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House blaze 'suspicious,' says fire chief

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

An early-morning fire in Coahoma is under investigation by the Howard County Sheriff's Office after a blaze ripped through a mobile home located at 105 N. Fifth St.

According to Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, the fire was reported just after 1:30 a.m., and by the time firefighters ar-



Sullivan

rived on the scene it was too late to save the home.

"It was a triple-wide mobile home. When our firefighters got there, it was completely engulfed," said Sullivan. "There were some initial concerns that someone could be in the home because there was a vehicle in front, but we were

able to make contact with the residents and confirm the home was unoccupied at the time."

Sullivan said the fire is being treated as "suspicious" due to how quickly it ripped through the mobile home.

"There was just too much involved in too short of a time," said Sullivan.

"From the period the call came in to the time the firefighters were on the scene, there was just

too much damage. The roof was already ventilated and the structure was completely engulfed. The picture simply doesn't fit."

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire, which has been turned over to the HCSO for investigation, according to Sullivan.

"We had four units from the volunteer fire department, and we had one unit from the Big Spring Fire Department," said

Sullivan. "We were able to keep the fire from spreading to other property."

"However, there was simply nothing we could do to save the mobile home. All we could do was keep it contained."

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Super search: Painting a portrait

Firm receives input from staff, community to find ideal candidate

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Local teachers and residents Tuesday night gave school trustees plenty to think about when selecting a new superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District.

During a pair of meetings at Big Spring High School, Arrow Educational Systems officials gathered opinions on what people want in a new school district chief.

Jim Dunlap, lead consultant for AES, said the information received during the meetings would be used to form a sort of template to help the firm find the ideal candidate for the job, which became vacant

"You won't be giving us big brush strokes tonight. It'll be a little dab here, a little dab there, and before you know it, you have a painting."

in late June when former Superintendent Michael Downes resigned.

"We will look for trends in what you tell us," Dunlap told the crowd. "We will take that information and try to match it up

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Jim Dunlap, chief consultant for Arrow Educational Services, talks to a group of Big Spring Independent School District employees during a meeting at the high school library Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was to gain staff input on what qualities are needed in a new superintendent for the local school district.

Law officer agreement on agenda

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to OK the continuation of a law enforcement agreement with the city of Big Spring when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The agreement, which will highlight a fairly routine board meeting, allows for a law enforcement presence on BSISD campuses, Interim Superintendent Michael Stevens said.

The district currently employs Marc Couch, former Howard County sheriff's deputy, as the truant

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Fed, central banks cut rates to aid world economy

By JEANNINE AVERSA
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve and six other major central banks from around the world slashed interest rates Wednesday in an attempt to prevent a mushrooming financial

crisis from becoming a global economic meltdown.

The Fed reduced its key rate from 2 percent to 1.5 percent. In Europe, which also has been hard hit by the financial crisis, the Bank of England cut its rate by half a point to 4.5 percent

and the European Central Bank sliced its rate by half a point to 3.75 percent.

Also cutting rates were the central banks of China, Canada, Sweden, and Switzerland. The Bank of Japan said it strongly supported the actions.

"The recent intensification of the financial crisis has augmented the downside risks to growth," the Fed said in explaining the coordinated action.

The Fed action will reduce borrowing costs almost immediately for U.S. bank customers whose

home equity and other floating-rate loans are tied to the prime interest rate. Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent after the Fed

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Dine Out Day Friday

Domino's Pizza is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

For each pizza sold Friday, Domino's will donate 50 cents to United Way. Call Domino's at 267-4111 to order.



Silver Wings Ball

The Silver Wings Ball, an annual fund-raiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Big Spring Country Club. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. Millennium Jazz will perform.

A silent auction will be held and appetizers served.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Attire is Texas formal and military dress is encouraged. Call 264-1999.

Blonde is not having fun

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut judge has given the brush-off to a blonde woman's lawsuit claiming L'Oreal Inc. ruined her social life when she accidentally dyed her hair brunette with one of its products.

Charlotte Feeney of Stratford says she can never return to her natural blonde hue, a shock that left her so traumatized she needed antidepressants. She says she suffered headaches and anxiety, missed the attention that blondes receive and had to stay home and wear hats.

A judge dismissed her suit Monday, saying she never proved her allegation that L'Oreal put brown hair dye in a box labeled as blonde.

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BSHS QB Club has goal to raise spirits

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

It's all about the players, the fans and boosting spirits.

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is once again putting forth an effort to raise the morale of the Steers and the faithful who support them.

The current goal for the QB Club stands around 25-feet tall, though. The football boosters are attempting to secure enough funds in order to purchase an addition to the inflatable tunnel the Steers run out of and onto the field before every game.

"What we're trying to do is buy

a 25-foot Steer that would stand in front of the tunnel we already have," said QB Club president Jonathan Smith. "The players would run in between the legs of the Steer right as they leave the tunnel."

The QB Club wants to obtain this addition mostly to help pump up the players and fans before each game.

Not to mention, many opponents the

Steers face emerge from bigger contraptions than Big Spring's tunnel.

It's something Smith remembers well as he is a former Steer himself, graduating this past May.

"I can remember seeing Hereford run out onto the field and thinking they had bigger and better stuff than we do," Smith said. "It can make a difference. It can really let these players know we care enough about them to buy them things such as this. I think it will be huge for the morale of the team as well as the fans. Imagine going to a game and seeing this

25-foot Steer looming over the field. It would be quite a sight."

Cost for the addition is \$4,995 not including tax. Smith estimates the final cost being around \$5,500 after tax and shipping and handling costs.

He has been working hard to collect the funds needed, but has been able to secure just \$1,100 to date.

There's not a hard deadline for purchasing the Steer, but Smith does have a goal in mind.

"I'd like to be able to have this for the Steers' final home game or for their first playoff game," Smith said. "I think that'd be a great time to debut it. In order to

do that, we'd have to get a down payment of \$2,500 paid within the next couple weeks. A lot of businesses are having a hard time because of economical situations. We're going to try and make it worth each sponsor's while by trying to recognize them in the football program for the next several years. I just think this will be a great asset to the Big Spring football program and it's something I want for this team and this program so much that I can almost taste it."

Anyone wanting to contact Smith about a donation can reach him at 816-9949.

Lady Steers put up fight, but fall

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

On paper, volleyball can depict a deceiving picture. Usually, when someone sees one team beat another in three straight sets, it is assumed the victor put together a dominant performance.

That wasn't the case Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

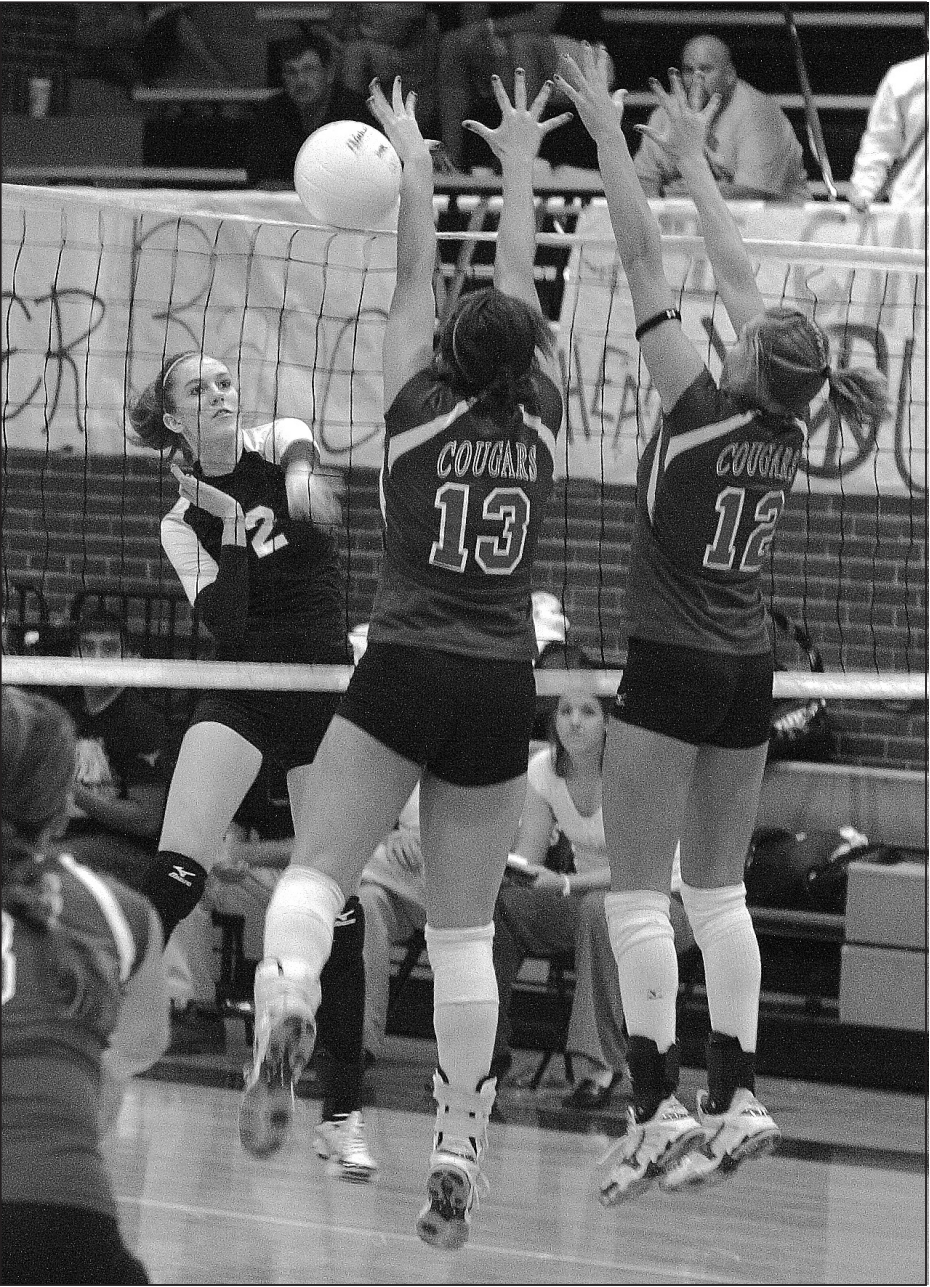
The Big Spring Lady Steers (6-26, 1-2) gave Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars (17-14, 2-1) all they could handle in a straight sets loss, 25-20, 25-16, 25-22.

