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Rural lawbreakers beware

County sheriff's office getting new radar systems

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Sheriff's Office will be getting four new radar systems to help patrol school zones following county commissioners' approval of a \$4,000 expenditure Monday morning.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the purchase following a presentation by Sheriff Dale Walker and Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett.

Pritchett said the radar systems are necessary for deputies patrolling the county's school zones.

"Some of the ones we have now are just flat worn out. You can't even fix them because parts aren't available for them."

—Gary Pritchett, HCSO chief deputy

"We have three school zones in the county that we cover," said Pritchett. "Forsan, Elbow and Coahoma. And all of those school zones have highways running right through them, which is a major concern to us. The safety issue for the kids going to and from school is mainly why we need these new radar."

Pritchett said the older model "hand-me-down" radar systems the sheriff's office has been receiving from the local Department of Public Safety office have seen better days, and without the purchase of the four new systems, could leave deputies empty handed while trying to enforce traffic laws in the school zones.

"We've had radar in all the cars, and technically they're hand-me-downs from DPS," said Pritchett. "The county used to furnish local DPS with radar, and when they got new ones they would give us their old ones. The county has gone to a leasing system on the DPS radar, so they get rotated out every two or three years."

"Some of the ones we have now are just flat worn out. You can't even fix them because parts aren't available for them. So basically we're using these old radar and we're not going to get any new ones."

Arts Center construction on schedule, trustees told

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Construction of the new Howard College Performing Arts Center is on schedule, with final planning of a visit from Lubbock architectural consulting firm Freese and Nichols in the works.

That was the message delivered during Monday afternoon's meeting of the Howard College trustees, as the group moves forward with the infrastructure master plan.

"Things are coming together extremely well," local architect Phil Furqueron told the trustees of the construction of the performing arts center. "We're very pleased with the contractor at this point and things are flowing along smoothly."

"We met last week and they tell me they're currently two days behind, but with an artificial schedule like we have here, it could go two days either way. They're right where they need to be right now to complete the building on schedule. I feel like we're really going to get a good building from these guys."

Furqueron told trustees the project is on two different timelines right now — money and time — which don't necessarily coincide.

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WAKE UP TO A DRUG FREE LIFE



Moss Elementary fourth-grade teacher Shelley Gomez watches as three of her students, Zach Crabtree, right, Catherine Harris and Connor Steel tie a red ribbon around their classroom door in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. If the trio seem dressed more comfortably than normal, it's no trick. The school celebrated the first day of Red Ribbon Week with "Wake Up to a Drug Free Life" as its theme, with the students dressing in the pajamas.

Big Spring, Forsan bands receive Division I rating

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After having wowed the judges at the regional level, the Big Spring and Forsan high school marching bands will now try to earn a ticket to the state marching contest.

The BSHS and FHS marching bands garnered nothing but high marks at Saturday's Region 6 Marching Contest at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. Those performances qual-

ified both bands for this weekend's Area Marching Contest, scheduled for Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

Both bands received Division I ratings (the highest possible) from the three judges at Saturday's regional contest in Odessa. Bands which earn Division I ratings at regional competition automatically qualify for the area contest.

Coahoma High School, competing at regional

competition in Abilene, scored a Division II rating from the judges. Stanton High School also narrowly missed qualifying for area contest, earning a Division II rating Saturday.

"We got a lot of compliments from the judges," BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said. "And we got a nice ovation from the crowd — not just the Big Spring people, but everybody."

"The kids were

absolutely fantastic that day," Harris added. "They performed beautifully."

Forsan and Big Spring now advance to Saturday's area competition in Lubbock, with a spot in the state marching contest on the line. The top three bands in each classification qualify for the state contest, which will be held early next month in Austin.

FHS will be trying to qualify for state for the first time in two years,

while BSHS will be trying to make state for the first time in four years.

Harris admitted the job will a tough one — Big Spring will be one of 19 Class 4A bands competing for three state contest spots.

"Without a doubt, these are the best marchers I've ever had, but to go on to state, it's out of my hands," Harris said. "Their execution will just have to be better than the other bands."

GETS A KICK OUT OF IT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Darby Lentz was a little preoccupied when an announcement was made during her high school's homecoming football game that she had been crowned homecoming queen.

She had to accept the honor in her football uniform.

Lentz, 17, is the field goal kicker for the Harrison County school's football team. While she has yet to attempt a field goal, she has made 14 of 16 extra point attempts this season.

Lentz, a senior, already has been named prom queen. The homecoming queen title came earlier this month.

POPCORN BALLS TRADITION CONTINUES HALLOWEEN

For more than 25 years, Bettye Parrish in Coahoma has been making popcorn balls for Halloween. The tradition will continue Monday, Oct. 1, as Bettye, her daughters, granddaughters "and anyone we can wrestle into helping" will be making and handing out the sweet treats, said Connie Murley, one of her daughters.

"Last year we bagged up 1,206 popcorn balls," said Connie.

More than 1,000 were passed out to Howard County residents from Bettye's residence at 410 College St. This year, family and friends will begin making the balls early Monday morning.

"We want to let people know we'll be



doing it Monday, not on the weekend," said Connie.

Everyone is welcome to partake of the goodies. Just look for the two-story house beside the city water tower. People are welcome all day, but after 1 p.m. is best.

Obituaries

Richard C. Thomas



Richard C. Thomas, 87, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, Oct. 22, 2005, surrounded by his family at Laramie Lusk Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Memorial services were 2 p.m. today, Oct. 25, 2005, at College Baptist Church with Chaplain Jim Wright officiating. Interment will be on the family farm.

He was born Jan. 28, 1918, in Big Spring to Reba and Clyde E. Thomas Sr.

Richard was raised in Big Spring and enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II.

After being discharged from the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Big Spring in 1945 and married Mary O. Clanton April 8, 1946.

Richard had been a cotton farmer throughout his life in Howard County and also retired from the Big Spring State Hospital as an art therapist after more than 20 years of service. Although he always worked hard, his family was the center of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Mary O. Thomas, of Big Spring; one son, David Thomas and his wife, Anne of Dallas; one daughter, Anne Tubb and her husband, Donnie of Big Spring; six grandsons, Joshua Thomas of New York, Aaron Thomas and his wife, Melinda of Austin, Micah Thomas and his wife, Jullia of Norfolk, Va., Donnie F. "Trey" Tubb III of New Orleans, Ariel Thomas of Austin and Myles Baird of Houston.

His family includes two great-grandsons, Simon and Seth Thomas. He is also survived by one brother, Ray Thomas of Houston and three sisters, Ruth Salisbury of Midland and Rebecca Plunkett and Peggy McDuff, both of Fort Worth.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, John R. Thomas, three brothers, Clyde E. Thomas Jr., George Thomas and Don Thomas and one sister, Adele Roberts Tibbs.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joshua Thomas, Aaron Thomas, Micah Thomas, Donnie F. Tubb III, Ariel Thomas and Myles Baird.

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

Paid obituary

Willie Maxine Derrick McClain

Willie Maxine Derrick McClain, 99, of Prescott, Ark., formerly of Knott, died Oct. 23, 2005, in Prescott. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at the Shady Grove Baptist Church in Prescott, Ark. Burial will follow in the Liberty Cemetery.

She was born July 27, 1906, in Farmersville and married Robert McClain in Albany in 1926. The lived in Knott and Big Spring most of their married lives, operating the family grocery store in Knott. She was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert McClain in 1978, her brother, Tillman Derrick and her sons-in-law, Fred Riding and Jim Swift.

She is survived by her son, Michael McClain and his wife, Cindy of Alvin; two daughters, Billie Riding and Frances Swift, both of Prescott, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shackleford Funeral home in Prescott, Ark.

Take Note

• CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.

• HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT. Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Contact the museum by Friday. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAISER set for Friday before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

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

• PARENTS OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS AT FORSAN have scheduled a fund-raiser Monday to cover expenses of school dances with more than 20 items available to win. These items include gift certificates, home furnishings, a gold bracelet, candles, car maintenance and others. Contact Marie Wilson at 213-3825 or Chris Gallaway at 816-3291 for tickets.

• AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2006 RELAY FOR LIFE COMMUNITY KICK-OFF is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St. Call 263-7176 for more information.

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

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LOCAL

Police blotter

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

- **JESSE OLGUIN**, 22, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.
- **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 20, of 3607 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **MATHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 154, was arrested Monday on three Howard County warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOE GRIMALDO**, 29, of 1312 S. Birdwell Lane, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL NALL**, 26, of 605 E. 15th Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **CHRISTOPHER PACE**, 32, of 3405 Hale, was arrested Tuesday on warrants from Howard and Tom Green counties.
- **LUZ JUAREZ**, 40, of 1203 Barnes, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
 - in the 400 Block of Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Miller.
 - in the 5300 block of E. Midway Road.

Note: The arrest log from the Howard County Sheriff's Office was not available at press time.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday...Decreasing clouds. Highs around 70.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

Harvest Time

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE HOUSE OF DRACULA' at 7:30 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

• THE 'MIDDIES' ARE HAVING A FALL FESTIVAL at Coahoma United Methodist Church beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Middies are the Mid-High Youth. Dress retro from the following time periods: 20s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s. The church is located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma. For more information, call 394-4432.

• HAUNTED HOUSE sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is in the old Texas Surgery Department of Malone and Hogan Clinic, set for 7 p.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday. Admission of \$5 goes to Relay for Life fund-raising.

• BAUER MAGNET SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and will be available at the door. There will be food, games of chance, games of skill, prizes, costumes and Jack-O-Lanterns. Jack-O-Lantern judging is at 7 p.m., costume judging is at 7:15 p.m. Call 264-4121 for more information.

• A HAUNTED HOUSE at the Diagnostic Center of the SWCID campus, 3301 Hudgens Memorial Drive, is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• 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.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m.

MONDAY

• Halloween.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

• Relay For Life Community Kick-Off Luncheon in Garrett Hall.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-12-19-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$30,970.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-9-29. Bonus Ball: 24.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Prize per winner: \$325,000.

Private companies show interest in leasing toll roads

HOUSTON (AP) — Investment banks and private toll-road operators have shown interest leasing Harris County's 83-mile toll system for \$2 billion to \$7 billion — numbers that have got the attention of county officials.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said such leases could replace the need for road bond referendums, and the interest could be used to pay for street construction, repairs and other transportation needs, such as commuter rail lines.

Others question whether privatizing the toll road system would allow more secrecy about its operation.

"Many, many members of our organization are concerned the accountability will be less if the toll roads are run by a private company," said Robin Holzer, chair of the Citizens Transportation Coalition.

The Commissioners Court is expected Tuesday to approve a study to determine the pros and cons of fully or partially privatizing the toll road. The plan includes asking certain investment banks to submit proposals.

21-year-old mother charged with murder

OLMITO (AP) — A 21-year-old woman was charged with murder Monday in the death of her newborn daughter whose corpse was found in a suitcase in her bathroom.

Jacqueline Lee Reich of Laguna Vista was charged with one count of murder and one count of injury to a child. She did not enter a plea. Magistrate court Judge Patricia Hernandez set bond at \$1 million on the murder charge and \$250,000 on the injury to a child charge.

Reich's family found the baby Friday and her stepfather took it to the Port Isabel Police Department that day. Police said the infant was in a plastic bag inside the suitcase and may have been dead from two weeks to a month.

Preliminary autopsy results indicated the baby was carried to almost full term, Sheriff Omar Lucio said. He said Reich's arrest Sunday night was merit-ed by the discovery of a body and "the defendant's statements."

According to court records, an autopsy determined that the baby was born alive Sept. 7 and did not have any birth defects. The Brownsville Herald report-

ed in its Tuesday editions.

Reich originally told investigators that the child was stillborn but said in a second interview with deputies that she knew the child was born alive but took no action to notify anyone or seek medical attention for the baby, the newspaper reported.

Reich told authorities that she put the baby "in the suitcase and forgot about it," according to the report.

encroach upon the private property rights unless there is an eminent public need," Perry said Monday at the Waco Association of Realtors office. "Eminent domain for public use is a necessary power. Eminent domain for private use is a great threat."

The Texas Association of Realtors, who endorsed Perry's 2006 campaign last month, made the bill one of its top priorities this year.

Son arrested in parents' death

ROYSE CITY (AP) — A 19-year-old Heath man was being held on two counts of capital murder Monday in the shooting and stabbing deaths of his parents last week in Hunt County.

Brandon Dale Woodruff, a part-time student at Abilene Christian University, was arrested Monday at an aunt's home in Texarkana, Ark. The funeral for Woodruff's parents, 43-year-old Dennis Woodruff and 42-year-old Norma Woodruff, was held in Texarkana, where the family has relatives.

A friend found the bodies of Dennis and Norma Woodruff on Oct. 18 in the home they were moving into northeast of Royse City.

PARKS

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inspiration who had lived to see the changes brought about by the civil rights movement.

"Martin Luther King never saw this, Malcolm X never saw this," said Reynolds, who now lives in Detroit. "She was able to see this and enjoy it."

In 1955, Jim Crow laws in place since the post-Civil War Reconstruction required separation of the races in buses, restaurants and public accommodations throughout the South, while legally sanctioned racial discrimination kept blacks out of many jobs and neighborhoods in the North.

Mrs. Parks, an active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was riding on a city bus Dec. 1, 1955, when a white man demanded her seat.

She refused, despite rules requiring blacks to yield their seats to whites. Two black Montgomery women had been arrested earlier that year on the same charge, but Mrs. Parks was jailed. She also was fined \$14.

U.S. Rep John Conyers, in whose office Mrs. Parks worked for more than 20 years, remembered the civil rights leader as someone whose impact on the world was immeasurable, but who never sought the lime-

light.

"Everybody wanted to explain Rosa Parks and wanted to teach Rosa Parks, but Rosa Parks wasn't very interested in that," he said. "She wanted them to understand the government and to understand their rights and the Constitution that people are still trying to perfect today."

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said he felt a personal tie to the civil rights icon: "She stood up by sitting down. I'm only standing here because of her."

Speaking in 1992, Mrs. Parks said history too often maintains "that my feet were hurting and I didn't know why I refused to stand up when they told me. But the real reason of my not standing up was I felt that I had a right to be treated as any other passenger. We had endured that kind of treatment for too long."

Her arrest triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by a then little-known Baptist minister, the Rev. King, who later earned the Nobel Peace Prize for his work.

"At the time I was arrested I had no idea it would turn into this," she said 30 years later. "It was just a day like any other day. The only thing that made it significant was that the masses of the people joined in."

The Montgomery bus boycott, which came one year after the U.S.

Supreme Court's landmark declaration that separate schools for blacks and whites were "inherently unequal," marked the start of the modern civil rights movement.

The movement culminated in the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act, which banned racial discrimination in public accommodations.

After taking her public stand for civil rights, Mrs. Parks had trouble finding work in Alabama. Amid threats and harassment, she and her husband, Raymond, moved to Detroit in 1957. She worked as an aide in Conyers' Detroit office from 1965 until retiring Sept. 30, 1988. Raymond Parks died in 1977.

Mrs. Parks said upon retiring from her job with Conyers that she wanted to devote more time to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. The institute, incorporated in 1987, is devoted to developing

leadership among Detroit's young people and initiating them into the struggle for civil rights.

"Rosa Parks: My Story," was published in February 1992. In 1994 she brought out "Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope and the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation," and in 1996 a collection of letters called "Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue With Today's Youth."

She was among the civil rights leaders who addressed the Million Man March in October 1995.

