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'Tartuffe' to debut this evening at Howard College

"Tartuffe," a French comedy, debuts at 8 p.m. today in Room 105 of the Practical Arts Building on the Howard College campus. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

Performances will continue at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Schlotzsky's is United Way restaurant of week

Schlotzsky's is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County featured restaurant this week. A portion of Friday's proceeds at Schlotzsky's will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Hollowing out a pumpkin, carving a funny face, and placing a lighted candle inside the orange melon is a Halloween tradition for Lisa Theising, Paul Solomon, and their daughter, Katherine 11, of Rosendale, N.Y. (pop. 6,352).

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Public encouraged to attend informal candidate forum

6 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

With the presidential debates at an end and the District 19 congressional debates to close tonight, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has decided to give Big Spring and Howard County voters a chance to hear from local candidates.

As a result, the chamber's governmental affairs committee with sponsor a candidate forum set for 6 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

"We want to really encourage the public to come out and attend the forum and take an interest in the election."

Virginia Belew, chamber committee chair



"This forum will be nothing like a debate," Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive director, explained. "In fact, it will be very loosely structured. The candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and a few minutes to speak about the issues they consider important. After that we want the candidates to have an opportunity to mingle

with the audience and be able to answer individual voters' questions face-to-face."

According to Virginia Belew, the governmental affairs committee chairperson, members of the committee felt very strongly that the less formal an atmosphere the better.

"We want to give citizens an opportunity to actually visit with the candidates," Belew explained. "It will be more relaxed. And with the number of candidates that are going to be there, we felt this would be a better setting for people to get to know them."

Belew said organizers have invited all the candidates in contested races that have a direct bearing on the community.

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Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush greet the audience before the final presidential debate in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday.

Bid for Top Gun

Presidential candidates joust over domestic issues in third, final debate

By STEVEN THOMMA and JAMES KUHNHENN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

TEMPE, Ariz. — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry hammered at each other in their third and final debate Wednesday, accusing each other of misleading the country about their domestic records as they clawed for advantage heading into the final weeks of a campaign polls show neck-and-neck.

Bush accused Kerry of making an "empty promise" to the American people on his plans for the economy and health care, arguing that Kerry could-

n't pay for all the new federal help.

Kerry countered that Bush's domestic record that has left the middle class squeezed by job losses, declining incomes and rising costs.

Each man was aggressive, well versed in numbers and details of domestic programs, and at times caustic.

Yet toward the end of their 90-minute confrontation, each man talked gently about his love for his wife and daughters.

Asked what they had learned from being close to strong women, Bush said: "To listen to 'em. To stand up straight and not scowl. I love

the strong women around me."

Kerry said of his wife and daughters: "They kick me around ... I can sometimes take myself too seriously. They surely don't let me do that." Kerry then paid tribute to Laura Bush and the two Bush daughters in a rare moment of civility.

Earlier, for example, Bush accused Kerry of listing a "litany of complaints" and lambasted Kerry for voting 98 times to support alleged tax increases in the Senate.

Kerry shot back that Bush was in no position to criticize

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Classes, sale to mark 14th carving show

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

A chance to learn wood carving and observe wood carvers takes place beginning Monday in the Dora Roberts Community Center as members of the Mustang Draw Carving Club open their third annual event in Big Spring.

"We have five counties that we cover — Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Dawson and Howard — and this is

our 14th annual wood carving show," said James Fryar, show chairman for the Mustang Draw Carving Club.

Classes ranging from beginning wood carvers to advanced wood carving will begin Monday at 8:30 a.m. The classes will continue through Thursday, and the show begins at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

"For those taking the beginning wood carving class, I will furnish the wood, the knives and even the Band-aids," Fryar said.

The beginner's class costs \$5. More advanced classes are offered, but students should bring their own knives, he said.

"I believe the instructors will loan their own general wood carving tools. We will have nine to 10 instructors," he said.

One of those instructors is a woman.

"Women make good wood carvers, sometimes better than the men, because they pay closer attention to detail," Fryar said.

Cost for the more advanced classes will be up to \$20.

Saturday, Oct. 23, a wood carving sale begins at 8 a.m. Two vendors will be on hand, offering wood-carving knives as well as different types of wood.

The six-day event will conclude at 5 p.m. each day. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

For more information, contact Fryar at 399-4510.



FRYAR

Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival to begin Saturday

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The 28th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival will feature a variety of different items, according to its organizer.

The festival is scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

There is no admission charge.

"There is something for everyone this year," said organizer Staci Fraley. "We are excited because this time around we have more items for men."

Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer, concourse and main arena with every

INFORMATION

What: Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

craft item imaginable — from art, specialty foods, hand-painted furniture and much more.

"We have many first-time exhibitors that will offer items such as decorated overalls, appliquéd pillows, candles, seasonal clothing and baskets," said Fraley.

Children can expect a visit from Dimples the Clown and many vendors

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UNITED WAY

HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
Cynthia Scott, Richard Sanders, Roy Worthy and John Scott place this year's United Way goal sign on the Howard County Courthouse lawn Wednesday. The goal this year is \$275,000. To donate, call 267-5201

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after turning a projected federal budget surplus into record deficits.

"Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order," Kerry said.

Yet neither scored a rhetorical knockout that might dramatically shift the dynamics of the close contest.

With less than three weeks left until Election Day, the debate offered voters one last chance to see the two major-party candidates side-by-side, live, without the filters of advertising or the news media.

The bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates sponsored their face-off. Ralph Nader and other candidates were not allowed to participate, having failed to meet the commission's threshold of 15 percent support as measured by opinion polls.

