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REAP sweep checks offenders

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

An annual check-up on local sex offenders has found increased compliance with registration regulations, area law enforcement officials said.

The Registration, Enforcement, Apprehension and Prosecution (REAP) team, comprised of personnel from Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office,

District Attorney's office, adult and juvenile probation, parole office and Victim Services of Big Spring, conducted its annual sweep of local sex offenders Saturday, said BSPD Officer Thad Thomas.

Thomas said 21 of the city's 41 registered sex offenders were directly contacted Saturday, with follow-ups on the remainder scheduled for the next few days.

Of that number, only one

offender was determined to be an absconder from justice and liable for arrest, Thomas said.

REAP was formed last year as a multi-agency effort to better enforce compliance from the county's sex offenders and Saturday's efforts show that the program is beginning to show results, Thomas said.

"Since we've implemented the program, the compliance rate has gone way up," he said. "Maybe two out of the total

number (of offenders) may be out of compliance, which is a noted improvement over last year."

In addition to Saturday's unannounced visits, area law enforcement officials are planning on keeping close tabs on offenders during the next few days.

Thomas said the county adult probation office will once again require most offenders to spend Halloween evening at the coun-

ty courthouse, while the BSPD Street Crimes Unit will be in force that night to keep tabs on the remainder.

Thomas urged citizens with information on con-complying offenders to contact the police department (264-2563) or Crimestoppers (263-TIPS).

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Forsan band headed to state

Stanton, BSHS bands fall short

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Apparently, some routines never get old.

For the fifth consecutive time, the Forsan High School Band earned a trip to the state marching contest by virtue of their performance at Saturday's Class 1A Area Contest in Amarillo.

The FHS Band was the only area school to qualify for state competition. Big Spring High School's Steer Band failed to make the area finals in Class 4A competition in Odessa Saturday, while Stanton High School finished seventh overall at the Class 2A Area Contest in Lubbock.

Forsan band members survived a marathon of sorts to earn their latest ticket to state.

Director Jim Rhodes said the band returned home from Forsan's Friday football game in Bronte at about 11:30 p.m. Friday, then embarked on its trip to Amarillo three hours later, arriving with about an hour to spare before opening the competition at about 8:50 a.m. Saturday.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring High School Band performs during regional marching contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Saturday. The Steer turned in what Director Rocky Harris termed its best performance of the year, but failed to advance.

Then — as if their day hadn't been long enough — they qualified for the area finals only to learn they would be the final band to perform late that evening.

"We started the contest

and we ended up closing it, as well," Rhodes said. "I guess you could call it some sort of poetic justice."

But the Buffalo Band's grueling odyssey was definitely worth the effort.

Forsan placed second behind reigning Class 1A champion Sundown to qualify for next month's state contest in San Antonio's Alamodome.

"We just decided to take what was dealt us and get

the job done," Rhodes said. "We're just on Cloud Nine. I'm so excited for them, especially with some of the obstacles they had to over-

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Flu shots offered by DHS

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

As the weather turns colder, it's time to consider more than just a jacket to protect against winter ills.

Winter is also prime time for the flu, and area health officials say plenty of vaccinations are available locally to ward off that threat.

At the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in the College Park Shopping Center, Nurse Practitioner Nancy Vassar said the pace of vaccinations has definitely picked up in recent weeks.

"We've been very busy," Vassar said. "We've administered about 1,000 vaccinations this month alone."

Despite that number, she said the clinic has plenty of vaccine doses still on hand and she warned that the earlier people receive vaccinations, the better.

"It takes two weeks to develop a full immunity to flu after you receive your vaccination," Vassar said. "So people planning on traveling

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Council to eye buyback program

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is set to meet for a work session Tuesday evening to focus on several issues, including a buyback program for city employees to cash in their unused sick leave and possible changes to an ordinance designed to keep area residents from parking on their front lawns.

The council is expected to discuss allowing city employees to sell back sick leave hours, an incentive officials are hoping will promote better attendance

and save on overtime costs.

"We looked at similar programs being used in San Angelo and other cities," John Medina, director of human resources, told the council during a recent meeting. "Anytime someone calls in sick, we have to pull someone from somewhere else to cover for them and that adds to the overtime costs and the fatigue factor. And the employees are in a position where they feel like they have to use the days or lose them. This would encourage them to come to work and save those days unless the genuinely needed them."

The exchange would be at a 3-to-1 ratio, with city employees receiving one hour of pay for every three hours sick leave they sell.

The idea met with mixed reviews during last week's city council meeting, with Mayor Russ McEwen passing on a resolution that would have allowed the sale of sick leave in favor of discussing the matter Tuesday.

The council is expected to consider first reading of a resolution authorizing the sell-back measure during the meet-

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IN BRIEF

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

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

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting today 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.

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 Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

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 today and Tuesday 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 Thursday and then again at 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 sstutevi@bsisd.esc18.net.

Steers claim fifth-straight district title



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Steers cross country team holds up five fingers to indicate a successful run of five consecutive District 4-4A titles. The defending state champions took another step toward defending their crown Saturday when they won the district Saturday in Lubbock. Pictured above: Kneeling (left to right): Sammy Segundo and Zach Dawson. Top (left to right): Jordan Valle, Kade Parker, Zach Lopez, Shane Allen, Jesie Sanchez and Coach Randy Britton.

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Five and counting.

Big Spring High School's boys cross country team won their fifth consecutive District 4-4A title Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The Steers had five runners finish in the top 10 at the meet, leading to a dominant victory with a meet-low 21 points. Frenship High School finished a distant second with 47 points.

"This is the most district titles in any sport in school history in the past 30 years that I have been here," Head Coach Randy Britton said.

Britton coached a Lady Steers' team to four consecutive district titles from 1986-89.

Individually, Zach Dawson posted the best time in school history on his way to a district title. Dawson finished the 3-mile course in 15:07.78.

"This was a truly outstanding performance by Zach," Britton said. "It was probably the fourth-best time at the district meet I've seen in my career."

Dawson wasn't the only Big Spring runner to put up a school record breaking performance. On the girls side, Britton said that Esther Tobar and Catherine Leubner also ran the top two times in school history.

Tobar nabbed an individual district championship, finishing the 2-mile course in 11:59. Leubner was just three seconds behind her, taking second place with a time of 12:02.

Unfortunately, The Lady Steers didn't have enough runners to contend for a team district title. A minimum of five runners is needed to qualify as a team. However,

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Boston completes Series sweep of Rockies

By **BEN WALKER**

AP Baseball Writer

DENVER — Perched high above his raucous teammates, David Ortiz sprayed bottles of bubbly in every direction, dousing everyone in sight, including himself.

Then it was time to deliver a message.

"When you wear Red Sox on your shirt," he hollered from atop a clubhouse table, "you're good at something."

There's a new monster, and this one's in Boston, too.

Overwhelming in every way, the Red Sox swept to their second World Series title in four years Sunday night. Jon Lester, Mike Lowell & Co. left little room for drama with a 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4.

Then again, no NL team could have blocked Boston this October.

This was hardly a repeat from 2004, when the Red Sox ended their 86-year championship drought by beating St. Louis. Boston is a major league bully these days, playing in rarefied air before crowds who demand to win.

"It doesn't get old," manager Terry Francona said.

Gone are those pleading, pathetic days when the Red Sox were practically begging to win a title. They've got this down pat now.

At this rate, New England fans might get spoiled. Francona's team

has become a perfect counterpart to coach Bill Belichick's bruisers on the Patriots.

After trailing Cleveland 3-1 in the AL championship series, the Red Sox won seven straight games and won their seventh World Series crown.

The wild-card Rockies, who won a remarkable 21 of 22 games to get this far, were a mere afterthought by the end. Brad Hawpe homered in the seventh inning and Garrett Atkins hit a two-run shot in the eighth that came too late.

"At the end of the day, you look back on the game. How did you execute?" Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "They executed better than us all four games."