In 1996, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded to civilians making outstanding contributions to American life. In 1999,

she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Mrs. Parks received dozens of other awards, ranging from induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor to an NAACP Image Award for her 1999 appearance on CBS' "Touched by an Angel."

She was born Rosa Louise McCauley on Feb. 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Ala. Family illness interrupted her high school education, but after she married Raymond Parks in 1932, he encouraged her and she earned a diploma in 1934. He also inspired her to become involved in the NAACP.

Mrs. Parks was a beloved aunt to 13 nieces and nephews.

"She wasn't the mother of the civil rights movement to me," Susan McCauley, one of her nieces, said last year. "She was the woman I wanted to become."

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Richard C. Thomas, 87, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at College Baptist Church.

Scott Bigham, 42, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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"Time-wise, the project is at about the halfway point," said Furqueron. "Maybe a little more than halfway. However, in the terms on finances, it's still in the early stages. The timeline for money looks a little different. It's more of an S-shaped curve to it, with the cost peaking out more toward the end."

Trustees unanimously voted to approve a \$3.59 million bid to construct a new Visual and Performing Arts Center in December 2004, ending a four-year effort to bring

the center to life. The facility is expected to be completed the first part of 2006.

Trustees were also asked to look over a schedule of meetings for an upcoming visit from Freese and Nichols, the architectural consulting firm currently working on a master plan initiative. The initiative includes the Big Spring campus, along with the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the college's San Angelo campus.

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to get registered for the Angel Tree

It may seem much too early in the year for thinking about Christmas gifts, but that's exactly what the Salvation Army in Big Spring is doing these days as it begins taking applications for the annual Angel Tree program.

Capt. Russ Keeney and his staff have begun the task of providing presents for children that might not otherwise have a merry Christmas.

The Salvation Army began taking applications from parents needing the holiday assistance Monday.

Keeney and his staff will take applications at the Corps building, located at 811 W. Fifth St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day this week through Friday. Registration will resume at 9 a.m. next Monday and continue through Wednesday.

After that, there will be no late registration because the Army's personnel have to get everything written on cards and get them distributed to the various Angel Tree sites.

The list of documents applicants need to bring with them to apply is rather lengthy, but applicants will be able to know whether or not they are approved on the spot.

Keeney said the application process is still simple, and for some area children it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to nothing.

Those seeking to apply should bring a picture ID for all of the adults in their household, Social security cards for all household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and some proof of income like a payroll check stub from work or forms provided by food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD etc. They must also provide a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothing and shoe sizes.

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

Although the Angel Tree program is a large part of the Salvation Army's holiday spirit, it's by no means the only one. The local corps office staff is also gearing up for the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as the annual canned food drive.

For information concerning any of the Salvation Army's community programs, call 267-8239 or stop by the corps building.

And remember to be reasonable in what youngsters ask for. If a child asks for a 60-inch television, chances aren't very good they're going to get it. A doll or Hot Wheels car ... something along those lines is a wish someone in this community can grant.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Take the lead in our life, Lord, as You know the end results.

Amen

Bush has unified right and left

George Bush, who promised to be a uniter and not a divider, has unified the left and right in this country with his nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court.

Both sides are dismayed.

Apart from people being unsure of her ideology, the chief complaint seems to be that she is not excellent. She is not distinguished. She is not genius.

But so what? What have the "genius" choices that Bush has made for his administration gotten us besides enormous deficits and a quagmire in Iraq?

Miers is ordinary (a more kind word than mediocre), and I think Bush wanted ordinary.

The Democratic leader of the Senate, Harry Reid, D-Nev., is considered just ordinary by some, and he likes Miers and recommended her for the job.

Shouldn't ordinary people have a representative on the Supreme Court?

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Some important Halloween safety tips to remember

Halloween's almost here! I can't help but feel like a child at this time of the year, when one of the greatest holidays ever dreamed up is right around the corner. The smell of burning leaves, grease paint and popcorn balls are in the air!

I'm pretty sure I'm going to end up embarrassing my 6-year-old daughter this holiday. I'm not quite sure how yet, but it seems like a pretty solid bet.

So, with Halloween coming up, I've begun getting a barrage of related e-mails from my friends and family.

The majority of these missives are serious warnings, filled with do's and don'ts for the holiday.

You wouldn't believe what some people feel they need to warn us



THOMAS JENKINS

about. We're expected to strap yards of reflective tape to the costumes that took us hours to make them look semi-believable, not take candy from strangers and use those silly glow sticks instead of flashlights.

And who are these people throwing Halloween parties with the stipulation of "no scary costumes?" Who among us is wise enough to determine where scary ends and stupid begins? What's wrong with my little girl wanting to look like a demonic jack-o'-lantern? What about Glenda, the good witch? Anyone thought about that?

In the end, however, people will celebrate the holiday in their own way, scary or filled with cheesy Shrek lookalikes. Hey, I liked the movie, too, so back off.

Here's a list of Halloween survival tips most horror movie buffs will appreciate:

Surviving Halloween

- When it appears that you have killed the monster, never check to see if it's really dead.

- Never read a book of demon-summoning aloud, even as a joke. Seriously.

Do not search the basement, especially if the power has gone out. You're just asking for it.

If your children speak to you in Latin or any other language which they shouldn't know, shoot them immediately.

It will save you a lot of grief in the long run. However, it will probably take several rounds to kill them, so be prepared. This also applies to kids who speak with somebody else's voice.

When you have the benefit of numbers, never split up or go alone. It's just dumb.

As a general rule, don't solve puzzles that open portals to Hell. That's bad.

Never stand in, on, or above a grave, tomb, or crypt. This would apply to any other house of the dead as well.

If you're searching for something which caused a loud noise and find out that it's just the cat, get out! It's a trick!

If appliances start operating by themselves, do not check for short circuits — just get out, quickly.

Don't take anything from the dead, even if they offer it to you.

If you find a town which looks deserted, there's probably a good reason for it. Don't stop and look around.

Don't fool with recombinant DNA technology unless you're sure you know what you're doing.

If you're running from the monster, expect to trip or fall down at least twice, more if you are female. Also note that, despite the fact that you are running and the monster is merely shambling along, it's still moving fast enough to catch up with you. I like to think of this as the Pepe Le Pew effect.

If your companions suddenly begin to exhibit uncharacteristic behavior such as hissing, fascination for blood, glowing eyes, increasing hairiness, and so on — kill them immediately.

Again, make sure you have plenty of ammunition.

Stay away from certain geographical locations, some of which include Amityville, Elm Street, Transylvania, Nilborg — you're in trouble if you recognize this one, anywhere in Texas where chainsaws are sold, the Bermuda

Triangle or any small town in Maine.

If your car runs out of gas at night on a lonely road, do not go to the nearby deserted-looking house to phone for help. If you think that it is strange you ran out of gas because you thought you had most of a tank, shoot yourself instead.

You are going to die anyway, and most likely be eaten.

Beware of strangers bearing tools. For example: chainsaws, staple guns, hedge trimmers, electric carving knives, combines, lawnmowers, butane torches, soldering irons, band saws or any devices made from deceased companions.

If you find that your house is built upon a cemetery, now is the time to move in with the in-laws. This also applies to houses that had previous inhabitants who went mad or committed suicide or died in some horrible fashion, or had inhabitants who performed satanic practices. Also if your house ever tells you to "get out," do so immediately. Leave your stuff and go. A hotel may be better than the in-laws, however. That's

its own kind of horror.

Dress appropriately. When investigating a noise downstairs in an old house, women should not wear a flimsy negligee. And carry a flashlight, not a candle, preferably a heavy flashlight. Wearing steel-toe boots would show great insight.

Do not mention the names of demons around open flames, as these can flare suddenly. Be especially careful of fireplaces in this regard. You may not want to mention your in-laws, either.

Do not go looking for witches in the Maryland countryside. That's just stupid.

