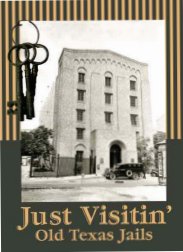




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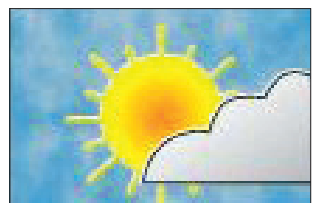


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Council OKs reward incentive fund

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Despite a few technical glitches, Big Spring City Council members put the finishing touches on a new \$10,000 anti-vandalism fund Tuesday night, steps the gov-

ernmental board hopes will stave off the recent wave of attacks on public property.

The council approved final reading of the ordinance, despite problems with the electronic balloting system early in the meeting.

“What we’re looking at doing is a multi-tiered program set up with a pool of money, \$10,000 at this point,” said City Manager Gary Fuqua. “We would work with Crimestoppers. They have a point system they use when

they look at a crime and have to determine how much reward money to award. We’re looking at matching their reward system, and in some instances — when it’s a high profile case or there is a lot of damage involved — actually

increasing the reward with the permission of the council.”

Both the Birdwell Park and Kids’ Zone at Comanche Trail Park have been attacked by

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Relay officially under way 2010 event set May 14-15 here

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

One of the largest per-capita fundraising efforts in the nation is getting ready for another go-round.

The Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life, which raised more than \$200,000 for cancer research this year, announced plans for its 2010 event during a kickoff reception Tuesday evening.

The 2010 Relay will be held May 14 and 15 at Blankenship Field.

The local Relay effort has established itself as one of the most successful efforts for communities this size in the nation, officials said.

“The community just embraces this event to the point that it just makes it



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Diane Wood, left, and Vicki Stewart, co-chairs for the 2010 Relay For Life cancer research fund-raiser, address the crowd during a kickoff reception in First United Methodist Church’s Garrett Hall Tuesday evening.

Senior Fun Fest promises good time Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Senior Center will be teaming up with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for a knee-slappin’ good time Friday, as the two groups present their annual Senior Fun Fest.

Now in its fifth year, the



Jones

Fun Fest — which was developed to replace the annual Canterbury Spookhouse and Senior Health Fair — continues a tradition organizers say is just as important to the

Halloween holiday as trick-or-treating.

“This is a chance for the adults and seniors in the community to get together and have fun and network,” said Nancy Jones, RSVP director. “We have tables set up for the Fun Fest, ranging from games to non-profit organi-

zations that are trying to get their message out. There will be flu shots available, health screenings and other issues important to seniors during the Fun Fest. There’s no admission or hidden costs, just an opportunity to have a good time.”

Jones said the good time is

set to begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, followed by a barbecue lunch at facility.

“We’ll have brisket, potato salad and beans,” said Jones. “Admission, as always, is

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Residents in the 6000 block of E. Midway Road got a surprise Tuesday afternoon, as this truck crashed into a fence while traveling west on the roadway. The driver wasn’t injured in the crash and damage to the property was minimal, according to emergency responders at the scene.



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NCAA upholds suspension of OSU wideout

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma State All-American wide receiver Dez Bryant will remain suspended for the remainder of the football season, the NCAA ruled on Tuesday.

The junior will not be eligible to play until September 2010, possibly bringing an end to the college career of the top pro prospect. Bryant will be eligible to enter next year's NFL draft.

OSU plans to appeal the decision to the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, but

athletic department spokesman Kevin Klintworth declined further comment.

The university announced on Oct. 7 Bryant was declared ineligible for lying to the NCAA about his relationship with former NFL star Deion Sanders. He has sat out the last four games for the No. 13 Cowboys (6-1, 3-0 Big 12), who host No. 3 Texas on Saturday night in a game that will likely determine which team plays for the Big 12 championship.

The NCAA said in a news release that Bryant's penalty actually constituted "relief" from even more severe penalties for breaking the agency's

rules for ethical conduct and preferential treatment. Bryant could have been forced to miss anywhere from half a season — or six games — to being rendered permanently ineligible.

The NCAA said mitigating factors presented in Oklahoma State's case resulted in a lighter penalty for Bryant. The decision was based on whether Bryant "actively and deliberately concealed, omitted or provided inaccurate or false information" to the NCAA and whether he had multiple chances to

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Lake View takes Big Spring in 5 sets

Lady Steers, Maidens to meet again Saturday for final playoff spot

By Joe Zigtema

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — It was win and in for the Big Spring volleyball team Tuesday night.

Now it's win or go home.

The Lady Steers dropped a grueling five-set match to the Lake View Maidens on the road, setting up a play-in game this weekend to determine the final playoff spot in District 4-4A.

Head coach Lynn Osbourne said though her team is struggling, she's ready for revenge this weekend.

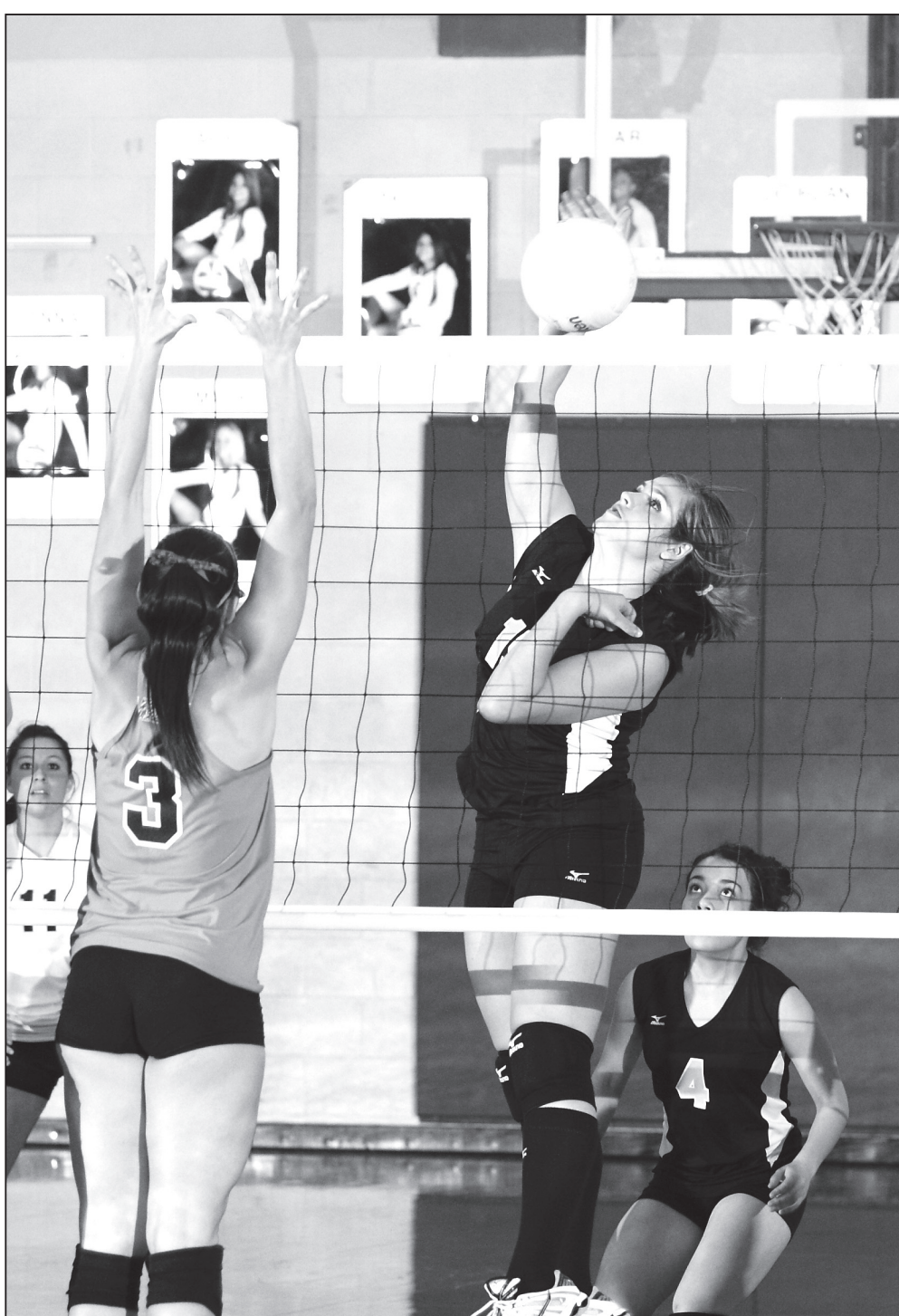
"We need to work on more of the mental part of the game," she said. "Physically, we're ready to beat Lake View, but we are just struggling with being a team, being one unit and working together on and off the court."