Lester, undergoing chemotherapy at this time last year for cancer, pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning and Jonathan Papelbon closed with his third save of the Series.

Lowell won the MVP award, though Boston had plenty of candidates. Especially in a year in which Japanese stars Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima helped put the world in World Series.

"It took all 25 of us to get the job done," Papelbon said. "It's just phenomenal."

Lowell led a team that hit .333 in the Series with a home run, double and headfirst slide to score a run Sunday. He also won a ring in 2003 with under-



MCT photo/Kevin Kreck/Colorado Springs Gazette

Boston Red Sox pitcher Jonathan Papelbon (58) celebrates with catcher Jason Varitek (33) after their 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies during Game 4 of the World Series on Sunday at Coors Field in Denver. The win gave the Red Sox a series sweep.

dog Florida.

"A little different," he said. "I think with the Marlins no one expected us to do this and I think with the Red Sox people expect you to win and I

think both are very satisfying."

Rookie Jacoby Ellsbury got it started with a lead-off double and, even without big contributions from sluggers Manny

Ramirez and Ortiz, Boston was too good. Bobby Kielty made the most of his first appearance in this Series, con-

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Pats, Colts win, set up undefeated showdown

By **The Associated Press**

The last time the New England Patriots went to Indianapolis, they lost.

Ever since falling short in the AFC championship game there, the New England Patriots have gone on a rampage, blowing out every team they've played.

On Sunday, New England (8-0) whipped Washington 52-7 to ensure they'll enter their game against Peyton Manning and the Super Bowl champions next weekend on a historic tear.

Indianapolis hasn't been as brutally efficient, but the Colts are still perfect at 7-0 after disposing of Carolina 31-7 on Sunday.

The rematch is on. "Everybody's been talking about it for a long time, except us," Manning said. "I guess now

it's safe to talk about it."

It may well be, but the Patriots have preferred to talk about what little they've done wrong.

The Patriots have scored at least 34 points in each game and have won each by at least 17 points. They've outscored opponents by an average of 41.3 to 15.9. A more dominant first half would strain the imagination.

"It's a long season," quarterback Tom Brady said. "It's not even November yet and we've got a lot of room for improvement left."

So true. Brady's passer rating for the season actually went down to 136.2, still it's 15.1 points better than the single-season record.

The holder of that record? Manning.

It's not as if he and the Colts haven't been dominant either. In

their win Sunday over Carolina, Manning broke Johnny Unitas' team record for career scoring passes. Joseph Addai rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns and caught a TD pass, showing that the Colts are firing on all cylinders heading into their next game.

But the Patriots are simply on another level.

At the rate they're going, they'll score 662 points, shattering the NFL single-season record of 556 set by Minnesota in 1998.

Brady completed 29 of 38 passes for 306 yards and no interceptions. He's been picked off just twice all season, although he did lose a fumble Sunday. He extended his NFL record to eight games at the start of a season with at least three touchdown passes.

The 52 points New England scored were their most since

they scored 56 against the New York Jets in 1979.

"I don't know of a weakness that they have," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said.

Also Sunday, the NFL played its first overseas regular-season game. The New York Giants beat Miami 13-10 at Wembley Stadium outside London.

In other games stateside, it was: Pittsburgh 24, Cincinnati 13; Detroit 16, Chicago 7; Jacksonville 24, Tampa Bay 23; New Orleans 31, San Francisco 10; Tennessee 13, Oakland 9; Cleveland 27, St. Louis 20; San Diego 35, Houston 10; Philadelphia 23, Minnesota 16; Buffalo 13, New York Jets 3.

Kansas City, Seattle, Arizona, Dallas, Atlanta and Baltimore were off.

On Monday night, Green Bay visits Denver.

Obituaries

Raymond Elliott Digby



Raymond Elliott Digby, 87, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007 at the Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born on June 16, 1920, in Carbon and married Mary Lou White on Sept. 18, 1940, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on March 7, 2007.

Raymond "R.E." was raised in Big Spring. He served in the United States Navy as Seaman First Class USN-1 during World War II from March 1944 to January 1946. He worked for Wilson Brothers Construction and retired from Bettle and Womack Pipeline in 1982. R.E. was a member of the Howard County ARC, the American Legion Post 506 and the VFW.

Survivors include five daughters, Iwana Huckabee and husband, Jim, and Vera Rhoads and husband, Gordon, all of Chandler, Sandra Powers and husband, Gary, of Cecilia, Ky., and Linda McCartney and husband, Buster, and Kay Grigg, all of Big Spring; one sister, Ollie Stallcup and husband, Frank, of Odessa; two sons-in-law, Dub Grigg and Gus Phernetton of Big Spring; one brother-in-law, O.T. Teague of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Carlene Digby of Kingsville; 21 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Mary Lou; his parents, Edwin and Lillian Digby; two daughters, Lavita Digby and Eddie Lou Phernetton; one grandson, Greg Turner; two great-grandchildren, Libby Schattel and Cody Gammons; one brother, Eddie Digby; and three sisters, Irene Myrick, Raynell Patterson and Nollie Teague.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or to your favorite charity.

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

Adelino "Rocky" Vieira

Adelino "Rocky" Vieira, 78, of Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard B. Chamness

Richard B. Chamness, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX, 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-14-19-23-29-43
Number matching six of six: none.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-13-19-22
Number matching five of five: none.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-1-7-5. Sum-It-Up: 19.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 1-7-5

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOANIE LEDESMA**, 24, of 2500 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a charge of no driver's license.
- **MICHAEL HARBOUR**, 29, of 6322 Comanche Trail, was arrested Saturday on a Tom Green warrant and a charge of assault - family violence.
- **ERNEST W. CLARK**, 67, of 400 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LEONARD AGUINAGA**, 19, of 707 E. 16th Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- **JAMES LABREW**, 74, of 1105 Gregg Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ADRIAN HILARIO**, 20, of 2101 Main Street, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- **JIMMY F. MASSINGILL JR.**, 40, of 3617 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on charges of resisting arrest and criminal mischief.
- **SHAWN ANDERSON**, 24, of 3702 Boulder, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **BRYAN LEE STEFANIAK**, 19, of 3702 Boulder, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels.
 - **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
 - **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 2400 block of Alamesa.
 - **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
 - **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford.
 - **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.
 - **ASSAULT - FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia.
 - **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Lorilla.
 - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LONNIE GREEN**, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance.
- **JABENIA SHANELL SUMMERS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a mid-land county warrant for theft.
- **ABEL VHARTE GOMEZ**, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **VERONICA RODRIGUEZ**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify - giving false information, theft and a parole violation.
- **RICHARD LEE KLITZ**, 60, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of theft.
- **LARRY GUTIERREZ**, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL RAY MCMILLAN**, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **JUSTIN KYLE ROBERTS**, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **WILLIAM RAYMOND CLEMENTS**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JOSEPH ANTHONY GUTIERREZ**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **TERRY EDWARDS SHIRLEY**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JOSHUA DWAYNE BELL**, 23, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear for delivery of marijuana (two counts).
- **JAMES LABREW**, 74, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **BILLIE RAY BROWN**, 49, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Weather

Today — Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds.

Tonight — Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 165 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Michael. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Highland. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of Anna.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Crow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the 179 exit of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

Correction

In an article appearing in the Oct. 26, 2007, edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, world-renown bounty hunter and mixed martial arts competitor Leland Chapman was identified as having been on the fight card for the Lonestar Combative Sports Promotion Battle in Big Spring. Chapman was to appear as a special guest of the event, not as a combatant. Chapman was unable to attend the event due to unforeseen circumstances.

Also, promoter Kevin Maumau was quoted as saying, "Leland Chapman was supposed to fight, but he and his bodyguard got mixed up in a fight in San Francisco. Because of that, they have to stay in San Francisco and get that cleared up, and won't be able to make the fight." The quote should have read, "Leland told me on the phone to tell Big Spring I'm sorry I couldn't make it, that he got into this problem in San Francisco, so he'll be here the next time."

