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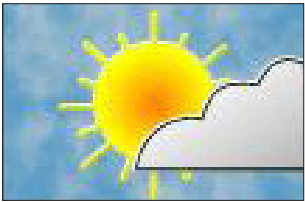
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Input sought for superintendent search

Public encouraged to meet with recruitment team at 7 p.m. today

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District employees and parents

will get their chance to have a say in the selection of a new superintendent tonight.

BSISD trustees will hold a pair of meetings today to allow for

staff and citizen input into the superintendent search process.

Both meetings will be held at the Big Spring High School library.

The first meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the high school library, at which time BSISD employees will meet with representatives from Arrow Educational

Services, the firm hired by the school board to conduct a search for a new superintendent.

Jim Dunlap, lead consultant for AES, will be on hand to explain the search procedure.

“What Jim’s going to do is talk about the process and answer any questions people may have,” said Dr. Russell Marshall, direc-

tor of AES. “Basically, we want to know the quality, qualifications and characteristics people want in their new superintendent ... because every school district and community is different. What people want in Big Spring may be very different from what

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Courtesy photo

Volunteers work on making bowls for the 2007 Empty Bowls fund-raiser for United Way. The 2008 version is coming up and more volunteers are needed.

Bowl-makers needed; no experience necessary

Empty Bowls II to benefit United Way

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Bowling, anyone? Put the ball and shoes away, however, as the local United Way gets ready to team up with Howard College and Big Spring High School for Empty Bowls II: Soup du Jour, a fund-raiser to help the local charity reach its \$250,000 goal for 2008. “Last year, some 100 students and community

citizens handcrafted 150 ceramic bowls that generated nearly \$3,000 for United Way,” said the Rev. Ken McIntosh, United Way spokesman for Empty Bowls II. “The idea is simple. Participants create ceramic bowls, either by wheel-throwing or using a pre-made mold to shape them. Then, on the event day, dinner guests will select a bowl to purchase and use for a soup dinner.” McIntosh said partici-

pants in the soup dinner — slated for Nov. 20 — will get to take away a reminder of their benevolence. “They get to keep the bowl as a reminder there are ‘empty bowls’ all around the world,” said McIntosh. “The situation is win-win, as participants get to make ceramic art, guests at the event get to purchase one-of-a-kind art, and the proceeds go to

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ECONOMY

Pressure grows on U.S. to take aggressive steps

By **JEANNINE AVERSA**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — With panic tightening its grip on investors here and abroad, pressure was growing on the United States Tuesday to take further aggressive steps to stem the economic crisis and swiftly implement a \$700 billion financial bailout.

On that front, the government is weighing a bold plan to buy massive amounts of unsecured short-term debts in a

dramatic effort to break through a credit clog that is imperiling the economy.

The Federal Reserve is working with the Treasury Department on the plan to buy “commercial paper,” a short-term financing mechanism that many companies rely on to finance their day-to-day operations, such as purchasing supplies or making payrolls, according to a person with knowledge of the plan. The person

spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan is still being put together.

The market for this crucial financing, which relies on investors rather than banks, has virtually dried up. That has made it increasingly difficult and expensive for companies to raise money to fund their operations. Commercial paper is a way of borrowing money for short periods, typically ranging

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Work crews have been busy patching rough spots caused by recent water line installation. Here, a backhoe operator works at the intersection of W. 16th and Scurry.

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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.

Help for veterans

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.

For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.



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Forsan cross country places second

Herald Staff Report

MERTZON — Forsan's cross country team competed in the Spring Creek Invitational in Mertzon Saturday and brought home some hardware. The Buffaloes placed second as a team with all seven runners finishing in the Top 24. Freshman Kyle Stevenson has

been one of the Buffs' top runner all season and Saturday wasn't an exception. Stevenson placed fifth. Not far behind was Jake Rhoton who placed seventh. Elgen Suazo crossed the finish line in 10th. Richard Nelson came across in 17th with Michael Mims placing 19th,

while Evan Burton and J.P. Barber respectively finished 23rd and 24th. The junior high boys placed fifth as a team and were led by Dillon Bagnall who placed ninth. Matthew Mims was 16th, Polo Morin 19th, Jansen McDonald 37th and Brady

Gartman finished 53rd. The junior high girls came in sixth as a team, led by Kayla Tilley's 12-place performance. Chelsie Clay placed 45th, Brianna Park 66th, Miranda Jennings 67th and Leah Lloyd came across in 73rd. The Buffs travel to Lamesa Saturday.

Tough to beat

Red Sox get clutch hit, end Angels' season

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox brushed aside the 100-win Angels in four games, dismissing their best-in-baseball regular season as last month's news. When it turns to October, no one dominates like Boston. Jason Bay scored with a headfirst slide on Jed Lowrie's two-out single in the ninth inning and the defending World Series champions took advantage of a botched suicide squeeze, beating Los Angeles 3-2 Monday night to win their first-round playoff series in four games. Boston, which also won it all in 2004, will have a chance at a third title in five years if it can get past the Rays in the best-of-seven AL championship series that starts Friday night at Tampa Bay. "That's what this team is about, especially the last few years," said Lowrie, a rookie who was called up as a midseason replacement when shortstop Julio Lugo was injured. "It's October, they've won a lot of games, and to be a part of that is awesome." The AL's youngest team, Tampa Bay had never finished better than fourth in the division and posted the worst record in baseball last year while Boston, one of



AP photo/Elise Amendola

Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Jonathan Papelbon sprays fans as they celebrate the Red Sox's 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Angels in Game 4 of baseball's American League divisional series in Boston on Monday. The Red Sox will play the Tampa Bay Rays in the AL championship series beginning Friday.

the league's charter members, was winning its seventh championship. But in just 11 years, the Rays and Red Sox have become fierce rivals, with the latest bench-clearing brawl coming at Fenway Park in June. "I can't wait to get it going," pitcher Josh Beckett said. "But we've got a few days off to enjoy this."

Los Angeles was able to force the series to a fourth game with an extra-inning victory Sunday night that snapped an 11-game playoff losing streak against Boston. As it turned out, that gave the Angels less than an 24 extra hours.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

Baseball's best story continues

Rays down Chicago, set up ALCS series with Sox

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — They rushed toward the mound, these remarkable Rays, and immediately formed a circle. Jumping together like fraternity brothers, they resembled party regulars in the postseason. Worst in the majors last year, Tampa Bay will play for a spot in the World Series. "It means everything. We've been at the bottom of the barrel for so long," B.J. Upton said Monday after homering twice in a 6-2 win over Chicago that clinched their AL playoff. "I think there was a point in time where people didn't even know who we were." They do now, for sure. Andy Sonnanstine pitched 5 2-3 solid innings and manager Joe Maddon's surprising Rays won 3-1 in the best-of-five series — their first trip to the postseason. Next up, they'll host wild-card Boston in Game 1 of the AL championship series Friday night. Ray-markable! "We feel like we belong and it's showing right now," Upton said. They want more, too. So why stop now? "Like Carlos (Pena) said, we're kind of a fraternity. And we stick together at all times no matter what happens," Upton said. "As long as we keep that attitude and continue playing as a team, and doing the little things to win, I don't think there's any reason why we can't win this whole thing." After staving off elimination several times and winning a tiebreaker for the AL Central title, the White Sox were finally knocked out. The loss dashed Chicago's hope for a championship — days ago, local fans were thinking the Cubs and White Sox might meet in a Windy City Classic. But the Cubs got swept by the Dodgers and now both teams are done. "They played better than us. There's no doubt. They pitched better. They execute better. They got big hits," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen

