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Democratic Party

The Howard County Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom.

All Democrats and any other interested persons are invited.

Flu shots given

The Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be giving flu shots from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. The cost is \$10 unless you are on Medicare or Medicaid. For more information, call 263-9775.

Council to meet

The Big Spring City Council will meet in special session today to discuss a zone change to accommodate a local car wash and to establish procedures and a fee structure for open records requests.

The city planning and zoning board recently approved a zone change for 1905 Wasson Road, the site of a new car wash, from residential to retail. In accordance with state law, the measure must also be approved by the city council.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Salute to military

The salute to the military shown during the 2003 Pops in the Park celebration is available for those who would like a copy.

Available in DVD and video, copies of the salute can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Lane Bond at 263-4033, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third or the Big Spring Symphony office at 808 Scurry. Proceeds to go the symphony.

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Parade entries climbing but time running out

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Community. Family. Sometimes there is not much difference.

"A Family Christmas" is the theme of this year's *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade, set to roll down Gregg Street once again on the first Saturday in December.

"Whether it is your immediate family, your work family, church family or a family of friends, we invite you to be a part of our 'A Family of Christmas' this year," said Elizabeth Flores, *Herald* parade coordinator. Scouts, churches, businesses, service orga-

"It's become quite a tradition, one that our community seems to really enjoy and look forward to each year."

Elizabeth Flores, parade coordinator



nizations and two marching bands have already signed up for the parade.

"We're very excited about some of the entries, including the award-winning Big

Spring High School and Forsan High School marching bands," said Flores. "We've invited other area bands, including Coahoma and Sweetwater, but we have not heard back from them.

"Entries are actually coming in a bit slowly, though," said Flores. "Right now we have 24 entries and I am looking to have at least 75," said Flores. "We want to have a good Christmas parade."

This year's parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 6, and just like the past half-dozen will feature lighted entries. It will get under way at

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Zach Johnson, battalion chief for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, descends down a rocky cliff at Moss Creek Lake Saturday morning during rope and rescue training. Johnson, along with other HCFVFD personnel, got a hands-on look at victim extraction in a less-than cooperative environment.

To the rescue: Hands-on training taken seriously by Howard County volunteers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

If you were stuck at the bottom of a rocky cliff, how qualified would you want your rescuers to be?

That's exactly the question the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department tackled Saturday as it held hands-on training at Moss Creek Lake.

"We're doing training for high-angle rescues," explained Terry Rumpff, HCFVFD battalion chief. "The department tries to do at least three training scenarios for this each year, just in case a situation does come up or someone

"It's really good that we get to do this type of hands-on training, and in the end everyone gets to see how we all work together to get the job done."

Terry Rumpff, HCFVFD battalion chief

falls off of a cliff or we have a vehicle go off... It's important everyone gets together and works on this because of the different types of knots and skills

involved.

"It's a little bit different from fighting fires. It's a lot slower and more tedious."

Rumpff said drills such as these give rescue workers the chance to see what problems can arise in a "real-world" situation, and learn how they all must work together to accomplish their goals.

"It's very important for everyone to know what their job is in a situation like this," he said. "In order for us to properly work as a team, it's essential that everyone know what's going on.

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By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring chapter of the Girl Scouts is getting a face fresh from Lamesa to help the local group, and according to local Girl Scouts spokesperson Brandi Pollock, the help is much needed.

"She's our new membership executive," said Pollock. "She comes to us from Lamesa. We were without someone in that position for a while, but she is bringing some new ideas. She's looking at some new fund-raising ideas, and she's really interested



POLLOCK

in getting our building and getting it operational.

"She's been sent here to help expand our area and bring in new children and adults. There will be a lot more involvement with the community now, and there will be more rallies."

Sami Womack of Lamesa will serve as the group's new membership executive, and according to Pollock, the help is most welcome since the position has been vacant for nearly 4 months.

"We had someone in that position, and then she left, so we were without someone for about three or four months," she said. "During that period we did a lot of the rallies and activities ourselves. It's going to be really helpful to have someone there. She handles all of our reference

checks on the leaders and things-like that.

"She's going to be working with us out of Lamesa. She handles all of the Girl Scouts in the surrounding areas, including Big Spring, Lamesa and Stanton. We're really grateful to have her, and we think she's going to do a very good job for us."

While the Girl Scouts celebrate the addition of Womack to their staff, Pollock said it's important not to forget all of the local groups and agencies that have helped them get by in the past year.

"We've been very fortunate this year," said Pollock. "A lot of the local businesses and groups have really chipped in to help us. The people at the St. Paul Lutheran Church have allowed us to use

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Repairs expected to be completed at junior high school

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A 4-1/2-month repair project at the Big Spring Junior High School is expected to officially come to completion this week, closing a four-year saga of structural woes.

According to Assistant Business Manager James McFarland, by Wednesday students should be able to begin using two girls' dressing room in the gymnasium. The areas have been closed while contractors worked on the \$187,500 project to repair damage that occurred from movement of the building's foundation.

Shortly after its opening in the summer of 1999, the building showed signs of foundation movement. It was later determined a canyon once existed at the site.

Haywood Baker Grouting was called in twice to perform compaction grouting to stabilize the junior high building from sinking.

Steve Frase, engineering consultant for Rimkus Corporation, reported to Big Spring Independent School District trustees last week that the project "is at substantial completion."

As part of the work, contractors replaced some of the material in the more seriously impacted areas of the building with lighter material to relieve some of the load.

Although reports show the building has remained stable, McFarland said the district will continue to monitor the building's movement for at least the next three years.

"We perform monthly inspections and surveys for elevations," McFarland said. "We compare those and note new cracks. The engineer comes every six months for an on-site visit."

In October of 2002, trustees settled a two-year old lawsuit over the problems at the junior high

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After four months, Girl Scouts have a membership executive

their facilities for scout meetings, and their members have gotten together to pay the fee they normally charge for it's use. The International Union of Operating Engineers has also let us hold meetings in their building.

"The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has also helped out a great deal by allowing us to hold all of our monthly meetings at their office. We've also gotten support from the Coahoma Community Center, Big Spring Mall, Elbow Elementary, Coahoma Lions Club. We've also gotten help from the First Presbyterian Church."

Pollock said there still plenty of work to be done, including reno-

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Obituaries

Dwain Williams

Dwain Williams, 73, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1930, in Lynn County and married Glenodene Hanks on Feb. 1, 1949, in Big Spring.

Dwain owned and operated Williams Oilfield Construction Co. for 30 years. He was a life time member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Glenodene Williams; two daughters, Sheryl Gass and husband Jackie and Debra Lusk and husband Joe; one son, Geary Williams and wife Kim, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Eric Lusk and wife Toni and Kristin Tubb and husband Chris, all of Austin, Keith Monger and wife Charlene of El Paso, Ryan Williams and wife Heather of Forth Worth, Sara Myers and husband Justin and Jace Williams, all of Big Spring; two great grandchildren, Evan Tubb and Matthew Monger.

Pallbearers will be Eric Lusk, Chris Tubb, Keith Monger, Ryan Williams, Jace Williams, Justin Myers and Monte Smith.

The family will receive friends from 6 PM to 7 p.m. today, Monday, at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Carl Grubaugh

Robert Carl Grubaugh, 53, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Bill Ballard officiating.

Robert was born on July 28, 1950, in Jefferson. He was a member of the Airport Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father, Ernest L. Grubaugh of Big Spring; one brother, Clarence Allen Grubaugh of Big Spring; and one niece, Wanda Ruth Grubaugh of Arlington.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com

Esther Granado

Esther Granado, 56, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at her residence from a sudden illness. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth Duckworth Penner

Graveside service for Ruth Duckworth Penner, 80, of Lubbock will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, in Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial services will be at 11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Parker, officiating.

