



Gold Stars

Local, area schools earn accolades from TEA

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Students aren't the only ones who receive gold stars.

Howard County school districts — and individual campuses — recently were honored by the Texas Education Agency with its Gold Performance Acknowledgment Awards.

The awards are presented to schools on the basis of student performance in state test subject matter, officials said.



J. Johnson

Schools were noted for either "commended performance" (in which a high percentage of students performed well on test subjects) or "comparable improvement" (in which campuses performed well in comparison to similar schools in Texas).

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes said schools here continue to show improvement in student scores.

Two years ago, local campuses earned four Gold Performance Acknowledgments. That number increased to six last school year and 14 this year, Downes said.

"Based on our internal assessment, we had concluded that student improvement here was significant," Downes said. "It was good to see that the TEA assessment agrees with us."

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Halloween filled Big Spring with bright costumes and treats Tuesday. Clockwise from above, Jonathan Smith of the Big Spring High School Key Club, hands some Halloween candy to an appreciative Bauer Magnet School student; Rod Spencer, assistant store director at the H-E-B grocery store, hands some candy to 4-year-old Ron Weaverton during the store's Halloween Sale Stop; and even the amazing Spiderman needs a hug from time to time, as 6-year-old Jordan Dunn puts the squeeze to his aunt, Anita Valdez, at the Big Spring Mall.

Touching the hearts of children

Spring Tabernacle requests toys for Christmas give-away

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

It would have been easy — expected, perhaps — for Spring Tabernacle to close its doors a couple of months ago, and end its long-time ministry, but that is not what was destined to happen. "The Lord put it in my heart to keep it going," says Mona Lue Tonn of the church and its ministry.

The church's longtime minister

and Mona Lue's husband, Arnold Tonn, died Aug. 23. And while his presence and kindness will always be missed, his teachings and ministry will carry on.

The church will ordain Mrs. Tonn Dec. 3 and she will continue the couple's ministry, which began 21 years ago. Continued will be the food and clothing ministry, and

of course, the children's Christmas program.

Since 1991, Spring Tabernacle — through generous help from the public and businesses — has provided clothing and food for the needy. The toys for children program was started in 1995.

Last year, Spring Tabernacle handed out five presents to 262 children. That's in excess of 1,300 gifts to young boys and girls who might not otherwise have presents during the holidays.

There is no registration, no need for proof of income. The program operates on faith.

"Jesus loves them and wants them to find happiness and joy," explains Mrs. Tonn of the children. "If they have a need, that is all we need to know."

As it does every year, the congregation is asking for the public's help in obtaining toys for the program. Perhaps, Mrs. Tonn

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Judge rules DNA clears man of 1981 rape conviction

By ANABELLE GARAY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A man convicted of rape 25 years ago walked out of a courtroom a free man Tuesday after a judge ruled he likely wouldn't have been found guilty if DNA testing had been available.

Specialized DNA testing performed this year proved Larry Fuller, 57, was not the assailant who raped a Dallas woman in her home. By then, Fuller had

spent about two decades in prison for the crime.

"My faith was tested and I won," he said, trembling slightly as he left the courthouse carrying two worn paperback Bibles.

Moments earlier, state District Judge Lana McDaniel issued the ruling clearing Fuller and his supporters broke out in applause. McDaniel apologized to Fuller, telling him she felt sick to her stomach over all

the time he spent in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

"I just pray ... I do hope that God blesses your life," McDaniel said.

Assistant District Attorney John Rolater, who was not involved in the original case, also apologized to Fuller in court on behalf of the prosecutors' office.

"Thank you," Fuller responded. "Apology accepted." Minutes later, Fuller walked

out of the courtroom with his brother, sister-in-law, and his attorneys in tow.

In 1981, Fuller was sentenced to 50 years after jurors convicted him of aggravated rape, finding that he broke into a 37-year-old woman's apartment and raped her, using a butcher knife to cut the victim's thumb, neck and back as she struggled.

The victim looked at two photo lineups, both of which included Fuller. She picked

him in the second one, even though Fuller was bearded in the picture and she said her attacker had no facial hair.

At the time Fuller was a 32-year-old Vietnam veteran who had received the Air Medal for taking care of his crew. He was pursuing a career in art and had worked as a driver and warehouse employee.

Although Fuller had no con-

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EARLY VOTING CONTINUES

Early voting will continue in the Howard County Courthouse lobby from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., through Friday.

Extended early voting hours will be offered at the courthouse polls Thursday, when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 at various polling places throughout Howard County.

ALZHEIMER'S ACTIVITIES

The Alzheimer's Association will have a caregiver education program, "Alzheimer's Disease and the Holidays," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Topics will include preparing for the holidays, adjusting expectations, involving the person with dementia, traveling and visiting.

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge unless CEUs (continuing education units) are requested. Cost of CEUs is \$21.

That evening at 6:30 p.m. there will be a candlelight service at the community center. Call (800) 272-3800 for information.

DINE OUT DAY IS FRIDAY

Red Mesa Grill is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of Red Mesa's proceeds this Friday will be donated to United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

The following is the list of Dine Out Days that will be the Restaurant of the Week for November:

Friday, Nov. 10, Cowboys
Friday, Nov. 17, Sonic Drive Ins, both locations

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Obituaries

Karen Arn

Karen Arn, 56, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Burr Lea Settles officiating.

She was born Aug. 29, 1950, in Corona, Calif. and married Lonnie Arn in August 2001 in Big Spring.

She was a nurse's assistant in Big Spring for many years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include her husband, Lonnie Arn of Big Spring; three sons, Jason Waters of Lamesa, Jonathon Arn of Dallas and Nathan Arn of Hobbs, N.M.; two daughters, Heather Michera of Irving and Jennifer Burger of Big Spring; her mother, Marsha Huckaby of Corona, Calif.; three brothers, David Nugent, Larry Nugent and Steve Nugent, all of California; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Nugent, and her grandparents.

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

George Becker

George Marvin Becker, 80, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, in a San Marcos nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **RELAY SUPER HEROES!** The Howard Glasscock Counties 2007 Relay For Life Community Kickoff will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street (First United Methodist Church). Everyone is invited to help start the new campaign.

• **A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ** has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ** is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals 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.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

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

- **HENRY JUSTIN LARA**, 20, of 1903 Mittel, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **LOGAN COLE WRIGHT**, 18, of 1400 Centerpoint Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **KENNETH YOCKERS**, 24, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- **LUIS G. YANEZ JR.**, 27, of 1429 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOSE BURCIAGA**, 23, of 800 W. Marcy, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- **REYNALDO CHAVERRIA JUAREZ**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a parole violation for burglary of a habitation.
- **LANCE ALAN LISTER**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - contempt of court.
- **IVAN LEE ROSE**, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - open container and a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.
- **JESSE ROGER OLGUIN**, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- **ELIAS E. OLGUIN**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMCC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of West Third Street. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. Service was refused.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy**, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
- **Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA)**, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold an adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night—Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Saturday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday—Partly sunny. Highs around 70.

Sunday night—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday—Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Tuesday—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$42 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$32 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 5, 34, 40, 45 and 46. The Mega Ball number was 21.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-11-22-35. Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-4

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Who says little ghouls and goblins can't have style or rhythm, as these dancers from The Dance Gallery's Danzation program put on a Halloween show Tuesday night at the Big Spring Mall.

AWARDS

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The district was noted for overall commended performance in writing, Downes noted. Campus acknowledgments include:

- Big Spring High School — comparable improvement in math.
- Big Spring Junior High — commended performance in writing.
- Goliad Intermediate — comparable improvement in reading.
- Bauer Elementary — commended performances in reading and math.
- Kentwood Elementary — commended performances in reading and math.
- Moss Elementary — commended performances in reading, math and writing, and comparable improvement in reading and math.

• Washington Elementary — commended performance in math.

At Coahoma, the elementary campus received an award for its students' commended performance in reading in math, CISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

Coahoma Junior High received a commended award for student performance in writing and social studies, while the high school received a commended award for social studies and a comparable improvement nod for English/language arts, Johnson said.

"I think this shows that our teachers are working well with the students and are showing a lot of academic gain," Johnson said.

Forsan ISD won several district-wide awards from TEA, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

The district won commended status for student performance

in reading/language arts and writing. In addition, FISD won recognition for the high number of students who graduated in the "recommended" program (which requires additional classes in languages, math and science), Johnson said.

The district was also noted for student performance in college readiness work, he said.

Campus recognition at Forsan included commended awards for reading/language arts and writing at the junior high/high school, and "commended" awards for reading/language arts, mathematics, writing and science at Elbow Elementary.

