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Band shirts on sale now to the public

Big Spring High School Steer band shirts are now available to the public for purchase from the Big Spring Band Booster Club.

Shirt sizes range from medium to triple extra large and they feature on the front the saying "Steer Band - 100 Years of Excellence."

On the back of the shirt is this year's marching program with the names of the 150 members of the band. These are the same shirts the band students wear.

The price of the shirts is \$15. For more information call Roxie McDaniel at 267-7646 or 267-5846.

Money from the shirt sale goes to the band booster club and helps provide decorations used during the band marching show. The money also helps fund band trips and other activities.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron Inn.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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Citizens invited to help boost state-bound band

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The spirits of Big Spring High School students and faculty are high as Friday the school prepares to send the award-winning state-bound marching band off to contest.



RITCHEY

"We have had a good week," said BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey. "Everyone's spirits are high because the band will be going to state marching contest."

A community pep rally is set for 2:30 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field on the high school campus.

"We want everyone in the community to come out and support the band," said Roxie McDaniel of the band boosters' club. "For our seniors and juniors, this is a once in a lifetime event. State contest is every other

year and this is the only chance for them to go to state."

The pep rally will give many of the student body and faculty a chance to see the show.

"Many of the student body and some of the faculty have not had a chance to see the band's program," Ritchey said. "The band will give the program during the pep rally."

Big Spring High School's final home football game on Friday night will also offer one last chance to see the

band's show before contest and for the community to show the students appreciation for their hard work, Ritchey said.

Band director Rocky Harris will continue with tradition at halftime and have the Big Spring Junior High band members march with the high school band, but following the game the band will perform its contest show.

"We want to encourage people to stay after the game

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TO SEE THE BAND

FRIDAY
2:30 p.m. pep rally, Blankenship Field.
7:30 p.m. football game at Memorial Stadium during halftime (traditional) and again after the game (contest performance).
MONDAY
10:15 a.m., Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco; top bands to advance to state finals that night.

Despite tensions, Halloween still fun

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Trick or treaters may not have been knocking on as many residents' doors Wednesday night, but war, anthrax and an unsettled nation did not keep many from enjoying Halloween festivities.

"Our event was a great success," said Wayne Jones, Big Spring Police Department crime scene technician. "We gave away all the candy. We did not have as many kids as last year but our hours were shortened because Halloween fell on a school night."

Jones, along with the Citizen's Police Academy alumni, handed out candy at the Municipal Court Building.

Jones said many parents told him they were visiting places they knew such as grandparents house, the Big Spring Mall and Canterbury.

"We got a pretty good crowd, more than expected," Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk. "There were a lot more things going on than normal."

Lusk said about two-thirds of the normal crowd attended the trick or treat event than in years past and about one-third of the children participated in the costume contest.

"I was expecting less," Lusk said. "I was really pleased."

Lusk said there were some very cutely dressed children.

"There were a lot of firefighter costumes," she said.

"I just want to thank everybody for coming out and supporting us," Lusk said. "We are always happy to have Halloween at the Mall."

Jo Ann Hyer, executive director of Canterbury Retirement Homes, said the annual Spook House was a



Halloween brought extra color and smiles to Howard County on Wednesday.

Above, parents and students from St. Mary's Episcopal School participate in Big Spring State Hospital's 31st Fall Festival Parade. At right, Sydney, left, and Kyle Larson were all smiles while trick or treating at the Big Spring Mall.

Courtesy and Herald Staff photos

great event this year, drawing more people than in years past.

"We had a wonderful time," said Hyer. "We are geared for the younger crowd. We are not too scary here. It was just fun. This is one way Canterbury can give back to the community."

The Halloween spirit was seen at Wasson Road Chevron located at 2509 Wasson Wednesday night

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Unemployment dips to 3.6 percent locally

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Unemployment figures in Howard County continued their downward spiral,

plummeting half a percentage point in September, according to Virginia Belew, area manager of the Texas Workforce Center.

"The latest drop is indicative of temporary and seasonal workers returning to school and school district occupations," she said.

According to data from the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin, unemployment in the county dropped from 4.1 percent in August to 3.6 percent. According to the figures, 12,791 people are currently working out of a civilian

labor force of 13,270.

Last month, more people were working (12,861) but the labor force was also larger (13,411).

Compared to September a year ago, the unemployment rate is down 0.7 percent from 4.3 percent. Last year 12,911 people were working out of a 13,495-person labor force.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate for September was 4.7 percent, while the average Texas rate is 5.1 percent, Belew said.

The Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area, of which Howard County is part, enjoyed a net increase of 800 total non-agricultural jobs in September, Belew said.

"The increase can be attributed to local government, which added 1,200 new jobs as schools increased employment for

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Slow start fuels decision to extend United Way campaign

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2001 fund-raising campaign will be

extended by two weeks to give volunteers more time to wrap up, officials have announced.

"We are going to go through Friday, Nov. 16," said executive director Cindy Michaelis.

Michaelis said the extension will give volunteers more time to finish their campaign drives which began just days before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

"A lot of people were shocked (on Sept. 11)," she said. "We have a large volunteer force and many people just laid low after the attack."

The campaign started to pick up in October, Michaelis said, and many drives began to go into full gear. Currently the United Way campaign has netted \$157,500, about two-thirds of this year's \$250,000 goal.

"We still have not received contributions from some of our larger companies," she said. "We feel like we will meet our goal."

Michaelis said multiple drives to raise funds for the Sept. 11 relief effort have not kept local residents from donating to the organization.

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Suzanne Reid hits retiring Big Spring Police Captain Pam Jordan with a pie as she leaves work on her last official day Wednesday. Chris Galloway of the police department attempts to leave the scene of the crime quickly. Jordan retired after 20 years of service to the Big Spring Police Department.

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OBITUARIES

Jesus Manuel Porras

Funeral service for Jesus Manuel Porras, 67, of Odessa, will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with friar Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. Burial will be at Rosehill cemetery. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Odessa Funeral Angeles Memorial Home chapel.

Mr. Porras died Wednesday, Oct. 31, at an Odessa hospital.

He was born Dec. 18, 1933, in Big Spring and was a body shop owner/operator.

Survivors include his wife, Celia Porras of Odessa; his mother, Maria Dolores Porras of Big Spring; four sons, Juan Porras Sr. of Wichita Falls, Michael Porras and Jesse Porras III of Odessa, Edward Herman Porras of Dallas; three daughters, Martha Rey Porras, Mary Porras Olivas, and Cecilia Porras, all of Odessa; three brothers, Pasqual Porras of Big Spring, Benito and Antonio Porras, both of Odessa; two sisters, Elidora Guerrero of Bossier, La., Anita Montanez of Odessa; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home.

Amanda Brown

Amanda Brown, 21, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Oct. 29, 2001, in a local hospital. Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1979, in Big Spring.

Amanda was a talented musician with the ability to play many instruments and loved to draw. She was also interested in sports.

Survivors include her mother, Diana Gonzalez of Big Spring; her father, Donald E. Brown of Universal City; one sister, Melissa Sayers of Big Spring; and her grandparents, Bill and Nancy Gonzalez of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Shannon Brown.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Laura Gray

Funeral service for Laura Gray, 78, of Big Spring, is pending with Johnson's

Funeral Home in San Angelo, Texas.

Individuals who wish to donate to the campaign may send or take donations to the United Way Office at 808 Scurry. Those wishing to use their Visa or Mastercard to make a donation can do so by phone at 267-5201.

Also receiving funds are the YMCA of Big Spring, American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, the Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the Humane Society Pet Therapy.

Belew said that the low unemployment rate makes it hard for the TWC to fill job orders.

"An unemployment rate of 3.6 is very hard to work with as employers continue to give us job orders," she said. "Anyone that is considering entering the job market or exploring his options is encouraged to visit the Center and register for services, or visit our Web site at Permian Basin Workforce Development Board."

The address for the Web site is www.pbworkforce.org.

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Funeral Home in San Angelo. Mrs. Gray died today, Nov. 1, 2001, at her home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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as the children of Lisa and Henry Franco waved down customers traveling down the street with glow stick to give away free candy, homemade cookies and cupcakes.

"The kids like to get out there and give candy," said Henry, owner of the convenience store.

And the three children, Stephanie, 14, Chase, 13, and Henry Jr., 10 pulled in some business.

"We have really been surprised by the people coming," Chase said.

The children just wanted to celebrate the holiday.