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Cowboys sensitive, defensive about ugly win

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Yes, the Dallas Cowboys won again, but: They're not winning convincingly enough. They're lacking leadership. If things don't change, they'll be ripe for another postseason flop. At least, those are some of the more popular perceptions about this 4-1 club. "I guess everybody expects us to be some kind of superheroes," linebacker Bradie James said. "I come in here on Monday and I'm trying to enjoy my win and people are like, beating us up. So it's really tough, man. With us having so many expectations, the only people we can make happy is in this locker room, and that's really it." Call it "America's Burden,"

the down side of being part of "America's Team." "People need to just calm down and let us play this season out," nose tackle Tank Johnson said. The angst began with a loss to Washington at home last weekend. Then, on Sunday, with a chance to straighten out everything by crushing the winless Cincinnati Bengals, the Cowboys jumped to a 17-0 lead and pretty much went to sleep. Cincinnati was within 17-16 early in the fourth quarter. Minutes later, the Bengals went for a 2-point conversion that would've tied it at 24. Dallas prevented it, then pulled away with a long, late drive. Afterward, and again Monday, there was plenty of talk about mental toughness and handling adversity. Nobody was embarrassed or angry that it came

down to that. "It sounds so easy: 'Just blow a team out,'" Johnson said. "But those guys over there ain't playing for free. They have pride. Sure, we'd like to crush every team by 100 points. But the reality of this game is, good players and good coaches are going to have good plays." Actually, Cincinnati didn't have that many. The Bengals just sort of plodded along bit by bit, getting only one offensive play longer than 20 yards and using only one gimmick, an onside kick that proved meaningless anyway because of a fumble three plays later. So there were plenty of chances for someone on the Dallas sideline to say, "Enough's enough!" — like Michael Irvin would've done a decade ago. "We don't have that guy,"

acknowledged defensive lineman Marcus Spears, although he was quick to add this team has many other, different kinds of leaders. What worries fans most is that the team's attitude is that all is well because they won. It's troubling because the last several Cowboys teams have glossed over their flaws the first three months, only to see it catch up to them in December and January. But players insist there's plenty of accountability going on behind-the-scenes — and that's where they want to keep it. "If we say something (negative), we will be plastered all over the paper, or on the news saying, 'He's talking about his teammates!'" James said. "People take things out of proportion, so we handle things in-house. ... That's why we give

y'all as vague answers as possible." James said the lesson was learned last season, when quarterback Tony Romo's vacation during their playoff bye weekend turned into "the Mexico debacle," and a big distraction. Dallas lost to the New York Giants at home the following week, keeping the club winless in the playoffs since 1996. "Even though we say, 'Who cares?', it affects us," James said. "Even though we say it doesn't matter, it can." It helps having a coach like Wade Phillips, who believes in stressing the positive. Last year, it was a refreshing change from predecessor Bill Parcells. This year, players know that no matter what goes wrong, they won't get ripped by their boss in public.

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.

Obituaries

Ethellynn Zant

Ethellynn Zant departed this life Oct. 6, 2008, at the age of 79 years at her home in Wilson.

She was born Nov. 14, 1928, to Ed and Hattie Gill in Dunn.

Ethellynn married Dale Gene Zant Nov. 27, 1946, in Big Spring. They moved to the Wilson community in 1950. She graduated from Ackerly High School in 1946.

Mrs. Zant was a member of New Home Church of Christ. Her entire life was dedicated to Jesus Christ and her family was always at the forefront of her life. She was a fantastic cook and homemaker, constantly baking cakes and brownies. Her cakes and brownies always brought the highest bid at auctions for various school organizations Lions' Club or hospital benefits. Ethellynn loved to sew and quilt and many new babies were adorned with a new hand-made baby blanket or quilt.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dale; two sons, Leland Zant and wife Susan of New Home, and Raymond Zant; two daughters, Karen Cook and husband Coy of Midland, and Renea Ferguson of Follett; seven grandchildren, T'auna Ramsey and husband Brett of Eastland, Lanny Zant and wife Cindi of New Home, Shannon Zant and wife Crystal of Lubbock, Maranda Ribera and husband Rick of Marble Falls, Shane Zant and wife Ashlie of Plainview, Lora Ferguson of Portales, N.M., and Jenny Ferguson of Amarillo; nine great-grandchildren, Tristan, Cade and Zoe Ramsey, Karson and Reagyn Zant, Jaxxon and Maddox Zant, and Averie and Kallie Zant; two sisters, June Zant and husband Dudley of Paris, Texas, and Mary Dean Cuthbertson of Amarillo; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Zant was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Juanita Irwin Matthews, brother Eddie Gill, Jr. and Dalton Gill.

Memorials may be made to the Lubbock Children's Home, Sunset International Bible Institute, Interim Hospice or other favorite charities.

The family will greet friends today, Oct. 7, 2008, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., at the White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Celebration of life services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, at the New Home Church of Christ in New Home with Victor Ellison, Rex Zant and Rick Zant officiating. Interment will follow in the Green Memorial Park in Wilson.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.com

Teddy Anderson Jr.

Teddy Anderson Jr., 43, of Colorado City, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, in an Odessa hospice facility. No services are planned at this time.

He was born April 5, 1965, in Crane.

Teddy grew up in Crane and graduated from high school there. He had worked as a heavy equipment operator. He had lived in Colorado City for the past two years, coming from Avon, Colo.

Survivors include his father, Ted Anderson of Colorado City; four step-brothers, Arthur Hall of Odessa, Glen Carroll of Springtown, Donny Conlee of Sweetwater, and J.D. Conlee of Crane; one sister, Tracy Marr of Waynesboro, Ga.; two half-sisters, Pam Wood of Long Beach, Calif., and Trish Anderson of St. George, Utah; and his grandmother, Rose DeVroon of Salt Lake City.

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

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

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Todd. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-18-22-26-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$25,866.

Winning ticket sold in: Trinity.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-19-28-33. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-8-1. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-7. Sum it Up: 14



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Dovie Jean Stripling

Dovie Jean Loughridge Stripling's 100 years on this earth came to a peaceful close Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Jean was born Nov. 27, 1907, in Fulton, Ark., to George and Pearl Loughridge. She was a member of a family which included five sisters, Letha, Margaret, Betty, Louise and Bea and two brothers, Bill and Doyle.

Jean grew up in Heaton, Okla. At 18, she moved to Fort Worth, where she attended nursing school at City County Hospital, receiving her registered nurse degree in 1928. This degree matched her spirit well as she always tried to help ill people with their problems.

After moving to Big Spring in 1936, she became a surgical nurse as well as supervisor of nurses at the Bivings and Barcus Hospital and actively volunteered at the local Health Department for many years.

At this time she met a young insurance salesman, Robert Stripling Sr., who would become the love of her life. They married in 1936 and had many happy years traveling together, enjoying their many friends and their son, Robert Stripling Jr. Jean was a great mom who loved her family unconditionally and supported them wholeheartedly in everything they did.