"We battled like we have

never battled before tonight," said Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake. "Particularly in the third set when we were down by seven points, fought back and had a chance to win the game at the end. I don't know that this team has ever battled like this in previous seasons because the look on their faces after this loss is a look I've never seen any of them show. There is so much positive we can take away from this game."

Big Spring came within three points of sending

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Macy Graves attempts to spike the ball past Abilene Cooper's Ellie Harp (12) and Chelsea Crank in action from the Lady Steers' straight sets loss in a District 4-4A volleyball game at Steer Gym Tuesday.

Playoff plotlines

BoSox-Rays renew rivalry, Manny in middle of NLCS

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Exactly why the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays tangle so much is hard to tell. Blame it on a high-and-tight pitch here, a hard slide there.

Whatever, this much is true: The teams playing in the AL championship series sure get into a lot of scraps.

"There's no hatred," injured Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling insisted Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"It's more a combination of talent/personalities and place than anything, I think. For years Tampa Bay was looked down on and the Sox were one of the powerhouse teams. The start to respectability is as much an attitude as it is talent and a few years ago the Rays, I think, got tired of being pushed around," he wrote.

That's kind of how Sarah Palin sees it, too.

"I know that earlier some of the experts this year were kind of tough on the Rays. I've been there," the Republican vice presidential candidate said Monday during a speech in Clearwater, Fla. "But what a difference a season can make, and now the Rays, in the playoffs for the first time ever."

Even before their rise to prominence, the Rays were plenty feisty. They've scuffled with the Red Sox at least a half-dozen times this decade, punctuated by a wild brawl at Fenway Park in June that resulted in eight players getting suspended.

"You know, we've had some good battles with them all year," Boston pitcher Jon Lester said.

Other matchups in the majors get more attention, be it Yankees-Red Sox or Cubs-Cardinals or Dodgers-Giants. But there is no baseball rivalry that's more spirited than Tampa Bay-Boston.

Funny, know who was often in the middle — somehow — of those slugfests?

Manny Ramirez.

Yep, the same slugger who's now the main man in the NL championship series between the Los Angeles

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Red River Rivalry features quick-start offenses

By JEFF LATZKE
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — The Red River Rivalry has all the pageantry of one of college football's greatest games, with a stadium filled to the rim with half the fans in crimson and the others in burnt orange. Big Tex will be there, along with the marching bands and the Golden Hat Trophy.

Maybe they should install starting blocks, too.

The team that has scored first has won the last five Oklahoma-Texas games and seven of the last eight, and both teams have shown early dominance on their way to the

top five this season.

The top-ranked Sooners (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) have taken control immediately in every game, outscoring opponents 103-3 in the first quarter and never trailing. Not only has Oklahoma scored on all five of its opening possessions, the defense is playing a part, too.

In the three games when the Sooners' opponents got the ball first, each one went three-and-out.

"When you start off on defense and you show a team that you can stop them on the first series and then your offense can turn around and score on their first series, I think that just takes the life

out of you," cornerback Dominique Franks said Tuesday. "You're already like, 'Man, what did we just get ourselves into?'"

The classic case played out last week, when Oklahoma stopped Baylor on its first possession and then got a 53-yard touchdown pass from Sam Bradford to Manuel Johnson on its third play from scrimmage. It was 7-0 in the first 70 seconds and 28-0 by the end of the first quarter.

"It sets the tone and it shouts something out that we're ready to play. If you're not, I think that's what happens — 28-0 — because we're going to try to play every week as soon as the

kickoff," receiver Juquin Iglesias said.

No. 5 Texas has done its part in staying out of those situations. The Longhorns (5-0, 1-0) hold a 52-9 first-quarter scoring edge and, more impressively, a 132-29 mark in the first half. They've only trailed for 63 seconds, when Rice hit a field goal for a 3-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

"Oklahoma has done the best job in the country at quick starts. If I hadn't seen theirs, I'd have thought ours was really good," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

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Sports in brief

MLB League Championship Series schedule

Boston Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays (ALCS)

Game 1: Friday at Tampa Bay, 7:37 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday at Tampa Bay, 7:07 p.m.

Game 3: Monday at Boston, 3:37 p.m.

Game 4: Oct. 14 at Boston, 7:07 p.m.

Game 5: Oct. 16 at Boston, 7:07 p.m. (if needed)

Game 6: Oct. 18 at Tampa Bay, 3:37 p.m. (if needed)

Game 7: Oct. 19 at Tampa Bay, 7:07 p.m. (if needed)

L.A. Dodgers vs. Philadelphia Phillies (NLCS)

Game 1: Thursday at Philadelphia, 7:22 p.m.

Game 2: Friday at Philadelphia, 3:35 p.m.

Game 3: Sunday at Los Angeles, 7:22 p.m.

Game 4: Monday at Los Angeles, 7:22 p.m.

Game 5: Oct. 15 at Los Angeles, 7:22 p.m. (if needed)

Game 6: Oct. 17 at Philadelphia, 7:22 p.m. (if needed)

Game 7: Oct. 18 at Philadelphia, 7:22 p.m. (if needed)

Fundraising ragball tourney set for Saturday in Coahoma

The West Texas Dust Storm — a Howard County 14 & under girls traveling softball team — is hosting a ragball tournament Saturday at the Coahoma Community Softball Park.

Entry fee is \$10 per person with a five-game minimum guarantee. All proceeds go to buy uniforms and equipment as well as pay tournament fees for the team.

Sign-ups begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with games starting at 9 a.m. Call 268-3669 or 517-0073 for more information.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at ATC Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center.

Regular meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble this weekend

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Take Note

• **Alive In Christ** Lutheran Church LCMS at 2805 Lynn Dr., will be showing the Luther film, the story of Martin Luther, at 7 p.m. this evening. Everyone is invited. Popcorn and drinks will be available. A freewill offering will be held to benefit the youth group.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. Contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center’s Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator’s booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• **HATS** (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently disgnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• 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.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses’ Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an “Angel” or “Teen Angel” in someone’s life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life’s journey. Make a difference in someone’s life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• 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.



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Police blotter

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

- LARRY MARQUEZ, 23, of 905 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Monday on two local capias warrants.
- BRYSON VANDERBILT, 23, of 1605 Oriole, was arrested Monday on a local citation and two local capias warrants.
- MICHAEL ALEXANDER, age not provided, of 1104 E. 11th place, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- LARRY DEAN WHITE, 36, of 1410 Davis, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 68, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 25, of 610 N.W. Eighth Street, was arrested Tuesday on six local capias warrants and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- AMANDA GAIL EGLSTON, 29, of 1105 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JASON LEE DIAZ, 28, of 605 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- BOBBY JOE WILSON, 39, of 1315 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant and a local warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Highland.
 - in the 500 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 2500 block of Wasson.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 200 block of 11th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1800 block of Alabama.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
 - in the 200 block of 11th Street.

Sheriff’s report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- ROD LEE PUGA, 46, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - PRESTON WAYNE SAVELL, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - JOSE DELACRUZ, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for harassment.
 - LARRY DEAN WHITE, 36, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 38, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
 - REYNALDO HERNANDEZ JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - RICHARD KEITH HUCKABEE, 48, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no driver’s license and violation of a promise to appear.
 - BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ JR., 44, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no insurance – enhanced, expired registration and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
 - KEVIN LEE GILBERT, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. Service refused.
- VEHICLE FIRE was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and S. Main.
- VEHICLE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of E. 11th Street.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 100 block of N. Fifth Street.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman’s Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
• The Prospector’s Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
• Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery: 2-25-35-38-42.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-14-32-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-4-2. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-7. Sum it Up: 22.

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the match to a fourth set. However, it took two key come-from-behind runs in the third game to put the pressure on Cooper.

Cooper opened the third set with a 9-1 run, giving the Lady Cougars an early 9-2 advantage. The lady Steers answered, though, breaking off on a 6-0 rally and pulling within one point at 11-10.

The two squads traded points until Cooper used another run to pull away with a 21-17 advantage. Once again, Big Spring fought back, winning five of the next six points to tie the game at 22.