The *Herald* regrets the mistake and apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused Mr. Maumau, co-promoter Phelps Tino or the family of Leland Chapman.

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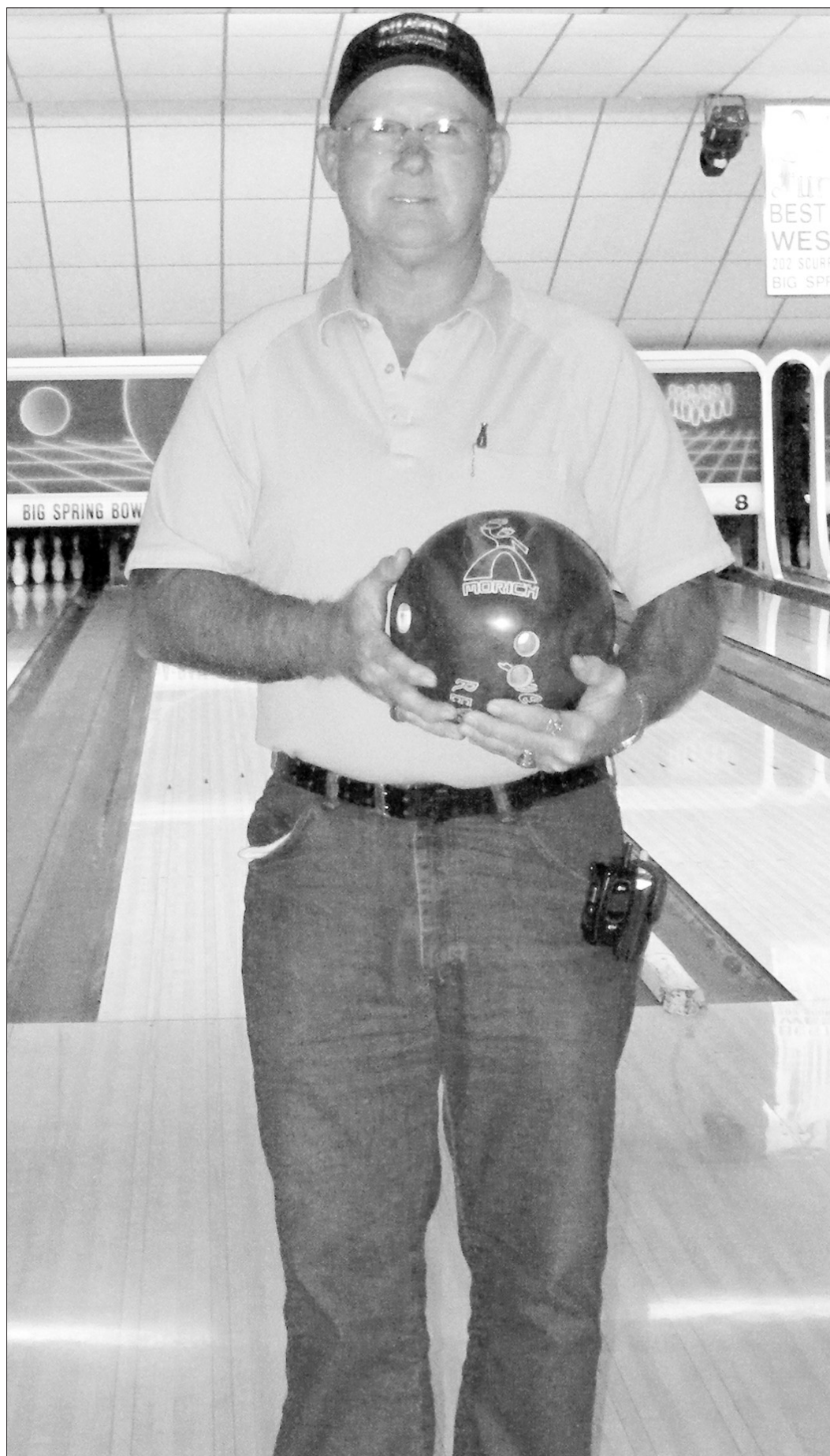
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Big Spring man bowls perfect game



Herald photo/Ron Midkiff

Big Spring's Junior Barber recently bowled a perfect score of 300 in the Wednesday men's league at Bowl-A-Rama bowling center in Big Spring. Junior is a great spokesman for bowling and is a United States Bowling Congress League bowler. Junior is league secretary in many of the leagues at Bowl-A-Rama and is very helpful to young and older bowlers alike. He bowled his last perfect game in 1998.

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necting for a pinch-hit home run in the eighth.

Coors Field was filled with Red Sox fans, many of them brazenly waving brooms they might have brought from the Green Monster seats at Fenway Park.

The celebrations started early, with converted DH Ortiz raising his hand after a nice scoop at first base, and Lester pumping his fist after a key strike-out.

Of the seven postseason series this year, five ended in sweeps. The Rockies' last chance to avoid it came in the ninth, when Jamey Carroll flied out to the wall for the second out in the ninth.

By the ninth inning, only one mystery really remained: What would happen to the ball from the final out? Remember, it took all sorts of gyrations after Boston's most recent title before Doug Mientkiewicz donated his souvenir to the Hall of Fame.

This time, Jason Varitek caught the final pitch and tucked it in his back pocket as Papelbon

threw his glove high in the air after striking out pinch-hitter Seth Smith. The Red Sox spilled out of the dugout to party between the mound and first.

"This team's got a lot of heart," Varitek said. "We worked really hard. We just beat a very, very good team, an excellent team. We had to do the little things."

Rockies fans spent part of the night trying to shout hundreds of Red Sox rooters — Boston folks apparently figured how to cut through Colorado's online ticket mixup.

The crowd in purple hollered louder, but that's the only matchup Colorado won this week.

In every other phase, Boston was better.

Ace Josh Beckett dominated in Game 1, relievers Papelbon and Okajima closed out Game 2 and rookies Dustin Pedroia, Ellsbury and Matsuzaka starred in Game 3.

When the Red Sox won in 2004, it represented a catharsis for fans all over New England. Many had wondered whether they'd live to see a championship — in fact, as fall turned to winter, tombstones showed up from

Bangor to Brattleboro with references to the title.

Then, even bit players like Dave Roberts became household names to anyone wearing the fancy Boston "B." Backups such as Pokey Reese joined Paul Revere and Plymouth Rock in local lore.

Now, expectations are a lot different. Instead of "Wait till next year," it's "Next year, too!"

They've found a way to turn the World Series into a matter-of-fact affair. Way different than the ALCS, where they overcame a 3-0 hole against the Yankees in 2004 and the 3-1 deficit this year.

While Curt Schilling and Lowell can become free agents, the Red Sox enjoy a bright future. They didn't have room on the postseason roster for Clay Buchholz, the rookie who pitched a no-hitter last month.

Lowell, the steady third baseman, hit .400 (6-for-15), scored six runs and drove in four. The thousands of Red Sox fans who gathered behind their dugout after the game chanted, "Re-sign Lowell!"

Right from the get-go, it was Boston's night.

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the Lady Steers did field a third runner, who finished in the top 10. Mistie Aguilar came across the finish line in sixth, completing the race in 13:05.

Also for the boys, Jordan Valle took his typical place just behind Dawson. Valle has been Dawson's greatest competition this season, having even outperformed him for a first-place finish earlier this season. However, Valle settled for second at district, finishing in 15:42.18.

A perfect team score in cross country is 15. The Steers were six points

from that mark, courtesy of three other top 10 finishes.

Kade Parker came across in fourth, Shane Allen finished sixth and Jesse Sanchez took eighth. Sammy Segundo (13th) and Zach Lopez (25th) served as buffers as their finishes caused other competitors to provide less points for their team.

