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Lady Steers take charge in sweep of San Angelo Lake View.

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Cold front moving into area this evening

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

You better bundle up, because it looks like autumn is finally arriving in the area.

A cold front heading south from the Rocky Mountains is expected to pass through Big Spring early this evening, driving overnight temperatures into the 40s and bringing a good chance for rain showers.

Cody Lindsey, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service station in Midland, said the cold front had reached the far northern Texas panhandle early this morning, and was predicted to pass through Big Spring between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. today.

"It looks like we're finally going to get some really cool temperatures coming through," Lindsey said.

Gusting winds from the northeast at between 15-20 mph should accompany the front, along with a 70 percent chance of rain showers.

The NWS is predicting a low temperature tonight of 46 degrees, with a high in the mid-50s Thursday afternoon.

Lindsey added that there is a 50 percent chance of scattered showers through Thursday for this area, with a low temperature Thursday night expected to reach into the mid-40s.

Temperatures are expected to start rebounding Friday. Partly cloudy skies and a high in the mid-60s is forecast, with light and variable winds expected. The low Friday is predicted to be in the upper 40s.

While temperatures are expected to rebound to the high 70s or low 80s over the weekend, Lindsey said forecasters said warmer-than-expected temperatures of the last month might become a thing of the past.

"It looks like the pattern is finally changing," Lindsey said. "There is another system developing over the Rocky Mountain area that might hit this area early next week."

High temperatures in the mid-70s and lows in the 50s are expected in the early part of next week, along with a slight chance of rain.

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Tax notices ready to mail

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Howard County Tax Collector's Office is gearing up for tax season, as the staff prepares to send out more than 30,000 tax letters in the next two weeks.

Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles said this is a very busy time of the year for her and her staff, as they race against the clock to get the tax statements to area property owners as quickly as possible.

"Once the values have been certified to me, I wait for all of the entities to set the tax rate," said Sayles. "As of Oct. 1, I take the values and apply the tax rates and start the process of doing the tax rolls and printing the tax statements. This office handles tax collections for all of the entities in the area."

Once the tax statements are printed, Sayles said her staff will begin the task of making sure they get where they are supposed to go.

"Once we get the statements printed, we start stuffing envelopes and try to get them mailed out," said Sayles. "The loan companies will request their statements, and we'll get those pulled and get those to them as well. Taxes actually become due as of Oct. 1, but we don't get the statements really ready until several days after that.

"We print close to 40,000 statements each year. This year we'll print about 41,000, which is up some mainly because of the mineral values. We have about 2,000 to 3,000 statements

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DROWNING WORMS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Dennis Bishop of Midland takes some time between appointments at the Big Spring VA Medical Center to "drown some worms" at Comanche Trail Lake Tuesday afternoon. Bishop was joined by his brother, Gene, who said the bites were coming far and few between.

High Court returning to assisted suicide

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is revisiting the emotionally charged issue of physician-assisted suicide in a test of the federal government's power to block doctors from helping terminally ill patients end their lives.

Voters in Oregon have twice endorsed doctor-assisted suicide, but the Bush administration has aggressively challenged the state law.

Oregon is the only state that lets dying patients obtain lethal doses of medication from their doctors, although other states may pass laws of their own if the high court rules against the federal government. Voters in Oregon have

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Old Sorehead Trade Days returning to Stanton

Shop until you drop Saturday and Sunday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hawking wares of every shape and size?

The Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, of course.

The city of Stanton will once again open its arms to West Texas Saturday and Sunday for the event, which will feature an array of vendors and services for everyone in the family.

According to organizers, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "All kinds of food is available — curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Lindsey said another draw for the upcoming trade days will be a special art show, featuring works from as close as Midland and as far away as the former Soviet Union.

"One of the many things to see in Stanton during the Old Sorehead Trade Days will be an art show," said Lindsey. "To support the Martin County Library in its efforts to refurbish its new building, three area artists will display and sell their paintings. Mary Tucci, from Midland, is a talented artist who is currently a student of Warren Taylor, art instructor at Midland College. She is very active in the Midland Arts

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HERALD file photo

A youngster enjoys one of the rides available at the Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton. Trade Days will be held Saturday and Sunday.

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MIKE PRUITT RETIRING



Mike Pruitt, chief executive officer for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, has announced his retirement.

Pruitt announced his retirement effective Oct. 21. He and his family intend to reside in Granbury after he leaves the hospital.

Serving as interim CEO of the hospital will be George Parsley, a Lubbock native.

No word on Pruitt's permanent replacement has been released, hospital officials said.

BAND SETS FUND-RAISER



Paving the Road to Carnegie Hall Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 15, at Big Spring High School.

Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip to Carnegie Hall in June of 2006.

Band students have the $10 tickets for the festival on sale now. Or, call 267-1325 for more information or to purchase a ticket.

NATL. NEWSPAPER WEEK

This is National Newspaper Week, and The Big Spring Herald will be recognizing its hard-working carriers today with a lunch. By the way, did you know that John Wayne, Warren Buffet and Martin Luther King Jr. were all newspaper carriers at one time? It's true!

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Obituaries

Martha Moody



Martha Moody was born in Big Spring Sept. 29, 1903, to pioneer family L.T. and Sarah Elizabeth Ryan Deats.She passed away peacefully in Garland Oct. 2, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, of 63 years and her children, Elizabeth Frances Stitzell of Garland, Alfred W. Moody of Albuquerque and Charles Vernon Moody of Big Spring.

Martha was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 82 years, accumulated 23,724 hours as a Red Cross volunteer at the Big Spring VA Hospital and became a Gold Star Mother when her son, Charles Vernon, was killed in the Korean War.

She was awarded the Clara Barton Award for Outstanding Older Texan. Martha was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring and its Philathea Class.

She is survived by seven grandchildren, Charles Edward Vessel and Martha Ann Mann, both of Garland, Sarah Frances Moody of Vail and Joe Vernon Moody, Sue Titsworth, Syvilla Moody and Beth Moody, all of Albuquerque, N.M; and five great-grandchildren, Carl Edward Vessel, Sarah Elizabeth Mann and Benjamin Charles Mann, all of Garland and Reanna Payne and Henry Titsworth, both of Albuquerque, N.M.

Service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor, officiating.

Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

If desired, donations may be made to American Red Cross, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, 120 E. Second St., Odessa 79761 or American Gold Star Mothers, 2128 LeRoy Place NW, Washington, D.C. 20008-1893.

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

Paid obituary

Reba Hicks Fortner



Reba Hicks Fortner, 63, of Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 3, 2005, at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Memorial services are 6 p.m. Oct. 10, 2005, at the Salvation Army Citadel, 811 W. Fifth St.

She was born Jan. 24, 1942, in Big Spring and married George Fortner in 1960. She was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one stepsister.

She is survived by her husband, George Fortner of Brownwood; her brother, Jim Hicks of Big Spring; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

Condolences should be directed to 1010 Stadium Ave., Big Spring 79720.

James Brady 'Bud' Moore



James Brady "Bud" Moore, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with his nephew, Brian Moore officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 19, 1943, in Lamesa to Susie and Gabe Moore and married Dorothy Greenfield April 6, 1979, in Coahoma. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was an Honorary Liberator and life member of the 5th Special Forces Group Airborne. He worked for the city of Alvarado for 18 years. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Moore of Alvarado; one son, James Clint Moore of Big Spring; one daughter, Tonja Moore Tyree of Texarkana; one stepdaughter, Cheryl Osterhouse of El Paso; one stepson, Darin Greenfield of Rydal, Ga.; one sister, Edna Nell Jones of Big Spring; two brothers, George Moore of Big Spring and L.T. Dent of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeri Huse and Glenda Rae Clark.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Patsy 'Pat' Warden



Patsy "Pat" Warden, 64, of Sand Springs died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Davidson, associate pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 27, 1941, in Barstow to Edna and Howard Robinson. Pat had been a resident of Big Spring since 1964, coming from El Paso. She married William W. Warden, June 7, 1985, in Big Spring. Pat had been a cook and waitress in several local cafes, including the Fina Truckstop and the Warehaus.