"I wanted to do this just for the Halloween spirit and to give candy and cookies, away," Stephanie said.

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"I think people are giving to both," she said. "We have seen an outpouring of support."

Several individuals and companies have given more in donations this year, including one person who increased her donation by \$5,000.

"Howard College's donation is higher this year and so is the Big Spring Independent School District's," Michaelis said.

"The area banks are all participating with 100 percent. Scenic Mountain Medical Center gave more than \$6,000 this year, tripling their contribution from last year.

"People are just more aware this year with everything that has happened and that people need help," she said. "We just have to give people a little more time."

Funds raised by the United Way campaign helps to support 14 area agencies including the Northside Community Center, Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58 and the Salvation Army.

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JOBLESS

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the fall semester," she said. "The retail industry subsided as employment slipped 200 jobs over the month, mirroring the level of this industry in September 2000."

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BAND

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to watch the band's show," Ritchey said. "I think Rocky wants to let the public have one last chance to see the show again but also it gives the band an extra practice."

The band boosters' club will be selling glow-colored flags and band shirts at the home gate entrance during the game at Memorial Stadium. The club was not able to charter a bus to the contest in Waco, McDaniel.

On Sunday, the BSHS band will meet for uniform checkout and to load the buses at 10:30 a.m. and has a rehearsal at Brownwood High School at 2:30 p.m.

The band will take the field at 10:15 a.m. Monday at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco for the preliminary contest. Results of the contest will be given at 3:30 p.m. State marching final contest will be held later that night. The band is expected to arrive home in Big Spring around 3 p.m. Tuesday.

According to the University Interscholastic League Web site, admission to the preliminaries and to the finals are \$11 for adults and \$6 for students. Included in that price is a parking fee.

A combination ticket is available for entrance for both the preliminaries and finals at \$16 for adults. No combination ticket is available for students.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 100 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program.

RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

TOPS NO. 1756 WILL have its first meeting Monday at 6 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

Weigh in starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 263-1340.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring Water Utilities Department will be replacing two valves in the water system. Date of repair will be Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. until completion.

Customers in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure — Third and Austin, E. Second and Austin, E. Second to Goliad, Goliad to E. Fourth and E. Fourth to

Cecilia Cortina's family came up with the idea of building a giant altar in front of the U.S. Embassy, complete with one of New York's most famous foods, bagels. Her daughter and grandchildren live in New York City, near a fire station at 66th Street and Amsterdam that lost several firefighters in the attacks.

Cortina's 3-year-old grandson, Cristobal Flores, celebrated his birthday with several of the firefighters on Aug. 24. They gave him a plastic firefighter's hat, which now hangs above their names on the altar.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

"This is a very emotional event for us here in the embassy, and for the American community in Mexico," U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow said at the altar's dedication. "The expression of solidarity on the part of my Mexican friends is very welcome and impressive."

BRIEFS

MARCY ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL will be held Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The school is located at 2101 Wasson Rd. Bring the family out for food, fun and prizes.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Benton. For more information call Jim Piper, D&C Supervisor at 264-2392.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY •Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY •Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

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Compaq	8.92 + 17
Cornell	16.9 + 35
Dell	23.99 + 01
Du Pont	40.4 + 41
Exxon Mobil	39.7 + 25
Halliburton	24.05 - 64
IFCO Systems	.9 + 05
IBM	108.6 + 53
Intel Corp	24.95 + 53
NUV	9.5 + 02
Patterson Ener	18.65 + 63
Pepco Inc	48 - 71
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SBC Comms	38.9 + 79
Sears Roebuck	39.19 + 42
Texas Instrument	29.05 + 1.06
Total Fina	69.6 - 14
Unocal Corp	32.5 + 3
Wal-Mart	51.99 + 59
Wal-Mart/Mexico	23.95-24.2
AMCAP	14.83 + 11
Europacific	25.93 - 23
Prime Rate	5.5%
Gold	278.95 - 282.55
Silver	4.18 - 4.26

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• KEITH D. CONNER, 43, of 1504 Bluebird was arrested for a probation violation.

• DONALD OVERTON, 48, of 1503 Lincoln was arrested on a charge of injury to a child.

• DIANNA CANALES, 40, of 409 Owens was arrested for local warrants.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 900 block of South Bell.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2500 block of Kelley Circle.

• THEFT: Of home electronic equipment worth \$1,140 was reported in the 1000 block of Howell.

• Of clothes worth \$22 was reported at Wal-Mart.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 900 block of South Bell Street, the 600 block of East Sixth Street and the 3700 block of Dixon.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1500 block of South Gregg.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of North Runnels.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

7:42 a.m. — 3400 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:36 p.m. 400 block of Third, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:36 p.m. — 400 block of NW Seventh, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 80
Wednesday's low 58
Record high 89 in 1945
Record low 23 in 1966
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Average low 44
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AMARILLO Security around nuclear facility ramped up a no private planes bar flying nearby foll latest national alert.

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Puzzled investigators hunt clues in New York anthrax death

WASHINGTON — Two-hundred mail workers in Kansas City, Mo., were put on antibiotics after traces of anthrax were found at a specialized postal facility there, extending the anthrax treat to the Midwest. In New York, investigators traced a woman's final steps in an attempt to find out how she was infected with inhalation anthrax.

Postal authorities began picking through piles of decontaminated mail in Washington, searching for a possible unopened tainted letter that might help explain why anthrax spores have been found in more than a dozen spots around the capital. Yet another mail handler was possibly infected.

In New York, investigators were looking for clues in the death of Kathy T. Nguyen, a hospital worker who fell victim to inhalation anthrax on Wednesday, the fourth person to die since the anthrax-by-mail attack was discovered nearly a month ago. Her death had officials worried that the anthrax

attack, so far concentrated among postal and media employees, could be spreading to a new group of Americans.

"We need to find out how she was infected," said Surgeon General David Satcher. "It's very strange."

And authorities awaited test results for a Nguyen co-worker at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital who has a suspicious skin lesion.

Anthrax has killed four people and infected six others with the dangerous inhalation form of the disease. An additional seven people have been infected with the highly curable skin form.

Preliminary tests Wednesday found anthrax spores in a Kansas City, Mo., postal facility, and about 200 workers were told to join tens of thousands of others from elsewhere who are taking antibiotics to ward off possible infection. Anthrax was also found at a private postal maintenance center in Indianapolis on equipment sent

from a contaminated mail-processing center in Trenton, N.J.

The positive test results in Kansas City came from swabs on two bags of employees' trash in the first-day cancellation section of the Stamp Fulfillment Services Center, which is housed in an underground complex.

The news was better in Washington, where three post offices closed for decontamination reopened and city officials reconsidered whether thousands of mail handlers in private offices and outlying post offices need to take preventive medicine, as was recommended last week.

"We have gotten our arms around this and we may be on the other side," said Dr. Ivan Walks, the city's chief health officer.

Not so in New York, where investigators were puzzled by the death of Nguyen, a 61-year-old Vietnamese immigrant who checked into the hospital three days earlier. Sedated and using a ventilator to breathe, she was

never able to provide investigators clues about where she might have encountered the deadly bacteria.

Environmental testing at her Bronx apartment and at the outpatient hospital where she worked found no evidence of anthrax. Preliminary tests found spores on her clothing, but it was unclear whether that would help solve what Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health called a "very puzzling mystery."

Investigators worked to assemble the pieces of her life, a difficult task given that she lived alone and had no close family. They searched her home, interviewed neighbors, tracked down friends and tried to figure out where she might have traveled during the final days of her life.

The woman worked in a basement supply room that had recently included a mailroom, but there were no reports of suspicious letters or other obvious cause for alarm — a sharp contrast to other cases in which tainted mail has

been linked to the disease.

Satcher said authorities are very concerned that her infection represents a new wave in the anthrax attacks.

"There might well be some other strategy involved here," he said. "There might well be other letters than the ones that we've been familiar with already. So, yes, it is a source of great concern."

But John Nolan, deputy postmaster general, said the public should be confident about their mail. "Compared to almost anything else you do in life, handling the mail is among the safest things you could possibly do," Nolan said, adding that people should immediately notify authorities of any suspicious mail.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said consumers should feel confident about the safety of their food supply. But, she told CNN, "the consumer has to wash their fruits and vegetables. Make sure they cook their meats thoroughly."

FAA bans private planes from nuclear plants

AMARILLO (AP) — Security around Texas nuclear facilities has ramped up a notch, with private planes banned from flying nearby following the latest national terrorist alert.

