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Up and coming country star Kyle Park will be performing during a Relay For Life fundraiser set for Saturday evening at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Kyle Park to help give Relay For Life a boost

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

New ideas bring music to the Crossroads, attention and needed funds to Relay For Life — at least that's the goal.

Kyle Park, an up-and-coming musician, will be performing an all-ages concert Saturday at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park hangar — a unique venue in that not just anyone can rent out the building — in order to kickoff the Texa-Stone Racers fundraising for the upcoming Relay in April.

"The idea came about as we were trying to think of new ways to raise money for Relay," said Brenda Edwards. "We thought a concert would be a good way."

Park was raised in the Leander area and developed his talent by performing at family gatherings. Singing is something he has done his whole life, according to Edwards. In September, he released a new CD and his first music video, "Make or Break Me."

Last year, a concert was held in February at the Howard County

Fair Barn, but due to a scheduling conflict the venue for this year's show had to be changed — as well as the performance date.

"We were fortunate to find the hangar. It's not a place normally rented out, but the company leasing the hangar was more than happy to lend it to us for the event. Everything fell into place when we needed it," explained Jennifer Sayles.

The idea began taking shape in

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Halloween events, festivals planned through Monday

- Saturday, Oct. 29**
- Spooktacular Extravaganza will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight at building 48 at 2004 First Ave., located near Hangar 25 Air Museum. There will be concessions, including barbecue sandwiches with chips, movie style popcorn, pickle pops, pickles, sodas and water. Games and prizes will be available, as well as a haunted house. All proceeds will benefit Blue Santa Program hosted by the Big Spring Police Association. Games are \$2 each and \$5 per person for the haunted house.
- Sunday, Oct. 30**
- Trunk for Treats at First United Methodist Church will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be snow cones, cotton candy, bouncing houses, a game trailer and live music by Fade. The fun will be held in the west parking lot on the Gregg Street side of the church.
 - Spring Creek Fellowship Harvest Event is set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be train rides, free hot dogs and drinks, game booths and prizes. Fall background photos will be available for \$5. Spring Creek Fellowship is located in the College Park Shopping Center.
 - Coahoma Methodist, located at 401 N. Main St., will be having a Harvest Festival starting at 4 p.m. There will be games, hayrides and more. For more information, call 432-270-5910.
- Monday, Oct. 31**
- Howard College Women's Dorm will hold trick or treat for all area youth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - First Baptist Church will host its fall festival in the downstairs area of the church for the children of Big Spring. Costumes are encouraged, but no scary ones. The festival begins at 6 p.m.
 - For the sixth consecutive year, the Great Pumpkin will be making a stop at 911 Goliad. Members of First Christian Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church will come together to circle their cars and vans to open their trunks filled with candy to share with children of Big Spring.
 - On Halloween evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m., as many as 30 cars will be set up for people to come by to get treats, smiles and warm welcomes from some of the friendliest witches, ghosts, and goblins you will ever meet. Each year has been a great success. There will be awards for the best decorated trunks. This year they will be offering hot dogs and soft drinks.
 - Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is set from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be family activities, games, candy and more. Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For

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Howard County employees hosting bazaar for United Way

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The community is coming together in hopes of supporting the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

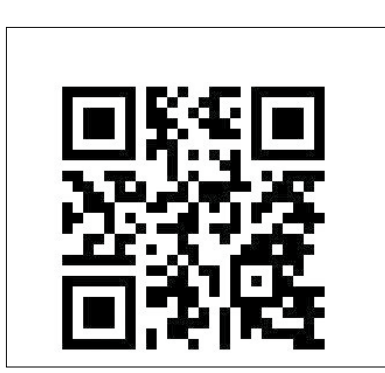
This year, Howard County employees are adding to the effort with the first annual Howard County Employees Bazaar.

The bazaar will take place Friday on

the second floor of the county courthouse. Numerous homemade items will be for sale with proceeds benefiting the 2012 United Way campaign.

"The whole idea got started with Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman and I talking about making a few items and donating the

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Early voting draws yawns

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A quick look around the early voting polls in this year's constitutional amendment election might have local voters wondering if the zombie

apocalypse of movie fame has finally become a reality.

However, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, the Crossroads population is doing just fine — or as fine

as can be expected during an election that fails to feature a hot-button topic.

"Anytime we're going into an amendment election, we

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Obituaries

Bruce (Harley) Earl Allred Hollis



Bruce (Harley) Earl Allred Hollis of Austin, Texas, passed into the loving Lord's care Oct. 23, 2011. Bruce was born in 1964 in Homer, Alaska, to Connie Allred of Big Spring and Bill Hollis of Guam. He was a truck driver and avid Harley Davidson man.

A private family memorial service was held in Austin, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dorothy and Earl Hollis of Homer, Alaska, William and Catherine Allison of Alaska and Reedy Allred of Ackerly, Texas.

He is survived by his mother, Connie Allred of Big Spring; father, William Hollis of Guam; his dad, Danny Allred and wife Mary of Roscoe, Texas; sister, Cindy Grayson and husband Jim of Big Spring; brothers, Roger Truscott II and wife Kelly of Whittier, Alaska, and Bill Allred and wife Maria of Austin, Texas.

He is also survived by his grandmother, Rosa Lee Allred of Big Spring; his girlfriend, Cynthia of Austin; three nephews, Adam, Xavier and John; niece, Candice; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

If you would like to pay your respects to the family, please make a donation on behalf of Bruce to the American Heart Association.

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Linda Dell Penman



Linda Dell Penman, 67, of Abilene, Texas, passed from this life to the next Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. The family will receive friends for a memorial service Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, in Abilene at 4 p.m. at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home — located at 542 Hickory St. — with the Rev. Joseph Barrett officiating.

Linda was born March 20, 1944, to William Dell and Sarah Ione Allen Penman in Haskell, Texas. She felt fortunate to have grown up in the small community of Rochester, Texas, where the students could participate in any activity or sport they chose.

She was a majorette and, later, the drum major for the marching band, played first chair clarinet in the concert band and played alto sax in the stage band. During her senior year she was named queen of the Abilene West Texas Fair and graduated from Rochester High School in 1962.

Linda graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in 1966, and that summer, married Ben Faulkner and moved to Big Spring. They had two boys, Terry and Scott. Very active in the community and church, Linda played bells for the choir and taught Sunday School at First Methodist Church.

She was state vice-president for the Jaycee-Ettes. She cut up and cooked rattlesnake for the Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup for 10 years, and even milked a rattlesnake in the pit — one time.

After a divorce in 1976, Linda and her boys moved to San Angelo. She was state section director for the

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Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) for Howard and Val Verde counties, and was the contact person for people to report sightings.

She graduated with a master of science degree in counseling psychology from Angelo State University in 1980. Linda worked at the San Angelo State School as an associate psychologist until she moved to Abilene in 1994.

She then worked at the Abilene State School as an associate psychologist and retired from Texas MHMR in 2000. Linda returned to work as a counselor with Windham ISD at the Robertson and Middleton prisons and retired again in August of 2010.

Linda enjoyed golf, snow skiing, motorcycling and scuba diving, was a private pilot and true to her Scottish heritage and love of music, playing the bagpipes as a member of the Abilene Pipers. She and childhood friends traveled to many parts of the world. They snorkeled near the Australian Great Barrier Reef, cruised to Alaska, trekked through Spain, explored Pompeii, climbed magical Machu Picchu, visited Stonehenge, participated in tribal ceremony in Fiji, climbed a temple in Yucatan, Mexico, zip-lined in the Caribbean and visited many other places.

Linda is survived by her children, Terry Dell Faulkner of Abilene and Scott Ashton Faulkner of San Angelo; her granddaughter, Lindsey Dell Faulkner of Sherman; her brothers, Bill Penman of Rochester and Bob Penman of Austin; and many relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to Grace Flight or the church/charity of choice. You may view and sign a guestbook at www.elliotthamilfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- MELINDA HERNANDEZ REYES, 41, of 2309 Marshall, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container.
- AMY LYNN FLORES, 30, of 621 Sgt. Paredez (rear), was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to appear.
- FRED RUBIO, 46, of 621 Sgt. Paredez (rear), was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, driving while license invalid, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of W. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 2500 block of Albrook.
In the 300 block of S. Goliad.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- AMY LYNN FLORES, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.
- FRED RUBIO, 46, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

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BAZAAR

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money from the sale of those items to the United Way and then we had the idea to see who else would want to get involved and it just went from there," said Sharon Adams, county treasurer assistant.

The bazaar will include jewelry, Christmas items, aprons and hand towels, baked goods and more. The sale will begin at 8 a.m.

"Now, more than ever, these 15 agencies are in need of our support," Adams said.

Also jumping in to lend a helping hand to the campaign is the GEO Group Inc. GEO is bringing a haunted house — Night of Nightmares — to Big Spring.

For three nights, beginning this evening through Saturday at the Old Training Center, area residents

will be able to experience screeching sounds and frights, provided by The Computer Store and 51/50. Adult tickets are \$7. Children's tickets are \$5. The haunted house will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight all three nights. The Old Training Center is located at 5500 Perimeter Rd. E.

All proceeds from the haunted house will also go to the United Way campaign.

At this point, the 2012 campaign has raised 20 percent of its \$275,000 goal. The campaign, which began Sept. 1, will conclude Nov. 18.

To find out more about the United Way and its 15 agencies or to learn more about either of the fundraisers, contact Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

CONCERT

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September 2010. After all the planning, Sayles said people can expect to come out and have a good time, while supporting a good cause. The Justin Kaczyk Band, made up of Justin Kaczyk, Bobby Barber and Mike Speck, will be the opening act and will take the stage around 7:30 p.m.

"They (The Justin Kaczyk Band) are very excited to be joining the lineup and playing for the cause," Sayles said. "Kyle Park puts on a great, non-stop and high-energy show."

Food will be available and a Halloween costume contest will allow concert-goers an opportunity for a cash prize.

"Everyone in Howard/Glasscock counties has been touched by cancer in some way," Sayles said. "The money raised here will not only help cancer research, but this money comes back around and benefits our communities via the American Cancer Society and their

programs to help cancer survivors right here in Howard and Glasscock counties."