America was watching. Six out of 10 likely voters said they were following the race very closely, up from 40 percent at this stage four years ago, and eight out of 10 said they planned to watch the debate, according to a poll for ABC News and The Washington Post.

Bush defended his economic record, saying his tax cuts have helped working and middle class families.

"If you have a child, you got a \$1,000 child credit," Bush said. "If you're married, we reduced the marriage penalty... We created a 10 percent bracket to help lower income Americans. A family of four making \$40,000 received about \$1,700 in tax relief. It's your money."

Kerry countered with a detailed indictment of Bush's tenure on the home front, saying soaring costs have eroded savings from tax cuts. "Health care costs have gone up 64 percent," Kerry said. "Tuition has gone up 35 percent. Gasoline prices up 30 percent. Medicare premiums went up 17 percent a few days ago. Prescription drugs are up 12 percent..."

"But guess what America — the wages of Americans have gone down, the jobs that are being created in Arizona right now paying about \$13,700 less than the jobs we're losing. And the president just walks on by this problem."

Kerry accused Bush of presiding over a deteriorating health care system, noting that 5 million Americans have lost their insurance since Bush took office. "The president has turned his back on the wellness of America," Kerry said.

Martin County Pig Sale slated this weekend

By TATE DILLARD

Special to the Herald
STANTON — The Second Annual Martin County Pig Sale is planned Saturday at the Martin County Community Center.

"The first one was successful, so we decided to do it again," said Bryan Cox of Lenorah, one of the organizers.

The barns will open early Saturday morning with all hogs expected to be in place by about noon.

At 2 p.m., Dennis Poole from Borden County will sift and judge the pigs for a sale order.

The sale will begin at 6 p.m. with auctioneer Bill

Stone of Stanton at the microphone.

About 100 pigs are expected, with all eight breeds and crossbreeds represented. There will be gilts as well as barrows, and Texas certified registrations will be available on most all hogs in the barn.

Pigs will range in age from those that will be ready for January and later county shows, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin.

Designed as a way for West Texas breeders to exhibit and sell their pigs to West Texas youth at a reasonable price, the sale will include breeders

from Tahoka to Garden City and Colorado City to Fort Davis.

Among the breeders participating are Wilbert Braden of Midkiff, Eddie Quine of Greenwood, Russell Brooks and Tim Outlaw of Greenwood, Cox of Lenorah, Cody Peugh of Martin County, Kenneth and Keith Cook of Stanton, Paul Schwartz of Garden City, John Senter of Colorado City, Denny Belew of Tahoka and Robert Rodriguez of Martin County.

Others are Roger Lacy of Seminole, Dillard and Sons of Fort Davis and Stanton, Donald Love of Lamesa, Stan McMillan of Loraine, Morgan Cox

of Tarzan, Ed Beaty of Loraine, Hilton Luckie of Midkiff, Curtis White of Big Spring, Terry Schuette of Greenwood and Preston Holland of Greenwood.

Still others include Jimmy Strube of St. Lawrence, Danny Preston of Tahoka, Allan Thompson and Joe Watters of Greenwood, Mark Bearden of Welch, Joe Wilde of Big Lake, Brian Robinson of Levelland and Nubbin Rogers of Greenwood.

Tate Dillard is editor of the Martin County Messenger and Greenwood Ranger in Stanton and Greenwood.

Myrick will perform at Jayton Jam Saturday

Special to the Herald

Steel guitar player and former Big Spring resident Weldon Myrick will be performing at the Jayton Jam in Jayton this weekend.

Myrick lived in Big Spring in the late 1950s, worked at KEDY TV, was a police officer and moved to Nashville in 1963 where he became one of the top steel guitar players in the world. He was on the Grand Ole Opry staff band for 32 years.

Myrick has performed with many major artists over the years, including Roy Acuff, Chet Atkins, Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, The Everly Brothers, Freddy Fender, George Jones, Kris Kristofferson, Loretta Lynn, Delbert McClinton, Willie Nelson, Wayne Newton, the Oak Ridge Boys, Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Carl Perkins, Boots Randolph, Hank Snow, the Statler Brothers, Cat Stevens, Ray Stevens, George Strait, Mel Tillis, Bobby Vinton, Jerry Jeff

Walker, Tammy Wynette, Trisha Yearwood and Dwight Yokum.

Among the hit songs he is featured on are "I Love You Drops," "Bill Anderson," "Once a Day" and "Cry, Cry, Cry," Connie Smith; "Harper Valley PTA," Jeannie C. Riley; "Happiest Girl in the Whole USA" and "Funny Face," Donna Fargo; "I Wish I was 18 Again," George Burns; "Fancy Free," the Oak Ridge Boys; and "Let's Fall To Pieces Together," George Strait.

The Jayton Jam will be

held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the volunteer fire department building. The Jam is a free show with "good ole country music." The public is invited.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Clemmie Montgomery, 94, died Wednesday. Graveside Service will be at 10:30 AM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bailey Anderson, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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As of this morning, several candidates have confirmed they will attend, including both candidates seeking the District 85 Texas House of Representatives seat, incumbent Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and Republican challenger Kent Sharp of Big Spring.

Both Howard County Sheriff candidates, incumbent Democrat Dale Walker and GOP challenger Ron Allen, have announced that they will attend, as have both candidates in the Precinct 3 county commissioner's race, Republican incumbent Bill Crooker and Democrat James (Dick) Dubose.

In the Precinct 1 commissioner's race, Edwin O. Ware, the Republican challenger to Democratic

incumbent Emma Puga Brown, has announced he will attend. Others who have indicated they will attend are Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1 incumbent Bennie Green, a Republican who faces a challenge from Democrat Phil Bustamante; and Republican Boyce Hale, who is seeking the Precinct 1 constable's position.