"The 'commended' awards shows that our students didn't just reach the minimum standards, they blew the top off of them," Johnson said.

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The toys don't have to be new, just in very good condition.

"We will certainly accept used toys if they are nice. We can clean them up, but we don't give away anything that isn't nice," says Mrs. Tonn.

Or perhaps parents, grandparents or friends might pick up one extra toy while they are out shopping, and donate it to the church's toy program.

The church will be handing out toys for boys and girls from birth to 16.

"We don't need any clothing. Goodness, we have a large room full of clothes. So please, no clothing," stresses Mrs. Tonn. "We also don't need any teddy bears or dolls. We have plenty of those."

Just about anything else will be appreciated.

The gifts will be handed out Dec. 8 at the church, located at 1209 Wright St.

Those wanting to donate or learn more about the ministry can call Mrs. Tonn at 263-0544. Leave a message if necessary. Or, call the church in the mornings at 267-5321.

As for those who are in need of some help for

their children this holiday season, just come to the church Dec. 8, says Mrs. Tonn.

One thing to keep in mind — because the church's personnel resources are limited, adults are asked not to bring children along unless it is absolutely necessary.

"We are not able to have someone watch the children while the parent picks out their gifts," explains Mrs. Tonn. "So if they must bring children, they need to bring someone to supervise them as well."

And be prepared to wait. "Oh, they don't seem to mind waiting," Mrs. Tonn says with a smile. "They

understand. It takes time to go through the process of selecting five or more items for each child. And the line gets very, very long. Sometimes they've had to wait three hours. But we minister to them and sing. We have a good time.

"The Lord has been so

good to us. The Spirit is moving wonderfully."

Mrs. Tonn will be ordained at 10 a.m. Dec. 3. The public is invited to the ceremony.

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victions for sexual assault, he had pleaded guilty to robbing a convenience store in 1975 and been sentenced to three years in prison. Fuller served 18 years on the rape conviction. He was released in 1999 but sent back last year for a parole violation.

All the while, Fuller professed his innocence in the rape case and tried to prove it through DNA. This year, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office agreed to allow the additional testing.

Fuller's subsequent exoneration makes him the 10th Dallas County man in five years cleared by DNA testing. More than 20 men have been exonerated in Texas by DNA testing, according to the Innocence Project.

Co-director Barry Scheck said the figures point to the need for Texas to set up a panel that examine why so many convictions have been overturned by DNA evidence.

However, Rolater said the figures for Dallas County aren't abnormal since the District Attorney's Office prosecutes some 20,000 felony cases each year.

Prosecutors haven't seen systemic problems, but their practices have evolved over the years. The office doesn't oppose DNA testing in as many cases as before. It currently has eight cases

undergoing post conviction DNA testing, Rolater said.

"It is hard to go back and change the way cases were investigated and prosecuted," he said.

Nationwide, 185 people have been cleared through DNA after their

convictions, according to the Innocence Project.

However, 90 percent of cases have no DNA evidence to test. In most cases, testimony from mistaken eyewitness identification led to the wrongful conviction, the group said.

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While I oppose the 144-bed jail proposal, I know that the jail issue must be addressed. I will strive for fair and responsible government and a cohesive Commissioner's Court that can work together to find the best solution for the jail issue.

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of an opportunity to go vote early

The time for early voting in this year's "mid-term" election is rapidly winding down and we'd encourage readers to cast their ballot this week. Polls opened on Oct. 23 at the Howard County Courthouse and voters have through Friday to cast their ballots early.

Voters can weigh in not only on which candidates they support, but on the bond issues on the ballot from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Election day is Nov. 7.

There are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy, a cold front — the only thing you can count on is that the weather *will* change.

Another reason to cast your ballot in the next couple of days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up, and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

While mid-term elections rarely draw the attention from the public that those involving races for president, a simple look at this year's ballot makes it clear that voters have quite a bit to decide.

There are a plethora of key races in on the ballot, the headliner, of course, is the gubernatorial race between incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and three challengers — Democratic nominee Chris Bell and independents Carol Keaton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman.

In addition, there's the District 19 U.S. Representative's race where incumbent District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and challenger Robert Ricketts, D-Lubbock, face one another.

And in the District 85 State Representative's race where Joe Hefflin, D-Crosbyton, is challenged by Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview.

A U.S. Senator's seat and a plethora of other state offices are also up for grabs.

Add the county judge's position, two county commissioners' seats and bond issues to fund a new county jail, city improvement projects and renovations at Coahoma schools, and it's clear that voters have quite a bit to decide.

It almost goes without saying that these are decisions which will impact all our lives for some time to come.

We hope you will take time to study the various candidates positions, as well as the bond issues, then make your choice at the polls.

And we hope you'll do it soon.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You have an answer to every question that that we have on our path of life if we'll just study Your word.

Amen

How to provoke Cuban-Americans

Just when you think that all the stupid gimmicks have been used, and that all the insensitive and offensive moves have been made, out they come with a new one that leaves you dumbfounded.

But it shouldn't really surprise us, should it? In this day and age when people are desperately seeking attention, some are willing to do or say practically anything.

They might even make a sculpture of Hitler or Osama bin Laden and say they are unveiling it in New York's Central Park because some people revere them as "champions of civil rights."

Such repulsive behavior would make most of us want to puke, right?

But it would definitely get our attention, which is what they want.

And that's precisely what an art gallery is doing with a sculpture of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Capla Kesting Fine Art announces that an unveiling in Central Park of Fidel Castro on his 'deathbed' may be the last opportunity to say 'farewell' to the man some revere as a champion of civil rights," says a press release sent out by the Brooklyn, N.Y., gallery.

Calling one of the world's most repressive dictators a "champion of civil rights" is not just an insult to our intelligence. It's a slap in the face to his millions of victims.

The purpose here is obviously to provoke angry protests by Cuban-Americans who have lost loved ones to Castro's firing squads, or who saw their relatives drown while trying to escape from Castro's hellish island or who fell victims to the atrocities of the world's longest-lasting dictator.

Protests will give them publicity, the kind they are apparently unable to attain without insulting

people. The sculpture, called "Fidel Castro's Deathbed Portrait," is described as "a colossal portrait of a solemn Castro at rest — large enough to belong to a 25-foot man."

Apparently, they figure that since Castro is expected to die soon, their sculpture will become an icon for those fools who will mourn his journey to hell.

The press release notes that the inspiration for the sculpture "comes from Harlem." It says that since Castro once visited New York and stayed in Harlem, that Manhattan neighborhood "is perhaps the only community in the U.S. that proclaims an admiration for Castro" and that unveiling the sculpture in Central Park "is an attempt to bring Harlem's adoration for Castro to the rest of the world."

This leads you to believe that sculpture and others behind this project are black folks from Harlem, right?

Wrong! They are unscrupulous white folks.

Remember the bright idea by an opportunistic British record producer who duped a group of Latino artists into recording the U.S. national anthem in Spanish? This is even more devious.

The sculpture, to be unveiled in Central Park at 10 a.m. on Nov. 8, is the creation of artist Daniel Edwards, who likes to exhibit the intimate parts of celebrities who never modeled for him. In other recent sculptures he shows Hillary Clinton's breast and Britney Spears, on all fours, giving birth on a bearskin rug.

Again, for their 15 minutes of fame, some people will do anything and offend anyone.

And in Edwards' case, Cuban-Americans are getting ready to give him the recognition he craves.

Some Cubans are calling for a Central Park demonstration. Others are talking about lobbying politicians and network commen-

tators to take a stand against the sculpture.

And that is precisely what the sculptor and his cohorts are seeking.

I can almost hear them saying, "Free publicity? Gracias!" Such attention hounds are best ignored.

Of course, that is easier said than done — especially for Cuban-Americans whose lives have been transformed by Castro's repression for almost 48 years, and especially when someone is blatantly trying to provoke them.

For example, the press release notes that Castro stayed in a Harlem hotel in 1960 because he was evicted from the Shelburne Hotel in midtown Manhattan and that the Shelburne was "extended the opportunity to exhibit Castro's portrait as a way to make amends to the Cuban president for the eviction."

It notes that the hotel "firmly declined the offer," which means the hotel is still making wise decisions.

"Depiction of the ailing Cuban icon was made with deference to the conflicting points of view between Harlem and Miami," the release quotes gallery spokesman David Kesting. "With respect to Harlem, the portrait celebrates Castro's humanitarianism and with respect to Miami, (where most Cuban-Americans live) it celebrates the end of a long regime."

Castro's humanitarianism? Because he stayed in a Harlem hotel?

The press released is filled with many such efforts to provoke protests, so that the unveiling's organizers can then claim that their free speech rights are being violated.