All proceeds from the event will benefit Relay For Life. Of course, if for some reason residents aren't able to make it to the concert there are other ways to help the cause. Volunteers are always needed, especially in the "Road to Recovery," "Reach to Recovery" and "Look Good ... Feel Better" programs, according to Sayles.

Through these programs, patients who are unable to drive themselves to their treatments can take advantage of transportation provided by volunteers or assistance in dealing with a new diagnosis. "Look Good ... Feel Better" provides a way for women to rise above the temporary side effects by providing beauty tips to help increase self-image, appearance and quality of life.

"Many area Relay For Life teams will be working this event, including Men in Black, which will be cooking fajitas," Sayles said.

Food is expected to be ready

around 7 p.m. Team Wal-Mart Jags will be selling sodas and water, with all proceeds benefiting Relay. The event is BYOB, but no glass containers will be allowed.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20, standing room only, or in advance until noon Saturday at Klassic Kleeners and Ward's Western Wear. For those wanting to reserve tables, reservations must be made by noon Friday by calling TexasStone Quarries at 432-354-2569. Tables are \$200 for seating of eight.

The hangar is located at 3100 Rickabaugh Dr. W, hangar building 1162 next to the airport office. Sayles said signs will be placed inside the airport.

Relay Community Kick-Off is set for Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. The entire community is invited and snacks and information will be provided regarding the upcoming Relay.

For more information, call the ACS office at 432-683-6374.

VOTE

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already know the turnout is going to be much lower than what we see during elections that feature actual candidates," Bloom said with a laugh. "So, the early voting polls may be pretty deserted throughout the day, but it's something we fully expected."

Bloom said her office is seeing about one dozen ballots cast each day, with similar turnouts around the state.

"We had 13 ballots cast Monday when the early voting polls opened, another 11 cast Tuesday and around a dozen cast Wednesday," Bloom said. "I've been communicating with other counties and they are seeing similar numbers through most of the state. The only places that are seeing a better turnout are counties where they are holding special elections, which usually mean a proposed bond or candidates."

Bloom said her office has also planned a pair of extended-hours polling days during early voting.

"Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 3, we will be of-

fering extended hours," Bloom said. "The early voting polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. both days. We hope, by extending our hours on those days, it will give people a chance to come in and cast their ballots early when they might not normally get the opportunity because of their work hours."

Among the proposed amendments in the election is Proposition No. 1 (SJR 14), which would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amend-

ment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

According to Bloom, Proposition 1 is the closest Howard County has to a hot-button topic in the election.

"Most of the people who have had a comment to make while casting their ballots have had something to say about Proposition 1," Bloom said. "More than anything, voters this time around have questions about the propositions and what they are supposed to accomplish. We have information available here at the election office that explains the proposed amendments,

so we've been trying to get that out to the voters."

Early voting polls are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through Friday this week, and again next week, with extended hours from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 3.

Bloom said the deadline for Howard County voters to request a mail-out ballot is Monday.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom. "I have to have the requests no later than Monday. If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail."

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the

voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

"We're hoping this will help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county," she said.

For more information on voter registration, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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Ben Dominguez, 49, died Sunday, October 23, 2011. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Trinity Memorial Park.

James (Jim) Henry Buhrkuhl, 71, passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011. Family and friends will gather at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Oct. 29, 2011 at 2 p.m. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Winning athletes commit themselves to healthy eating, exercise and practice. They spend untold hours running, lifting and working with teammates. They know games are won on the practice field and lost during the off-season.

Parents spend money on softball bats, baseball gloves, football camps, and personal trainers. They spend years driving to basketball tournaments and gymnastic meets. They dine at concession stands and sit through marathon track meets.

Many families are committed to the athletic success of their children but give little attention to spiritual training! "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." (1 Corinthians 9:25).

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Oh the things we can do ...

Another weekend is almost upon us. Halloween is less than a week away and there are countless activities for the community to take advantage. For those wanting to find a safer alternative to the normal trick-or-treating there will be plenty of opportunities Saturday night and Monday night.

Saturday night the Eagles Lodge will be hosting a trick-or-treat event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Big Spring Mall will also hold trick or treating starting at 6 p.m. Sears will be having a pre-carved pumpkin contest at 6 p.m. as well.

Halloween fun is going to be celebrated with a little bit of music at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park hangar in order to raise awareness and funds for the upcoming Relay For Life. Kyle Park and The Justin Kaczyk Band will be performing with music starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the concert, put on by TexaStone Racers Relay team, are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at Wards Western Wear or Klassic Kleaners. During the concert, there will also be a Halloween costume contest which will allow some to take advantage of a cash prize.

For those who wait for this specific time of year just to add a light fright to their lives, there will be a few chances to do so this weekend.

Night of Nightmares, put on to support the local United Way, will have open doors from 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The haunted house is located at the old training center out past the old compost site at 5500 Perimeter Rd. E. Adult admission is \$7 and kids \$5.

Area churches will be providing fall festivals for children of all ages. More information on each of these festivals can be found in Friday's church page and in an upcoming edition.

Numerous area businesses will also be taking part in a Halloween Safe Stop, including Kates Fina, Parks Convenience, Back in Motion, H&R Block, H-E-B, Howard girls dorm, My Favorite Place and Maribels. The Eagles Lodge will be providing trick or treating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday as well as the Big Spring Mall starting at 6 p.m.

Either way you look at it, there is only one question ... Trick or Treat?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Clear thinking returns to us, Lord, when we give our problems to You through our prayers. Amen

One less Gaddafi in the world, you should take it

Like any good liberal I thought that Muammar Gaddafi, after being captured by rebel forces, should have been read his Miranda rights and then taken directly to jail to await trial by a jury of his peers. After being indicted, of course.

As a human being, however, I didn't recoil from the images of his terrible death. There's something deeply and almost atavistically satisfying in seeing a murderous tyrant meet the end he deserves.

I recall pictures of his fellow miscreants, Saddam Hussein and Hosni Mubarak, in court looking meek and frail. You almost felt sorry for them.

There was none of that with Gaddafi. In a scene almost too Hollywood to be true, he was dragged from his hiding place in a sewer pipe, spread-eagled on the hood of a truck and pummeled by an angry mob of his victims while begging for mercy. As far as we know, he was then executed without ceremony.

But his final humiliation wasn't yet complete. His corpse was taken from place to place so that the people he'd oppressed for more than 42 years could see, at long last, that their nemesis was truly dead. There were

stories of Libyans punching the body as they filed past, even bouncing his head up and down where he lay.

That is Shakespearean in its dramatic irony.

It reminded me of a picture I saw more than 65 years ago, one whose vividness I carry with me even today.

It was a grainy newspaper photo of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, along with his mistress and several henchmen, hanging upside down, their arms reaching toward the ground, at a gas station near Milan. As Italy fell, they had been captured by partisans and thus dispatched. It was at once horrible and fascinating.

Although it goes against the grain of my enlightened liberalism, I can't rid myself of the notion that there are certain crimes — mainly war crimes — that are so heinous, so incomprehensibly cruel and irredeemably evil, that justice isn't enough. Vengeance is demanded.

I was a skeptic about our intervention in Libya at the beginning, simply on the basis of our sorry track record in the Middle East. Involvement in yet another endless war wasn't called for.

I changed my mind when it became apparent that we weren't putting troops at risk. I think this ending justifies President Barack Obama's decision.

Not everyone feels that way. Some Republicans (who wouldn't credit Obama if he single-handedly found a cure

for cancer) still say that the war didn't involve our national interest and we should have stayed out of it, humanitarian crisis be damned.

Gaddafi was a financier of terrorism throughout the world. He engineered the killing of U.S. citizens in the Lockerbie bombing as well as other terrorist attacks. He offered handsome cash awards to the families of suicide bombers all over the world. Getting rid of him wasn't in our national interest? Gimme a break.

There's a legitimate question as to whether Gaddafi's death will lead to a more democratic Libya, one that is a force for peace in the region.

I tend to be of the persuasion that nothing that happens in the Middle East makes things better. But this may be an exception.

Besides being a tyrant, Gaddafi was also a benevolent dictator, one who provided health care, education, and other benefits to his people. They are well placed to begin to govern themselves.

It's a shot. When you get a chance to have one less Gaddafi in the world, you should take it.

If I were President Obama, I'd have a picture of Qaddafi's last moments blown up to poster size and sent to Bashar al-Assad of Syria and Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen. As a friendly reminder.

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DONALD KAUL



Halloween time is back again

That's right, it's that time again when little ghosts, goblins and ghouls will be wandering the streets, asking the all-to-traditional question, Trick or Treat and be holding out their bags and baskets looking for candy to fill them.

Then again, even though "Trick or Treat" has managed to stay throughout the years, the costumes aren't really what they used to be.

I remember when I was still young enough to trick or treat, my favorite costume was a witch.

I loved to dress in black, put on my sparkly witches hat and carry a small broom. Sometimes I would even throw on a silver or black eye mask just to add a little mystery. It was a simple, yet unique costume.

It wasn't uncommon to see witches, ghosts and goblins wandering the street, but as time has progressed, the costumes have converted over to the silver screen.

It seems the traditional costumes have taken a backseat to

the Transformers, Spidermans and Star Wars costumes. Little girls aren't trying to figure out what color of witch they will be, instead they are trying to figure out if they are going to be Barbie, Tinkerbell or Hannah Montana.

The little boys are leaning away from the vampires, werewolves and ghosts and having to decide whether they want to be Optimus Prime or Bumblebee.

Halloween night isn't exactly a night for the spooks to come out as much as it once was, but more so a night of the movies coming to life and walking the streets.

I'm not saying there is anything wrong with the modern day costumes, but in my opinion the uniqueness, personalization and imagination has been taken out of Halloween.

I recall the one Halloween when my costume didn't come from the store, but instead was the creation of my dad's wild imagination.

As part of the the library's program celebration, we had a costume contest, but the requirement was that it wasn't store bought, but instead home made. As soon as I presented the request to my dad, his mind started working and my costume came to life. It was decided there could be no better costume for

the library contest than to be a book.

Of course, not just any book, but an open book that told a story. (See my love for writing and reading has existed since I was a child.)