She was born on July 21, 1923, to Henry Lee and Janie May Dilbeck Duckworth. She was raised in Valley Mills where she graduated high school before attending the University of Texas.

She and Robert F. Penner, a petroleum engineer, were married in Dallas on April 17, 1954.

The couple moved to Big Spring in 1966. Robert lived here until his death on April 10, 1998.

She was an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring where she taught Sunday School and she was active in Gideon's Auxiliary. She was also a volunteer at the Howard County Library, the Big Spring VA Hospital and had been a foster parent.

She was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Garden Club and the 1955 Hyperion Club.

Her hobbies included golf, raising cats, cooking, playing bridge and entertaining.

Survivors include her son, Robert Kevin Penner and wife, Deborah, of Lubbock; her daughter, Kandace Ann Penner-Williams and husband, William N. of Gainesville, Fla.; a granddaughter, nephew and niece.

The family suggest memorials be sent to Gideons International or to the Haven, attn: Joe Wilbanks, 4501 N. Country Road 1729, Lubbock 79403, which is an animal rescue organization.

Weather

Tonight...Breezy. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday...Windy. Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Tuesday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday...Clear. Highs in the lower 70s.

Thursday through Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs around 60.

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** set at State National Bank to help defray medical costs for Elsie Hinojosa of Stanton, a cancer patient. She is a relative of Patsy Padilla of Big Spring.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following information from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• **ADELAIDO MUNOZ MARTINEZ**, 42, of 215 NE Ninth St., was arrested Saturday on a Lynn County warrant for traffic.

• **TANYA MICHELLE MAY**, 22, of 408 Lancaster was arrested Sunday on a city warrant for theft.

• **MEVETT GENE FORD**, 47, of 1405 E. 11th Place, was arrested Sunday on a charge of terroristic threat against a family member.

• **ROXANNE FLORES EVANS**, 21, of 1200 Nolan was being held at the city jail Sunday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **ALISHA NICOLE ARMSTRONG**, 24, of 100 Lockhart was arrested Saturday for a traffic warrant.

• **GARY NEAL MATHEWS**, 45, of 1614 Harding, was arrested Saturday on a charge of reckless driving.

• **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 38, of 1611 Cardinal was arrested Friday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport; public intoxication and on a city warrant for assault, family violence.

• **LEIA ANN PAUL**, 37, of 1002 N. Main was being held at the city jail Sunday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of West Seventh St., the 2900 block of Highway 80 and the 1600 block of Runnels St.

• **TERRORISTIC THREATS, FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of East 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C, FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford Avenue and the 1600 block of Cardinal.

• **THEFT, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported by a resident in the 300 block of West Fourth Street.

• **THEFT, less than \$50**, was reported in the 900 block of Willa, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 1200 block of 11th and the 2500 block of Wasson.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 2900 block of Collins. According to the report, the runaway, a 13 year old, was located and returned home.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported in the area of Interstate 20 and South Moss Lake Road and on Highway 350.

• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported by the 182 west bound exit of Interstate 20.

• **VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Gulp.

• **FIGHT IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 400 block of north Fifth Street.

Births

Submitted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Leah Alexis Nadeau, girl, born Oct. 30, 2003 at 9:34 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Paul and Krista Nadeau of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Larry and Reba Quillen of Big Spring, Paul and Marti Nadeau of Canon City, Colo. and Barbara Mornes of Salinas, Calif.

Guadalupe Canales, Jr., boy, born Nov. 3, 2003 at 4:58 p.m. weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. His parents are Guadalupe Canales Sr. and Cresencia Rios. His grandparents are Oscar Canales, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rios, all of Big Spring and Diana Canales of Corpus Christi. His great grandparents are Lee and Clara Canales, Ruby and the late Guadalupe Pte Juarez, Faustino Rios Sr. and the late Cresencia Rios all of Big Spring, Frank Ybarra of Lubbock and Rafaela Padilla of Corpus Christi.

Matthew Richard Chavarria, boy, born Nov. 4, 2003 at 8:14 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Bentara and Manuel Chavarria of Big Spring. His grandparents are Maria Escobar and Albert Chavarria both of Big Spring.

Kaden Leigh Michael Paul, boy, born Nov. 4, 2003 at 5:06 p.m. weighing 5 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Jonathon Paul and Angeala Jamison of Big Spring. His grandparents are Ruth and Jerry Paul, Allen and Andrea Winn all of Big Spring and Michael and Cheryl Paul of Abilene.

Anthony Gonzalez, boy, born Nov. 4, 2003 at 10:34 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are San Juanita and Gonzalo Gonzales of Big Spring.

Havlie Ann Gonzalez, girl, born Nov. 5, 2003 at 12:03 a.m. weighing 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her Mom is Yvonne Rangel

Madalena Jo Moralez, girl, born Nov. 14, 2003 at 6:06 a.m. weighing 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Santiago J. and Becky D. Moralez. Her grandparents are Terri Hobbs of Big Spring and Madalena Jimenez Moralez of Lamesa.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-11-18-23.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$41,663.
Winning tickets sold in: Haltom City.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-21-28-37-38. Bonus Ball: 35.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$5 million.

Bulletin board

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

TUESDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Coahoma's Lions club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 5:30 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties, 7 p.m., Howard Country Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 219 Main, 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 219 Main; 6:30 p.m. for diner.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

American Cancer Society Volunteer Luncheon, First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Noon. The meal is potluck.

The Big Spring Art Association monthly meeting will be Tuesday evening at 7 in the basement of Howard County Library at 500 Main Street. All person who are artists or supporters of art are welcomed to these meeting. The program will be "Tips on Making Clear and Sharp Photos With Your Camera."

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard Country 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.

The Texas Department of Health, flu vaccine shot clinic, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., College Park Shopping Center. Those on Medicare or Medicaid are asked to bring their card. The cost is \$10 for everyone else.

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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Southern gospel singing, featuring the Blackwood Gospel Quartet, 7 p.m. at the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

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.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard Country Library, 500 S. Main.

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

American Legion Auxillary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80.

Arts, Craft and Quilting club, 6 p.m., Howard Country Library, 500 S. Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers. For more information, call 268-9335.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SMU fraternity pledge in coma

DALLAS (AP) — A Southern Methodist University student who ingested large amounts of water in what school officials suspect was a fraternity hazing incident remained hospitalized in critical condition early Monday.

Braylon Curry, a junior pledge at Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, was admitted to Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas early Saturday and had fallen into a coma by midmorning. Doctors told law officers he is suffering from pulmonary edema, a condition where water enters the lungs, and hyponatremia, a sodium imbalance brought on by excess fluid consumption.

Curry, 21, spent Friday night engaged in what appeared to be a water-drinking competition at an off-campus apartment, SMU officials said. Paul Morris, spokesman for the Dallas Police Department, said an ambulance was called to the Village Apartments at 8 a.m. Saturday with a report that Curry had been "dazed and incoherent" since 5 a.m.

Some of Curry's friends, who accompanied him to the hospital, told police the activity was not hazing, Morris said. An SMU police officer at the hospital told Dallas officers the men were members of Alpha Phi Alpha, which has since been suspended by the university.

The vice president for student affairs at SMU, Jim Caswell, said that it was unclear how many men were involved in Friday night's activity. Caswell said the fraternity was suspended after a hazing incident three years ago and re-colonized on campus a few months ago. The fraternity has seven members.

Group to continue holding bonfire

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Until Texas A&M University's 90-year-old bonfire tradition returns to campus, a group of current and former students say they will continue holding the event off-campus.