Jean was a master gardener. She helped initiate the Big Spring Garden Club and was a faithful member for more than 50 years. Receiving many ribbons for her arrangements in flower shows, Jean especially enjoyed taking her flower arrangements to the church for special events and to ill friends at their home. A large area of her yard was always devoted to a garden for flowers.

After her husband, Robert, Sr. died in 2002, she came to live with her son, Robert Jr. in Lubbock.

Jean's family includes her son, Robert and wife, Melissa Stripling; grandsons, Joe Ryan and Chris Logou, grandson, Steve Stripling and wife, Tiffany, and their son, Harris, of Lubbock; granddaughter, Stacy and husband, Mouli Cohen of Belvedere, Calif.; two brothers-in-law, Allen Stripling and wife, Adelle of Dallas, and John Stripling and wife, Marjorie of Fort Worth; one sister-in-law, Ruth Webb and husband, Darrell of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In celebration of her life, a wake will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, at the home of her son, Robert Stripling, 4619 Eighth St., Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. A memorial service at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, followed by a committal service at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Rather than flowers, the family request memorials in Jean's name to be given to Teen Challenge, 6901 S. County Road 1200, Midland 79706.

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

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- STEPHEN PATRICK ADAMS, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SARAH GRACE PETERSON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- CARL RICHARD ESTES, 58, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of sale of alcohol to a minor.
- FERNANDO MONJARES JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JESSE LENDELL VANDERBILT, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).
- NATHAN DELCO ROBINSON III, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).
- ADRIANA MARIE ENRIQUEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information.
- GILBERT MUNOZ, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- 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 on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.



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TODAY
• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

• 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.

Police blotter

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

• ADRIANA ENRIQUEZ, 19, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 263, was arrested Saturday on eight local warrants and a charge of failure to identify.

• SARAH PETERSON, 22, of 623 Caylor, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and held for the HCSO.

• STEPHEN ADAMS, 44, of 604 Dallas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• FERNANDO MONJAREZ, 24, of Spearman, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• FREDDIE PUGA, 65, of 107 W. 10th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRENDA RAMON, 24, of 509 E. 18th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.

• CACEE CORBELL, 25, of 205 Driver Road, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• JESSE WOODRUFF, 23, of 1202 Lamar, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• NATHAN ROBINSON, 33, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• REYNALDO HERNANDEZ JR., 31, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• STEVEN KEITH LEWIS, 44, of Arizona, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported: in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

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RAYS

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said. “They really did a tremendous job.”

Upton, the game’s second batter, homered to left-center to put the Rays ahead.

He went deep again in the third, driving a full-count pitch from Gavin Floyd to center, and the confident Rays had a two-run cushion.

Tampa Bay, which never won more than 70 games during its 10 previous seasons, went from 96 losses last year to 97 wins and passed the big-spending Red Sox and New York Yankees in the AL East.

“It’s good for baseball for a team like Tampa to win,” White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said. “It’s too bad they had to beat us, but it’s good for the game.”

No longer bedeviled, the Rays won all year with young talent and improved pitching. Sonnanstine, who pitched a three-hit shutout against the White Sox at Tropicana Field in April, reversed a late-season slide that saw him go winless in

his final seven starts.

He allowed two runs and three hits before J.P Howell relieved. Grant Balfour completed the four-hitter, striking out midseason addition Ken Griffey Jr. to end it.

“Obviously, this is an incredible accomplishment and we’re going to take tonight and really enjoy it, but when you are mired in the day-to-day it’s hard to step back and appreciate what we’ve accomplished this year,” Rays general manager Andrew Friedman said. “We’re focused on having two more celebrations.”

Upton, who hit nine homers in 531 at-bats during the regular season, also homered in Sunday’s 5-3 loss. Benchd by Maddon during the season for not hustling, the talented 24-year-old’s power display came against a team that relied on homers all year and led the majors in long balls.

“B.J.’s special,” Maddon said. “He’s very capable of those types of games.”

Tampa Bay increased the lead to 4-0 in the fourth when Carl Crawford walked and scored as veteran Cliff Floyd, a Chicago

native, doubled to left. Dioner Navarro followed with an RBI single to finish Floyd.

Paul Konerko hit a solo homer for the White Sox in the bottom half and the white towel-waving crowd dressed in black had a reason to get excited. But Tampa Bay struck right back in the fifth against Clayton Richard as Akinori Iwamura singled and scored on Pena’s single that made it 5-1.

Jermaine Dye hit a solo home run in the sixth to finish Sonnanstine.

“Hats off to him,” Upton said. “He threw a great game when we needed it.”

Tampa Bay kept adding on and Pena hit his second RBI single in the seventh — after the White Sox intentionally walked Upton. Guillen, apparently upset when a close pitch from Matt Thornton to Pena was called a ball, had a conversation with plate umpire Jeff Kellogg as he headed back to the dugout after a trip to the mound.

The White Sox defeated Cleveland on the final Sunday of the season to get to a makeup game with Detroit the following day. They beat the Tigers and

then Minnesota, 1-0.

After losing the first two games of this series at Tropicana Field despite leading in both, the White Sox came back home to win Sunday. And they were hoping for another three-game winning streak — but the Rays were too good.

“When you have to play play-off baseball the last two weeks of the regular season, it’s just so hard to get over that first hump,” Konerko said. “We just ran out of gas.”

And now Maddon, who likes fashionable eye wear, fine wines, good books and inspirational slogans, has pushed a decade-long loser onto the doorstep of a pennant.

“We all came together and said we’re going to play team ball,” Upton said. “That’s what we do, day in and day out.”

Earlier in the week, Maddon spotted some fans on his way to U.S. Cellular Field wearing “retro Devil Rays stuff.” He’ll be looking for even more signs of the team’s new popularity when he honeymoon in Europe next month.

“My goal is to see someone walking around either Rome or,

you know, Barcelona or somewhere with Rays gear on,” he added, promising to photograph it.

Maddon pointed to the Rays’ ability to bounce back after losing their final seven games before the All-Star break as a big test.

And he hasn’t spent a lot of time reflecting on how he has taken a team that had 10 straight losing season — with at least 91 losses in each of those years — to the playoffs.

But he was enjoying the way his team reached and then recognized its achievement.

“Our guys are really good celebrators by the way. Very proud of them in that regard,” Maddon said.

“You got to go for it. The one thing I told our players post All-Star break is to treat this situation with respect. And they have. We have. In other words, you are not going to be in this situation on an annual basis.”

Notes: Rays RF Gabe Gross made a nice leaping catch at the fence in the first to rob A.J. Pierzynski of an extra-base hit, maybe even a homer. ... Griffey struck out three times.

RED SOX

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“Those guys have certainly, in the last three series that we’ve been involved with them, they’ve beaten us,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “I thought we played

much better this series than going back to ‘04 or ‘07 against them. It’s naturally disappointing. But we’re going to have to keep trying to get better. That’s all we can do.”

Jon Lester held the Angels to four hits in seven shutout innings but lost his chance at a second victory in the series when

they scored twice in the eighth to tie it 2-all. Los Angeles had a chance to go ahead in the ninth before Erick Aybar, whose 12th-inning single was the winner in Game 3, missed on a squeeze attempt.

In the bottom half, Bay lofted a fly ball down the right-field line that Reggie Willits pursued and dove

for before it one-hopped into the stands for a ground-rule double.