Unfortunately, the Lady Steers

couldn't handle the jump serves of Cooper's Courtney Cardona and the Lady Cougars won the final three points to win their second district match of the season.

"I'm not going to complain. We played very well," admitted Blake. "We came up short, but this is one of the better teams in this district. Cooper has four girls who hit the ball hard every time they get a chance. We struggled at first with their fast-paced offense, but we started digging out more balls."

In the first set, the Lady Steers led for the first half of the game, staking a 15-10 advantage. However, after a timeout, Cooper won 10 of the next 11 points and held off a late Big Spring rally for a 25-20 win.

The Lady Steers showed some fight in the second set as well,

scrapping their way back from an early 11-4 deficit to tie the match. However, Cooper took over and won 14 of the next 19 points for 2-0 set advantage.

Senior Andrea Claxton led the Lady Steers in kills with nine. Claxton's classmate Baylea Fox had nine digs to lead Big Spring, while freshman Cerbi Ritchey registered 18 assists.

Up next for the Lady Steers is a non-district match at Denver City — ranked No. 14 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class 2A poll — Saturday and then a rematch with Plainview's Lady Bulldogs Tuesday as Big Spring picks back up district play.

"Denver City is going to be a good test for us. They're a very good team and will help us get ready for the second half of the district season," Blake said.

"After that, we get a chance to see Plainview again and I really believe we can beat that team. We have the ability to be better than them in every phase of the game. We just have to want it more than they do."

Plainview (12-18, 2-1) defeated the Lady Steers in straight sets Sept. 30.

The Lady Bulldogs are coming off their first district loss as Frenship (27-5, 3-0) blasted them in straight sets Tuesday in Plainview.

Abilene Cooper defeats Big Spring 25-20, 25-16, 25-22

Kills — Andrea Claxton 9, Halee Thomas 6, Desiree Anderson 5, Macy Graves 2, Belle Feaster 1.

Assists — Cerbi Ritchey 18, Feaster 1.

Aces — Claxton 2, Valerie Ross 2.

Blocks — Thomas 1.

Digs — Baylea Fox 9, Thomas 3, Claxton 3, Ross 3, Anderson 2, Ritchey 2.

RED RIVER

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Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he couldn't explain the fast starts, except to say that his team has been focused and ready to play. Offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson thinks the Sooners' new no-huddle approach may have something to do with it.

Wilson likes to use a flexible lineup in which Jermaine Gresham can line up in his traditional tight end spot or out wide as a receiver. DeMarco Murray can do the same at running back or wide receiver.

"I think the multiple formation looks is difficult to deal with because its different looks that come fast," Wilson said.

PLAYOFFS

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Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies.

Ramirez, manager Joe Torre and the Dodgers open the best-of-seven set Thursday night at Citizens Bank Park.

Traded from Boston to Los Angeles on July 31, Ramirez reprised his role as a one-man October wrecking crew in the first-round sweep of the Chicago Cubs. The 2004 World Series MVP went 5-for-10 with two home runs and four walks.

"He could fight a bear with a stick and win," praised Phillies broadcaster Gary Matthews, MVP of the 1983 NLCS when

Philadelphia beat the Dodgers.

Coming off their victory over wild-card Milwaukee in the opening round, the Phillies are aiming for their first championship since 1980. Torre, no stranger to the postseason, is hoping to lead Los Angeles to its first title since 1988.

The defending champion Red Sox and the Rays begin Friday night at Tropicana Field. James Shields is likely to start Game 1 for Tampa Bay — he hit Coco Crisp with a pitch on June 5, triggering the bench-clearing fracas in Boston.

Shields and four other Rays were suspended, while Lester and two other Red Sox players were penalized. A day after the fight, Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon hardly backed down.

"I want to be very clear: I defend everything our guys did," he said then. "I feel actually proud of the way we handled the situation that was presented."

Before the season began, Maddon's team showed it would not be intimidated. Twice it got into scrapes with the Yankees in spring training — back when they were 200-1 underdogs to win the World Series.

The trouble between Tampa Bay and Boston dates to 2000, when Pedro Martinez hit Gerald Williams with his first pitch of the game. Williams rushed the mound, a brouhaha ensued and a slew of players were suspended.

In 2002, 2004 and 2005, Tampa Bay and the Red Sox tangled after pitches either hit or were

thrown near Ramirez. After the last of those three scraps, Schilling said then-Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella was trying to turn his team into "a bunch of tough guys."

These days, Schilling said, the clubs are not bitter enemies.

"There are very few players left from the earlier times. The dustups we've had since I have been here have mostly been due to the competitive nature of the games more than anything," he wrote. "There are a lot of players involved that know each other and are good friends, so much like the Yankees and us."

Schilling doesn't foresee any brawls in the next week or so. He'll sit this one out following shoulder surgery.

"The game results are far more

important than any egos involved, so no," he said. "I've already seen the Coco/Shields match three times today. This series, these teams, are bigger than that."

The ALCS matchup was set Monday after the Rays beat the Chicago White Sox in four games and Boston eliminated the Los Angeles Angels in four.

While Boston will try to win its third championship in five years, the 100-win Angels can put away their postseason bunting. In fact, that's what doomed them — a botched suicide squeeze by Erick Aybar in the ninth inning.

"I thought it was a good situation for us," manager Mike Scioscia said. "It didn't work out."

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officer for BSISD. Also, he teaches a law enforcement class at the high school.

Couch has performed his truant officer responsibilities for four years, while this marks the first year he has taught the law enforcement class, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

The overall cost to the district is about \$57,000, she added.

Also Thursday, trustees will hear a report on the status of the district's Accelerated Reading Instruction and Accelerated Mathematics Instruction programs.

Funds for these programs, Stevens noted, are provided by the state for early reading and math intervention for students having trouble with portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

BSISD began implementing the programs in September 2005. Teachers in kindergarten, first and second grades concentrate on reading intervention, while instructors in grades 3-8 target mathematics intervention.

Officials said \$188,834 has been allocated to BSISD from the state this school year for the programs. Those funds will pay for 30 part-time aides to help with reading and math intervention, officials said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Reports on the English as a Second Language program and the district's Food Service program.
- Bids for student letter jackets.
- Personnel matters.
- Interim superintendent's contract.

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with the ideal candidates."

Dunlap likened this phase of the search process to painting a portrait.

"You won't be giving us big brush strokes tonight," he said. "It'll be a little dab here, a little dab there, and before you know it, you have a painting."

Opinions given during the Tuesday meeting were unsurprisingly varied, but the main quality people said they want in a new chief executive is that he or she puts Big Spring ISD students first.

"We don't want someone who's just passing through," one person said. "We want someone who can connect with the teachers and the students and make them feel like a part of the process."

There was a mini-groundswell of support for promoting High School Principal Mike Ritchey to the position.

Five people specifically mentioned Ritchey as an ide-

al candidate for the job, citing his long-standing relationship with BSISD, his "outstanding moral character," and demonstrated concern for students in the district.

"You've got the ideal candidate right here," a man said. "I don't think you will find as good a man, or as qualified a man, as him. He's handled several different jobs within the district and he's done a great job with each of them. I just think he'd be outstanding."

Those attending the meeting also were asked to fill out a questionnaire detailing qualities wanted in a new superintendent. People who did not attend the meeting but would like to offer their input can find the form online at the BSISD Web site at www.bsisd.esc18.net.

Dunlap said the BSISD post would likely draw three types of candidates — superintendents from smaller districts looking to move up; persons interested in moving to this area; and assistants at larger school districts seeking their

first CEO posting.

He noted that AES has already received more than 10 applications for the job and expects to receive about 40 before the application deadline Oct. 17.

After that, Dunlap and AES President Dr. Russell Marshall will talk with and conduct background checks on each applicant — criminal background checks are the responsibility of the school district — before coming back to the school board with their recommendations.

BSISD trustees will be shown each application. While AES will recommend a group of candidates it believes best fit the job, the final decision, Dunlap stressed, would be in the hands of the school board.

The board is scheduled to interview candidates throughout November, with a decision hopefully coming in January, Dunlap said.

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BAILOUT

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announcement.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto welcomed the cooperation among the Fed and other countries' central banks to battle the crisis. "It's important and helpful that central banks are working in a coordinated way to deal with stress in the financial system," Fratto said.

So did Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama. "This is a global crisis that requires a global solution," he said.

But Wall Street and others were cautious about the impact of the central banks' coordinated action.

The Dow Jones industrials and other indexes sawsawed between positive and negative territory in early trading.

"At first blush, while this is a big step, it is unlikely to prove sufficient to stem the rot. Additional rate cuts are likely and further measures to inject liquidity and re-capitalize banks are needed," said Marc Chandler, global head of currency strategy at the investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman.

The rate cuts came against a backdrop of increasing anxiety in global financial markets. Investors have been fleeing shares on worries that neither the Fed, nor other central banks, could move fast enough to stop the rising turmoil.

In earlier trading Wednesday, European stocks fell about 5 percent and Asian stock indexes skidded more than 8 percent. Japan's stock market plummeted 9.4 percent — its biggest one-day drop in 21 years. Trading on both Russian stock markets was suspended — on one until Friday and the other until further notice — after shares plunged within the first hour of trading.