The defending state champion Steers return to Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock to run for a Class 4A, Region I title Saturday.

District 4-4A Cross Country meet results (Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock)

Boys results
Team
1. Big Spring - 21; 2. Wolfforth Frenship - 47; 3. San Angelo Lake View - 78; 4. Plainview - 87; 5. Lubbock Estacado - 140.

Individual
1. Zach Dawson, Big Spring - 15:07.78; 2. Jordan Valle, Big Spring - 15:42.18; 3. Alex Aguilar, Frenship - 16:18.21; 4. Kade Parker, Big Spring - 16:36.36; 5. Jay Brown, Frenship -

16:46.15; 6. Shane Allen, Big Spring - 16:52.64; 7. Robert Hummingbird, Lake View - 16:52.95; 8. Jesse Sanchez, Big Spring - 17:24.75; 9. Alex Ortiz, Plainview - 17:31.01; 10. Michael Aguilar, Frenship - 17:39.12; Notable: 13. Sammy Segundo, Big Spring - 18:08.35; 25. Zach Lopez, Big Spring - 20:38.38.

Girls results

Team

1. Plainview - 31; 2. Wolfforth Frenship - 35; 3. San Angelo Lake View - 57; 4. Lubbock Estacado - 105.

Individual

1. Esther Tobar, Big Spring - 11:59; 2. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring - 12:02; 3. Amanda Zapata, Plainview - 12:15; 4. Audrey Drew, Plainview - 12:31; 5. Kayla Hendrix, Frenship - 13:00; 6. Mistie Aguilar, Big Spring - 13:05; 7. Tania Meza, Plainview - 13:22; 8. Shayla Vodron, Lake View - 13:27; 9. Ashley NG, Frenship - 13:28; 10. Matti Buchanan, Frenship - 13:29.

Crossroads District Standings and Scores

District 4-4A

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Frenship	3	0	7	2	316	129
2. Estacado	2	0	4	4	252	203
3. Big Spring	1	1	1	7	89	286
4. Lake View	0	2	2	6	157	241
5. Plainview	0	3	0	9	89	291

Friday's results: Frenship 49, Big Spring 14; Estacado 41, Plainview 6.

District 5-2A

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Haskell	4	1	6	2	268	101
2. Stanton	4	1	6	2	181	100
3. Merkel	4	1	4	4	126	141
4. Coahoma	3	2	3	5	151	224
5. Stamford	2	3	4	4	135	205
6. Colorado City	1	4	3	5	68	126
7. Anson	1	4	2	6	100	208
8. Hawley	1	4	2	6	170	189

Friday's results: Haskell 19, Stanton 12; Stamford 28, Coahoma 20; Merkel 18, Colorado City 6; Anson 35, Hawley 32.

District 16-1A

Team	DW	DL	W	L	PF	PA
1. Forsan	4	1	4	4	184	192
2. Christoval	4	1	6	2	259	229
3. Eldorado	4	1	5	3	221	129
4. Bronte	3	2	4	4	141	157
5. Irion Co.	2	3	2	6	175	235
6. Menard	2	3	2	6	193	217
7. Miles	1	4	2	6	103	237
8. Sterling City	0	4	0	7	45	358

Friday's results: Bronte 14, Forsan 13; Christoval 46, Miles 0; Menard 45, Sterling City 0; Eldorado 42, Irion Co. 28.

Six-man District 1 Div. 1

Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Rankin	3	0	9	0	574	213
2. Grady	2	0	8	0	427	86
3. Garden City	1	1	6	2	471	210
4. Fort Davis	0	2	6	2	447	272
5. Sands	0	3	4	5	298	294

Friday's results: Grady 61, Sands 14; Rankin 68, Garden City 54.

Key: DW - District wins; DL - District losses; OW - Overall wins; OL - Overall losses; PF - Points for; PA - Points against.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Ray and Rose Stukle of Big Spring take a spin around the dance floor Saturday night. The dance, held at Canterbury South, ended Senior Fun Fest, a two-day event which included a dinner, informational booths and games.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Young Hanna Garcia receives a temporary tattoo from Kaci Woolf during Kentwood Elementary's annual Fall Festival Saturday evening.

COUNCIL

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ing. Another issue the council is expected to discuss is the ordinance currently in place to keep area residents from parking vehicles in their front yards, and the loopholes that have been discovered in the law that make it hard to enforce.

City Manager Gary Fuqua made a presentation to the council earlier this month regarding the enforcement problems city code enforcement is having in regards to the ordinance.

Fuqua made several suggestions to the council regarding a revamping of the city law, including annual inspections for residents that have made improvements — such as laying gravel — in order

to receive a permit to park in an otherwise disallowed area, as well as language to make it illegal to park on the side yard of the property.

McEwen, who was a member of the council when the ordinance was drafted and passed, said the law doesn't live up to what he and the rest of the council members intended.

"We certainly didn't intend to have this sort of problem," said McEwen. "I certainly thought we were clear that we didn't want people on side yards ... so the way the ordinance was crafted, at least as far as I'm concerned, doesn't meet the designation we had as a council. My frustration is we said this is what we want to do, and went to the attorney and told them to craft an ordinance that takes care of this. And now

we're finding out there are so many loopholes in it."

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to explore an ordinance that would essentially revoke a new state law concerning the taxation of personal property in transit, which it first considered in July.

Shortly after holding a public hearing concerning new legislation that drew no public response, the council agreed to hold off on taking action to revoke the law, which according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, comes with a local kill switch.

"Originally, House Bill 621 was only intended for the El Paso area," Walker told the council. "However, at the last minute an amendment was added to it that made it statewide. That amend-

ment also gave taxing entities, such as the city of Big Spring and Howard County, the ability to revoke it."

According to Walker, the new legislation allows the owners of taxable properties exemption on property that is in transit, such as being shipped or on property not directly linked to the owner.

Walker said the new law creates a taxing loophole that shouldn't necessarily cause immediate alarm, but could have long reaching effects if not revoked by the city.

"It creates a loophole. If they don't have the property on land that's directly linked to them, they can not be taxed," said Walker. "This really doesn't have any implications today. However, in the future, it could certainly have an impact. There's nothing illegal about

exploiting a loophole in the tax law."

Council member Troy Tompkins said he's interested in knowing how the law — or lack of it — may effect economic development.

"We simply don't have enough information on this to make an educated decision," Tompkins told the council. "We need more information on both sides of the issue."

According to McEwen, discussion centering around the Spring City Senior Citizens Center is also expected to be on the agenda.

The local facility recently found its way to the center of talks by Howard County commissioners, who have said closure of the existing county jail could trigger the closure of the county library and Senior Center.

The council is also

expected to consider a revision of the city's purchasing policy, a matter that came before the council recently but died for lack of a motion to move forward. According to McEwen, failure to pass the revision recently cost the city an additional \$6,000 because staff was unable to move forward with a bid or purchase in a timely manner.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Leona Wells, 92, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Adelino "Rocky" Vieira, 78, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard B. Chamness, 81, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SHOTS

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during the Thanksgiving holiday really need to get their shots now."

While everyone is potentially at risk of coming down with the flu, Vassar said the following

should be wary:

- Small children, their parents and care-givers.
- Senior citizens and their care-givers.
- People who have chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes or asthma.

People who are allergic to eggs, have had past

serious reactions to vaccinations or have Guillen-Barre Syndrome should not receive vaccinations, she added.

The clinic charges \$10 for the vaccine, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. In addition, the vaccinations are covered by

Medicare and Medicaid.

Flu shots are typically administered during the afternoon hours Monday through Friday, Vassar said. For more information, contact the clinic at 263-9775.

Also locally, Leonard's Pharmacy, 701 Scurry, is administering the vacci-

nations from 10 a.m. until noon and 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$30 per vaccination and it is covered by Medicare.

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BANDS

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come. "The kids really stepped it up," he added. "They assured me they could get it done — and they did. I'm just so proud of this band."