She is survived by her husband, William W. Warden of Sand Springs; one daughter, Melissa Sanchez of Sand Springs; two sons, Alan Caldwell of Austin and Jimmy Campbell of Mansfield; one brother, Howard Robinson of New York; six grandchildren; and an aunt and niece.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

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

Jim Howard

Jim Howard, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **LARRY DON HASS,** 40, 715 Dealy Rd., was arrested on three capias warrants.
- **FABIOLA HERNANDEZ,** 31, 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested on a hold for the HCSO.
- **SHAWNA DAWN GRAYSON,** 34, 3811 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested on a hold for the HCSO.
- **AMBER MACKE,** 21, 800 1/2 Nolan, was arrested on indictment warrants.
- **ERIC VALENCIA,** 20, 3605 Dixon, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **JULIE LAWSON,** 22, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **GARRY STEPHENSON,** 44, 409 Johnson, was arrested on six capias warrants.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 900 block of 12th Street and the 2400 block of Monticello.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 900 block of Magnolia.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued in the 200 block of Marcy Drive.
- **HINDERING APPREHENSION** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway and the 1500 block of Martin Luther King.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **RALPH GUTIERREZ RODRIQUEZ,** 41, was transferred by the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JESUS ORTIZ,** 40, was sentenced on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **VALERIE MARTINEZ,** 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **CYNTHIA HALL BOLT,** 45, was transferred by BSPD after her arrest on a charge of DWLI.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of Brooks Road and Forsan High School.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 5500 block of Walter Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 3300 block of Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3200 block of Connalley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 4200 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 100 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $53 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $42 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: 12, 24, 28, 29, and 36. The Mega Ball number was 41.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-1-18-24-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: $31,643.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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

Take note

- **BIG SPRING SYMPHONY GUILD** meets the second Monday of every month. The October meeting is Monday at 11:45 a.m. at the Chinese Dragon Restaurant on Gregg Street. The guild serves as a support organization for the Big Spring Symphony. Anyone interested in supporting the symphony is invited.

- **APPLIZZA EXTRAVAGANZA** at the Kentwood Elementary Open House and fourth grade program featuring apples and pizza from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11.

- **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for $15 while supplies last.

- **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for Oct. 15 at the high school. Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip in June of 2006. Band students have the $10 tickets for the festival on sale today. Or call 267-1325 for more information or to buy a ticket.

- **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** annual book sale is from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. Donations of books in good condition are being accepted. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

- **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Much cooler. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. The chance of rain is 70 percent.

Thursday—Cloudy with scattered showers. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Thursday night—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

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

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Columbus day—Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Six pharmacists convicted in cough syrup abuse case

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal jury has convicted six pharmacists on charges they filled fake prescriptions for a highly addictive cough suppressant.

Prosecutors said the pharmacists filled 2,500 gallons of promethazine with codeine, a narcotic commonly known as "syrup" among rappers, giving Houston the reputation of being the City of Syrup.

They pharmacists were also found guilty Tuesday of money laundering and of filling phony prescriptions for hydrocodone, a synthetic narcotic widely known by the brand name Vicodin. In addition, they were convicted of conspiracy to illegally dispense the drugs.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner revoked bail for all six and ordered them jailed until the Jan. 5 sentencing.

The pharmacists are John David Wiley III, 40, and Anthony Dwayne Essett, 39, co-owners of I-10 East Pharmaceutical Services; Otukayode Adeleke Otufale, 46, owner of Med Stop Pharmacy; Isaac Simeon Achobe, 50, owner of American Choice Pharmacy; and Chicha Kazembe Combs, 30, and Andre Dion Brown, 38, co-owners of Mason Road Pharmacy in Katy.

The pharmacists filled phony prescriptions based on names from a phone book by Dr. Callie Hall Herpin, prosecutors said. Herpin, 34, of Houston testified that her practice consisted of selling the prescriptions to individuals. Herpin has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

Defense attorneys argued that the six pharmacists didn't know the prescriptions were fake.

The conspiracy and drug-distribution counts could bring sentences of up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine. The money-laundering counts carry either a 10-year or 20-year maximum penalty and as much as a $500,000 fine.

SUICIDE

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twice endorsed doctor-assisted suicide, but the Bush administration has aggressively challenged the state law.

The case, the first major one to come before the new chief justice, John Roberts, will be heard by justices touched personally by illness. Three justices — Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and John Paul Stevens — have had cancer, and a fourth — Stephen Breyer — has a spouse who counsels young cancer patients who are dying.

Their longtime colleague, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who once wrote about the "earnest and profound debate" over doctor-assisted suicide, died a month ago after battling untreatable cancer for nearly a year.

In 1997 the court found that the terminally ill have no constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide. O'Connor provided a key fifth vote in that decision, which left room for state-by-state experimentation.

O'Connor is retiring, and Bush on Monday named White House lawyer Harriet Miers to replace her. If Miers is confirmed before a ruling is announced, O'Connor's vote will not count. A 4-4 tie would probably require the court to schedule a new argument session.

The appeal is a turf battle of sorts, not a constitutional showdown. Former Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite among the president's base of religious conservatives, decided in 2001 to pursue doctors who help people die.

Hastening someone's death is an improper use of medication and violates federal drug laws, Ashcroft reasoned, an opposite conclusion than the one reached by Janet Reno, the Clinton administration attorney general.

Oregon filed a lawsuit to defend its law, which took effect in 1997 and has been used by 208 people.

The Supreme Court will decide whether the federal government can trump the state.

"It could be close," said Neil Siegel, a law professor at Duke University and former Supreme Court clerk. "It is a wrenching issue. It's one of the most difficult decisions any family needs to make. There's a lot of discomfort with having the government at any level get involved."

Under Rehnquist's leadership the court had sought to embolden states to set their own rules. Roberts, who once served as a law clerk to Rehnquist and worked as a government lawyer, may be sympathetic to Bush administration arguments that the federal government needs ultimate authority to control drugs.

In this case, that would be at odds with the concept, popular among conservatives, of limiting federal interference.

Solicitor General Paul Clement, the Bush administration's Supreme Court lawyer, told justices in a filing that 49 states, centuries of tradition, and doctors groups agree that "assisted suicide is 'fundamentally incompatible' with a physician's role as healer."

The administration lost at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which said Ashcroft's "unilateral attempt to regulate general medical practices historically entrusted to state lawmakers interferes with the democratic debate about physician-assisted suicide."

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Association and the Midland Palette Club, where she serves as an officer and a member of the board of directors. Helen Clements, from Andrews, will be present to display her paintings in oils, watercolors, acrylics and pastels, with her subjects being landscapes, figures, floras, portraits and still life.

"Khatuna Rongiavna Bichikashvili Buzzell was born and raised in the city of T'bilisi, the capital city of the Republic of Georgia, which was part of the Soviet Union. In T'bilisi she studied art and was accepted into the Georgian Teachers Training Institute of Art, where she graduated with honors."

The trade days will feature plenty of entertainment as well, with various groups providing music throughout the day on the Martin County Courthouse lawn.

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday and continue until dark, and resume on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Lindsey. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and The Factory — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantonfolks.com."

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that belong to loan companies which we don't have to mail out separately, but that still leaves about 37,000 tax statements that we have to stuff into envelopes and mail out. We just all grab a box and start stuffing. We have some people who just work with the loan companies to make sure they receive theirs, but the rest of us just get busy stuffing the envelopes."

Sayles said taxpayers have until Jan. 31 to pay their taxes and avoid penalties and interest. After that date, things can get rather costly.

"In February, the penalties will start at 7 percent (6 percent penalty, 1 percent interest), and they increase each month," she said.

The tax penalty and interest schedule is as follows: After Jan. 31, 6 percent penalty and 1 percent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and 2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

"There is a provision that allows taxpayers over the age of 65 to pay their taxes in four installments without any penalties or interest," said Sayles. "You make your first payment in January, then you just make the remaining three payments in April, June and Aug. 1. This is for people 65 and older or are receiving disability.

"Once people receive their tax statement, if they have a question we hope they'll call us," said Sayles. "We want to make this process as easy for everyone as we possibly can."

The Howard County Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 264-2232.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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OTHER VIEWS

Bush makes shrewd pick with Miers

President Bush appears to have made another shrewd political call by nominating his White House counsel, Harriet Miers, to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. There's no guarantee the Senate will confirm her, of course.