The ritual was suspended by university officials after the 1999 collapse which killed 12 students.

Last year, Unity Project held its first bonfire, attended by 10,000 people, on a ranch about 10 minutes east of College Station.

While several other bonfires have been held around the state, Unity Project's effort, organizers said, was the one that tried to adhere as closely as possible to the tradition by incorporating cut — the gathering of needed trees — and a student leadership component.

This year, organizers expect to double their attendance. Other changes also are on tap for the event.

Author looks back on time as fugitive

BRYAN (AP) — During the time he was a fugitive, the author of a best-selling book about former Texas A&M football coach Bear Bryant's demanding 1954 training camp said he was spending time with his dying father, writing another book and talking to his lawyer about turning himself in.

"I knew that I had made a horrible, horrible mistake," Jim Dent said from the Brazos County Jail. It's his fifth month in jail, the longest stretch the admitted alcoholic has ever spent in jail for his string of drunken driving and evading police offenses.

Dent will be sent to prison next month to serve out the remainder of the eight-year sentence he received in October under a plea agreement for a probation violation. He was arrested in Las Vegas in June after spending more than a year as a fugitive in three states.

Since his arrest, Dent has tried to do some writing, but he said it is not a writing atmosphere.

"By no stretch of anybody's imagination is either my life or my writing career over," he told The Bryan College-Station Eagle for its Sunday editions. "This is a difficult situation, but I can guarantee you this is not the end of Jim Dent."

FTAA talks continue

MIAMI (AP) — Trade officials from 34 nations in the Americas are negotiating details of the world's largest free trade bloc, a proposal that will likely determine whether local supermarkets sell beef from Brazil or oranges from Florida.

Agricultural tariffs and subsidies are among the most contentious topics of discussion for business officials from across the Western Hemisphere who on Monday start three days of meetings in Miami on a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, or FTAA.

Brazil, which is co-hosting this week's meeting along with the United States, wants the United States to reduce or eliminate subsidies, quotas, tariffs and other barriers that protect American farmers. The United States says agricultural issues should be decided by the 146-member World Trade Organization.

Brazil stood up the United States and Europe in September, leading a group of more than 20 nations who pushed for the elimination of agricultural subsidies. Those talks collapsed with no agreement, but many smaller Latin American nations have abandoned Brazil and returned to a more U.S.-friendly stance.

They include several Central American nations, a region that as a whole is wrapping up negotiations on a free trade agreement with the United States.

If it sounds too good to be true...

Someone from Nigeria or another African country contacts you and offers you millions of dollars. All you have to do is help transfer money, diamonds and other riches to your bank account for safekeeping. Sounds like a dream, right?

As ludicrous as this online scam sounds, it amazes me to no end how many people report being taken in by it every year (of course that's not counting those that have their bank accounts wiped out, but are too embarrassed to contact the authorities).

Last week we began a series on online scams, looking at two of the most common rackets, bogus online credit cards and charities. This week we'll look at one of the most famous scams, both online and through other conventional mediums, the Nigeria Money scam.



THOMAS JENKINS

The Anatomy Of A Scam...

To first understand how online scams work, let's take a walk through one of the more common ones. This e-mail was received by the Big Spring Herald news desk:

"Dear friend:
I am Barrister Joshua Omokaro, a solicitor. I am the personal attorney to Mr. John Anderson, a foreigner who was a contractor to Shell Petroleum Development Company in Nigeria (SPDC). On the 17th of Oct., 1992, my client, his wife and their three children were involved in a plane crash on their way to Yankari Games Reserve for two week's holiday.
Unfortunately they all lost their lives in the plane crash. Since then I have made several inquiries to his embassy and the home address he filled in his file in my office to locate any of his extended relatives, this has also proved unsuccessful. After these several unsuccessful attempts, I decided to use the Internet to locate any member of his family, but to no avail, hence I contacted you."

Is it starting to sound fishy yet? Although I don't have the worldwide connections to prove or disprove Mr. Anderson's existence, I do know this: I've never e-mailed this man in my life, so why in the world is he contacting me with this information? Let's move on.

"I contacted you to assist in repatriating the money and property left behind by my client before they get

confiscated or declared unserviceable by the security and finance house where these huge amounts were deposited. Particularly, the finance house where the deceased had an account valued at about \$9 million.

Consequently, the bank issued me a notice to provide the next of kin or have the account confiscated. Since I have been unsuccessful in locating the relatives for over 10 years now, I seek your consent to present you as the next of kin of the deceased since you are a foreigner so that the proceeds of this account valued at \$9 million can be paid to you and I. We shall share the money thus 55 percent to me and 40 percent to you, while 5 percent will be used to reimburse any expenses that might be incurred on both ends and to service the tax that might incur in your country."

OK, that's enough to understand how these scams work, right? Once you've agreed to help this worn and weary attorney (several of my friends are attorneys, and they will certainly get a chuckle from that), you get requests for cash to cover this form and that cost, and in the end you'll have to give your new best friend your bank account number to "deposit" the funds.

What Can I Do To Protect Myself?

So why do so many people still fall for these types of scams? Maybe it's the child inside of us all, wanting and needing to believe we can lead the good life. Maybe it's the greed that drives us to chase the "quick buck." Regardless of why, there are things we can do to minimize our chances of being the target of an online scam (or off-line for that matter). Here are just a few.

— Be aware that these scams are well-known. They used to be called "Nigerian letters" because they came by mail, but now these messages also come by phone, fax, or e-mail.

— These promises are never true. The purpose of the scam is to get money out of your bank account, not to put money into it.

— Once you are on the hook, they'll never let you go. You will be asked for a never-ending series of payments for "transfer fees," "legal expenses," and other bogus costs.

— Be wary of offers to send you an "advance" on your "commission." Some con artists use this ploy to build trust and to get money from your bank. They send you a check for part of your "com-

mission," instructing you to deposit it and then wire payment to them for taxes, bonding, or some other phony purpose. The bank tells you the check has cleared because the normal time has passed to be notified that checks have bounced. After you wire the money, the check that you deposited finally bounces because it turned out to be an elaborate fake. Now the crooks have your payment, and you're left owing your bank the amount that you withdrew.

— Do not believe photographs of the "treasure." One common ploy is to tape money around a block of wood or bundles of paper to make it look like a large amount of currency. Sometimes the crooks even sprinkle harmless powder on the money and tell victims that its a toxic chemical used to protect it. Then they offer to sell a special substance to remove the powder!

— Never provide your bank account or other financial information. This information can be used to withdraw money from your account, regardless of who's on the other "electronic" end.

— Do not agree to travel anywhere to meet these people. They avoid coming to the United States because they fear arrest. Instead, they sometimes try to lure victims to meet them in Africa or other countries. Victims have been robbed and even murdered.

— Remember that these are hardened criminals. According to the United States Secret Service, these crooks use the money they make on this scam to finance other illegal activities such as drug dealing and credit card fraud.

— If they get your money, you'll never get it back. Its very difficult to bring these crooks to the United States for trial, and action is rarely taken against them in their own countries. However, its still helpful to report actual or attempted Nigerian money offer scams to law enforcement agencies.

In the end, we once again come to a crossroad I find all too familiar in the land of Internet promises and deals. If it sounds too good to be true, chances are it is. Or, as we like to say on the Web, if it sounds too good to be true, back away slowly with one hand on your wallet and the other on your mouse.

Thomas Jenkins is a staff writer for the Herald. He writes a weekly column on technology and the Internet.

RESCUE

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Someone's life could be in danger if we don't know what we're doing, so we work hard both in and out of the classroom.

"Prior to today we spent three evenings at about two-and-a-half hours each in the classroom setting, going over the different knots, hauling systems and different techniques for performing these rescues."