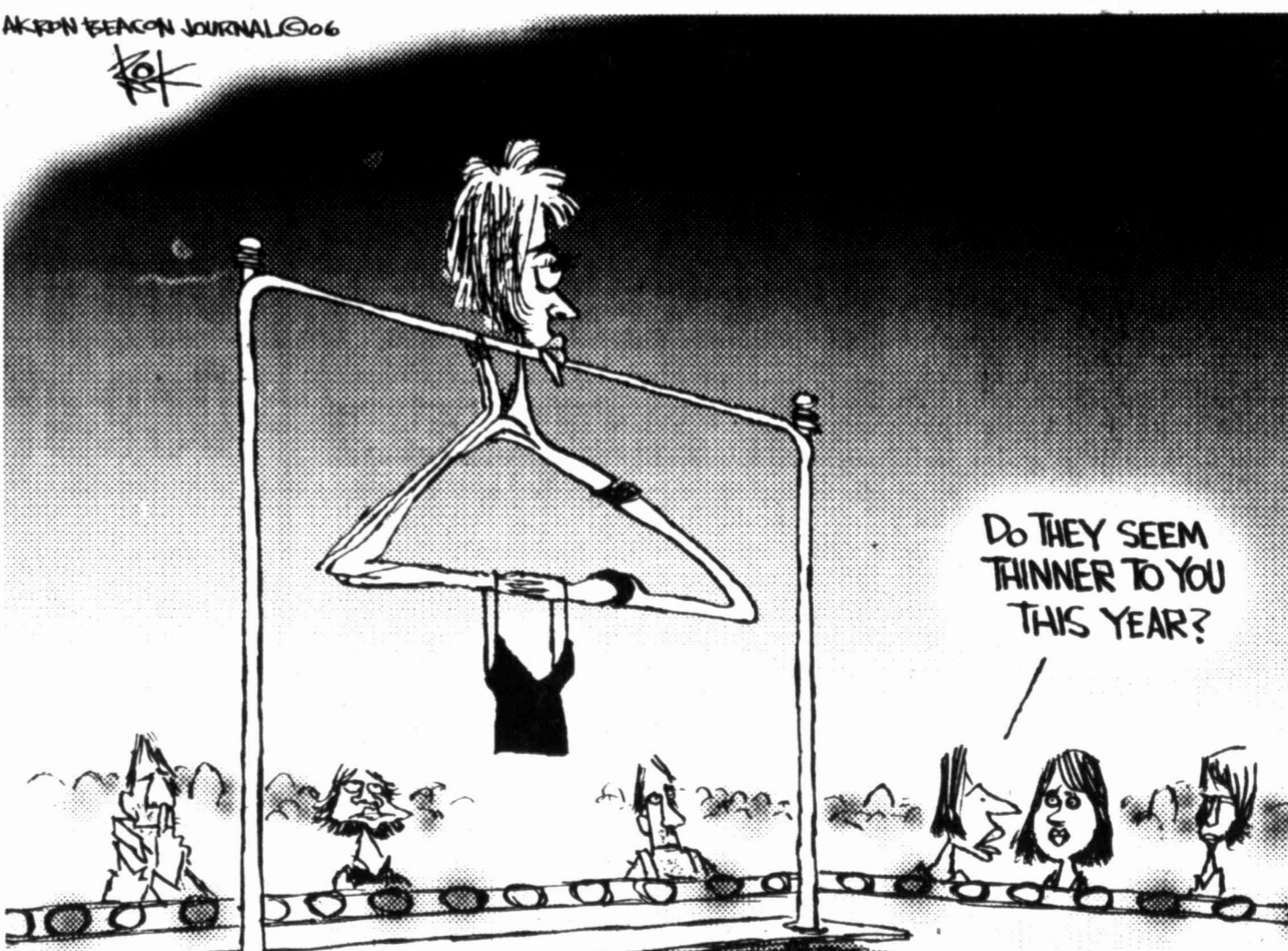
It even states that aside from the unveiling in Central Park, the sculpture will also be displayed in a gallery in early December.

Guess where?
Miami.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



There's Dust on the Old Violin

Johnny Gidley's day job is in the computer room at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado. But he is passionate about music.

"My dad had bought a guitar from somebody for five dollars," says Johnny. "He wanted us boys to learn how to play it so we could accompany him while he played his fiddle. None of us had the interest or energy to do it until I saw The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show in 1964. I went into the closet, got that guitar and started playing it. I haven't put it down since."

Johnny played with a rock and roll band in the '60s called The Buccaneers, one of the most popular bands in Central Texas at the time. He later did solo acts in clubs, playing both the six- and 12-

string guitars. He has produced two albums. One of them is titled "A Life of Endurance," about his growing up on the family farm near Salado. One song on the CD is called "There's Dust on the Old Violin."

"We'd come in from a hard day's work, eat supper, then my dad would grab the fiddle, go out on the front porch and fiddle a few old waltzes."

The opening lyrics of the song go like this:

When nighttime would fall, he'd take it from the wall
Where it hung in its ragged old case.

He'd play a few strains from over the waves
With a quivering hand on the bow.

Now there's dust on the old violin and he'll never play it again.

"I would second to him while he played the fiddle," says Johnny. "With his shaky hand he wasn't a great fiddle player, but you could make out the tunes."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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Nation briefs

More than 40 Shiites reported kidnapped as wedding bombing death toll rises

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — More than 40 Shiites were abducted along a notoriously dangerous highway just north of Baghdad, police said Wednesday, and the death toll from a suicide bombing at a wedding party rose to 23, including nine children.

At least eight other people were either found dead or slain in new attacks Wednesday, including one person killed in a car bomb attack in Baghdad's central market, which wounded five others, police Lt. Ali Hassan said. The death toll in the market attack was likely to rise, he said.

The abductions Tuesday near the town of Tarmiyah were another outbreak of sectarian violence in a region where scores were killed last month in reprisal killings among formerly friendly Shiite and Sunni neighbors in the city of Balad.

Unarmed men checked identification cards and seemed to be looking for familiar faces among travelers stopped in heavy traffic, said an eyewitness, who asked to be identified only by the pseudonym Abu Omar for fear of reprisals.

Armed gunmen stood nearby during the abductions, just out of sight of U.S. soldiers who were disarming a roadside bomb nearby, Abu Omar said. He and other Sunni travelers were allowed to travel onward after showing their ID cards, he said.

Israeli troops backed by helicopter gunships kill 6 Palestinians in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops backed by helicopter gunships killed at least six Palestinian militants early Wednesday in northern Gaza, hours after Israel's defense minister indicated an openness to resuming long-stalled peace talks on the basis of a Saudi initiative.

The Palestinians' ruling Hamas party said an Israeli soldier also was killed in the operation against rocket-launchers in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun. The Israeli military did not confirm the report.

Thirty-three people were wounded in the gun battles, including a woman and an 11-year-old boy, Palestinian hospital officials said. Nearly all the others were armed militants, they said.

The death toll could rise, hospital officials added, because Israel was blocking access to a building where

an undetermined number of people were wounded.

On Tuesday, Israeli troops shot and killed three Hamas militants during operations in Gaza.

Police arrest man for summer arson blazes as fifth Calif. firefighter dies from recent fire

BEAUMONT, Calif. (AP) — Authorities arrested a man Tuesday who is suspected of intentionally starting two wildfires this summer and is considered a person of interest in a blaze started last week that killed five firefighters.

Raymond Lee Oyler, 37, of Beaumont was arrested on two counts of arson related to wildfires in June, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. Oyler was not named as a suspect in the wildfire that started last week and roared across more than 60 square miles.

Four U.S. Forest Service firefighters died shortly after the blaze began Thursday when flames overran them as they tried to protect homes in the area. A fifth firefighter died Tuesday evening.

Investigators interviewed Oyler on Friday and then searched his home on Monday, the sheriff's department said. No other details were released.

Firefighter Pablo Cerda, 23, of Fountain Valley died at 5:08 p.m. at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, after his family decided to take him off life support following extensive surgery last week to remove damaged skin.

White House, Kerry exchange accusations over Iraq and U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Sen. John Kerry traded their harshest accusations since the 2004 presidential race on Tuesday, with President Bush accusing the Democrat of troop-bashing and Kerry calling the president's men hacks who are "willing to lie."

The war of words, tough even for this hard-fought campaign season, came after Kerry told a group of California students on Monday that those unable to navigate the country's education system "get stuck in Iraq."