But like new Chief Justice John Roberts, Miers is eminently qualified in terms of legal experience and intellect, and, though conservative, she falls well short of being branded as a far right ideologue. On these two appointments, we might be seeing something of the old Gov. Bush: conservative, for sure, but not the highly partisan officeholder we've seen since he was elected president.

Miers, 60, has never been a judge, but that should not count against her. She would bring to the court a different perspective, that of a woman who began her legal career at a time when women had trouble breaking into the all-male ranks of major law firms. Miers not only became partner, but her demonstrated competence and work ethic put her in charge of a major Texas firm and got her elected the first female president of the State Bar of Texas.

We hope that experience will keep her mind open to others who turn to the courts when they must overcome prejudice to protect their rights and access to what this nation has to offer.

Of course, the most burning issue for many is whatever her position is on Roe v. Wade, the abortion-rights case that many conservatives want reversed.

One episode sure to get scrutiny was her unsuccessful attempt in 1993 to have the American Bar Association hold a referendum on its support of abortion rights. Accounts of Miers' opposition centered on her questioning the appropriateness of the ABA taking such a stand without membership approval, not the constitutional issue of abortion itself. But abortion-rights groups won't take any comfort from that. Yet, many anti-abortion activists are reacting with disappointment to this nomination because Miers has not said publicly just what her views are.

As important as the abortion issue is, however, it should not be the only benchmark by which a nominee is measured. There's the issue of civil rights, especially in an era when the government's handling of suspected terrorists and its efforts to find them have raised concerns.

There's also the continuing controversy about the relationship between church and state, spilling into areas as diverse as the teaching of the origins of life and the Pledge of Allegiance. As the size and reach of the federal government continue to grow, even under Republican administrations, the rights of the states still stir disputes that go to the nation's high court.

We also note that, if confirmed, Miers would be only the second Texan ever named to the court. The first was Justice Thomas C. Clark, 1949-1967, who was appointed by President Truman. And she would be only the third woman to serve on the court, after O'Connor and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Miers no doubt will face tough questioning from the Senate, and perhaps her critics will find something embarrassing or questionable about her legal career or personal life. We suspect not, though. Miers, like Roberts, offers no easy targets for partisans of either side.

THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Katrina rumors were flying wild

Did you know that a monster crocodile was fished out of the New Orleans floodwaters? Had you realized that sharks were swimming through the submerged streets of the Lower Ninth Ward? Did you see the photographs of Katrina, the ones showing the hurricane menacing New Orleans like a Wizard of Oz cartoon twister? In the weeks after Hurricane Katrina, all of those rumors were present on the Internet in one form or another. I personally received the crocodile photograph — an authentic picture, apparently, taken in Congo some years ago.



ANNE APPLEBAUM

Yet although all of these rumors were in the air — or in the cyber-air, to be more precise — none of them took hold. Few people were worried about monster crocodiles or sharks. The fake photographs of Katrina looking like the thing that blew Dorothy out of Kansas somehow never made it onto the evening news. Nevertheless, many did believe the other rumors: the babies being raped, the rat-gnawed corpses floating in the streets, the police officers being shot point-blank in the head, or the snipers firing at helicopters. These reports surfaced not only in mass e-mails but also on talk shows and in the press around the world. And now it seems that they were no more real than the man-eating sharks. Although investigations by the New Orleans Times-Picayune, the New Orleans police and the National Guard have turned up a few bad incidents, none of the more grotesque stories of the horrors at the convention center or the Superdome can be substantiated.

Where did they come from? For once, it's really not possible to blame "the media," although naturally many have. For once, the sociologists — and there's a whole flock of them who study rumors — have something interesting to add. They point out that the main influence on whether people believe rumors is the reliability of the sources — in this case, senior New Orleans officials. Some of the stories of infant rape came from New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. The tales of armed gangs of thugs outgunning the police in the convention center came from the New Orleans police chief, Edwin Compass. More important, both told these stories on television, to Oprah Winfrey — possibly the most trusted woman in the nation.

But there was more. In fact, New Orleans post-Katrina was a textbook example — or perhaps I should say the perfect storm — of the conditions that rumors require to flourish. A lack of good communications is always a condition for phony stories, and the telephones in New Orleans were down. A few true examples of bad behavior, inevitably embellished in the retelling, always help too — and according to the Times Picayune, one of the four bodies (not 200, as rumored) recovered from the convention center might really have had stab wounds. Gunshots really were heard. As National Guard soldiers have confirmed, conditions in the convention center really were crowded and primitive, infants and old people really were starving and dehydrating in the heat, and help really was shockingly slow.

But in the end, the fact that so many people believed, as Nagin put it, that the crowds had degenerated into an "almost animalistic state" must have had deeper roots. For the rumor sociologists also tell us that the most deeply believed rumors are always the ones that express some profound public anxiety. Some think that anxiety had to do with race: As I am not the first to note, few would have believed that 25,000 white, middle-class suburbanites had reverted to an "almost animalistic state" within a few days. But then, I'm not sure that 25,000 black middle-class suburbanites would have inspired such stories either, and certainly black officials such as Nagin and Compass wouldn't have repeated them.

What I'm guessing the Katrina rumors revealed was not precisely racism but a much deeper fear of the poor, even of poverty itself. What I'm guessing they revealed is our imaginary picture of what life would be like without the civilizing elements and the social markings to which we're accustomed: our houses, our cars, our clothes, our possessions, our reputations, our authority. If all that was gone, who knows how our next-door neighbors would behave, how we would behave. Maybe the people across the street would turn out to be thieves. Maybe the people who live across the city, in the neighborhood we never visit, would turn out to be murderers.

Or maybe not — but we don't know, which is why we imagine murder and rape. Perhaps it's not so odd that the mayor and the police chief immediately assumed the worst about their own city. Monster crocodiles, in the end, are a lot less threatening than life without possessions, without status, without law.

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We must keep alive the right to die

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of Gonzales vs. Oregon, the culmination of the Bush administration's long fight to overturn Oregon's popular Death With Dignity Act. The outcome will have far-reaching effects.

The Oregon law permits doctors to write prescriptions for a lethal dose of sleeping pills or similar drugs that dying patients can take if they find their suffering unbearable.

It has been in effect for nearly eight years, and there is ample evidence that it is working exactly as intended. Only about 30 patients per year use it, but many more say they find peace of mind in having the option to do so if they choose. Oregon is the only state with such a law.

The Bush administration argues that Oregon doctors writing such prescriptions are violating the federal Controlled Substances Act -- legislation enacted in 1970 to try to stop prescription medicines from being diverted to street use.

Oregon counters that its law has nothing to do with drug trafficking; it's about medical care, and states, not the federal government, regulate the practice of medicine. There is nothing in the Controlled Substances Act that speaks to what is or isn't an appropriate medical use of drugs, because that wasn't its intent.

Oregon is right. The Bush administration is seizing on an irrelevant federal law as an excuse to overturn a state law, even though the move flies in the face of Republican rhetoric about states' rights and federalism.

It also puts the administration at odds with the libertarian wing of the Republican Party, which believes the government should stay out of the private lives of individuals.

Why is the administration fighting such an odd battle? Physician-assisted suicide is one of the religious right's signature issues, used mainly as a wedge in the battle against abortion rights. It lets foes of abortion claim that their commitment to life is absolute and has nothing to do with women's rights. The administration is quite willing to throw over Republican principles about federalism and individual freedom to appease the religious right.



MARCIA ANGELL

The Oregon law is very much about individual freedom. No patient is required to use it, nor must doctors be involved if they don't wish to be. It is an individual choice. At the beginning, there were concerns that dying patients, particularly the poor and vulnerable, might feel pressured to end their lives.

Those concerns now appear to have been groundless: The number of patients who request prescriptions under the law remains small, and they tend to be more affluent and better educated -- that is, less vulnerable -- than average.

Pain is not the usual reason patients give for wanting to end their lives; more common are symptoms that are harder to relieve, such as weakness and loss of control over bodily functions.

In states that have no right-to-die law, such patients are sometimes sedated to the point of unconsciousness, then allowed to die of dehydration, or encouraged to stop eating and drinking to hasten death.

But there is something disturbing, even bullying, about forcing people to bring about their deaths in slow motion instead of giving them the means to do so quickly. One would be hard put to find a moral distinction.