Forsan will seek its first state marching title Nov. 5 in San Antonio. After finishing second in 2005 (bands compete at the state marching contest on alternate years), Rhodes said this year's group has set its sights on the top prize.

"There are 16 bands still standing, and we're one of them," he said. "We're going down there to win the state championship. We want to be one of the major players in our classification and the kids have that hungry look in their eyes."

Big Spring was eliminated in Saturday's pre-

liminary round at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, but Director Rocky Harris said his group went down swinging.

"They did very good," Harris said. "I thought it was their best perfor-

mance to date ... I was very proud of their effort, even if they didn't advance."

Stanton, competing in Lubbock Saturday, finished ninth in the preliminary round, which quali-

fied the "Best Band Herd" for a spot in that evening's finals. The band moved up two spots in the finals, but that was not good enough to earn Stanton a spot at state.

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OUR VIEWS

Area's bands again a source for great pride

The long, long hours of practice have paid off — again. The Big Spring Steer Marching Band, the Forsan Marching Band and the Stanton Marching Band were simply the best they could be during University Interscholastic League marching contests in Odessa, Amarillo and Lubbock over the weekend.

Not surprisingly, the Forsan band led the way, earning its fifth consecutive trip to the state marching contest by finishing second to defending Class 1A state champion Sundown at their regional contest in Amarillo. The state contest will be staged next Nov. 5 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Forsan band will be seeking its first state title after having finished second in 2005, the last year Class 1A band held a state contest.

The Steer band was eliminated in Saturday's preliminary round of the Class 4A contest in Odessa. While they did not advance to the regional finals, Director Rocky Harris said he believed it was the band's best performance of the year.

Stanton's "Best Band Herd" reached the Class 2A regional finals in Lubbock, but was forced to settle for a seventh-place finish.

It seems we're always saying this when regional marching contests roll around, but there's no doubt in our minds that Big Spring, Forsan and Stanton schools should take extreme pride in these fine organizations and their directors. We here at the *Herald* most certainly do.

We congratulate all the bands, their directors and their schools. Once again, you've given our entire community something in which to be proud.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the Nancy Reed letter about out so called "fine ER," basically what she is telling me is that when I went into the ER, being pregnant and having some complications, I was not important if the nurse had sent me back into the waiting room.

I fully understand that patients are taken into triage for evaluations and all that other stuff. I am not too dumb to understand how it all works. It is a shame that when your body is telling you that something is not right and you go to the ER, you find out that the nurse doesn't think that you are an emergency.

Well, to let those who work at the hospital know, I am not saying that the nurses don't know what they are

doing. I have been in the ER several times and some of the nurses are great and you can actually tell that they care. I am simply saying that in my situation, I was in terrible pain, and because I had to travel to Odessa to get medical attention, I think that it was not right for this hospital to tell me that I was not an emergency.

I understand that Ms. Reed works for the hospital and, being an employee there, I do understand that she defends the hospital.

My letter was not to make anybody look at me as being a pain. I just wanted to express my frustration on how I was treated at this so called "fine ER."

ANNA ROBLES
BIG SPRING

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

If we are not walking with You, Lord, may we rethink our path.

Amen

Thomas speaks out — poorly

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spoke out last month. That might not seem like much to you, but to those of us who follow the workings of the court it ranks up there with "Garbo Talks." Thomas is easily the most silent member of the Court. Strike that. He is not the most silent; he is silent.

The way the Court works is that lawyers come before the assembled Justices to make the argument for their position. Customarily they are closely, even rudely, questioned. Often a Justice will interrupt an attorney in mid-sentence to ask a pointed question, challenging his reasoning.

Except for Thomas. He doesn't ask questions; hardly ever. He went the entire term last year without saying a word. Compared to him, the Sphinx is a chatterbox.

So when Justice Thomas finally does open up a little, everybody listens. Like now. He's just written a memoir, "My Grandfather's Son," and he's been flogging it on the TV blather network recently.

The big news out of the book is that Thomas is a victim. Yes indeed, a victim not merely of "judicial lynching" (which we all knew) but of racial discrimination worse than anything Dred Scott ever faced. There he was, a poor black kid making his way in the world at the nation's finest schools, getting good grades, but

when he gets his law degree from Yale there are firms that won't hire him for big bucks, so he's forced to take a menial job as assistant Attorney General of Missouri, a smallish state.

From there it's on to Washington where a series of dead-end jobs (Assistant Secretary of Education, head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) lead him to a federal judgeship. Poor guy.

And if that weren't insult enough, after a bruising hearing during which he's accused of being a serial sexual harasser, he's named to the Supreme Court. No wonder he's bitter.

His response to being confirmed, he writes, was to exclaim sarcastically, "Whoop-dee damn-doo."

He goes on to say: "Mere confirmation, even to the Supreme Court, seemed pitifully small compensation for what had been done to me." What fair-minded person could disagree with that? Well, me for one.

The terrible ordeal that Thomas alludes to, of course, is his Senate confirmation hearing, which centered on accusations of sexual harassment by a former aide, Anita Hill.

For better or for worse, I was never convinced that the accusations, even though credible, rose to a level that disqualified Thomas for the Court. They seemed awkward attempts at flirtation by a man who really wasn't very good at that sort of thing.

My feeling that they weren't all that serious, in terms of harassment, was reinforced by the fact

that Ms. Hill, after having once left Mr. Thomas' employ, returned to it a few years later voluntarily.

Her then pleading unendurable harassment smacked of trying to have things both ways.

Still, I was against the Thomas nomination because I didn't think he was qualified either by judicial temperament or intellect.

In addition, I thought his attacks on Hill (and I count the attacks made on his behalf) beneath contempt. "A little bit nutty, a little bit slutty," as one of his army of right wing supporters put it.

Whenever — and I mean every single time — a woman charges harassment or, even worse, rape, the accused guy first intimates she is a whore ("just asking for it") and if that doesn't work, that she is a hysteric (crazy). Every time. I didn't think that was an honorable thing for a man aspiring to our highest court to do. He does it again in his book.

"She was not the demure, religious, conservative person that they portrayed," he writes. As though you had to be first cousin to the Virgin Mary to not deserve harassment.

I still think he is unsuited by judicial temperament and intellect to sit on the Court. He should retreat back into silence. It will become him.

Don Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-losing Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. E-mail him at dkaul1@verizon.net.

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NUTRITION NOTES

Whole grains: more than you might think

Many people associate whole grains exclusively with fiber. But there is more to the story. If there weren't, we could get equal health benefits by sticking to refined grains and taking fiber supplements. According to a new study, however, the health benefits of whole grains are far greater than people realize.

Whole grains contain all three parts of the grain kernel: an outer bran layer, a large central section called the endosperm and an inner core, called the germ. When whole grains are refined (for example, when whole wheat is milled to white flour or when brown rice is refined to make white rice) the bran and germ are removed. When experts realized that refining grains removed nutrients, a process was standardized to add back three B vitamins and iron, creating enriched refined grains. In recent years, another B vitamin, folic acid, has been added, too.

Despite the added vitamins and minerals, enriched refined grains remain lower in other nutrients when compared to whole grains. In a 2006 study of adults in a weight management program, those whose diets included whole grains consumed more fiber, more magnesium and more vitamin B-6 than those consuming equal calories without whole grains.

The difference in the phytochemical content of whole grains versus refined grains is also gaining increased attention. Phytochemicals – naturally found in whole grains, vegetables, fruits and beans – are not vitamins or minerals, but are compounds that seem to promote good health. Emerging research suggests that, acting as antioxidants or through other mechanisms, phytochemicals may offer heart protection and help prevent cancer development. Refining grains and eliminating the bran and germ layers removes nearly all of the beneficial antioxidant activity.