While a great deal of time was spent in the classroom prior to Saturday's exercise, Rumpff said the hands-on portion helps to reinforce the knowledge that can ultimately mean the difference between life and

death for both the victim and the rescuer.

"Hands-on experience when faced with a situation like this is vital," he explained. "The hands-on parts of these skills helps reinforce the knowledge we gain in the classroom. We also try to make some of the training scenarios tougher than what we may run into in the real world. That way when they have to do a real rescue, it's that much easier for them. They'll say 'hey this isn't so bad... we went through tougher situations than this in training exercises.'"

"It's really good that we get to do this type of hands-on training, and in the end everyone gets to see how we all work together to get the job

done."

If this type of training seems more intense than you'd expect to see from a volunteer fire department, Rumpff said you're certainly not off-base, but to be one of the best in the state, it takes going a step beyond what's expected.

"During a discussion with the State Firefighters and Fire Marshals Association, they informed us that we train more hours than any other volunteer fire department in the state of Texas," said Rumpff. "The only departments that compare to our hours of training are departments such as Dallas, Houston and San Antonio."

"We're really proud to have one of the top volun-

teer fire departments in the state, and the people of Howard County should be proud that we have such a high quality of people wanting to do this type of job without pay."

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school for \$1.5 million in recuperative costs.

In 2000, the district filed a lawsuit against Terracon, the company that performed the core samples and reported it

had found the site suitable for construction. Later, all parties involved with the original construction of the building were brought into the lawsuit.

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OUR VIEWS

Help us make Christmas a little happier

For children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy. We all know that, of course, because all of us were children. And what child doesn't love and want new toys?

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas to a child with no toys is like, but there are some who do. For those children — and their parents — it is no joyous experience.

The Herald and the Salvation Army want to make sure no child in Big Spring has to experience that feeling this Christmas season.

The Herald is in the midst of a toy drive, asking local residents to bring a new unwrapped toy to the newspaper office at 710 Scurry between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. during week days.

The Salvation Army's Angel Trees have many children on them again this year and we're concerned that not all the children will receive a gift.

With only a few weeks for the drive, Bob Rumpff, the Herald's Toy Drive coordinator, said he hopes there will be a quick response to the call for toy donations. The last day to bring toys to the Herald is Wednesday, Dec. 17. The toys will be taken to the Salvation Army and distributed on Dec. 23.

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, you are our guide through life, if we'll just let you lead the way.

Amen

The Reagans: CBS/cowers to pressure

The real drama is at CBS, not in its made-for-TV movie on Ronald and Nancy Reagan. "The Reagans" is the saga of a public-relations backfire. First, producers chose James Brolin, husband of liberal-activist chanteuse Barbra Streisand, to play Dutch — that was sure to generate stories. Then, CBS hyped "The Reagans" from a historical angle. CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves told The New York Times it was important to him that the producers document "every thing and give a very fair point of view." Yet, a scriptwriter told the Times that she made up a line in which Reagan faulted AIDS victims for living in sin. There was truth, there were lies — some done for everyone.



DEBRA J. SAUNDERS

Then, the scheme failed. While casting Brolin and incorporating the phony AIDS quote seemed sure to provoke protests from the left, right, they instead produced a half-spread revulsion. It probably didn't help when actress Judy Davis, who plays Nancy Reagan, announced that she hoped "The Reagans" would counter the "wave" of ugly specter of patriotism in America after Sept. 11. Brolin's disclosure that the movie focused on Mrs. R's growing control over the White House

Reagan's mental faculties flagged. Internet columnist Matt Drudge released portions of the script that confirmed skeptics' suspicions that the series would portray the Gipper as mean, ruthless or, as it turns out, both. Conservative groups threatened to boycott potential sponsors.

In the end, terrified CBS executives folded: They yanked "The Reagans" from Nov. 16 and Nov. 23 scheduled airtimes. According to a CBS statement, the bio-pic did not "present a balanced portrayal of the Reagans for CBS and its audience," although it is good enough for CBS' pay-cable cousin, Showtime. "This decision is based solely on our reaction to seeing the final film, not the controversy that erupted around a draft of the script," intoned a CBS statement.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle complained that the movie smacked of "bipartisanship." An enraged Streisand wrote, "This is censorship, pure and simple." She added, "I hope in porting decisions should be based on artistic integrity rather than an attempt to appease a small group of vocal dissenters."

On the other side of the polarity, Reagan biographer Robert Dallek probably will not be surprised by the network's sharply inflated production costs. He might, however, be surprised by the network's decision to cancel the series.

When it comes to the network's decision to cancel "The Reagans," it's a classic case of a

Davis found. Hey, it's a made-for-TV movie. Viewers should expect a soap opera, heavy on the gossip, if punctuated with the occasional issue to give it historical heft.

The best way to fight network schlock: Don't watch.

The way "The Reagans" should have played is this: It airs as scheduled, and most Americans don't tune in because they know it's a hatchet job. The ratings tank, and then, some poor sucker lower than the truly deserving mogul — loses his or her job to make it appear as if someone was punished.

Instead — and I hate to agree with Streisand on this — CBS caved shamefully. Wrongly. America loses when a small group of people manages to prevent other people from seeing or reading something that the small group doesn't want other people to see.

The boycott threats were misguided; criticizing "The Reagans" actually and tuning out would have done the job. The network self-censored itself to escape just criticism and economic consequences. So now, every pressure group in America knows that CBS can be pressured to pull its own plug.

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Let's wave Dean's flag some more

A very sensible bet, in my acquaintance, is inside the Beltway. Political expert of some reputation, has just made a bet that Howard Dean captures the Democratic nomination, he will win only two states in the general election: his home state of Vermont and Massachusetts.



ROGER SIMON

And you wonder why Dean doesn't like inside the Beltway political experts.

This bet, which I consider very weird, is based on the notion that Howard Dean in 2004 will suffer the same fate as George McGovern in 1972.

In that year, McGovern — who opposed the war in Vietnam — was wiped out by incumbent President Richard Nixon. McGovern took only one state, Massachusetts, (plus the District of Columbia), losing the popular vote 60.6 to 37.5 percent and the Electoral College vote 520 to 1.

(As has been pointed before, the criminal behavior that Nixon and his re-election gang engaged in during Watergate and related scandals was entirely unnecessary against an opponent as hapless as McGovern.)

And you hear opponents of Dean say that while our current involvement in Iraq is nothing like our past involvement in Vietnam, Dean's fate will nonetheless be the same as McGovern's: a leftist anti-war candidate will get chewed up by a flag-waving incumbent president.

This is why, the argument goes, the Democratic Party cannot afford to nominate Howard Dean.

And, usually, insurgent candidates like Dean are stopped on the way to the nomination. They do well in early states (John McCain

lost Nevada to the new Republican incumbent, but then got a landslide there). As the result of their winning the election, the Democrats were not re-elected in the next year. It's a sad, sad, sad dream of a candidate who is not the incumbent.

This is about the same predicament opponents will face in 2004. The party will not be able to actually endorse the incumbent on that matter.

Those who disagree with this scenario, however, claim that Dean is the main reason for the success of the Democratic Party.

The party is in a state of emergency, and Dean is a hero by the name of Four of Dean's chief opponents, Dick Gephardt, Tom Kerry, John Edwards and Joe Lieberman, all voted for the Iraq war, which as they were not elected, has not made them very popular with a number of their fellow Democrats.

And while the odds are certainly in Dean's favor, it is not the party, to defeat Dean, and to require that he try to capture an anti-war single candidate.

But who is that candidate? Thus far, no one has really emerged. It is very early and this could change, but the very fact that so many candidates are viable helps instead of hurts Howard Dean.