Opponents of physician-assisted suicide argue that it could be a distraction from good palliative or hospice care, which, they believe, can nearly always provide adequate relief.

But far from being a distraction, the availability of physician-assisted suicide in Oregon has led to better palliative care.

In what can only be considered a win-win competition, both proponents and opponents of the law are working to make assisted suicide rare by promoting the aggressive treatment of the symptoms of dying.

As a result, the state is widely regarded as having the best end-of-life care in the country. Still, there will always be some whose suffering can't be relieved and who desperately want a quicker, more humane death.

If the Supreme Court decides in Oregon's favor, it is likely that physician-assisted suicide will gradually become widely available, state by state. This is exactly what Justice Sandra Day O'Connor envisioned in an earlier decision in two unrelated cases.

In 1997, she suggested that although the Constitution does not itself embody a right to assisted suicide for terminally ill patients, the states may make it legal through their legislative processes.

If Oregon prevails and other states follow, that does not mean physician-assisted suicide will become common. It will probably be rare, as it is in Oregon. But there is no way to exaggerate the comfort provided to patients and their families by knowing that if suffering becomes unbearable, there is a way out.

That is why all Americans should be rooting for Oregon.

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Some conservatives not assuaged by Bush's defense of Miers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of President Bush's conservative supporters are unconvinced by his defense of Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, creating dissension in a Republican Party that until now has reverently approved Bush's judicial candidates.

Conservatives in some cases are expressing outright opposition, some are in wait-and-see mode and some are silent, all bad signs for an administration used to having the full backing of all wings of the GOP when it takes on the Senate's minority Democrats over judicial selection.

"I'm getting reports on both sides," said Paul Weyrich, a conservative leader from the Free Congress Foundation. "Some people are quite enthused about her and other people are very upset. The grass-roots are not happy, I can tell you that."

Miers, meanwhile, is trying to build up support by visiting senators at the Capitol on Wednesday, scheduling stops with GOP Sen. John Cornyn and top Judiciary Committee Democrat Patrick Leahy.

Bush defended the 60-year-old nominee at a Rose Garden news conference Tuesday, repeatedly implying that conservatives should trust his judgment in picking Miers to succeed the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor.

While insisting that he doesn't recall ever talking to Miers about abortion, he pointedly said, "I know her heart."

Bush, who emphasized that he's a proud conservative, said he hoped his supporters were listening. "I'm interested in someone who shares my philosophy and will share it 20 years from now," he said.

His city broke, New Orleans mayor says up to 3,000 employees will lose their jobs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — His city in financial ruin from Hurricane Katrina, Mayor Ray Nagin is slashing about half the city's work force — a move he said caused him "great sadness."

Nagin said Tuesday he would lay off as many as 3,000 employees because he had been unable to find the money to keep the workers on the payroll.

The layoffs are "pretty permanent," Nagin said, and the city will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to notify municipal employees who fled the city after the hurricane struck more than a month ago.

"I wish I didn't have to do this. I wish we had the money, the resources to keep these people," Nagin said. "The problem we have is we have no revenue streams."

He said only nonessential workers will be laid off and that no firefighters or police will be among those let go. The layoffs, which will take place over the next two weeks, will shave about $5 million to $8 million from the city's monthly payroll of $20 million.

"We talked to local banks and other financial institutions and we are just not able to put together the financing necessary to continue to maintain City Hall's staffing at its current levels," the mayor said.

U.N. report: Today's youth best educated ever but 130 million still illiterate

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Today's youth are the best educated generation in history even though 130 million are still illiterate, according to a new U.N. report that urges greater investment to ensure universal primary schooling.

The U.N. World Youth Report 2005, which provided a snapshot of the 1.2 billion young people aged 15 to 24, found that more than 500 million youths live on less than $2 a day and a record 88 million are unemployed.

The study highlighted the stark differences in the lives and opportunities of young people in poor African and Asian nations versus those in richer Western countries.

The statistics and trends point to one key message — investments in young people need to be scaled-up to implement the 1995 World Program of Action for Youth and to meet the U.N. Millennium Development Goals. They include cutting extreme poverty by half, ensuring universal primary education, and stemming the AIDS pandemic, all by 2015.

The report said investments must focus on the 1.8 billion youngsters currently under the age of 15 because they will be the 15- to 24-year-old generation in 2015, when the Millennium Development Goals are supposed to be reached.

"The current generation of youth is the best-educated so far. However, 113 million children are not in school and 130 million young people are illiterate," the report said.

Despite improvements in education, youth unemployment is at a record high of 88 million, with the highest rates in western Asia, north Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, it said.

Conservative lawmakers welcome Bush vow to battle for spending curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's conservative allies in Congress hope his vow to use some of his political capital pushing for more budget cuts will help persuade lawmakers to pay for hurricane relief without raising the deficit.

But they are hungry for more than just promises.

Bush told reporters Tuesday that Congress should pay for as much of the relief as possible by cutting federal spending somewhere else.

"I'll work with members of Congress to identify offsets and to free up money for the reconstruction" following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he said.

Tough-on-spending lawmakers such as House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, and a band of mostly junior conservatives welcomed a renewed presidential campaign for fiscal discipline, recognizing that it is the only way to make balky members of Congress go along.

Nussle suggested increasing the amount of savings in an upcoming budget implementation bill and imposing an across-the-board "haircut" to domestic agencies whose budgets Congress passes each year through appropriations bills.

Iraq's parliament reverses changes to voting rules for constitutional referendum, averting Sunni boycott

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's parliament voted Wednesday to reverse last-minute changes to rules for next week's referendum on a new constitution after the United Nations said they were unfair. Sunni Arabs responded by dropping their threat to boycott the vote and promised to reject the charter at the polls.

U.N. officials welcomed the reversal, saying it helped restore integrity to the crucial Oct. 15 referendum and urged all Iraqis to participate.

The United Nations and U.S. officials had pressed Iraqi leaders to drop the rule change, which would have made it nearly impossible for disaffected Sunnis to defeat the charter.

"We're very happy about the National Assembly's action. We will now have a referendum law that follows international standards. It provides the ground for a fair referendum, and we call on all Iraqis to come forward to use a democratic right to give their opinion," said Michael Schulenburg, deputy head of the U.N. mission in Iraq.

After parliament's decision, Sunni Arab leaders dropped their threats to boycott the upcoming vote. American and U.N. officials were eager to avert the boycott because it would have deeply undermined the constitution's credibility and wrecked efforts to bring Sunnis into the political process.

With the reversal, "there will be no need to call the Sunnis to boycott the elections," Saleh al-Mutlaq, a top Sunni Arab politician, said.

Now Sunni Arab leaders were gearing up to try to veto the constitution at the ballot box.

"With this result, the Sunni Arabs will be able to defeat the constitution, if there is honesty and an international supervision on the process," al-Mutlaq said. "I am sure if there is honesty, 95 percent of Sunni Arabs will vote no."

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Library News

The Friends of the Library annual Book Sale begins Friday at 10 a.m. in the downstairs meeting rooms. It will continue Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. There are lots of bargains to be had.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

A new part history book, part autobiography is "Talking Back to Presidents, Dictators, and Assorted Scoundrels," (070.92 MIT A) by Andrea Mitchell.

Mitchell, who began her long career as a television reporter at a time when women were severely restricted, gained respect as she faced down a range of powerful figures from Philadelphia mayor Frank Rizzo to Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

In this absorbing memoir, Mitchell recalls her climb to the top of her profession, including stints at "NBC Nightly News," "Today," and "Meet the Press."

Mitchell also offers a personal glimpse into her life, weighing the personal access that her relationship with Greenspan gave her to powerful figures against worries about her journalistic independence.

This is a frank and revealing book by a respected journalist whose career spans three decades. I have read a little bit of it, fascinating.

Now is the time to start working on your canning! "Better Homes and Gardens" have published a small recipe book, "America's All Time Favorite Canning and Preserving Recipes" (641.4 BET H).

If you have a windfall of apples, look on page 72 for apple pie filling. You will need 12 pounds of cooking apples, etc.

Spaghetti sauce takes 15 pounds of tomatoes, page 45. This recipe you can either can or freeze the sauce. Really a neat little book.