And finally, if favorite dolls or toys begin telling you things or playing with you, don't wait to see if they are going to turn evil. Nothing good has ever come of these situations. Go ahead and get rid of the things, preferably by fire or dismemberment. Wood chipper also tend to work well.

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Harvest time

DANCE GALLERY TRICK OR TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

FAMILY FEST AND LORD'S ACRE at First United Methodist Church Saturday. The event includes a silent auction, bake sale and games begin at 10 a.m. A live auction begins at 1 p.m. Auction items include half a beef, a vacation in Ruidosa, N.M., handmade items, art work plus other items. Call the

church at 267-6394 for more information or to purchase an advance ticket for the Lord's Acre steak dinner.

JACK-O-LATERN CARVING CONTEST AT HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM. Turn in carved pumpkins before 2 p.m. Saturday. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m. as part of the Haunted Hangar events. Call 264-1999.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM presents The Haunted Hangar from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday. This free Halloween event is open

to children of all ages. Activities include 15 game booths, face painting, a dance contest, a costume contest, refreshments and more. Dance Gallery students perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather at 264-1999.

BSHS FALL FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY THE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT is set for 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, followed by a performance of "The House of Dracula" at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 with a hand stamp from the festival. The festival will have games, booths and vendors as part of the events. Tickets are 25 cents and most games take two tickets, although

RELAY FOR LIFE SPOOK HOUSE in the old College Heights Elementary School on Goliad is set for 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 31. Cost is \$5 per person.

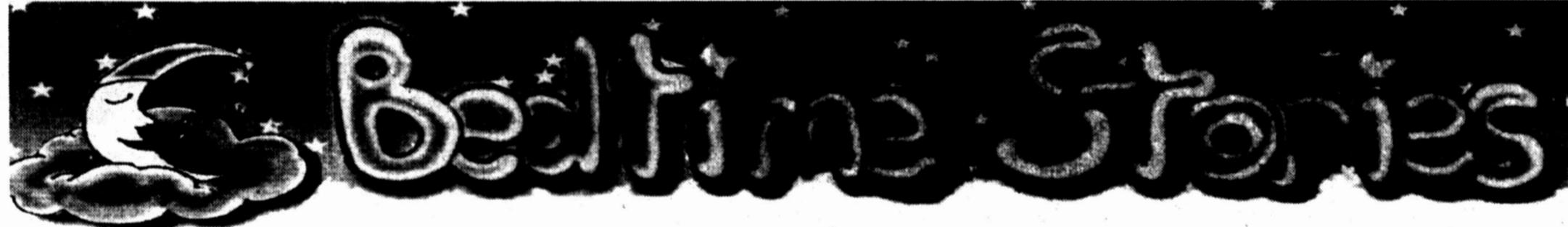
TRUNK OR TREAT AT EAST FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH is set for Saturday. The event takes place in the church parking lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. The

BIG SPRING MALL ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT EVENT is set for Monday. The event is free to the public and prizes will be awarded. Call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 for more information.

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MR. MEANY AND JEANNIE, (A HALLOWEEN TALE)

Jeannie always loved Halloween. She loved to visit all of her neighbors homes and trick or treat them. She would always get very tasty candy and fruits from them. They were all nice, except for Mr. Meany! Mr. Meany never had trick or treaters come to his home, because all of the little kids thought he was really mean. He never came outside to play with the children. He never sat on his front porch and waved to the kids playing in their yards. He must really be a mean person, they thought.

This Halloween was going to be a little different for Jeannie. Mr. Meany, and all of the other neighborhood children!

Jeannie had never seen Mr. Meany, and she had always wondered why all of the other kids called him 'Mr. Meany.' After all, Mr. Meany had never been really mean to her and she didn't really like calling him or anyone else, that terrible name. She felt so sorry for him! Maybe this Halloween, she would just go up to his front door and say, 'Trick or treat' and then she would finally get to see him. Maybe the other kids would go with her!

Halloween night finally came. Jeannie put on her scariest costume and joined the other neighbor-

hood kids in going trick or treating. The kids went to Mrs. Wilson's house and knocked on her door. Mrs. Wilson came to the door and when she opened it, all of the kids shouted 'Trick or treat' at the same time. Mrs. Wilson laughed at all of the little children with their scary costumes on and said to them, 'I will give you a treat because I don't want you to play any tricks on me!' She handed each child a pretty red apple. They all said to Mrs. Wilson, 'Thank You,' and then went on their way to the next neighbor's house and did the very same thing.

The children went all around the neighborhood that night, collecting candy and fruits from their neighbors. They were having a good time, laughing, giggling, and scaring their neighbors. It was a fun night for everyone until they came upon Mr. Meany's house.

Jeannie said to all of the other kids, 'Let's knock on Mr. Meany's door and trick or treat him!' 'No,' all of the other kids said at the same time. 'He is too mean and he will be grouchy and will not like us to bother him.' How do you know he will be mean? Jeannie asked the other children. 'Have any one of you ever even seen him?' Has he ever

really been mean to anyone and the time she had a thorn in her finger from the beautiful rose bush in her mom's garden. It was the sad sound of someone crying!

Jeannie started to just turn around and go home, because this did not seem like a very good time to bother Mr. Meany. 'No,' she thought to herself, 'I must do it now, or I will never do it!' She knocked on Mr. Meany's door.

Jeannie heard the crying stop, as if the knocking on the door

had started the person who was doing the crying. Then she heard the sound of little wheels turning. She heard the person inside getting closer and closer to the other side of the door. Jeannie was getting a little scared, too! She started breathing very fast, not knowing who, or what was going to open that door!

Finally, the door swung open its fullest. Jeannie was surprised at what she saw! She knew right away that calling this man 'Mr. Meany' was all wrong! She had never liked that name anyway! But now, it seemed even more cruel!

The sound of little wheels that

Jeannie had heard was coming from a wheelchair! The sound of the crying was coming from this man. He looked so sad! 'Why

