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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Flu shots available

Department of Health will be giving the flu vaccine from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Those on Medicare or Medicaid are asked to bring their card. The cost is \$10 for everyone else. The vaccine will also be given from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 and Nov. 19.

The Texas Department of Health is located in the College Park Shopping Center.

BSHS band boosters

The Big Spring High School Choir Boosters Club is holding a pancake supper on Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria, 707 11th Place.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The meal will consist of freshly made pancakes, sausage, bacon and milk or juice.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any high school choir student. Money from the event goes to support the choir program.

Driver safety class

Big Spring The Senior Center and America Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a Driver Safety Program (55 Alive) course from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14. These times include a break for lunch.

This course was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older.

Those who attend both days will received a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount.

There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll go by the Senior Center or call the center at 267-1628.

Class sized is limited to 35.

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Relay kickoff event tonight at Garrett Hall

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

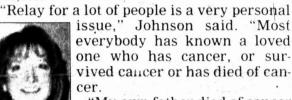
The 10th anniversary of the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life event will get a jump start tonight with a kickoff rally.

"You should expect a lot of fun and enjoy refreshments," said publicity chair T.J. Johnson. "We want everyone to come out and kick off the 2004 Relay for Life event.'

The largest fund-raiser for the local American Cancer Society, Relay for Life is an overnight event held annually at Blankenship Field that draws thousands of participants who turn their walking, running or rocking into money for cancer research.

This year's committee goal has set a goal of

JOHNSON



"My own father died of cancer in 1992. It's personal for me to help find a cure."

United Methodist Church's

The kickoff rally will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at First

Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St.

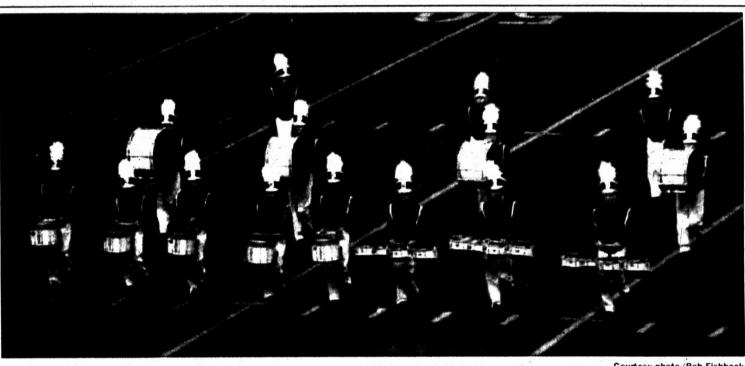
Relay for Life event has ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in fund-raising efforts for similar sized communities throughout Texas.

The money raised from the event is used to help fund research, educational and patient assistance programs.

The 2004 Relay for Life is set for May 7-8, at Blankenship Field, 707 11th Place.

Anyone interested in forming a team should contact Joanne Sayles at 267-3841 or Relay co-chair Phyllis Turney at 268-6630 or 267-2004.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at In the past six years, the Howard-Glasscock newsdesk@crcom.net



The Forsan High School band plays on the Alamodome field in San Antonio for the University Interscholastic League Class 2A State Marching contest. The Buffalo band placed fourth overall in the competition held Monday.

FHS fourth in state

Buffalo marching band advances to finals for first time

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Forsan High School band marched to a fourth place finish in the 2003 University Interscholastic League marching contest held Monday night.

"This ended terrifically for us." said bleary-eyed band director Jim Rhodes in a telephone interview this morning from San Antonio. "We've never gotten to the finals before. It jumped our program up a notch. It was totally awesome."

The Buffalo band was the last high school in Class 2A competi-

"A lot of the band members don't realize yet what we've done. But when we get back to school they'll be freaking out because we've done something at Forsan no one has done before."

> Shiloh Sanders, flag corps member

tion to step out on the Alamodome field in San Antonio in front of a large audience and perform in the 2003 state marching competition.

"The finals were crazy," said Drum Major Hayley Lewis. "Just being there with so many people and so many bands — I was a nervous wreck before competition. It was so exciting. I've never done something like that before. It was the coolest thing I've done."

Several of the band members said they were nervous before the

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State hospital volunteers to expand annual volunteer fete

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald Big Spring State Hospital volunteers treaded softly and carried a

big rolling pin last year

when they introduced a new fundraiser into their mamrepermoth toire of money-mak-

ers.

11 a.m. Thursday, Allred Building.

When they had to beat off buyers at last year's "Cookies by the Pound" sale at the Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar, they knew they could improve by expanding the product line and adding a new item to the

The result: This year's injection into the yearly hospital fund-raiser frozen casseroles.

The casseroles cookies will be presented for sale at 11 a.m. Thursday - an hour prior to the noon luncheon at the hospital's Allred Building auditori-

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VFW posts donate pool tables to Texas **State Veterans Homes**

Special to the HERALD

The members of VFW District 21 and VFW posts statewide have raised more than \$8.000 to buy pool tables for Texas State Veterans Homes in Big Spring, Floresville, Temple and Bonham.

District 21 chose to donate pool tables after a poll of residents at the homes showed they would be well appreciated. Pat Yocom, Divisional Service Social

Activity Consultant of Care Inns of Texas, which manages the Texas State Veterans Homes, contacted District 21 to get the project started.

VFW District 21 is composed of 20 posts covering eight counties in North Central Texas, including the Fort Worth area. The generosity of the District 21 posts and ladies auxiliaries provided the funds to purchase the pool tables.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home resident Weldon Peebles, middle, takes his turn at the new pool table donated by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars organization Friday while fellow residents Alvin Spiser, left, and Charles Howard observe.

Texas American Power officials to be in Big Spring Thursday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Representatives of an Austin-based energy development company will be here Thursday to meet with local officials and discuss the possible addition of more wind turbines to the Big Spring skyline.

The meeting, which has been organized by Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk, will take place throughout the day at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Lusk said the main thrust of the meeting will be to familiarize the company, Texas American Power, with the cur-

rent wind turbine market and local officials that would be involved should the company decide to locate a renewable energy facility in Big Spring.

"They contacted me and were very interested in Big Spring," said Lusk. "I've been involved with the wind-turbines in Big Spring since York Research came in 1998, and I met with a lot of people in that particular industry, so when they need information a lot of them will contact me to start the

"We just want to introduce them to the community before the rumor mill has a chance to distort things. They're just going to meet with local officials and land owners to look at the situation in Big Spring."

The company is scheduled to meet with local officials such as Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and City Manager Gary Fuqua, Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp, County Judge Ben Lockhart and several county commissioners throughout the

According to its Web site, located at www.texasap.com, Texas American Power is

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Obituaries

Ross Halfmann



Ross Halfmann, 84, of San Angelo, a former resident of St. Lawrence, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003. Rosary will be 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Halfmann was born in Olfen on Sept. 16, 1919, to Adolph Halfmann and Lena H. Schaefer Halfmann. He married Frieda

Henkhaus Halfmann on Nov. 7, 1949. His family moved to St. Lawrence in 1947. He was one of the pioneers of St. Lawrence. He worked at Phillips Petroleum in the drought of the 1950s. He was a veteran of World War II. He served in the Southwest Pacific for 31/2 years..

He was a farmer in the St. Lawrence area for 42 years. He retired in San Angelo in 1988 until his death. Some of his favorite past times were fishing and hunting. He was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frieda Halfmann of San Angelo; sons Roland Halfmann and wife, Joyce, and Gary Halfmann and wife, Sharon, all of St.. Lawrence; daughters Janice Lange and husband, Doyle, of Norton, Beverly Jansa and husband, David, of Rowena and Deborah Schkade, of San Angelo; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two step great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ralph Halfmann and wife, Alberta, and Walter Halfmann and wife, Mary Ann, all of St. Lawrence; three sisters, Grace Phelps and husband, Bill, and Clara Ann Cline, all of Big Spring; Jean Conner and husband, Bob, of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Victor and Harvey Halfmann; and a granddaughter-in-law, Missy Halfmann.