First baseman Mark Teixeira made a diving catch of Mark Kotsay’s line drive for the second out.

Again, it was only a temporary save.

Lowrie grounded a single into right, and Bay

raced around third and slid headfirst ahead of the throw while his teammates poured out of the dugout to celebrate.

It’s been a common sight in Boston, but one Bay had never taken part in before he was acquired from Pittsburgh when the Red Sox unloaded Manny Ramirez at the July 31 trade deadline.

“The only thing I’m thinking is, ‘Get a good jump and don’t fall down around third,’” Bay said. “I can’t imagine that it’ll get more intense than this, but it will.”

Manny Delcarmen got two outs in the ninth for the win, squelching the Angels’ chances to take the lead by getting Aybar

to whiff on a bunt try with one out and a runner on third. Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek, whose passed ball helped Los Angeles tie the game in the eighth, pursued pinch-runner Willits back toward third and made the diving tag a step before the bag.

Varitek lost the ball as he hit the ground, but third base umpire Tim Welke ruled that he had already applied the tag. Scioscia argued, but replays showed that the out was recorded before the ball came loose.

Scot Shields took the loss, allowing two hits and a run while striking out three in 1 2-3 innings.

“We’ve got a lot of guys that are frustrated right now,” Scioscia said. “Can’t tell you how proud we are of the way our guys played through the whole summer, and it’s unfortunate the way this series turned out.”

Lester and John Lackey, who also faced each other in Boston’s Game 1 victory, matched scoreless innings through four before Kotsay and Varitek singled, Jacoby Ellsbury drove in a run with a groundout and Dustin Pedroia added an RBI double.

An AL MVP candidate who was hitless in his first 15 at-bats of the playoffs, Pedroia pulled up one step before second base to bang his hands together in celebration.

But the Angels tied it in the eighth when Teixeira drew a two-out walk from Hideki Okajima, then Justin Masterson walked Vladimir Guerrero. The runners moved up as Masterson and Varitek got crossed up on a passed ball, which proved costly when they scored on Torii Hunter’s single to right.

Pedroia’s confidence never wavered during the slump, as he showed when he popped out of the dugout for pregame batting practice and said, “You can’t keep a good man down.”

Or a good team.

The Red Sox may have missed a chance to sweep with Sunday’s 5-4, 12-inning loss, but they saved themselves a trip back to Anaheim, Calif., for a winner-take-all Game 5.

Notes: Lackey was rescued from a second loss in the series when the Angels tied it in the eighth. He allowed two runs and seven hits, giving up four runs in 13 2-3 innings during the series. He was out-pitched by Lester both times. ... Hunter was 5-for-11 with runners in scoring position. The rest of the Angels had three hits combined. ... Pedroia was hitless in 19 postseason at-bats dating to the 2007 World Series.

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Popular UTSA professor reinstated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of two tenured engineering professors suspended from the University of Texas at San Antonio for allegedly violating the school’s ethics policy said he has been reinstated and will return to work this week.

Last week, on the eve of a faculty tribunal hearing, the school dropped its case against Alberto Arroyo and gave him his job back.

“I am in heaven. I am alive again,” Arroyo said in a story in the San Antonio Express-News. “Finally, somebody put the file together and read it and said, ‘We are going to hang an innocent man.’”

UTSA officials are proceeding with their case against the other professor, Chia Shun “Rocky” Shih. He appealed his firing to a faculty tribunal, which heard his case last week and will send its conclusions to University of Texas System regents for a final decision.

As for dropping their case against Arroyo, university officials said only that it was best for the students and the university.

Arroyo and Shih were suspended without pay earlier this year as the school began termination proceedings against both men. Shih has been at the university since 1974; Arroyo has been there since 1982.

The university’s ethics investigation focused on a land deal in which several people, including Shih and Arroyo, bought 33 acres near Helotes. The land, proposed as a park by the city of Helotes, had been the topic of a semester-long student project in Shih’s class.

UTSA’s ethics policy “prohibits faculty or staff from

making personal investments which could reasonably create a substantial conflict between the employee’s private interests and the public interests.”

Shih has denied his students did a project involving the property but rather just proposed it. Arroyo has said he found out about the property by looking at parcels in the area.

Murder trial begins; body never found

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prosecutors face a difficult task this week in trying the man accused of murdering a 51-year-old Fort Worth woman.

Glenda Gail Furch’s body has never been found. “It’s pretty unusual,” Tarrant County prosecutor Bob Gill said in a Fort Worth Star-Telegram story. “This is the first one I’ve handled.”

Rodney Owens, 41, is accused of killing Furch, a former neighbor. She has not been seen since Sept. 28, 2007, when she clocked out at midnight from her job at the General Motors plant in Arlington, police said.

Owens is linked to her disappearance by a thumbprint on some duct tape found in a trash bin outside Furch’s apartment. Also found in the same trash bag were electrical and telephone cords tied in unusual knots, a towel, clothes and other items belonging to Furch, police said.

In Furch’s bedroom, police said, they found a bleach stain and fresh vacuum marks on the carpet. A vacuum cleaner was missing from the apartment.

About a week after she disappeared, Furch’s car was found burned at an abandoned car wash, about 1.4 miles

from where another car was reported stolen. Owens wrecked that stolen car on Oct. 28, 2007, during a police chase. In the trunk, there was a backpack containing duct tape, a cut electrical cord, surgical gloves, a gun and ammunition, police said.

Owens has pleaded not guilty. During jury selection Monday, defense attorney Mark Rosteet emphasized the state’s burden of proving Owens’ guilt. Rosteet did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press on Monday.

Woman sues oil executive Andrews over daughter’s drug death

HOUSTON (AP) — The mother of a stripper who died of a cocaine overdose has filed a lawsuit against a Houston oil industry executive, accusing him of supplying the drugs and not calling for help immediately when her daughter became ill.

Geneva Cloud sued Robert Pace Andrews for \$2 million in a lawsuit filed Monday. Andrews is owner, president and CEO of Houston-based Andrews Technologies Inc., a provider and contractor to the oil industry. His ex-wife is married to Neil Bush, a brother of President Bush.

Andrews is serving two years’ probation after pleading guilty in April to possession of less than a gram of cocaine. He was granted deferred adjudication, which means he will not have a conviction on his record if he successfully complies with the terms of his probation.

Geneva Cloud alleged that Andrews supplied cocaine to her daughter, 19-year-old Jessica Lynn Cloud.

SUPER

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people want in Brownwood or some other community. Every place is a different fit.”

BSISD School Board President Irene Galan said staff members may submit questions or comments in person or in writing and that their input will remain confidential if they

so desire.

“We really need their input,” she said. “They are the ones who are going to be working most closely with the new superintendent.”

Following that meeting, school board members will reconvene in the library at 7 p.m. to hear input from community members, Galan said.

“We definitely want the community’s input, also,” she said. “When we start

narrowing down the list of candidates, we’re going to closely follow what the community wants in a new superintendent.

“We’ve done superintendent searches before and it’s not that we’re doing things very differently this time,” Galan added. “We just think that it’s very important for the staff and community members to give us their input.”

The search firm will use information gathered from

Tuesday’s meetings as guidelines as they screen applications for the position, Galan said.

If everything goes according to schedule, trustees should have a “short list” of candidates to consider by late October or early November, she added.