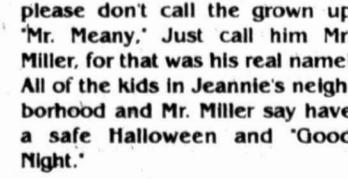
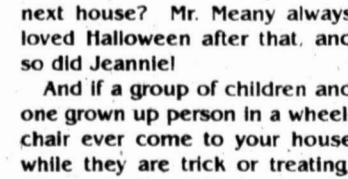
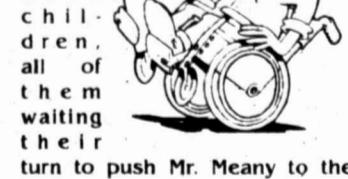
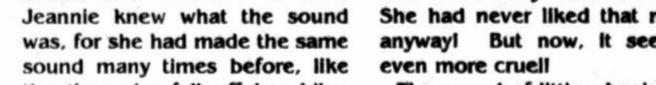
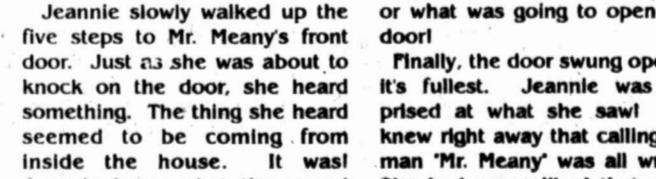
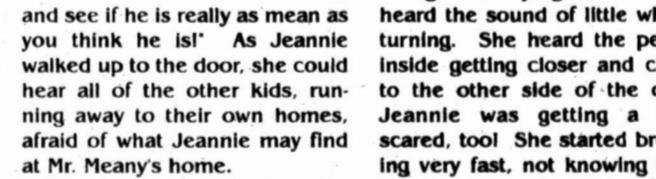
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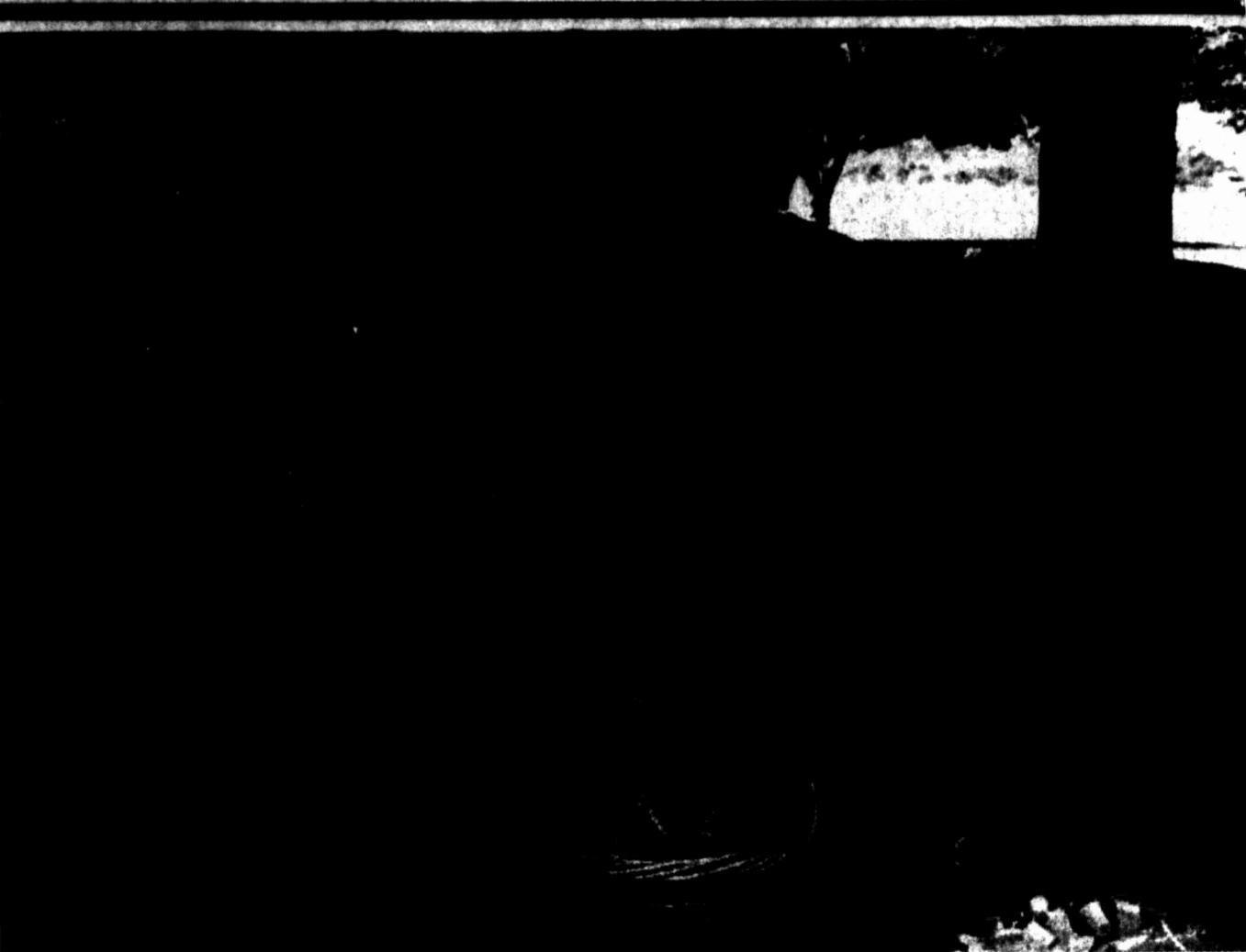
All of the kids in the neighborhood ran to Mr. Meany's house just as fast as they could run. Mr. Meany was waiting for them with open arms. He just wanted to give all of them a great big hug! And he did! And they hugged him right back! And he gave them the very best candy and fruits they had ever gotten on a Halloween night!

Every Halloween night after that, guess who would be right in the middle of the trick or treaters, being pushed by each one of the neighborhood children, all of them waiting their

turn to push Mr. Meany to the next house? Mr. Meany always loved Halloween after that, and so did Jeannie!

And if a group of children and one grown up person in a wheelchair ever come to your house while they are trick or treating, please don't call the grown up 'Mr. Meany.' Just call him Mr. Miller, for that was his real name! All of the kids in Jeannie's neighborhood and Mr. Miller say have a safe Halloween and 'Good Night.'





The weekend was a busy one in Big Spring, as these pictures attest. Mason, top left, and Miranda Myrick wait their turn at one of the events during the Kentwood Elementary School Fall Festival Saturday night. At top right, Pat Simmons of Keep Big Spring Beautiful talks with Mary Dickenson, one of about 60 volunteers who participated in cleanup activities across Big Spring during Make A Difference Day Saturday. At lower right, Michelle Mikels, left, and Tracy Parker prepare to joust at the annual Rock the Block Praise Fest at the Salvation Army center on W. Fifth Street Saturday morning. Music, food and games were provided free of charge by the center as a way of thanking the community for its support. At bottom left, Emma Baicum, 3, waits to try her hand at the ring toss event during Saturday night's Kentwood Festival, and just above, Rayla Waight, 7, tries her skill at putting.

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Senior Circle Activity Room

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
Senior Circle Members Eat In The Hospital Cafeteria For \$2.00

October 20 • Thursday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am

(Meet at the Mall & walk together)

• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

October 21 • Friday
• Relay For Life

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Big Spring harriers win host meet at Comanche

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring's cross country team took down two more opponents Saturday at its host duel meet against two schools from San Angelo. The Steers

scored 22 points and dominated Central and Lake View as they prepare for the District 4-4A meet Saturday.

Michael Rodriguez again led the boy's team as he finished first overall with a time of 16:07. Chris

Salazar took third with a time of 16:50, while Zack Dawson, Jessie Sanchez and Dylan Yarbrough came across in fifth, sixth and seventh.

Lake View's Travis Westbrook finished in between Rodriguez and

Salazar with a time of 16:13.

Big Spring also captured several spots out the top 10 as Chris Martinez came in 11th, Shane Allen took 13th and Mike Salazar crossed in 14th.

Kade Parker was also 18th, while Mark Salazar finished 26th.

Mistie Aguilar finished fifth in the girl's race to lead Big Spring.

The District 4-4A meet will take place Saturday in Lubbock.

Pike, Oliver lead B.S. at host meet

- Girl's team takes 3rd, boys finish 4th

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring swimming team hosted an invitational Saturday at the YMCA pool and several Steer participants finished in the top 10 of their events. The Big Spring girls' team took third overall, while the boys' squad finished 4th.

Senior David Pike captured one of four of the team's first three places in his finishes as he took second in the 50-yard freestyle, third in the 100-yard freestyle and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle.

With a time of 2:02.11, Pike also finished 4th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Ashley Oliver and Lauren Sage led the girl's team. Oliver finished 2nd in the 50-yard freestyle and 3rd in the 200-yard freestyle, while Sage finished 2nd in the 100-yard butterfly, 3rd in the 200-yard individual medley and 4th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Cameron Parcells also grabbed a second-place finish. He took third in the 50-yard freestyle and finished four positions behind his older brother in the 100-yard breaststroke.

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"I think we'll get it fixed this week," said Johnson, who caught the lone touchdown for the Cowboys. "I'll put all my money on it getting fixed this Sunday."



Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) takes a hard hit from Kelly Herndon of the Seattle Seahawks, who breaks up the pass play and knocks Witten's helmet loose during first half action. The Seahawks defeated the Cowboys, 13-10, at Qwest Field in Seattle, Wash., Sunday.

Cowboys seeking answers after late loss

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys kicker Tony Corteza signed a \$1-million deal to stay with the team Monday, confident he would regain his accuracy soon.