My dad went to constructing my 3-D costume that would fit around me (and dare I say, was rather difficult to sit down in) as I began writing my story to be included in the book.

You know, I can't tell you what story I wrote or even the bare bones of it, but I know that costume is one I wish I still had. Even though the costume is long gone, the memories I have of that year will never be forgotten.

To kids these days it may seem like a stupid thing or a ridiculous idea, but I have to say I have never been more proud of a costume.

Not only was it something different, but it was something that was designed from imagination and made with memories.

I know, it sounds corny, but those are the moments I remember from my childhood and as a parent, those are the kinds of memories I want my son to possess.

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When the Marlboro man meets moisturizer

By MAE ANDERSON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Everyone wants flawless skin, flat abs and a fab rear. But men don't always admit it.

So, companies that sell products promising to help guys lose weight, conceal bloat and enhance skin have to walk a fine line between men's vanity and masculinity. But how do you market moisturizer to the Marlboro Man?

Dove plays the theme song to the 1930s TV western "The Lone Ranger" and compares guys' skin with cowhide in commercials for its men's shower gel. Weight Watchers uses TV spots with trimmed-down singer Jennifer Hudson to market to women, but opts for average Joes talking about drinking beer and grilling meat in ads for its weight loss program for men. Dr Pepper is more overt in ads for its diet soda targeted toward men with the tagline: "It's not for women."

The ads come as guys are succumbing to growing pressure to suck in their guts and hide their blemishes. In one of the biggest signs that men are more image-conscious, the number of chemical peels, laser hair removal and other cosmetic procedures on men is up 45 percent since 2000, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

"Back in the day, guys cared more about working hard and providing than having a hairy chest or a beer belly," said Brian McCarthy, 32, a Philadelphian who works out regularly and uses hair pomade. "Guys worry more about their appearance than they used to."

Fashion and pop culture have a lot to do with the change.

The ultra-slim silhouette and skinny jeans that hit the high-fashion

world several years ago have infiltrated men's departments in mainstream stores like Banana Republic and Old Navy. And because of social media websites like Facebook and Twitter, men constantly are confronted with photos of fit male celebs like singer Justin Timberlake and actor Will Smith.

The U.S. economic downturn even plays a role. With unemployment around 9 percent, men looking for a job have to make sure their look is as polished as their resume.

"The better you look, the more you're going to earn," said Deborah Mitchell, executive director for the Center for Brand and Product Management at the University of Wisconsin School of Business. "Men are increasingly thinking 'Wow, I need to look good or look young.'"

That doesn't mean men want the whole world to know.

Dove officials had that in mind when they launched a line of shower gels for men. The brand, a unit of Unilever, had been synonymous with women since the 1950s. But when Dove rolled out the Men+Care line of lighter-scented shower gels, it used a more "manly" approach to marketing.

The "Manthem," which was launched during the Super Bowl in 2010, showed a man's journey through life from conception to age 30. In another ad, the theme music for "The Lone Ranger" plays as a deep male voice urges men to use Dove shower gel to moisturize their "man hide," which it says dries out like cowhide.

Then, the voiceover implores men to not be bashful: "Be comfortable in your own skin."

Rob Candelino, Unilever's marketing director for personal wash in the

U.S., declined to give sales for the Men+Care line, but said the campaign has exceeded expectations.

Before seeing ads for the Men+Care line, James Harris, 32, wouldn't dare use his girlfriend's Dove soap. But since seeing one of the ads during a Yankees baseball game in April, he has become a loyal user of the brand. "If it's for men, I'll use it," says the student who lives in Birmingham, Ala. "If it's for women, I won't."

Weight Watchers found that men respond better to real men — rather than women or celebs — in ads for its weight loss program. In April, it launched its first national campaign targeting men, using ordinary fellas talking about its online "cheat sheets" that give tips on the healthiest ways to enjoy beer and grilled meats.

"Losing weight clicked for me when I realized that Weight Watchers online was for guys too. It's not all rainbows and lollipops," one man says in the ads.

Another recalls his friends teasing him about being on the program: "I go, 'Really? I look a lot better than you right now.'"

During the first five weeks of the campaign, the percentage of men using Weight Watchers online rose from about 8 percent to 15 percent of all users. The company plans a new campaign early next year.

Cheryl Callan, chief marketing officer at Weight Watchers, said you have to market to men and women differently. For example, she says "men will not use the word 'diet.'"

Many men also won't use the word 'girdle.' So, Spanx, which sells girdle-like products to slim physiques, made some changes when it launched its men's line last year. To market its "compression" shirt, which is de-

signed to make a man's chest look firmer, the company tweaked its packaging and website. Both feature a macho, superhero-like character named Blake to convey the idea that men can "do anything" and feel "powerful" while wearing Spanx.

"Men's psyches are different than women's," says Laurie Ann Goldman, Spanx CEO. "Men want to feel powerful and strong. Women want to feel smart and choice-ful."

As for whether the name is a deterrent for men? Sales of Spanx for Men are about 40 percent better than the company expected, Goldman said, although she declined to give figures. "We found if you could take a couple of inches off a man's waist and tighten his torso, he would be fine calling it Spanx," she says.

But sometimes marketing to men winds up irking the opposite sex.

After research showed that men think drinking diet soda is "girly," Dr Pepper Snapple Group went out of its way to exclude women in marketing for its Dr Pepper Ten 10-calorie soda aimed at men. Ads for the "It's not for women" campaign, which was rolled out earlier this month, show men in a fake action movie drinking Dr Pepper Ten. There's also a "men only" Facebook page that features a game that allows guys to take target practice at lipstick and high heels. If you're listed as female on Facebook, you can't play.

Officials say the campaign has been well received, but an online petition to stop what critics say is "sexist" marketing lists more than 1,600 signatures.

Despite the controversy, Leslie Vesper, Dr Pepper's brand manager, says: "The vast majority of our consumers get the joke."

Obituaries

June Redford Reid



June Redford Reid, 94, of Stanton passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 24, 2011. A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Stanton at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, with viewing to be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

June was born at home June 29, 1917, to Elder S.N. Redford and Henrietta Milton Redford in Llano County, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Mark, Tomy and Wilson Redford; and three sisters, Grace Talley, WillEtta Short and Mabel Osbourn.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Stanley Reid of Stanton; sister, Ruth Hopson; daughter, Glen Reid Baker; son and daughter-in-law, Gary Reid and Ruth Lewis Reid, all of Stanton; four grandchildren, Amy Baker of San Bruno, Calif., Anna Baker of Rockwall, Casey Reid of Stanton and Jacob Reid of Hill AFB, Utah.

Also surviving are 13 great-grandchildren, Duncan Baker, Elliott and Brennan Dwire, Jonah Kai Baker, Myka and Kiley Reid, Leslie Popham, Zach and Nathan Tryson, Delaney Thames, Caitlyn and Elliot Reid; grandsons-in-law, Gary Landis and Jason Dwire; granddaughters-in-law, Dylana Provanca Reid and Sharon Henson Reid; sisters-in-law, Jean Reid of Midland and Elenia Reid Haynes of Rogers, Ark., and many nieces and nephews of four generations.

June married Stanley Reid on Jan. 16, 1938, at her parents' home immediately after graduating as a registered nurse from Brady Sanatorium's nursing training in Brady, Texas. She worked for 60-plus years as a nurse in and around Martin County in many capacities at the Martin County Hospital, as a public health volunteer and a school nurse (Grady and Flower Grove).

She initiated and taught an LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) training program at MMH and

established a volunteer candy stripper group.

June was twice honored as Woman of the Year by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. She was a proud member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and faithful community worker in Home Demonstration Club, 4-H program, Girl Scouts, charity drives, PTA and Stanton ISD parent activities.

She was a champion for historical preservation with memberships in Daughters of the American Revolution, Permian Basin Museum Institute and Martin County Historical Survey Commission. She spearheaded the establishment of the Martin County Historical Museum, serving 12 years as curator and nine years as chairman of the board.

She organized the Permian Basin American Heritage Program, Junior Historian Club and sponsored Cap Rock Collections at the museum. She was instrumental in establishing Memorial Park in downtown Stanton and in restoration of the Connell House as part of the Museum.

She was a dedicated family genealogist with extensive personal archives in her home. She published a Redford family history, Francis Redford — Emigrant to America 1635. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Stanton, serving as librarian for many years, organizing and rebinding many books and hymnals. She truly cherished all her family and friends and was loved in return.

Memorials may be sent to Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, Texas 79782.

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

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James (Jim) Henry Buhrkuhl



James (Jim) Henry Buhrkuhl, 71, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Jim was born Aug. 16, 1940, in Amarillo, Texas, to Henry August Buhrkuhl Jr. and Alice Hurst Rosser Buhrkuhl. He worked as a manager and salesman for Nunn Manufacturing Company in Amarillo and moved to Big Spring

in 1969, where he started raising Charolais cross-bred cattle with his wife, Ann.

Jim was most proud of his family, his family history and his involvement in ranching. He enjoyed a challenge and there were few obstacles he could not overcome during his lifetime.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ann of Big Spring; son, James Kevin Buhrkuhl and grandsons, Bryan and Chase of Kileen, Texas; sister, Emily Dowdy and husband Bruce of Denver, Colo.; brother, George Buhrkuhl and wife Fran of Buhlryon, Texas; brother, David Buhrkuhl and wife Cathryn of Flint, Texas; stepdaughter, Cindi Yeaman, husband Bob and sons Marshall and Preston of Benbrook, Texas; stepson, Dwayne Norton, wife Ginger of Albany and daughters Laci Norton Canada and husband Kirk of Stanton, Texas, Kayli Norton of San Angelo, Texas, and Kami Norton of Albany, Texas.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends will gather at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Oct. 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or A.S.P.C.A.

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News in brief

Man gets 70 years in prison for road-rage killing

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Jurors sentenced an Abilene man to 70 years in prison for the road-rage shooting death of another motorist.

The Taylor County jury deliberated about three hours before returning with a sentence for James Christopher North in the death of Austin Dale David.

Prosecutors say David wasn't the aggressor in the Feb. 9 confrontation during a confrontation at a south Abilene intersection. North's attorney countered that North responded with lethal force only after David brandished a handgun.