The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday imposed the restrictions "for reasons of national security." The ban on flying within 11 miles of 86 nuclear plants, including Pantex northeast of Amarillo and Comanche Peak near Fort Worth, expires Wednesday.

Rodney Puryear, who finished his crop dusting work near Pantex earlier this week, said he was glad he did not procrastinate.

"We just missed the ban," Puryear, who flies for

Panhandle Wood Flying Inc., said today. "We're pretty fortunate."

An unidentified pilot of one private plane was questioned at Oklahoma City's airport after authorities said he wandered into restricted airspace near Amarillo.

Amarillo International Airport manager Rich McCollum said he was told Tuesday afternoon that Amarillo's smaller general aviation flights will stay on the ground.

"We don't like to see it because it does affect business," McCollum said. "We're right on the edge of the radius they picked."

He said private planes will be allowed to leave the airport but not return.

Banning private flights

near nuclear sites will force nearby small airports to close, said Warren Morningstar, a spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

"A small general-aviation aircraft is not a significant risk to a nuclear facility," said Morningstar. "On the other hand, we also have to accept that there are serious national security threats, and we will do our best to protect the nation and keep people safe."

Tuesday afternoon, the Panhandle-Carson County Airport shut down after word the FAA ban reached the airport east of Panhandle. About 15 people, including crop dusters, the Amarillo Soaring Club and private pilots would be grounded for a week, said

Boyle Robinson, airport board president.

The federal government has also temporarily closed the private Hood County airport, where Gene Keyt keeps the plane that he shares with his son.

Keyt, a former World War II bomber pilot, said he understands the need to steer clear of a target as significant as the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant.

"We appreciate that sacrifices have to be made at a time like this and we certainly want to be responsible," Keyt, a retired aerospace engineer who logs about 250 hours in the air annually, said. "But the planes that fly in and out of here could not come close to being an effective threat to that facility."

Texan to lead terrorist tracking task force

EL PASO (AP) — A former West Texan appointed chief of the newly created Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force says its ultimate goal is prevention of attacks against this country.

Steve McCraw will head the task force, which President Bush announced this week. He is the deputy assistant director of the FBI's Investigative Services Division.

McCraw, who was a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper and investigator, said his first order of business will be assimilating his staff.

"We already have been working in terms of defining some of the issues that need to be addressed immediately," McCraw, 47, said.

He said it was too early to report actions by the task force.

"Clearly this is an important function... prevention is the cornerstone of terrorism strategy," he said.

He said it will take time to see exactly how the new task force will affect federal law enforcement agencies and border communities.

McCraw was appointed Wednesday by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to lead the task force.

"Everyone wants to, no matter what position you have, do everything they can to prevent another foreign terrorist act," McCraw told reporters Wednesday.

The task force is charged with keeping track of terrorists already in the United States and those trying to enter the country.

McCraw was born at Fort Sill, Okla., but graduated from high school in El Paso. He earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in Canyon, where he also taught political science and public administration.

McCraw worked with the DPS from 1977 to 1983, serving as a highway trooper in Canyon. He became a narcotics investigator in 1980, working in Amarillo.

"His personal experience attests to the important experience that our state and local law enforcement partners play in the war

against terror," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft said McCraw's job will be to ensure that federal agencies coordinate efforts to keep out suspected foreign terrorists and their supporters. He also said McCraw will coordinate intelligence among agencies about potential terrorists.

McCraw said information sharing will be a key part of the task force.

Agencies such as the State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service have complained that the government's intelligence agencies do not share critical information about suspected terrorists.

McCraw became an FBI special agent in 1983.

Legislator promises to file minute of silence bill

AUSTIN (AP) — With school prayer already a topic among gubernatorial candidates, a Republican state lawmaker promised Wednesday that he'll file legislation to set aside a minute of silence in public schools for prayer or meditation when the Legislature reconvenes in 2003.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio said his bill would "ensure that public school students and faculty can walk through that door daily and silently reflect, meditate or pray in whatever manner is appropriate to their beliefs."

Wentworth, a 13-year veteran of the Legislature, must seek re-election in 2002.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to a Virginia law that

makes a minute of silence mandatory for that state's public school students. The Virginia law specifically lists prayer as one silent activity they might choose.

The law's preamble states its purpose as assuring that "free exercise of religion be guaranteed within the schools."

The American Civil Liberties Union challenged

the law but was turned away by the nation's highest court.

School prayer has emerged as an issue in the Texas governor's race since Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, participated in a school prayer in Palestine in East Texas on Oct. 18. Perry later said he wants prayers restored to public schools.

He quickly was joined by the two Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez and Houston attorney John WorldPeace, who also endorsed some form of school prayer.

On Tuesday, Sanchez said he agreed with the new Supreme Court decision, upholding the "moment of silence" in Virginia schools.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's finish
UW campaign
on strong note

It comes as no real surprise. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has extended its 2001 fund-raising campaign two weeks in order to give volunteers time to finish their work.

United Way officials had initially planned to wrap up their work at the end of October but will wait until Nov. 16 to determine just how successful this year's effort has been.

The campaign began just days before the Sept. 11 terroristic attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., meaning the entire scope of charitable giving changed overnight just as the United Way began its drive.

Cindy Michaelis, executive director for the United Way, noted that many people were shocked by the Sept. 11 attacks and that a large majority of the campaign's volunteers were no exception.

However, the campaign started to pick up steam in October. To date, the United Way has netted \$157,500, about two-thirds of this year's \$250,000 goal.

That's encouraging since several of the community's larger companies have not yet reported their contributions.

Once thing seems certain, Howard Countians have not scrimped in one area to make donations to the Sept. 11 relief effort. They're just digging a little deeper, making sure those in need at home are helped as well as those who've been the victims of terror.

Perhaps we have all become more aware that people everywhere need help.

Funds raised by the United Way campaign help support 14 area agencies — the Northside Community Center, Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58, the Salvation Army, the YMCA of Big Spring, American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, the Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and Humane Society Pet Therapy.

Those who have not yet been contacted but wish to donate to the campaign may send or take donations to the United Way Office at 808 Scurry.

We encourage all Howard Countians who can contribute to do so. Help those of us who have already answered the call make a difference.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I wish to compliment the Moore Development Board for the aid it provided to me and daughter when we moved into the community.

The \$500 grants they provide to new families coming into the Big Spring community are a tremendous asset in defraying unexpected or unanticipated costs. It is because of this type of progressive, innovative policy, Big Spring will continue to grow and prosper.

Our community leadership and the Moore Development staff should be commended on their approach to attracting new families and new talent to our city. I thank them for reaching out to me and my family.

R. ZANE HARWELL
DIRECTOR OF THEATER
BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL

To the Editor:
Recently I was hospital-

ized at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I had gone into septic shock and had pneumonia. I was in the ICU nine days. I didn't know what was going on for most of those days and wound up being in the hospital for a month.

Anyway, I have heard people criticize this hospital for years. But Dr. Shroff pulled me out of an illness that most people don't live to tell about. The nurses were very accommodating in every way.

All the prayers in the world were being sent my way and with the Lord's help and a wonderful doctor, I am here to testify.

I too have been critical at some of the service (at SMMC), but not anymore. They made a believer out of me.

So next time you hear criticism of the hospital, think about what we would do without it.

PEGGY COTTONGAME
BIG SPRING

It's wrong not to enjoy Halloween

As wind shuttled wisps of cloud across the moon, laughs from the fall carnival at the school across the street wafted to my ears as I sat on the porch, dressed as a zombie on my first Halloween with my witch-garbed wife, a cauldron of candy at our feet, waiting for trick-or-treaters.

Despite the fact that it was a perfect All-Hallow's Eve complete with full moon and a cool wind whipping fallen leaves down the street, we got a whole three child-visitors.

Two were my wife's 1-year-old grandson Braden as a clown and his friend Kamryn as a camo-garbed hunter. The third was a butterfly clad next-door-neighbor girl, who, returning from a carnival, saw us on the porch and came over. Almost a "mercy" trick or treat ("A whole handful"? Why not? Nobody else is coming to get any).

A combination of factors has conspired to all but destroy a wonderful holiday that for generations

has engendered family bonding as parents help children with costumes and then chauffeur them around to all the hot candy spots.

As always there is the lurking fear of Halloween wackos putting razor blades in apples or injecting rat poison into the still-wrapped candies.

This year, that awful, but thankfully absurdly rare possibility seemed a bit more possible to parents because of the spate of anthrax terrorism along the East Coast.