As far as what she wants from a new chief executive, Galan was direct in her answer.

“I want a superintendent who puts our children

first,” she said. “Everything else ... including a bond election ... comes after that. Anyone we find who is dedicated to that is someone who we’ll look at very closely.”

The BSISD superintendent position became vacant late June, following the resignation of Michael Downes, who quit after five years on the job. Downes, who has been a target of a Texas Education Agency inquiry into allegations of

inappropriate contact with students at a previous stop in his career, resigned citing distractions from the ongoing investigation.

Michael Stevens, former superintendent at Hereford ISD, is currently serving as interim superintendent.

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BOWLS

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help the hungry through United Way agencies.”

The bowl-making will take place at both the Big Spring High School or the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College Campus, according to McIntosh.

“Stacy Slaten from the art department at Howard College, and Judith Tereletsky, an art teacher with Big Spring High, have agreed to coordi-

nate making community bowls at both locations,” said McIntosh. “This is a fantastic opportunity for people to experience creating a ceramic bowl with their help. Judith will be working with a community group Tuesday evenings and Stacy will be doing the same on Thursday evenings. This year it will take three weeks to complete the bowls.”

According to McIntosh, the Tuesday group, led by Tereletsky, will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 6-8 p.m. at Big Spring High

School’s art department for the first phase of construction. Artists will then meet Oct. 21 from 6-8 p.m. for the final phase of constructing the bowls, with glazing set for Oct. 28, also from 6-8 p.m.

The Thursday group, led by Slaten, will meet Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts for the first phase of construction. Artists will then meet Oct. 23 from 6-8 p.m. for the second and final phase of construction, with glazing set for Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m.

Area residents interested in signing up to create an “Empty Bowl” should contact Jan Hansen at 267-5201 or by e-mail at uway@apex2000.net

“In order to be successful, we need a number of bowls to be created by civic and business leaders, along with Howard County artists,” said McIntosh. “Sign up, and please pass the word extending this invitation to friends and family.”

Agencies helped by the United Way include the Red Cross, Boys Club,

Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Victim Services of Big Spring and the YMCA.

For more information on the “Empty Bowls II” fundraiser, contact McIntosh at 432-517-4821.

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ECONOMY

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from overnight to less than a week.

The unstable situation has left many companies vulnerable. The notion under the plan is for the government to come up with a backstop that would provide companies with a new place to get cash. Depending on the ultimate shape of the plan, the Fed could become a source of credit for nonfinancial businesses in addition to commercial banks and investment firms.

Pressure also is growing on the Fed to reverse course and order a deep reduction in its key interest rate, now at 2 percent. Such a move would be aimed at reviving the moribund economy by encouraging consumers and businesses to boost their spending. Many predict the Fed will act on or before its next meeting on

Oct. 28-29. And, some believe it could be part of a broader coordinated move with central banks in other countries.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke may offer clues on the Fed’s next move when he speaks Tuesday afternoon on the economic outlook and developments in financial markets.

On Wall Street, early signs pointed to a recovery Tuesday after markets nose-dived on Monday. Investors were hopeful the Fed and other central banks would lower rates.

Investors in others parts of the world were more skeptical. European stocks shed early gains Tuesday as ongoing fears about the health of the banking system, particularly in Britain, offset hopes that the world’s leading central banks will follow Australia’s lead and cut interest rates aggressively.

On this side of the Atlantic, President Bush also was set to talk about the

government’s bailout effort, which lets the government buy rotten mortgages and other bad debts from banks and other financial institutions. By getting these bad debts off bank’s balance sheets, they might be in a better position to raise capital and more willing to lend to each other and to customers.

The Fed made an opaque reference on Monday that it was exploring “ways to provide additional support” to “unsecured funding markets.”

The creation of a separate legal entity was being examined as one way for the Fed to get into the commercial paper market, the person with familiar with the plan said.

The Fed pledged Monday to take “additional measures as necessary” to battle the worst credit crisis in decades. Wall Street took a nosedive, with the Dow Jones industrials plunging more than 800 points at one point during

the day before finishing down 370. Fears spread around the globe about the ability of policymakers in the United States and abroad to turn around the situation.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has tapped a former Goldman Sachs executive to be director of the government’s bailout program. Neel Kashkari, who has worked with Paulson at the department since July 2006, was chosen Monday as the interim head of the government’s unprecedented effort to unclog the credit markets. Kashkari, who was a vice president in Goldman’s San Francisco office before joining the department, is one of four former executives from the firm now working feverishly to resolve the financial crisis.

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Can you touch the lives of those who are victims?

Victim Services is asking you to help others have a better future. Mothers, teens, young children who have been physically or mentally abused — or both — by a husband, father or boyfriend. People who don’t know where to turn, how to break the cycle, how to get help.

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If you can commit to a 30-hour training period, an interview process and a background check, Victim Services wants to talk to you. Staff members can explain exactly what you would be expected to do and how you would go about doing it.

The training is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 20-24 and from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 25.

Remember, every crime has a victim; every victim needs your support.

If you would like to learn more about being a Victim Services volunteer, we urge you to call Linda Perez at 263-3312 for more information.

Your willingness to help could put others on the road to a happier, brighter future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I can't handle. Amen.

Wal-Mart moms an election factor?

Some thoughts to ponder the next time you’re standing behind 10 people in the slowest line in the local Wal-Mart, grousing that you won’t ever shop here again, or at least not until you absolutely need to:

—Every week, 137 million Americans file through Wal-Mart, including one of every five women.

—Wal-Mart’s why you can now pay around \$5 a pound for salmon, why double-strength liquid laundry detergent has become ubiquitous.

—Wal-Mart shoppers — women, specifically — supposedly are the swing voters who’ll decide the presidential election between Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama.

Pollsters and political reporters, from Time to Business Week to Britain’s The Financial Times, have been analyzing the campaigns’ efforts to woo “Wal-Mart Moms,” a shorthand for middle-age white women, mostly lower income and without college educations. Wal-Mart’s taken its own snapshots of its shoppers, and here are some of the results that corporate communications VP Mona Williams shared at the recent National Conference of Editorial Writers convention in Little Rock:

—People more likely to shop Wal-Mart in August than six months earlier: 54 percent.

—Women more likely: 57 percent.

—Minorities more likely: 73 per-



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cent of blacks, 70 percent of Hispanics.

—Political leanings: 63 percent of Democrats more likely to shop Wal-Mart; 48 percent of independents; 46 percent of Republicans; 48 percent of undecideds.

—Undecided voters who shop Wal-Mart regularly or occasionally: 71 percent.

Among Wal-Mart Moms, Williams said, 63 percent agreed that “I worry about having enough money to pay for my daily necessities like groceries and rent.” Forty-five percent of them consider their financial situation the same as six months ago; 35 percent feel worse off, and 19 percent are better.

A September poll taken in five battleground states (Colorado, Florida, Nevada, Ohio and Virginia) depicts “Walmart Women” as pragmatic and focused on pocketbook issues, a Sept. 23 company memo says.

“Walmart Women” work (74 percent), are married (70 percent), attend church regularly (47 percent), have college degrees (34 percent) and call themselves politically moderate (42 percent), according to that survey. “Walmart Moms,” though, are more often married (86 percent), less likely to work outside the home (68 percent) and lean more conservative (44 call themselves Republicans, 34 percent Democrats.)