Big Spring (10-22, 1-7) dominated the outset of the match against Lake View's seniors on senior night, jumping out to an 11-2 lead in the opening set. Leading by as many as 13 at 18-5, the Lady Steers erupted to a first set victory as Desiree Anderson smacked one of her three aces to win 25-13. Anderson finished the night with 10 kills, nine digs and two blocks.

After that first game, though, Osbourne said she knew she was in for a different match against Lake View's squad.

"Once [Lake View coach Sayle Coles] sat her seniors down, and it was who she thought could do the job better, it was a much tougher game," Osbourne said. "I knew that coming into that second game. I knew that was not going to be the same team we were going to see."

The Maidens, with their season on the line, rallied in the second set. After Lake View built a 17-12 lead midway through the set, Big Spring crawled back into the match at 23-20,



HERALD photo / Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Morgan Slaughter spikes a ball past Lake View's Skylar Anderson as Selena Gonzalez (4) and Valerie Ross (11) look on Tuesday night in San Angelo. Lake View won the match in five sets, setting up a play-in game this weekend between the two with the postseason on the line.

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Jones sees opportunity for Cowboys

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Like Wal-Mart, Jerry Jones knows how to make a buck in a down market.

"I've always known that sports is a respite during hard times. We've always known that it's a place to go," the Dallas Cowboys owner said Tuesday. "That's one of the reasons you're seeing the ratings that you're seeing."

Jones, addressing an audience of travel professionals at a forum in downtown Little Rock, said his target market is far larger than Cowboys ticket buyers.

Noting that only 7 percent of NFL fans have seen a live game, Jones said that his team's \$1.2 billion stadium in Arlington "is an experience that is known throughout the United States or possibly other parts of the world."

Jones, who grew up in North Little Rock about a half-mile from where the U.S. Travel Association's Marketing Outlook Forum took place, said tradition is an important factor in marketing the Cowboys.

"It's not (quarterback Tony) Romo today, it's what he represents," Jones said. "We've got great tradition all over this country. And we've got people that participate. We've got generations that can be tapped into."

"Look for the tradition, don't underestimate it," he said.

Jones recalled how he sold shoes and insurance at the same time while a student athlete at the University of Arkansas in the 1960s. He said he once was working at a Ben Franklin store in Berryville and wound up making a sale to Sam Walton, founder of Bentonville-based Wal-Mart Stores

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Phillies, Yankees get ready for game 1 of souped up World Series

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even before the first pitch, this World Series seems souped up.

Stocked full of honed home run hitters, powerful pitchers and frenzied fans — plus a fast-talking shortstop fond of forecasting future results — the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies generated a Fall Classic of talk ahead of Wednesday night's opener.

"I think we mirror each other," Yankees star Alex Rodriguez said Tuesday. "They have switch-hitters, just like us. They have power, just like us."

So let the mighty matchup begin: Philadelphia, defending just its second World Series title, against the moneyed, much-admired and much-hated team that often sets baseball's standards for success and excess.

"Obviously they have a lot of the star power in their lineup and all the hype that goes along with being Yankees," Ryan Howard said. "We're from Philadelphia."

New York may be a heavy favorite in Las Vegas,

but players on both sides predict a close Series, perhaps ending a record run of five straight that have ended in sweeps or five games.

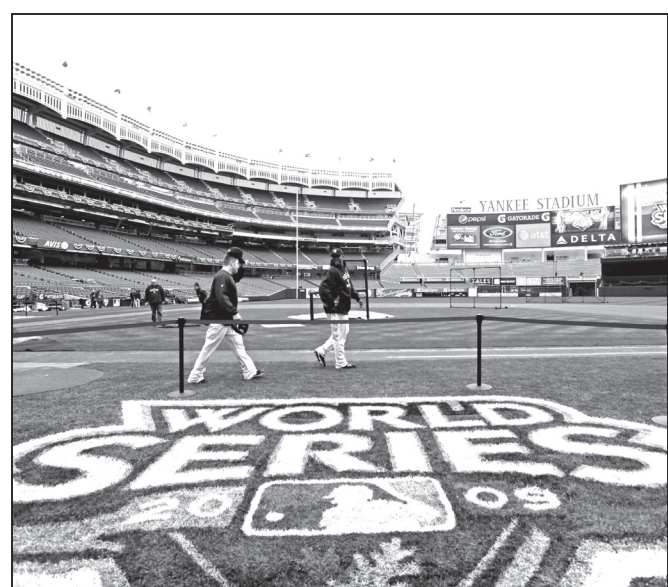
Both teams worked out Tuesday in the mist of \$1.5 billion new Yankee Stadium, where two freshly painted logos were in foul territory in honor of the ballpark's first World Series. Still standing across the street, covered in black mesh as if a ghost, is its 86-year-old predecessor, awaiting demolition after hosting a record 100 Series games.

CC Sabathia, 3-0 with a 1.19 ERA in his first post-season with the Yankees, starts Wednesday night for New York against former Cleveland teammate Cliff Lee, 2-0 with an 0.74 ERA for the Phillies. The latest-opening World Series ever, one that will stretch into November for only the second time, begins with a rematch of the April 16 ballpark opener, won by the Indians 10-2.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Sabathia said.

George Steinbrenner, New York's 79-year-old owner, was expected at the stadium he built for the first time since opening day. First Lady Michelle

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AP Photo / David J. Phillip

New York Yankees Eric Hinske, left, and CC Sabathia walk past a logo on the field at Yankee Stadium during a practice session for the World Series on Tuesday in New York. The Yankees play the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 1 tonight.

Sports in brief

Garden City named Army team of the week

Following a 72-50 win over defending 6-man Division I state champion Fort Davis, the Garden City Bearkats have been selected by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as the Army Team of the Week.