But coach Bill Parcells wasn't willing to wait.

Not after another nerve-wracking kick by Corteza nailing that field goal in his last seven attempts — in his last seven games — would have clinched the lead that more important.

Now the Cowboys' seven-game winning streak this season, fear So the Cowboys' fate has been decided by Corteza. The team, which has fewer than 10 points, tried fixing everything. There was a 19-14 loss else that can't be solved. At Oklahoma with roster moves, and Parcells' defense has following a painful 20-17 defeat just 29 total points to Philadelphia.

"There were a lot of things, and Seattle — many erratic things — that got the best of the top offenses," Parcells said. "In the finale — the last game — the last two touchdowns allowed them to come back."

He was talking about the Cowboys' defense, which surrendered in the final minute of regular yard field goals in the last two games.

Against the Redskins on Sept. 19, Washington scored both its touchdowns in the final 3:46 in a 14-13 stunner.

The defense insists it's not because players are simply running out of steam.

"We weren't fatigued," said defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, who is second for the Cowboys with three sacks. "Guys were feeling pretty fresh, to be honest with you."

For his part, Parcells can't say why his team has played in so many close games.

"Maybe we're not good enough to get separation," Parcells said. "I don't know that. We've been in a lot of close games. ... If you let a team like Seattle (hang around), who I think is pretty good overall, I think it's hard to hold them forever."

The loss knocked the Cowboys (4-3) from first

place in the NFC East to last, a half-game behind the Eagles. Giants and Redskins.

Parcells said Sunday's game against the Cardinals carries a little more weight, since it's the last outing for the Cowboys before a stretch of three games in 11 days leading up to the annual Thanksgiving Day game.

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Texas jumps past USC in latest BCS rankings

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't panic, Southern California fans.

Swapping places with Texas in the Bowl Championship Series standings doesn't mean the Trojans are in danger of getting shut out of another title game.

Thanks to the computer rankings, Texas slipped into first by the slimmest of margins — actually THE slimmest between Nos. 1 and 2 in the eight-year history of the BCS. Texas' average of .9763, or a possible 1.000, was just ahead of USC with .9756.

The Trojans and Longhorns are still the odds-on favorites to play for the BCS championship on Jan. 4 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena,

California.

It's the first time Texas has been on top of the BCS standings, and first time in the last two seasons USC hasn't held first place.

"It's a compliment because it's a place we haven't been in a long time and it gets our standard even higher," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

USC is top-ranked in the Associated Press media poll, the USA Today coaches' poll and the Harris Interactive poll. The coaches' poll and the Harris poll make up two-thirds of a team's PGS grade. A compilation

of six computer rankings account for the other third, with the highest and lowest ranking for each team dropped. Texas was first in all but one of

those rankings.

"I still don't know how the BCS rankings really work, except that computers are involved," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

"And I don't know how you get mad at a computer."

Texas is second in all three polls, and gained a few points on USC from voters after a 52-17 victory over previously unbeaten Texas Tech on Saturday. Computer polls, however, weigh heavily on strength of schedule and the win over the Red Raiders gave Texas a boost.

USC's 51-24 victory over Washington (1-6) extended its winning streak to 29 games but did nothing to help the Trojans in the computer rankings. Struggling Arizona State (3-4) — which was ranked

when USC won at Florida on Oct. 1 — is also moving up the Trojans' strength of schedule category.

USC was atop one computer ranking and tied for second in three others. The computer had the Trojans drop to fourth, another day.

Virginia Tech is solid third in the standings, followed by Georgia and Alabama, which were next, with the Gators moved up three spots to sixth, putting them in front of six unbeaten teams.

Michigan, Miami, LSU, Penn State and Florida State follow in the top 10.

BCS analyst Jim Mora said the gap between No. 1 and Andrews, Abilene High and Wylie, Amarillo Caprock and Tascosa and Fort Stockton.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring football

The Big Spring football booster club will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the AT&T through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercell at 816-1124.

Flag football league to begin Nov. 6

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Nov. 6, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

Basketball officials needed for new year

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C.G.A. announces make-up tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year — the Grand Tournament — will take place Sunday, Oct. 30, beginning at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. This is a change from its original date as the tournament has been rescheduled.

Participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. and nonmembers are welcome. There will also be food and refreshments after the tourney.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Packers lose RB Green for season

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Packers running back Ahman Green is out for the season with a torn thigh tendon, the latest in a string of severe injuries to befall Green Bay.

Coach Mike Sherman said Green will undergo surgery this week to repair his right thigh tendon, which was torn in the fourth quarter of the Packers' 23-20 loss at Minnesota Sunday.

Sherman also said wide receiver Robert Ferguson will miss up to a month with a torn lateral cruciate ligament in his left knee.

49ers may be without Smith against Tampa Bay

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Alex Smith sprained his right knee in San Francisco's fifth straight loss, and the 49ers aren't certain their rookie franchise quarterback will play against Tampa Bay Sunday.

Red Raiders revamp special teams after loss to Longhorns

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's special teams struggled so much in the Red Raiders' first loss of the season that coach Mike Leach is planning an unusual move.

Special teams blunders helped No. 2 Texas to an easy 52-17 win over the No. 17 Red Raiders on Saturday. Short and blocked punts set up Texas for scoring drives of 21, 8 and 23 yards. And penalties on kickoff returns kept Tech's offense in poor field position.

Texas Tech, ranked No. 10 going into the Texas game, was the only top-10 team to fall in the AP rankings. The Red Raiders dropped to No. 17 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings, while UT took over the top spot.

The problems started early for Tech (6-1, 3-1 Big 12).

After going three-and-out on their first possession, Alex Reyes — who entered the game at No. 11 in the nation with a 45-yard per punt average — shanked a 19-yard kick. That gave Texas the ball on the Red Raiders' 43 and six plays later the

Longhorns went ahead 3-0 on a 40-yard field.

Three possessions later and leading 7-3, Tech was forced to punt again. Reyes got distance this time — 42 yards — but Texas' Quan Cosby returned the punt 38 yards and Texas started from the Tech's 8-yard line. It took four plays for Texas to score and go up 10-7.

After Texas went up 17-10, a Tech holding penalty on the ensuing kickoff put the Red Raiders at their own 28, rather than at the 44-yard line where Shannon Woods had returned it.

But the worst mistake came at the end of that drive. On fourth-and-five, Tech failed to draw the Longhorns offsides and got pushed back five more yards. When the snap came to Reyes it was off to his right and he bobbled it.

Once Reyes gathered it up, he attempted to get off the punt but Texas' Michael Griffin blocked it and the Longhorns recovered the ball at the Tech 28. Three plays later, Texas quarterback Vince Young threw a 15-yard TD pass to give Texas a 24-10 lead.

if the Hokies close some of the gap in the computer rankings if they win.

But unless a large group of voters in the Harris and coaches' poll move the Hokies past USC and/or Texas in the polls, coach Frank Beamer's team is still looking at being the odd team out.

Being No. 1 in the polls though not in the BCS is nothing new to USC. The Trojans finished the 2003 regular season atop the AP and coaches' polls, but were third in the BCS standings behind Oklahoma and LSU and left out of the BCS title game.

College football had split champions that season when LSU beat the Sooners in the Orange Bowl and USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl — the first time since the BCS was implemented and exactly what the system was created to eliminate.

After USC was crowned by the AP media pollsters and LSU by the coaches, the BCS decided to change the formula for calculating the standings, putting more emphasis on the polls.

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at least four spots ahead of the Trojans in each of the six computer rankings to catch them in the standings.

"USC has nothing to worry about, as long as these poll margins stay the same," Palm said, "and (Nos.) 1 and 2 are as solid as we've ever seen in the BCS at this point in the season."

USC plays Washington State (3-4) on Saturday, then finishes the season against four teams with winning records — Stanford (4-2), No. 24 California (6-2), No. 22 Fresno State (5-1) and No. 8 UCLA (7-0).