The worldwide gloom follows a sell-off in U.S. markets late Tuesday, where major stock indexes slid 5 percent. The rout brought the Dow Jones industrials' losses to more than 875 points in two days, and its

close was the lowest close in five years. The blue chip index is now a stunning 33.3 percent below its record close of 14,164.53 a year ago.

The Fed's action Wednesday was the latest in a long series of moves over the last several weeks that the central bank has taken in coordination with other federal agencies, Congress and the White House to shore up a financial industry stung by bad loans, mounting losses and — in many cases — collapse. President Bush signed a \$700 billion financial bailout bill into law on Friday.

The Fed's action reversed its current policy on interest rates, which had been to hold them steady out of concern that more cuts would fuel inflation. Since Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues put a stop to interest-rate cuts in June, economic and financial conditions have deteriorated significantly.

"The pace of economic activity has slowed markedly in recent months," the Fed said. "Moreover, the intensification of financial market turmoil is likely to exert additional restraint on spending, partly by further reducing the ability of households and businesses to obtain credit."

Although inflation has been high, the Fed believes the recent drop in energy prices and the weaker prospects for economic activity have reduced this threat to the economy.

In addition, the Fed reduced its emergency lending rate to banks by half a percentage point to 1.75 percent. Given the intense credit crisis, banks have been ramping up their borrowing from the Fed's emergency "discount" window.

The fact that the Fed felt it couldn't wait until its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 28-29, underscored the urgency of the situation.

One of the goals of the coordinated rate cuts is to spur nervous consumers and businesses to spend more freely again. They clamped down as housing, credit and financial

problems intensified last month, throwing Wall Street into chaos. Many believe the United States is on the brink of, or already in, its first recession since 2001, one that could quickly spread to other countries around the globe.

The Fed's last rate cut was in late April, capping one of the most aggressive rate-cutting campaigns in decades as it scrambled to shore up the faltering economy. After that, the Fed moved to the sidelines, holding rates steady as zooming food and energy prices during that period threatened to ignite inflation. In the past few months, energy prices have retreated from record highs reached in mid-July, giving the Fed more leeway to drop rates again.

At its last meeting in September, the Fed struck a more dire tone about the economy, hinting that a rate reduction once again could be in the offing.

Even with the unprecedented \$700 billion financial bailout plan, the failing economy and the jobs market probably will get worse. Many believe the economy will jolt into reverse later this year — if it hasn't already — and will stay sickly well into next year.

One of the most crucial

pillars of the economy — the jobs market — has cracked, and wage growth is slowing. This means that consumers will be even more hard-pressed to spend in the fashion that helps grow the economy.

Increasingly skittish employers slashed payrolls by 159,000 in September, the most in more than five years. A staggering 760,000 jobs have disappeared so far this year. The unemployment rate is 6.1 percent, up sharply from 4.7 percent a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate could hit 7 or 7.5 percent by late 2009. If that happens, it would mark the highest rate of joblessness since the months immediately following the 1990-91 recession. Some economists say the jobless rate could rise even more before the situation starts to get better.

Mounting job losses, shrinking paychecks, shriveling nest eggs and rising foreclosures all have weighed heavily on American voters, who will be electing a new president in about four weeks. The economy is their No. 1 concern, polls have shown.

The crisis was only mentioned in passing by the presidential candidates in a debate Tuesday night.

Republican John McCain

called for a program to stem foreclosures by requiring the federal government to renegotiate the mortgages of individual homeowners and make them more affordable, a proposal he has been promoting on the campaign trail.

Democrat Barack Obama claimed the crisis was the "final verdict on the failed economic policies of the last eight years" that President Bush pursued and were "supported by Sen. McCain," a charge he has made before.

Spooked consumers and businesses have pulled back so much that some analysts fear the economy stalled — or even worse, shrank — in the July-to-September quarter. Many predict the economy will contract in both the final quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year, meeting the classic definition of a recession.

The financial crisis that intensified in September is forcing a seismic shake-up on Wall Street.

Lehman Brothers, the country's fourth-largest investment bank, filed for bankruptcy protection. A weakened Merrill Lynch, deciding it couldn't go it alone anymore, found help in the arms of Bank of America. American International Group was

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Do you know someone who needs a wish?

Do you know a family with a child between the ages of 30 months and 18 years old who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition? The Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, West Texas Region, has begun an outreach campaign to find children in our area who might qualify to receive a “wish.”

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A number of children from this area, including Big Spring, have been granted wishes by this charitable foundation in the past. It has truly touched the hearts of not only the children, but the parents and others as well.

We all hate to see anyone facing life-threatening medical situations, especially when that person is very young. By being granted a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, that child’s life experience is enhanced through hope, strength and joy.

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Slap fights won’t solve the problems

CHICAGO — John McCain’s people called Tuesday. The senator was coming to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, Mo., Wednesday morning to make a “major public policy speech.”

The Truman Library Institute, for which I am honorary chairman, told the campaign that it would fly me down and have me introduce him, if he liked.

I agreed to it. I don’t agree with McCain and I won’t vote for him in November, but that shouldn’t keep me from being civil.

The important thing is my grandfather’s legacy. That and you don’t want the senator to possibly get into office and remember at presidential library budget time that you made life difficult for him.

No sooner had I hung up with the institute than the Jackson County (Mo.) Democrats called. They and the Obama campaign wanted to know if I’d take part in a news conference after McCain’s speech. We were all going to stand under the statue of Grandpa at the Jackson County Courthouse and presumably

rebut anything McCain said.

I agreed to that, too. After all, if you’re going to be spineless about introducing the Republicans, you have to help your own people.

Anyway, the minute I got off the phone with the Democrats, the institute called back.

The McCain camp didn’t want me. I don’t know if they got wind of my duplicitous philandering with the Democrats or they felt there was just too much Truman in the mix.

Either way, they were going to have a state rep and veteran of the Gulf War do the honors. I could introduce him if I wanted to. I politely declined. No offense, but I felt like I was being hustled toward the door.

I was walking home from the bus stop, feeling rejected, when the Obama campaign called back and asked if I’d still like to fly down to Missouri and do that news conference.

“What are we going to say?” I asked.

“Well, McCain is going to compare himself to President Truman and we’re going to say that he’s no Harry Truman.”

I politely declined that as well. The one-upmanship game had worn me out, at least that day.

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Danger on remote Pakistan border

The most urgent issue facing the next president (beyond the economy) will be how to deal with a remote area along the Afghan-Pakistan border, the new haven for al-Qaeda and radical jihadis.

“The most likely near-term attack on the United States” is likely to originate there, says Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation’s highest-ranking military officer. I discussed the problem with him as he flew back to Washington on an Air Force executive jet after speaking Thursday at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

He had much on his mind: Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iranian expansion, the overstressed military, and the “rest of the world.” He is also preparing for a “time of vulnerability” during the presidential transition, when enemies may try to take advantage.

But the problem along the Afghan-Pakistan border, Mullen said, “is the one I’m most concerned about” for the near future. It will be “front and center” on the agenda of the next president.

That’s why Mullen has made six visits to meet with his Pakistani counterpart, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, since Kayani took command in November 2007.

The border problem is far more complex than emerges from the sound bites at political debates. “It’s not just about (sending) additional combat forces to Afghanistan,” Mullen told the Wharton students, although more are needed.

Afghanistan has a weak government and economy, a huge opium trade, and an inadequate army. If those problems aren’t addressed, more troops won’t help.

But the root of the crisis lies in the havens on the Pakistani side of the border, from which Afghan Taliban attack their homeland, Pakistani extremists mount strikes, and al-Qaeda plots against the West. Without those havens, Mullen said, “there would still be a significant challenge in Afghanistan, but the violence would be down.”

So why is it so hard to deal with

the border problem? “We know the al-Qaeda leadership is there,” Mullen told me. “But we recognize that the safe haven is in another sovereign country.”

In other words, we can’t just invade. The havens lie in a remote, mountainous, fiercely tribal region, which even the Pakistani military is reluctant to enter. The Pakistani public is hostile to the idea of its army attacking the militants. The army itself has been more oriented toward fighting its old enemy, India.

Many say they believe that elements in Pakistan’s military and Inter-Services Intelligence Agency are reluctant to fight some jihadi groups, which they once backed as a hedge against India. Mullen knows this history, but said he’s trying to understand present behavior. He commended Kayani for making “leadership changes,” including a new head of the ISI. Any future strategy toward Pakistan and Afghanistan, he added, should work toward better Indian-Pakistani relations.

Mullen does think, however, that the Pakistani military’s outlook is shifting after horrendous terrorist attacks on targets in their own country. “I have great confidence that they understand they have a very serious threat on their hands,” he said.

Mullen said he was impressed by the Pakistani military’s recent major operation in Bajaur, a Taliban and al-Qaeda tribal stronghold along the border. “That is consistent with what the Pakistani military told me they would do,” not because America pressed, but “because Pakistani leaders recognize the threat that they have.”

He was especially pleased that a tribal leader in Bajaur had mobilized several thousand anti-Taliban fighters. He hopes that other tribal leaders might do likewise. Think Anbar province in Iraq.

Yet it’s far from clear the Pakistani military has the skills it needs. Mullen said that, in a couple of weeks, 22 U.S. military experts would arrive to train Pakistanis, who would in turn train members of the Frontier Corps (an ineffective paramilitary that patrols the border).