In addition, representatives of Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, will be on hand to visit with voters.

"We want to really encourage the public to come out and attend the forum and take an inter-

est in the election," Belew said. "Not only do we want to make sure local voters get a chance to meet and question the candidates, but we also want to make sure the candidates — especially those seeking national and statewide office — know what we here in the Big Spring area consider important issues."

Belew indicated that plans call for an interpreter to be on hand to provide signing for the hearing disabled. "And if there's anyone else who has a handicap or other

condition that requires special auxiliary aids, we want them to call the chamber office and let us know."

For more information, call the chamber office at 263-7641.

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Ford's high profile trucks

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The Ford F-Series pickup — the most popular-selling vehicle in the world for the past 26 years running — is also one of the most diversified truck lines on the planet offering buyers a long list of specialized trim lines to choose from.

If you think a pickup is just a pickup, think again.

This week, we're going to take a look at three F-Series pickups, each driven for a one-week test period.

We'll start with the 2004 F-250 Harley Davidson truck, featuring a unique trim package specially designed for and licensed through the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company.

The Harley truck begins with an F-250 4X4 crew cab Lariat powered by a 6.0-liter power stroke diesel V-8 (325 horsepower/560 lb.-ft. torque) mated to a five-speed automatic transmission.

In addition to three unique Harley-Davidson

inspired paint schemes (black/competition orange two-tone; black/dark shadow gray two-tone; and black monotone), this truck is packed with leather and chrome.

While capable of taming the wild frontier (and towing a house while doing it), inside, the Harley truck is all about luxury and style.

In addition to Harley-Davidson

badging throughout the vehicle, the package includes 18-inch aluminum wheels, engine decal, chrome exhaust tip, and chrome tubular step bar with Harley-Davidson Bar & Shield insert.

With a base price starting around \$48,000, the Harley truck is powerful, rugged, stylish and very nicely appointed.

Another specialty F-Series is the F-350 King Ranch Edition, which begins with an F-350 4X4 crew Lariat body and is also powered by the 6.0-liter power stroke diesel. Like the Harley truck, the King Ranch is powerful and capable of towing heavy loads off road.

Inside, it's loaded with luxury and leather. The



Above, the Ford F-250 Harley-Davidson truck. Center, the Ford F-350 King Ranch Edition. Bottom photo, the Ford SVT F-150 Lightning.



special package, licensed through the King Ranch in Texas, features Arizona Beige wheel lip moldings, specially designed front grille and bumpers, King Ranch aluminum wheels, King Ranch Castano leather consoles/grab handles/steering wheel, heated seats, quad captain's chairs, badging, telescoping trailer tow mirrors and lighted cabin steps with diamond plate inserts.

It has a base price starting around \$48,000.

Next on our list of high-profile F-Series pickups is the high-octane supercharged Ford SVT F-150 Lightning.

Powered by a supercharged 5.4-liter V-8 (380 horsepower/450 lb.-ft. torque), the Lightning is designed for speed — 0-60 mph in 5.2 seconds.

I've had this truck on

the drag strip, and honestly, it's a rocket (during an SVT event, I actually won more races than I lost). For consumers in the market for a supercharged sports car, the SVT Lightning is a must test drive. It has a base price starting around \$34,000.

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ON THE ROAD



By Neal White

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will offer clothing and toys for the festival's youngest visitors.

Concession areas will be available for those visitors wishing to make an afternoon of the event.

From Southwest artifacts, beaded jewelry, stained glass to beef

jerky, silver crosses and Christmas gifts, this year's festival promises something for everyone, Fraley said.

For more information, contact the festival office at 263-7690.

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

Cell phones needed at Victim Services

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Victim Services is in need of old cell phones.

The cell phones can be reconditioned and programmed for use by victims to call for help in emergency situations.

To donate old cell phones, batteries and chargers for Victim

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OTHER DISTRICT BATTLES

Stanton @ Stamford

The Stanton Buffaloes take a two game winning streak into rival Stamford this week.

The Bulldogs are coming off a district win against Hawley last Friday. It was Stamford's first win of the season, as well.

Stanton defeated Alpine on the road earlier in the year before dominating Anson at home last Friday.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the winner will move to 2-0 in district play.

Anson @ Coahoma

The Coahoma Bulldogs will try to get back on the winning track this week against rival Anson.

The game will be played at Bulldog Stadium where Coahoma is winless this year. The Bulldogs have suffered several injuries this year and have lost two players to grades, as well.

The Tigers will try to get their first win of the year Friday.

Last week, Coahoma was blown out by rival Colorado City and Anson was defeated by Stanton, 33-15.

Wellman @ Grady

Coming off a huge district road win against rival Loop last week, the Grady football team returns home Friday to challenge Wellman-Union in Lenorah.

Last week, the Wildcats offense was unstoppable, scoring three touchdowns each in all four quarters en route to an 86-48 win.

Grady improved to 2-4 overall after the win. Wellman-Union enters the game with an overall record of 3-3. They are 1-0 in district play after defeating Dawson last Friday.

Buffaloes search for first victory at Roscoe

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Forsan football team, which will be in search of its first win of the season Friday, has the tough challenge of stopping one of the district's best teams and a very potent offense when they travel to Roscoe (6-1).

Roscoe's offense is led by senior quarterback Cale Smith and several big linemen up front.

"Cale is a very talented young man," said Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson. "We need to be able to stop the run, execute and be where we need to be at all times on defense this week."