The common wisdom says that McCain picked Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to lure Wal-Mart Moms to his camp.

The hunter, fisher, wife and mother, former small-town mayor, regular gal might even shop at the Wasilla Wal-Mart: she did cut the red ribbon when it became a Super-

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No grasp on economic theory

The first three weeks of the financial crisis were no time for recriminations — so important was it to focus on passing a bailout plan to keep the credit markets from seizing up.

Well, the first bailout proposal died in the House, the executives who drove Lehman Bros. into the ground still stand to collect their \$2.5 billion in bonus checks, and the credit markets are still functioning. So perhaps it’s time to start pointing some fingers.

The most obvious target is President Bush. It’s important to note that Bush didn’t do anything to cause the crisis. His were sins of omission.

He appointed two middling managers to lead the Treasury Department. And he refused to deal seriously with oil prices after 9/11, when it became clear that U.S. military action (albeit necessary) would create long-term uncertainty in the market.

The gas crunch put the economy on edge, but the fundamental problem was the subprime-lending spree of the last decade and the trade in mortgage debt, which amplified the effects of defaulted loans.

Again, none of this was Bush’s doing. But the president sat idly by while the entire housing industry plotted its own destruction. Banks made ridiculous loans to people who had no way of repaying them. Worse, the banks then sold and resold the loans as “investments,” spreading the contagion. The consequences of this foolishness were not impossible to predict.



JONATHAN V. LAST

And not only did President Bush do nothing; he actually lauded the irresponsible spree. He praised programs designed to give mortgages to families with bad credit.

One of the boasts of his 2004 campaign was the record level of home ownership, particularly among lower-income people — who couldn’t afford the homes they had bought. He mistook a symptom of economic sickness for a sign of economic health.

Democrats were no better. They attacked anyone who questioned the bad loans being facilitated by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, or who proposed reforming those institutions. In 2002, for instance, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., called the companies “great assets.” In 2003, Frank insisted that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac “are fundamentally sound financially and (can) withstand some of the disaster scenarios.” Oops.

And where do we go from here? Neither of the two men who would be president has a firm grasp of economic theory. McCain’s economic advisers include men such as Jack Kemp, Phil Gramm and Peter Peterson, whose worldviews completely contradict each other.

Another of McCain’s economic advisers is Kevin Hassett, whose biggest claim to fame is having co-written the remarkably unprecise book “Dow 36,000: The New Strategy for Profiting from the Coming Rise in the Stock Market.” Seriously.

Obama might be worse. He is campaigning on a promise of massively increased government spending. (McCain, at least, is committed to cutting spending.)

Obama’s theory is that he’ll gin up more revenue by increasing taxes on businesses — apparently not

center last November, after all.

Democratic VP pick Joe Biden, by contrast, was chiding Wal-Mart in 2006 for what he called inadequate wages and employee health benefits.

But the key question isn’t whether a President Obama or a President McCain could feel the pain and frustration of Wal-Mart shoppers. (I can’t see McCain buying Better Homes and Gardens accessories at Wal-Mart for any of his multiple luxury abodes. Obama probably doesn’t pick up his arugula there, though it’s available in salad mixes.)

The question is which of the presidential candidates is likelier to have smart, workable ideas for improving the areas that regular people care about and struggle with every day: educating their kids and sending them to college; feeding their families on wages that are stagnating when prices are rising; paying the mortgage, the utilities, the gas to get around, taxes and other essentials; saving for retirement; affording doctor bills and prescription costs.

Which of the vice presidential candidates can bring a big-picture view to the discussion, as well as an understanding of how to get workable legislation through Congress?

These issues aren’t important just to Wal-Mart shoppers. And they aren’t the only voters the candidates still have to convince.

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understanding that businesses both employ and trade with consumers. Most businesses faced with higher taxes will pass the cost on, either in reduced wages, reduced spending on capital goods, or higher prices.

Obama gave a sense of his economic priorities during last week’s debate. Asked what he’d be willing to give up to pay the tab on the \$700 billion bailout, Obama refused to name a single program. Instead, he listed areas in which he wanted to increase government spending — and not just on giant-ticket items such as government health care.

“There are some programs that are very important that are underfunded,” Obama said. For instance: “I want to increase early-childhood education.” Faced with the greatest financial crisis in 80 years and a gaping hole in the budget, Obama won’t even hold the line on pre-school spending.

As to the government spending being debated in Congress this week, there are compelling arguments in favor of a \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry. The best of them is that — cosmic unfairness aside — it’ll cost taxpayers more in the long run if the crisis isn’t put to rest now. So why is the public so opposed to a bailout?

Perhaps because Washington’s rescue effort is characterized by the same unseriousness that contributed to the calamity. And because, when it comes to economic seriousness, the next chief executive is not likely to represent much of an improvement.

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Bird Poop: Nature repeats itself

Kingbirds, Mississippi kites, and Swainson's hawks migrated earlier than expected this year. With the departure of the Bullock's orioles and hummingbirds, an early fall was indicated. Checking with the "bat lady," Gail Barnes, who lives in Lubbock, I learned that even her bats had already put on their winter fat. With October approaching, it was time to check the lake.

A walk through our neighborhood enabled one to see the "fish hawk" edging its way toward the northeast end of our city's treasure, Comanche Lake. Many a mid-morning stroll resulted in a sighting. Later, Art and I would see the incoming hunter, with its five foot wingspan, cross Highway 87 and "fish" the lake.

The previous year, my walk had been disappointing. No long, narrow wings, bent back at the wrist, carried the brown and white raptor over the houses and toward breakfast. As I turned the corner to start the hilly climb back to our street, I heard an unknown call, followed by an answer.

Flying toward me about 30 feet above the middle of the street was an osprey. The bird had been a late riser that morning. Then gently gliding about 50 feet behind was another osprey. Their soft

notes or chattering had stopped upon sighting me. A shrill, whistling sound from the first bird followed, as if to alert its companion.

Although they did not waver from their course to the lake, they had the elevation to ignore a mere mortal below. Flapping their powerful wings, then gliding some more, they traveled the familiar avenue to the water that would provide their limited menu. To have been that close to the raptors was a rare opportunity to experience another facet of their lives apart from watching birds catch their daily quota of fish.

Once home, the answering machine demanded attention. The call from a game warden some 95 miles to the west was disturbing. Leaving a message on every number he had given finally resulted in a call-back.

During migration, the officer frequently checked the ground underneath high voltage lines. Accumulating information regarding bird strikes or electrocution would ultimately lead to recommendations for industry to avoid further fatalities. Even new approaches to an old problem, however, were not always successful.

"Found it on the ground. Since I'm headed your way, anyhow, I'll bring it to you. See you in a little while." The warden and I were of like mind. It was worth a try.

Nestled inside the officer's carrier on several towels was an osprey. Although injured, the bird had not lost the intent, de-



Courtesy photo

Spending summers as far north as Alaska and Canada, osprey migrate south to the Texas coast, Central, or South America. During this annual trek, the birds use inland lakes, and may fly over dry rangeland, or follow coastlines and major rivers.

fiant glare of a face-to-face meeting. Its white crown and throat accented the broad, black streak that ran through the eyes to the back of its head. Nature had created a bold mask through which its yellow eyes and black bill dared anyone to approach.