Two kick return touchdowns from Brett Chudej led the Bearkats past the Indians. Garden City (7-1, 3-0) hosts Water Valley (6-2, 1-1) on Friday.

Big Spring youth soccer to close season Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will close its season Saturday with a ceremony hosted by sponsor Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sponsors will present trophies, thank parents, coaches, athletes and officials, and serve hot dogs, sodas and chips.

The ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on the U10 field at the BSYSA fields.

Big Spring to host swim invitational

The Big Spring High School Swim Invitational is scheduled for Friday and Saturday in a contest between area district teams.

The meet, scheduled to begin Friday with diving only and continue with prelims and finals Saturday, will be held at the YMCA.

This is the Steers' fourth meet. They will travel to the Pecos Invitational Nov. 13-14.

Obituaries

Jason Bailey Stevens

Jason Bailey Stevens, 27, of La Porte entered into rest Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

He was born to Vance Stevens and Lana Follis Sept. 26, 1982, in Big Spring. He attended high school in La Porte, Forsan and graduated from Big Spring High School in 2001. He began his journey traveling and working in many areas, including Iowa, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Kansas before settling in La Porte in 2003. He enjoyed snow-skiing, fishing and spending time with family and his many friends.

Jason is survived by one child, Charles Bailey Stevens of Seabrook; his mother, Lana Follis and Rob Runnels of La Porte; father, Vance Stevens and Donna Hicks of Deer Park; brother, Landon Jared Stevens and wife, Randi, of Clyde, and sister, Morgan, and brother, Tyler, both of LaPorte.

His grandparents are Marijann Stevens of Big Spring, Don Stevens and wife, Cheryl, of Carrollton, and Bud and Angel Grantham of Big Spring. He is also survived by aunts, Valerie White and husband, Alan, and Jamie King and husband, Roland, all of Big Spring; and one uncle, Rodney Grantham and wife, Deana, of Big Spring. Survivors also include nieces, Landry Stevens and Stokley Stone of Clyde; and cousins, Chasity, Blake and Austin Grantham of Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that a small donation be made to a children's fund of your choice.

Visitation will be held at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home at 906 Gregg St. in Big Spring Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Memorial Services will be held at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Matthew Prince, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church of God, officiating. Graveside services will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Wendell Lee Strahan

Graveside services for Wendell Lee Strahan, 79, of Lamesa will be held Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa with Carl Crouch officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mr. Strahan died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, in Lubbock due to injuries he received in an automobile accident. He was born Dec. 30, 1929, in Big Spring to Ruth and Vernon Strahan. He married Lillian Wood Dec. 20, 1958, in Corpus Christi.

Wendell graduated from high school in Fort Stockton, attended Shriner Military Institute in Kerrville and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in 1953.

He retired from the Navy in 1961 and returned to Lamesa to take over the family business, South Plains Abstract.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Strahan of Lamesa; children, Jeffery Vernon Strahan and wife, Lois, of New Braunfels, Jennifer Strahan Smith and husband, Ronnie, of Lamesa, and Samuel Lee Strahan and wife, April, of Midland; brother, Dr. Wesley Strahan and wife, Carol, of Lubbock; sister, Nancy Brunson and husband, Kenneth, of Virginia; mother-in-law, Aline Wood of Lamesa; and eight grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society or First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa.

Support

TODAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 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.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Martha Frances Leysath

Martha Frances Leysath, 88, of Oklahoma City, Okla., formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Calvary Callender, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.



She was born Jan. 25, 1921, in Ennis. Martha lived most of her life in Big Spring until moving to Midland in 2005.

Martha worked in Washington, D.C., during World War II, later returning to Big Spring, where she worked for many years at Webb Air Force Base as an office worker. She also worked at the Veterans Hospital in the food service department. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring.

She is survived by a niece; nephews; seven great nieces and nephews and a great-great nephew and niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Robertson Leysath and Marcia (Ross) Leysath; sister, Betty Mae (Leysath) Stark, and her brother-in-law, Ralph E. Stark.

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

J.T. Boney

J.T. Boney, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Thresa F. Miller (Stoeger)

Thresa F. Miller (Stoeger), 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Your Local Weather

Thu 10/29	Fri 10/30	Sat 10/31	Sun 11/1	Mon 11/2
58/39	61/39	70/42	71/45	72/46
Mainly cloudy. High 58F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Police blotter

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

- STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 45, of 1506 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 34, of 1808 Hearn, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft - more than \$50 less than \$500.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- ISSAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on judgments/sentences for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and driving while license invalid.
- STANLEY FRALEY, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - vulgar language.
- JAMES RUSSELL HALL, 59, was arrested

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Obama also planned to be on hand in a celebrity-filled crowd wondering whether the Yankees are on the way to a 27th title — and first since 2000.

Teammates 16 months ago, Lee and Sabathia texted each other often in the runup. Sabathia won the 2007 AL Cy Young Award with the Indians, and was followed by Lee last year.

"I think we made each other better," Lee said. "We helped each other out as far as how we thought we should approach certain teams and just what's the best frame of mind to have on the mound and stuff."

Pedro Martinez — the former Red Sox star — starts Game 2 for the Phillies against A.J. Burnett, and that should really juice up the crowd. Ever since he strangely said "I just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy" following a 2004 loss at Fenway Park, chants of "Who's your daddy?" have boomed through the Bronx whenever he's pitched.

While most players practiced protestations of humility, Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins attracted attention with a brash boast.

"Of course we're going to win," the 2007 NL MVP said on "The Jay Leno Show" on Monday night. "If we're nice we'll let it go six, but I'm thinking five. Close it out at home."

The Yankees responded with a verbal pie to the face.

"He's been Nostradamus, that's what I heard," catcher Jorge Posada said. "He's been (making) a lot of good predictions, so we've got to take that

away from him."

Rollins had forecast the Yankees and Phillies would meet in the Series. Before the 2007 season, he said the Phillies and not the Mets were the team to beat in the NL East.

"That's just Jimmy," Howard said. "Obviously, with those comments, you know here in Yankee Stadium, you know they're going to be all over him. And you know what? He wants that. He relishes that moment."

With Howard and Rodriguez, this will be only the second Series with two former season home runs leaders since 1975's faceoff between Cincinnati's Johnny Bench and Boston's Carl Yastrzemski, according to STATS LLC. The other was in 1989's Earthquake Series, when Oakland's Bash Brothers of Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire swept San Francisco and Kevin Mitchell.

No player in the major leagues has been scrutinized more than A-Rod, a postseason star following a scandalous spring training that included a steroid admission and hip surgery.

And Howard has carried the defending champion Phillies every bit as much as Rodriguez has propelled the Yankees to their first Series appearance since 2003 — and the first of his career.

"Ryan, along with his power, he's also become a great hitter," Rodriguez said. "And that's bad news for the National League and bad news for us."

The 34-year-old Rodriguez already has succeeded Reggie Jackson as the favorite Yankees target of wannabe amateur psychologists, who try to analyze past playoff flops and his relationships with

Madonna last year and Kate Hudson this season. Now he wants to follow Mr. October as a champion.

A three-time AL MVP, he entered the first round against Minnesota hitting .136 (8 for 59) in the postseason dating to 2004 and was hitless in 18 consecutive playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

What a change.