And the offensive game plan is very similar, as well, said Thompson, who used a three-headed monster in the backfield last week with Adam Johnson, Mitchell Murray and Anthony Acosta.

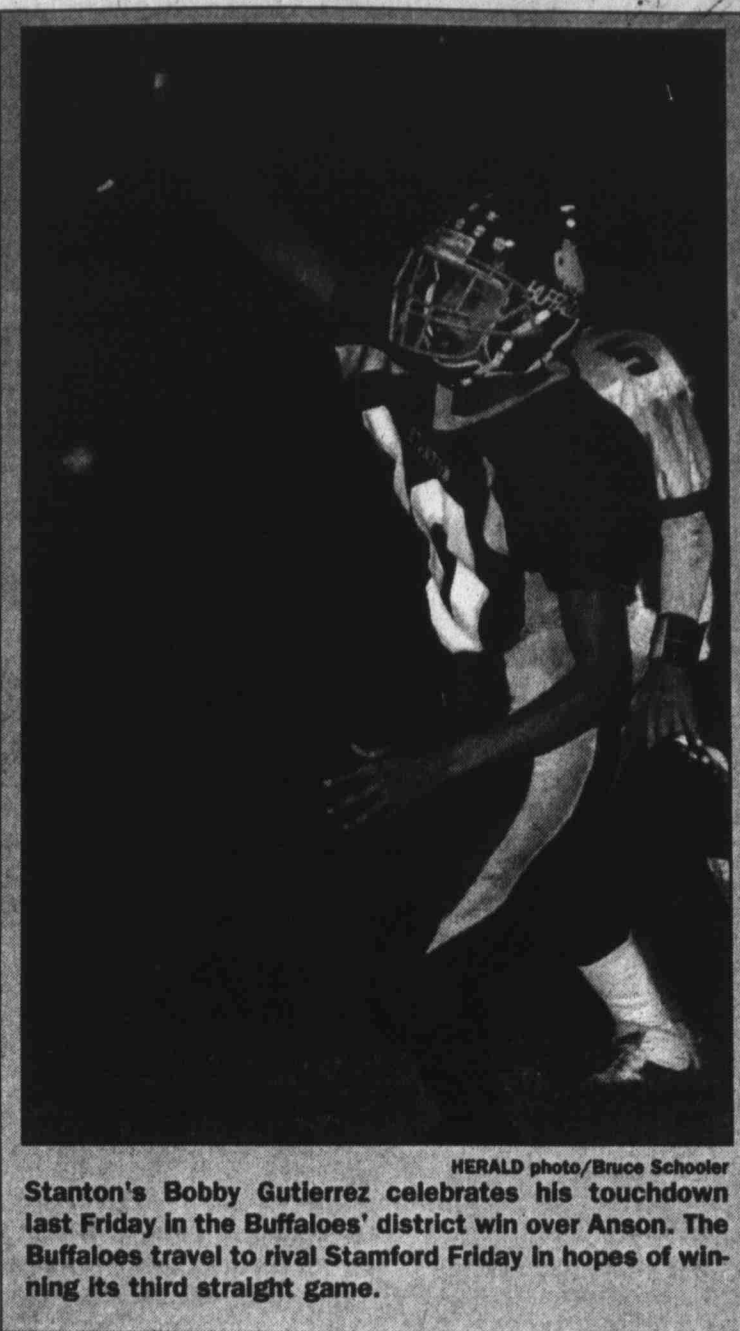
"We are going to have to execute offensively and hit the holes hard," said Thompson. "And when they load up to stop the run, we must be able to throw the ball."

The Buffaloes showed lots of improvement last week against rival Bronte but came up short 48-34. The team gave up two touchdowns late after the game was tied 34-34.

"We are coming into our own," said Thompson. "We are just still young and inexperienced though. This game against Roscoe is huge for us because we have a chance to play well against a great football team and show the district what we are made of."

Roscoe is 2-0 in the district, while Forsan has begun 0-2. The Ploughboys' only loss came against Post.

The varsity game starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The junior high and junior varsity teams play Roscoe tonight at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m., respectively.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooner
Stanton's Bobby Gutierrez celebrates his touchdown last Friday in the Buffaloes' district win over Anson. The Buffaloes travel to rival Stamford Friday in hopes of winning its third straight game.

Bearkats return home for big rivalry contest

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Garden City football team could know its playoff destiny this Friday when they take on District 8 six man rival Water Valley at Bearkat Stadium. Both teams enter the contest 1-0 in district play as both teams won their openers last week. The Bearkats are also on a four-game winning streak.

"Whichever team wins Friday should be in good position to win the district," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "Water Valley will come in with confidence and they will be ready to play."

Water Valley is led by senior Greg Williams, who is a 6-foot three-inch running back who ran for more than 450 yards in one game this year.

"We have to know where he is on the field," said Hoskins. "They will look for him to be their offensive target."

Williams will also play wing back and tight end. Water Valley will run dives, options and bootleg passes on offense and they will run a little more than they pass. They are also led by seniors Josh Treadway and Jared McCain as well as sophomore quarterbacks Garrett Wood and Lane Hutchins.

The Bearkats offense will not change against Water Valley's 3-1 or 4-2 defense either.

"We are going to keep doing what we're doing," said Hoskins. "We need to mix it up and try to catch them off guard at times."

Garden City's 16-deep lineup should play a factor again this week, but not as much as past games.

"They will go 11-12 deep I think, but I still think our depth is an advantage for us," said Hoskins. "They will do a good job of keeping their stars fresh."

Steers, Mustangs renew big rivalry

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

It's that time of year again.

This Friday marks the annual heated rivalry football game between the Steers and the Andrews Mustangs.