Also, as always, the ridiculous notion that Halloween is somehow evil or satanic raised its ugly head again this year.

Of course, to some people, anything that's fun has to be wrong somehow. But really, what's wrong with Halloween? Religious critics of the holiday point to the fact that Halloween originated as a pagan festival. Apparently ancients believed that on Halloween (or Samhain, as they called it) the barrier between our world and the land of the dead was weakest, and spirits could walk among the living.

Well, so what? Easter originated as a pagan holiday (in honor of the fertility goddess Ostara), too, as did Christmas (called Yuletide by pagans) and Groundhog Day. Just

because we celebrate on that day doesn't make us pagans.

Apparently adherents of the Wiccan religion (witches) treat Halloween as a holy day; a fact that really gets fundamentalist Christians hot under the collar when they see scads of kids celebrating Halloween.

Now I've never been a Wiccan, so I don't know for sure, but it doesn't make sense to me that you can worship in a religion without knowing it. As far as all those kids are concerned, Halloween is about dressing up, having fun and getting candy.

But here's the real kicker: Halloween is a Christian holiday, just as much as is Christmas Eve. The all-but-forgotten Christian holiday of All-Saints (or All-Hallow's) Day is today, Nov. 1. It's a time when we Christians remember those of our faith who died in the previous year.

And then there's Sept. 11. That puts a damper on everything, like a firehose on a bonfire.

We're bogged down with questions of appropriateness. We wonder if we should dare allow ourselves to have fun in the face of such tragedy and when our military is risking lives to punish the offenders.

But if it's not appropriate to celebrate Halloween

now, when is it?

Surely All-Saint's Day is quite appropriate this year. We have so many dead to remember this year that we should make Nov. 1 a national holiday just to be able to keep up.

But Halloween has a role to play, too.

Just as Christmas Eve is a day of preparation for Christmas, Halloween is a day of preparation for All-Saint's Day.

It's a day for whistling in the dark, for laughing in the face of despair, a final fling before we face the grim task of remembering those lives that shouldn't have been snuffed out all at once.

Last night the dead walked across America, in rural Texas, in downtown Seattle, on the Florida beaches, among the glitterati of Los Angeles.

Amid broken rubble, twisted girders and shattered dreams, too many ghosts walked the streets of New York and the labyrinthine halls of the Pentagon. About 7,000 too many.

We're right to mourn them, but we're wrong to let anything, including their memory, destroy this wonderful, necessary, night of spooky fun with our families.

Roger Cline is a Herald staff writer.



ROGER CLINE



Retirement means having no excuse

I have discovered an unexpected disadvantage to retiring from my corporate job. No it's not the loss of a pay check.

Your humble servant is not one who enjoys house cleaning or yardwork. When I had to report to the office, I always had an excuse. "Well, it's time to go to work," and "Well, after a hard day at the office, I deserve a little rest and recreation."

Now I don't have that excuse. I have to write my columns, but I write them here at home, and unlike my former office, I am the only janitor on the premises. It's true that I live with a decrepit, inherited dog, but he's better at making a mess than cleaning. He has this crazy habit of dragging all the throw rugs around the house. He's also a bouncer. That means when

he's outside and wants to come in, he bounces up and down against the sliding glass door, smearing it with dog spit.

He also sheds, but then so do I, so I can't hold that against him. I met a cheerful Cajun barber once in Louisiana who, when he started to trim my eyebrows, announced with a big smile: "We call these 'fleurs de cemetaire.' When you get old, the hair grows in the ears and over the eyes but falls out of the top."

I thanked him for his cheerful send-off. Somebody might as well get a laugh out of my geezerhood.

Get a maid, you might be saying. Well, cheap labor went out in the United States about the time of the hula-hoop and the twist. Now, you might suppose that columnists (the Southern pronunciation is "call-yum-nist") are all rich and famous. Actually, except for those on television, we print guys are all poor and infamous, if not entirely unknown. Well, not poor, but I don't know any of us who drive a Mercedes.

Besides, I can think of a lot more fun things to do with \$50 than give it to somebody to run the vacuum and wipe the counters.

I thought about one of those mail-order brides from a foreign country, but the trouble is that feminism has spread its poison around the globe. I've noticed that when an Asian couple gets off an airplane for the first time in the United States, the man comes down the steps first. Before they reach the terminal, however, his wife is walking in the lead.

Besides, a friend of mine got him one of those, and after they were married, she announced in her sweet, demure voice that since her religion forbade divorce, if he was unfaithful, she would just have to kill him. He's been a nervous but faithful husband ever since.

I think I'm going to become a consumer investigator. I'm searching for those magic potions you see on television where you can spray it on heavy grease and wipe it clean with one light swipe. So far, I've discovered that

none of them lives up to its advertising. This has greatly shaken my faith in that old saying "Seeing is believing." Apparently not if what you see is on television.

Nor have I found a vacuum cleaner powerful enough to pick up the dog. I saw that once on television, but it is definitely false advertising. At least I think it is, since when I picked up the Hoover and started toward the dog, he outran me.

The truth is that while I don't like to clean house, I know how to do it, thanks to my military training. At good old Fort Jackson in basic training, I learned how to wax floors, make bathroom fixtures sparkle, spit-shine boots and make a bed you could bounce a quarter off of.

What I need is an alarm clock that would allow me to record a wake-up message. Then I could reproduce the mood at Fort Jackson by shouting, "Off your backs and on your feet!" at 0500 hours. I'd probably clean the whole house before I woke up and realized I was a civilian.

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**Buying drugs
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Every two or three months my parents make a trip to Mexico.

They enjoy the cuisine, the gambling and the neat little knick knacks they find there.

My Dad comes home with things I know you can't find here in the states.

Like the cell phone lighter he recently gave me I know must have been developed as a deterrent to smokers.

It has the switch on the top right next to the little hole the flame comes out of. Now the smoker not only has to worry about cancer, but also giving himself second degree burns.

The user better want that cigarette real bad.

He also gave my son a laser light key chain.

He played with it for some time before I noticed there was a warning label on it that said it emits radiation and shouldn't be pointed into anybody's eye because it may cause blindness.

I pondered aloud to my Dad "Maybe there is a reason these things are not allowed in this country."

Anyway, bringing home these fun, though deceptively deadly, little trinkets is not the only reason they go to Mexico on a fairly regular basis.

Like many Americans they have discovered that medicine is much cheaper and easier to get across the border.

And although it may seem like a relatively new thing for some of us, drug importation by Americans is hardly new according to an article written by Michael Pinon, PharmD, clinical coordinator at Sierra Medical Center in El Paso. According to Pinon the lure of cheap medicine in the Juarez farmacias has been around for generations.

"The difference now," he says "is that it isn't only the (poor) that are taking advantage of the lower prices anymore."

According to a study by Families USA in Washington, D.C., a consumer-health advocacy group, the reason many insured Americans cross the border into Mexico for medical care is that their total health care bill is much less than their out-of-pocket deductibles and co-payments in the United States.

These Mexican medications are also offered without a prescription unless it is considered a controlled substance.

However, it is not uncommon for controlled drugs to be sold without a prescription.

This of course is a violation of Texas Law. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy, et. al., believe that bringing back these medications from Mexico poses a serious public health risk.

Often they are bought with the sole advice of the pharmacy employee who is usually not a pharmacist.

Receiving the wrong medication, the wrong dose or being misdiagnosed by the pharmacy employee may result in a trip to the emergency room or, even worse, death.

Another concern is the quality of these meds.

According to the Health Ministry of Mexico, the quality controls are not known about Mexican medications.

Currently, none of the Mexican drug manufacturing companies are registered with the FDA unlike the drugs we use in the U.S.

It is understandable why many of us venture over the border to acquire these drugs, but there are significant differences between how medications are regulated in the United States compared to those in Mexico.

Because of these differences we should practice caution when deciding whether or not to buy medications (or trinkets that are cheap and easy to get).

For people like my Dad, who buys his diabetic medication there, taking the trip to Mexico is not only for pleasure but also out of necessity.

For now I will carry my cell phone lighter around in my purse because Dad gave it to me and because I figured out how to use it without burning off my thumb-nail.

My son has since forgotten the laser light key chain, so now it hangs on a peg at home (when I'm not playing with it).

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Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Halloween Superstitions

A superstition is an age-old belief that something good or bad might happen if we say or do a certain thing. Superstitions go back to the time when folks couldn't explain some of the things around them.