That’s a pretty small step.

“In the discussions I’ve had with Kayani,” Mullen said, “we are looking for ways to assist where

as happily guilty as the next guy. I revel in Keith Olbermann’s making fun of McCain’s crankiness and Gov. Sarah Palin’s moose dressing while my Republican friends soak up Fox News picking on Obama’s ears and Joe Biden’s hair plugs.

At some point, though, we’re going to have to look past these jibes, and countermeasures, focus on the issues, and decide which of the candidates is best suited to address them. Because solving the problems facing us is going to take more than the ability to engage in a slap fight.

McCain, by the way, didn’t compare himself to Grandpa. He said he was voting for an improved Wall Street bailout.

Then he hit a few Republican platform favorites and took off. He praised Grandpa at either end and was very pleasant to the library director and his staff, so I really couldn’t bring myself to be mean to him.

My cousin could, though. After the senator’s speech, the Jackson County Democrats, I hear, brought out John Truman, who dutifully said that John McCain was no Harry Truman.

Clifton Truman Daniel is public relations director at Harry S. Truman College in Chicago. He wrote this for the Kansas City Star.

they want to be assisted.” So far, the Pakistani army hasn’t asked for more counterinsurgency training. (It does want U.S. night-vision equipment and helicopters that, so far, haven’t been supplied.)

Neither can Mullen control the crucial Pakistani political piece of the puzzle. Pakistan’s new, elected, political leaders must convince the public that the war on insurgents is their war, not just a fight imposed by the United States. And the civilian government must also provide economic aid to tribal areas. Mullen commended Sens. Joe Biden and Richard Lugar for a plan to funnel more U.S. aid to civilians and tribes. But Pakistan’s new leaders are weak and disorganized, which makes military progress slower.

Pakistan and the United States are operating on different clocks. “The toughest variable to figure out,” Mullen said, “is time.”

A U.S. commander must worry about al-Qaeda plots now. So the U.S. temptation is to send missiles or men across the border. A recent cross-border attack by U.S. special forces caused an uproar and turned the public further against Pakistan-U.S. cooperation. Vicious circle.

“When we have pursued (insurgents) in self-defense, we strain the relationship further,” Mullen said. “How do you protect the American people while recognizing this is a sovereign country? There is no precise answer ... it depends on the growth and strength of this relationship.”

Mullen repeated the word relationship over and over. To him, the key to progress is establishing a relationship of trust with leaders of the Pakistani military that encourages them to cooperate with U.S. counterparts. That requires restoring the trust that was undercut when America cut off all military aid in the 1990s.

“I’ve got to look at these problems through the eyes of the people who live there,” Mullen told the Wharton students. “I have to be there, to listen. That’s why I’ve been there six times.” And why, no doubt, he’ll keep going back.

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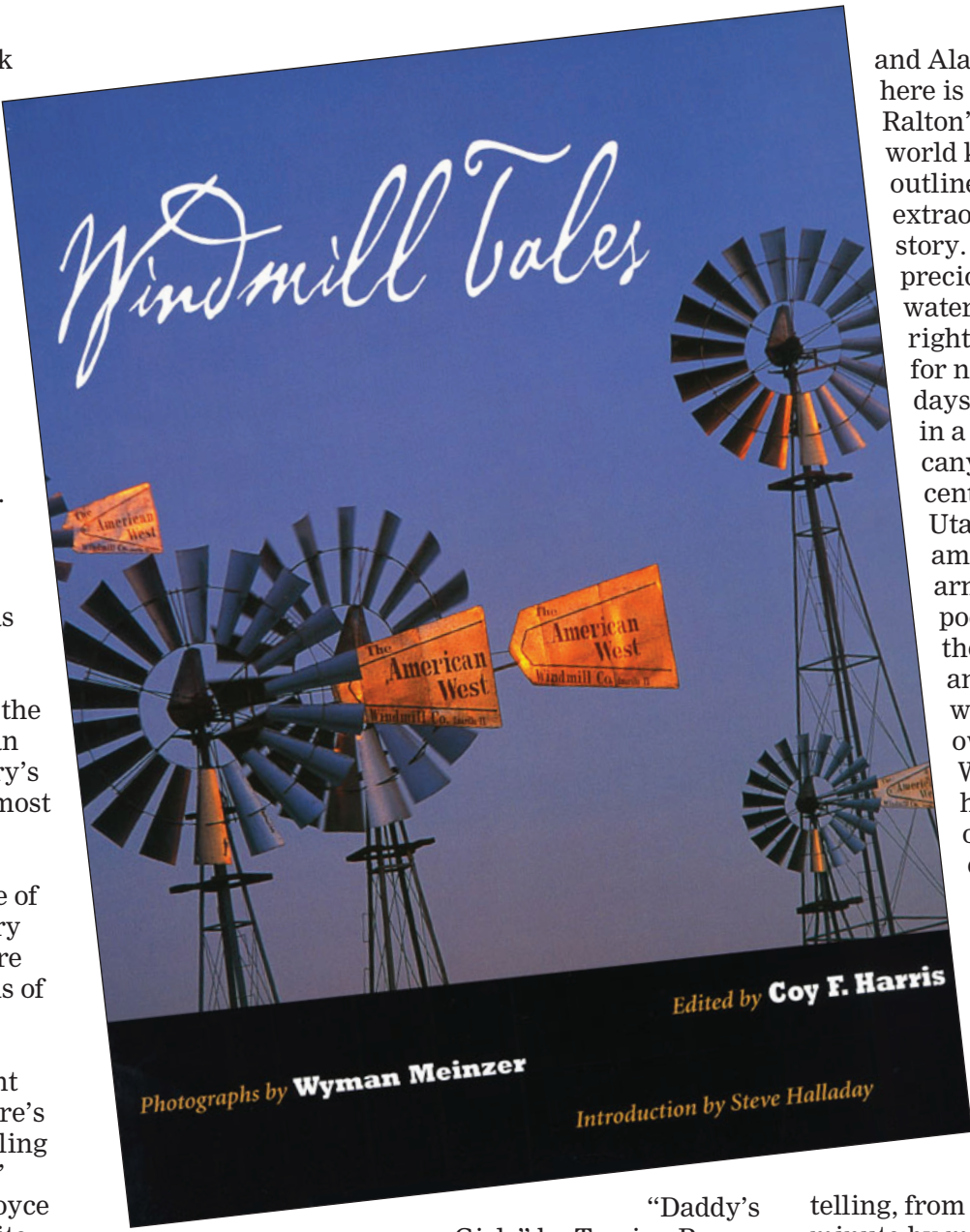
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Book Sale! Book Sale! Book Sale! Everything is priced to sell; no offer will be refused! Our book sale will end Oct. 15. Come on down, as Bob Barker used to say, and see what you can find. The basement sale area is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day and until 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

This a “retread” column. On Monday the 6th, the library was closed because of no water due to the pipe replacement. We took the opportunity to begin an inventory of the library’s holdings and spent almost all of Tuesday closed. However, we are open for business! For those of you who use the library on a regular basis, were you experiencing signs of withdrawal?

In a review from Booklist, Kristine Hunt writes that Kristin Gore’s follow-up to her sparkling debut, “Sammy’s Hill” (2004), finds Sammy Joyce established in the White House as a health-care policy advisor to Vice President Robert Gary. In “Sammy’s House,” her party is in power, but the opposition is as fierce as ever, with a group called the Exterminators working to undermine President Wye’s every move and a White House insider writing a vicious blog that exposes every controversy going on behind the scenes. More serious in tone than her first novel, Gore’s second delves more deeply into the political realm Sammy inhabits. But her heroine remains compelling and thoroughly lovable, and readers will be thrilled to find Sammy back in the saddle again as she navigates the treacheries of Washington politics and her own love life.

In a modern-day novel of manners, Madeleine Wickham’s lively prose needles the British upperclass with a mixture of suspense and wit. Armed with a closet full of designer black suits, the daily obituaries and a face that never betrays her 40 years, Fleur invades the funerals of the wealthy, enchantingly rich, grieving new widowers in need of a shoulder to cry on. “The Gatecrasher” by



Wickham (who also writes as Sophie Kinsella) is witty mix of manners and English life. An iconic figure, Peter Jennings, comes to life in “A Reporter’s Life: Peter Jennings.” It is edited by Kate Darnton, Kaycee Freed Jennings and Lynn Sherr. While it is not a typical biography, it is a compilation of remembrances from many persons who played a part in Jennings’ life. A particular quote of his resonates with me: “Once you are clear about what your values are, you must always stand up for them.” He took this as his mantra in the reporting he did and the stories he produced. A very intriguing book.