The two parties are searching for any edge amid indications Democrats could take back the House and possibly win control of the Senate in next week's midterm elections. Though neither Bush nor Kerry is

on any ballot, the bitterness with which they fought each other as 2004 rivals spilled over as both campaign hard for their parties in a race shaped in large measure by public doubts about the Iraq war.

As Republicans demanded that Kerry apologize, a Democratic congressional candidate in a close race in Iowa canceled a campaign event with Kerry, saying the senator's comments were inappropriate. And Kerry canceled an appearance for a Democratic candidate in Minnesota.

White House press secretary Tony Snow was asked about Kerry's comment at his regular briefing with reporters, and had clearly come prepared with a lengthy attack.

He said the quote "fits a pattern" of negative remarks about U.S. soldiers from the decorated Vietnam veteran and suggested that whether Democratic candidates — particularly those running on their military service backgrounds — agree with their 2004 standard-bearer should be a campaign litmus test.

Bush cautious as North Korea agrees to resume nuclear talks in Chinese-brokered deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise turnaround, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after rattling the world by conducting an atomic bomb test. The breakthrough came after pressure from China and a U.S. offer to discuss financial penalties already in place.

President Bush cautiously welcomed the deal and thanked the Chinese for brokering it.

But he said the agreement wouldn't sidetrack U.S. efforts to enforce sanctions adopted by the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

He said there was still "a lot of work to do" and the U.S. would send teams to the region "to make sure that the current United Nations Security Council resolution is enforced."

The ultimate goal is "a North Korea that abandons her nuclear weapons programs and her nuclear weapons in a verifiable fashion in return for a better way forward for her people," the president said.

The unexpected agreement to restart the talks — before year's end, U.S. officials said — was announced after envoys from North Korea, the United States and China met in Beijing, at China's invitation.

Texas briefs

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Skelton served seven years on death row for the 1982 bombing death of Joe Lee Neal, of Odessa. Neal's truck was wired with dynamite.

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into the front yard and then shot him in the head and neck, killing him.

That gunman, Donell Jackson, was set for lethal injection Wednesday evening.

"Basically, it was a murder for hire, a situation where the defendant admitted a friend paid him to kill," said Denise Nassar, a Harris County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Jackson.

Jackson, 33, would be the 23rd convicted killer executed this year in Texas and the first of three scheduled to die this month.

Report: Money for new churches misused

DALLAS (AP) — More than \$1.3 million contributed by Texas Baptists was supposed to help start 258 new churches in the Rio Grande Valley over a six-year period.

Instead, denominational leaders learned Tuesday during an extraordinary special meeting that only a few of those churches are operating today.

Others are "phantom churches" existing only on paper. Some are Bible study groups, not autonomous congregations — which should have made them ineligible for financial help under Baptist General

Convention of Texas guidelines.

The findings were part of a five-month investigation that found mission money from the convention was misused by three pastors. Allegations regarding the problems were overlooked for years, according to a 42-page report presented to the convention's executive board.

Possible 5.6 million Latinos to cast ballot

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 5.6 million Latinos could vote in this year's midterm elections and help Hispanics make gains in state and federal political office, a nonpartisan Latino group said Tuesday.

The expected Latino votes is an increase from about 4.7 million who turned out in 2002, the last year of elections that didn't include a presidential contest, according to a study by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. The association works to increase civic participation by Latinos and raise their numbers in public office.

Latinos also are expected to cast a slightly larger share of the overall votes, 6 percent this year, up from 5 percent four years ago.

In Texas, the number of Latino voters is expected to increase from 982,000 Latinos voting in 2002 to about 1.19 million in 2006.

The biggest change is expected in Colorado where NALEO projects Latino voters to go from 118,000 in 2002 to 163,000 this year, a 38 percent jump. Latinos will comprise the largest share of voters, 40 percent, in New Mexico.

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Sands/Ackerly exes gather

Sissy Smith Jones elected Coming Home Queen

Big Spring resident Sissy Smith Jones was elected Coming Home Queen when the Sands/Ackerly exes met for their 2006 reunion during homecoming week.

The exes convened in the Sands High School auditorium Sept. 30 in Ackerly.

Sissy is an ex-student of Sands/Ackerly schools, having graduated with the Class of 1961.

She has been very active in every homecoming since her graduation. She received her crown and corsage from JoNell Falukenberry Griffin, Coming Home Queen of 2003-2006. Griffin is a graduate of the Ackerly Class of 1944.

Kelly Gaskins, Class of 1970, was master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by a former Ackerly resident, the Rev. Derrick Looney. Reggie Hambrick, Class of 1972, led the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem. Dolores Mabry White, co-president, Class of 1955, was pianist for the meeting.

Twenty-two military veterans were acknowledged and presented a flag tie-tack pin.

Alvin and Margaret Cates, both from the Class of 1956, were elected co-presidents for the 2009 reunion.

Kama Blasinggame and Barbara Lotts Bates, both from the Class of 1990, were elected co-secretary and treasurer.

Outgoing co-president and event chairman Dorothy Baker Rogers, Class of 1955, said, "We had a wonderful time and it was quite successful. I want to thank everyone who helped on the homecoming committee, and Sands Principal Zelda Bodine Bilbo and Superintendent Wayne Blount."

Traveling the most miles for the reunion was Fern Weaver Kowalczyk



Sissy Smith Jones

and her husband from Martinez, Ga. John Rudeseal, from the class of 1943, was named the oldest male and Evelyn Archer Coker from the Class of 1932 was named oldest woman in attendance. The family with the most in attendance was the Grigg family.

The Class of 1956 took top honors as having the most in attendance at the reunion. That class presented a hand-built oak bench to the school and it featured a plaque with all the class members listed. The bench was built by class member Dub Grigg. The program included a special reading written and given by LaVerne Martin Gaskins, Class of 1946, titled "Take a Little Trip Down Memory Lane."

A skit titled "Two Many Cooks Can Spoil the Cake" was written and performed by Sandy Grigg Womack, Class of 1970, and her sister, Jana Grigg Henderson, Class of 1977. They "made" a cake to celebrate the theme for Homecoming 2006 which was "Happy Birthday, Sands/Ackerly Schools."

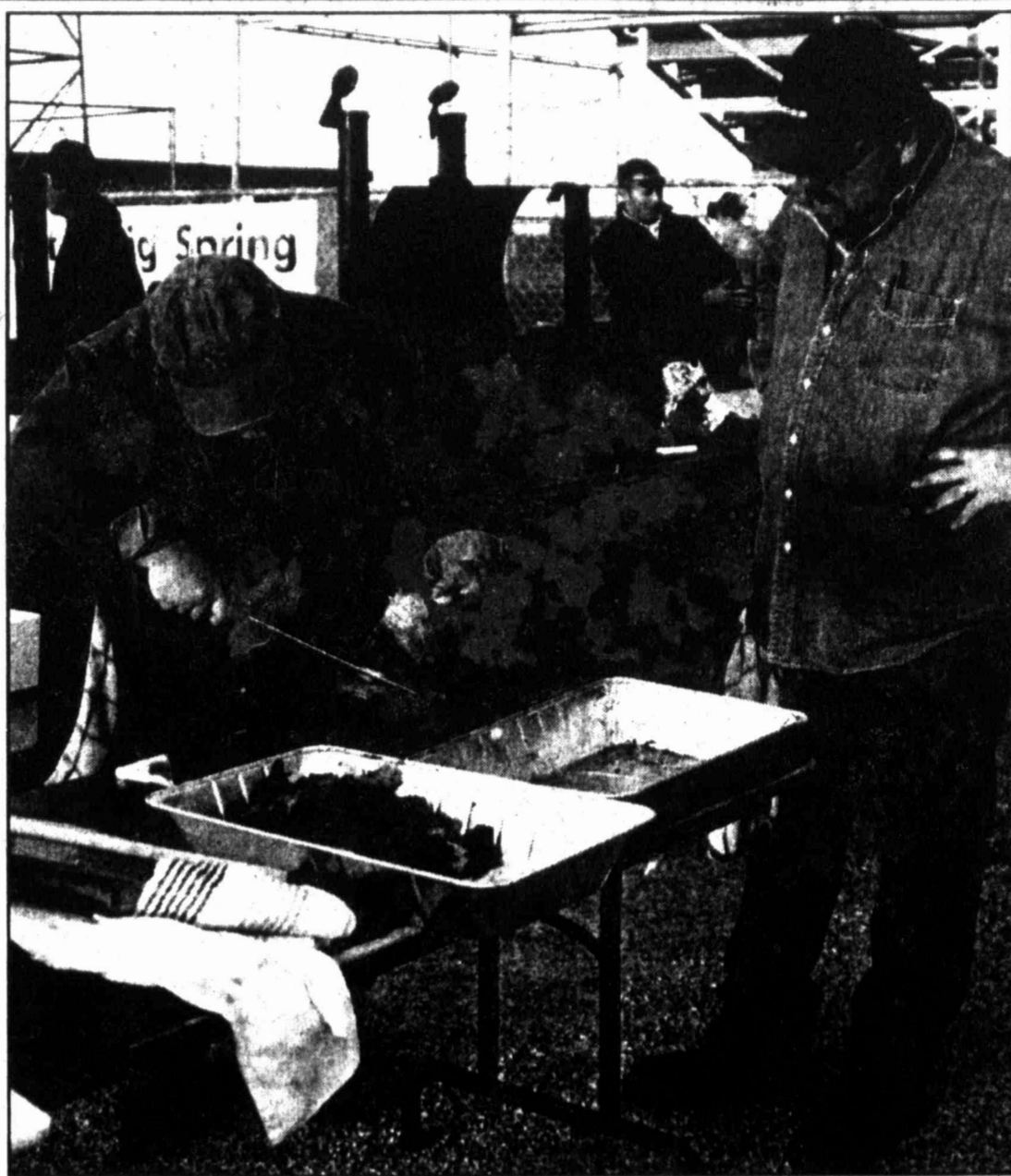
Ackerly ISD was incorporated in 1925. Sands