Today, most of us don't take superstitions seriously, but it is fun to see how some started — especially since Halloween is a very superstitious time of year.

Bats

Hundreds of years ago, people linked bats with witches because they both came out at night and disappeared during the day. People were also puzzled by the fact that bats could fly at night and not bump into things.



Toads

Toads have been linked with witches. People believed they were poisonous because they thought that animals that attacked toads got sick. People also believed that toads can cause warts, which is not true.



How Halloween started

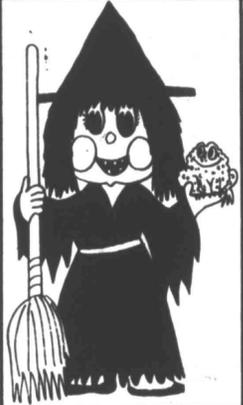
The Halloween custom goes back 2,000 years. It is probably based on a ceremony that was held around the first of November. The ceremony was led by Druids, who were priests in Great Britain, Ireland and parts of France. It honored the souls of the dead who returned to Earth that night. As a part of the celebration, people burned bonfires.

Brooms

Hundreds of years ago, people believed that witches traveled on brooms. People also believed that brooms could work magic.

Black cats

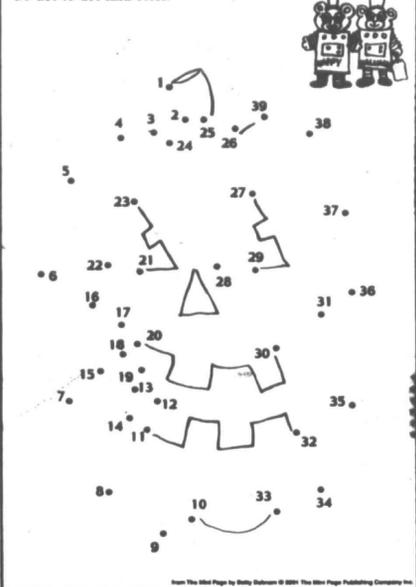
Ancient people thought that cats were witches in disguise. Because many cats look black at night, we probably think of Halloween cats as being that color.



Witches

It used to be thought that witches were people who worked magic and cast spells. They were evil because they were friendly with the devil. Halloween night was their favorite night.

Go dot to dot and color.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Halloween Pumpkin Pie**

- You'll need:**
- 2 cups canned pumpkin
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3 eggs, beaten
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 unbaked pie shell

- What to do:**
1. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Mix well.
 2. In a medium bowl, combine eggs and milk. Mix well.
 3. Add milk mixture to pumpkin mixture. Mix well.
 4. Pour into pie shell.
 5. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

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Gus Goodsport's Sport Supersport: Alonzo Mourning

Height: 6-10 Weight: 208 Birthdate: 2-8-70 College: Georgetown

Alonzo Mourning is the star center for the Miami Heat. He is in his seventh season with the team. Before that he played three seasons with the Charlotte Hornets.

He has twice been named the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year. Last season he averaged 13.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. His best season was in 1995-96, when he averaged 23.2 points per game.

During the 1999-2000 season, he led the NBA with 3.72 blocks per game.

Alonzo was born in Chesapeake, Va., and studied sociology in college. He and his wife, Tracy, have a son, Alonzo III, and a daughter, Myka. He helps raise money for the Children's Home Society and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Meet Caroline from "Zoom"

One of the members of the cast from the TV show "Zoom" is Caroline. She got the part when her mother read in the newspaper about auditions. Caroline tried out, got the part, and is now in her second season with the show.

Caroline lives in the Boston area and has an older sister and a younger brother.

She is in the sixth grade, and her favorite subject is English. She is a Girl Scout and likes basketball, cheerleading, the group O-Town and the TV shows "Boy Meets World" and "Gilmore Girls."

When she is older, Caroline would like to be a pediatrician, preschool teacher or actress.

Mighty Funny's Mimi Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

John: How do scarecrows drink milkshakes?
Lee: Through straws!

Joy: What decaffeinated coffee was served on the Titanic?
Winton: Sank-a!

Dennis: How do you make a milkshake?
Madge: Give it a good scare!

Halloween Superstitions TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of superstitions are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SUPERSTITION, GOOD, BAD, SALT, EXPLAIN, MIRROR, KNOW, CROSS, COSTUME, LUCK, ANCIENT, FUN, WOOD, CUSTOM, DATE, SPILL, FACT, TIME, EVIL, WATER.

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More Halloween Superstitions

Owls
Because of their loud, screeching sound and the fact that they come out at night, owls were believed by some people to be witches in disguise.

Jack-o'-lanterns
For many years, jack-o'-lanterns have been used to light up Halloween nights. Jack-o'-lanterns got their name from an old Irish story about a man named Jack who tricked the devil. When Jack died, he could not get into heaven. When he went down below, the devil wouldn't let him in, either. Jack roams the Earth, carrying a lantern, looking for a place to rest.

Costumes
The costume custom might be traced back to the Druid celebrations when some people dressed up in animal skins and heads.

Super Superstitions

Spilling salt is bad luck.
At one time, salt was very valuable. To spill any was thought to be bad luck. Some people believed that evil spirits lived in the left side of the human body. If a person spilled salt, he would try to bring the evil spirits by throwing salt in their direction.

13 is an unlucky number.
This belief is based on the fact that early man had trouble counting more than 12. He used his 10 fingers and two feet as a guide. Anything over that number became mysterious and uncertain.

Knock on wood for good luck.
Ancient man couldn't understand why some trees stayed green all year round and others lost their leaves. He thought that trees must have supernatural powers. For that reason he would knock on trees to get their attention.

Cross fingers for good luck.
This custom goes back to the time when people believed that crossing fingers did two things for them: It scared away evil and brought good luck, too. Crossing your heart shows that you really mean something because the heart was thought to be the center of all knowledge.

Breaking a mirror is bad luck.
In ancient times, people believed that their reflection in the water or in anything was really their "other self." They believed that if you disturbed this image in water or in a mirror, you would bring bad luck. The Romans believed that life is renewed every seven years. That is where we get the idea of "seven years of bad luck" if you did disturb water or break a mirror.

Walking under a ladder is bad luck.
Perhaps this belief can be traced back to the fact that a ladder leaned against a wall forms a triangle. To many Christians, this sacred triangle stands for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Walking under a ladder would break the triangle and bring bad luck.

Look through your newspaper for ads and stories about Halloween.
Next week read all about the Great Seal of the U.S., plus state seals and mottos.

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IN BRIEF

Softball booster club to meet on Monday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all Lady Steers softball players are encouraged to attend.

International LL sets ragball tournament

The International Little League has scheduled a coed ragball tournament for 8 a.m. Saturday.

Players must be at least 13 years old and entry fees are \$10 per player. All teams will have six male and female players.

For more information, call Denise at 756-2841, Raymond at 263-03811 or Delbert at 263-2631.

New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, who has been hired as director of tennis by the Crossroads Tennis Association, has outlined his plans for developing a rich program for players ages five and older.

Bobo will be offering a variety of activities, ranging from private lessons and clinics to tournaments and league play.

He said he also wants to develop a yearly professional tournament to bring budding stars of the game to Big Spring.

Bobo is currently in the midst of a Junior Tennis Clinic which began Oct. 29 and continues through Dec. 3.

The junior clinic provides \$1 lessons for beginners in Grades K-6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays.

For more information on any of the programs, call 268-1900.

Deer season begins here on Saturday

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season will begin Saturday and continue through Jan. 6, 2002.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed, however.

ON TAP

TONIGHT

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8 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at Weatherford College Coyotes.

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Radio

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Television

BASEBALL

7 p.m. — World Series, Game 5, Arizona Diamondbacks at New York Yankees, FOX.

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7 p.m. — Washington Wizards at Atlanta Hawks, TNT.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m. — North Carolina at Georgia Tech, ESPN.

8:45 p.m. — Colorado State at BYU, ESPN2.

HOCKEY

6 p.m. — Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN2.

TENNIS

Midnight — Women's Sanex Championships, early round coverage (same-day tape), ESPN2.

Late home runs give Yankees 4-3 win in extra innings

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter already saved the New York Yankees' season in October. He might have saved the World Series for them in November.

Jeter homered with two outs in the bottom of 10th inning, celebrating with a two-footed jump onto the plate and giving New York a thrilling 4-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The first game-ending home run of Jeter's career tied the Series at 2-2.