Life term over attack that left 2 dead in Amarillo

AMARILLO (AP) — A Texas Panhandle man accused of killing a couple who let his estranged girlfriend stay with them has been sentenced to life in prison without parole over the attack.

A judge in Amarillo accepted a plea agreement Wednesday from 29-year-old Wilbert Ramon Banks.

Banks had faced a possible death penalty if convicted of capital murder in the 2009 double slaying. Investigators say Banks shot 24-year-olds Stephanie Beard and Daniel Brittain because he was enraged that the pair helped his girlfriend.

Police say Beard pointed the gun at his girlfriend and tried to shoot her, but the weapon jammed.

Banks was sentenced to life in prison without parole for capital murder and 10 years in prison for assault with a deadly weapon.

El Paso man convicted of 2008 death of mother, 81

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas man has been convicted in the 2008 carbon monoxide poisoning death of his 81-year-old mother.

The penalty phase resumes Thursday in El Paso for 58-year-old Travis Kirchner, who faces up to 99 years in prison.

Jurors on Wednesday convicted him of murder in death of Patricia Kirchner.

A defense attorney said Kirchner's mother was ailing and she told her son that she wanted to die because of the possible closure of the family's ranch. A court ruling, days before the woman was found dead in her garage, banned commercial traffic on the main road leading to the ranch.

Prosecutors rejected claims that the mother and son were both depressed and had a suicide pact. Travis Kirchner testified he got drunk the night before his mother's death.

Texas bank robber gets 100 years in prison

WACO (AP) — A Dallas man convicted of two bank robberies in Central Texas has been sentenced to 100 years in prison.

A federal judge in Waco on Wednesday sentenced 48-year-old Benjamin Alexander Potts and also ordered the Dallas man to pay nearly \$519,000 in restitution.

A jury in August convicted Potts of two counts of bank robbery and two counts of using a firearm during a bank robbery. Prosecutors say the February 2010 holdups happened in Waco and Temple. Both robberies were committed at gunpoint.

Potts must serve 25 years on each of the four counts, with the prison terms to run consecutively.

A convicted fellow robber was sentenced last fall to 51 years in prison.

Agents in Laredo seize \$1.8M worth of cocaine

LAREDO (AP) — Federal agents in South Texas have confiscated more than \$1.8 million worth of cocaine found in a car searched at a Laredo border crossing.

Customs and Border Protection officials on Wednesday said the driver from the Monterrey, Mexico, area has been turned over to U.S. immigration authorities.

Investigators say the seizure happened Saturday at the Lincoln-Juarez Bridge. Two dozen bundles, with 58 pounds of cocaine, had been hidden in the floor area of the vehicle.

No classes for 2nd day after Caldwell HS fire

CALDWELL (AP) — Classes have been canceled for a second day at a Central Texas high school where smoke and fire damaged part of the complex.

Administrators called off classes Thursday at Caldwell High School to allow for cleaning and restoration of the campus.

Nobody was hurt in the fire early Wednesday that investigators believe started in a laundry room in the gymnasium area. Smoke spread throughout the high school.

All other schools in the Caldwell ISD were on their normal schedules Thursday.

Caldwell is a town of about 4,100, located 70 miles northeast of Austin.

Condemned San Antonio cop killer set to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The convicted killer of a San Antonio police sergeant is headed to the Texas death chamber.

Frank Garcia would be the 12th Texas prisoner executed this year if his lawyers aren't able to convince a court the 39-year-old former street gang member should be spared from lethal injection Thursday evening in Huntsville.

Garcia was condemned for gunning down 48-year-old Sgt. Hector Garza in March 2001 as the officer responded to a domestic violence call.

Jury eyes dad's penalty for 3-year-old son's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury now begins hearing evidence on what punishment should go to a Houston man guilty of murder in his 3-year-old son's 2006 disappearance.

Testimony on Roderick Fountain's punishment begins Thursday. The Harris County jury deliberated about five hours Wednesday before finding Fountain guilty of killing Kendrick Jackson, whose body was never found.

Fountain could be sentenced to up to life in prison. He's said he was doing laundry when his son disappeared from their southwest Houston apartment.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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North-South vulnerable.
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♥ A 5 4
♦ K 8
♣ A K J 5 3

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

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6
♥ K 9 6
♦ J 10 9 7 3
♣ 8 2

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North East South West
1♣ Pass 1NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

The problem of which suit to establish in notrump play does not lend itself to flat rules. Every deal has its own identity, and a method of play that succeeds in one case might fail completely in another seemingly similar case.

Consider this deal where South is in three notrump and West leads a spade. Before playing to the first trick, South should form a campaign plan.

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tricks immediately available, and his problem is to acquire two more. Obviously, the best source of additional tricks lies in either diamonds or clubs, and the question is which suit to attack first.

Let's say declarer decides to go after the stronger suit, clubs. If he does so by winning the spade lead in his hand and attempts a club finesse, he goes down when East takes the jack of clubs with the queen and returns the ten in order to establish his own long suit.

Although attacking clubs offers South a very good chance to make the contract, it is clearly not the best approach. Declarer has a sure way to get home safely by winning the spade lead in either hand and immediately attacking diamonds, losing tricks to the ace and queen. Regardless of the East-West distribution or how the opponents defend, South cannot be prevented from establishing three diamond tricks and making four notrump.

In this deal, therefore, South does best by establishing his weaker suit. This does not mean that declarer should always attempt to establish his weaker suit; it simply means that in this particular case, there is a method of play available that is sure to succeed rather than one that might succeed.

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News in brief

Europe crafts plan to solve debt crisis by having banks take bigger losses; markets cheer news

BRUSSELS (AP) — European leaders clinched a deal Thursday they hope will mark a turning point in their two-year debt crisis, agreeing after a night of tense negotiations to have banks take bigger losses on Greece's debts and to boost the region's weapons against the market turmoil.

After months of dawdling and half-baked solutions, the leaders had been under immense pressure to finalize their plan to prevent the crisis from pushing Europe and much of the developed world back into recession and to protect their currency union from unraveling.

World stock markets surged higher Thursday on the news. Oil prices rose above \$92 per barrel while the euro gained strongly — a signal investors were relieved at the outcome of the contentious negotiations.

"We have reached an agreement, which I believe lets us give a credible and ambitious and overall response to the Greek crisis," French President Nicolas Sarkozy told reporters after the meeting ended early Thursday. "Because of the complexity of the issues at stake, it took us a full night. But the results will be a source of huge relief worldwide."

The strategy unveiled after 10 hours of negotiations focused on three key points. These included a significant reduction in Greece's debts, a shoring up of the continent's banks, partially so they could sustain deeper losses on Greek bonds, and a reinforcement of a European bailout fund so it can serve as a €1 trillion (\$1.39 trillion) firewall to prevent larger economies like Italy and Spain from being dragged into the crisis.

Police action in Oakland, Atlanta, camps removal unnerves some anti-Wall Street protesters

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Veering around police barricades, anti-Wall Street protesters held a late-night march through Oakland streets, a day after one of their number — an Iraq War veteran — was left in critical condition with a fractured skull following a clash with police.

The show of force in Oakland along with SWAT arrests in Atlanta have sent chills among some anti-Wall Street demonstrators.

But another showdown between police and protesters in Oakland appeared to be averted late Wednesday night as several hundred filed out of a plaza declared off-limits for overnight use and marched through nearby streets.

An AP photographer on the scene said police erected barricades to prevent the marchers from reaching a freeway, sending the group down side streets en masse.

Small contingents of officers could be seen following behind but there were no signs of any confrontations or arrests. The march tapered off after about an hour, with most of the protesters apparently dispersing.

Thousands flee Bangkok as prime minister says flooding likely

BANGKOK (AP) — Residents poured out of the Thai capital by bus, plane and train Thursday, heeding government warnings to use a special five-day holiday to evacuate parts of the flood-threatened metropolis before a weekend deluge rushes through the city.

The evacuation warning applied to only three of Bangkok's 50 districts, but the government acknowledged the entire city could flood in com-

ing days meant many residents were leaving the city of 9 million people before the floods come.

The latest evacuation warning was issued Thursday morning for Sai Mai district, on the capital's northern outskirts, where waist-high water has turned roads into virtual rivers and swamped gas stations and homes.

At least one foreign government is advising against all but essential travel to Bangkok, with Britain's Foreign Office saying "flooding is likely to disrupt transport, close tourist attractions and may affect electricity and water supplies."

The U.S. Embassy has been advising Americans that ground travel around Thailand was difficult and the situation should be monitored closely.

Government making slow progress on listing, inspecting levees

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — More than six years after Hurricane Katrina's rampage, authorities have taken only halting steps toward identifying weaknesses in a nationwide patchwork of levees intended to protect millions of Americans' lives and property during potentially catastrophic floods.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, accused of building substandard levees and floodwalls that failed when Katrina swamped the Gulf Coast in 2005, has spent \$56 million since then developing the initial phase of a national levee inventory as required by Congress. The Corps on Thursday was releasing a database with information about nearly 14,000 miles of levees under its jurisdiction.

But the inventory doesn't include what is believed to be more than 100,000 additional miles of levees not covered by the Corps' safety program. Some are little more than mounds of earth piled up more than a century ago to protect farm fields. Others extend for miles and are made of concrete and steel, with sophisticated pump and drainage systems. They shield homes, businesses and infrastructure such as highways and power plants.

The National Committee on Levee Safety, established after the Katrina disaster to evaluate the system and recommend improvements, issued a report in 2009 calling for the Corps to catalog and inspect every levee so deficiencies could be fixed. But Corps officials say Congress has not provided enough authority or money to add non-federal le-

vees to the database, a massive undertaking that would take years.

"The reality is, we don't know how many levees are out there," said Eric Halpin, the Army Corps' special assistant for dam and levee safety and vice chairman of the levee safety committee. He acknowledged the inventory presently includes only about 10 percent of the likely total.

Consumer group is critical of outsourcing traffic camera systems to for-profit companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — One out of every five Americans lives in a community that pays a for-profit company to install and operate cameras that record traffic violations. A pro-consumer group says that practice could end up putting profits ahead of safety and accuracy.