As to finding someone more electable than Dean, the Dean forces are likely to be the star response that from the beginning. You are not going to beat George Bush with George Bush Lite. If you nominate a pro-war Democrat, the American people will find very little difference between the Democrat and Bush, and they will go with Bush.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark was supposed to be the answer to Dean. He was antiwar, yet as a general, nobody could paint him as so much kind of fully livered peacenik.

But he stumbled badly on his very first day of campaigning by

bobbling an answer as to whether he would have voted to support the war in Iraq, and ever since he has had to spend an awful lot of time establishing his Democratic and his antiwar bona fides.

He pulled out of Iowa in order to concentrate on New Hampshire, but Dean still leads in that state by double digits. Clark is hoping to do well in the states that immediately follow New Hampshire, but Edwards, Lieberman and Gephardt have the same strategy.

Further, the notion that Clark could stand toe-to-toe with George Bush and whom him has not yet been born out by Clark's performance on the stump.

Howard Dean has been raising tons of money and doing well in the polls week after week, month after month, and his opponents have yet to derail or even damage him much.

Dean success so far should not be confused with victory, however. Amassing dollars and poll numbers is not the same thing as winning actual votes. But if Dean does well in Iowa and wins New Hampshire, I think he is going to be very tough to beat.

In order to stop Howard Dean, I think his opponents have to take him on where he is perceived to be strong, and not where he is perceived to be weak. If one of Dean's Democratic rivals really wants to show that Dean has feet of clay, I think he better do it in New Hampshire.

Beat Dean in New Hampshire, and you might really cause the party to look for an alternative.

Beating Dean in New Hampshire would not be easy. But it would be impressive.

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U.S. troops raid neighborhood in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Mortar and tank fire lit up the night sky over Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit Monday in a show of force to intimidate the resistance, while troops angered residents by mounting their biggest-ever hunt for weapons and explosives in a middle class Baghdad area.

Meanwhile, in the town of Ramadi west of Baghdad, troops announced they had arrested an organizer a leader of the Fedayeen guerrillas responsible for bomb attacks and ambushes on U.S. forces. The suspect, Kazim Mohammed Faris, was a "high value target," a military statement said.

U.S. forces have reacted to the increasing attacks in which dozens of Americans and their allies have died by mounting a massive show of force in central and northern Iraq.

Buildings factories and other facilities believed used as staging areas for guerrilla attacks have been bombed from the air and blasted by artillery barrages. Troops have carried out dozens of raids aimed at apprehending suspects and seizing weapons and bomb-making materials.

One such "cordon-and-search" raid early Monday in

World News: Palestine, Israel talk again

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Egyptian intelligence chief arrived Monday to try to broker a Mideast truce, and Palestinian officials said success depends largely on Israel's willingness to halt military operations.

Palestinian militants have told Egyptian mediators they are ready for a truce, provided Israel stops targeted killings of fugitives, incursions and arrest sweeps, according to an Egyptian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. In the past, Israel has said it will only halt

Baghdad's middle-class Azamiyah district netted 21 suspects along with 30 Kalashnikov AK-47 automatic rifles, about a dozen shotguns and 10 handguns. Most suspects had violated a one weapon per house rule.

Some 2,000 troops of the 1st Armored Division — backed by tanks, armored vehicles and low-flying helicopters took part in the nighttime raid, sealing off a 20-block area and searching every single building inside it.

Col. Charles Sexton, commander of one of three participating battalions expressed satisfaction that the massive searches had gone off without incident.

But many citizens of the

neighborhood next to the Tigris River said they were puzzled by the choice of target, because the area — which is home to bureaucrats, lawyers and other professionals — has not seen any rebel activity. Saddam was last seen in public in the neighborhood in April.

Some also were furious that troops were arresting men who had more than the single AK-47 now allowed by the coalition forces. At least a dozen of those taken away were detained after the army confiscated revolvers or bird guns that could not have presented a serious threat to the security of the occupying forces.

"Of course everybody has weapons," said Samir al-

military strikes if Palestinian security forces begin dismantling militant groups, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad. However, Israel has signaled in recent weeks that it is willing to test a truce for a limited period, without insisting on an immediate crackdown on armed groups.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is under growing pressure at home and abroad to try to break the deadlock over the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Last week, four former directors of Israel's Shin Bet security service warned that Israel is headed for disaster if the conflict with the Palestinians is not settled soon. They also accused Sharon of stalling in order to avoid making concessions.

Hadith, an engineer who works in Saudi Arabia and had returned to Baghdad to check on his home.

"There are so many thieves nowadays, we have to defend our families."

"Under Saddam Hussein there was much more security and we could own guns," he said.

Zuheir Ali, 26, was detained after troops found a snub-nose .38 Smith & Wesson revolver in his house along with an AK-47. They left the automatic rifle but confiscated the handgun.

"I don't understand this, we're not criminals, we only want to defend our homes from looters," Ali said.

Journalists accompanying the troops during the bitterly cold

night were offered hot tea by several of the residents.

"But no tea for the soldiers," said Lamyia Shaheen Ahmed who stood on the sidewalk with her mother and two sisters after troops had gone through their house.

Another such raid was mounted Monday in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, where hundreds of soldiers rolled into the town center in Bradley armored vehicles.

The show of force was mounted "just to display their number and might," said Lt. Col. Steven Russell.

In a separate incident, an Iraqi informer led U.S. troops to a house near the Husaybah border crossing with Syria where they found 500 Bangalore torpedoes, grenades and explosive devices, the military said.

Meanwhile, a tape purportedly made by Saddam Hussein urged the rebels to escalate attacks against the occupation and "agents brought by foreign armies" — an apparent reference to Iraqis supporting the coalition.

The speaker on the tape, aired on Al-Arabiya television, said the only way to end the chaos in Iraq was for Saddam and his now-outlawed Baath Party to return to power.

Democrats largely cool to GOP's Medicare drug plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional Republican leaders are selling their new Medicare prescription drug plan, but so far, not many Democrats are buying.

"I believe it will not pass the United States Senate in its current form," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Sunday, signaling a politically charged struggle when the GOP tries to push legislation to passage beginning this week.

It is a battle Bush appears eager to join, after leaving subordinates to work with lawmakers across months of wrangling on the details.

"I know I will be actively pushing the bill, because it conforms to the principles I laid out of

prescription drugs for our seniors: choice for seniors, accountability for the Medicare plan," the president told reporters at the White House.

The legislation would create a prescription drug benefit for 40 million elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries beginning in 2006. Participants would be offered a chance to purchase coverage at a monthly premium of \$35, with a \$275 deductible, a gap in coverage and protection against extremely high annual expenses.

At the same time, the bill would establish a new role for private health plans in Medicare, encouraging them to offer seniors the choice of receiving coverage under

managed care plans such as preferred provider organizations. That system encourages use of certain doctors but allows patients to go elsewhere if they pay extra.

Republican congressional leaders sealed a tentative agreement Saturday with two Democrats, Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana and Max Baucus of Montana. Their next step is to await word from budget experts to make sure the measure doesn't exceed the \$100 billion, 10-year price limit that Bush imposed earlier this year in requesting legislation.

After that, the leaders can see whether the political and policy calculations they made hold up.

In five months of bargaining, the GOP leaders

struggled to write a bill that could appeal to enough conservatives to clear the House, while gaining enough support from moderate Democratic senators to avoid a filibuster.

At the same time, they avidly courted the support of the AARP, with 35 million members age 50 and over, and already have picked up support from the American Medical Association and American Hospital Association.