A game that belonged to Curt Schilling most of Wednesday night slipped away when Tino Martinez hit a two-run homer to tie it with two outs in the ninth.

Shortly after the Yankee Stadium scoreboard flashed, "Welcome to

November Baseball," Jeter connected at 12:04 a.m.

"We always feel as though we have a chance to win a game," Jeter said. "When you get to the postseason, you can throw everything out that you've done in the regular season."

Martinez and Jeter both homered off Byung-Hyun Kim. The Diamondbacks' closer came on in the eighth to relieve Schilling, pitching on only three days' rest.

Sitting in the dugout, Schilling watched it all unravel with a look of utter disbelief as the Yankees won their record ninth straight home game in the Series.

The defending three-time champions will send Mike Mussina against Miguel Batista in Game 5 tonight.

No matter who wins, the Series will go back to Bank One Ballpark.

Jeter usually shines in October, and it was his incredible, back-handed flip that helped the Yankees avoid elimination by Oakland in the first round.

Facing the homer-prone Kim, Jeter sent an opposite-field drive into the seats in right.

The Yankees spilled out of the dugout to greet him at the plate, and Jeter hopped home as baseball's first Mr. November.

The crowd, already crazed on Halloween night, went wild while Jeter's parents were hugged by everybody sitting near them.

"Surprising things happen," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Yet, when you think about it, it

doesn't surprise you, because this ballclub never quits."

It was the first time in World Series history that a team tied a game with a ninth-inning homer and won with a homer in extra innings, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Schilling, moved up by rookie manager Bob Brenly, did everything Arizona could have asked. But when Kim relieved, the game turned spooky for his team.

"We had a lead, we had six outs left to go in the ballgame," Brenly said. "That's the way we hoped it would work out. Unfortunately, it didn't."

Mariano Rivera broke three bats in a perfect 10th inning to record the win.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schoeler

Big Spring receiver Brandon Mendoza (15) cuts upfield and heads for the end zone, as teammate Mark Ortega (86) blocks a Lubbock Estacado defender during the Steers' 49-28 win last week. The Steers will need the same kind of prolific offense Friday when they try to keep their playoff hopes alive by entertaining Snyder's Tigers at Memorial Stadium.

Defense Steers' key prepping for Tigers

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Steers are getting down to the nitty-gritty of this year's District 4-4A football season this weekend as they welcome the 5-3 Snyder Tigers, 3-2 in district play, to Memorial Stadium Friday night.

The 2-6 Steers, 2-3 in district, need to win their last two games to hold on to their slim playoff aspirations. Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler said Wednesday.

"It would take a whole page of newspaper to go through everything that needs to happen to get us there," he said, but added the Steers are watching two other games in the district very closely: Big Spring would like San Angelo Lake View to beat Andrews and Lubbock Estacado to beat Plainview. "This last couple of weeks have a lot of implications as far as playoffs go."

Dealing with the the Steers will present many of the same challenges the Steers faced in Friday's win over the Lubbock Estacado Matadors, Butler said.

"They're a big option team," he said. "They run it pretty well. They have a real good quarterback. He's got a lot of speed and runs the option really well."

AT A GLANCE

Who: Big Spring Steers vs. Snyder Tigers.

What: Key District 4-4A game for both teams.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Where: Memorial Stadium.

Records: Big Spring is 2-6 overall, 2-3 in district play; Snyder is 5-3 overall, 3-2 in district.

Radio: The game will be broadcast on both KBST-AM 1490 and on KBST-FM 95.7.

Snyder's quarterback, T.J. Jones, carried the ball 16 times for 125 yards in the Tigers' 43-17 win over the Levelland Lobos Friday. He also completed five of eight passes for 103 yards.

Butler also warned that the Tigers have a strong backfield to contend with, including tailback Jamall Pruitt and fullback Josh Montoya.

"It was good that we played someone with some speed like Estacado Friday," Butler said. "It just comes down to making sure we have our responsibilities covered."

In practice this week, the

Steers have been working hard on defense, Butler said.

"We've been stressing just basically attacking the football," he said. "We've got to get to them before they turn the corner and head up the field."

Butler said that the Steer lineup is basically intact.

"I think we've got everybody," he said. "Adam Solis (wide receiver) is still out, Eric Chavez (tailback) and Brian Giles (offensive tackle)."

Josh Mathews, the defensive lineman who filled in for the injured tailback Ramone Ford at Big Spring's homecoming game three weeks ago and earned himself a starting position by rushing for more than 200 yards, will start again against Snyder despite being ejected from the Estacado game, Butler said.

Butler said the coaching staff has spoken with Mathews about the incident.

"The kid slugged him and he slugged the guy back," Butler said. "The officials don't care, they're going to kick them both out. They let me know that it was a retaliatory sort of thing, but you've just got to be more disciplined than that."

Kickoff for Friday night's game is set for 7:30 at Memorial Stadium.

Howard teams opening season on road tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Potential. That seems to be the key word as a new basketball season gets under way tonight for Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks, as they open play on the road, taking on Weatherford College's Coyotes and Lady Coyotes.

For Joey Wells, preparing to kick off his first full season as the Lady Hawks' head coach, and new Hawks head coach Chris Jans the first few games of the 2001-02 will answer quite a few questions.

"We've got potential to be a good basketball team," Wells said as he looked ahead to tonight's showdown with the Lady Coyotes, who are ranked No. 6 nationally in the pre-season NJCAA women's poll. "Any time you have 10 sophomores on the roster, expectations ought to be high."

"At the same time, when you've got five transfer sophomores in that group, you know it's going to take some time to be where you want to be," he added. "It's going to take four or five games for everybody to get comfortable with one another and to know what to expect."

As a result, Wells is realistic about the Lady Hawks' chances tonight.

"I think we'll probably have a rude awakening in these first three or four games," he opined, noting that the Howard women will follow their opener against the sixth-ranked Lady Coyotes by taking on No. 14 Hill College and follow that with a trip to Altus, Okla., where they'll face Connors State, a team that has traditionally been listed in the NJCAA's rankings.

"The only reason we're not opening with three ranked teams is that Connors has a new coach," Wells explained. "But believe me, they're loaded with talent. But these are the kinds of people we've got to play because they're the kinds of teams we'll have to face in conference play when it starts."

Indeed.

Not only will the Lady Hawks have traditional rival Midland College, currently ranked No. 3 nationally, to contend with when

Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play begins, but South Plains is expected to be particularly talented this season with the addition of several foreign players to its roster.

Returning starters Shamielka Buckley and Latasha Matthew figure to give the Lady Hawks strong, experienced play inside, while transfer sophomore Vangela Menter moves in to give solid leadership at the point.

Another transfer, sophomore Afton Stowers, will play the "combo guard" spot, and Wells expects to get plenty of playing time from Kortney Kemper, a freshman from Coahoma.

"Kortney's been a tremendous surprise," he admitted. "She's a tremendous competitor and her work ethic is excellent. She'll contribute, that's for sure."

For Jans, who'll be making his debut at the Hawks helm tonight after leaving the top assistant coach's spot at the University of Idaho, inexperience should be a problem when the Hawks step on the floor.

While the Hawks have three returning players on the roster — 6-foot-7 forward Zach Moss, 6-foot-4 forward Artavius Davis and 6-foot-3 guard Andre Wright — several sophomore transfers will play key roles.

Still, Jans expects tonight's starting lineup to include three freshmen — point guard Dominique Brown, second guard Maushae Byles and forward Ryan Williams.

Moss and sophomore guard Rodney Blackstock will round out Howard's starting five.

"We've got a lot of unknowns going into tonight and I'll be interested to see how we respond to certain situations," Jans said. "Weatherford's going to be good. They've got four foreign players that are older and more experienced than everybody else. And they like to shoot the three, so we're going to have to get out there on them."

"But one of our goals is going to be competitive in every game we play," he added. "I think we're going to be capable of that."

The Lady Hawks open the action tonight at 6, followed by the men's tip at 8. Both games will be broadcast on radio by KBST-AM 1490.

Led by Kidd, surprising New Jersey Nets post another win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congratulations are in order for the New Jersey Nets. Right now, they are the only NBA team with a 2-0 record.

Jason Kidd had 21 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds Wednesday night as the Nets, who led by as many as 25, held off the Boston Celtics 95-92.

Todd MacCulloch had 12 points and 12 rebounds for New Jersey, which beat Boston for the first time in five tries.