“Daddy’s Girls” by Tamina Perry is in the tradition of Jackie Collins with a contemporary twist. The Balcon sisters are a new breed of British nobility — rich but not idle. No, these four beauties have high ambitions. When their father drowns in the estate moat, fingers point at the sisters, who stand to benefit from his death. So they get to work clearing their names and unearthing some long-buried secrets. Too late for the beach read, maybe it will work when football season is in full swing. I could not do justice in reviewing “Between a Rock and a Hard Place” (927.965 RAL A); my writing skills were too minimal. From Booklist

and Alan Moores, here is Aron Ralston’s story: The world knows the outlines of Ralston’s extraordinary story. With precious little water or food, his right arm pinned in a narrow canyon shaft in central-eastern Utah, Ralston amputated the arm with his pocketknife, then rappelled and hiked his way to his own rescue. What makes his account of his ordeal extraordinary, too, is the detail and precision Ralston, a former mechanical engineer, brings to the

telling, from the almost minute-by-minute chronology of his ordeal to topographical descriptions of the ground he’s covered in his life as an outdoor adventurer. It’s also the extremes of failure and achievement we see forged in this life-or-death crisis: carelessness at not telling friends where he was going, despair as he wrote his epitaph on the canyon wall, even a certain unthinking in taking five days to figure out his deliverance. But those were all trumped by Ralston’s amazing resourcefulness in prolonging his supplies and finding a way out, his boundless enthusiasm for life, and his dogged force of will at enduring far

longer than anyone could have expected.

Another incredible book is Wyman Meinzer’s photographic essays on windmills. “Windmill Tales” (621.45 MEI W) is a collection of Meinzer’s photographs of what really tamed this country, the windmill. What is land good for if there is not water accessible for human and animal

consumption? Edited by Coy F. Harris, Meinzer’s paean to the lowly windmill is indescribable. There are few books that I will buy for myself and this is one to add to my personal library.

Howard County Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 until 2 Saturday. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us



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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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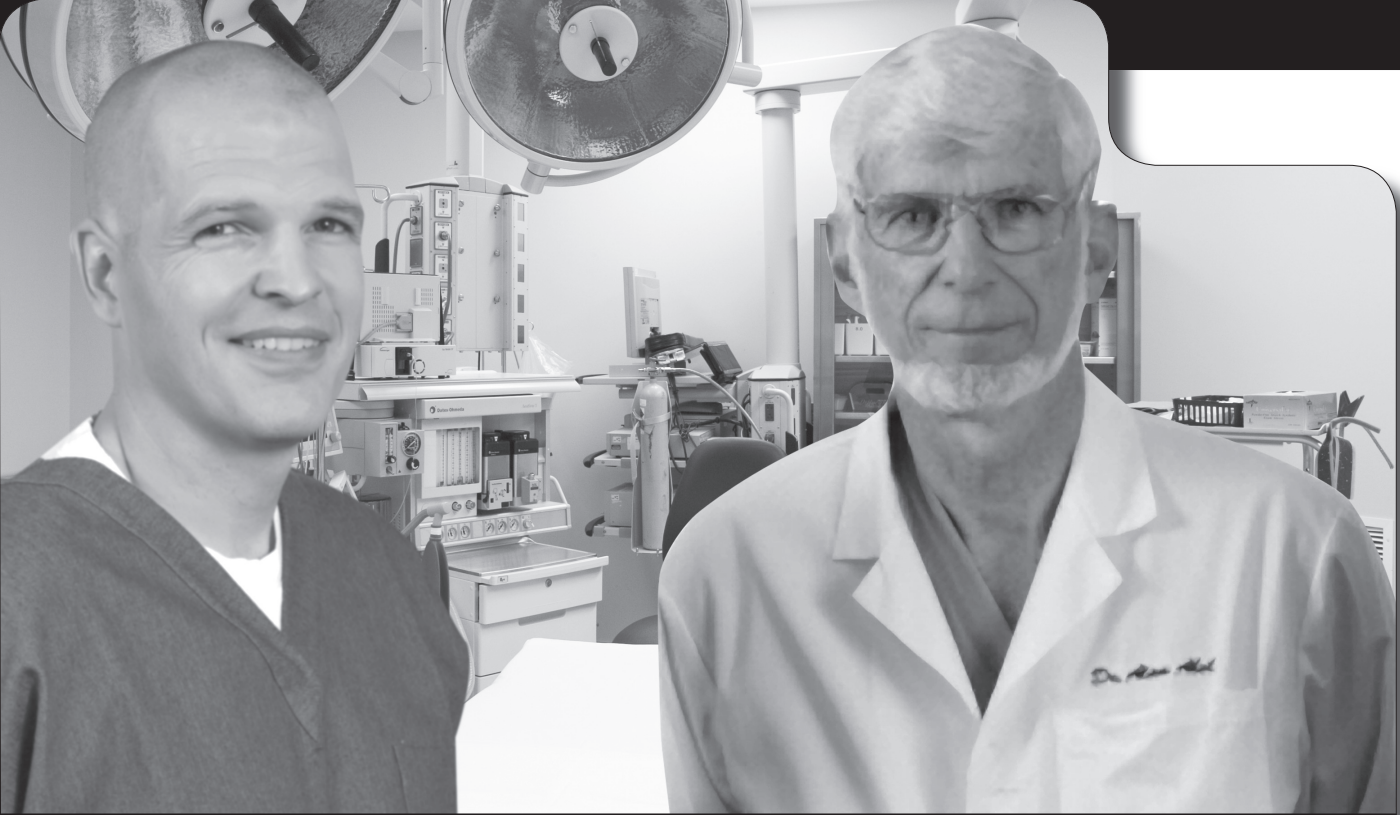
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Buffalo Tales

Forsan students support Ike victims

Forsan students will support Hurricane Ike victims by paying to wear hats and sunglasses Friday. The students can buy a label for \$1 for either or \$2 for each.

This is in answer to the state plea for schools to provide \$1 per student to aid the hurricane victims. The event is sponsored by student council.

High school seniors attended College Day at Howard College today.

Fields of Faith will be held today at Memorial Stadium. Amanda Longoria, junior, is one of the youth speakers. Several teachers and students have volunteered to be counselors at the event.

Forty-seven Science Topics class members attended a field trip to Comanche Trail Park Monday, where they heard the director of Sibley Nature Center in Midland discuss pollinators and other insects. The

class is taught by Sheila Jones.

The Forsan Junior High Buffaloes defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs Thursday by a margin of 44-14. The Buffs offensive line, made up of Anthony Chappell, Kade Fannin, Copeland Riddell, Cody Jones and Blaise Coffman, plowed the way for touchdowns and extra points from Marcus Cervantes, Max Pappajohn, Bryson Wilis and Brendan Roman.

Brendan also returned a fumble for a touchdown on defense as he stripped the ball from the Bulldog back and returned the turnover 55 yards.

The defensive stand was strengthened by big plays from Jansen McDonald, Kade Fannin and Dillon Bagnall.

The seventh and eighth grade teams will play in Stanton Thursday night, and the varsity takes on Stanton Friday evening.

Monday, Oct. 13 will be a school holiday.

Parent's Corner: Not just another doggone story

In every community there are people who get together on a regular basis to socialize and play games. When I was growing up, our game was “42,” a domino game which required two teams of two people. Refreshments were always included but from time to time someone would want to serve a full meal.

This is where the story really gets interesting.

I was told that a couple of my parent’s friends, George and Carol, decided they wanted to outdo all the other folks. When it came time for them to host the event, Carol decided to serve chicken with mushrooms and onions.



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George and Carol lived just outside of town so when Carol mentioned her plan to George, he said, “I’ll go down by the creek and pick the mushrooms. I know some wild mushrooms are poisonous but I see varmints eating them so I think they’re OK.”

So George picked a bunch and Carol washed, sliced and diced them. Then she went out on the back porch and gave Tabby, the dog, a double handful. Tabby ate every bite. All morning long, Carol watched the dog just to make sure the wild mushrooms didn’t seem to affect him. All appeared fine so she decided to use them.

The meal was a great success, and Carol even hired a lady from town to help her serve. She had on a white apron and a fancy little cap on her head. After everyone had finished, they relaxed, socialized and played 42 and some card games.

During the evening, the helper lady from town came in and whispered in Carol’s ear. She said, “I hate to tell you this but Tabby just died.”

Carol went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said “That’s bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quickly as possible. We’ll pump out everyone’s stomach. Everything will be fine. Just keep them calm.”

Soon, they could hear the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. The EMTs and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes and a stomach pump. One by one, they took each person into the bathroom and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, “I think everything will be fine now,” and he left.

They were all looking pretty weak sitting around the living room, and about this time, the helper lady came in and said, “You know, I’m just amazed about what happened. The fellow who ran over Tabby never even stopped!”

When I was told this story I could just see it happening but now that I’m older I really doubt the truth to the story; but it is entertaining.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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A young mother has left during the day as he is at work, with only her baby and her clothes on her back. Can you walk on by?

A young teen has been harassed and bullied to death. Can you walk on by?

Every Crime Has a Victim
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October is National Domestic Awareness month. Victim Services has served 194 cases involving family violence from January - December of 2007. In the state of Texas there were 120 women kill due to family violence in 2006.