Other than Breaux and Baucus, no congressional Democrat voiced support for the legislation over the weekend, although others are expected. "Many will reach the decision that this is better to pass than not to pass," Baucus predicted.

Neither Kennedy nor Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle has yet threatened a filibuster — a tactic that requires bill supporters to gain 60 votes to prevail. But neither found much to like

in the proposed legislation, "to judge by their rhetoric."

"It keeps drug prices high, causes two to three million retirees to lose drug coverage and coerces seniors into HMOs," Daschle, D-S.D., said in a statement.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said the losers in the deal were older Americans, while the winners were "the Republicans' special-interest cronies."

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vations to a building that was recently donated to the group for a central meeting place, and the ever increasing need for adult volunteers.

"We're really looking for more adult leaders

right now," she explained. "The problem we're facing right now is that we have plenty of girls, we just don't have enough adults to lead them."

"We're currently at a stand-still with the building. We have no money right now, but we're in the process of setting up

some fund-raisers. We also have \$2,500 grant from the United Way that we have to match by the end of the year in order to receive."

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PARADE

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5:30 p.m. First-place plaques will be awarded in four categories: Lighted float, school or church, commercial and manufacturing, and civic organizations. Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee will serve as parade judges.

However, to be eligible for judging, entries must be received by noon Friday. The reason for the entry deadline is because it takes time to plan and coordinate the parade, which over the past few years has included 70 or more entries and more than 1,000 participants.

"It's become one of many great Christmas traditions in the Crossroads area," Flores said.

Perhaps that's because the parade, which first

wound its way up Gregg Street in 1986, is in its 18th year of providing fun and pageantry for the Crossroads area.

"It's become quite a tradition, one that our community seems to really enjoy and look forward to each year," said Flores.

Parade entry forms are available at the paper's offices located at 710 Scurry. Entries should be

mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431. There is no entry fee.

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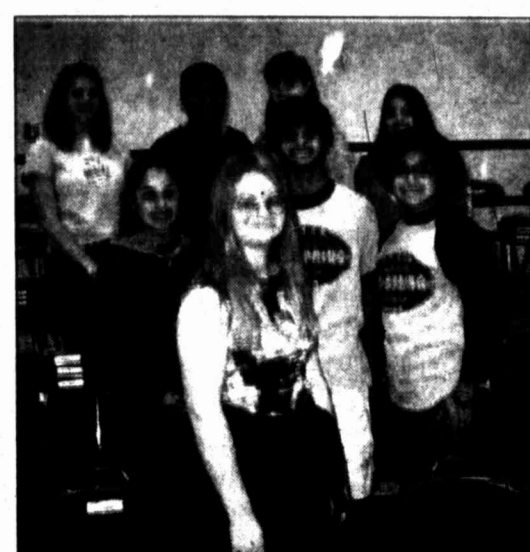
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Good News Page



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program got a major boost thanks to the Big Spring Eagles Lodge in the form of a \$5,000 check. Eagles Lodge Board of Directors member Billy Light presented the check to Shann Thomas, executive director of Victim's Services, at the Big Spring Police Department recently. Thomas said the funds will be used to reimburse SANE nurses for missed work and travel expenses as they continue their training.



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody



Big Spring Junior High School Choir

More than 30 Big Spring Junior High School choir students earned a spot at All-Region Choir auditions held in October. At top left, Pictured are mixed choir members from left, front row, Debra Garcia, second row, Hollie Bermenter, Samantha Boehringer, Randy Phillippe and Rachel Overby, third row, Elizabeth Wheeler, Brittany Farmer, Meagan Tunstall and Lauren Sage; back row, Bree Feaster, Michelle McMurtry, Sophia Gonzalez and Pricilla Avalos. Not pictured is Danielle Jeter. At top right, pictured are members of the treble choir from left, front, Kristen King, second row, Nadia Garcia, Suraj Patel, Ashleigh Ramirez; back row, Maddy Hopkins, Carlita Green, Lauren Dorn and Paula Patten. At bottom left, pictured are members of the tenor and bass group which are from left, front, Jonathan Stiles and Matthew Stokes, back, Jimmy McNutt, Jonathan Smith and Kevin Porras and at bottom right, pictured are from left, front, Branden Schaffner, Willy Alcantar, Chris Brooks, back row, Cade Hollandworth, Sidney Parker, Froylan DeSantiago and Ethan Coker.

Do you have a photo idea for the Good News Page? If so, contact the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331 or e-mail newsdesk@crcom.com

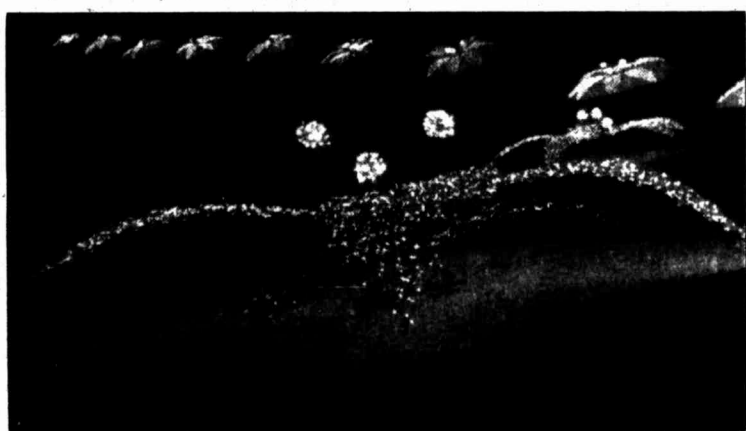


Satin Strings



Photos/Lane Bond

Permian High School Satin Strings performed during last Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club. The combined bands of Permian High and Odessa High will play in the Rose Bowl Parade Jan. 1. Satin Stings will participate in the event.



Eleven lighted structures show up as poinsettias. The photo was made while the poinsettias were displayed in the 2002 Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. They were on the Cosden Lake Dam next to Highway 87 just south of Big Spring. The picture, taken by Lane Bond, was entered into a Holiday Photo contest sponsored by Texas Highways Magazine, the travel magazine for the Texas Department of Transportation. The picture was awarded third place. A web page of the festival may be found at <http://bondwebs.com/FestivalHome.htm>.

Holiday Hours
The Big Spring Herald office will be closed on Wednesday, November 19, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please expect your Thursday paper to be delivered by 7:00 a.m.

Watch for fantastic sales all over town to kick off the Christmas shopping season.

Classified advertising deadlines are adjusted as follows:

Deadlines for ads in Thursday's paper: 12:00 noon Wednesday.

Deadlines for ads in Friday's paper: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

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Friday's paper - 2:00 noon
Sunday's paper - 4:00 p.m.

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18th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6

Parade theme — "A Family Christmas"
Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 21

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

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

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3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
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IN BRIEF

BSYBA sets meeting for board, adults

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 24 at the YMCA.

BSYBA board members and any adults interested in taking a leadership role as an age group coordinator for the league are urged to attend.

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 older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

Crossroads league to hold board elections

The Crossroads Little Football League will hold elections to fill three positions on its board of directors at the championship games on Nov. 22.

Persons interested in becoming a candidate for any one of the three vacant positions can sign up at the CLFL concession stand, located at the American League baseball field.

YMCA swim team spots available

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

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

Lady Cats to open season in Coahoma

The Westbrook High School Lady Cats are scheduled to begin their 2003 season tomorrow night with a bout against the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma High School gymnasium.

HSU netters to hold camp in Big Spring

Hardin-Simmons University tennis coaches and players will be in Big Spring to conduct a clinic on Nov. 22. Stroke production, live ball drills, competition drill as well as singles and doubles strategies will be stressed.

T-shirts and other prizes will be given away.