He led the Yankees with a .438 average, five homers and 12 RBIs in series victories over the Twins and Los Angeles Angels, hitting tying home runs in the seventh, ninth and 11th innings.

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but the Maidens persevered with a 25-20 second-set victory.

The see-saw battle continued into the third as Big Spring never trailed after a 6-6 early tie, building a 19-12 lead and taking a 2-1 game edge with a 25-17 win behind blocks from Macy Graves, who tallied five on the evening.

The teams battled hard into the fourth, and the score was tied at 11 midway through the set. But the Maidens came through again for a gritty 25-20 victory.

Lake View continued that momentum into the fifth and final game, where the Maidens jumped out to a 6-1 lead.

After the Lady Steers cut the lead to 8-5, Lake

View responded with three straight points to make it 11-5.

A late Big Spring rally fell short, and Lake View escaped with a 15-10 win.

Notes: The Lady Steers freshman team won its first game, lost its second and came back for a win in its third. The JV squad fell in three games, losing 25-17, winning 25-20 and losing 25-16.

Two players, Morgan Slaughter and Carson Riebe, each made their firsts starts for Big Spring after moving up from the junior varsity.

San Angelo Lake View def. Big Spring
13-25, 25-20, 17-25, 25-20, 15-10
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Assists: Ritchey 15, Shafer 15
Digs: Ross 19, Anderson 9, Gonzales 6, Shafer 5, Ritchey 5, Tuitt 4, Graves 2
Blocks: Graves 5, Anderson 2, Ritchey 1

BRYANT

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to provide accurate information but did not do so.

Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season while also scoring twice on punt returns. This season, Bryant led the team with 17 catches for

323 yards and four touchdowns through OSU's first three games.

While Bryant played in OSU's first three games, OSU compliance officials were investigating an apparent meeting he had with former NFL players Sanders and Omar Stoutmire that he later lied about to the NCAA.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Asleep at the Switch

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ J 7 2			
♥ J 9 3			
♦ K 10 7			
♣ A Q 10 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ K Q 5		♠ A 10 9 8 4 3	
♥ 10 8 6 5 2		♥ K Q 7	
♦ 4		♦ A 5	
♣ 9 8 4 2		♣ 7 6	
SOUTH			
♠ 6			
♥ A 4			
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3 2			
♣ K J 3			

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♣ 2♠
3♦ 3♠ 4♦ 4♠
5♦ Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of spades.

after which declarer took the rest of the tricks, discarding his losing heart on dummy's fourth club.

As can be seen, the contract could have been defeated. All West had to do was to shift to a heart at trick two. Then East could not have been stopped from scoring a heart trick, and South would have gone down one.

Perhaps West should have found the heart shift at trick two, but our contention is that the outcome was primarily East's fault. He was in a far better position than his partner to visualize just how the defense might take three tricks. For this reason, East should have overtaken the king of spades with the ace at trick one and shifted to the king of hearts to establish the setting trick.

The winning play is not difficult to find. Given the bidding, overtaking the first spade cannot cost a trick. West's raise must be based on three or four spades. If West has four spades, declarer will ruff the opening lead; if West has three spades, the defense cannot score more than one spade trick.

Thus, East can lose nothing by overtaking the first spade in order to make the killing heart shift. All that's required is that he be totally focused at trick one.

Tomorrow: A matter of entries.
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State briefs

Cheated winner wants Texas Lottery to pay

AUSTIN (AP) — A maintenance worker who says he is the rightful winner of a Texas Lottery jackpot wants the agency to pay him.

A clerk at a Grand Prairie store is sought on allegations he cashed the Mega Millions ticket presented in May by Willis Willis.

Authorities believe Pankaj Joshi, now indicted on a charge of claiming a lottery prize by fraud, fled to Nepal after about \$750,000 was transferred to him.

About half of the money has been recovered from U.S. banks. Prosecutor Patricia Robertson says that money is being held and some will be returned to the victim.

The Houston Chronicle reports an attorney for Willis plans to meet with the lottery's general counsel next week.

Lubbock man sentenced for rape of 11-year-old

LUBBOCK (AP) — A judge has sentenced a Lubbock man to 35 years in prison for the rape of his 11-year-old neighbor.

SENIOR

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free. We are suggesting a donation of \$3.50 for seniors over 60 years old and \$6 for those under 60 for the lunch. It's going to be a lot of fun, and it gives a lot of our seniors a chance to see their friends during lunch."

COUNCIL

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arsonists, according to officials with the Big Spring Fire Department, in addition to graffiti and other damages at city and other public facilities. And while reward money will be a big part of the program, Fuqua said the city won't stop there.

"We're also looking at installing video cameras," said Fuqua. "We have it in the budget this year to purchase some additional video cameras. The CVB (Conventions and Visitors Bureau) board is also looking at sponsoring some cameras for us. One thing the committee wanted to make sure of is the cameras we buy are the right cameras for the job."

The city of Big Spring, along with other local entities, offered a reward worth several thousand dollars following the fire at Kids' Zone — as well as the destruction of the historic totem pole near Old Settlers Pavilion — to no avail, but according to police officials, it's just a matter of time.

"You may think you have the best friends in the world, but cold, hard cash will usually win out," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "It's just a matter of time before someone who knows something gets in a jam and needs some cash. So the people who did this (vandalism to Kids' Zone) may not get caught today, or even tomorrow, but it's just a matter of time."

Following lunch, Jones said festival-goers will get a chance to check out some of the most recent fashions.

"The Chalet Resale Shop will be putting on a fashion show," said Jones. "It will be a lot of fun for everyone, and garments sold during the show will benefit the patients at the Big Spring State Hospital. So it's a chance to have

fun and help others, all at the same time."

Jones said the Fun Fest will pick up again that evening at Canterbury South, located at 1700 Lancaster.

"There will be a chili supper and dance at Canterbury South," said Jones. "The chili supper is set for 6 p.m. and the dance will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. We

Francisco Manuel Rodriguez pleaded guilty Monday and had faced up to life in prison for the July 2008 sexual assault.

His victim described the attack Tuesday in front of families from both sides of the case.

She testified that she was alone when he came into her house and began rubbing her legs.

The victim testified that she asked him what he was doing but he never answered. She said she told him to stop, but he didn't.

She reported the assault shortly after.

Former animal shelter worker draws probation

DALLAS (AP) — A former animal shelter worker has been sentenced to three years probation for leaving her 5-month old puppy to starve to death in a crate in her apartment.

Twenty-four-year-old Alicia Marie Martin was also ordered by Judge Mark J. Rusch to serve four days in jail during Thanksgiving week. And, she must serve time in jail over two weekends in December and pay a \$500 fine.

Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray described the arson attacks as mindless, and said he hopes the creation of the fund will help deter future attacks.

"It's hard to get your head around it when someone destroys something like a playground," said Condray. "It's just mindless, wanton destruction. As a city, we have to do everything within our power to send a message to these people that this is not going to be tolerated. If you get caught being a part of this kind of senseless mayhem, you're going to pay a very, very stiff price."

Mayor Russ McEwen said there's really no way to foretell what sort of effect the fund and its ensuing measures will have, but said it's definitely a step in the right direction.