After you have canned everything in the garden, devote time for yourself.

"Home Spa: Cleanse, Refresh, Relax," (613 HAR J) by Jennie Harding. Utilizing simple aromatherapy and other ingredients, you can have a relaxing time either by yourself or with friends.

I am in favor of grilling, although sometime our weather out here does not cooperate. Two books are in on grilling and cooking wild game.

The first is "The Tailgater's Cookbook," (641.578 JOA D) by David Joachim. It has a truckload of tips and recipes for your parking lot party.

Next on the list is Ted and Shemane Nugent's "Kill It and Grill It: A Guide to Preparing and Cooking Wild Game and Fish" (641.691 NUG T). You may remember Ted, he was the long-haired (waist length) guitarist with the Amboy Dukes. I never listened to hard rock/heavy metal, but he was a master of that genre.

Ready for some ghost stories from the Civil War era?

"Phantom Army of the Civil War and other Southern Ghost Stories" (133.109 SPA F) was compiled and edited by Frank Spaeth. From the files of Fate magazine, this collection represents the best of the Southern ghost stories.

Thirty-five tales of first hand encounters may give you goose bumps and a desire to keep the lights on when the cold wind blows.

Last week I was watching the wildfires in California flame out of control and here is the perfect book to read about them.

In "Jumping Fire: A Smokejumper's Memoir," (634.961 TAY M) Murray A. Taylor, recounts the 30 years he fought fires in the wilderness of the west. It is a rough, tough job and takes a toll on the firefighter, their spouses and their psyche.

Living in a semi-arid area like Big Spring, it really doesn't make a lot of sense to try and turn your yard into an English style garden.

Jennifer Bennett has just published her book, "Dryland Gardening: Plants That Survive and Thrive in Tough Condition" (635.952 BEN J). Herbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, perennials and trees that thrive in dry conditions are all covered in her book.

The library has just received "Living in God's Love: The New York Crusade" (252.06 GRA B). Billy Graham's now legendary first New York Crusade in 1957 was a touchstone that affected an entire generation.

Nearly 50 years later, the Rev. Billy Graham returned to New York in June 2005 for what was likely his final crusade, preaching the power of God's love to hundreds of thousands of people over three life-changing evenings.

This book contains all three sermons from this important event and includes an original introduction and an after word, written by Billy Graham.

Two more books on Billy Graham have come in: "The Faith of Billy Graham," (208 SET T) compiled by Trudy S. Settel and "The Billy Graham Story," (269.209 POL J) by John Pollock.

This book is a little late in the season, I suppose, but rose lovers may find some kernels of wisdom in "Complete Guide to Roses" (635.933 ORT B) from Ortho Books. It will guide you in the selection, growing and arranging of your roses.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier and is closed from noon until 1 p.m. Saturdays. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. The catalog is online.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

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Texas State Genealogical Society

The Texas State Genealogical Society 45th annual conference is Oct. 21-22 in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza. Numerous vendors will be present as well as an awards ceremony Oct. 21. For more information, contact Carolyn Johnson at 432-362-7113.

Tarleton State tours

Tarleton State University Texan Tours are set for Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sessions scheduled include student-to-student, clubs and organizations and parent information. For more information, call 800-687-4878.

SBC Pioneers set arts and crafts show

The Southwestern Bell Corporation Pioneers are accepting reservations for booth spaces for the 17th annual arts and crafts show Oct. 29-30 at the Midland County Exhibition Building. Booths are 440. Contact Shirley Perkins at 432-570-8344 or call 432-694-4810.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the start of a junior tennis league.

League play will take place every Monday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The league is for children in grades four through six (ages 8-12).

[illegible] racket. Provided rackets will be limited.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

Hunter Education Class announced

The date for the next hunter education course will be Oct. 15 and 16 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building.

The cost is $10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 17.

Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt in the state.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

Softball tournament announced in B.S.

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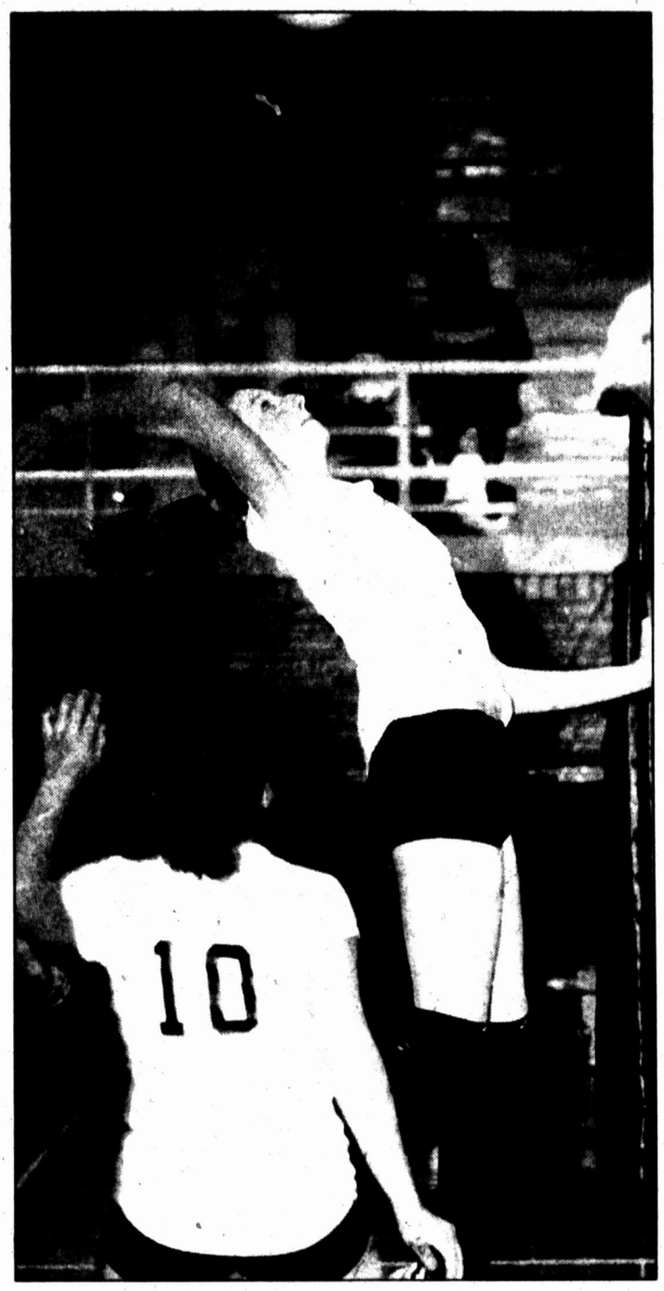
The entry fee will be $110 per team.

There will be a team trophy, player trophies and T-Shirts awarded for first place, while second and third place will get a team trophy and T-Shirts.

The tournament is part of the La Raza Unida Celebracion. There will also be speakers, music, entertainers and booths and vendors at the Amphitheater. The festivities begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Lady Steers take charge in sweep of Lake View



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring freshman Shelbi Stewart goes for an attack shot Tuesday at the Steer Gym during the Lady Steers' sweep of rival Lake View. Big Spring improved to 5-1 in the district, while last year's champ Lake View fell to 2-4.

• Lady Steers improve to 5-1 in District 4-4A play after easy victory

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Last year's District 4-4A volleyball champion Lake View is one game away from being eliminated from the district title this season after Big Spring cruised to an easy three-game win against the Maidens Tuesday at the Steer Gym.



RITCHEY



LEWIS

"All the district matches are big at this point because we have to win them all to win the title," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "The kids know where we stand and what we have to do to get there."

Big Spring won the match over its rival 25-18, 25-20 and 27-25 and improved to 5-1 on the season in district play. The Lady Steers are currently tied for first place with Frenship and Andrews after the Lady Tigers and Lady Mustangs knocked off Lubbock Estacado and Plainview, respectively, Tuesday. Lake View dropped to 2-4 with the loss and with another win by either Frenship, Andrews or Big Spring would be eliminated from the title mix. Lubbock Estacado and Plainview are already mathematically eliminated.

"A win counts as a win any way you get it," said McAden. "It doesn't matter how pretty it is."