Pallbearers for the service will be Chad Halfmann, Adam Halfmann, Ryan Jansa, Heston Schkade, Tommy Halfmann and Chris Halfmann. The family would like to extend a special "thanks" for the loving care given to our father by Dr. Denver Marsh and all his caregivers.

The family also requests memorials be made to Meals On Wheels, 310 E. Houston Harte Expressway, San Angelo 76903; Vista Care Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Dr., San Angelo 76903; The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 3290, San Angelo 76902; Garden City School Library Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 9, Garden City 79739: or the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery Fund, 2400 FM 2401, Garden City 79739.

Paid obituary

Darrisa Kay Salter

Darrisa Kay Salter, 48, of Stephenville, a native of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at her home. A memorial service was held in Stephenville on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003.

Ms. Salter was born on Sept. 30, 1955, in Big Spring. She graduated as valedictorian of Forsan High School in 1973. She attended Howard College for two years and then transferred to Tarleton State University where she graduated as one of the top 10 students in her class. She was a legal assistant at The Allen Firm in Stephenville for 20 years.

Survivors include her son, Joshua Salter of Stephenville; her mother, Peggy Crooks of Big Spring; and two brothers, Darrin Crooks of Big Spring and David Crooks of Sterling City.

She was proceeded in death by her father, Ray Crooks, in 1979 and her grandparents, David and Tessie Knight.

Memorials may be made to the Howard-Glasscock American Cancer Society Relay for Life, c/o Sherry Hodnett, 600 Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Southwest winds around 5 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds around 5 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

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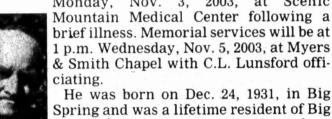
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Hugh Merworth

Hugh Merworth, 71, of Big Spring died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at Scenic



Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Mr. Merworth was a printer, having worked at Wes-Tex, Whatley and McMillan Printing Companies. He later operated his own maintenance business.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years: Barbara Merworth of Big Spring; two sons, Carl Merworth and Jason Merworth, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Mathis of Enid, Okla., and Martha Merworth of Big Spring; four sisters, Thelma Yarbrough of Big Spring, Dell Stagg of Weatherford, Mignon Chapman of Clarksville and Fern Bronaugh of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Judea Merworth; two brothers, Roy and Allen Merworth; and one granddaughter, Christin Merworth.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today

· GERALD DON RICHTER, 34, of Levelland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of a protective

NORMA VALENZUELA, 41, of 2509 Seminole Drive, was arrested Monday for driving while license suspended.

 PHILLIP JASON GRESSETT, 28, of 1801 Midland Drive, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• CIMARRON PARKER, 20, of 1322 Harding, was arrested Monday on four local warrants for theft, prohibited weapon, unauthorized use of a vehicle and lar-

 JACKIE ACUFF, 24, of 1107 Jeffery, was arrested Monday on two local traffic warrants.

THEFT was reported:

· in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell.

in the 1700 block of F.M. 700. - in the 1600 block of Donley.

- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 900 block of Willia. - in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

 FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was

reported in the 2300 block of Morrison. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in

the 700 block of Florilla. · CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported:

- in the 200 block of F.M. 700.

- in the 1100 block of Lamar.

Bulletin board

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

Coahoma Senior Citizen's Center, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Relay for Life 2004 Kick Off Rally, 6 p.m.-7p.m. First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Drive.

Howard County Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, Canterbury South, 7 p.m., 1600 Lancaster.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star,

7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 18-26-28-30-32. Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$52,453. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-8

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• CHERILYN KAY AUSBIE, 40, was taken to the

county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring

police on a charge of failing to identify as a fugitive

• ROBERT DIAZ JR., 21, was taken to the county

• RUBEN MATA MUNIZ, 22, was taken to the coun-

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the

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Sheriff's report

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The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported

the following activity:

• STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN, 24, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for fraud — insignificant

• DEBRA KAY LOMAS, 37, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police

WEHONHAH RENEE' HARMES, 32, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL SALAZAR, 31, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of interfering with an emergency all.

• BENNY JR. GARZA, 23, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of burglary of a habitation and on warrants for parole violation and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• THOMAS MILTON WESTRAY, 50, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• JOHN J. CHAPPELL, 26, was taken to the county

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from the audience to win his way to the 2003 crown but the winner went to Bill Dodson. The tongue-and-check fund-raiser collected almost \$6,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

FORSAN

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competition but once on the field, their concentration and numerous hours of work took over.

'Marching to me felt like another half-time show," said flag corps member Shiloh Sanders. "You get out there and do it. It came natural to us but marching under all that pressure and with all those people - it was amazing. It's something you can't express in

words." we started it felt like any other night," said flag corps member Ashley Colegrove. "We worked very hard for this and we

got it." Earlier in the day, the band's performance in the preliminary contest vaulted it into the top five of the 17 Class 2A state qualifving bands. This was Forsan's third straight

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Veterans Home has 160

beds and provides a broad

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time to compete at state competition.

"I was standing down on the floor with the other drum major (Rachel Clinton) when they said Forsan," Lewis recalled of preliminary the announcements. "It was just a shock. It was like it wasn't even real, then looked up at the band and

saw them screaming and

knew it was us." "It was crazy, Colegrove recalled. "When we did our performance...everybody was so judgmental. We all thought we didn't make it the finalists and they said High School, 'Forsan.' We

jumped." Monday night's performance capped off months of work which began back in August with summer band and continued through Friday night half-time shows and four consecutive contest performances during the

certified,

yard.

past month.

"A lot of the band members don't realize yet we've done, Sanders said. "but when we get back to school they'll be freaking out because we've done something at Forsan no one has done before.'

Results from Class 2A marching competition were: Argyle High School, first; Cooper High School, second; Hemphill High School, third; Forsan, fourth; and Crane High School, fifth.

Class A also held state marching competition in "I was nervous but once to the finals. They did the Alamodome Monday that slow announcing of Results were, Sundown just Throckmorton High School, second; Charlotte High School, third; Overton High School. fourth; and Sudan High School, fifth.

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a privately held energy holding company based in Austin. Formed as a Texas limited liability company, its goal is to own and invest in power generation and associated energy assets. Working solely, or with partners, it is building a portfolio of natural gas fired, cogeneration, renewable energy, and mid-stream projects with contract-based rev-

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BAZAAR

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Big Spring State Hospital volunteers, potential volunteers and hospital employees are invited to the yearly luncheon.

All proceeds from the luncheon, cookies by the pound, casserole sales and the craft sale will fund hospital patients' Christmas holidays. Each year the volunteer provices patients with a jogging suit and assorted gifts and toiletries.

For most of the patients, it's the only gift they will receive, said Suzanne Markwell, a hospital volunteer and co-chair of the crafts and cookie sale.

Hospital volunteers attend workshops and seminars during the year and scour newspapers finding the newest trends in fund-raisers. When craft sales started sagging, Markwell and her crew began looking at alternatives.

"I had seen the idea (of selling frozen casseroles) at another meeting I went Markwell to," "Marshall had done it for their symphony. They advertised it for people who needed a little extra something for the holiday season who didn't want to cook or had something ready for unexpected

Volunteers will enter the frozen casserole mars

company."

ket with a small sampling of prepared meals, includ-

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ing lasagna and enchiladas.

A baker's row selection of holiday and everyday cookies that filled up the volunteer office freezer the past few weeks will feature chocolate chip, snickerdoodles, sugar cookies and candy, including butterscotch and chocolate fudge.