"This is one of those imponderable things. This is our attempt to do everything we can to try to control this problem, but you just don't know how effective it will be," said McEwen. "What sort of effect will it have? I hope it has a great effect, and I anticipate it will leave a mark on it, the camera's more than the rewards. All of a sudden people are going to look around and realize they could get

caught, and that's the key to this. We put up large rewards for Kids' Zone, but unfortunately that's money we weren't able to spend. I wish we had, and it was big dollars. However, we live in different times."

Anyone with information regarding the fires, totem pole or any other acts of vandalism are

asked to call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477). No caller ID is ever used, and informants can remain anonymous.

Information can also be left with the Fire Marshal's Office at 264-2305, or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

SHERIFF

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Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- CHANCE RAY LANG, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft — more than \$50, less than \$500.

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 176. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of S. Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of E. Midway Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

RELAY

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work," said Diane Wood, 2010 event co-chair. "The reason for that is that everyone has been effected by cancer in one way or another. Someone we know is diagnosed every day ... It's just all around us and I think that's the key to everyone getting involved."

Joining Wood as co-chair is Vicki Stewart.

"It's easy to do good work when you have a great co-chair, a great committee and a great community to work with," Stewart said. "I didn't even think twice when they asked me to be co-chair again."

Although no official goal has been set, Stewart said the event committee is aiming to collect at least \$185,000 in the coming year.

The 2009 Relay collected \$221,338 or \$6.86 for every

man, woman and child in Howard and Glasscock counties. That per-capita figure was tops among communities of similar size in the American Cancer Society's High Plains Division, which stretches from Texas to Nebraska.

Stewart said another statistic showed how effective local fund-raising efforts have been — stacking the \$221,338 raised locally against the division's per-event average, regardless of community size, of \$66,500.

"I don't think there's any great secret to our success — it's this community," said Jenny Sayles, co-chair of the 2009 event. "It's just awe-inspiring what everyone accomplishes. Without their continued support, we just couldn't do this."

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

won't be holding a dance at the Senior Center that night, so our seniors can have a great time without missing out on their weekly dance.

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For more information on Senior Fun Fest, contact Jones at 267-1628.

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Like a shooting star in the night, she was with us for only a moment. Although she is in Heaven, she is not very far from me.

Like only an angel can do, she touched many hearts during her brief stay with us. I would have held her so tightly every minute, if the end I only knew. So I send this special message to Heaven. Please take care of our precious angel and send her all our love!

Leticia Rodriguez

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Paulus leading 2nd team at his 2nd school

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A year ago, he was preparing for basketball season as a senior point guard at powerhouse Duke. Today, he's halfway through a stint quarterbacking Syracuse, a storied but struggling program.

Greg Paulus has had a rare collegiate journey — a captain at two Division I schools in different sports. He's relished the role in both settings.

"The responsibility of being a leader and putting others before yourself is the same," Paulus said before practice in the Carrier Dome last week. "You've got to be the first one to get there, the last one to leave, showing by example that you're willing to sacrifice, do whatever you need to for the team."

Before this season, Paulus hadn't played football competitively since he was named 2004 national high school player of the year. The fact that he not only returned to the game, but did it in his hometown has excited fans in Syracuse.

"This has been a joy for our whole community. We were hoping it was going to happen. It's unbelievable," said John Wleklinski, athletic director and basketball coach at Christian Brothers Academy, where Paulus was a two-sport star (he played varsity basketball as an eighth-grader). "He's grown up with us. We watched him go from seventh and eighth grade — we knew he had potential — to Duke where he had a great career to now. Whoever would have thought?"

Certainly not Paulus. Last spring,

he was mulling the possibility of playing pro basketball in Europe and then becoming a coach, when a scout for the Green Bay Packers called his apartment.

The NFL didn't work out, but playing one year of college football quickly became a reality. Paulus received an NCAA waiver to use his final year of athletic eligibility as a graduate student and chose Syracuse because of its Newhouse School of Public Communications, and because there was a better chance to get on the field with the Orange than with Duke.

Syracuse had won just 10 games in four years under Greg Robinson, and new coach Doug Marrone offered no Paulus no guarantees about playing time.

"He came in here understanding that and knowing that there was a job to be won and he would have to compete for that," Syracuse offensive coordinator Rob Spence said. It didn't take long for Paulus to win the job — Marrone named Paulus the starter barely a week into preseason camp. He was elected one of four captains by his teammates soon after.

"In the summertime, he showed a lot of qualities of being a leader," senior wideout Donte Davis said. "I guess that comes with being a point guard, too, at Duke. He was leading. People were looking up to him."

Spence said that even if Paulus hadn't won the top job, he commands so much respect that he still would have been voted a captain.

"He has a unique gift of being able to connect with people," Spence said. "That's, obviously, an invaluable part of leadership and a quality



AP Photo / Kevin Rivoli

Syracuse quarterback Greg Paulus throws against South Florida during an Oct. 3 game in Syracuse, N.Y. Paulus is a former Duke point guard.

that's necessary for a leader to have. He's one of those guys that makes friends like bakers make cookies, and people recognize that immediately. That gives him a chance to get around people he doesn't know and direct them and lead them and get them going in the right direction."

For Paulus, it was all about doing what comes naturally.

"The positions of quarterback and point guard are very similar," said Paulus, whose Duke teams twice made it as far as the round of 16 in the NCAA basketball tournament. "From a leadership standpoint to the intangibles to physically doing it for

your guys, it's the same."

There have been plenty of ups and downs since Paulus and the Orange took the field: Their record now stands at 3-4, as many wins as they had all last year, headed into a matchup against fifth-ranked Cincinnati. Through it all, Paulus has displayed his aw-shucks smile more often than not.

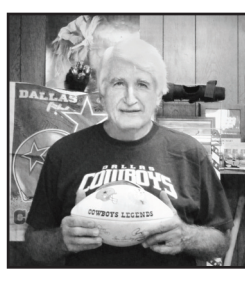
"I'm going to make mistakes and I'm trying to learn from them," Paulus said. "There's not a lot of time. I'm trying to take advantage of every practice, every meeting, every game."

He's learning.

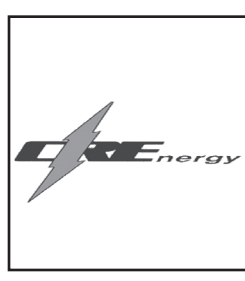
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OUR VIEW

Abuse victims need to know help's available

As we wind down the month of October, closing out the observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month for another year, it's important to remember that domestic violence occurs throughout the year and it's important to let victims know help is always available.

Perhaps one of the most troubling facts about domestic violence is how often the victim doesn't realize they're actually in an abusive relationship. Time and time again, professionals working with abuse victims say their clients often spend years in denial about their situation.

While some consider the topic of domestic abuse uncomfortable to think about, much less discuss, it's something our community must care greatly about, because domestic violence is a problem in our community, just as it is in every community. And sadly, it all too often is a problem that seems to be passed on from generation to generation.

The cycle can be broken, however, and our community has resources to help those who find themselves in jeopardy. That's where the staff and volunteers of our local Victim Services office come in.