The Lady Steers defeated Lake View in San Angelo earlier this year to start district play, but that match went the maximum five games. However, Big Spring made easy work of Lake View Tuesday and was only really challenged in the final game.

The two teams went back-and-forth early on until eight straight points put Big Spring up 13-7. Senior Krista Chesworth started strong as she recorded three kills on Big Spring's first five points. Senior Raegan Ritchey added two kills and a block later as the Lady Steers built a sizeable lead and never looked back. The Maidens closed to within 18-17 before Big Spring scored eight out of the last nine points to take the opening game win.

"Our key was to stay focused on Lake View and take it one match at a time," said McAden.

The start of Game 2 was similar to the way the first game started as both teams traded points before Big Spring got things going and built a 17-9 lead. Freshman Shelbi Stewart had three kills early in the game and Ritchey and Chesworth provided the rest of the offense for Big Spring. A few points later, a kill by senior Carmen Lewis put the Lady Steers up 22-12. Lake View closed to within four on multiple occasions, but Big Spring held off the rally.

Big Spring trailed for most of the early part of Game 3. Back-to-back kills by Chesworth put the Lady Steers closer at 8-9, and Big Spring did not take the lead in the game until a kill by junior setter Mallory Dunn put them up 18-17. Before Dunn's kill, Stewart had a kill and an ace on back-to-back points.

Lake View continued to fight in Game 3 and eventually recaptured the lead at 23-22 and 24-23, but Big Spring scored four out of the final five points to claim the game and match win. Ritchey scored three kills in the game, while Chesworth added four kills and Lewis contributed two kills and an ace.

"Lake View struggled early trying to hit into our blockers, but adjusted in Game 3 and went away from that," said McAden. "I am not happy with how

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Big Spring netters start strong, fall to Sweetwater in end

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring tennis team started out strong in doubles play Tuesday afternoon, but several loses in singles action led to a defeat against Sweetwater at Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park. Big Spring (0-13) lost the match 12-7 after going up 3-0 early.

"Everyone played better," said Big Spring head coach Kathy Boland. "Its going to come. Unfortunately, it will probably not come this fall."

The three early wins were recorded by the squad's top doubles teams. The boys' No. 2 doubles team of Bryan Juan and Ainhan Nghiem won in two very easy sets 6-2 and 6-2, while the girls' top doubles team of seniors Natasha Neighbors and Jamie Jordan won 6-4 and 6-4. Freshman Brittany Farmer and sophomore Allison Ward took care of business in their match, as well, winning 6-4 and 6-1.

The final girl's doubles team of Michelle McMurtrey and Elizabeth Wheeler lost in straight sets, while the boys' No. 1 doubles team of junior Roshan Shroff and sophomore Jeremy Landin lost in three sets. They were defeated 6-3, 2-6 and 6-4. The duo was down 5-0 in the final set before batting back to 5-4.

Of the final four matches won for Big Spring, three came from the top three boys.

Shroff continued his winning ways with a straight-set win over Ivan Ramirez 6-4 and 6-3. Juan defeated Tatum Harrison in three sets 6-3, 0-6 and 6-4. The final win on the boys' side came from Nghiem as the team's No. 3 defeated Bryan Gerold 6-0 and 7-5.

The seventh and final win for Big Spring was recorded by Ward, who won her singles match against Ashley Jones 6-3, 1-6 and 6-2.

The final three boys in singles action lost. Landin lost to Verace Cabrera, while Robert Andrade and Dustin Thomas each lost in straight sets.

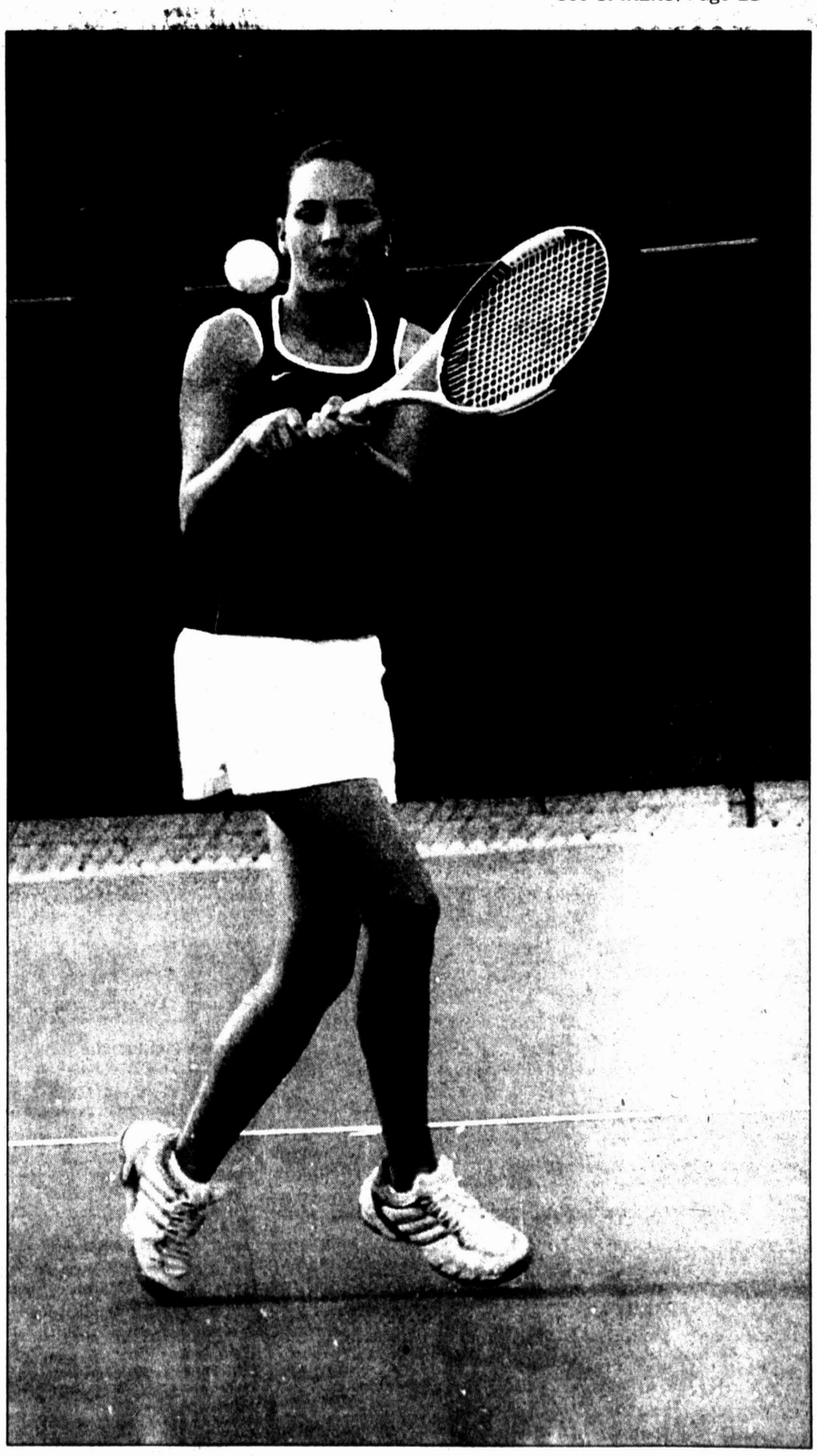
Neighbors lost as the No. 1 girl in straight sets to Beth Villa 6-4 and 7-5. Jordan lost to Sydney Bilbo 6-3 and 6-0, while Farmer, Rosie Alcantar and McMurtrey all lost in straight sets, as well.

Alcantar and Andrade paired up in mixed doubles and fell in straight sets 6-4 and 6-3.

Several others participated in extra matches which didn't count on the final score.

On the boys' side, Shane Bowles lost his match 8-4, Matt Callison lost 9-8 and 8-6, Brayden Schaffner lost 8-1 and Cameron Honea lost 8-6. Wheeler lost in extra girl's action 8-5, while Brionna Palmer was also defeated 8-5. Honea and Palmer paired up in an extra mixed doubles match and lost 6-2 and 6-2.