CISD was incorporated in 1959. The latter date is when Ackerly and Knott schools were consolidated.

The benediction was given by Wayne Bristow from the Class of 1952.


Alvin and Margaret Cares provided musical entertainment during the catered meal, served in the school cafeteria.

More than 200 people attended the reunion.



Herald photo/Mike Grimes
Walter Brumley and Chuck Bagwell cook up some good eats during the Rotary Club tailgate fund-raiser Friday at Memorial Stadium.

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Herald Staff Report

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Forsan also took place team honors in mathematics contest receiving medals ribbons in the senior division were Jonathan Purcell, second place

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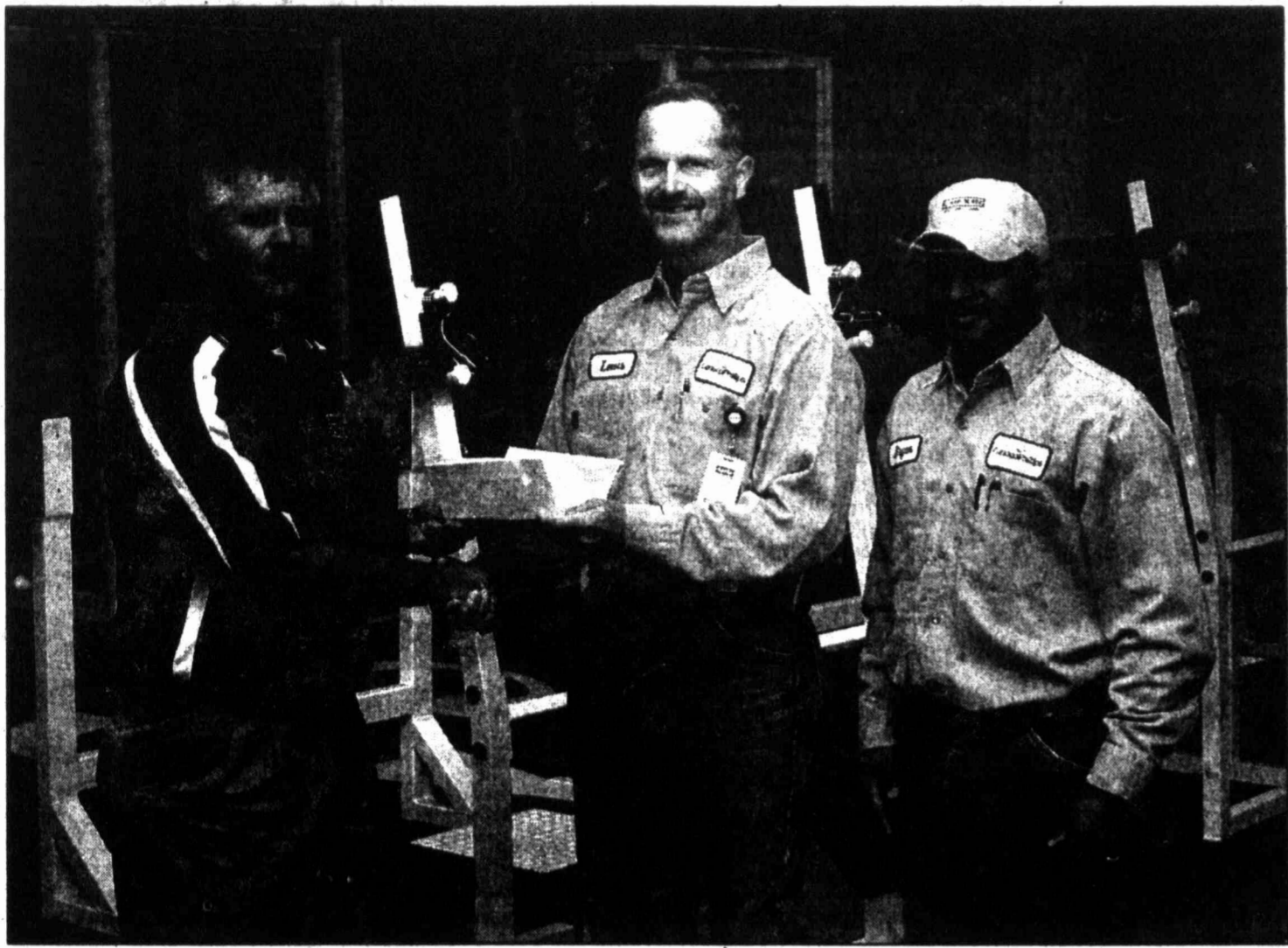
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ConocoPhillips recently donated \$3,000 to Forsan Independent School District to help defray expenses in improving and expanding the fitness facilities. Lewis Booker, center, and Brian Clay, right, of ConocoPhillips present the check to Terry McDonald, Forsan ISD athletic director.

Forsan math team gets off to a strong start

Herald Staff Report

The Forsan Math Team participated in the Lubbock Coronado University Interscholastic League meet Saturday, with the number sense team bringing home a first-place trophy. Forsan also took third-place team honors in the mathematics contest. Receiving medals and ribbons in the senior division were Jonathan Purcell, second place in

number sense and mathematics, and Courtney Holdampf, fourth place in number sense and mathematics. In the sophomore division, Vince Penick received a first-place medal for number sense and was eighth in mathematics. Jeremy Robbins placed fifth in calculator and ninth in mathematics. For the freshmen, Evan Burton received a medal for third place in mathe-

tics and ribbons for Longorio took sixth place sixth place in number in calculator and Aaron Johnson was eighth in sixth and seventh place in calculator. Amanda calculator.

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College honor students

The following area students earned honors during the Summer 2006 semester at Texas Tech University:
From Big Spring, Eligio J. Arguello, senior, nursing, RN to BSN, President's List; Jennifer Lynn Phifer, senior, nursing, RN to BSN, Dean's List; and Micheal Jeffrey Travis, senior, Russian language and area studies, Dean's List. Lindsey N. Chudej of

Garden City, senior, nursing, Dean's List.

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2006 summer semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. Among those recognized on the Dean's Honor Roll was junior Bryan Christopher Stokes of Big Spring, an agriculture/life sciences major.

Contract Bridge

Faith, Hope and Charity

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 10 8 4
♣ K 6 5 3
WEST
♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 4 2
EAST
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 9
♣ A Q 10 7
SOUTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ K Q J 5
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ J 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Many plays in bridge are based more on hope than on certainty of success. That is the nature of the game, whether you're declarer or a defender.
Consider this deal where South got to three notrump as shown. West led the ten of hearts, and when dummy came down, it was easy for East to conclude that his partner's hand was worthless. East could see 10 points in dummy and 14 in his own hand, so South had to have virtually all of the missing points to account for his opening notrump bid. It was therefore up to East to try

to defeat the contract single-handedly, since he could not count on his partner to contribute anything to the defense. Passive defense — winning the heart with the ace and returning a heart — obviously wouldn't do the job, since declarer would force out the ace of diamonds and score at least nine tricks, depending on how many spades and hearts he had.
East therefore adopted the only method of defense that offered a chance to sink the contract. He took the heart ace at trick one and returned the club queen at trick two!
This combination of plays had the desired effect. Since South had precisely what East was hoping for — the doubleton jack of clubs — declarer now had no way to score nine tricks before East could score five. After taking the club king, South led a low diamond from dummy, whereupon East rose with the ace and cashed three club tricks to put the contract down one.
East could have achieved the same result by cashing the club ace at trick two and returning the queen at trick three, which is essentially the same play. But note that if East had chosen to bid his time by ducking the ten-of-hearts lead, or had taken the ace and returned a heart, South would have made at least nine tricks regardless of how East later chose to defend.