Area athletes in grades 5-8 will be instructed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Athletes in Grade 9 and above will attend from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact tennis coach Sarah Corse at 263-2275.

Steers finish fifth at state cross country meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ROUND ROCK — The Big Spring Steers put the finishing touches on one of their best cross country seasons in the school's history Saturday by running to fifth place in the Class 4A state cross country meet. The Steers, paced by Andy Arguello's top 20 finish, racked up just 149 points in the event. Boerne, the state's No. 1-ranked team for much of the year, won the team title with 44 points. Mesquite Poteet, Robstown and Friendswood rounded out the top four squads.

Arguello turned in one of the better performances of his high school career on the 3.34-kilometer course at Old Settler's Park. He legged out a time of 16 min-

Garden City's Jansa, Sands' Barraza notch Top 25 finishes in Class A

utes, 49.3 seconds and finished 16th in the individual standings.

Overall, Arguello was one of five BSHS runners to finish among the top 40. Teammates Andy Cuellar and Daniel Garza placed No. 26 and No. 31, respectively, while Daniel Leos and Jacob Marquez placed 37th and 39th.

Mesquite Poteet's Joel Sartain earned the Class 4A individual state crown, completing the race in a time of 15:50.8. Friendswood's Alex Hoeg was second at 15:55.6 while Boerne's David Fuentes was third at 16:00.5.

Boerne dominated the leaderboard. All five of the team's scoring runners placed in the top 15, placing sixth, 10th, 11th and 14th. Cuellar was the Steers' second-best runner at the state meet. He finished the course in a time of 17:06.5 — just over five seconds ahead of Garza, the team's top runner this season.

Garza, who was one of the most dominant runners in West Texas this fall, led Big Spring to seven wins this season and the Region 1-4A championship.

Leos and Marquez also turned in solid efforts. Leos completed the race in a mark of 17:23.

Marquez legged out a time of 17:24.5.

Martin De Los Santos and Tony Arguello each posted top 75 runs. De Los Santos was 49th overall at 17:46.6 while Arguello placed 68th at 18:25.

El Paso De Valle won the girls' Class 4A state crown. San Angelo Lake View was eighth.

Garden City's Allison Jansa and Stephen Barraza both capped an impressive high school careers with impressive performances in the Class A race. Jansa finishing 22nd in her fourth straight appearance at the state meet. She completed the race in a time of 12:54.6.

Barraza finished 19th in the boys' race with a time of 17:51. Garden City's Shawn Maxie was 35th at 18:14.7.



Coahoma lineman D.J. Allen (left) and Sam Sevey check block assignments as quarterback Sam Tindol steps to the line Friday in the Bulldogs' 52-20 rout of Post. Coahoma faces Ozona this Saturday in Midland.

HC women slide past Rose State in overtime

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks rebounded from their first loss of the season in grand fashion this past weekend by reeling off a pair of wins over Murray State and Rose State in Tishamingo, Okla.

With the two wins, the Howard College women, which suffered a stunning 83-70 loss to Weatherford College last Monday, improved to 6-1 and pulled to within reach of matching last year's win total in the first month of the year. The Lady Hawks won just 10 games last fall and finished last in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Getting win No. 6 was anything but easy for Howard College. The Lady Hawks were forced into overtime before claiming a wild 107-98 victory over Rose State Saturday evening.

Desire' Bostice provided the bulk of the offensive load for the Lady Hawks against Rose State. The 6-foot-4 sophomore post from Fort Worth, pumped in a season-high 30 points in the game.

Bostice was far from the only source of points for Howard College. Kristen Valentine and LaTasha Davis both contributed 21 points in the contest.

Howard College opened the weekend by claiming a win over Murray State Friday afternoon.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to return to action this evening when they travel to Cisco to square off against the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers. Howard has beaten Cisco in their two previous meetings this year.

Following their bout against Cisco, the Lady Hawks are scheduled to return home to participate in the WJCA Women's Pre-Conference Tournament, beginning Nov. 20 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks will begin play in the event at 7 p.m. Thursday with a showdown against rival Midland College.

Coahoma, Ozona set to renew rivalry Saturday in area playoff

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs are hoping the third time is really charmed — especially since the stakes are much higher this time.

Coahoma is scheduled to face the Ozona Lions for the third time in the past two years Saturday night when they meet in the area round of the state Class 2A playoffs at Midland's Grande Communications Stadium. The last of four games set for the Midland field this weekend, the game will start at 8 p.m.

Coahoma and Ozona both enter the game with a full head of steam. The Bulldogs, en route to rolling up more than 500 yards in offense, garnered an easy win over Post in the bi-district round Friday, winning 52-20 in Sweetwater.

Coahoma seniors Sam Tindol and Kelby Kemper both turned in stellar outings in the contest. Tindol passes for more than 400 yards and seven touchdowns — five to Kemper.

With the victory, the Bulldogs improved to 9-3 for the season and collected the school's playoff win since 2001.

Like Coahoma, Ozona had an

easy time in their playoff opener. The Lions, 8-3 overall, dealt Marfa a 42-8 setback Saturday night.

One thing will be for certain when the two teams meet: Both sides know each other well. Coahoma and Ozona have split their last two regular meetings. The Lions claimed a 21-14 come-from-behind win over the Bulldogs last year, Coahoma returned the favor this fall by getting a late touchdown from Clay Grant to net a 13-12 win.

The winner of Saturday's game will advance to face either Panhandle or Cisco in the next round.

Patriots deal Cowboys 12-0 shutout

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — For a couple of coaches with a history like Bill Belichick and Bill Parcells, a handshake wouldn't do.

Parcells gave his former assistant a hug, throwing an arm around him at midfield after Belichick's New England Patriots blanked the Dallas Cowboys 12-0 Sunday night to win the matchup of defensive masterminds.

"I think it was a big win for him," linebacker Tedy Bruschi, one of six Patriots to have played for Parcells. "If I worked for a coach at one time or was on that staff I'd want to beat him, too. It's just

common sense."

The Patriots (8-2) had three second-half interceptions — two by Ty Law — and outplayed the Cowboys' top-ranked defense to hand Dallas its second shutout in 22 days. The Cowboys (7-3) were called for 15 penalties.

New England won its sixth game in a row to maintain a two-game lead over Miami in the AFC

East. Dallas, 7-3 after three 5-11 seasons, dropped into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the NFC East.

"We're still in first place and not many people thought we could be there 10 weeks into the season," Parcells said. "We have an opportunity. Whether we are good enough to take advantage of that, I don't know."

Steers to open season at Merkel

The Big Spring Steers will open their 2003-2004 high school basketball season Tuesday evening by traveling to Merkel for a 7:30 p.m. showdown.