Some contracts require cities to share revenue with camera vendors on a per-ticket basis or through other formulas as a percentage of revenue. Suffolk County, N.Y., for example, diverts half of the revenue from its red-light camera program to its vendor, according to the report being released Thursday by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Another type of agreement — conditional "cost-neutral" contracts — also contain provisions that link payments to the number of tickets issued, although the payments are capped, the report said. Under these contracts, local governments pay a monthly fee to a camera vendor. If ticket revenues fail to cover the vendor's fee in any given month, cities may delay payments. That gives vendors "an incentive to ensure a minimum (number) of citations are issued," the report said.

As many as 700 communities, with a combined total of more than 60 million people, outsource their street and highway camera systems, the report found.

While vendors capture violations, police or other local officials approve which violations are issued tickets. Some contracts penalize cities if they don't approve enough tickets, effectively setting a ticket quota, the report said. That can undermine the authority of local authorities to when to issue tickets, it said.

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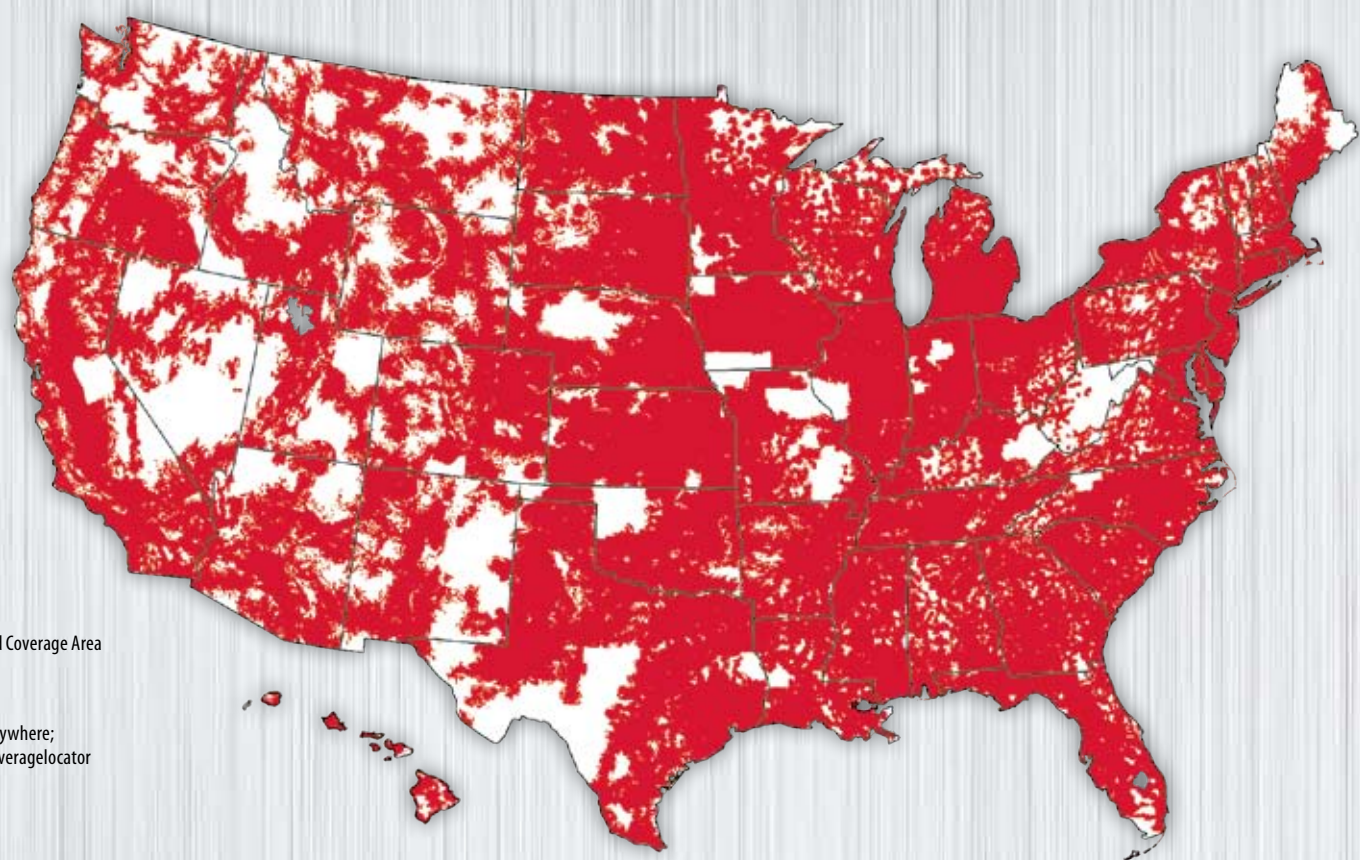
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Lady Steers down Brownwood

To face Vernon in playoffs

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers clinched a playoff spot this week, defeating Brownwood in four games. Big Spring grabs the runner-up position for District 5-3A and will face the Vernon Lady Lions, District 6-3A's third place finisher either Oct. 31 or Nov. 1 in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.

The Lady Steers fell behind in the first game, eventually falling by a close 23-25 score. The games did not get any easier, but the girls of Big Spring forced things to go their way, winning three straight games by scores of 26-24, 25-23 and 27-25.

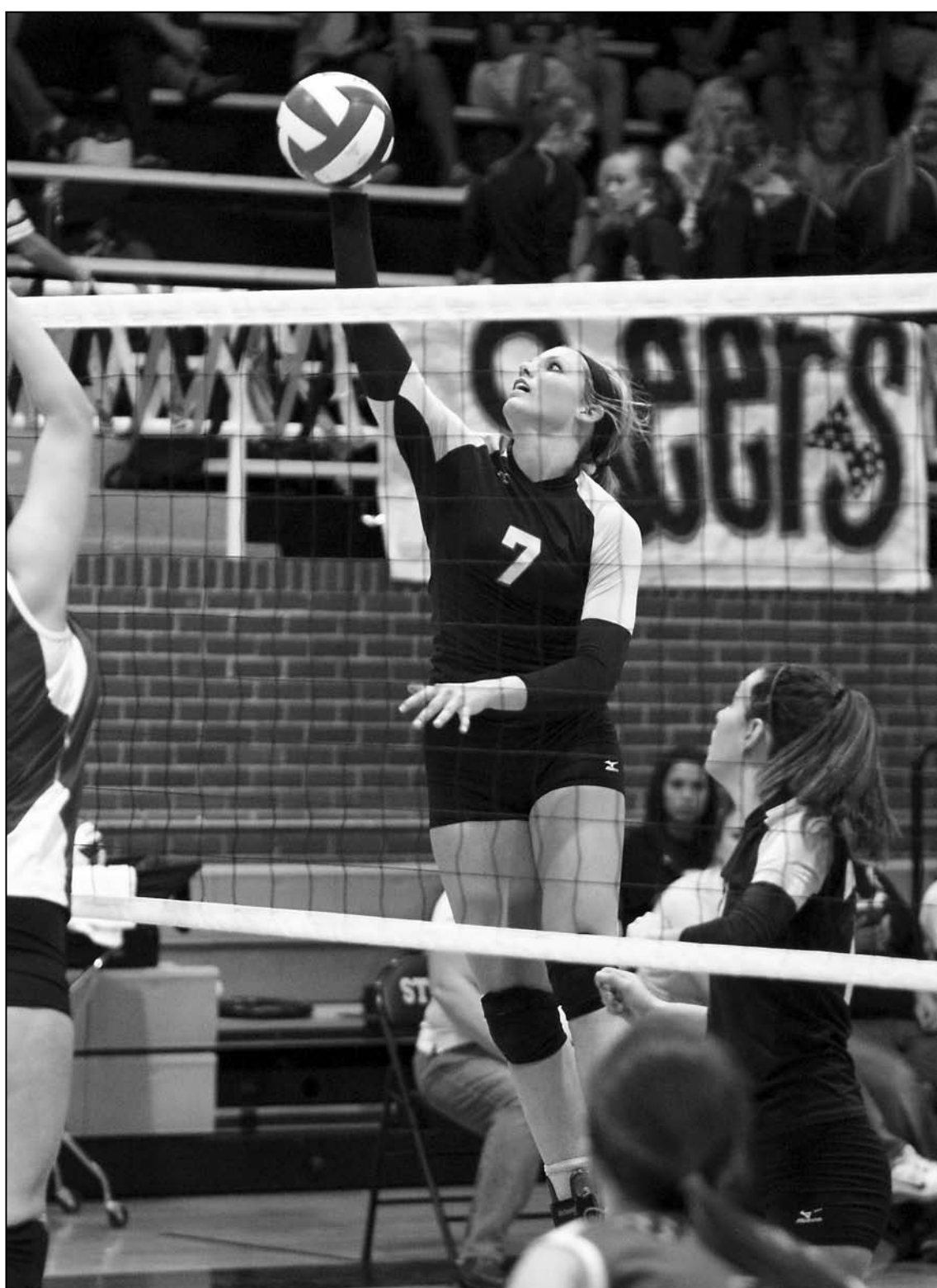
Setters Cerbi Ritchey and Morgan Seaton were absolutely on fire for Big Spring, combining for 54 assists, 38 kills, 30 digs and 14 blocks.

Any hopes of a Brownwood victory were blocked by Diamond Mayes and the Lady Steers. Mayes had a phenomenal 18 blocks in the game to go along with her six kills and two digs.

Taylor Seaton recorded 13 kills, nine blocks, eight digs and an ace in the game for the Lady Steers, while Clara Benavides had 12 digs, seven blocks, four kills, two assists and an ace.

Defensively, Big Spring was led by Carson Riebe with 25 digs, three kills and an ace. Haley Dimidjian added 12 digs, three kills and two blocks in the winning effort, while Logan Yarbar had nine digs and Julianna Rodriguez added two digs.

Big Spring's freshman team fell to Brownwood in three games by scores of 23-25, 26-24 and 18-25.



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Lady Steer Cerbi Ritchey spikes the ball over an opponent in this week's win against Brownwood. The Lady Steers finished the regular season in second place in District 5-3A behind Abilene Wylie.