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1. Minimum age was 14, Maximum Age was 68
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3. There were 77 Homicides and 43 Murder-Suicides

Cause of Death
1. Beaten with Hands.....9
2. Shot to death.....76
3. Stabbed.....17
4. Strangled.....12
5. Weapon Used.....2
6. Other.....3

Perpetrator Relation to Victim
1. Common law wife.....15
2. Estranged Wife.....12
3. Ex-girlfriend.....9
4. Ex-wife.....4
5. Girlfriend.....29
6. Wife.....51

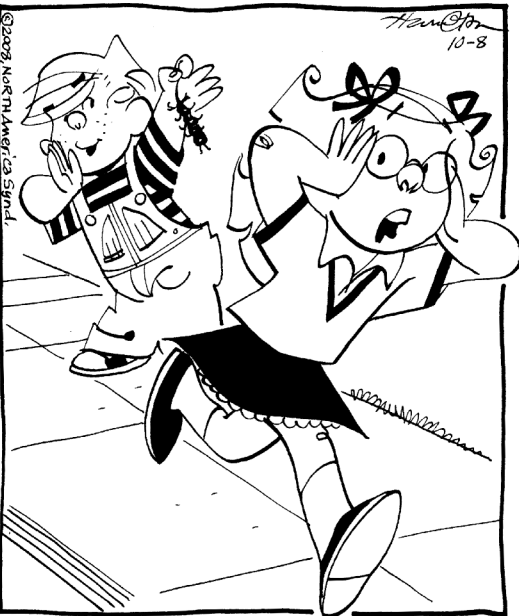
We need your help. Victim Services will be conducting training for volunteers. Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30 hours training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you.

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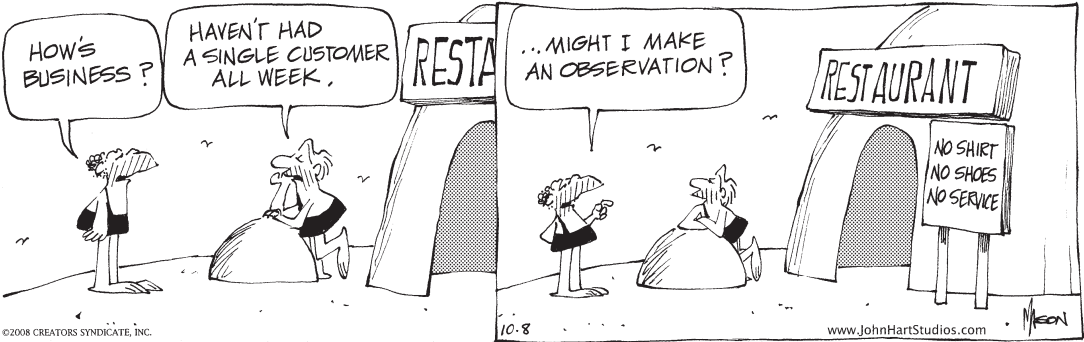
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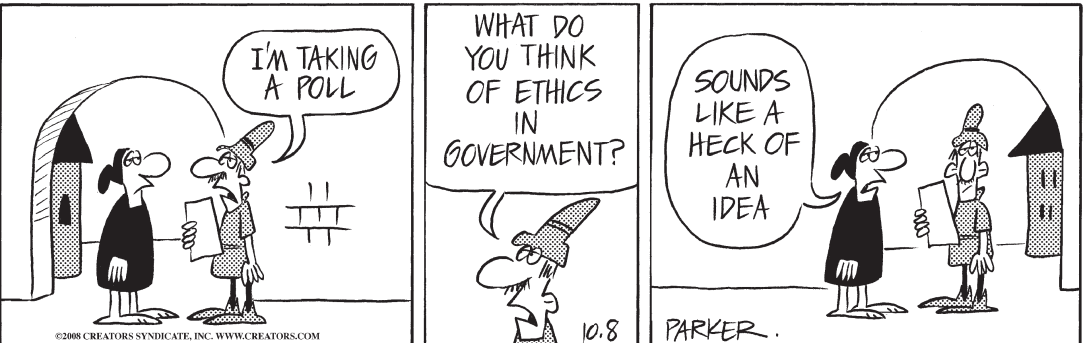


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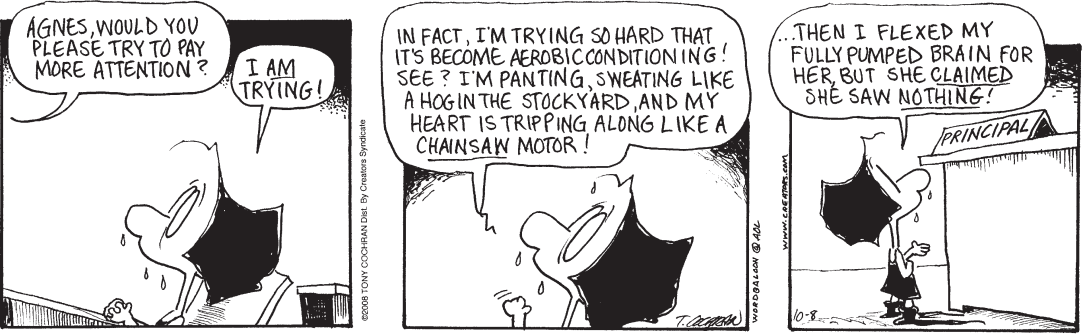
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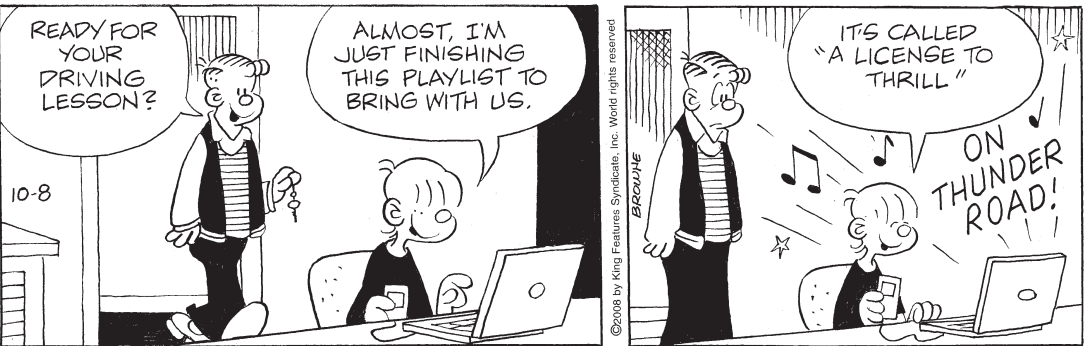
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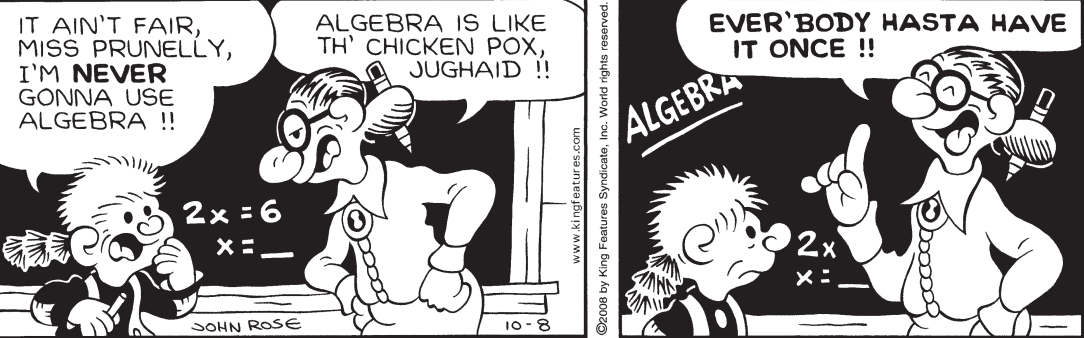
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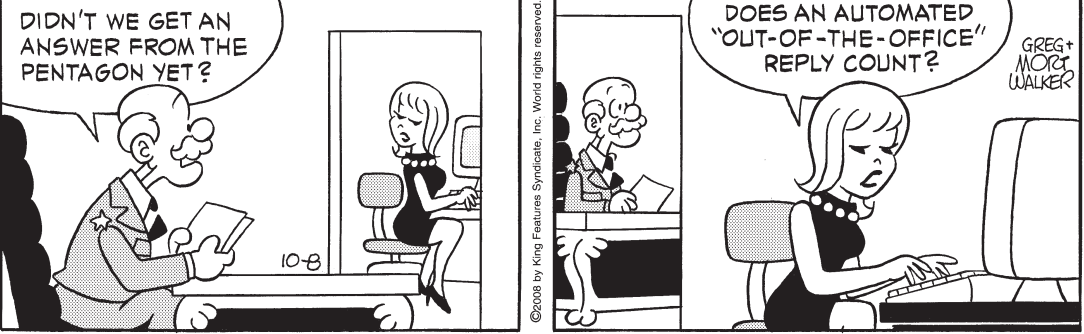
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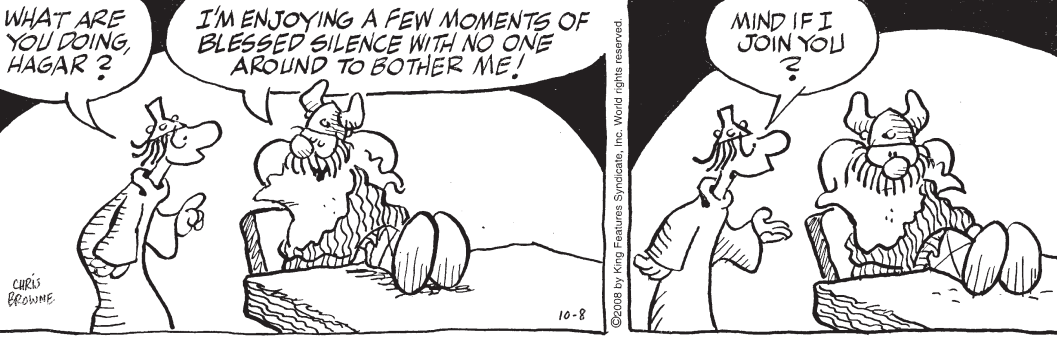
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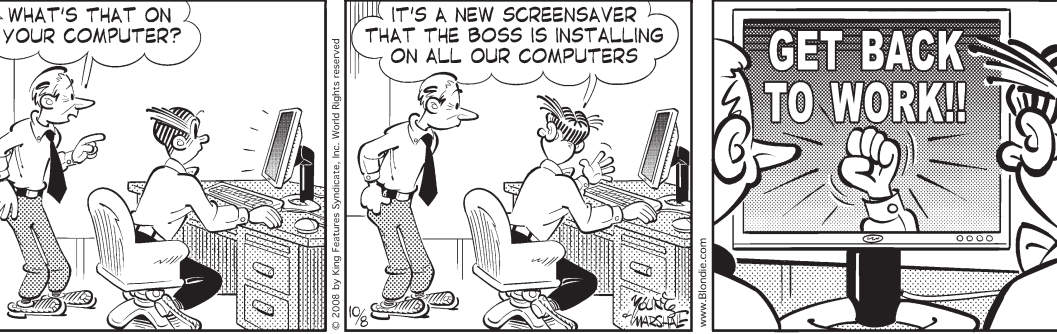
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 8, the 282nd day of 2008. There are 84 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and in the Michigan communities of Holland, Manistee and Port Huron.