Big Spring continues District 4-4A action Saturday with a trip to Lubbock to take on Estacado at 9 a.m. The team will also play Andrews Oct. 15 at home.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring sophomore Allison Ward sends a backhand return over the net during doubles action against Sweetwater at the Figure 7 Tennis Center Tuesday. Ward won her doubles match with partner freshman Brittany Farmer and also won her singles match. Big Spring lost to Sweetwater, 12-7, as a team.

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we picked up their tips early in the game. Lake View got smart and battled until the end, but we also made adjustments and were able to still win."



ABNER



CHESWORTH

Ritchey led the team in the match with 11 kills, 15 digs and nine blocks, while Chesworth finished with seven kills and a team-high 23 digs. Lewis added 10 kills and 13 digs. Junior Katy Abner also had 13 digs and Stewart finished with five blocks.

Big Spring will take on its arch rival in Andrews Saturday. A win could put either team in the driver's seat for the district title.

Big Spring defeated Andrews at home in four games earlier this season, but McAden doesn't care about that.

"I expect Saturday to be some work," said McAden. "But, the team won there last year so we can do it again this year."

Houston hopes pitching leads to title

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Roy Oswalt has two straight 20-win seasons.

With the Houston Astros, those credentials are good enough to get him a start in Game 3 of the NL division series.

Indeed, the Astros are absolutely loaded on the mound. Andy Pettitte (17-9), who will pitch Wednesday's opener in the best-of-five series against the Atlanta Braves, was second in the league with an ERA of 2.39.

The leader? Teammate Roger Clemens (13-8, 1.87), the future Hall of Famer who will start Thursday.

Oswalt (20-12, 2.94) won't go until Saturday, when the series shifts to Texas, despite the NL's seventh-best ERA and another 20-win season.

The Braves have had that sort of pitching going into past postseasons, but they look a little shakier this year. Beyond closer Kyle Farnsworth, the bullpen is a mess. Dan Kolb, a former all-star who started the season as the closer, didn't even make the 25-man roster.

As for the starting rotation, John Smoltz would have been a logical choice to start Game 1, but he's been bothered by a stiff shoulder. So, the winningest pitcher in postseason history will be held back until Game 2.

Tim Hudson (14-9) will start the opener against Pettitte.

After Tuesday's workout, Smoltz slipped out of the Braves' clubhouse through a side door, hoping to avoid reporters camped out by his locker. He walked all the way to the parking lot before finally stopping by his car.

Manager Bobby Cox waited until the Braves were traveling home from their final regular-season game before revealing his plans to those involved. He called it a precautionary move, giving the team some flexibility in case Smoltz's shoulder acts up again.

Hudson was a pretty good backup choice, having pitched in four division series for Oakland.

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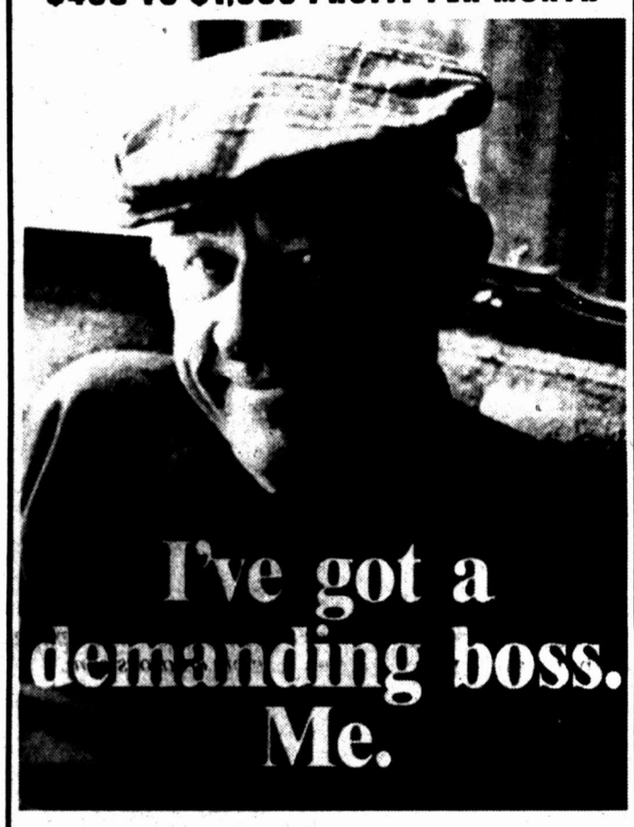
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Scorpio moon is a master of transformation. The current conjunction of Mercury and lucky Jupiter plays with the proportions of the makeover — we go to extremes to be different. But different isn't always better. The same problem can have many disguises. Tonight, lonely sounds are met with a comforting response.


HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a living contradiction. Someone close to you will probably point this out. But being complicated doesn't make you wrong. Be proud of the weird contrasts that are a part of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Perfectionism is a mistake. Let go of it, or today's work won't get done at all. You're at your productive best when you divide things into small, easy tasks and then follow through without overthinking it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll pose some difficulty to those who are in charge, and that just points out the imbalance of power. Maybe it's your job, as it is the job of all artists, to challenge the system.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your heart has a way of involving you in things that can only be good for you. Singles: If someone keeps leaving a toothbrush at your house, then it may be time to get married.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You accept gifts but could also feel burdened by them. After all, you can only be responsible for so many things. Whittle your things down to only what's stylish, functional and fantastic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you are around people who have what you want, it's hard not to be jealous. Poem for the day: Why am I comparing? It's a total waste of time. The only person's business that I need to mind is mine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This morning, meditate on the good things to keep away the nuisances. Life's little scrapes, rashes and bruises have the potential to take up more than their fair share of your mental energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get out and be your charming self. You'll have the thrill of meeting someone knowledgeable, interesting and funny. Here's the best part: The feeling is completely mutual!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). On some very small level, a reversal of fortune is featured. What was positive becomes negative, and what was negative becomes positive. It's a temporary state, which can give you a glimpse at how the "other half" lives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in a rather sensitive mood. Be aware that whatever your complaint is, it very well may be a dynamic that exists only in your own head. As the day progresses, you toughen up — in a good way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your charisma reaches to the corners of the universe. You're able to capture the imagination of people who you don't even know. That's a pretty powerful state of things. Enjoy it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). After the relationship that almost stole your autonomy, you vowed that your independence would never again be in doubt. You'll remember that today when you avoid giving anyone else your power.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born March 14, 1975 at 8:36 p.m. I've recently become single again after eight years of unsuccessful relationships. I've been dating, but I have found that I'm not excited about the people who I'm seeing now. I don't have that butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling for anyone. Will I ever find that special person for whom I will have that feeling?"

Yes, you will. Trust that, and relax. Aries rules your seventh house of partnership. Though you're easily bored and sometimes move on quickly from relationships, you are also highly susceptible to the first blushes of attraction, tagging extremely high hopes to those "butterflies in the stomach." It's vital to the health of your love life to understand that both extremes of boredom and elation represent the symptoms of infatuation. Infatuation, though it plays love in the movies, is not really love. You have both the moon and Venus in your seventh house, and women often take care of you, which somehow kills the romance. Maybe because they remind you too much of your mother. The shortage of thrilling companionship you are experiencing now is just the rest you need in order to appreciate real love when it's in your life. Everything changes next spring.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ravishing Oscar-nominated actress Kate Winslet possesses a hunger through the next three months, as do many Libran artists born in 1975 — a birthday gift from the stars to push creativity to the limits. Libras usually dislike a routine but forget all about that when family life is comfortable. A film role in a faraway land will give Winslet a topsy-turvy environment that inspires her.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Please help me. I am in love with my brother's wife, "Lydia," and have been for quite some time. Recently, she admitted that she shares my feelings.

I know Lydia loves my brother, but I can see in her eyes that she is not happy when they are together. I see how he treats her and their kids. He loves his children, but he never does anything with them. Lydia sees how good I am with the kids and how much they love me.

Lydia has asked me more than once why I love her, and there is no one reason. We have so much in common and can be ourselves around each other. We know what the other is thinking. It's like we can finish one another's sentences.

I don't want to be the one to break up their marriage, but I love her with all my heart. Please help me. — Totally Confused and in Love

Dear Totally Confused: Back away slowly, and then run as fast as you can. Lydia is undoubtedly fond of you, and she is flattered by your attention, but she also is using you as a diversion from her marriage and children.