"It's the way we want to start the year," forward Keith Van Horn said of the Nets, who were two games above .500 once last year before they lost nine consecutive games to fall to 6-13. "We learned a lot from last year."

In other NBA games, Portland beat Golden State 92-87, Charlotte defeated Cleveland 100-94, Miami edged Toronto 97-92 and Indiana beat Chicago 98-73.

While the Nets are the only 2-0 team, the Cavaliers and Raptors are the only teams with 0-2 records. Boston had a chance to take the

lead with Kenny Anderson at the line for two free throws with 15.2 seconds left and the Nets leading 93-92, but he missed both.

"Confidence can sometimes be your worst enemy," Anderson said. "I went up to the line thinking I was going to put it in overtime, at least. But I missed."

Boston shot just 15-for-31 at the foul line. Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 36 points. Kidd went 8-for-8 from the line, hitting six consecutive free throws in the fourth quarter to protect the lead when Boston closed within one.

"Jason is a guy that knows how and when to score," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "He knows what has to be done, and he does it."

Trail Blazers 92, Warriors 87

Bonzi Wells continued his impressive comeback from a serious knee injury, scoring a career-high 33 points for host Portland.

Scottie Pippen, held to two points on 1-of-5 shooting in Tuesday night's season-opening loss to the Lakers, made 10 of 14 shots and scored 26 points.

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GARAGE SALES 2607 Central Sat 8-5 Books, clothes, lamps, dishes, home decor & lots more.

3 Family Garage Sat 8-10. Lots of furniture, household items.

GARAGE SALES

4 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 8:30-7, 205 NE Broadway, Coahoma. Don't Miss This One!

429 Westover, Fri. & Sat. 8-7 Quality Jr. clothes, large women's clothes, Lots of jeans, bedding, furn. Lots of Goodies. NO Early sales.

700 Highland Drive. Computer, golf clubs, very nice jewelry. Sat. 9-1pm.

Barn Sale: Sat. November 3, 9am. 6600 South Service Rd. Sand Springs Christmas Decor, household items, furn., yard supplies, tons of books, clothing, no junk!! Cash only. No early sales.

Carport Sale: 3903 Hamilton Sat. & Sun 8-7 No early birds!! Girls clothes sz 6x-up, mens jeans 32/30, misc.

Garage Sale: 1510 Rannels. Fri. 8-2. Lot's of misc., furn., gym set.

Garage Sale: 25 Chapman Rd Sat 8-7 Miscellaneous items.

Garage Sale: 3212 Fenn St Sat 8-1pm. (One block South of Moss Elem) Adult & kids clothes, toys, treadmill, kids bunk bed & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale, 404 E. 15th, Thur & Fri. 8am-5pm. Furn., tools, clothes, etc. 1801 Hamilton

Garage Sale. Clothes, dryer, lavatory, furn., kerosene lamps, cast iron pots, computer, bunk beds, cookie jars, popcorn machine, bikes, table saw, dining table.

Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. 1912 Cauble off Rock House Rd Dearborn Heater, teapots, power tools, kerosene lamps, cast iron pots, computer, bunk beds, cookie jars, popcorn machine, bikes, table saw, dining table.

Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. 503 Todd Tubbs Edition. Depression glass, exer. equip., washer, wood stove.

Garage Sale. Lots of baby items & clothes. Sat. 8-2. No early birds 606 Hillside Dr.

Garage Sale: Sat 7-12 2600 E. 24th Baldwin Studio piano, sleeper sofa, misc.

Garage Sale: Sat 8-1, 4211 Dixon. Must empty storage building. Maple dining set w/6 chairs, 19" color TV w/remote, sleeper sofa, rocker, coffee table, SW art items. Christmas tree/decorations, mens & ladies clothes, small appliances & lots of misc.

Garage Sale: Sat 8-5 8411 N. Service Road Golfcart, furniture, 440 headers, books, clothes, toys.

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Sat. 8-5pm. Furn., tools, clothes, etc. 1801 Hamilton

Garage sale Sat. 9am. Mens & Womens clothing, tools, wheels, tires, fax phone, printer. Follow signs off S. 87 @ Jeffery Rd. to 500 Dealy Rd.

Garage Sale, Sat. Only, 401 E. 8th. 8am-5pm. Furniture, misc.

Garage Sale: Saturday only 8-1. 611 Craigmont. Refrigerator, twin beds, clothes, misc.

Garage Sale: This the last one! Sat. only 2107 Alabama. 8-7 Young ladies clothes, some mens clothes, dishes, etc.

Huge 3 Family Garage Sale, Fri & Sat, 4015 Vicky, 8-7. Lots of Great Bargains.

Refrigerator, dryer, dishes, dining set, misc. Fri & Sat. 8-5, 1310 Stamford.

Yard Sale: 3605 Tingle Sat. 8-2. Furniture, Christmas, lg men & women size clothing.

Yard Sale, 4210 Calvin Thur-Sat. 9-5. \$5 a box. Fill your own box. Single sales, too.

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1307 Virginia For Sale By Owner Extremely nice large brick home with covered parking, privacy fence, C/A, new carpet, ceramic tile. A "MUST SEE" for \$37,000 263-1792 or 264-6006

2 BR, closed in back porch, 2 large garages, & carport. 1010 Sycamore. \$27,000. 267-7342

For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr, 2 bth, car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Joe @ 263-3916

For Sale By Owner: Approximately 8 acres, completely fenced with white pipe, metal barn, roping arena. 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Coahoma School District. Call 394-4522 or 667-7080

For Sale Or Lease: 4/22 with pool 1 yr. lease. \$1200/mo. or \$132,000 Under market appraisal. #5 Craigmont Court. 785-969-5136

Near College Owner Financing 3 bdr, 1 bth. Low down payment low monthly. Great for students. 915-638-7100

OWNER FINANCE - Low Down. Easy Qualify. 3/1 new paint and flooring through out. 1103 Sycamore. 915-352-7778

BUSINESS PROPERTY

Apts. for sale: 6 - 1 BR, 2 - 2 BR. Gd invs. Prop. Call for appt. Lge. Comm. whse for sale. 101 Johnson. Bldg at 2nd & Johnson. Great Loc. Janice Pitts - Real Estate 264-0526

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Office space for rent. Receptionist, copier and fax machine available. Call 267-5211 for more information.

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UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT

1 bdr. 1 bth w/d covered, near college within walking distance. \$350/mn. NO HUD. 267-2296

1 bdr. duplex stove & refrigerator. NO bills paid. \$200/mn. references & deposit. 267-1857

1 BR, 1 bath, with covered and fenced carport, w/d connections, partially furnished. 503-A Washington Blvd. (Close to College) \$300/mo 915/267-8324 after 6

1107 Barnes 2 bdr 1 bth. C/H/A, fenced yard, very clean. \$375/mn. \$300dep. 263-3778.

2 and 3 bdr. houses for rent. Stove & ref. furnished. Call 263-4410 or 267-7071

2 bdr. 2 bath fenced yard. References 263-7259.

2 Bedroom house, also 3 Bedroom house. Call 263-5818

2 BR 1 bath duplex. 1501 Lincoln - A. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 or 3 BR, 101 1/2 Lockhart & 104 Lockhart. Partly furnished. 267-7895

2008 Nolan B Small efficiency. All bills paid. AC & appliances furnished. \$235/mn. \$100/dep. 263-1792 or 264-6006

3 bdr 1 1/2 bth. 1313 Oil Mill Rd. w/garage apt. new carpet, newly remodeled. \$600/mn + deposit. Call 267-5759.

3 BR, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living, 2 car garage, lg kitchen, util. rm 503 Washington Blvd. \$800/mo. 915/267-8324 after 6.

2/1 2530 Fairchild. \$450/mo 1/1 800 Nolan. \$275/mo. HUD Accepted 362-9907

3/2 \$500 New paint, carpet & tile floors. 2/1 \$350 fenced yard 267-2296 NO HUD

509 E. 18th. Clean 1 BR house. Stove & refrigerator furnished. \$225/mo. \$125/dep. Call 267-1543

603 Steakly 3 bdr, 1 bth. C/H/A \$350/mn. \$150/dep. 263-1792 or 264-6006

For Lease: 3BR, 2 full bath, brick home. Garage, fenced yard, refrigerated a/c, central heat. Open living area. \$475/mo. with deposit. 263-3266

For Rent: 4BR, 2 full baths. Fenced yard, large living area. \$400/mo. with deposit. 263-3266

Kentwood 4 bdr. 3 bth. fenced yard, garage \$850/mn. + deposit. References required. L & M Properties 267-3648

Nice clean 3 BR, 1 bath. 804 Drake. Carpet throughout, C/H/A, carport, fenced yard. \$400/mo. \$200/dep. Call 267-1543

Nice, large 3 BR, 2 bath brick home with fireplace. In quiet neighborhood. 700 Dallas. \$895/mo \$1000/dep. 10% Senior discount. Call 263-5000

"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"

UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT

Small 2 bdr. mobile home in Midway area stove & refrigerator, washer/dryer, C/H/A. \$300/mn. \$150/dep. Call after 2 pm. 267-3114 or 393-5585.