The cookies can be frozen and pulled out for holiday baskets, Markwell said.

All items are prepared and donated by hospital volunteers and employ ees, cutting the overhead and increasing the profit margin.

'We made more money on the Cookies by the Pound because it didn't cost us anything, and it was all donated," she said.

People who want to purcookies chase casseroles and can't attend the luncheon can call the volunteer office for deliveries, co-chair Dorothy Sheppard said.

"You always want to improve on what you did last year," Markwell said. The craft sale will continue with the addition of

many new items. Baby quilts, pillows and soft cloth books featuring the Ten Commandments, as well as holiday items will be offered for sale. "We encourage people to come early and shop

and then stay for lunch." said Maria Brito, assistant director of community relations. The Ackerly Baptist

Church women will pre-

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sent their homemade quilt as a fund-raiser. This year's quilt features

maroon, turquoise and teal material Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed

Moughon will be the luncheon speaker. CHS band boosters

set Friday activity

The Coahoma Band Boosters will be sponsoring a tail-gate party on Friday. The party will begin at 6 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium next to the home

side concession stand. The menu will be hamburgers or cheeseburgers, all the trimmings. chips, cookies and a drink for \$5 per person.

Purchase a ticket from any band booster club member, at the gate that night or by calling Dale Pittman at 432 267-9555 or 432 517-0348.

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Florine Merritt, 85. died Sunday. Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder. Burial will be at Snyder Cemetery Visitation and viewing will be 10:00 until 11:00 AM Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Hugh Merworth, 71, died Monday. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Don't miss state hospital's luncheon, bazaar

t's almost Thursday, and time again for the Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Luncheon and Holiday Bazaar — one of those worthwhile activities that mark the beginning of the holiday season. It's really a great opportunity for newcomers to Big Spring who have never visited the state hospital. For the rest us, it's just a time to enjoy a good meal, do a little shopping and get reacquainted.

There are always lots of crafts for sale and we've been told the popular "candy and cookies by the pound" will also be offered again this year. Organizers will have a limited number of casseroles for sale — something especially good if you might be having company this weekend or just want to get out of the kitchen yourself.

Shopping begins at 11 a.m. and we'd advise you to be early. If you didn't receive an invitation to the luncheon, don't give it a thought. It's for all employees, volunteers and potential volunteers. Just call the hospital at 268-7536 and tell them you'd like to come. It's informal and fun.

Funds generated from the Volunteer Luncheon and Holiday Bazaar go to help the patients at Big Spring State Hospital have a happier Christmas. That's another wonderful reason to make plans to attend Thursday's event.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our earthly things are not forever, Lord, but your love for us is unending and forever.

Amen

Better P.R. The fix it solution

here is something faintly risible about the American habit of thinking we can fix problems through better public relations. We seem to think a positive mental attitude and high approval ratings can solve anything from shingles to

famine. Global warming? Spin that puppy right out of existence. Economy bad? Send the treasury secretary out to predict the creation of 200,000 new jobs a month — that'll make everybody feel better.

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disasters - does one of your products turn out to kill people? Have you been putting asbestos in people's homes for years? Are you a notorious polluter? What you need is a good PR firm — yes, my friends, a multimillion dollar campaign to convince people that despite your current problems your firm is warm and cuddly, cares about the environment and supports the Boy Scouts.

I am told that in Hollywood, there are PR people who specialize in repairing the damage to the reputations of movie stars who get nasty divorces and otherwise mis-

Despite what I am sure are the invaluable services of the many PR people of our nation, sometimes it is actually smarter to attack the problem itself than the public relations surrounding it. I suspect that's where we are with the situation in Iraq.

I have enjoyed the administration's PR offensive. The Bush White House's touching efforts to try to get the media to report that the glass is half-full rather than half-empty have yielded several nuggets of black comedy. George Nethercutt, a Republican congressman from Washington state, spent

four days in Iraq and told an audience at home: "The story of what we've done in Iraq is remarkable. It is a better and more important story than losing a couple of soldiers every day.

Major oops. "Let's ignore the dead soldiers" is not going to improve anything.

Sending out letters to the editor supposedly written by soldiers serving in Iraq reporting that everything there is tickety-boo didn't work out well, either. The news that the letters had been sent without the soldiers' knowledge or permission got considerably more attention than the letters themselves would have.

The administration's efforts to spin the results of the conference in Madrid were equally unimpressive. Of the touted \$18 billion pledged, only \$4 billion is in grants — the rest is loans. They want it back.

Bush has been touting the cheerful reports brought back by congressional delegations. Right. It's so secure in Iraq, the delegations spent their nights in Kuwait.

A Washington Post story by Dana Millbank reports the Pentagon is enforcing for the first time a policy that dates back to Gulf War I: no pictures of flagdraped coffins. This is apparently an attempt to control what Gen. Hugh Shelton calls "the Dover test" — the public reaction to pho tos of coffins that flow into Dover AFB in Delaware.

The Pentagon believes public support for a military action is eroded by photos of coffins, so it's. fixing that problem by stopping the photos. Reminding people of the real cost of Iraq, which is not in billions of dollars but in dead young Americans, seems to me something the media have an obligation to do. However, the flagdraped coffin photo is only one way to do it. "News Hour With Jim Leher" has been running photos of the faces of those who have been killed in complete silence at

the end of the program.

In another tragic triumph of reality over public relations, the attack on Al Rashid hotel Sunday "narrowly missed" Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, according to The Wall Street Journal. The attack injured 17 and killed a lieutenant colonel. The Financial Times reported that Wolfowitz was "shaken ... unshaven, with his voice trembling shortly after the rocket attack." Not to wish ill on Wolfowitz, but he is the one who promised us this war would be "a cakewalk" and that Iraqis would greet us with dancing and flowers. Ironic that he got a chance to see the real results.

Since President Bush declared our "mission accomplished" in Iraq, 213 American soldiers have died there and thousands have been wounded (the Department of Defense no longer gives out the number of wounded, like that's going to make it better). That is not a public relations problem. That cannot be fixed by chipper reporting.

I suggest we drop the public relations offensive and concentrate on fixing the problems on the ground. When you look at the real problems, the question is not whether the media are misreporting the situation, but whether anyone in the administration knows what they're doing. Disbanding the Iraqi army was a terrible mistake; sending in Turkish troops will be another, according to those who know the region; and the corporate contracts awarded without open bidding turn out to be dripping with gold

plate. As Casey Stengel once demanded, "Does anybody here know how to play this game?"

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Gop judges offensive

nate Majority Leader Bill Frist, frustrated by the audacious campaign of Democrats blocking judicial confirmations, begins

a counter-offensive this week. He will start by returning to one of President Bush's nominees generally given up for dead. The effort will accelerate throughout this congressional session into mid-November, with one roll-call vote after another.



ROBERT NOVAK

None of this may confirm any of the federal appellate court nominees marked for defeat by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the Democratic grand master, because they are deemed too conservative. This effort is intended to "refocus" (the word used by GOP strategists) on the unprecedented filibuster campaign to prevent a sitting president from selecting his own judiciary. The refocused struggle would peak early in the 2004 election year with a frontal assault on filibuster rules. Although no jus-

tice seems ready to leave the

court is ultimately at stake. The GOP base, needed intact to re-elect George W. Bush, is angry angry with Kennedy's Democrats for blocking the judges, angry with Frist's Republicans for not trying harder. That could cost Bush's re-election if nothing is

Supreme Court of his own volition this year, control of the highest

Many Republican senators, mirroring their business supporters, would like to concede Kennedy's triumph on judges and get on with their own agenda. The GOP's will to fight has seemed lacking. Sen.