Forsan, Stanton fight for final playoff spot

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports editor

The future of the Forsan Buffaloes is sitting calmly in their own hands. This week, the 5-3 Buffaloes (2-2 in district) will take on Stanton in a clash of area teams looking to distance

themselves from the herd and make the playoffs.

Idalou and Coahoma have already clinched a place at the table, though who gets to say grace will not be determined until the two teams finally meet

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Courtesy photo

Hawk rodeo team member Mecca Hickox turns a corner as she competes at the team's final fall rodeo in Lubbock. The Howard College Hawks finished their fall season in Lubbock and will start again in the spring.

Hawk rodeo team finishes fall schedule

By **CINDY SMITH**

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — The Hawk rodeo team was back on top in several events as they competed at the Texas Tech University rodeo in Lubbock, this weekend, finishing out their fall season.

Kaci Smith was doing her job in the barrel racing as she went 16.29 in the long round, and a blistering 15.98 in the short, which was enough for a first place finish in the round and a 32.27 average and the first place finish for the weekend.

Mecca Hickox continued her winning ways coming in sixth and short rounds respectively, bringing her average in at 32.65.

Teammate Tyrney Steinhoff rounded out the trio in barrels as she went 16.33 in the long, 16.94 in the short and finished with a 33.27 average and eighth place.

"It's good to see these ladies bringing home the win," Greg Kernick, Hawk rodeo head coach, said. "Kaci and Mecca have been finishing strong for the last several weeks and I hope to see that continue in the spring."

The steer wrestling competition also proved to be successful for the rodeo team, as Cullen Teller and KC Fryar both finished at the top of the heap.

Teller, a sophomore returner, went 5.0 in the long and came back in the short round with a solid 4.2 which gave him first place in the round, a 9.2 average and second place finish for the weekend.

Fryar, also a returner for the Hawks, had the fourth best time in the long round with 4.6, but brought down a 5.5 in the short. The 10.1 average was still good enough for a 3 way tie for fourth place.

Josh Siggins found himself in the short round of the calf roping, after his 9.8 in the long round but wasn't able to finish the job due to a no time in the short.

Teammate Trey Moore almost found himself in the same situation after a 71 point bareback ride gave him fourth place in the long. However, a no-time in the short round still left him with a sixth place finish in the average for the weekend.

The team roping duo of Katey Anthony and Dayton Adams was on fire in the long round after their 6.6 time gave them the second place finish for the round. But after some tough luck and a no-time in the short, the duo finished off their weekend with a sixth place finish in the average.

"We saw some really good things happen this weekend as we finished off our fall season," Coach Kernick said. "We just have to continue to work hard over the next several weeks and be prepared to come in the spring season and perform the way I know we can. We have a lot of potential just waiting to bust out."

As the Hawk rodeo teams have finished their fall season, they will pick up again in the spring by competing at the Weatherford College Rodeo in Weatherford March 1-3.

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Gabriel Baeza breaks free for a touchdown run as the Cowboys defeat the Falcons 24-7.

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It would be easy to look past Stanton for Forsan head coach Jason Phillips — and look at next week's match-up with Hawley (2-2) — but the Forsan helmetsman knows better.

"Stanton always has a tough, physical group," Coach Phillips said. "We aren't looking past anyone. Our playoffs start right now, this week."

Stanton, a team plagued by injuries this season, will be relying on the legs of Andres Chavez and Tim Anderson to do their talking for them.

When the two teams clash Friday night. The pair combined for 223 yards in Stanton's 45-20 win against Post last week.

Meanwhile, Forsan is coming off of back-to-back losses at the hands of Coahoma and Idalou and will be looking to bounce back.

"We are considering this game a must-win," Coach Phillips said. "We have added a few wrinkles which just might help us against a team like Stanton, somethings they have not seen us do."

6-man previews

Grady vs. Borden 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lenorah

Coming off of a 110-80 loss at the hands of the Sands Mustangs, the Grady Wildcats will look to rebound as they face a tough challenge this week, hosting the 7-1 Borden Coyotes. Borden is coming off of an impressive 116-80 romping of O'Donnell

Garden City vs. Rankin 7:30 p.m. Friday in Rankin

The Bearkats, now 4-3 on the season after last week's tough 38-34 loss to

Fort Davis, look to bounce back this week, as they travel to Rankin to face the 6-2 Red Devils.

Rankin is coming into the game riding an emotional wave after downing Sierra Blanca 56-0 last week.

Sands Mustangs — Bye week

After defeating Grady 110-80 last week, the Sands Mustangs will sit back and enjoy a week off before their final regular season game.

Sands currently holds an 8-1 record (3-0 in district). Borden, at 2-0 in district, is the only team with a chance to catch Sands. If they beat Grady Friday night, they will play Sands for the district title Nov. 4.

World Series rained out Game 6 to be played tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Texas Rangers took 40 seasons to reach this position. After such a long climb, they were ready to wait one more day for a chance to win their first World Series title.

Game 6 was postponed Wednesday because of a wet forecast, delaying their bid to win the championship. Ahead 3-2, they can close out the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night.

"It's just a rainout, that's it," said Texas star Michael Young, in his 12th year with the team. "I don't know if people think we're going to sit in

our hotel rooms all night biting our nails. We're going to get something to eat, get some rest and be ready to go."

Both clubs pushed back their starters by a day. Colby Lewis is set to pitch against the Cardinals' Jaime Garcia. It's likely to be clear with temperatures in the low 50s at Busch Stadium.

If there's a Game 7 Friday night, it'll be Matt Harrison for Texas against, well, no telling. St. Louis manager Tony La Russa playfully mentioned the great Bob Gibson, now a robust 75, but ace Chris Carpenter on three days' rest looms as a possibility.

"It's already been asked about Carp," La Russa said. "I was told by Carp that he would be ready to go."

The postponement came after a travel day for the teams. This two-day gap is the longest at the World Series since 1989, when the Bay Area earthquake left the

Athletics and Giants idle for 11 days.

"We're not getting antsy, we're not getting ahead of ourselves. We just have to wait," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

After a damp season and postseason, Major League Baseball announced the decision about 4½ hours before the scheduled first pitch. At the time, no drops had fallen at the ballpark.

"I'm not even sure why they canceled it," Cardinals outfielder Lance Berkman said. "This is better than the weather for Game 1. I guess I'm going to lie back on the couch like a big, fat pig and watch a movie."

Maybe Berkman could've joined La Russa. The Cardinals manager planned to go see "Moneyball."

By late afternoon, a light mist turned to drizzle and then to steady rain.

This was the first Series washout since 2008 at Philadelphia. That year, Tampa Bay and the Phillies were tied in the sixth inning when

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Up all night, NBA still has no deal

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners and players made progress toward a new labor deal during more than 15 hours of talks and will return Thursday, still hoping an 82-game season is possible.

The talks Wednesday into Thursday morning were about the salary cap system, and Commissioner David Stern said they likely will stick with that issue when they resume.

"We were able to work through a number of different issues today regarding our system," union president Derek Fisher said.

"We can't say that major progress was made in any way, but some progress was made on system issues. Obviously enough for us to come back."

And enough that the focus was more on games to be played, not canceled.

Though the remainder of the November schedule is already in jeopardy, Stern said he had no plans to cancel any more games at this moment.

Instead, union officials said they believed a full schedule — and the crucial first paycheck they seemed to have already lost — was possible if an agreement is reached by the end of this weekend.

Stern said it would be difficult, but that the league intends to play as many games as possible.

"Whether that gets to be 82 games or not is dependent upon so many things that have to be checked," he said. "We just think we've got to do it soon."

Less than a week after perhaps the low moment of the lockout, when talks broke down last Thursday with some nasty talk afterward,

the process seems back on track.

"There's no question that today was a better day than last Thursday," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said. "I think it's too early — not just in the morning — but still in the negotiations to express confidence that we're at a deal. But there's no question though that we did make progress on some significant issues, but there are still some very significant issues left."

Neither side would offer specifics or quantify the progress, but Fisher and union executive director Billy Hunter said they might be in a better position to do so after talks later Thursday. Stern would only say that "the energy in the room has been good; the back and forth has been good."

The sides did not deal with the division of basketball revenues, the other big obstacle to a deal and the one that ended last week's talks.

It emerged as such a roadblock that union executive director Billy Hunter said they should "park" the issue and turn the discussions back to the system, saying that players might be willing to take a lower percentage if they found the system rules more favorable.

"I think we'll turn to the split when we finish with the system," Stern said. "Right now, it has been profitable to turn to the system."

Seeking greater

parity among their 30 teams, owners are looking to reduce the ways that teams can exceed the salary cap so that big markets won't have a significant payroll advantage.

Players have feared some of those changes would result in what would essentially be a hard salary cap, restricting player movement and perhaps even eliminating most guaranteed contracts.

But the league has insisted for months it can no longer move forward with a system where a team like Fisher's Lakers can greatly outspend most of its rivals.

"We are united on the

NBA side in wanting a system that makes all teams competitive," Stern said. "We have some strong views on what the best way to do that is."

So do the players, who would like a system that looks much like the current soft cap structure. So even with Wednesday's progress, there are still system items to sort through. The sides have been struggling over things such as the length of the deal, players' contract lengths and the size of their raises.

"We're not going to get ahead of ourselves at this point," Fisher said. "We'll continue to remain focused on some

key principal items in our system that have to remain there in order for our players to agree to what is already a reduced percentage of BRI."

The sides returned to bargaining with a small group meeting less than a week after three intense days of mediation didn't produce a new labor deal.

Wednesday's negotiations marked the second-longest bargaining session since the lockout began July 1. The talks stretched into early Thursday morning, the first time bargaining has gone past 3 a.m.

And they ended with

a feeling of optimism. In these negotiations, an agreement to keep talking the next day has sometimes qualified as progress. With time already lost, they can't afford another setback without the season likely starting in December at the earliest.

"It's sad that we've missed two weeks, and we're trying to apply a tourniquet and go forward," Stern said. "That's always been our goal."

Talks broke down last Thursday when players said owners insisted they agree to a 50-50 split of revenues as a condition to further discuss the salary cap system.



Malachi Renteria races down the sideline for a touchdown this week as flag football heads into the playoffs in Big Spring. Renteria and his Cowboys teammates beat the Falcons by a score of 24-7.