As I gently pressed its wings to its side and removed it from the container, the deep brown of its upper parts caused a giggle. Wondering what I had envisioned, Art and the game warden looked puzzled. For some strange reason, I had thought of a paternal grandmother who dipped snuff. So many years had passed, but the color of the bird's wings had triggered a long, lost memory.

Placed on its back, the raptor rested with its head covered to lessen the stress of examining it. White below, the osprey

time, only to succumb to thermal edema.

Assuring him we'd do everything possible, we waved goodbye and hurried to call the wildlife center. With limited options, we hoped the severity of what we had seen might be limited. As we returned to the osprey, nature had already determined its limitations. Lying quietly, the avian Poseidon no longer ruled the life-giving waters.

As I walked the area that had prompted my reverie, several blue jays took chase after a large, dark shadow. Ignoring the harassment, the bird was a sudden reminder that another generation

had inherited an ancient custom.

Once home, I grabbed the binoculars as Art started the truck. From a secluded, rocky ledge on the edge of the lake, we found enough space to stand and watch the catch of the day.

Gliding over the dam, the osprey suddenly plunged toward the water on half-closed wings. A second before splash-down, the bird pulled backward, thrust out its legs, extended its wings upward, and entered talons-first into the water. Almost submerged, it quickly reappeared, shook the water from its wings, and rose with a fish firmly grasped by the barbed pads of its feet and the strength of its sharp claws. Nature had repeated itself.

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KID NEWS

It's easy to make a buck.
It's a lot tougher
to make a difference."
— Tom Brokaw

Hans Lippershey invented the telescope in the Netherlands in 1608, 400 years ago.

The speed of light goes 186,000 miles per second — scientists believe there is nothing faster.

— World Almanac for Kids

WILD KINGDOM NATURE CRAFT

Fairies, elves and other magical creatures are everywhere you look, if you have the eye. On your next walk collect leaves, twigs, acorns, pine needles, bark, rocks and other materials. Back at home, use small dabs of tacky glue to build a creature. Add little googly eyes, and use a marker to draw a nose and mouth if you'd like.

— FamilyFun magazine

In The News

Summit promotes the power of volunteering

"You must be the change you want to see in the world," said Mohandas Gandhi, who led a nonviolent protest for India's independence. His words seemed to be the unofficial theme of the ServiceNation Summit in New York last month.

Sparked by a special issue of Time magazine on public service, ServiceNation brought together many volunteer organizations to talk about how to get more Americans involved in public service.

"The summit was for all of the people who care about service to come together, learn from each other, and then take that message out into the country and engage millions more people in public service," said Caroline Kennedy, one of the co-chairs of ServiceNation.

The summit was kicked off the night of Sept. 11, the seventh anniversary of the terror attacks. At the kickoff, presidential contenders Barack Obama and John McCain spoke on the topic of public service.

The next day, I attended the summit meeting of 110 volunteer organizations in midtown Manhattan. Some of the guest speakers included Sen. Hillary Clinton; Adm. Mike Mullen, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; pop singer Usher; and first lady Laura Bush. The summit was an opportunity to discuss how to increase volunteerism and use its power to solve some of our nation's biggest problems.

One topic of discussion was how to inspire kids, the future of our communities.

"It's really kids that we need to be focusing on," said Audiel Nieto, a teen member of Citizen Schools. Studies show that the earlier kids start volunteering, the more likely they are to do it throughout their lives.

There are many things kids can do to volunteer. For example, a group of high school students in New York got together and raised money to replace regular light bulbs with energy-efficient CFL (compact fluorescent) bulbs in many buildings in New York.

"You should pick what really interests you," suggested Kennedy when I spoke with her, "or do it with friends so you have fun doing it."

Emanuel Cabrera is a volunteer with City Year, an organization where 17- to 24-year-olds spend a year doing service for their communities.

"I found my service very gratifying. Even though I've been giving a lot, I've gotten so much more in return," Cabrera said.

— Forrest Simpson, 11, is a Time For Kids kid reporter.

Fall Fun

Celebrate autumn with these whimsical ideas and useful tips

POINTERS FOR PUMPKIN PICKING

It's always fun to search for the perfect pumpkin for Halloween. But it's not always easy to find just the right one.

So we asked Hannah Stevens for tips to help in the search. She is a horticultural agent with the Michigan State University Extension Service in Macomb County, Mich. Here's what she recommends:

1. Look for a pumpkin with hard, smooth orange skin without any marks or soft, mushy areas.
2. Check the stem. It should feel solid and firm.
3. When you find a pumpkin that might be right, lift it up. It should be light enough for you to carry.
4. Then check the shape. Will it be good for the face you want to carve?
5. When you get the pumpkin home, keep the pumpkin in a cool, dry place until it's time to decorate it. If the pumpkin is on your front porch and frost is forecast, move the pumpkin into the garage or another protected place until morning.

— Marty Hair,
Detroit Free Press

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PUMPKIN PATCH PHOTO BY
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MINI CARAMEL APPLES

Bite-size versions of the fall fair treat, these tiny "caramel" apples are a great party snack.

YOU WILL NEED

- 4-inch lollipop sticks
- Melon baller
- Granny Smith apples (one apple makes about 8 mini apples)
- Butter-scotch or peanut butter chips
- Chopped nuts, nonpareils, sprinkles, shredded coconut (optional)
- Small paper candy cups

First, cut the lollipop sticks in half at an angle (the pointy end will go into the apple pieces easier). With the melon baller, scoop little balls out of the apple. Each ball should have a section of apple peel. Push half of a lollipop stick into the peel of each ball. Pat the apple pieces dry.

Melt the chips according to the package directions. Dip and swirl the mini apples in the melted chips, then roll the apples in nuts, sprinkles, nonpareils or coconut, if desired. Place the mini apples in paper candy cups to set.

— FamilyFun magazine

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Caroline Kennedy

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Help!

Worrying about words

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: I swear too much. I swear if I'm fighting with my brother or if I miss a goal, but I don't want to! — Frustrated

■ Your swearing has turned into a bad habit. Habits are hard to break, but if you want to stop, you can. Here are a few ideas to try: Come up with funny phrases to say instead of swear words, like "Oh, chip 'n dip!" Or pretend someone's writing down every word you say for a book about you. If you're about to say something you wouldn't want in that book, zip your lip! If you slip, keep trying. Habits are made by repeating them over and over, and you can break a habit the same way.

DEAR AMERICAN GIRL: I want to write a great story, but every time I try, I just end up chewing on the end of my pencil and staring into space. — Want to Write

■ If writing a whole story seems like a gigantic task, write a little every day about anything you care about. Just have fun. Then brainstorm. Every story has a problem in it, so think of some good ones. Pick the one you like best and write about it. Remember: No writer gets her story just right the first time, so rewrite parts you're not happy with. Don't give up!