Increased fiber consumption is of course the most well known benefit of eating more whole grains. This not only promotes bowel regularity, but seems to decrease risk of a common intestinal disorder called diverticulosis. Fiber also aids in blood sugar management and certain types of fiber can reduce blood cholesterol.

Greater whole grain consumption has been linked to 20 to 30 percent lower risk of diabetes and heart disease. This link likely involves more than just fiber. Some studies suggest that whole grains play a role in controlling generalized inflammation throughout the body, a condition that may be tied to development of a variety of chronic diseases from diabetes and heart disease to cancer and other conditions.

Whole grains have also been linked to lower mortality rates. For example, greater whole grain consumption was associated with a reduction in death from heart disease in the Iowa Women's Health Study. More recently, a study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported that those who consumed from 1.5 to well over 3 servings of whole grains daily were 35 percent less likely to die of inflammation-related disorders (including respiratory, digestive, kidney, skin and hormonal disorders with inflammatory components). In some studies, greater whole grain intake is linked to lower risk of colon cancer. In a Swedish study, for example, women consuming 4.5 or more servings a day were 35 percent less likely to develop colon cancer than those who ate less than 1.5 servings a day. However, two other studies have shown no link between whole grains and colon cancer risk.

The idea that whole grains are simply a source of fiber no longer holds true. While emerging science continues to inform us regarding the benefits of consuming whole grains, we await more science detailing ideal levels of consumption. Meanwhile, at least three servings daily are recommended. Examples of serving size include one slice of whole grain bread or half a cup of cooked whole grain pasta or brown rice.

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October and pumpkins go hand-in-hand

What could make a more delectable (and appropriate) seasonal meal on a chilly autumn night than a bowl of hearty pumpkin soup?

Pumpkin squash have been cultivated in America since before the first colonists arrived. Although purists may choose to roast and clean a whole pumpkin, cooks who use pureed, canned pumpkin should not be discouraged. In fact, the smooth and creamy texture of this soup works well with a canned squash. If you opt for fresh, choose a smallish gourd (around two pounds), as the flesh from smaller pumpkins is more tender and flavorful.

One advantage to using fresh pumpkin is the ability to utilize the seeds. Roasting pumpkin seeds – a particularly fun project to do with kids – produces a healthy snack that provides a rich source of vitamins and minerals.

The bright orange flesh of the pumpkin also hints at the health benefits waiting inside. The yellow-orange pigment is characteristic of foods rich in beta-carotene, which is converted to vitamin A in the body. Vitamin A plays an



important role in eye and skin health. Add the benefits of fiber, potassium and vitamin C, and you've got a food that deserves a place on your plate year-round. Serve this week's recipe with a crunchy green salad and a warm slice of whole grain toast for a truly sweet and satisfying Halloween treat.

Roasted Pumpkin Soup

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 2 Tbsp. fresh minced ginger

- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 3 1/2 cups low sodium chicken stock
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- Chopped fresh sage, as garnish
- Low-fat sour cream, as garnish (optional)

In a medium saucepan, heat 2 Tbsp. olive oil over medium-high heat. When hot, add the cinnamon, onions, carrots, celery, ginger and garlic to the pan. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until lightly caramelized, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the canned pumpkin, stirring into

the vegetables. Add chicken stock to the pan and bring the stock to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook the soup for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the vegetables are soft.

Remove the soup from the heat and process in batches in the food processor. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Garnish with chopped fresh sage and a dollop of low-fat sour cream (if desired).

Makes 5 servings.
Per serving: 111 calories, 6 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 11 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 437 mg sodium.

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5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1
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2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
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2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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It's a busy Monday in the celestial office. Venus and Jupiter, balancing their love for pleasure, reached an uncomfortable realization: The pleasures we love cost money, honey — and we need more! Today, the CEOs, the sun and Saturn, equate value with persistence. To those who are hammering out their dreams: Keep your eye on the prize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're at the brink — the jumping-off place for a new kind of experience, one that's sure to bring you extremes of emotion. Following your bliss is always a little scary. If it weren't, everyone would do it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life doesn't get better by chance. You're steering this ship. It's the little adjustments you make — there are at least three of them today — that keep you on course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Boundaries are constantly being established, broken and

reestablished — especially when you're dealing with someone you love or really like. You're flexible and cool with what comes, and because of this, you're so attractive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're gathering information and tools for living from artistic places. Music, inspired conversation, cloud formations, dreams The list goes on. When you're ready for answers, they are everywhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You need a change of pace — oh, do you ever! Getting out of your usual environment is lucky. Different scenery makes you see loved ones in a new light. Suddenly, your relationships have more colors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones spill tenderhearted words. You don't hear this every day — and what would life be like if you did? Absorb kindness instead of deflecting it back to the giver.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not afraid of what anyone else thinks, which is what makes you very successful at getting your point across with originality. Discussions are highly illuminating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's like a gigantic cosmic vacuum cleaner is lifting foreign particles from your life. But you love the foreign particles! It's disorder that makes life interesting! Hang on to only your most beloved dirt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Can you endure the disappointment of not getting your way the first hundred or so times you try? If you are, you're destined for greatness in a field where very few ever attain it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop counting the eggs in your basket and fretting about which should remain and which should go into another basket. If you knew there were an endless supply of eggs and baskets, what would you do then? Do that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Still wondering where your slice of the proverbial cake is? The kind you want, well, you're going to have to bake it first and then serve it up to others. So, it's more work. But you will, when the effort is complete, get your slice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in charge — there's no doubt about it. In fact, you feel so

powerful now that it's as if the whole Earth is your spaceship and you can steer it toward any adventure you please.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Astrology and the Shadow. It's said that we can see beyond the mystic veil during Scorpio sun times, deep into our shadows. Like unveiling the little person running the big show, with a little awareness and a little magic, the shadow integrates into light. What lurks in YOUR shadow? **LEO/SPECIALNESS:** Feeling special in the eyes of others is important to everyone — it's wonderful to be adored and loved. While praise from others is central to the king, real and lasting validation comes from within. Leo is vulnerable to impressing others out of insecurity. We are hungry for praise, and when it's not around, it's OK to ask for it! Magic spell: "I am recognized in the world as a multi-talented being with endless creativity."

VIRGO/ACCEPTANCE: When we need a helping hand, the virgin volunteers. But her serviceable generosity can hide deeper self-doubt. We've all had the experience of letting self-

doubt or inferiority paralyze us. Never quite measuring up, we sacrifice personal happiness on the altar of perfection. Self-acceptance allows us to love ourselves for who we are, not for who we could be. Magic spell: "I acknowledge what I can and cannot change and humbly allow the universe do the rest." Come back for Libra and Scorpio.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Scorpio knows we can't get anywhere in life alone. Through pooling our innate resourcefulness with the skills of others, we up everyone's worth. Maybe this was Bill Gates' secret formula for building the most successful software company in the world. This wise scorpion transformed his ideas into tools that empower others. His philanthropy creates opportunity.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Our 70-year-old parents are manipulative and emotionally abusive. They rotate which of their three kids is on their "blacklist" and freeze that person out. My parents have no contact with my brother, except to send gifts to their only grandchild. My sister and I, however, have a strong sense of obligation to "honor thy father and mother."

Mom, who is anorexic, has made weight an issue our entire lives. She constantly tells us we are fat, even though we are not. My parents refused to attend my wedding, saying they were ashamed to be seen in public with me because I wasn't thin enough. They missed the majority of important events in my life, such as my high school choir solo, saying I was incapable of singing well, and then left town for an impromptu spa weekend.

My husband and I are very much in love. My parents, however, have made it clear he's not rich or ambitious enough. They say I should have married my college boyfriend because he came from a wealthy family, even though he cheated on me.

