to attend this informative presentation.

Ms. Adams has been described as the most effective conservative in Texas by Capitol Insider's Texas Lobby Power Rankings.

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