Big Spring (2-4) is coming off two heartbreaking one-point losses to San Angelo Central and rival Lake View, while Andrews (3-3) upset District 4-4A rival Plainview last Friday.

"Things are still upbeat this week and we have had some good practices," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler.

Andrews forced Plainview into six turnovers last week and won the game, 24-21. And turnovers has been the Steers' achilles heel all season.

"We can't turn the ball over," said Butler. "That is the one key that we must fix to be able to get over the hump and win some more games."

The Mustangs' defense is led by Roy Rangel and Rett Rhodes.

"This unit will definitely pressure us and try to force us into making bad decisions," said Butler.

The Mustangs have an offense similar to that of

Lake View, which defeated the Steers last Friday at Memorial. They have three featured skill players and a lot of other role players.

Jeremy Bueno will start at quarterback and Isaac McQueen and Cassidy Hamilton will lead the backs and receivers, respectively.

"These three guys have been the players that will win games for them," said Butler. "They like to throw the ball, spread you out and let those three guys make plays."

Big Spring lost senior Daniel and junior Alex Castillo last week to

injury. While Alex is expected to play, Daniel will sit out. Daniel Castillo suffered a concussion last week and Butler will not take a chance this week.

"I won't take a chance on Daniel's health just so we can win a football game," said Butler. "We are just going to have to find someone who will step up and fill his shoes this week. Daniel controls the defense and not having him will hurt us."

The battle will take place in Andrews at 7:30 p.m.

The Steers are 2-1 on the road this year.

Suddenly hot Sands looks for home win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Sands' three-game winning streak will be on the line Friday in Ackerly as the Mustangs football team takes on district rival Dawson at 7:30 p.m.

Dawson enters the game with a 1-5 overall record and an 0-1 district record, but Sands head coach

Wayne Henderson says that record is deceiving.

"They are a lot better than that," said Henderson.

The key for Sands Friday will come from running the football on offense and from stopping the run on defense.

The Mustangs have ran for more than 400 yards per game in their last

three games — all victories — led by juniors Cevan Smithson and Santos Ybarra.

"They will make us earn those yards up front," said Henderson. "We just want to pound the ball and use the clock to our advantage."

On the flip side, Sands (3-3) must find a way to stop Dawson's Kenyon

Brown, who could be the best athlete in the district according to Henderson.

"We will try to load up the line and get into the backfield," he added.



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The YMCA gymnastics team competed in the Stars Around the World Judges Cup recently. Bottom row, from left: Julianna Rodriguez and Karina Alvarado. Top: Jodi Jones, Abigail Fierro and Vanessa Alvarado. Not pictured: Aimee Anastasio

YMCA gymnasts' scores improve, grab three 2nd's

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Every member of the YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team improved their scores at the Stars Around the World Judges Cup recently.

Abigail Fierro, Vanessa Alvarado and Jodi Jones all took home second place all-around finishes.

Fierro and Alvarado compete at level five, while Jones is a level six competitor.

Fierro, who is 11-years-old, recorded a score of 8.70 on the vault, 8.15 on the bars, 8.70 on the beam and an 8.60 floor routine on her way to a 34.15 all-around score. Alvarado, a nine-year-old, recorded a 35.00 on her all-around. She had an 8.90 on the vault, an 8.35 on the bars, an 8.85 on the beam and 8.90 on the floor.

Jones is a 10-year-old whose all-around score equaled 32.90. She

scored an 8.75 on the vault, a 7.65 on the bars, an 8.25 on the beam and an 8.25 on the floor.

Karina Alvarado and Julianna Rodriguez competed at level four. However, level four gymnastics only receive scores and are not permitted to compete against other competitors.

Karina Alvarado received an all-around score of 34.05 after recording a 9.3 on the vault, an 8.45 on the bars, an 8.45 on the beam and a 7.85 on her floor routine. Rodriguez's all-around score equaled 33.90 as she scored a 9.0 on the vault, a 7.50 on the bars, an 8.55 on the beam and an 8.85 on the floor.

The teams will travel to Lubbock Saturday as the Sidewinders compete in the "Go For the Gold" District Championship.

The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. and is for gymnasts in levels four through six.

Rookie Backe unable to stop powerful Cardinal sluggers

By R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer
ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols made sure the St. Louis Cardinals got off to another fast start.

Pujols homered in the first inning of the NL Championship series Wednesday night, just as he did in the first round. Although he had a quiet night otherwise, he set the tone for the Cardinals' 10-7 victory over the Houston Astros.

"He's been big for us all season," pitcher Woody Williams said. "And when they don't pitch to him, the other guys do it."

The slugger emerged as the Cardinals' most worthy MVP candidate for his season-long consistency, and hasn't slowed down in the playoffs.

After St. Louis fell behind 2-0 in the first, Pujols — the NL MVP runner-up behind Barry Bonds the last two seasons — followed Larry Walker's triple with a tying shot into the Cardinals bullpen in right field.