Orrin Hatch, who as Judiciary Committee chairman manages this issue for the Republicans, has been passive. He has not aggressively demanded floor time to debate judges after the Senate refused seven times to invoke cloture on Miguel Estrada's now withdrawn nomination for the important District of Columbia

Circuit. But rank-and-file Republicans care deeply. The president on the road mentions the failure to confirm judges in nearly every speech, and it evokes more applause than anything else. Republicans are sensitive to complaints that Frist is too timid to wage a 24-7 strategy to let Democrats talk themselves to death. They respond that some 45 disciplined Democrats cannot be forced to surrender.

Now, Frist is about to mount a campaign in three phases, lasting through what's left of this year's session.

Phase One: Start this week with a cloture vote on the nomination of U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering Sr. of Mississippi for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans. Pickering, bottled up in the Judiciary Committee during the 2001-02 Democratic interregnum, has just been sent to the Senate floor.

Phase Two: Next, order a cloture vote for the second time on Alabama State Attorney General William Pryor for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta. Claims by opponents that Pryor's "deeply held beliefs" taint him for the court have produced accusations of anti-Catholicism.

Phase Three: Vote on three female nominees. Attempts to get cloture on Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen's nomination for the 5th Circuit has failed

three times. California Superior Court Judge Carolyn Kuhl's twoyear-old nomination for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco is coming to the Senate floor for the first time. Just released by the Judiciary Committee and already threatened with a filibuster is California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown, an African-American.

Failure to reach 60 votes for cloture on each of these three women is scheduled to be followed by consideration of the bill co-sponsored by Frist and conservative Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia. That measure would reduce the number of votes needed to end filibusters on nominations. That, too, will be filibustered in order to defeat it. All this refocusing is intended to

set the scene for a bitter battle in next year's session of Congress. At that time, an effort may be made to rule out of order a filibuster against judicial nominations — the "so-called" nuclear solution. This would require only 51 votes, but Frist does not even have that many today because of reluctance to tamper with the traditions of the Senate. Whether or not Bill Frist's offen-

sive eventually places any of these well-qualified judges on the bench. it will sound a stentorian refusal to surrender. That means a Republican president and a Republican-controlled Senate have not acquiesced in letting Ted Kennedy determine the membership of the federal judiciary. The battle resumes today. To find out more about Robert D.

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A day of choices await voters in dozens of cities and states

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Mayor John Street's re-election campaign seemed lackluster until his office was bugged by the FBI. Then he opened up a lead over Republican Sam Katz, riding a wave of public skepticism about the federal corruption probe.

In one of dozens of mayoral races around the country, voters on Tuesday were to decide whether to re-elect the Democratic mayor or install the businessman he narrowly beat four years ago.

The off-year elections also featured gubernatorial contests in Kentucky and Mississippi, legislative races in three states, and a host of ballot items ranging from gambling issues to mass transit.

In Mississippi, President Bush stumped over the weekend for influential Republican Republican governor since tine security sweep at City lobbyist Haley Barbour, who trying to unseat Democratic Gov. Ronnie

Musgrove.

Bush also campaigned in Kentucky for U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, who was fighting with Democratic Attorney General Ben Chandler to become the successor to Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat whose final term was roiled by an infidelity scandal.

Both races were being closely watched for signals that Bush will be either vulnerable or tough to beat in 2004. In Louisiana, voters go to the polls to select a new governor on Nov. 15 because GOP Gov. Mike Foster is term-limited.

Fletcher enjoyed an apparent lead in recent polls, while the Mississippi race was neck and neck. Dual victories by Republicans may tell of further erosion of Democratic power in the once "solid South."

1967, but Musgrove has downplayed party affiliation in trying to beat back Barbour's chal-

himself independent and conservative and criticized Barbour, a former Republican National Committee chairman, for being too cozy with Washington special interest

groups. Federal authorities in Philadelphia have refused to say what the probe in that city is about, but for a month, voters have read about agents seizing files related to city contracts, raids on the offices of two Street supporters and the seizure of three handheld computers the mayor uses for email.

Rather than doom Street's campaign, the news seemed to give it new life. He has climbed steadily in the polls since Oct. 7, when police discovered the Mississippi has not elected a listening devices during a rou-Hall.

> In a city where Democrats vastly outnumber Republicans,

lenge. Instead, he has called Street has made anti-Bush rhetoric a staple of both his campaign and his public defense against the FBL

Democrats rallied around him, claiming the investigation was an attempt by the Bush administration to disrupt the election.

Black leaders also claimed that the FBI unfairly targeted Street because of his race; he is Philadelphia's second black

Meanwhile, his opponent, Republican businessman Sam Katz, has had to deal with harassment by union activists, an incident in which a person tossed what appeared to be an unlit firebomb into a campaign office, and a former employee's claim that the candidate embezzled money from a private business venture.

Katz has campaigned on promises to cut city taxes and end cronvism at City Hall.

The race is a rematch of 1999,

when Street beat Katz by fewer than 10,000 votes out of more than 430,000 cast. That fight was resolved on racial lines, when all but a few of the city's black neighborhoods voted for Street, while nearly all its white neighborhoods voted for Katz.

In other campaigns around the country, two millionaire Democrats were the leading candidates to replace mayors retiring because of term-limits in Houston and San Francisco.

Bill White, a former Clinton administration deputy energy secretary who spent \$2.2 million of his own money on his campaign, was leading a field of nine to replace Houston Mayor Lee Brown.

Gavin Newsom, whose proposals to cut cash subsidies to the homeless and get panhandlers off the streets were surprise hits in famously liberal San Francisco, was the favorite to replace Mayor Willie Brown.

Safety officer says presence of samples surprised him

safety officer in charge of Dr. Thomas Butler's lab was surprised when he saw the Texas Tech University researcher had plague samples.

The revelation on Jan. 11, came shortly after Butler told Michael Jones, the safety officer, that 30 vials of plague bacteria were missing from his lab at the school's health sciences center.

Butler, 62, faces 69 felony charges in connection with the incident that sparked a bioterrorism scare earlier this year. President Bush was even briefed about the sit-

"I didn't realize he had that material in his lab." Jones testified on the first day of Butler's trial.

in 2002 told him he didn't have plague samples.

reported the vials stolen the missing vials, theft, to police. Within hours, scores of federal agents descended on the city and a frantic search for the vials ensued. It ended when Butler gave FBI agents a written statement in which he acknowledged a "misjudgment" in not telling his supervisor that the vials had been "accidentally destroyed," according to U.S. Army and the Food court records.

Jones told the jury that on Jan. 9, a university oversight board said in a letter to Butler that all his research involving humans or human samples was being suspended because he had not

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LUBBOCK (AP) — The letters from the board. The board suspended Butler because of problems with his study on sepsis, an often-fatal infection of the bloodstream.

Jones said Butler continued to check on his human-derived plague samples over the weekend of Jan. 11-12. He said the school didn't know Butler had the material.

Jones said Butler made a notation on Jan. 11 that he needed to let Jones know on that Monday about missing vials and on Jan. 12 Butler wrote: "Can't explain other than intentional removal, suspect theft."

Prosecutors allege that Butler smuggled plague samples from Tanzania in 2002 and illegally trans-Jones said Butler twice ported them in the United States and overseas. Other charges include On Jan. 14, Butler lying to FBI agents about embezzlement and fraud.

Butler faces up to life in prison and \$17.1 million in fines if convicted.

Chuck Meadows, one of Butler's defense attorneys, painted his client as a dedicated researcher who was doing plague research for the government, aiding the Centers for Disease Control, the and Drug Administration.

The three agencies approved of Butler bringing plague samples into the country and transporting them around the country, Meadows said. The researcher was about to get a \$10 million grant responded to two previous to work with those agen-

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cies to come up with a they (the government) opening statements that Board, such as an interbetter medicine to treat plague, Meadows said.