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Rain and snow turned the field into a quagmire, forcing a suspension. It rained the next day, too, and the game finally resumed two days later, with the Phillies winning to take the crown.

Because of the debate about how to handle that situation MLB adopted a rule a few months later mandating that any postseason game stopped in progress would be resumed at the point of suspension, rather than being postponed and starting over.

This marked the latest rainout at a Series since 1986, when Game 7 between the Red Sox and Mets was pushed back by a day.

MLB executive Joe Torre said he alerted Washington and La Russa on Tuesday that a postponement was possible.

Rain was in "every forecast we had probably for the last three days," Torre said at a news conference. "They were all consistent there was going to be rain during the game."

Looking at Commissioner Bud Selig, Torre asked: "Do you want to play in rain?"

During the AL championship series, a game between Detroit and the Rangers in Texas was called because of predicted showers that never arrived. This time, they came.

Busch Stadium has had weather woes in the past. In 2006, Game 4 between Detroit and the Cardinals was called.

Rain has hovered over the majors all year with more than 50 washouts, baseball's highest total since 1997. The bad weather actually started before opening day, as the Milwaukee Brewers and Reds worked out in snow flurries on March 31.

Wicked weather intruded earlier in this postseason, too.

The opener of the AL playoff series between Detroit and New York was halted after 1½ innings by showers that lasted all night. The game at Yankee Stadium was suspended and picked up the next day at the point when it was stopped.

The only other suspension in postseason history was that Rays-Phillies game in 2008.

Baseball began the playoffs a week earlier this year than last season, intending to have the World Series conclude before November. MLB also hoped the adjustment could help

avoid a chilly finish for the championship. It was in the 40s and raw last week for Game 1.

It was in the 70s and clear at Busch Stadium on Tuesday. A perfect night to play, but it was a travel day for Texas and St. Louis.

Banged-up Texas star Josh Hamilton took the rainout in stride.

"You don't have to get worked up, hyped up to get into game mode and then shut it down," he said. "We know early, so we're able to come out here, get some swings in the cage, throw a bit. And it's smart for the pitchers, too, they don't have to get up, get going, have a rain delay, sit down."



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The differences between men and women are spotlighted as Venus and Mars square off. With Mars in Leo, men are advised to watch what they say and to whom, especially if the message could be considered boastful. Venus in Scorpio suggests women may go forward with covert operations instead of asserting themselves directly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You appreciate how wonderful it is to be alive at a time when so many new ideas are developing around you. You are feeling connected to all who share this moment in history with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hop on board a trend, and have fun with it. This probably has to do with technology. It may not solve your problem or turn into any kind of long-term benefit at all. Still, you won't be sorry you gave it a whirl.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you get the chance to tell people a little bit about you, focus on one area of life. You have so many goals that it will be difficult for people to understand the entire scope of them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Think about the times in the past when you accidentally landed in the right place at the perfect time and said the magic words. Be convinced of your own good fortune, and you'll attract more of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Not all who hear voices in their heads are schizophrenic. You know this is true, because you are a person of very sound mind and yet there is a guide in your mind who speaks in crystal-clear tones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you think about the task before you, you may get nervous. Your emotional response is normal. It shows how much you care. It doesn't make you weak; it makes you human.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're still on the fence about whether to throw yourself into a new venture. You can always take the more cautious route of tiptoeing into it. Do go forward either way. The only people who really fail are those who never try.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your location will be an important consideration. Instead of going wherever your work takes you, consider a different approach. Go to the place you want to be, and then find work there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have clashed with someone when first you met. You'll benefit from giving this person another chance. Your natures are not so different, but your habits are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Beliefs that are not based in reality are called "delusions," a word that has such a negative ring to it. But should it? Who is to say what reality is, anyway? Pick one delusion, and hold on tight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a lot of good ideas, and now you need a plan. Whittle down your list. Pick three actionable items you can follow through on today. Action will bring you focus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A relationship doesn't have to be ailing to warrant attention. Fortunately, the No. 1 thing you can do to improve a relationship will also make you feel better: Care for yourself, and do a stellar job of it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 27). There will be a healing in your personal life this year. The chapter is complete, and you'll turn a fresh page. In December, professional changes liven things up. You'll toy with groovy new ways of doing things, and your playful approach wins applause. You'll wander a bit in May and June and collect new friends. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 32, 40, 17 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My girlfriend gets mad if I try to show her I love her in public. She might let me hold her hand for a while, but she soon drops it, saying that she's sweaty. Sometimes I can put my arm around her. A few times, I tried to kiss her, and she was almost mean about it. I've heard other girls say that a guy who will kiss a girl in front of his friends is showing everyone how much he loves her, and that's romantic. But when

I tried it with her, she socked me in the arm and got really embarrassed. When we're alone, it's different. Is she ashamed of me or something? I'm a Leo, and my girlfriend is a Scorpio."

It's likely that she was simply brought up with good manners. Public displays of affection are actually offensive to many people. Because of your outgoing, attention-loving Leo nature, you might not mind being the center of attention when you kiss someone. Scorpios are usually much more private. They like to keep their cards close to the vest. Their creed is: It's nobody's business but my own. You will show your respect and love for your girl best by honoring her sense of social etiquette.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In a bit of family teamwork, Kelly Osbourne filled in on the daytime talk show "The Talk" while her mother tended to the auditions of "America's Got Talent." More hosting is in the future for this fashionista, columnist, singer, actress and television personality. Osbourne has many natal planets in Scorpio and Sagittarius, indicating a wide variety of interests and a tendency to pursue them passionately.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: My husband, "Harry," and I have been married for 32 years. Recently, he lost his job because of disability. I work two jobs to support the family.

Six months ago, Harry suggested we sell our house and move to his old hometown two hours away.

I refused because of my jobs and our children, who live near us. Harry says he spends too much time alone while I work.

He also doesn't like that I have the grandchildren over, saying I care more for them (and my job) than I do for him.

I know he feels bad because he cannot work, and I have tried to find him hobbies.

He has been visiting his hometown twice a week. At first, I thought he had someone else on the side, but he says he

just likes to be there.

It's comfortable. Now he says he is going to move to his hometown without me. He told me he still wants to "date" and stay in our home once a week so he can see the grandchildren and work on our marriage.

I am confused. It seems Harry isn't sure he's still in love with me. Now I will have to find a third job just to make the house payment. I am so hurt and angry. What should I do? — *Nervous Nellie*

Dear Nellie: We think Harry is depressed and adrift. His hometown provides a soothing cocoon and a reminder of better times.

Right now, you need to consider your own welfare. We recommend you talk to an attorney to make sure you are protected.

You may need to sell the house and move into a smaller, more affordable place. Decide whether you wish to "date" Harry, relocate to his hometown or divorce him.

Some short-term counseling could help with these decisions, and although it would be useful for Harry to go with you, if he refuses, please go without him.

Dear Annie: I share a job with "Joan," my co-worker. We each know what tasks have

to be done, and together, we are responsible for making sure everything gets done. Frequently, when Joan is off doing one thing, I will start on another. I am not the type to sit around doing nothing until she is free to start the next task.

When she returns, she invariably says, "I can help with that," in a tone that conveys the message that I shouldn't have started without her.

I never know how to respond. I've said, "Sure," but what I really want to say is, "You don't need an invitation." However, I don't think that would go over well.

Today, a phone call needed to be made. Joan sent me a note asking about it, and I took care of it.

She then confronted me, saying she would have done it herself but I "took over." She has been doing this job longer than I have, so why does she seem so insecure? What can I do when this happens again? — *Diana in Detroit*

Dear Diana: Some people need constant reassurance that they are valued. You don't have to cater to Joan's insecurity, but it helps to get along with co-workers.

Tell her you aren't trying to "take over" and that you simply want to get the job done and divide the work so neither of you is overextended.

Inform her before making a phone call to ensure you aren't repeating something she has already done. Periodically ask her opinion.

Reassure her that the office would collapse without her. It requires little effort for you to give her the impression that she is important. Ignore the rest.

Dear Annie: I chuckled while reading the letter from "Stressed Out by Picky Eaters," whose family members drive her crazy with their food preferences.

It brought back memories of an old friend who had a sign in her kitchen: "You have two choices for dinner: Take it or leave it!" — *That Works in My House, Too*

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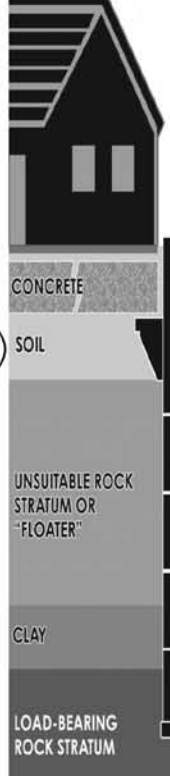
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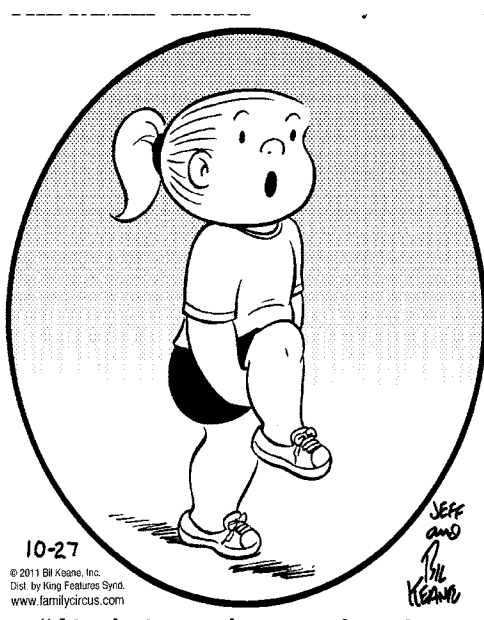
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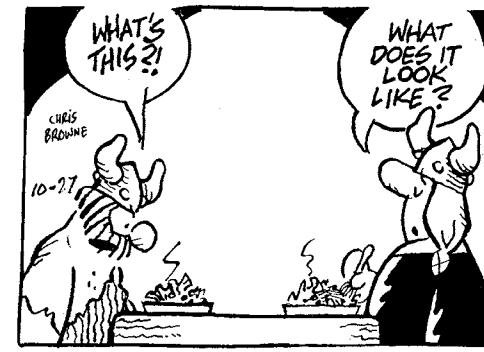
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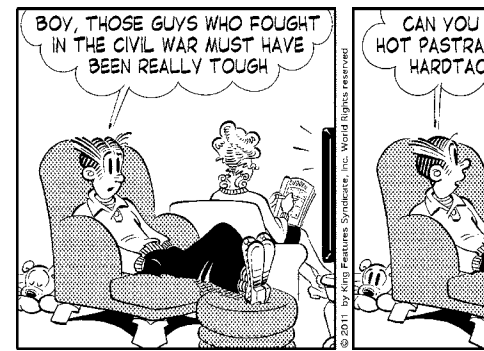


"At what age do my calves turn into cows?"