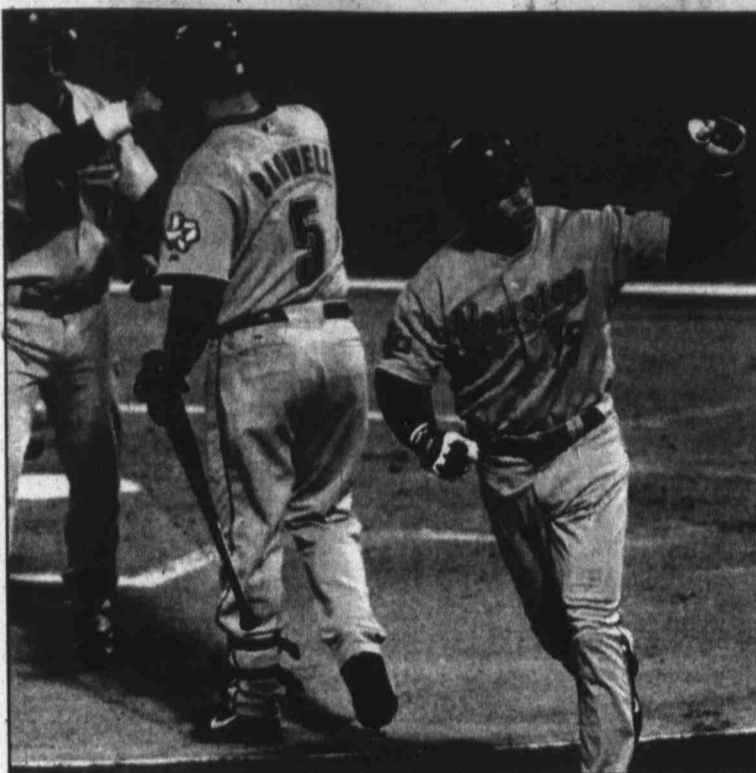
"Right away you're thinking 'OK, they have two runs but let's get realistic, we haven't even made one of our 27 outs yet,'" Walker said. "Unless it's a crazy lead, it's not insurmountable for us to come back."

It was Pujols' third hit against Astros starter Brandon Backe in six at-bats, all of them homers.

"I can't explain," Pujols said. "I just try to do the same thing that I did all year long, just make sure I get a good pitch to hit."

"Sometimes you're going to have some good success against a guy like that and sometimes you're going to struggle, like I do with a lot of guys in the National League."

Pujols provided the punch again for the NL's top offensive team just as he did in Game 1 of the division series against Los Angeles when he connected off Odalis Perez.



The Astros' Carlos Bertran, right, crosses the plate after his two-run home run against the Cardinals in the first inning of game one of the NLCS Wednesday in St. Louis, Missouri.

When it was time to eliminate the Dodgers, Pujols' power produced a three-run homer that broke open Game 4.

Pujols' eighth-inning single against Houston made him 7-for-18 in the postseason with three homers and seven RBIs.

That's just an extension of the regular season when he batted .331 with 46 homers and 123 RBIs and became the third player in major league history to drive in 500 runs in his first four seasons — joining Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams.

The Cardinals also got big contributions from Walker, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds.

St. Louis rallied from another two-run deficit by scoring twice in the fifth. A six-run sixth inning put the Cardinals comfortably in front.

"I wouldn't oversimplify it but nothing shakes

them up," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "If we get ahead, we play nine.

"If we fall behind, we play nine. We do it every day."

Walker, thriving in his first postseason appearance in nine years, tripled, doubled and singled.

He scored three times and drove in a run. Needing a homer in the eighth to become the first player in major league history to hit for the cycle in the postseason, Walker struck out.

"Did you tell by how hard I swung?" Walker said with a laugh.

Rolen had been in a 3-for-32 slump since returning from a strained calf that forced him out of 16 games before his game-tying single in the fifth. He also walked and scored ahead of Edmonds' three-run double that capped the sixth.

IN BRIEF

CGA announces monthly golf toumey

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday and it will benefit Ralph "Cuco" Nunez, who is a lifetime member of the CGA. All proceeds go toward cancer expenses.

The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and it will follow a four-man scramble format. Players can also pick their own teams.

The cost of the tournament is \$40 per man plus green fee and all teams must call-in for tee times (264-2366) before Friday.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m. or Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for junior high and high school levels.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Event, Time	Station
Today	
Astros @ Cardinals, 6:40 p.m.	1400
Friday	
St. Louis @ Cardinals, 8:00 p.m.	1400
St. Louis @ Cardinals, 7:00 p.m.	1400
Saturday	
Texas vs. Missouri, 1:30 p.m.	1400
Lady Beavers @ Lubbock, 3 p.m.	1400
Astros @ Cardinals, 7:00 p.m.	1400
Texas A&M @ Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.	1400



Michael Villareal, No. 98 and center, breaks through the line during a Division 1 crossroads football game two weeks ago featuring the Coahoma Bulldogs and the Cowboys. The Bulldogs have only lost one game this season.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Scorpio moon ushers in a serious mood but not necessarily a solemn one. Going deeper into the cause of a problem will be featured this afternoon. This is done best by observing the people connected to the issue. We are keenly attuned to human behavior, and if we ask ourselves the right questions, the answers are apparent.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your warm temperament and willingness to tell it like it is may have attracted the affections of one who's a bit slower on the uptake. You're not known for your patience, but in this case, it would behoove you to make an extra effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Regarding emotional and financial security, help is coming. You meet a well-informed expert in the field that is relevant

to you — be it health care, insurance or banking. You'll know this person by his/her air of authority and warmth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything seems to be falling to pieces all around you, but for once, you are the calm at the center of the storm. Survey the chaos with an eye for remembering details — you may be called upon to give a deposition.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The workweek has thrown you out of balance, and you desperately need to re-center yourself so you can make the most of the next few days. How do you know you're out of alignment? There's too much chatter in your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just because it's raining doesn't mean the sky is falling. Try to maintain your perspective and your positive attitude. The most important thing is your health and safety. Focus on that first, and everything else will follow suit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Unfinished business nags at the back of your mind. Perhaps it's an old flame or a project you just can't seem to finish. You're the only one still obsessing about it. Everyone else has moved on, so don't let it ruin your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Family squabbles can drag you down. You don't have to fall for the same old dynamic. What would happen if, for once, you refused to play the expected role of go-between? Let folks talk to each other instead of relaying messages.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Regarding a special deal, stick mainly to your terms, but do remain flexible on the points that don't mean as much to you. A certain amount of give and take in the form of revisions will be required to finalize things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've settled into a new situation that arose in your life over the last season. Maybe it's a new job, a new love or a travel opportunity. Check