Victim Services Executive Director Shann Smith says it is vitally important that women know the "15 Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship." They are:

- Pushing for quick involvement: Coming on very strong, "I've never loved anyone like this before."
- Jealousy: Excessively possessive, calling constantly, visiting unexpectedly.
- Controlling: Interrogate you on your whereabouts or who you've talked to, checks mileage on your car, keeps control of the money or insists you get permission to go anywhere.
- Isolation: Tries to limit your contact with family and friends, deprives you of a phone or car, may insist that you quit your job or prevents you from working.
- Verbal abuse: Constantly criticizes you or says things that hurt your feelings.
- Threats of violence: "I'll break your neck," then later says things like, "I didn't really mean it. I was just kidding."
- Blames others for mistakes: It is always someone else's fault when things go wrong.
- Sudden mood swings: In a matter of minutes goes from loving and affectionate to explosively violent.
- Makes everyone else responsible for his feelings: "You make me angry. You hurt me when you don't do what I tell you. If you had just done what I said, I would not have had to hit you."
- Hypersensitive: Carries on about injustices of every day life.
- Forceful use of force during sex: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex.
- Rigid sex roles: "Serve, honor and obey."
- Unrealistic expectations: Expects you to be perfect and meet their every need.
- Past battering: Admits to hitting partners in the past but justifies the abuse.
- Cruelty to animals and children: Punish or kills animals. Expects children to do things beyond their ability or teases them until they cry.

A combination of three or more of those 15 behaviors could indicate a potential batterer.

We here at the Herald encourage those who see warning signs in their relationships to contact Victim Services by calling 263-3312. The agency's staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please, please, please get the help you need. Your life could depend on it.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You give us wise advice, Lord, when we listen to You.

Amen

A time to welcome the spirits

During the next few days in Hispanic homes throughout this country, there will be people invoking the spirits — asking dead relatives to come back into their homes.

In their living rooms — and even out in their yards — many Mexicans and Central Americans will build altars with pictures and mementos of their deceased loved ones.

They will burn candles and incense. And they will make offerings to the dead — food, flowers, the favorite smoke or drink, and even the favorite music of the departed.

To those who don't know Hispanic culture, all this may create the impression that this is something scary or morbid.

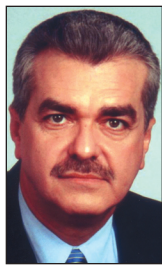
But no, señor! It's quite the opposite. This is not a somber occasion.

This is a happy time, a celebration of the continuity of life.

It's a wonderful holiday. Actually, it's three of them — Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 and 2.

It's called "El Dia de los Muertos" — The Day of the Dead — but it's really about how they go on living — perhaps only in our memories, perhaps not.

Don't be confused by the skulls. They often are made of candy. Don't be scared by the skeletons. Please notice that they are often happy lads — some of them even playing in mariachi bands.



MIGUEL PEREZ

In fact, in Mexico, mariachi bands will be in high demand for the next few days. They will be booked to perform in churches, community centers, festivals and especially cemeteries, where graveside fiestas are very common.

Across the United States, wherever there is a large community of Mexicans or Central Americans, this week there will be lectures, church services, festivals, parades and exhibits of art and altars.

In Hispanic community centers and other places where the elders try to pass on traditions to younger generations, Latinos of all ages will build community altars.

And when they gather around those altars, they will tell stories and even jokes about the people being recalled from the dead. They might even eat the deceased's favorite food or drink his preferred liquor or sing his favorite songs.

But it's all a happy occasion — no sobbing allowed.

Community altars serve another important purpose: They welcome back the dead who no longer are remembered. If there is no one left alive to recall they existed, they still can come back on the Day of the Dead.

These altars often feature hanging paper mache ornaments. Devout followers of this tradition say that if the paper moves, the wind should not be blamed. They believe this is the work of the spirits.

These ancient rituals date back to the time of the Aztecs, who welcomed their dead at the end of July and beginning of August.

But over the years, it became a blend of Aztec and Christian traditions.

After the Spanish conquest, the holidays were moved by Catholic priests so that they coincided with the Christian holidays of Allhallow's Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

And as a result, El Dia de los Muertos is celebrated — even by the Catholic Church in Latin America — at the end of October and beginning of November.

Unlike Halloween, which is a pretend game mostly for children and adults in masquerades the Day of the Dead is much more an observance of real life and death; there are no devils or demons involved.

There is nothing spooky about it.

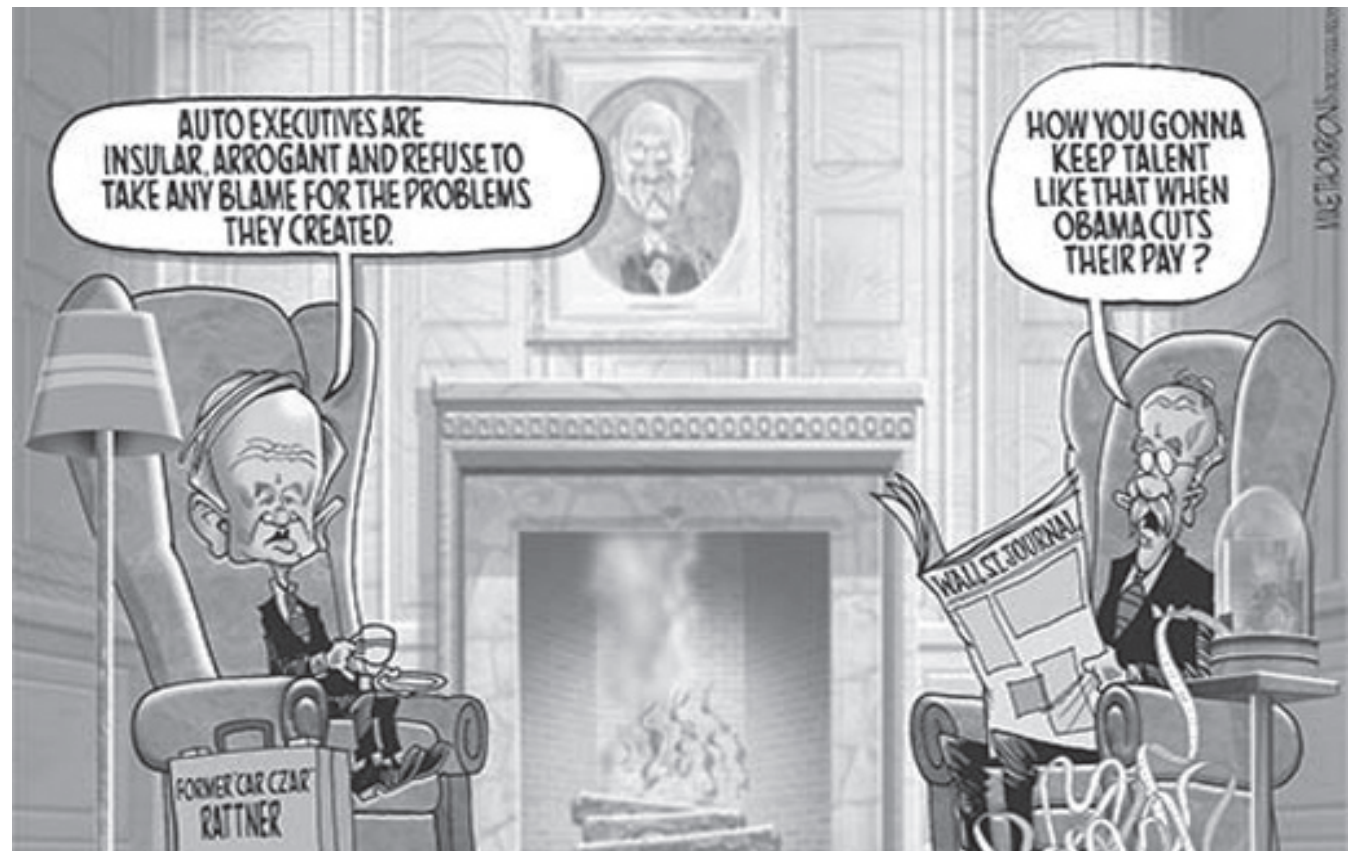
Curiously, both holidays are based on the premise that there is a time once a year when the spirits of the departed come back to mingle with the living.