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CROSSWORD SCRAMBLE

4 ACROSS

1 ACROSS

3 ACROSS

2 DOWN

1 DOWN

Unscramble the letters in the bold boxes to name the season when you see these items:

ANSWERS: ACROSS: 1. APPLE, 2. ACORN, 3. RAKE, 4. SQUIRREL. DOWN: 1. LEAF, 2. BONUS: FALL

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7 :PM	News ABC	Dancing With the Stars	Cuidado-Angel	Sarah Con-nor	Entertain Big Bang	El Juramento	Chuck	Pregame MLB Base-ball: Division Series -- Teams TBA.	Israel Jamieson	Antiques Roadshow	Destroyed Destroyed	Movie: Troy, Orlando Bloom	CSI: NY	Law & Order	Movie: Get-ting Played, Vivica A. Fox	Wizards Wizards	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints.	
8 :PM	News ABC	Dancing With the Stars	Fuego en la Sangre	Prison Break Worst	Two Men Worst	Doña Bar-bara	Heroes	Life	Israel Sala	American Experience (DVS)	Machines of Malice	Movie: Get Shorty, Rene Russo	CSI: NY	The Closer	Comic Somebod Life De	Wizards Tape	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints.	
9 :PM	Boston Legal	Boston Legal	Cristina	TMZ Raymond	CSI: Miami	Sin Senos	Life		Israel Sala		Machines of Malice	Movie: Alexander, Val Kilmer	CSI: NY	Raising the Bar	Comic Somebod Life De	Wizards Tape	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints.	
10 :PM	News Nightline	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond King-Hill	News Late Show	Noticias Titulares	News Tonight Show	MLB Post	Uri Harel	Smiley Smiley	Machines of Malice	Movie: Alexander, Val Kilmer	CSI: NY	Bones	Comic Somebod Life De	Wizards Tape	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints.	
11 :PM	Insider Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	La Hora de la Risa	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisions	Late Night	Name Name	Uri Harel	Smiley Smiley	Machines of Malice	Movie: Alexander, Val Kilmer	CSI: NY	Without a Trace	Comic Somebod Life De	Wizards Tape	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints.	
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"MARTHA KNOWS HER WAY AROUND THE KITCHEN, AN' DENNIS KNOWS H/IS WAY AROUND MARTHA."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I KNOW WHY THE LEAVES TURN YELLOW IN THE FALL..."

"... to match the color of our school busses."

HAGAR

"LOOK, MEN! HERE COMES OUR SCOUT, LUCKY EDDIE!"

"PLEASE DON'T CALL ME "LUCKY""

BLONDIE

"KISS"

"SMACK!!"

"SOMEBODY HAD A TERRIBLE DAY AND NEEDED A REMINDER AS TO WHY HE GOT OUT OF BED TODAY!!"

BC

"WHAT ARE THE POINTY BROWN SPACES?"

"THEY REPRESENT MOUNTAINS."

"HOW 'BOUT THESE BIG BLUE SPOTS?"

"... BODIES OF WATER."

"AND THIS BIG BROWN CIRCLE?"

"MOCHACINO LATTE."

WIZARD OF ID

"DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?"

"YOU'RE FIRED!"

AGNES

"MY LOOK IS WHO I AM! THIS IS MY LOOK, AND I'M STICKING WITH IT!"

"I WASN'T AWARE THAT YOU CONSIDERED THAT A LOOK."

"REALLY? WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?"

"SILENCE... THE GLUE OF FRIENDSHIP."

HI AND LOIS

"I DECIDED TO INVEST IN ART."

"ON OUR BUDGET?"

"IT DOESN'T COST MUCH NOW."

"BUT WHEN TRIXIE BECOMES FAMOUS, THESE WILL BE WORTH A FORTUNE."

THE OTHER COAST

"AW, NUTS. THE GUEST HAS TAKEN THE PICTURE FROM THIS ROOM."

"30ISH, ABOUT 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL, DARK HAIR, NOTASTE IN ART."

SNUFFY SMITH

"HEY MISTOFER, CAN YOU LOAN ME A DOLLAR 'TIL TOMORRY?"

"WELCOME TO HOOTIN' HOLLER, I RECKON YO'RE NEW IN TOWN !!"

BEETLE BAILEY

"DOCTORS SAY YOU SHOULD GET 8 HOURS OF SLEEP AT NIGHT"

"I ONLY GET 6"

"SOMEBODY HAS TO KEEP UP THE CURVE"

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 6, the 280th day of 2008. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," a movie starring Al Jolson that featured both silent and sound-synchronized scenes.

On this date:

In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.

In 1928, Chiang Kai-shek was elected the president of China.

In 1948, the Tennessee Williams play "Summer and Smoke" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

In 1976, in his second debate

with Jimmy Carter, President Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded he'd misspoken.)

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 1983, Cardinal Terence Cooke, the spiritual head of the Archdiocese of New York, died at age 62.

Ten years ago: With a House vote set on launching an open-ended impeachment inquiry, Democrats rushed to counter Republican plans while still underscoring their disapproval of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: American Paul Lauterbur and Briton Peter Mansfield won the Nobel Prize for medicine for discoveries that led to magnetic resonance imaging. Democrat Bob Graham announced on CNN's "Larry King Live" that he was ending his presidential campaign. Akhmad Kadyrov, Russia's hand-picked man to lead Chechnya, was declared winner of the republic's presidential election (he was assassinated in May 2004).

One year ago: Pakistan's Gen. Pervez Musharraf won a presidential election boycotted by most of

his opponents. British adventurer Jason Lewis finally returned home, completing a 13-year, 46,000-mile human-powered circumnavigation of the globe at Greenwich, England.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Britt Ekland is 66. Impressionist Fred Travalena is 66. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 58. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 57. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 54. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 45. Singer Matthew Sweet is 44. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 42. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 42. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 42. Actress Emily Mortimer is 37. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 34.

Thought for Today: "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." — Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Birthday-party desserts
6 Carbonated drink
10 Disinfectant target
14 Where figure-skaters practice
15 Hertz competitor
16 Surprise attack
17 Two-word conjunction
18 Three-piece suit part
19 ___ and crafts
20 Baby's soup server
23 Neither's partner
24 Exist
25 Fan who's cheering
29 One-person performance
31 Unit of current
34 "This can't be!"
35 Sharp taste
37 Taxicab device
39 Argument over a baby toy
42 Obliterate
43 Neck of the woods
44 Affirmative votes
45 Unwitting victim
46 Clinton's vice president
48 Church services
50 Temporary craze
51 Likely
52 Baby looked happy
60 Major prank
61 Kid around
62 Japan's second-largest city
63 Not doing anything

DOWN

1 Old-time fossil fuel
2 Fictional Karenina
3 Captain ___ (English pirate)
4 Earth-friendly sci.
5 Feeling calm
6 Enjoy
7 More than
8 Platter shape
9 Of the stars
10 A+ or B-

64 Where Cleveland is
65 Needle-and-thread worker
66 Hamsters and collies
67 Type of pear
68 Feeling antsy

11 British noble
12 Religious ceremony
13 Physicians: Abbr.
21 Strong point
22 Pleasant smell
25 After-bath wraps
26 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
27 Available from a keg
28 Nursery dwellers
29 Sleeper's sound
30 Mean one
31 Lawyers: Abbr.
32 Free-for-all
33 Do some ironing
36 Worship from ___
38 Incoming plane stats.

40 Not against the law
41 Highway exits
47 Miscellaneous errand
49 No more than
50 Patches up
51 Kind of committee
52 Secret writing
53 Sentry's shout
54 Sounds from Santa
55 Auction condition
56 "It's clear to me now"
57 Grass in front of a home
58 Just manages, with "out"
59 Be bold
60 In the know

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