"USC is in the middle of a lull in the schedule," Palm said. "Texas is about to hit a lull."

The Longhorns finish the regular season against Oklahoma State (3-4), Baylor (4-3), Kansas (3-4) and Texas A&M (5-2).

Virginia Tech's next two games are against No. 13 Boston College (6-1) and No. 6 Miami (5-1), so it wouldn't be surprising

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KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY LOUIS DELUCA/DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Scott Posey of the Chicago White Sox trots home on his game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning against the Houston Astros in Game 2 of the 2005 World Series at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago Sunday. The White Sox defeated the Astros 7-6. Chicago leads the series — which continues tonight in Houston — 2-0.

Falcons take down Jets

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer
ATLANTA — Michael Vick had a terrible game. He didn't have to feel too bad about it.

His team still won.

The same couldn't be said for Vinny Testaverde and the New York Jets.

Vick scored on two short runs and the Atlanta Falcons capitalized on three fumbles by Testaverde to beat the Jets 27-14 on Monday night.

Vick threw a career-high three interceptions and had the lowest passer rating of his five years in the league.

Still, the Falcons managed to win, getting 155 yards rushing from Warrick Dunn and scor-

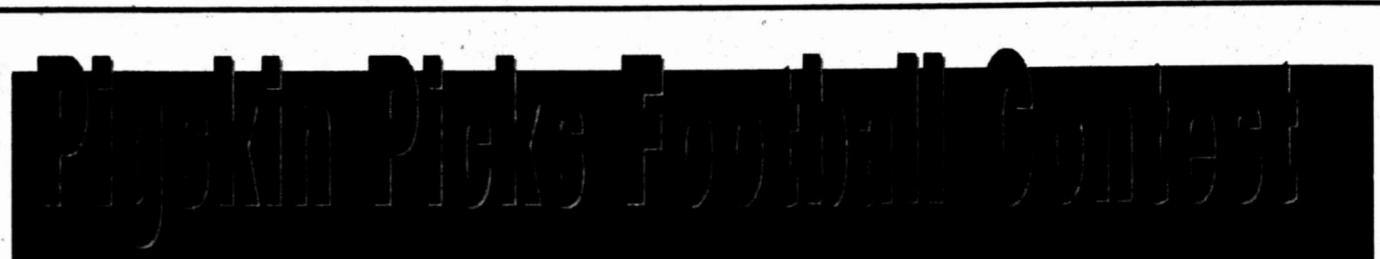
ing 17 points off Testaverde's fumbles.

Dunn broke off a 65-yard run in the second quarter when the Falcons (5-2) were backed up on their own 5. That set up a field goal for a 20-0 lead.

The first 17 points were handed over by Testaverde and his feeble offensive line, which has only one player starting in the same spot as Week 1.

Testaverde fumbled a snap from replacement center Pete Kendall. That led to the first of two 1-yard scoring runs by Vick.

Testaverde's three fumbles tied a career worst. He also threw an interception as the Jets (2-5) dropped to 0-4 on the road this season.



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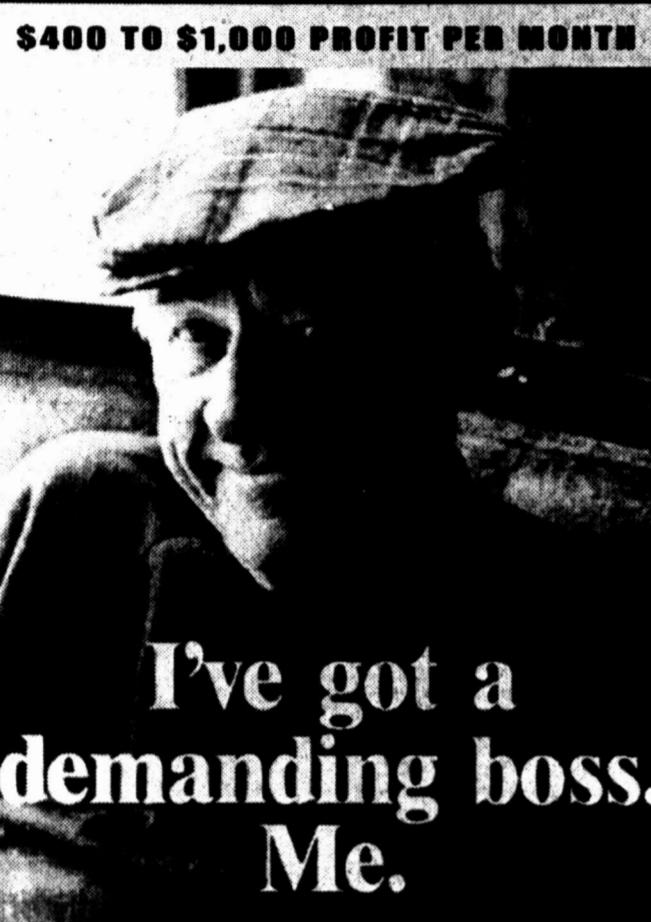
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Signed: Tommy Sullivan, District Secretary.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're called on to be empathetic. It's easy to have compassion for your fellow man. All you have to do is review your own list of personal sins, and soon you'll be feeling mighty forgiving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It seems that suggestions are whispered to you wherever you go — not that you were asking! Take it as a sign from the rest of the world. Today, you'll be walking that fine line between being an annoying know-it-all and merely sharing your knowledge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your aversion to drama is admirable. A regular and orderly daily life allows you to be outrageously and sensational in your working world, especially if you're in a creative field.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Too many rules destroy art — and love is an art. Be easy-going with your loved ones. Make it comfortable to be with you. As a result, you'll enjoy an abundance of affection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're being enticed. Consider who the enticer

is and what he or she has to gain. If someone you usually trust is the one trying to persuade you, then go out on a limb. After all, that's where the fruit is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People borrow from you. This is a compliment. But when they don't return your goods or they don't credit you, it certainly doesn't feel like a compliment. Fight for what's yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you know counts to you. But if nobody knows what you know, it hardly counts to the rest of the world. Today, you'll be walking that fine line between being an annoying know-it-all and merely sharing your knowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You seem to have a built-in device that directs you to where the "cool" people are in every environment. Use it today to network. You'll soon be glad you made some new contacts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Outside forces affect an organization you belong to. Your leadership is needed. Sometimes critical blows to a group are galvanizing events. You have a way of helping people get the most out of a situation.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl. Last weekend, I went on my third date with my boyfriend, "Shawn," also 15. When the movie ended, Shawn kissed me, and the next thing I knew, he was sticking his tongue in my mouth. I got scared and immediately pulled back. Shawn apologized, but a few minutes later, he kissed me again, and although I kept my mouth shut, I could feel his tongue against my lips.