Those who follow the Dia de los Muertos tradition say they are doing it to honor the dead. And surely, they are.

But they also are doing it for themselves — to fill voids left by people's absences, to evoke memories of people, even if it's just by tasting or smelling or feeling the things that made those people smile.

"If they liked to drink when they were alive," a Mexican friend once told me as he placed a half-empty bottle of tequila on an altar for his father, "that's what you have to offer them when they come back."

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Award now, peace later

You have to hand it to the Nobel Peace Prize people; they have a terrific sense of humor. To give the prize to President Obama nine months into his first term is funny enough, but to do it at the very moment he may be deciding to throw 40,000 troops into Afghanistan adds a rich layer of irony.

Nobel Prizes tend to be life achievement awards given years, sometimes decades after the recipient has completed his or her best work. William Faulkner, for example, won the Nobel Prize for literature just after he'd written "The Fable," perhaps his weakest book.

The same with Ernest Hemingway and "The Old Man and the Sea," a third-rate imitation of the young Hemingway.

But Obama's prize comes at the very beginning of his story. He has promised to reduce international tensions through negotiations rather than threats, he has tried to get warring parties to the bargaining table and he has declared his intension of pulling out of Iraq sooner rather than later.

But he hasn't done any of those things yet. In the first place he hasn't had time. In the second, the enemies he faces — Islamic jihadists, Republican Congresspersons, that crowd — are hard

to convince.

It's as though the Nobel Committee had given its Award for Literature on the basis of a book outline. Giving the Peace Prize to Mr. Obama is absurd on the face of it.

But I'm for it. I'm for it because it's giving the vast right-wing conspiracy fits. It's frothing at the mouth at the injustice of it all and sneering at the Committee, as it did when the committee honored Jimmy Carter and Al Gore, two of conservatives' favorite piñatas.

Perhaps the most uproarious response came, as it often does, from Michael Steele, chairman of the Republican National Committee. "The real question Americans are asking," he said, "is what has President Obama actually accomplished?" This, from the head of a party that spends every waking moment trying to obstruct the president on every issue, including peace. Talk about chutzpah.

If the right wing had its way, Dick Cheney would have gotten the award, right after he'd ordered an attack on Iran.

Obama was properly humble when given the news. "I do not feel that I deserve to be in the company of so many who have been honored by this prize," he said. That's O.K., Barack, you deserve it more than Henry Kissinger did. Never forget that.

I suppose that Mr. Obama benefited from following so close on the heels of the Bush-Cheney gang that held the White House

for eight long years. Those guys used to sit around the campfire holding hands, singing the neo-conservative anthem:

"All we are saying, Is give war a chance."

After that bunch, Obama looks like Mother Teresa with a jump shot.

The Nobel Prize, particularly the Peace Prize, has always been given more attention that it really deserves. The winner is chosen by five Norwegians sitting around in a room sifting through nominations sent in from all over the world. American Idol contestants face a more diverse jury than that.

If I were on the committee I would never, ever give the prize to a head of state. Heads of state may want peace, they may work for peace, but basically their chief responsibility is to look out for the interests of the nation that elected them. And that often entails going to war.

How else can you explain the fact that while we pride ourselves in being a "peace-loving" nation, we have been in an almost perpetual state of war for the past 70 years?

It's better to give the awards to the bleeding-heart human rights workers.

At least they'll never invade Iran.

Donald 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 dkaul2@earthlink.net

Churches host Trunk or Treat, fall festivals

Editor's note: Several churches in Howard County will be holding Halloween or fall festival activities this evening or Saturday. The following is not necessarily a complete list, but represents those who have contacted the Herald.

and it is all free.

Midway Baptist

Come out from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today for Midway Baptist Church's annual Harvest Festival. There will be food, candy, games and prizes for all the children in a safe environment.

First United Methodist

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, "Family Drive-In Theater" will be held in Garrett Hall. Wear your Halloween costumes and bring folding chairs, pillows and blankets, as well as a

pumpkin if you'd like to enter the jack-o-lantern decorating contest. The youth group will man a concession stand.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

Saturday, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., North Birdwell Lane UMC will have a Trunk or Treat time at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Everyone is invited.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

The church, located at 1512 Birdwell Lane,

will hold its Family Fall Festival from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday with a Hobo supper, games, cake walk and a hayride.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Trunk or Treat will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision.

First Church of the Nazarene

Trunk or Treat is coming to the FCN parking lot Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy treats, a hay

ride and much more.

St. Mary's Episcopal and First Christian

These two churches will combine for Trunk or Treat at 10th and Goliad from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Baptist Temple

Trunk or Treat will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday on the south parking lot at 12th and Goliad. There will be lots of candy for the kids and a drawing for prize for the adults.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Trunk or Treat will be held today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Inflatable sides will be there along with face painting, lots of candy and treats and hot dogs,

Take note

• Hey parents, bring your kids by the women's dorm at Howard College Halloween night for a safe trick or treating experience. We have students ready to treat you from door to door with lots of candy! Time: 5-8:30 p.m. We are located in the two story building behind the coliseum, across from Memorial Stadium.

• Donations are being accepted at Cosden Federal Credit Union and State National Bank to assist the Gary Feaster family, residents of Howard County who lost their home to a fire Sunday. Thanks to community support, the family no longer needs donations of clothing, but any monetary donations would be appreciated.

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esis Candwell, Garrett Evans, Lexie Gee, Chasidy Grantham, Jesse Hall, Eric Hall, Bryce Hergert, Elizabeth Long, Meagan Munsell, Saige Stallings, Kolby Watson, Marissa Welch, Jaden Wilson.

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The latest arrivals at the Howard County Library

For all you Texas history buffs, Joan Upton Hall has written a charming book on jails in Texas (what a timely subject). "Just Visitin': Old Texas Jails" (365.34 HAL J) is not an exhaustive listing of all county jails in Texas, just those that have some sense of history. Hico, Monahans, Channing and LaGrange are just a few Mrs. Hall has been able to research. This is really a very interesting volume and would be well worth your time to check it out.

Here are some audio books: "Thirteen Moons" by Charles Frazier; Scott Turow's "Limitations," "Blood and Thunder" (AUCD 978.02 SID H) by Hampton Sides, a great Civil War tour on "Civil War Battlefields" (AUCD 973.73 SHA J) by Jeff Shaara and "Empire of Blue Water" (AUCD 972.904 TAL S) by Stephen Talty. This is about pirate Henry Morgan.