Tomorrow: Comparing right with wrong.

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Ford Program Vehicle. Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</p> <p>2004 Ford Mustang V-6 - Satin Silver, Cloth, Sport Pkg., 13,000 Miles. Ford Program Vehicle. Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995</p> <p>2006 Ford Mustang V-6 - Shaker 500 Audio System, 13,000 Miles. Ford Program Vehicle. Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995</p> <p>2005 Ford Focus ZXS SES 5-DR - Black, All Power, Local One Owner, w/23,000 Miles. Was \$15,995 NOW \$14,995</p> <p>2005 Ford Mustang GT - White w/Leather, 5 Speed, Shaker, Stereo, All Power, Local One Owner w/37,000 Miles. Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</p> <p>2004 Ford Focus ZTS 4-DR - Black, Automatic, All Power, Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. Was \$14,995 NOW \$13,995</p> <p>2003 Mercury Sable GS - Silver w/Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned w/56,000 Miles. Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</p> <p>1994 Ford Mustang Cobra - Mystic, Leather, Nice Cobra, Recon Title. Was \$12,995 NOW \$9,995</p> <p>*** PREOWNED LINCOLNS ***</p> <p>2006 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series Limited - Light French Silk Clearcoat w/L1 Stone Leather, All Power, Moonroof, In Dash 6 Disc CD, 16,000 Miles. Lincoln Program Vehicle. Was \$31,995 NOW \$30,995</p> <p>2004 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Silver Frost, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/37,000 Miles. Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</p> <p>2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive - Ebony w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned w/53,000 Miles. Was \$20,995 NOW \$19,995</p> <p>2003 Lincoln Town Car - White w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 21,000 Miles. Was \$23,995 NOW \$22,995</p> <p>2003 Lincoln Town Car Cartier Edition - Peach White, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/39,000 Miles. Was \$17,995 NOW \$16,995</p> <p>2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. Was \$30,995 NOW \$29,995</p> <p>1997 Lincoln Continental - White, w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/58,000 Miles. 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Teen Read Week, sponsored by the American Library Association and Howard County Library, was Oct. 16-20. In order to encourage reading among teen-agers, a competition was held at Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High.

Students were asked to match up actor, politician, athlete and author next to the number that corresponded to the poster on display in the library. Blake Roach at BSHS received a \$30 gift card provided by Howard County Library to Barnes & Nobles. At BSJH, Mathew Ryan won first place with a \$30 gift card, Mindy Ralston received a \$20 gift card for placing second and Andrew Newton, third place, was awarded a \$20 gift card from Barnes & Noble. Congratulations to all who participated in the contest.

A series of books called "Good Old Days" have been received by the Library. "Hometown Memories" (973.9 TAT K), "In the Kitchen" (641.597 TAT K), "Bringing in the Sheaves" (277.308 TAT K) and "Little County Schoolhouse" (371.009 TAT K) all celebrate the early days of the 20th Century. Stories about dried apple snowballs, shopping at the general store; working on the family farm and home-style cooking will take older members of the community way back. Those of us who didn't experience life that way will shake our heads in wonder at all the tales told.

I love to look at maps of all kinds. Romantic names like Murupara, Mossburn, Paris, Antalya and many others fire my imagination. Names of places I will never go: the Seychelles, Tanzania, Helsinki. Be sure to look at the temperature charts, the railway map,

regions of all the different countries and topographical maps. Check out the "World Travel

Mexico and the California coast. There are photos of the bird in their native habitat and accompanying line drawing of the most prominent characteristic. This is a

Oregon/Idaho — the Northwest — and the premise is the loss of energy. All computers, lights, cars, trains, planes and even guns cease to function and the whole world is plunged into chaos. The second volume is "The Protector's War," which continues the saga and continues with "A Meeting at Corvallis."

The library also has received book one of the Soldier Son Trilogy by Robin Hobb. Book One is "Shaman's Crossing" and "Forest Image" is Book Two. The classic story of good vs. evil takes place in both series. All of these can be found in the Science Fiction section.

From the Betty Ford Institute comes "Book of Answers: Help for Those

Who Are Struggling with Substance Abuse" (616.86 WES J). It is a collection of questions on all kinds of addictions, whether it is alcohol, legal and illegal drugs, caffeine, nicotine, etc. It is an interesting book, one that a searcher might find helpful.

The Library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11 for Veteran's Day. We will re-open Monday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through

Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from noon until 1 for lunch. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

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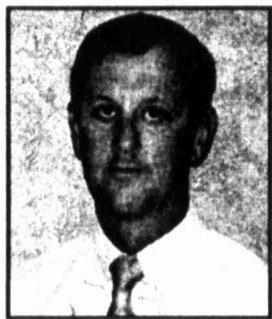
Atlas" (910.2 COL T) from Columbus Travel Publishing and travel the world in your imagination.

A really neat, simple bird book is "The Backyard Bird-Lovers Guide" (639.978 MAH J) by Jan Mahnken. It is chock full of both line and colored drawings of birds, their habitat, physical characteristics and where one may find them. Along the same lines is "The Hummingbird Book" (598.899 STO D) by Donald and Lillian Stokes. It touts itself as the complete guide to attracting, identifying and enjoying the hummer's companionship.

Another bird book just in is "A Guide to Birding" (598 FOR J) by lead author Joseph Forshaw. Have you ever seen a Whimbrel or a Marbled Godwit? If you did, then you were probably in the northern climes as they live in Alaska and northern Canada. You will see them wintering along the coast of the Gulf of

good, basic book to have on hand to quickly identify the most common species. A new series of science fiction has arrived. Written by S.M. Stirling, the first book in the series is "Dies the Fire." It takes place in

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In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



Searching for a fallen friend

Korean War veteran Ron Broward cannot forget the childhood friend that he served with 55 years ago. Since 1985, he has travelled to South Korea nine times to search for those missing in America's Forgotten War. Plus, Iowa's barn quilts and Italian stuffing.



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring basketball officials are needed
The Big Spring Basketball Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-07 season Junior High, Fresh and Sub - Varsity kethball games should contact Rodriguez at 517-03263-8731.

Youth Football Superbowl Update
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Youth basketball tournament update
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AP Top 25 Football Poll
The Top 25 teams Associated Press Football Poll.

- Ohio St. (63)
- Michigan
- W. Va. (2)
- Texas
- Louisville
- Auburn
- Florida
- Tenn.
- USC
- California
- N. Dame
- Arkansas
- LSU
- Boise St.
- Rutgers
- B. College
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2. Michigan	9-0
3. W. Va. (2)	7-0
4. Texas	8-1
5. Louisville	7-0
6. Auburn	8-1
7. Florida	7-1
8. Tenn.	7-1
9. USC	6-1
10. California	7-1
11. N. Dame	7-1
12. Arkansas	7-1
13. LSU	6-2
14. Boise St.	8-0
15. Rutgers	8-0
16. B. College	7-1
17. Wisconsin	8-1
18. Oklahoma	6-2
19. Clemson	7-2
20. Ga. Tech	6-2
21. Tx. A&M	6-1
22. W. Forest	7-1
23. Va. Tech	6-2
24. Oregon	6-2
25. Wa. State	6-3

Bulldogs race into regionals

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma High School girl's cross country team raced to a second place finish in the District 5-2A contest, and will advance to the regional meet Saturday in Lubbock.

Also qualifying for regionals is senior Stephen Ewing, who finished third overall, and will compete for individual honors at the Lubbock meet.

"All of our kids have really improved this season," Coahoma Coach Chris Sumrall said. "This has been an exciting year and we're very proud of everyone in this program. We went into the district meet looking to compete, but now we know we're right in the mix, along with a few other teams, to have a shot at making the state meet."

On the team side, the girls placed four performers in the top 11. Alex Moore and Megan Conley finished third and fifth, while K'Leigh Fowler and Kourtney McAdams finished sixth and eleventh, respectively.

According to Sumrall, the duo of Moore and Conley will have to post a strong showing in the regional meet this Saturday.