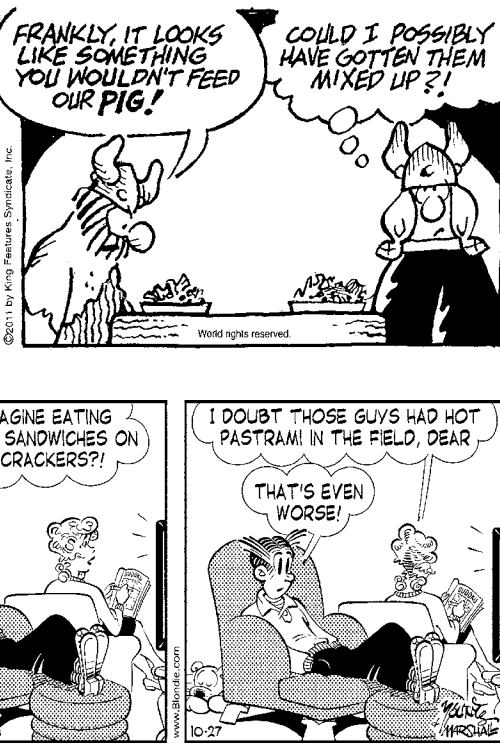
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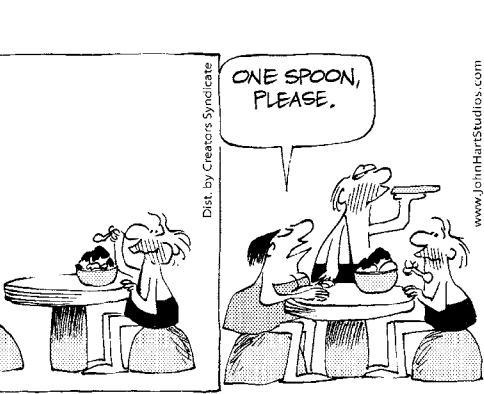
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2011. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 27, 1811, inventor Isaac Merritt Singer, founder of the sewing machine company that bears his name, was born in Pittstown, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published.

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married his first wife, Alice Lee.

In 1886 (New Style date), the musical fantasy "A Night on Bald Mountain," written by Modest Mussorgsky (MOH'-dest muh-SAWRG'-skee) and revised after his death by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, was performed in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

In 1971, the Democratic Republic of Congo was renamed the Republic of Zaire (but it went back to its previous name in 1997).

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gin) were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

In 1995, a sniper killed one soldier and wounded 18 others at Fort Bragg, N.C. (Paratrooper William J. Kreutzer was convicted in the shootings, and condemned to death; however, the sentence was later commuted to life in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 91. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster

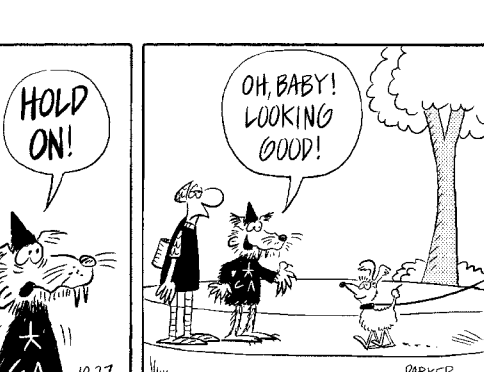
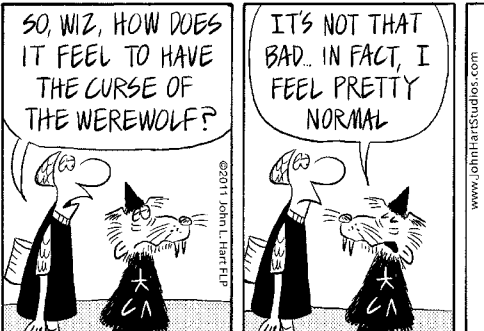
Ralph Kiner is 89. Actress Ruby Dee is 87. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 72. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 71. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 69. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 65. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 62. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 62. Author Fran Lebowitz is 61. Rock musician K.K. Downing is 60. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 60. Actor-director Roberto Benigni (beh-NEEN'-yee) is 59. Actor Peter Firth is 58. Actor Robert Picardo is 58. World Golf Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan is 55. Singer Simon Le Bon is 53. Musician J.D. McFadden is 47.

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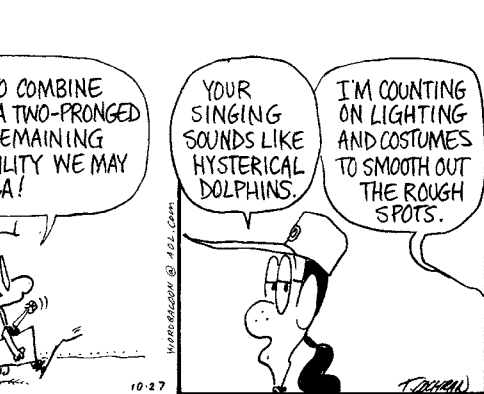
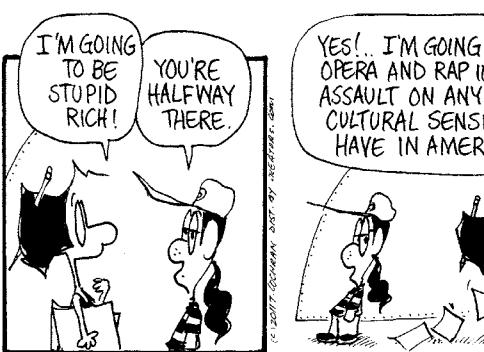
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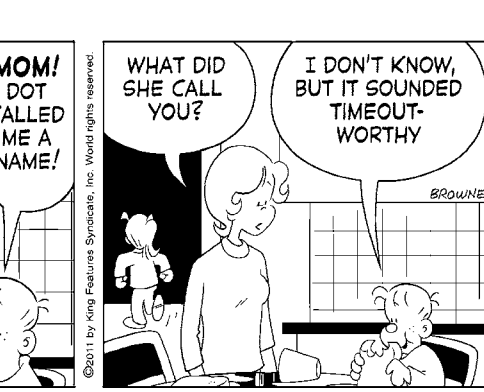
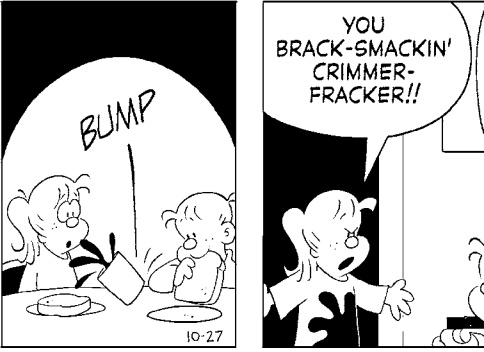
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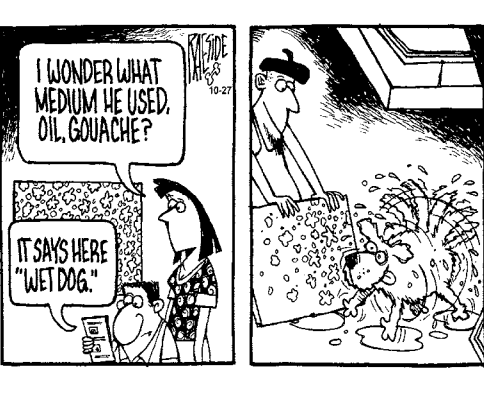
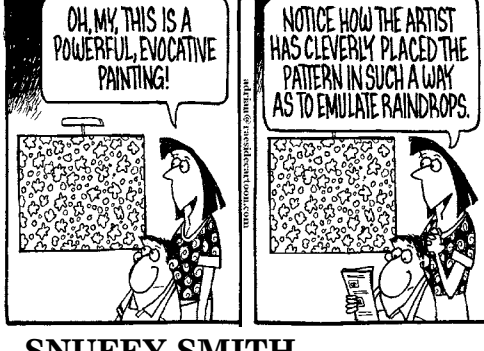
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Newsday Crossword

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 - 5 Film-credits listings
 - 10 Gibraltar
 - 14 "Big ticket" thing
 - 15 Cowboy star of yore
 - 16 Numerical prefix
 - 17 __ Bora (Afghan region)
 - 18 Connector of floors
 - 19 Arrow trajectories
 - 20 Location choices
 - 23 "Silence!"
 - 24 French school
 - 25 Family nickname
 - 27 One of a DC 100
 - 28 Fishing spot for Scots
 - 32 Hurl
 - 34 Payment choices
 - 37 __ Romeo
 - 40 Strive (for)
 - 41 Swarm
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 - 46 Place to learn CPR
 - 47 Muffin topper
 - 50 Headquartered
 - 52 Shoe designer
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 - 55 Starter choices
 - 60 Moonstruck star
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- 1 Sites with skylines
 - 2 Right away
 - 3 Individual
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 - 36 Peter Pan predator
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 - 38 Steak alternative
 - 39 Government investigator
 - 43 Needle holes
 - 44 Bar bills
 - 47 Of the first Caesar
 - 48 Luke Skywalker's dad
 - 49 Runway walkers
 - 51 Ninnies
 - 53 Temple leader
 - 54 Bounce back
 - 56 Impulse
 - 57 Large quantity
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 - 59 Half the checkers
 - 61 High-__ monitor

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