"Those e-mails tell the story, it tells you that

authorized Dr. Butler to do these things," said Meadows.

Prosecutors alleged in

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Mom: poverty, desperation behind deaths

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - The woman accused of assisting John Allen Rubio in killing and decapitating her three children told police that poverty and desperation, not demons and witchcraft, were behind the deaths, a police detective testified Monday in Rubio's capital murder trial.

Brownsville police Detective Samuel Lucio said he allowed Angela Camacho to talk with John Allen-Rubio after revising her confession on March 12 so Rubio would know that the "gig was up."

"We told her 'You can see him, but I also want you to tell him that you have already told us the truth," Lucio said.

Attorneys for Rubio, 23, are trying to convince the jury that Rubio was insane when he killed the children on March 11. His trial on four counts of capital murder is in its third week.

Camacho confessed to holding down her children while Rubio suffocated and stabbed them, Lucio said. She is awaiting a hearing to determine whether she is mentally competent to stand trial.

Former Dynegy executive's fraud trial opens

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Dynegy Inc. executive on trial for fraud and conspiracy was the main force behind a 2001 scheme to improperly book debt as cash flow to allay Wall Street concerns that cash on hand didn't match dramatic growth in earnings, a prosecutor said.

"Witnesses will tell you this was 'Jamie's deal," Assistant U.S. Attorney Belinda Beek told jurors Monday as the trial of Jamie Olis, 37, got under way. Olis' attorney, Terry Yates, was slated to present his opening statement Tuesday.

"We look forward to presenting the case," he said, adding that Olis was being prepared to testify but a decision on whether to do so would be made later.

Olis, a former senior director of tax planning who was fired from Houston-based Dynegy in February, is charged with securities fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy in relation to the Enronesque deal dubbed "Project Alpha."

Texas tops nation in flu cases

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has topped federal health officials' list as the flu leader this season, with the virus spreading to neighboring states.

The distinction — the official designation is "widespread" by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is largely due to the outbreak in Houston, the epicenter of the virus this season.

"It's got to start somewhere," said Dr. Ralph Feigin, physician-in-chief of Texas Children's Hospital and chair of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "We just drew the short straw this year."

The number of influenza cases per week at Texas Children's Hospital peaked at 129 in mid-October. Last week, it dropped to 66 cases, although this is still an extraordinarily high number, experts say.

In previous years, Texas Children's averaged 10 weekly cases or fewer during the season's peak.

Nellie Connally recalls JFK slaying

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A week or so after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Nellie Connally grabbed a legal pad and a couple of pens and found a quiet place in the governor's mansion to write down what she remembered about the tragic event.

Over the next few hours, the then-first lady of Texas scribbled out 22 single-space pages about gunshots and her pink tweed suit being splattered with blood, about trying to protect her wounded husband, about the futile attempt to save the president and the successful surgery that kept the governor alive, and about her vivid anger when a dying Lee Harvey Oswald was wheeled into the same hospital two days later.

Then she stuck her notes into a filing cabinet and

forgot about them for 33 years.

"I was going through the file and I saw this stack of yellow tablet paper and I thought, 'What in heaven's name is that?" she recalled Monday about finding her narrative in 1996. "And I read it, and I thought it was pretty good."

It was good enough to become the new book "From Love Field: Our Final Hours with President John F Kennedy".

Attack means more tragedy for hard-hit post

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — A missile attack on a helicopter that killed 16 U.S. soldiers in Iraq, including four from this hard-hit post, has spread anger and sadness throughout the communities where the soldiers had established strong roots.

Fort Carson has lost 25 soldiers in Iraq, its heaviest combat casualty toll since Vietnam.

"You really hate to look at the news, especially to see that it was so many this time," Janice Donald said Monday.

"It's sad because I have a son over there, too," said Donald, 52, who works at the post exchange, where soldiers and their families shop.

The C-47 Chinook was shot down near Fallujah, Iraq, as it carried troops bound for two weeks' leave. One of the dead, Sgt. Ernest Bucklew of Fort Carson, was headed home on emergency leave for the funeral of his mother.

In Oklahoma, the family of Sgt. Ross Pennanen grieved for the man they said had joined the Army to help further his education. Pennanen, 36, wanted to be assigned to an Oklahoma Army post to be near his 7year-old son.

"He really loved it," said his stepmother, Linda Pennanen. "He had listened to his dad talk about how much he had gained from being in the military."

Oklahoma's Fort Sill lost six soldiers in the attack. Twenty others were wounded, some critically

At least three soldiers from Fort Hood in Texas were killed in the attack, bringing to 33 the total since the beginning of the war in Iraq.

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Mirrored cabinets add bath fashion

In today's homes, the bathroom is becoming a symbol of luxury and relaxation as homeowners equip these spaces with spa-like amenities such as multiple-head showers, whirlpool tubs, plush towels, soaps and candles. But it is hard to maintain that feeling of spa serenity when the bathroom is strewn with all the necessities of day-to-day life and grooming.

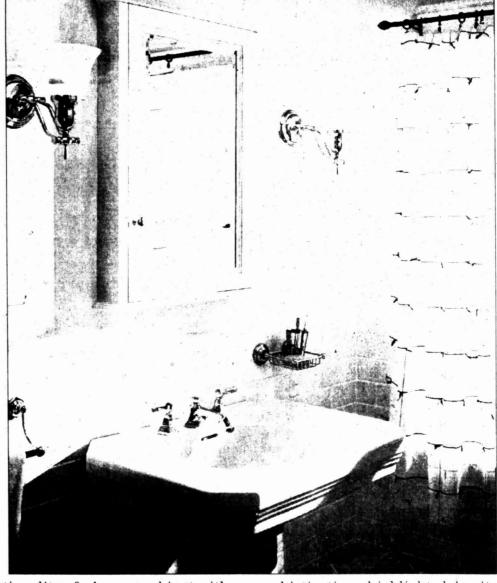
Toothbrushes, makeup, letries, hair products and other such items have to go somewhere. But if they end up in a jumble on the bathroom countertop, the appearance is not very soothing. Especially in older, smaller bathrooms but also in many newer ones it can be a challenge to find enough conveniently located storage space.

Whether you're looking for a design statement or are in need of a functional bathroom storage space, a good option is a mirrored cabinet. While once medicine cabinets were basically a hole in the wall with a mirror as a door, today's products offer ample storage as well as enhance the design elements in the room.

For example, mirrored cabinets by Robern, a leader in stylish bath storage innovation, offer options such as a safety lock-box to provide security for personal items like prescriptions and jewelry; mirrored, lighted interiors, so you don't have to close the cabinet to see yourself; and an interior electrical outlet where you can recharge and store small electrical devices such as a cell phone or an electric razor.

Because medicine cabinets can be recessed into the wall to achieve a flush, clean look, homeowners are not giving up any valuable space in the bathroom when they add one. And they don't have to compromise their design sense, either. There are cabinets to complement a wide variety of styles and fit any décor, from traditional to modern.

Robern's Fairhaven cabinet brings back the styling of the early 20th century. Inspired by the summer communities and seaside cottages in New England, this cabinet combines the benefits and func-



tionality of a luxury cabinet with a traditional, relaxed look. Details like crown and foot moldings, a beaded door with a beveled mirror and round doorknob all add to the vintage appeal.

For those with more modern sensibilities, Robern's Métallique cabinet reflects the Art Moderne movement of the '30s and '40s, an era when high style and beauty meant glamorous touches throughout the home. The cabinet has clean, simple lines in polished chrome, brushed nickel or Monaco gold finish. It is part of a collection that includes matching faucets, towel bars and other bathroom accessories of the same finishes.