More fiction: "Drop Dead Beautiful" by Jackie Collins, S.J. Rozan's "China Trade," "The Tooth of Time" by Sue Henry and John LeCarre's "The Mission Song." Do check the New Book Binder as there is not enough space to put everything in.

Another heart-stopping book is "Forever After: New York City Teachers on 9/11" (974.710 TEA C), published by Teachers College Press. While the fall of the World Trade Center Twin Towers is undeniably a tragedy, along with the loss of life and jobs is the loss of innocence of the school children of New York City. They lost friends, parents, teachers, cousins, siblings, etc. This is the story of what happened within the school rooms on that dreadful day.

H. Paul Jeffers has written a World War II story of Darby's Rangers. "Onward We Charge: The Heroic

Story of Darby's Rangers in World War II" (940.54 JEF H) will be interesting to those who read history.

Some true crime: "Seduced by Madness: True Story of Susan Polk" (364.152 PAG C) by Carol Pogash and "Armed & Dangerous" (364.177 QUE W) by retired ATF agent William Queen. He writes of going undercover into a skinhead gang and was also instrumental in capturing a survivalist drug runner in the rugged mountains of California.

It is a rather simply written book, but interesting all the same. Khaliah Ali is the daughter of Mohammad Ali and has struggled with obesity for most of her life. She has always felt insecure about her weight and tried many diets and weight-loss programs, but was never was she able to get below 220.

Khaliah decided to try laparoscopic banding — a surgery this book claims has less risk, less recovery time and better results than gastric bypass. With the help of the band (which is wrapped around the

stomach), Khaliah was finally able to lose the weight. She is a very likable person and seems to genuinely want to help others get results. The sections written by her doctors explain the mechanics of the surgery, who should or should not have it and what to expect if you do. The title is "Fighting Weight: How I Achieved

Healthy Weight Loss with Banding" (362.196 ALI K). The audience of the book is clearly limited

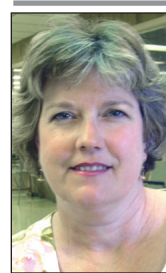
to those curious about the surgery or at least in the market for a way to lose a large amount of weight. This review is from Publisher's Weekly. I am a sucker for pet books — cat, dog, horse, you name it, I love to read them. When I saw Dr. Padwee's book, "The Cat Who Couldn't See in the Dark" (636.8 PAD H), I knew I had to read it. Padwee is a vet who practices in New York City. While he does have a full service veterinary practice, I think his heart is with cats. In chapter 2, he writes that while people choose to have a dog, a cat will choose you. This is a really neat, interesting book, all about cats and the whys and wheretofores of liv-

ing with them. Maybe you know who Taylor Hicks is? I didn't until I read the book flap. He was a winner on American Idol. He has written a book about how he made it there. "Heart Full of Soul" (B HIC T) is his story.

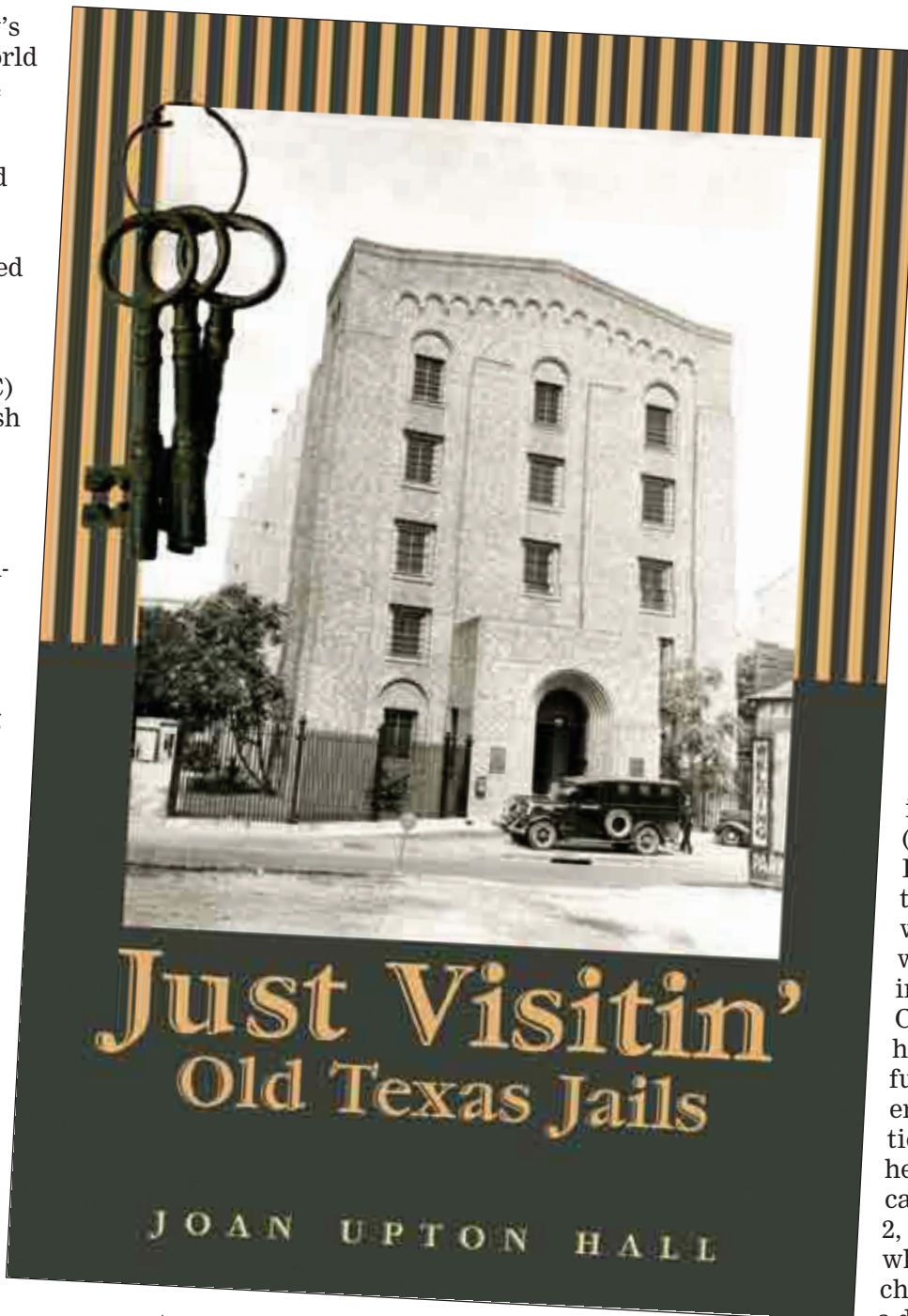
I guess we are on a music kick. The library has also acquired "Anchored in Love: An Intimate Portrait of June Carter Cash" (B CAS J), written by John Carter Cash and "Jacko: His Rise and Fall" (JAC M), by Darwin Porter. This is about Michael Jackson.

Larry King has written a book about Princess Diana — "The People's Princess" (B DIA P) and we also have "MacArthur" (B MAC D), written by Richard B. Frank about Douglas MacArthur, hero of the Pacific Theater during World War II.

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