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"HOW DO WOMEN WALK IN THOSE THINGS?
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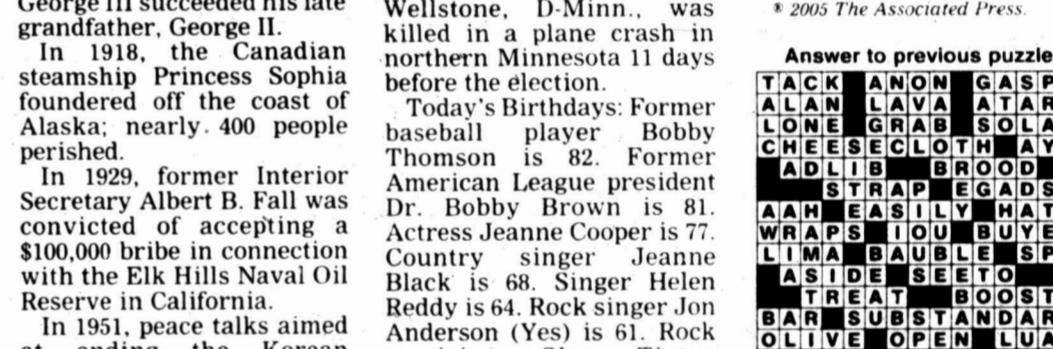
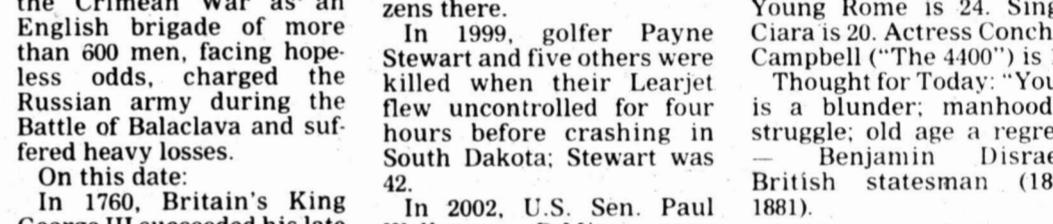
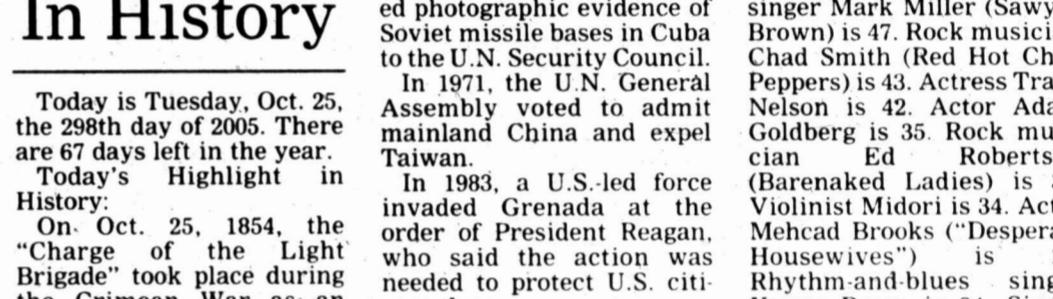
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Today is Tuesday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2005. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army during the Battle of Balaclava and suffered heavy losses.

On this date:

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1999, golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota; Stewart was 42.

In 2002, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota 11 days before the election.

Today's Birthdays:

Former baseball player Bobby Thomson is 82. Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 81. Actress Jeanne Cooper is 77. Country singer Jeanne Black is 68. Singer Helen Reddy is 64. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 61. Rock musician Glen Tipton

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Judas Priest) is 57. Actress Nancy Cartwright ("The Simpsons") is 48. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 47. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 43. Actress Tracy Nelson is 42. Actor Adam Goldberg is 35. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 35. Violinist Midori is 34. Actor Mehad Brooks ("Desperate Housewives") is 25. Rhythm-and-blues singer Young Rome is 24. Singer Ciara is 20. Actress Conchita Campbell ("The 4400") is 10. Thought for Today: "Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret." — Benjamin Disraeli, British statesman (1804-1881).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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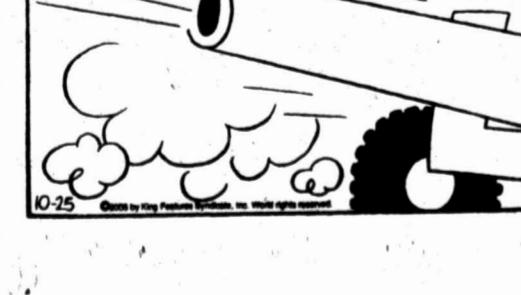
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"One thing vampire children have to be taught early on is, don't run with wooden stakes"
— Saturday Night Live writer, Jack Handy, on thinkexist.com.
"When other little girls wanted to be ballet dancers,
I kind of wanted to be a vampire."
— Angelina Jolie, on thinkexist.com.

Who the Dickens?

*A look back at the life of the literary giant
who wrote 'Oliver Twist'*

What do Jessica Alba and Charles Dickens have in common?
Give up?

Both have movies that are in theaters.

While Alba sizzles on film in an underwater adventure, it's Dickens' classic images of the lives of the Victorian-era British poor that float across the big screen in the movie "Oliver Twist," an adaptation of his classic tale directed by Roman Polanski.

The new film is not intended for the younger set, rated PG-13 for disturbing images. For those old enough to enjoy it, however, the film serves as another testament to the longevity of Dickens' remarkable literary legacy. His short stories and essays began appearing in periodicals in 1833. "Oliver Twist" was published in 1837 — more than 165 years ago.

"Oliver Twist" tells the story of the title character, orphaned and forced to live in a workhouse headed by the awful Mr. Bumble, who cheats the boys who work there out of their already low pay. Oliver decides to escape to the streets of London, where he meets a pickpocket, played by Sir Ben Kingsley, who lures him into a world of crime. Kingsley's character, Fagin, becomes Oliver's crime mentor.

Several of Dickens' works have been adapted for film and television, including 2002's "Nicholas Nickleby" and 2000's "David Copperfield." And several versions of "A Christmas Carol" have entertained audiences for years.

We thought this would be a good time to take a look at the man behind the words and see what kind of experiences helped shape and influence one of the best-known writers of all time.

What was Dickens' childhood like?

Dickens was born Feb. 7, 1812, to John and Elizabeth Dickens. When Dickens was 12, his father was sent to prison for unpaid debts. As the oldest boy in the family, Charles became the head of the household. To help support his family, he quit school and got a job at a boot-blacking factory. He hated his job — an experience that would fuel some of his future writing. He once wrote

By Karalee Miller
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The quotable Dickens

Charles Dickens has given us some of the most memorable — and often-repeated — lines in literature. Here is a quick look at some of his most famous lines:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."
(A Tale of Two Cities)

"Bah . . . Humbug!"
(Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol")

"God bless us, every one!"
(Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol")

that he wondered "how I could have been so easily cast away at such an age." He wrote about his feelings of alienation and betrayal in "David Copperfield" and "Great Expectations."

After three months, his father was released from prison and Charles was able to go back to school.

In 1827, he left school to work as an office boy for a lawyer. This was when he decided to pursue a career as a journalist. He found freelance work and published his first piece, "A Dinner at Poplar Walk," in 1833. Three years later, he married Catherine Hogarth.

What kinds of topics did he write about?

In his novels, Dickens touched on several important issues. He addressed the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1824 in "Oliver Twist"; the French Revolution in "A Tale of Two Cities"; and social reform in "Hard Times."

One of Dickens' best-known works is the first Christmas book he wrote — "A Christmas Carol" (1843), featuring the memorable character Ebenezer Scrooge.

When Dickens died on June 8, 1870 — a day after suffering a stroke — he left one unfinished work, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." He was buried at Westminster Abbey on June 14, 1870.

Is it true that Dickens was paid by the word?

This is a popular myth, but he was paid by the installment.

His novels were published serially, appearing over a period of many weeks or months. Most of his novels, including "Nicholas Nickleby," "Little Dorrit" and "Our Mutual Friend," appeared in monthly parts following a very specific formula developed by Dickens and his publishers.

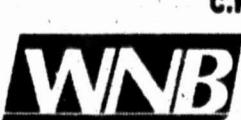
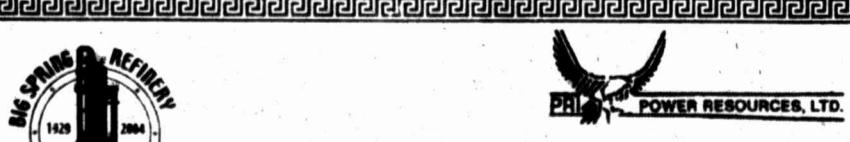
The formula was introduced with the 1836 publication of Dickens' first full-length novel, "The Pickwick Papers," which appeared in 20 parts over 19 months. The last part was a "double issue" that included parts 19 and 20.

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