For the ultimate medicine cabinet, consider Robern's Cité, which embraces the 1920s decadence and

sophistication, highlighted by its leather-wrapped frame. This cabinet adds romance and sophistication to any bathroom, but can also be used in other areas of the home. The cabinet is available in Ebony (black), Ox Blood (burgundy) and Parchment (tan), colors that can blend into just about any décor.

So instead of cluttering your bathroom with baskets of makeup and bins of shaving supplies, you can neatly stash them out of sight, but within easy reach. The clean, stylish surfaces will immediately make the space feel more tranquil and relaxing, so you can pamper yourself in peace.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks to face Cisco JC tonight

The Howard College Lady Hawks will make their second appearance of the 2003 season tonight when they host the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game will feature two unbeatens. The Lady Hawks downed Christian Abilene Monday by a 98-62 score. CJC defeated nationally-ranked Garden City (Kan.) Community College.

The game is scheduled to begin play at 6 p.m.

Baseball boosters to meet Nov. 13 at ATC

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting on Nov. 13 at the **BSHS** Athletic Training Complex.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

For more information contact John Sparks at 263-8527.

New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages 5 and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls 6 and

Swim lessons include beginner classes for pre-schoolers, ages 5 and under, and beginner and intermediate classes for children 6 and over.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Steers Booster Club to hold skills clinic

The Big Spring Steers Boys Basketball Boosters will be holding a skills clinic for area youth in grades K-4th on Saturday, from 10 a.m. through noon in the west gym of Big Spring Junior High.

The cost of the clinic is \$30 per individual. Each participant will receive a black and gold basketball.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and transportation meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

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HAWKS STAY PERFECT

Goff, Story lead HC's 105-52 rout of Wayland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

If anyone had thought the Howard College Hawks would struggle early this season after losing almost every starter from last year's recordsetting squad, they need to think again.

Steve Goff and Steve Story both scored 18 points Tuesday night and helped lead the Hawks to a 105-52 rout of the Wayland **Baptist** University junior varsity. The 53-point win marked the second straight game Howard College has surpassed the 100-point plateau.

The Hawks, who have averaged 109 points a game in their first two games, downed the Christian Abilene University JV by a 113-66 clip Monday.

Goff got the Hawks' offense going early. A key member of the Howard College squad a year ago that advanced to the Region 5 championship game, he sank the first of his six three-point attempts just 12 seconds into the contest.

Wayland Baptist's Jason McLaughlin, a junior from Wichita Falls, cut the Hawks' lead to one, at 3-2, moments later by sinking a 12-foot jumper.

That, as it turned out, was as close as Wayland Baptist would get. The Hawks, sparked by a shot from Johnny Jones and another trey from Goff, reeled off a 10-0 run over the ensuing three minutes and stretched their lead to 12-2 with 16 minutes, 14 seconds left in the opening half.

Jarell Mayfield came off the bench to put back an offensive rebound and hit two free throws in the Hawks' spree.

Wayland Baptist attempted to slow Howard College's offensive run with a brief run of its own. WBU pushed in six of the next eight points scored and pulled to within 14-8 before Goff managed to load the big gun for a third time and all sink Wayland Baptist's hopes for good. Goff's third trey of the

After more than a week

of meaningless warm-up

games, the Big-Spring

Lady Steers will finally

get a chance to make a

playoff statement tonight

when they face the El

Mustangs in the area

round of the Class 4A vol-

The two teams are

scheduled to square off

beginning tonight at 6:30

scrimmaged state-ranked

Denver City and Midland

High squads last week,

enters tonight's show-

down sporting a 27-9

record and riding the

heels of a 17-game regular

season win streak that

included a 10-0 run

through the District 4-4A

Burges, 22-6, rolls into

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Howard College's Steven Goff, shown above in a game last season, has blistered the Hawks' first two opponents from the outside this year. In Howard College's first two

17-8 advantage with 13:34 the half. remaining in the opening frame.

Goff finished the first 20 minutes of the non-conference matchup with 12 points — all via the 3-

point shot. Sophomores John Sykes and Jared Fears added to the HC run minutes after Goff's third bomb. Sykes highlighted Howard's 6-0 spurt by turning a pass from Fears into a onehand dunk and a 19-8 lead.

The Hawks didn't slow their assault from there. Wayland Baptist by a 16-9 the

Class 4A Area

Volleyball Playoff

Big Spring Lady Steers

EP Burges Lady Mustangs

6:30 p.m. In Alpine

the game on a high note.

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While the Lady Steers

will be making their

debut, their two district

rivals won't. The San

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Lady Mustangs both lost.

their bi-district round

games last week. Lake

View, the 4-4A runner-up,

fell to to Canyon Randall,

while Andrews, the third-

place playoff squad, suf-

fered a three-game loss to defending Class 4A state

champion Hereford.

View

Angelo Lake

first half staked the minutes of the first half points in the final half Hawks to a commanding and took a 45-30 lead into and he and Sykes just

Story, a 6-foot-7 freshman from San Antonio, powered the HC run downthe stretch. He pushed in eight points in the nine minutes of the half.

The story didn't get any better for Wayland Baptist in the second half. Howard College used advantage in size and speed to pound out a 60-22 run in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

Story and sophomore Finlay Brashears dominated in the low post in the second half. The two Howard College outscored combined for 16 points in Freshman Matt Stroud margin over the final 10 Brashears tallied six

missed posting the team's first double-double of the season. Each finished with eight points and 10 rebounds.

ers on the Hawks' roster scored in the game. second period, was the lone Hawk held scoreless.

Mayfield and Jones, two of five HC players to reach double figures, also starred down the stretch for the Hawks. Mayfield pushed in eight of his 14 points in the second half. Jones netted seven of his 14 in the final 15 minutes. Fears also finished in double digits, netting 10.

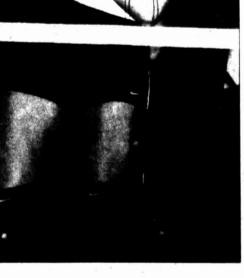
In all, 11 of the 12 play-

Herald Photo

Bruce Schooler

Shannon Higgins and the Big **Spring Lady** Steers, 27-9 overall, will make their playoff debut this evening when they face El Paso Burges, 22-6, in the area round of the Class 4A playoffs. The game, which will be broadcast on KBST 1490, is slated to start at 6:30 p.m. in Alpine.





Astros trade Wagner to Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Billy Wagner wanted the Houston Astros to acquire a quality starting pitcher. Now he could help the Philadelphia Phillies get one.

The All-Star closer was traded Monday from the cost-cutting Astros to the Phillies for right-hander Brandon Duckworth, and minor league right-handers Taylor Buchholz and Ezequiel Astacio.

It's the first move in what could be another interesting offseason for the suddenly free-spending Phillies. Philadelphia hopes to land a top starter and setup reliever. Wagner should make the Phillies an attractive spot for free agents.

"If you're a free agent pitcher thinking about the Phillies, you know if you're walking off the mound in the seventh inning, the ninth inning is pretty well covered,' Phillies general manager Ed Wade said.

Among the starters the Phillies are considering are Chicago White Sox free agent Bartolo Colon, Montreal's Javier Vazquez and Arizona's Curt Schilling. Vazquez or Schilling would have to be acquired through a trade. Kevin Millwood, who pitched last season for the Phillies, is a free agent. It's unlikely he'll return, but Wade said he plans to talk Millwood's agent.

Wagner predicted his departure from Houston on the final day of the regular season when he criticized the Astros for not making a move to bolster the roster for a playoff run.

Wagner was 1-4 with a 1.78 ERA last season and had 44 saves in 47 chances. making career-high 78 appearances. He is due to make \$8 million next season, the third in a \$27 million, three-year contract he agreed to in January 2002. The deal contains a \$9 million team option for 2005 with a \$3 million buyout. Wade said the Phillies won't try to extend Wagner's deal .