in with your higher self again now that you're over the hump.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a good provider. Is it any wonder that family members are hitting you up for money? If you can comfortably afford it, you would do well to spread the wealth around a bit. Your family — and the economy — will benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're doing all the right things — getting involved in projects you care about and focusing on bettering yourself and the world. Just try to be patient. An older female friend, perhaps a neighbor, could really use your assistance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your love life is really cooking. It's only going to get hotter in the coming weeks, too. Right now, focus on finances. You and your fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio, are in a prime position to receive a big windfall soon.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra born in 1983. A little while

back, I met a Scorpio born in 1984. We seem to enjoy one another's company. He is currently in a rocky relationship, and he's trying to give it another chance. It seems as though romantic sparks fly between us, though. Recently, he told me he cannot be my friend because he needs time. Usually, I can tell what the outcome may be, but with this, I'm clueless. What do you think it will be?"

Love and partnership are such huge components in a Libra's life that it's hard for Libra to concentrate on much else until that sector is wrapped up. You're going to have lots of relationships in your lifetime, and I see a long marriage for you as well as children (as many as four!). The lesson you can learn from this Scorpio man is a painful one, but once learned, it will save you plenty of heartache over your lifetime. And the lesson is this: If a guy tells you he needs time, it means he's just not that into you. If he vacillates

between you and someone else, if he flirts with you but doesn't follow up, or if he gives mixed signals, take it as your signal to move on.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Libra Eminem on the surface seems to be the antithesis of his birth sign. This hotheaded rapper is always causing trouble and loves to stir up controversy in the form of media feuds — and family feuds. Is his harmonious, peace-loving sun sign at all represented in his lifestyle? Only when one sees that the person (still a little boy) and the rapper (a carefully crafted character) are two separate entities.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My good friend, "Ellen," is going through a difficult time. Her husband of 20 years is having a midlife crisis, and after two months of making Ellen miserable, he finally confessed that he wants a divorce and is looking forward to a new life with his new girlfriend. The jerk even had the nerve to say he doesn't find Ellen physically attractive. Ellen is in her 40s, but looks younger. She's always watched her weight, takes pride in her appearance and has a fantastic personality.

Ellen is devastated. She's having problems eating and sleeping, and her self-esteem is in the toilet. Her therapist is working with her and the kids, but a bunch of us would love to treat her to a complete makeover to give her a new look for her new life. However, with all the damage her husband has caused, I'm afraid it would hurt her feelings to suggest that she needs to rethink her hair, makeup and clothing.

Should we do this, or leave well enough alone? — Baffled Friend

Dear Friend: We think this is a great way to lift Ellen's spirits. But don't approach it as if her appearance needs work. Instead, tell her she deserves to be pampered



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

and you want to cheer her up by treating her to a "spa" day. It would be even better if all of you could afford to accompany her and have a "girls' day" together. Skip the new clothing and instead consider a pedicure or a massage. Then she will believe it's a gift to help her relax and not a form of criticism.

Dear Annie: Don't parents teach their kids manners these days? There was a child about 7 years old in my store last week. He kept shouting over and over, "I want a toy!" His mother couldn't concentrate on the transaction taking place. To top it off, after being so rude, he was allowed to get the toy he wanted.

I have a 9-year-old daughter, and I teach her basic manners, such as knocking on a closed door

before entering, not touching things that do not belong to her, etc.

I will admit that my daughter is smart for her age, but if parents would put their foot down and teach their children some basic courtesies, our world would be a much nicer place. Thanks for allowing me to let off some steam. — Frustrated in Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: Ah yes, purchasing the toy after the child threw a tantrum was definitely the wrong message to send, and too many parents give in to their child's demands even when they know they shouldn't. It's the easy way out.

There are plenty of parents who teach their children manners and consideration for others. They should be commended. The rest should take lessons.

Dear Annie: Our friend, "Dora," has been diagnosed with Meniere's Syndrome. In a matter of weeks, she has gone from busy and functioning to helpless, dizzy, nauseated and hard-of-hearing. Her quality of life has diminished enormously.

Here's the real problem: Dora refuses the prescribed diuretics and medication to prevent vertigo. She goes to a homeopathic doctor who prescribes expensive herbs,

saying she must "cleanse the lymphatic system." She has tried acupuncture without results and hypnotherapy once. She's given up salt, and when she becomes nauseated, she puts on the wristbands people use when traveling. But that's it.

How can we convince her to give her doctor a chance? — Her Not-So-Dizzy Friends

Dear Friends: Your concern is appreciated, but Dora's medical preferences are up to her, and there is no guarantee that standard medical care will improve her condition. Offer Dora these resources: The EAR Foundation, 1817 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203-2110 (theearfound.com) and the online site menieresinfo.com. You can check them out, too, for information on how you can help.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, I asked my mother-in-law to come live with my husband and me in order to help care for my children. Mom had a dead-end job and shared a room at a boarding house. Daycare costs were expensive, and I offered to pay my mother-in-law a small amount each month to watch the kids. I figured it would be a win-win situation.

I was wrong. As time

went on, I grew to dislike having my mother-in-law here. She oversteps her boundaries when it comes to my kids, and we don't get along at all. I'd like to ask her to leave, but my husband is furious that I would consider it. He says it's just plain wrong.