Unfurnished houses for rent 4BR 2bth. \$300 mo. 2 bdr \$220 mo. Also have 3 bdr. \$240/mn. 264-0510

TOO LATES

Black vinyl hideabed sofa, \$75. Early American couch, 2 matching chairs, coffee table. All 4 \$100. 263-8273 after 6.

Garage Sale: 2205 Cecilia Sat. 8am-2pm. Tools, cookware, hardware & misc.

Moving Sale, Sat. 11 E. 13th, 8-7. Lots of misc.

Yard Sale, 1207 E. 16th. Lots of good stuff. '85 Ford p.u. \$975. Fri. Sat. Sun. 9-7

Patio Sale: Sat. 8-2pm. 1001 E. 17th. Lot's of miscellaneous, twin bed frame.

GARAGE SALE, Sat. 3rd. 9-7 Collectible, coins, movies, sports cards, hats, pottery much more. 1726 Purdue.

PJ'S INSIDE SALE, 2210 Main, Fri. 10-5pm. Couches, beds, gas heaters, pots & pans, household glassware.

Garage Sale: 3212 Drexel. Sat. 8-3. Antique living room set, couch, recliner, lot of odd's & ends.

Garage Sale, Sat. 8-2. Adult & children clothes, toys, lots of misc. 1006 Derrick Rd. off Midway Rd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC SALE November 16, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at 538 Westover #3360 October 31 & November 1, 2, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on November 16, 2001 for the following: The sale of three (3) used vehicles. Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX or by calling (915) 264-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on November 26, 2001 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Draw Lopez, Asst. Auditor #3358 November 1 & November 9, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Proposals The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following Service: Electricity Supply & Associated Services Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1000 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on November 27, 2001, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read in record. Proposers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting. Questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. #3361 November 1 & 8 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly red.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: Abilene Contract 0005-05-093 for SEAL COAT in HOWARD County, et al. will be opened on December 05, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specification are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and application for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO-0299

State Office Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 District Office(s) Abilene District 4290 N. Clark Abilene, Texas 79601 Phone: 915-676-6900 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. #3363 October 25 & November 1, 2001

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 2:

This year, you will reach out for knowledge as you never have before. You might consider going back to school or scheduling seminars. Travel serves a similar purpose, as it broadens your mental horizons. Your mind never stops! As a result, your public image grows. Others look up to you and often seek you out professionally. If you're single, your love life will spice up in your day-to-day life, but romance might not be stable. If attached, children will add to the excitement of your life. Act more like lovers together. Schedule many little getaways or a dream trip. CANCER pushes you hard.

The Stars Show The Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Spring into action. Act on your high-voltage enthusiasm. Others continue to respond to your dynamic ideas. Discussions had over a relaxing lunch reveal much more about where another is coming from. Remember in the future how much more open this person is when he's eating! Tonight: Sink into your favorite chair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** A boss or associate has a bee in his bonnet. This is one determined person. Review the expectations this person has for you, and follow through. Remember who butters your bread! Communication develops into your strong suit. Tonight: Visiting with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Use the daylight hours when the moon is in your sign. Your ability to turn an issue upside down and study different points of view stars as one of your strongest assets. Creativity helps you make money and enhance your present finances. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Do the appropriate research before you state your case. Understand that another might not see an issue as you do. How you present your facts can make all the difference in the end. Schedule a meeting later in the day, once you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Anything goes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Aim for what you want. Your focus surprises someone, but you become a team as a result. Stop fighting the inevitable. Talk about a problem that no longer can be swept under the rug. You have some serious thinking to do in the near future. Tonight: Reflect about recent happenings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Dig into work with the knowledge that success becomes you! Others respond to your unusual

yet steady leadership and follow-through. You understand better than most what it takes to fulfill certain obligations. A meeting proves to be an asset. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Return calls, especially to educators, lawyers and consultants. Don't worry so much about a money matter; consider what might be best for you. Sign up for a class or a seminar. Assume greater responsibility at the office. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** One more time, an associate surprises you with his ideas. Detach from a question or problem. Sooner or later, you'll find the password to open up a situation. Return calls later in the day. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Others surprise you with their reactions. Get out of the prediction business; it isn't your forte! Discussions at work or within groups draw a similar conclusion. Follow through on a key conversation with an associate. The two of you make quite a team. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Complete work quickly and effectively. Not everyone supports your moneymaking ideas, as you hit an unconventional note. If you take responsibility for the results, everything goes as you would like. Others share important feedback. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Establish greater recognition and understanding with a child or loved one. Creative projects benefit from your flair. Unfortunately, others often wait for your feedback before they do anything. Energize others. Share a vision of where a project is heading. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Deal with a domestic matter before you launch into work. Separate your work and personal lives if you want to do your best in both areas of your life. You're unusually creative, but you cannot scatter as you have recently. Tonight: Time for fun and games.

BORN TODAY Political Leader Jesse Jackson (1941), actress Sigourney Weaver (1949), actor Matt Damon (1970)

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His father's drinking problem none of wife's business

Dear Ann Landers: My wife is convinced that my father is an alcoholic. I realize Dad has a problem with booze, but he is functional and does not drink every day. My wife's "announcement" was not news to me.



ANN LANDERS

Here's the problem. Ann. Six months ago, we visited my folks. They live 400 miles away. Dad was drunk the whole time and used inappropriate language around our young daughter. We were offended and shortened our visit. Now my wife says she will never step foot in my father's house again, although she doesn't mind if I go there. She also insists that I confront my mother, and tell her Dad is an alcoholic and that it's her responsibility to see that he gets treatment.

I do not want to confront my mother. My parents have been married for 35 years. Mom knows Dad has a drinking problem, and she has been dealing with it in her own way. I visit my parents once a month and have never had an incident like that one. My wife, however, refuses to let it go. She says I must bring it up, even though it happened six months ago. What is worse, she insists that my mother is weak-minded for not making my father stop drinking, and therefore, she is not welcome in our home, either. I say, this is MY home, too, and my mother should be able to come here whenever, she feels like it.

How can I get my wife to back off? My parents' relationship is not her business, and she needs to quit expending so much energy on it. Please tell me how to handle this situation. - A Canadian in the Middle

Dear In the Middle: Your wife is off-base by a country mile. She should not criticize your mother because she cannot stop her husband from drinking. No one can stop another person from drinking. This is the original do-it-yourself project. To bar her from your home is not only unreasonable, it is shameful. After all, the woman is YOUR mother.

I suggest Alcoholics Anonymous for your father, if he is willing to go. Al-Anon for your mother, and marital counseling for you and your wife. You all need outside help. It is available. Please get it.

Dear Ann Landers: I attended a wedding a few weeks ago of a couple who requested cash instead of gifts. While this was not in the best of taste, I realize that some couples might be hard up for money, so I wrote a check.

The couple recently returned from a three-week honeymoon. All the wedding guests received the following e-mail: "Dear Friends: We had a glorious honeymoon cruise and are in the process of writing thank-you notes. Unfortunately, some of the cards became separated from the gifts. Please let us know what you gave us."

As if that weren't enough, we received another e-mail the following day saying, "Dear Friends: Tomorrow we are meeting with the caterers to dispute the bar tab from our wedding. We were surprised at how large the bill was and are sure there must have been a mistake. Please tell us the number of drinks you had and which kind. Since we are meeting the caterer at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, will you please get this information to us as soon as possible?"

My wife and I were stunned by these messages. Are we old-fashioned? Have things changed THAT much? What do you say, Ann? - Appalled in Los Angeles

Dear Appalled: You are under no obligation to respond to such a boorish request. It is not your responsibility to straighten

out their bar tab. If you feel you must respond, say, "After all this time, we have no recollection of how many drinks we may have consumed. Incidentally, we were drinking cola."

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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