When I confronted my parents about their behavior, they stopped speaking to me for five years. The only reason I talk to them now is because I initiated a reconciliation, which I regret. The truth is, if they weren't my parents, I wouldn't have anything to do with them. They have actually said, "It's all about us." My sister and I have been in therapy, but I don't feel much of anything for my parents anymore. Would it be best if I just cut them out of my life for good? — It's All About Them

Dear All About Them: Not everyone is capable of being a parent. You do not have to maintain a relationship with Mom and Dad if they undermine your marriage and treat you abysmally. Is there any redeeming benefit to staying in touch? If so, can you learn to ignore their nasty comments and appreciate whatever it is they DO offer, while turning the other cheek to the rest? This takes effort, practice and the ability to distance yourself emotionally, some of which can be learned through continued therapy, if you wish to try.

Dear Annie: When I began wearing a watch, I was told that I was supposed to wear it on my left wrist. I mentioned this to my mom in passing and she said it doesn't matter which wrist you wear it on. Is there a rule for watch wearing? — W.W.

Dear W.W.: No. Most people put the watch on the hand that allows them to wind it or reset the time with their dominant hand, meaning right-handed people tend to wear it on the left wrist, and left-handed people on the right.

Dear Annie: I am sick to death of the assumption that when someone's house is a mess they might be suffering from depression. This may be true, but have you considered that maybe they are just working hard to put food on the table and a roof over the mess, and that they are simply exhausted when they come home from work?

My house is a mess and I spend less time with my child than I would like because I am wiped out from a long day at work. Not depressed, just tired. If I took the time to make my house spotless, I would be spending NO time with my child. My child is my priority and I can worry about the house later.

If some of these "concerned people" are so worried about the condition of my house, maybe they could offer to pay for a maid to come in once a week to help. — Exhausted and Frustrated in Canada

Dear Canada: Many parents, especially those with small children, cannot be expected to keep immaculate homes. But bug-infested rooms and a month's worth of food-encrusted, unwashed dishes indicate more serious problems.

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law recently told me that my 3-year-old daughter, "Deni," is not invited to her house for sleepovers because she "doesn't listen and is bad." I also have a 5-year-old daughter, a nephew and two nieces who sleep over at Grandma's house all the time. Since that statement, neither of my children has seen my in-laws until yesterday, when

my husband and I took them out for lunch. At the restaurant, the girls engaged Grandma in a game of "I Spy," and while doing so, my oldest "spied" Deni, and it turned real ugly for me when my mother-in-law guessed "Satan" and laughed. She may have thought that was funny, but I was terribly upset. My mother-in-law would not even look at Deni with a smile, only an expression of disgust.

Deni is not a bad child. She is no different in her listening skills from her 3-year-old cousin and her 5-year-old sister. She is beautiful and sweet and loving. And she now has to watch as all the other grandchildren get to go to Grandma's for sleepovers one by one for special "alone time," while she has never been able to do so.

Should I address this issue with my mother-in-law? Is it acceptable to do so in a letter, or is this something that should be done in person? — A Broken Heart

Dear Broken Heart: Right now it doesn't matter how you do it, but do it immediately. It would be best if your husband handled it. He should inform his mother that unless she can treat Deni with the same love and attention as your other daughter, neither of your children will visit her. Period. We realize that sometimes a child's personality can rub someone the wrong way, even a grandparent, but Deni is 3 years old, for heaven's sake, and should not be isolated and stigmatized as Satan by her own grandmother. This behavior is totally unacceptable, and if your mother-in-law cannot put a cork in her nastiness, she does not deserve to be around your children.

Dear Annie: My lady friend invited my next-door neighbors to dinner. She planned a lovely evening and set the table, befitting her style, with her most cherished silverware. After the guests left, she was putting the plates in the dishwasher and noticed that four teaspoons and two napkins were missing.

Incidentally, my neighbors have a spoon collection on one of the walls in their house. So how do we handle this? — Befuddled

Dear Befuddled: Please double-check your girlfriend's home before making accusations. Spoons can drop on the floor and get kicked under a cabinet, and napkins can accidentally end up in the trash. If you still can't find them, you might call your neighbors and say how much you enjoyed their company and ask if they've seen the missing items. Of course, you also could drop by with your lady friend and inconspicuously check out the wall collection, but there's not much else you can do without causing that rift you are so worried about.

Dear Readers: Today is Mother-in-Law Day, and a good time to think of all the positive things your mother-in-law has done. Here's a lovely poem by Nicholas Gordon, sent to us by a reader:

Mother of my loved one, hear my love
On this, a day when such sweet words are due.
Take to heart the heartfelt praise that you
Have long bestowed but wanted little of.
Even as waves hunger for the shore,
Resting their long yearnings on the sand,
So I have found in you a mother, and
Delighted in the sunlight at your door.
An accident of love brought us together,
Yet though I chose not, I would choose no other.
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Texas News Briefs:

Assaults, turnover up for Texas prison guards

DALLAS (AP) — Assaults on Texas prison guards and staffers have doubled in the last five years while turnover among prison employees is at a record level, according to a newspaper report.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported that more than 36 staff members have been assaulted this year by inmates with weapons, up from 18 in all of 2003, according to an analysis by The Dallas Morning News.

The increase reflects growing violence among inmates.

The department recorded more than 900 cases of inmates attacking inmates so far this year, up more than 30 percent from 2002.

Meanwhile, guards have been leaving their jobs sooner, with one in four employees quitting the agency last year. The department's work force was down more than 3,900 employees at the end of August.

Slaying suspect walks out of jail

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man charged with murder was on the loose for more than six hours before authorities realized he had escaped from the Bexar County Jail by assuming the identity of another inmate, officials said.

Authorities from San Antonio south to the Mexican border were still searching Sunday night for David Saucedo, 27.

"We have no idea where he is," Bexar County Sheriff Roland Tafolla said Sunday night.

Saucedo walked out of jail early Sunday morning when he recited the name, address, Social Security number, birth date and system ID number of his cellmate, Michael Garcia, according to the sheriff's department.

An unidentified person had posted bond for Garcia, who is in jail on a felony auto theft charge. Tafolla said officers went to retrieve Garcia, but when they called Garcia's name, Saucedo stepped forward and repeated his cellmate's personal information.

NASA studies space station problem

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts plowed ahead Monday with the mammoth job of moving a 17½-ton solar array truss on the international space station, a task made even more crucial following the discovery of contamination in an important part of the orbiting lab's power system.

A spacewalking astronaut on Sunday found metal shavings inside a joint that is needed to turn a set of solar power panels.

The rotary joint, launched and installed just four months ago, controls the huge solar panel wings on the right side of the space station to make sure they're facing the sun. It has been experiencing electrical current spikes in the past 112 months.

NASA officials have limited the joint's motion to prevent the debris from causing permanent damage. But that also limits the system's ability to generate power for the station.

The glitch raises the stakes for the Discovery crew's ongoing attempt to move the giant solar array truss from one part of the orbiting complex to another.

Ex-Bush aide Bartlett joining Austin firm

AUSTIN (AP) — Dan Bartlett, who left the White House this summer as one of President Bush's most trusted advisers and his longest-serving aide, said he will move to Austin to work for a public affairs consulting firm.

Bartlett will join Public Strategies Inc. as a senior strategist.

Bartlett, 36, announced his resignation from the White House in June. He had been with Bush for nearly 14 years, from Bush's first campaign as governor of Texas, through two races for the White House and more than six years of a presidency marked by costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and an ongoing battle against terrorism.

Public Strategies, which has more than 170 employees, has executives connected with both major parties. Its clients include AT&T, Accenture and Energy Future Holdings Corp., formerly TXU Corp.

Suburban Dallas teen killed in drive-by

DALLAS (AP) — A 17-year-old suburban boy is dead after an apparent drive-by shooting of a house in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

Dallas police say Christian Vega of Duncanville was one of about nine people sleeping in the house southwest of downtown Dallas at the time of the 1:30 a.m. shooting Monday.

Vega died at Methodist Dallas Medical Center of a gunshot wound to the lower abdomen. There is no word on a motive, nor of whether Vega was even an intended victim.