For Houston, Octavio Dotel is likely to assume the closer's job. He was 6-4 with a 2.48 ERA and four saves last season, and has 28 career saves.

Duncan injured in Spurs' loss

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan left Monday night's game against the Memphis Grizzlies with an injured left ankle.

The team said Duncan had a mild left ankle sprain, but last season's league MVP wasn't expected to return.

Duncan, who had 10 first-quarter points. appeared to roll his foot after a shot with just over five minutes to play in the period. He fell near the foul line and held his ankle before time was called.

Duncan came in averaging 18.7 points in the Spurs' first three games.



2003 Newbery Honor Winner

Meet Author Patricia Reilly Giff

Patricia Reilly Giff has written more than 60 books for children. She has won two Newbery Honor Awards: in 1998 for "Lily's Crossing," and in 2003 for "Pictures of Hollis Woods."

Background

Patricia Reilly Giff taught reading to kids with problems. One day she told her husband she wanted to write books herself.

"By the time I came home from school that day, he had built me a little writing place out of two closets," she said.

She wrote about a half-hour each morning before going to work. At the time she was also raising her three children and a houseful of cats and

With only that half-hour each. morning, plus some extra time on weekends, she wrote about 15 books in

After teaching for almost 20 years, she quit to write full time.

"Pictures of Hollis Woods" tells of a young, rebellious girl who runs away from many foster homes, until she is placed with





Patricia Reilly Giff, 68, and her family run The Dinosaur's Paw, a children's bookstore named after one of her books. Her work

Patricia Reilly Giff now writes full time, working about 12 hours a day, sometimes seven days a week. She no longer works in an office made out of closets.

Today her office looks over their pond, and there is a porch right outside. A squirrel comes and sits on the edge of the railing, eating the limes from their tree. When the weather is good, she writes outside.

In "Lily's Crossing," it is World War II. Lily's dad is overseas, and her friends have moved away. Then she makes friends with a young Hungarian refugee. But they both have dangerous

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The News Hound's Children's Books

Words and names that remind us of types of books are hidden in the

block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TEXT, COOK, HISTORY, SCIENCE, MYSTERY, JOKE PHOTO, FANTASY, INSTRUCTION, GEOGRAPHY, REFERENCE,

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Personal

Husband: Jim, a retired New York City police detective Children: Jimmy, 43; Bill, 40; Alice, 36; six grandchildren

Home: Trumbull, Conn. She and her husband feed the geese and ducks living near their house. If the geese see her through the window, they come out of the pond and stand staring at her.

Some favorites

Time and place to read: "I love to read. I read everywhere. I read at night, at the hairdresser, in the car. Every time you can sandwich in reading, it is wonderful." Hobbies: knitting, decorating, fixing

the house Color: yellow



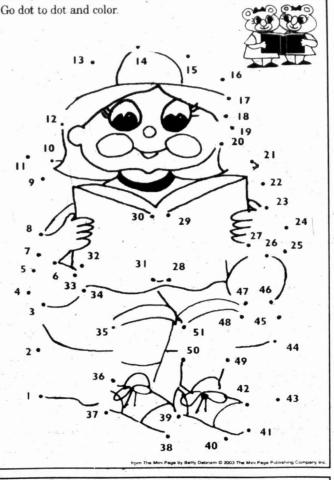
Sean, both leave Ireland, searching for Nory's sister Maggie in America, This is a sequel to "Nory Ryan's Song.

In "Maggie's

Door," Nory and her neighbor,

Advice to kids

If you want to write, she said, "don't wait. Write every day. Take a person and put that person in a place and give that person a problem. Do these three things before beginning."



Rookie Cookie's Recipe **Yummy Yogurt Pie**

- 1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream cheese • 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup vanilla vogurt
- 1 graham cracker pie crust, reduced-fat What to do: 1. Put cream cheese in a bowl and cook on high in a
- microwave oven for 45 seconds. 2. Add brown sugar and mix well, then add yogurt and
- mix well. 3. Cook mixture in a microwave oven on high for 3 minutes
- 4. Pour into pie crust and cover.
- 5. Put in freezer until firm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Tubby Smith



In his first season as head coach at Kentucky in 1998, he guided the Wildcats to the national championship. His overall college record — which also includes successful stints at Georgia and Tulsa — is 288 victories and 109

Smith was born Orlando Smith, the sixth-youngest of 17 children. His mother called him "Tubby" because of his love for playing in the tub. Later the little kid with the catchy nickname became one of the biggest names in basketball.

But Tubby is not all about hoops. He's married with three sons, al good basketball players. He also has a foundation that donates money to assist children in need.

Meet Liam Aiken



Liam Aiken is only 13 years old, but he has already starred in commercials, in a Broadway play, and in TV shows and movies. He got his start making a car commercial. At age 7, he performed in the play "A Doll's House" on Broadway. His latest role is in the movie "Good Boy!" He plays a boy who can

understand what dogs are saying. Liam grew up in New York City. He is an only child.

When he's working, he has a tutor on the set. When not acting, he goes to school. In his spare time he enjoys doing magic tricks.

2003 Newbery and Caldecott Winners

This year, Children's Book Week is Nov. 17-23. Its theme is "Free to Read." The Mini Page celebrates with a look at this year's Newbery and Caldecott winners.

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. There were also five Newbery

Avi won the 2003

Newbery Medal

for "Crispin: The

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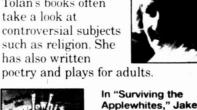
books.



orphaned in England about 700 years ago. He must flee for his life when he is falsely accused of murder.

Newbery Honor Awards

Stephanie S. Tolan's books often take a look at controversial subjects such as religion. She has also written



Applewhites," Jake gets one last chance when he's sent to a strange family. In this funny book, he learns to value his own talents as well as those of others.

Next week The Mini Page is all about Kentucky.

Look through your newspaper for stories or photographs that might make good books for kids.

The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam

Staff Artist Associate Editors

columnist for The Miami Herald and a writer of adult books. "Hoot" is his first book for kids.



"Hoot" is a funny story about three outcast kids who fight a big company to save a tiny

Nancy Farmer has won two other Newbery Honor Awards, for "The Ear, the Eye and the Arm," and for "A Girl Named Disaster."



"The House of Scorpion" tells of a boy from a future North America. He was raised to be a sacrifice that would allow a rich opium

dealer to live longer Patricia Reilly Giff has also won a previous Newbery Honor Award for

"Lily's Crossing." In "Pictures of Hollis Woods," an abandoned child longs for a real family.



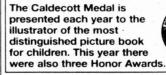
written many books in series such as "The Baby-sitters Club." She has also written several other books.

In "A Corner of the Universe," 12-year-old Hattie learns much about the world when a mentally disabled uncle shows up.



Ann M. Martin has









Caldecott Medal for "My Friend Rabbit." He has written two other books and illustrated other authors' work.

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In "My Friend Rabbit." Mouse tells of his means well but

messes up anyway



Caldecott Honor Awards Peter McCarty has written and illustrated several children's books. He also teaches a college art class on children's

In "Hondo & Fabian," the cat Fabian plays at while the dog Hondo plays at the





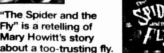
Jerry Pinkney has won four other Caldecott Honor Awards, for "The Ugly Duckling," "John Henry," "Mirandy and Brother Wind" and "The Talking Eggs.

'Noah's Ark" tells the biblical story of the flood. God tells Noah to build an ark to save





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Nowitski powers Mavs past Heat

his Dallas teammates struggling, Dirk Nowitzki took over in the third quarter and led the Mavericks to a win.

Nowitzki scored 16 of his 30 points in the third quarter to help Dallas overcome a listless effort in a 103-93 win over the Miami Heat on Monday night.