This whole situation has made me depressed. My kids will be old enough to watch themselves in a year, and I can't keep paying Mom for nothing. Mom and I fight constantly. She thinks this is her house, her husband and her kids. I want my home and family back.

Do you think it's wrong of me to ask her to leave? — Wilted Lily

Dear Lily: It's perfectly understandable that you want to regain your authority as the "woman of the house." First, have a talk with your husband. If his mother is able-bodied, there is no reason he should place her happiness above yours. Explain that the situation makes you depressed and you are worried about the long-term effect on your marriage. He needs to support your decision. You both can help Mom search for another job and an appropriate place to live, and even contribute toward her rent.

Then both of you need to talk to Mom. Tell her you love her and are willing to

help financially, but soon the children will no longer need the extra care and you are afraid the circumstances will destroy the close bond you are trying to preserve. She may become angry or offended, but it sure beats a divorce.

Dear Annie: I am engaged to "Tim," a wonderful man, and I soon will be visiting his parents for the first time. However, I am more apprehensive than I should be due to the fact that Tim has a 16-year-old mentally disabled brother, "Burt."

I am not prejudiced in any way against the mentally disabled, but I have absolutely no experience in that area and have no idea how to act around Burt. I don't want to be patronizing or treat Burt like a child, or do anything inappropriate. But I don't know what the best approach is. I don't want to embarrass Burt, myself or the family. I'm so confused. Please help me do the right thing. — Uncomfortable in New York

Dear N.Y.: We commend you for caring enough to want to behave appropriately. However, being "mentally disabled" covers a lot of ground, and there is no way for us to know how capable Burt is. But you don't need us. You already have an expert nearby — Tim. Ask your fiancé for advice on the best way to make Burt (and the rest of his family) feel comfortable around you. He can provide the reassurance and the information you need.

Dear Annie: What is an appropriate length of time to leave an old toilet outside of one's home? I have two neighbors who have had commodes on their front lawns for over a year. Is there a nice way to say, "Hey, your toilet has been out here too long?" — Potty-Peeved in El Paso, Texas

Dear El Paso: We don't think Emily Post covers this. Try talking to the neighbors, explaining that the toilets are an eyesore and devalue the property. Ask if they'd like help moving them to another location. If that doesn't work, try your local neighborhood or homeowners association.


Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

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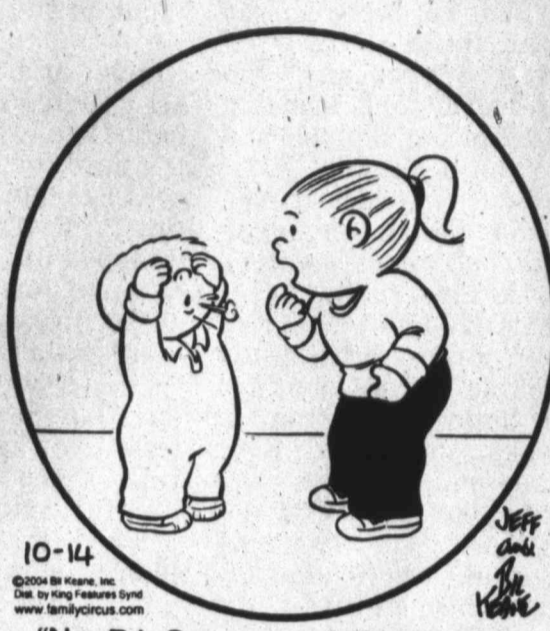
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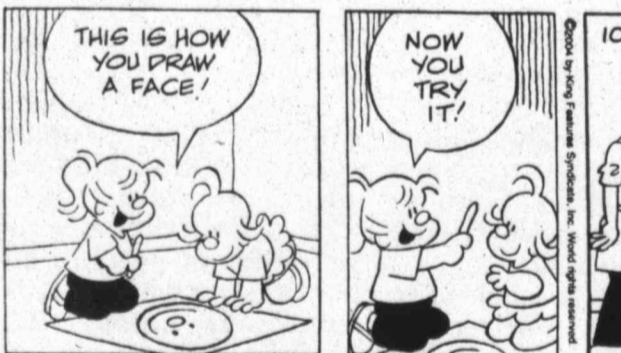


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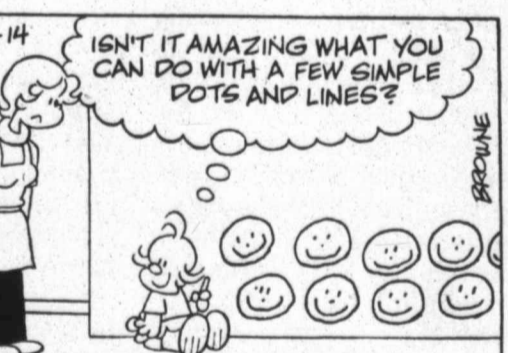


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 2004. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on Oct. 14, 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

On this date: In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech.

In 1933, Nazi Germany

announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell X-1 rocket plane over Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

In 1968, the first live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

In 1987, a real-life drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center. Hundreds of rescuers worked 58 hours to free her.

In 1990, composer-conduc-

tor Leonard Bernstein died in New York at age 72.

Today's Birthdays: Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop is 88. Actor Roger Moore is 77. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 67. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 66. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 66. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 65. Singer Cliff Richard is 64. Actor Udo Kier is 60. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 58. Actor Harry Anderson is 52. Actor Greg Evigan is 51. TV personality Arleen Sorkin is 48. Golf Hall-of-Famer Beth Daniel is 48.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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