Suspect in officer's shooting found dead

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sought in the shooting of an off-duty Houston police officer has been found dead in a wooded area near the apartment complex where the officer was shot, police said.

The body of Eric Titov, 22, was found Sunday afternoon about 50 feet from the complex where officer Victor Hill was shot.



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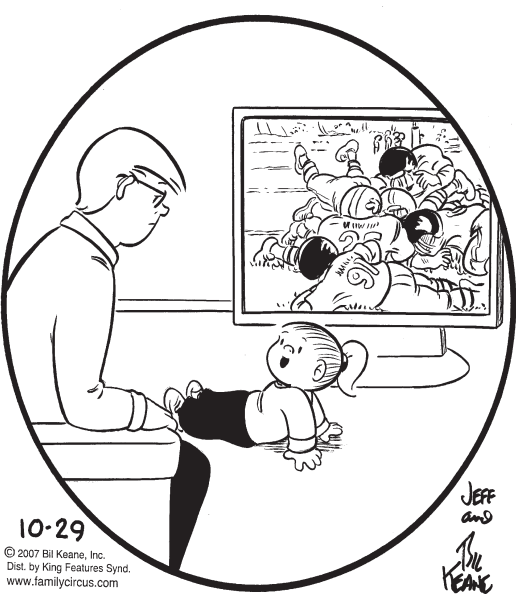
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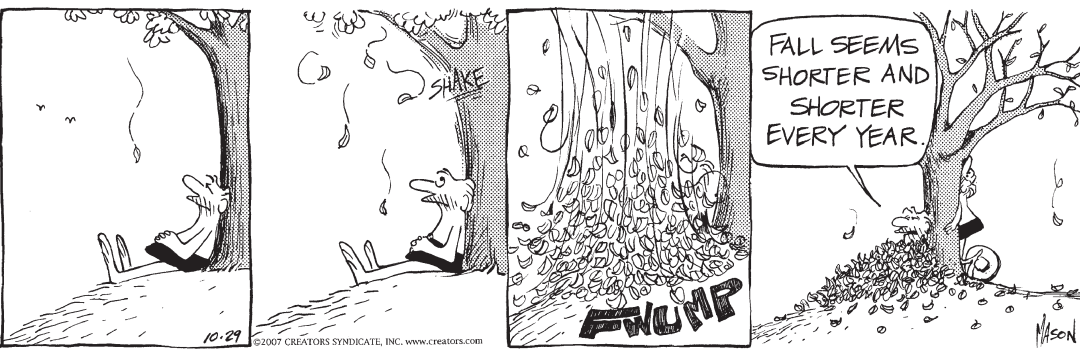
Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Cleveland. On this date: In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College. In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory. In 1893, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky conducted the first public performance of his Symphony Number 6 in B minor ("Pathétique") in St. Petersburg, Russia, just

nine days before his death. In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Wilson's veto. In 1936, President Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary. In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II. In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected pope; he took the name John XXIII. In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba. In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a decree absolving Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In 1986, the true centennial of the Statue of Liberty was celebrated in New York with ceremonies that were modest compared with the hoopla of "Liberty Weekend" the previous July. Today's Birthdays: Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 80. Actress Joan Plowright is 78. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 71. Actress Jane Alexander is 68. Singer Curtis Lee is 66.

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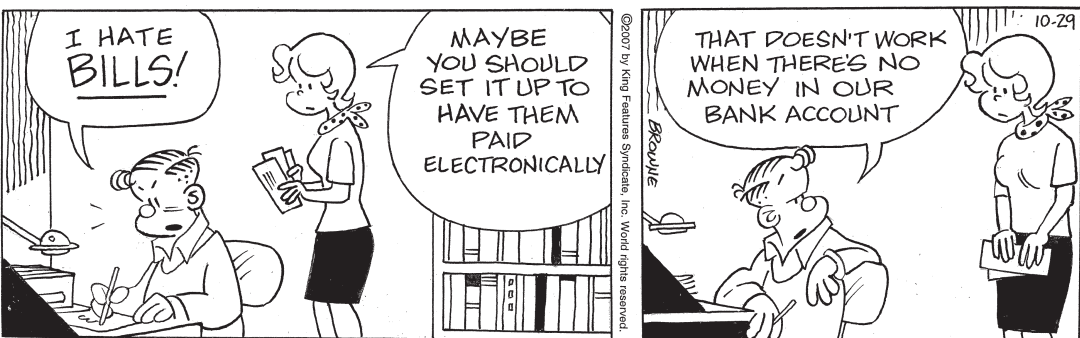
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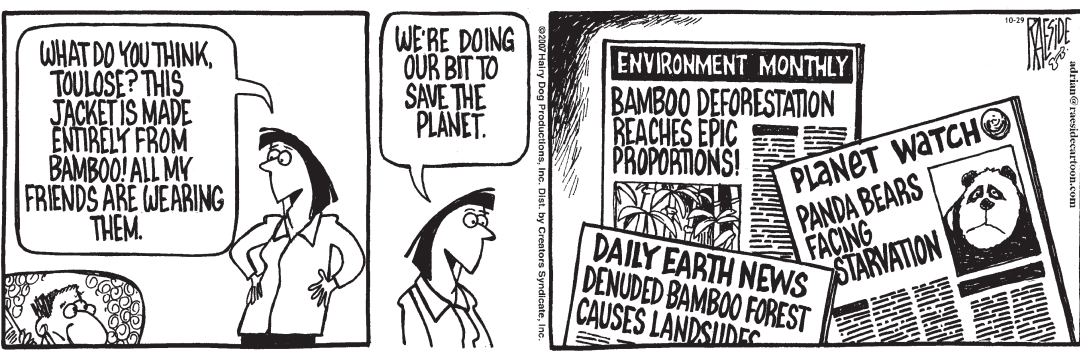
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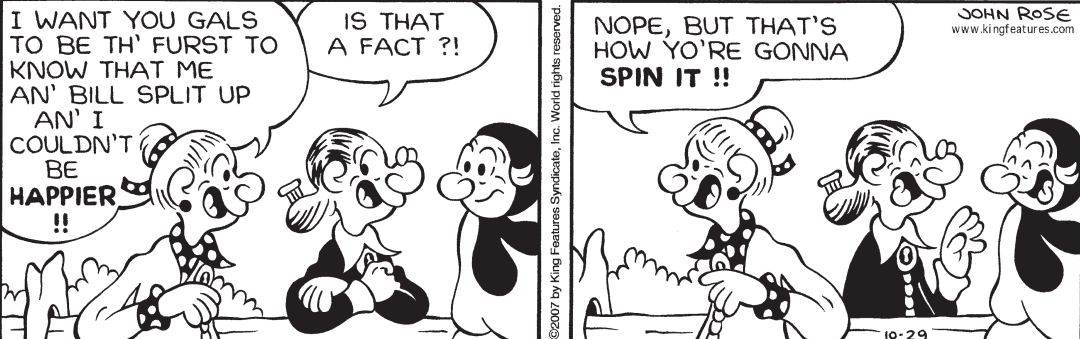
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- 63 Racetrack postings, 64 Attack from all sides, 65 Ooze slowly, 11 Term of endearment, 12 Assist a criminal, 13 Hauls, as a trailer, 18 Shrub or bush, 22 Performs in a play, 24 Camera stands, 25 Moved quickly toward, 26 Fireplace remnants, 27 Break into pieces, 28 Paper-towel tube material, 31 Join forces, 32 Well-built, 34 Oregon's capital, 40 Computer image, 41 Encouraging words to a worker, 42 Uses the phone, 43 Books with maps, 46 Most meanspirited, 48 Fishing aids, 50 Frizzy haired, 51 Sit down with a book, 52 Words of understanding, 53 Cairo's river, 54 Ration (out), 55 Ginger cookie, 58 "Honest" president, 59 May and June: Abbr.