If you truly care about this woman, urge her to get counseling so she can learn to recommit to her marriage or get a divorce so she is completely free. Messing around with your brother's wife is so disrespectful to him that you will regret it, no matter how this turns out. Do the decent thing and keep Lydia at arm's length, and turn your amorous attentions to someone who is available.


KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I have a friend who also is my business partner. "Mara's" family and mine have even taken a few vacations together. Last summer, Mara became engaged and immediately shared the news. A month later, I received an engagement announcement. I called to congratulate her and also sent a card.

On our last vacation, Mara repeatedly reminded me to keep available a weekend in mid-October for the wedding. Last month, she mentioned that she had not received engagement gifts from her betrothed's family and "others." By that, I assume she meant me. Now that the wedding date is fast approaching, I have yet to receive an invitation, nor has Mara shared any more information about the wedding.

Was I supposed to send an engagement gift? Also, do I need to send a wedding gift since I assume we are not invited? And, no, the invitation did not get lost in the mail. — Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: An engagement gift is never required, and if you are not invited to the wedding, you are not obligated to send a present. However, Mara is a business partner, even if she no longer is a friend. It may be important to remain on good terms with her, so we recommend you send a small gift anyway and wish her well. You will definitely be showing more class than she has. (Are you sure the invitation wasn't lost? This happens more often than you might think.)

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently booked a cruise to Acapulco, and I shared this information with a coworker. Much to my horror, she just sent me an e-mail stating that she and her obnoxious husband are now going on the same cruise.

Is there a delicate way to ask if she would consider booking for another week? I really don't relish the idea of spending my vacation with her and her husband. — Ambushed in Las Vegas

Dear Ambushed: Can YOU book for a different week? Otherwise, there is no way to ask her to change plans without offending her. Cruise ships are quite large, and you can arrange to avoid your coworker. Try to reserve an earlier or later dinner time, and at the very least, make sure she didn't request you as a table companion.

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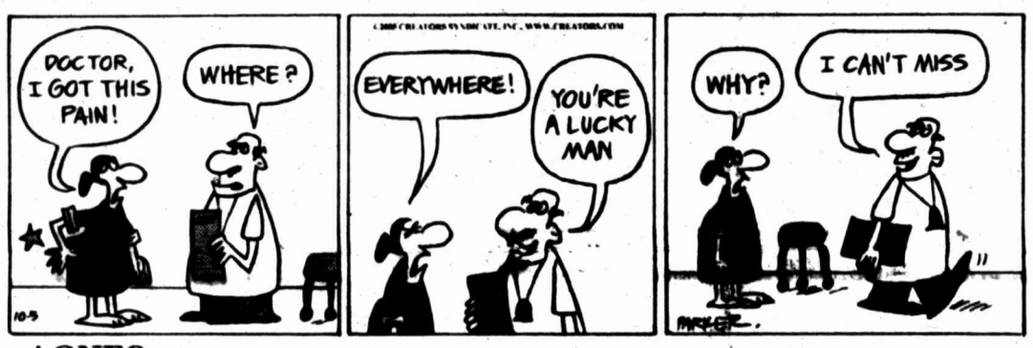
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2005. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address.

On this date:

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

In 1937, President Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis — the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court — died in Washington, D.C., at age 84.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1955, a stage adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett opened at the Cort Theatre in New York.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, "Love Me Do," was first released in the United Kingdom.

In 1983, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers.

Today's Birthdays: "Family Circus" cartoonist Bil Keane is 83. Actress Glynis Johns is 82. Comedian Bill Dana is 81. Actress Diane Cilento is 72. The former president of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel, is 69. Country singer Johnny Duncan is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 64. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 62. Rock singer Brian Johnson (AC/DC) is 58. Actress Karen Allen is 54. Writer-producer-director Clive Barker is 53. Rock musician David Bryson (Counting Crows) is 51. Rock singer and famine-relief organizer Bob Geldof is 51. Comedian Bernie Mac is 48. Actor Guy Pearce is 38. Singer-actress Heather Headley is 31. Rock musician Brian Mashburn (Save Ferris) is 30. Actress Parminder Nagra is 30. Actor Scott Weinger is 30. Actress Kate Winslet is 30. Rock musician James Valentine (Maroon 5) is 27. Rock musician Paul Thomas (Good Charlotte) is 25. TV personality Nicky Hilton is 22. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brooke Valentine is 20.

Thought for Today: "The role of a do-gooder is not what actors call a fat part." — Margaret Halsey, American writer (1910-1997).

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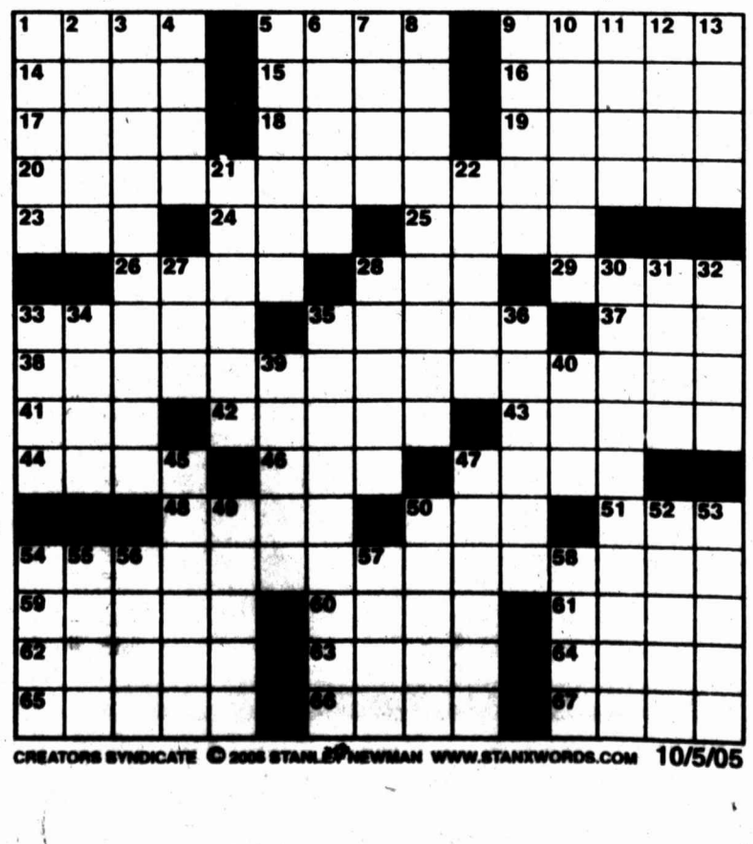
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Newsday Crossword

PHYSICAL FIGURES by Doug Peterson
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1 "__, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach hymn)
5 Sonny ex
9 Concoct, as a plan
14 Introductory material
15 Stadium section
16 D-Day beach
17 Parachute pull
18 Mosque official
19 Early bird's hour, perhaps
20 Las Vegas machines
23 "Later!"
24 Sit-up muscles
25 Baseball card stat
26 Henpecks
28 Small island
29 Expresses disapproval
33 He preceded 9 Down
35 German painter Max
37 Actress Carrere
38 *Braveheart* weapons
41 Mexican metal
42 "Whither thou __ . . ."
43 From Limerick
44 Combustible heap
46 Sandwich order
47 Piece of cake
48 Was certain of
50 __ Miss
51 More, to a *señor*
54 Company picnic competition
59 *Wheel of Fortune* purchase choices
60 Kansas town
61 Utah ski resort
62 Transpire again
63 City east of Cairo
64 Supermodel Heidi
65 Student of Socrates
66 Light on one's feet
67 Lay eyes on

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1 Ebenezer's partner
2 Black-key material
3 Bug blocker
4 Meat inspection org.
5 Tackles K2
6 Real-estate listings
7 "My word!"
8 He has his own Amsterdam museum
9 Mubarak of Egypt
10 Surrounded by
11 Curbside call
12 Make small talk
13 Unlikely Oscar nominees
21 Motley
22 Immeasurable depth
27 Sound of contentment
28 High point
30 Neighborhood shopping spots
31 Grade-schoolers
32 Merit-badge site
33 Discontinue
34 Out of whack
35 *The Sound of Music* song
36 Coiled around
39 Dynamite guy
40 ". . . man __ mouse?"
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