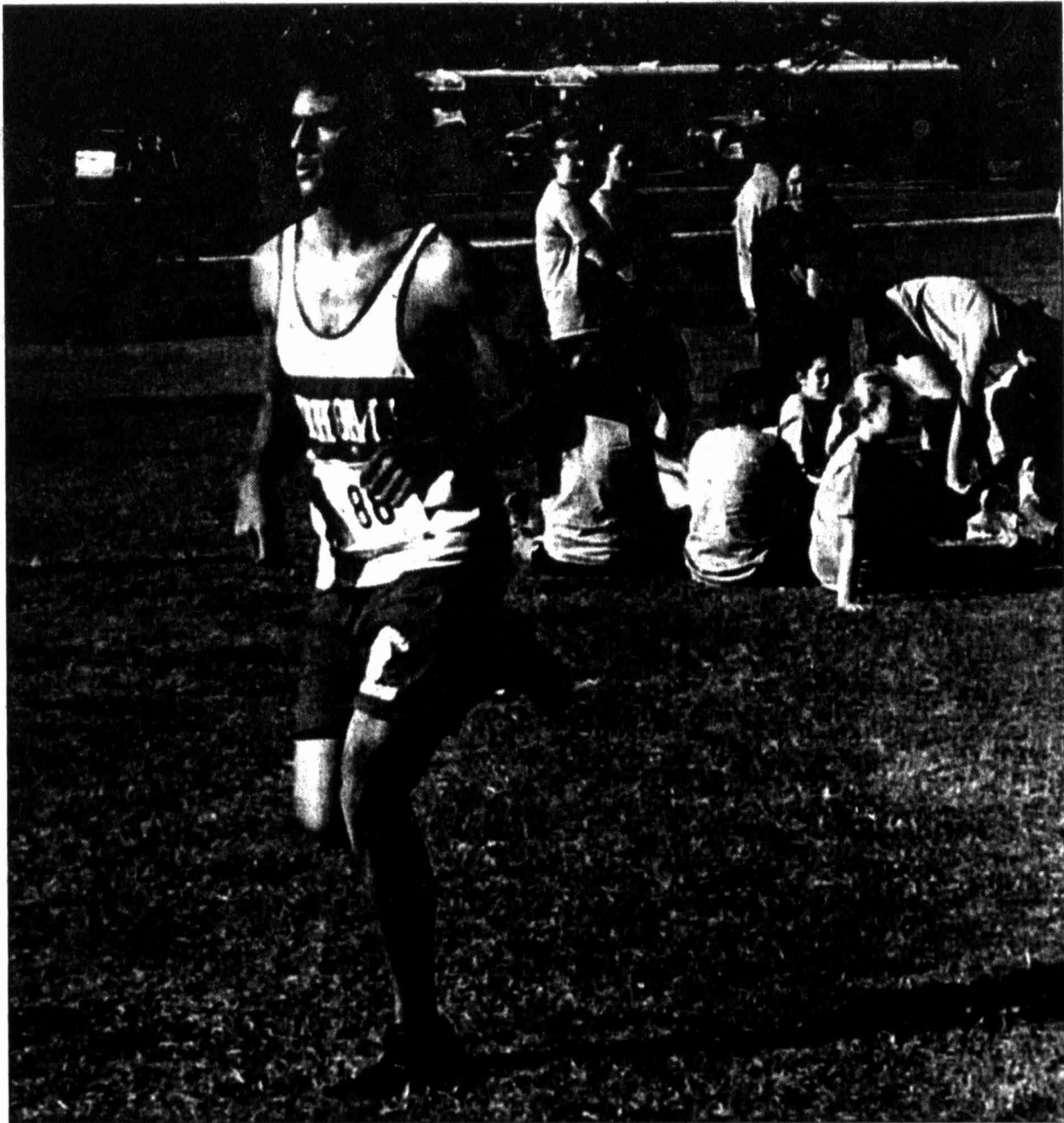
"Alex and Megan are really good leaders. We are going to need for both of them to perform really well if we're going to advance as a team," he said.

Sumrall also acknowledged that this group of girls is very balanced and equal as a team, further stating that the success of the Bulldogs has to do with the team as a whole.

"There is no question that we are going to need all five of the girls to lower their times," Sumrall explained. "We can't be too far spread out, and that was the key in the district performance. I'm really proud of the way they competed and they way they performed as a team at the district meet."

For Ewing, everything comes down to his individual performance. He finished in third place with a time of 16:49, and his coach is expecting improvement.

"Stephen ran great at the district meet," said the coach, "that should give him a lot of confidence going into this weekend. If he runs like he's capable of running, he has a



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Coahoma senior Stephen Ewing races to the finish line in a cross country meet earlier this year.. Ewing finished third in district and qualified for the Regional Meet to be held Saturday, Nov. 4, in Lubbock.

chance to break into the top ten at the regional meet. Now he just needs one more strong meet."

A top 10 finish would be good enough for... See **DOGS**, Page 2B

Forget mobility; Tony Romo offers most hope for Cowboys

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo lacks Drew Bledsoe's big arm and his pedigree. He wasn't drafted, much less taken No. 1 overall. He hasn't started a Super Bowl and perhaps hasn't even watched an entire Pro Bowl, while Bledsoe has played in four.

But for the time being, Romo offers the Dallas Cowboys something Bledsoe can't: Hope.

The same statement could've been made last week, after coach Bill Parcells announced the quarterback change. Yet it would've been wishful thinking for Cowboys fans, not something based on "demonstrated ability," to borrow from the Parcells phrase book.

Now Romo has demonstrated that ability. And while Parcells tried tempering his optimism by saying Monday that Romo's success against Carolina might have been beginner's luck, do you really think the 65-year-old coach would've gone around kissing players as if they'd won the Super Bowl unless he thought this game really meant something?

C'mon. That was way too rousing of a celebration for a pre-Halloween victory from a guy who repeatedly says a season isn't worth evaluating until after Thanksgiving.

It was all about a player sparking a... See **ROMO**, Page 2B



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Dallas Cowboys' Terry Glenn makes a catch in the second quarter against the Carolina Panthers. The Cowboys won 35-14.

Three football players suspected in house burglary

LUBBOCK — Three Texas Tech football players face burglary charges after being accused of breaking into a house and leaving with a laptop computer and an iPod, police said Tuesday.

Defensive end Rashad Hunt, offensive lineman Dimitri Lott and line-backer Julius Howard, all redshirt freshmen, were arrested about 3 a.m. Friday.

Efforts to reach attorneys representing the players were unsuccessful Tuesday.

None of the players has been dismissed or suspended, and Tech coach Mike Leach said he wasn't aware of the allega-

tions until Monday.

"We wait until a guy's guilty," Leach said. "But if we're certain somebody's guilty, we may act sooner."

A man at the home called police after he saw two men leaving the front door then noticed the electronics gear missing. Officers arrested the three after stopping a car matching the one described by the man at the home, police said.

Hunt, Dimitri and Howard were arraigned Saturday on charges of burglary of a habitation and released on \$3,500 bond.



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Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach is carried off the field after the upset over California in the 2004 Holiday Bowl. Those were happier times. Three Red Raiders were arrested and accused of burglary charges Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, SCI FI) and rows representing different time slots (6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30) with program titles and channel codes.