On this date: In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

In 1892, Sergei Rachmaninoff first publicly performed his piano Prelude in C-sharp Minor, Opus 3, Number 2, in Moscow.

In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and helped capture 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the

atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1970, Soviet author Aleksander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1981, at the White House, President Reagan greeted former Presidents Carter, Ford and Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 72. Actor Paul Hogan is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 68. Rev. Jesse Jackson is 67. Comedian Chevy Chase is 65. Author R.L. Stine is 65. Country singer Susan Raye is 64. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 60. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 58. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 56. Country sing-

er-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 55. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 54. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 53. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 52. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 47. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 45. Actor Ian Hart is 44. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 44. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 43. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 42. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 38. Actress Kristanna Loken is 29. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 29. Actor Nick Cannon is 28. Actor Max Crumm is 23. Actor Angus T. Jones is 15.

Thought for Today: "Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity." — Vera Brittain, British author (1893-1970).

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6 Moslem holy man

10 Seemingly boundless

14 Doing nothing

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16 Low female voice

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20 Reunion bunch

21 Tabloids twosome

22 Like some country-music vocals

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26 Many a new driver

27 Cat call

28 How some temps work

32 Cloverleaf parts

35 Soap unit

36 Do a cashier's job

37 Toiling away

38 Socked away

39 Snitched

40 Loyalist of 1776

41 Congregation call

42 Leonine locks

43 Brightly decorated

45 ___ favor

46 Israeli airline

47 Brings into pitch

51 Fatherland, affectionately
- 54 Taboo act

55 Compass dir.

56 Something hilarious

57 Unlimited authority

60 Prelude to a deal

61 White House worker

62 Chowder server

63 Impolite look

64 Bring up

65 Snaky shapes
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1 Shaving mishaps

2 Totally dark

3 New Hampshire city

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5 Ref-shirt design

6 Ticked off

7 Hurt severely

8 St. crosser

9 Talking beast of TV

10 Clueless expression

11 TV talk host Colmes

12 For men only

13 Theater prize

18 Hobo fare

23 Hose down

25 Parent of college kids, perhaps

26 In use

28 Macadam-covered

29 Screen symbol

30 Buck, for example
- 31 Winds up

32 "Darn it!"

33 Straddling

34 Actress Sorvino

35 Sahara sight

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42 Part of Mr. Peanut's outfit

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7. Texas Tech
8. Texas A&M
9. Cowboys
10. Houston



- Greg Brooks
Blum's Jewelers
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6. Texas
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8. Texas A&M
9. Cowboys
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1. Big Spring
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6. Oklahoma
7. Texas Tech
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9. Cardinals
10. Texans



- Don Bowles
Howard County Feed & Supply
1. Big Spring
2. Coahoma
3. Garden City
4. Grady
5. Forsan
6. Oklahoma
7. Texas Tech
8. Kansas State
9. Cowboys
10. Texans



- CASA BLANCA
1. Big Spring
2. Coahoma
3. Garden City
4. Grady
5. Forsan
6. Texas
7. Texas Tech
8. Texas A&M
9. Cowboys
10. Texans



- Randy Gee
Gee Motors
1. Big Spring
2. Coahoma
3. Garden City
4. Aspermont
5. Forsan
6. Texas
7. Texas Tech
8. Kansas State
9. Cowboys
10. Texans

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- Mike Abusaab
Sonic Drive-In
1. Big Spring
2. Coahoma
3. Garden City
4. Grady
5. Stanton
6. Oklahoma
7. Texas Tech
8. Texas A&M
9. Cowboys
10. Texans



- Caprock
1. Big Spring
2. Jim Ned
3. Garden City
4. Grady
5. Stanton
6. Texas
7. Texas Tech
8. Texas A&M
9. Cowboys
10. Dolphins

Enter To Win \$50 At These Participating Merchants
Rules: Find this week's games in the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choice. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50. You must be 18 to enter. Only official entry forms accepted. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. Guess the winner and the combined scores for the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and families of employees of The Big Spring Herald are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the Big Spring Herald the Wednesday following the games.

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Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center relies in part on United Way

Special to the Herald

Named to honor Howard County's legendary pioneer mother, Mrs. Dora Ann Roberts, the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center has been improving lives for 47 years.

Since its beginnings in 1961, the center has served the evolving and never-

ending need for quality rehabilitation services in Howard County.

And thanks to an extensive level of support from the Dora Roberts Foundation, private individuals, the medical community, civic and business leadership and the community as a whole, the center has been able to continue its

mission so friends and family members can have what many take for granted: good health, mobility and maximum independence.

"It's like anything — you don't appreciate it until you don't have it or until some accident or injury occurs," a rehab center spokesperson said. "And there is not a person in this community who is not familiar with someone who has benefited from the services provided at the center."

Each year, a significant source of funding is provided to the center through the community's financial support of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Only if the United Way achieves its goals will DRRC, along with other important agencies, receive the funds that it takes to keep things going. It is with this vital sup-

port that DRRC provides comprehensive rehabilitation services to everyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. All rehab services are provided on a sliding scale and many individuals receive the entirety of their care on a fee-forgiven basis.

“With the overall challenges of the economy, the rising cost of providing therapy, the increasing limitations on coverage by insurance companies and the increasing number of individuals needing financial assistance, it is all the more important that our community continue to do its best to support the United Way,” the spokesperson said.

The services provided at DRRC include physical therapy, occupational therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, audiology, wellness programs and employment drug testing.

The therapists at the center treat a range of physical impairments, temporary disabilities and permanent ones, such as neurological disorders and injuries, recovery from stroke, birth defects, dizziness and imbalance, degenerative conditions such as arthritis, muscle weakness, sports injuries, post-operative care ... and the list goes on.

Pre-employment, random and post-accident drug testing is an ongoing service which assists the local employers with their hiring needs. The audiologist performs hearing evaluations, industrial hearing screenings and fits hearing aids.

Cardiac rehabilitation is a medically supervised exercise program designed to restore certain patients with coronary or valvular heart disease to active and productive lives. Optimal

results are obtained when patients attend sessions two to three times per week over a 12 -to-18-week period.

The Wellness Center offers services to the general public that focus on improving overall health. The center maintains a full-time staff to help individuals reach their fitness goals; a complete range of cardiovascular and weight equipment is available.

Many former rehab patients continue their improvements by utilizing the wellness center. The wellness program offers water aerobics, Pilates and spin and step classes throughout the week.

"The staff at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the many years of direct charitable donations and memorials, the leadership provided from the hundreds who have served on the board of directors, the trustees and, especially at this time of year, the very much needed support of the annual United Way drive," the spokesperson said.

The United Way supports Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center as well as 14 other local agencies. All donations to the United Way of Big Spring are used for the support of these local agencies, as well as the activities and benefits they provide the Big Spring-Howard County area. Send your tax deductible donation to United Way of Big Spring, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721. Call 267-5201 for more information.

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A portrait of Kim L. Bango, MD, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lab coat over a light-colored collared shirt. A stethoscope is draped around her neck. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

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Community Christmas Parade

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

Parade theme:

"Star Of Bethlehem"

Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

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

\$100 *Herald's Best Of Show Award:* for best interpretation of theme

\$75 *Mayor's Award:* for best use of lighting

\$50 *Grand Marshall's Award:* for best costuming

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

1. Individual or family
2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial
4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories.

Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald
NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

☐ Individual/Family ☐ Civic/church/school
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Mounted

Mail, fax or hand deliver to:
Parade Committee
Big Spring Herald
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Big Spring, TX 79721
Fax (432) 264-7205
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