"We're all capable of taking the game over at the end," Nowitzki said. "We're not selfish players. We always look for the guy who's open and it was me in the third quarter."

It also helped that the Mayericks shot 51 percent from the field and were 9of-19 on 3-pointers.

"The box score looks good, but I don't think we

coach Don Nelson said. "They gave us everything we wanted. We either ran into a hot team or made them a hot team, I'm not

Dallas was also outrebounded by 43-26 — 12-4 on offense.

sure which."

The difference was Nowitzki, who went 7-for-10 from the field and had three rebounds in the third while being guarded mostly by Brian Grant. Nowitzki outscored the entire Heat team in the quarter, 16-14.

"Dirk is certainly capable of carrying the team," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "He's one of the top five offensive

DALLAS (AP) — With played very well," Dallas just couldn't match anything during that stretch in the third period."

> Nowitzki's 3-pointer with 6:23 left in the quarter gave the Mavericks the lead for good at 58-55. Dallas closed the third with a 10-1 run capped by Nowitzki's 20-foot jumper with 34 seconds left, and the Mavericks took a 74-64 edge into the fourth.

Steve Nash had 18 points and 11 assists, Tony Delk had 17 points, and Antoine Walker finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Mavericks (3-1).

"We weren't as sharp as we can be offensively," Nash said.

Miami shot 47 percent players in the league. from the field and was 7-They're a great team. We for-14 from 3-point range.

Udonis Haslem had 20 points and 12 rebounds, John Wallace scored 19 points, and Lamar Odom had 17 points and nine assists for the Heat (0-4). Grant added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Eddie Jones (strained right calf, right hand laceration) and Dwyane Wade (left hip pointer) were both out for Miami. They're expected back by the weekend. Samaki Walker was placed on the injured list Monday because of an injured right shoulder.

The Heat signed rookie free agent guard Kirk Penney earlier Monday to bolster their bench. He played 14 minutes in his NBA debut.



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Grady quarterback Trent May prepares to throw a pass Friday in the Wildcats' win over Klondike. The Wildcats, 7-2 overall, will face Borden County Friday for the District 5 title.

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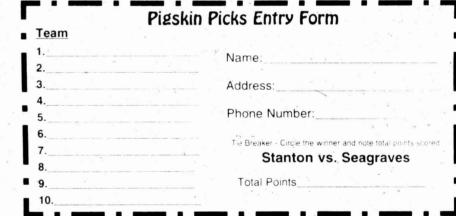
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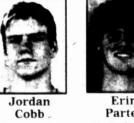
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daughter back to the States to find her father or leave well enough alone. It breaks my heart to see her so unhappy, but I'm not sure it would be in her best interest to search for him. Any advice you can offer would be wonderful. — Mom in Llandudno, North Wales

Dear North Wales: Since Alice's father still pays child support, he should be easily traced through the checks or through the lawyer who handled the custody agreement. You should know his whereabouts, not only for Alice's emotional well-being, but to make certain he remains financially responsible for his daughter. If the man stops paying child support, he can be traced through employment records, family members

and friends. We don't recommend showing up on his doorstep. Instead, phone, e-mail, write or get in touch with him through an intermediary, and urge him to resume contact with his daughter. It will mean a great deal to Alice when she grows up to know you made every effort to keep in touch.

Please don't let her down. Dear Annie: Every Christmas, my husband's family gets together to exchange gifts with aunts, grandparents, uncles, cousins, and so on — about 35 people.

The problem is, we are expected to buy everyone a gift. This is a struggle for us. It takes a whole year to pay off the credit card debt from the previous Christmas. I doubt if any of his family know or care about our finances. Most of them live out of town, and this is the only time we see them.

We have been going through this for 10 years. Once, we did not buy his cousins gifts, and my mother-in-law bought them presents and put our names on the cards. I know she meant well, but my husband was very embarrassed.

At the last gathering, I

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF, READ!

suggested that we draw names, but I was shot down and told to start buying Christmas presents early. My husband pretends we can spend money like everyone else and doesn't want anyone to know our financial situation. Do you have any suggestions? — Stressed in Alabama

Dear Stressed: It is ridiculous to buy 35 presents when you can ill afford it. Talk to your husband about putting an end to this nonsense, and then notify the relatives that things will be different this year. Suggestions can include drawing names, buying only for children under 12, and setting a price limit on

all gifts. If that is still more than you can afford, announce to the entire family that this year, your holiday gift will be a donation to charity in the family's

name. Dear Annie: A few days ago, I went to the hairdresser to have my waistlength hair cut short. One of the other stylists said that my hair could be used to make wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy. Please let your readers know about this worthwhile cause. — Someone Else Is Wearing My Hair

Dear Friend: There are two organizations that specialize in making wigs for children. Please contact: Locks of Love, 2925 10th Ave. N., Suite 102, Lake Worth, FL 33461, 1-888-896-1588 (locksoflove.org); or Wigs for Kids, 21330 Center Ridge Rd., Suite C, Rocky River, Ohio 44116 (wigsforkids.org). Bless you for asking.

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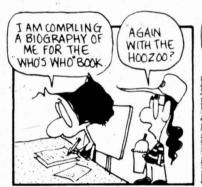
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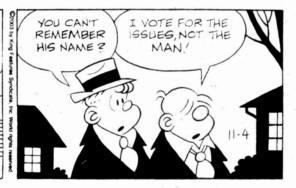




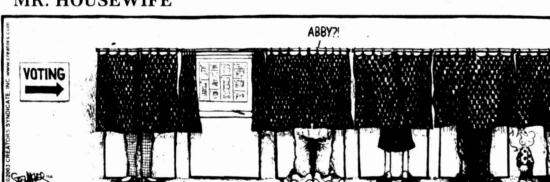


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Nov. 4, the 308th day of 2003. There are 57 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 4, 1952, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president. defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

On this date: In 1842, Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Ill.

In 1880, the first cash register was patented by James and John Ritty of Dayton, Ohio.

In 1884, Democrat Grover Cleveland was elected to his first term as president, defeating Republican James G. Blaine.

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

In 1942, during World War II, Axis forces retreated from El Alamein in North Africa in a major victory for British forces commanded by Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

In 1956, Soviet troops moved in to crush the Hungarian Revolution.

In 1979, the Iranian hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran. For some of the hostages, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Carter by a strong margin.

Elizabeth (Lisa) Steinberg was pronounced dead at a New York City hospital in a child-abuse case that sparked national outrage; her illegal adoptive father, Joel Steinberg, was later sentenced to prison for manslaughter.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a rightwing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally.

calling it "a desperate

move," quickly accepted. Today's Birthdays: Former CBS news anchorman Walter Cronkite is 87. Actor Art Carney is 85. Actress Doris Roberts is 73. Actress Loretta Swit is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harry Elston (Friends of Distinction) is 65. Blues singer Delbert McClinton-is 63. First Lady Laura Bush is 57. Actress Markie Post is 53. Pianist Yanni is 49. Rock singer-musician 1 Difford (Squeeze) is 49. Country singer Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 43. Actor Ralph Macchio is 42. Actor Matthew McConaughev is 34. Rapper-producer Sean "Puffy" Combs is 34.



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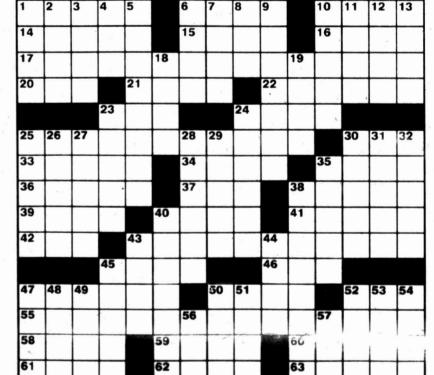
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