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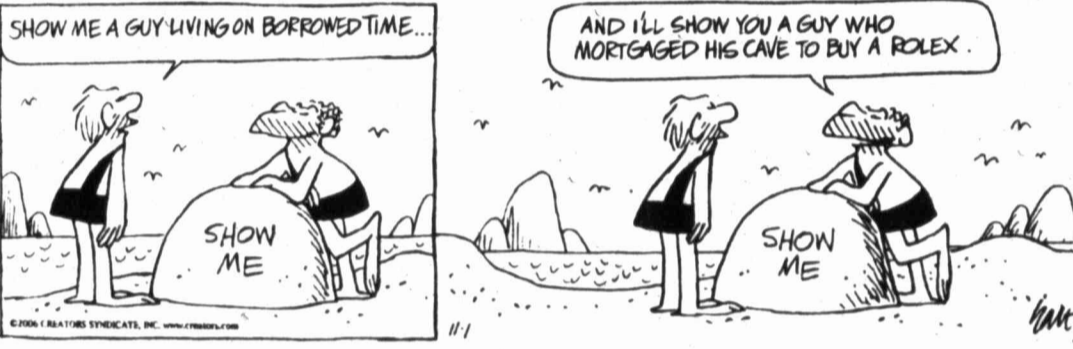
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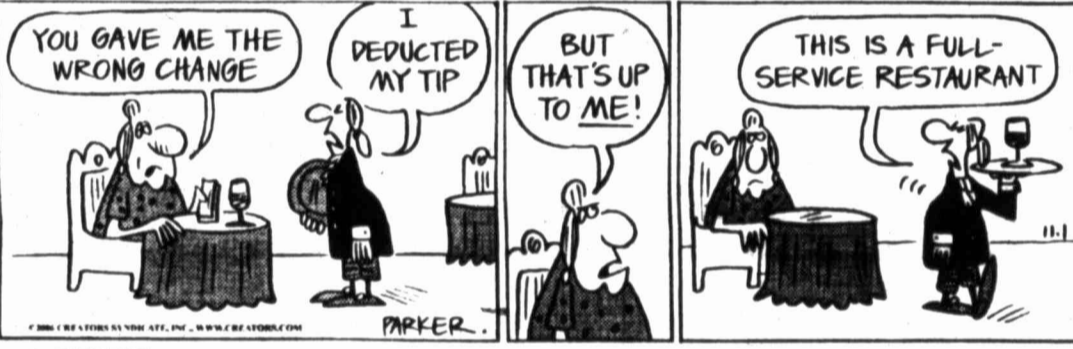
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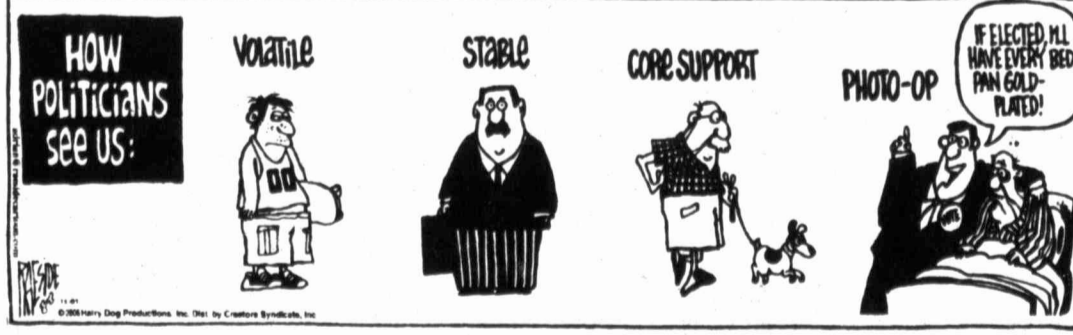
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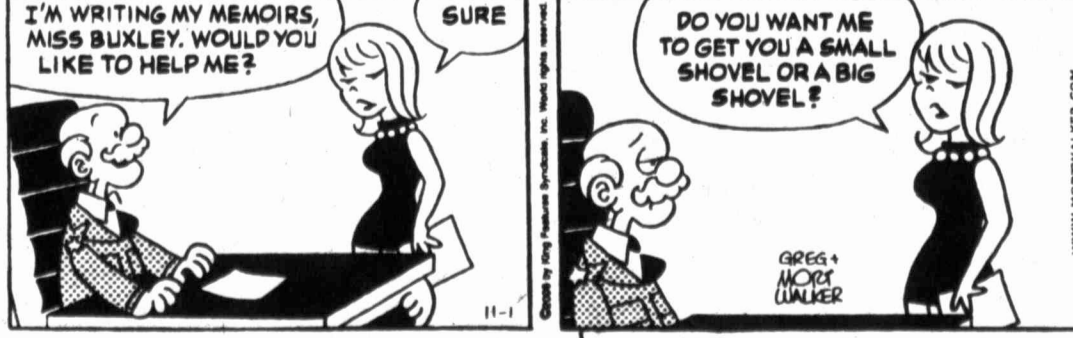
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2006. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 1, 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists. On this date: In 1512, Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel were first exhibited to the public. In 1861, Gen. George B. McClellan was made General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Winfield Scott. In 1870, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations. In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington to assassinate President Truman. The attempt failed, and one of the pair was killed. In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Mike," at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. In 1954, Algerian nationalists began their successful eight-year rebellion against French rule. In 1973, following the "Saturday Night Massacre," Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork appointed Leon Jaworski to be the new Watergate special prosecutor, succeeding Archibald Cox. In 1991, Clarence Thomas took his place as the newest justice on the Supreme Court. Today's Birthdays: Newspaper columnist James J. Kilpatrick is 86. Golfer Gary Player is 71. Country singer Bill Anderson is 69. Actress Barbara Bosson is 67. Actor Robert Foxworth is 65. Actress Marcia Wallace

is 64. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Khalis Bayyan (aka Ronald Bell) (Kool and the Gang) is 55. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 47. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 44. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholm (a-ha) is 44. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 43. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 43. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys) is 40. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 39. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 37. Actress Toni Collette is 34. Actress Jenny McCarthy is 34.

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

Newsday Crossword

SEND IN THE CLONES by R.J. Hartman Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 "Wanna Do" (Sheryl Crow tune), 5 Mare's boys, 10 Airline inventory, 14 Property claim, 15 Like Georgia Brown, 16 Beehive State, 17 Double, 19 Crooner Jerry, 20 Video companion, 21 A few, 22 Scat singer Fitzgerald, 23 Mo. with no holidays, 25 Many millennia, 27 Double, 34 PBS benefactor, 35 Wear away, 36 Tickle pink, 39 New Age musician John, 41 Former NBC legal series, 43 Polish, as writing, 44 Droxies competitors, 46 Plastic wrap, 48 Part of IRS, 49 Double, 52 Hockey great Bobby, 53 Actress Longoria, 54 Sawyer's pal, 57 On an ocean liner, 61 Used a weed whacker, perhaps, 65 Right now, to a CEO, 66 Double, 68 Letterman's competition, 69 "Knock, knock" response, 70 Wall-to-wall measure, 71 Get off the ground, 72 Reacts with shock, 73 Hammer head, 9 Sesame, for one, 10 Childish, 11 Footnote abbr., 12 Standing 6'6", say, 13 National League park, 18 Line of travel, 24 "You go, _!" 26 Have markers out, 27 Fascinated by, 28 Bambi and kin, 29 Backs off, with "up", 30 Hardly try, 31 He lost to, 32 Commit to memory, 33 Gymnast Comaneci, 37 Triangle tone, 38 Major suffix, 40 Dr. Seuss book, 42 Hourly pay, 45 Paul McCartney, for one, 47 David of Casino Royale, 50 Shipping inquiry, 51 Zany, 54 Leaf-viewing season, 55 Peekaboo words, 56 Zola novel, 58 Fit to be tried, 59 Art Deco illustrator, 60 Genesis son, 62 R-rating reason, 63 Summer Games event, 64 Actress Cannon, 67 Spots for MDs and RNs

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A USER'S GUIDE TO

THE

BIG SPRING HERALD

Each day. The *Big Spring Herald* receives calls from readers - just like you - who have important questions about how the newspaper works and the services it offers. For your information and convenience, we have compiled this page of answers to readers' most frequently asked questions.

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HOW TO

REPORT THE SCORE

You can report your sports results between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 263-7331, faxing 264-7205 or drop your results at the *Big Spring Herald* office at 710 Scurry, Big Spring.

HOW TO

SUBMIT NEWS INFORMATION

To announce activities or events, mail or bring by the office a typed news release or fact sheet to Editor John Moseley as far in advance as possible. The release should include the who, what, why, when, and where of the event, and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If you have a timely news item, call John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

HOW TO

LOCATE A SPECIFIC STORY

If you are unable to locate an article, call 263-7331, or come by the *Big Spring Herald* at 710 Scurry, and we will try to assist you. Remember, we can only provide information that appeared in the *Big Spring Herald*.

HOW

OBITUARIES ARE HANDLED

Obituaries, whether paid or non-paid, are provided to the *Big Spring Herald* by funeral homes. Non-paid obits follow a standard form, while paid obits can include virtually anything the deceased's family requests. Any questions should be directed to the Editor John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

HOW TO

GET DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME

Call our office at 263-7335 or come by 710 Scurry. Our subscription rate is \$93.42 per year or \$8.65 per month.

HOW TO

OBTAIN BACK ISSUES

Back issues of the *Big Spring Herald* are kept on file for one year and may be purchased during regular business hours. However, some back issues sell out quickly and we cannot guarantee that any given issue will be available. You may also check with the Howard County Library reference department at 264-2262.

HOW TO

SUBMIT MARRIAGE, ENGAGEMENT OR BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit engagement, wedding, or birth announcements come by our office at 710 Scurry and pick up a form. You may also download a form from our website at www.bigspringherald.com. If you have questions regarding the guidelines for these announcements, Call 263-7331.

HOW TO

PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD

Phone our office at 263-7331 or come by 710 Scurry. Ads can be placed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HOW TO

PLACE A DISPLAY AD

Phone our office at 263-7331 and ask for a retail advertising sales representative or visit our office at 710 Scurry. Telephone lines are open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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