Big Spring, under head coach Jim Kinnear, will make its first home appearance of the year Friday when they host the Lamesa Golden Tors at 7:30



Lindsay Phillips and the Big Spring Lady Steers will open their basketball season tonight against the Permian Lady Panthers. Games begin at 5 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Venus and Pluto meet up. You'll wonder if it is destiny when you find someone who could be your Big Love. But what you've got planned for yourself and what the universe has planned for you are two different things. Good! Wouldn't it be a drag to always know what was going to happen next? Destiny is what you're creating right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your style shines through - you want to go even further with your individual trademark, though. Superior ideas are featured in the afternoon. You don't have to spend big bucks to make your statement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A political turn is featured at work. It's a positive but only when you're looking at the big picture. At home, encouraging loved ones to behave in a way that's suitable to you isn't easy, but it is simple. Be ready to enforce it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you learn this morning is astounding - or at least terribly interesting. But how to apply the information is the big question. Take your cue from higher-ups this afternoon. Other colleagues only lead you astray.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). On this good karma day, it's reassuring to know that what you put out will come back to you. Matters heavy on your mind can be dropped - not because you've won or lost but because more important challenges call you to act.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're off to a running start this morning, but weird complications are featured. You really can't take things at face value. Before you trust what you see, get the whole story. Tonight, relax! Silence is comforting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All things seem possible, even the impossible ones. You don't even mind that love relationships ebb and flow; respect is what you're after, and you get it by giving it. Young professionals are on the brink of promotion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be excited about your plan coming together, and this happy situation will happen more often. Those who roam will enjoy fantastic scenery and also run into folks from the past - family members' former loves and children now grown.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Moving past plateaus naturally creates a certain amount of chaos. Embrace it - if it weren't so, you might think that you were stuck in a rut. When the dust settles, you'll have the proof of success you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Lighten your load, and you'll have more fun. Regarding that difficult person at work: When this person realizes that you really don't care what he/she thinks, you'll earn the respect you more than deserve. Wear sunscreen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work alone. Solitude gives you the focus you need to hear what's really going on in your head. Negative thoughts will stop you if you let them. Combat their influence by tapping into the wisdom of your higher mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). So much is going right that there's time to consider what's not so hot. Like your social life? If the phone just isn't ringing enough, all you have to do is throw a party. Hosting is a creative expression all your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's amazing how relationships get deeper, broader and stronger, but then, suddenly, that same old issue crops up again to put a wrench in the works. Sure, you thought you were past it, but human nature is tricky.

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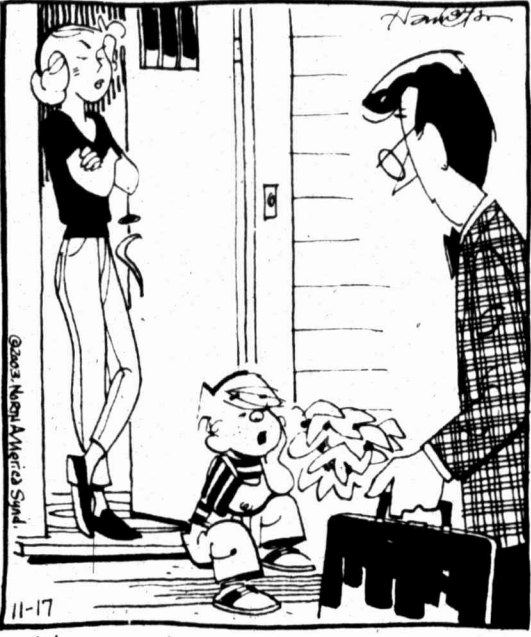
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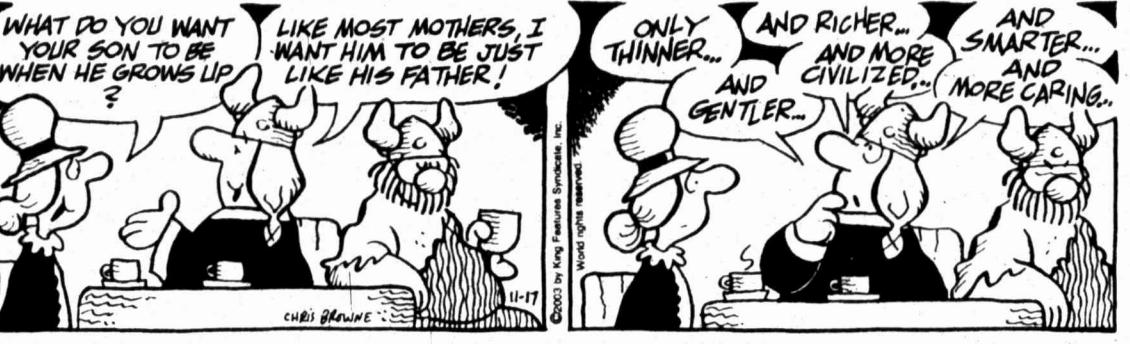
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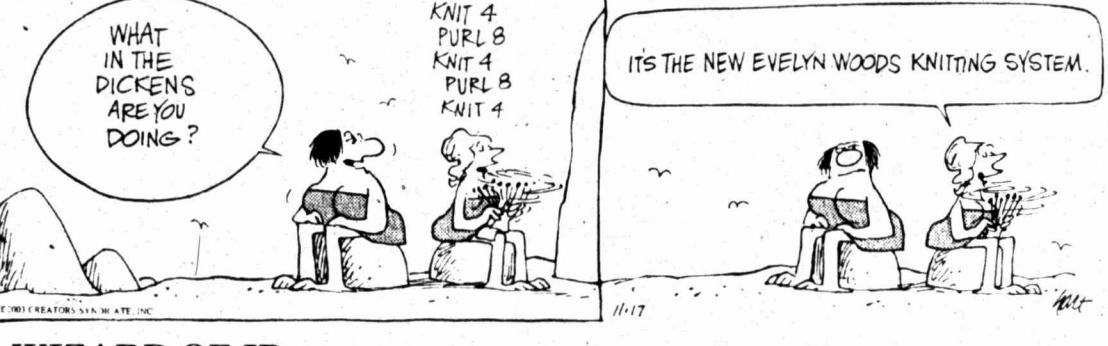
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2003. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1917, sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon, France.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born in Winnetka, Ill.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1968, NBC-TV outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a TV special, "Heidi," on schedule. (Viewers were deprived of seeing the Raiders come from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press Managing Editors meeting in Orlando, Fla.: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Ten years ago: By a surprisingly wide margin of 234 to 200, the House of

Representatives approved legislation implementing the North American Free Trade Agreement in what was seen as a major political victory for President Clinton.

Today's Birthdays:

Olympian-turned-politician Bob Mathias is 73. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 65. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 61. Actress Lauren Hutton is 60. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 59. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 59. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 59. Movie director Roland Joffe is 58. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is 55.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON THE MOVE by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 One might say "WELCOME"
 - 4 Nova network
 - 7 12 Down, for example
 - 12 Greek vowel
 - 13 Corner in Monopoly
 - 14 Needle end
 - 15 Not written
 - 16 Reverse, as an action
 - 17 Main blood vessel
 - 18 Twiglike insect
 - 21 Declare in court
 - 22 Theater district
 - 26 "I say, not..."
 - 28 "I Write the Songs" singer
 - 29 Spanish king
 - 32 Candidate's partner
 - 34 ___-win situation
 - 35 Lend a hand
 - 36 Fellows
 - 37 Runner's trail
 - 43 Mornings: Abbr.
 - 44 Assumed names
 - 45 Bandleader
 - 47 Inconvenience
 - 48 Physical weakness
 - 52 Parade musicians
 - 56 Evil One
 - 59 Gambler's hope
 - 60 Sky color
 - 61 Tartan pattern
 - 62 Singer Tori

- 11 Travel-schedule estimate: Abbr.
- 12 Where Des Moines is
- 13 Capital of Alaska
- 19 Composer Stravinsky
- 20 Neighbor of Iraq
- 23 Bolivian beast
- 24 Indian pole
- 25 Buck of country music
- 27 Hosiery problems
- 28 King of myth
- 29 Indian prince
- 30 ___ Gay (WWII plane)
- 31 Hindu mystics
- 33 Small nibble
- 38 Utility pipeline
- 39 Map dots
- 40 ___-do-well
- 41 Shows appreciation
- 42 Put up, as a portrait
- 46 Like ducks' feet
- 49 Asian
- 50 Occupied
- 51 "Zip-___-Doo-Dah"
- 53 Show appreciation
- 54 Actor Cronyn
- 55 Graphic symbol
- 56 James Bond, for one
- 57 Chicken ___ king
- 58 Roofing material

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