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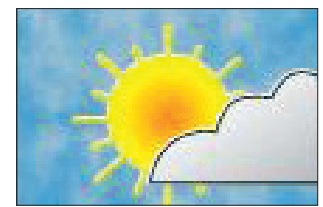


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## Burglars hit SE Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating a string of vehicle burglaries reported early this morning in the area of Alabama Street.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, numerous reports of vandalism and burglary of a vehicle began filtering in to police dispatchers today as residents prepared to leave for work.

"The calls began coming in

*"As many people still leave their purses or wallets in their vehicles, it's really no surprise criminals burglarize vehicles like they do."*

—Tony Everett, BSPD

around 7:40 a.m.," said Everett. "The investigation is still in its early stages, so I don't

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Police officers with the Big Spring Police Department talk to Alabama Street resident Bo Clawson early Thursday morning after several reports of burglary of a vehicle were received in the area surrounding his home. Clawson said he heard car doors slamming around 4 a.m. but didn't witness any of the thieves in action.**



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Homecoming Queen nominees for Coahoma High School are, from left, Katie Dunn, Hayli McCullough, Kylie Gee, Jordan Martin and K'Leigh Fowler. The queen will be named during halftime of Friday's game between Coahoma and Tahoka.**

## Homecomings dominate school scene Friday night

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Homecoming is busting out all over this weekend.

Aside from Big Spring High School, three other area schools — Coahoma, Stanton and Garden City — will also welcome home exes this weekend.

Coahoma High School homecoming activities started Wednesday evening with the annual community pep rally in front of the high school and special dress-up days throughout the week, then will kick into high gear Friday.

Prior to kickoff of the Bulldogs' game with Tahoka Friday, the football sweetheart and beau will be crowned. At halftime of the game, CHS' homecoming queen will be announced.

Homecoming queen finalists for Coahoma are senior K'Leigh Fowler, the daughter of Joe and Cindy Fowler and Karen and Brian Moore; senior Hayli McCullough, daughter of Ricky McCullough and Melissa and Dave Daniels; senior Kylie Gee, daughter of Gary and Andrea Gee; senior Katie Dunn, daughter of Michael and Amy Dunn; and senior Jordan



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

**Coahoma students drum up the spirit during Wednesday night's pep rally.**

Martin, daughter of Walter and Laurie Martin.

Formal activities conclude with a students-

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## Endangerment charges follow domestic dispute

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A domestic dispute took a dangerous turn Tuesday as two Big Spring men were arrested and charged with abandoning/endangering a child — criminal negligence.

Roberto Dutchover Perez, 23, of Big Spring was arrested just after 7 p.m. Tuesday on two counts of abandoning/endangering a child — criminal negligence, as well as contempt of court charges for no seat belt and failure to appear.

Also arrested was 26-year-old Nick Rodriguez Valencia, who was also charged with two counts of abandoning/endangering a child — criminal negligence after law enforcement officials say the pair forced a local woman off the roadway on S. Highway 87.

"According to witness

statements, the two men were traveling on S. Highway 87 in pursuit of a second vehicle, driven by a female subject," said Sheriff Stan Parker. "Once they had her off the road, the men got out of their vehicle and broke the driver's side window of the car, dragging her out of it. They then took an infant boy out of the backseat and fled the scene."

Parker said Perez is believed to be the father of the infant, who wasn't alone in the back seat.

"The woman had a second child, a little girl between 4 and 5 years old, in the back seat with the infant," said Parker. "However, Perez and Valencia weren't interested in her because she has a different father than the infant."

The two men were pulled over just a few minutes after

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### Printing problems causing delays

The *Big Spring Herald* is experiencing mechanical problems with its printing process which is causing delays in customers receiving their newspapers. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and assure readers we are exploring means to get the problems corrected as soon as possible. Until then, delivery to homes, businesses and paper racks will be delayed. Thank you for your patience.

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# Obituaries

## Craig Richardson

Craig Richardson, 50, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard, pastor of Cornerstone Covenant Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 18, 1959, in San Bernadino, Calif., and attended Big Spring High School. He had worked in the oilfield for 35 years for various companies. He loved his family and riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Survivors include his daughter, Chelsea Lee Richardson of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Aryan Holmes, Harley Holmes and TaLea Green, all of Big Spring; his best friend, Lana Richardson of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles, including Leroy "PeeWee" Richardson of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.L. "Chuck" and Dorothy Richardson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Cossacks Bikes for Tykes, 1610 N. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## James N. Burns

James N. Burns, 72, of Ackerly died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in a Brownfield hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly with the Rev. Ray McMorris and Derrick Looney officiating. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 9, 1937, in Lamesa. James graduated from Lamesa High School in 1956. He farmed in the Ackerly area for many years and worked in the oilfield for a number of years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Burns of Big Spring; two daughters, Cindy Smith of Lamesa and Mendy Burns of Brownfield; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bart and Pat Burns, and Vincent and Faye Burns, all of Brownfield; one sister and brother-in-law, Lynda and Jim Perry of Ackerly; one brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Janie Burns of Houston; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Lucille Phillips Burns; one son, Tony Burns; and a great-grandson, Aiden Burns.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Ackerly, P.O. Box 205, Ackerly 79713.

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

## Joan Kinder

Joan Kinder, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Support Groups

**TODAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

# Police blotter

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

- SHEYTOA NEWTON, 20, of Dallas, was arrested Wednesday on charges of criminal mischief and terroristic threat.
- THEFT was reported: in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place. in the 1100 block of Lamesa. in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported: in the 200 block of FM 700. in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 700 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. in the 3700 block of Hamilton. in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOSEPH WESTERN HOLT, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- FRANCISCO FLORENCIO MARTINEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of turning from wrong lane.
- SHETOYA NICOLE NEWTON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat and criminal mischief.
- JOHNNY SMITHWICK, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT as reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Carry-outs are available. Plates can be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each.
- Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.
- Coahoma Class of 1999 Reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Contact Latisha Miliken Perry with questions and RSVPs: tish\_a\_roo@yahoo.com or (512) 947-6680.
- The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship room, 1401 Main St. in Big Spring. A catered barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Betty Pitts at (432) 267-1449.

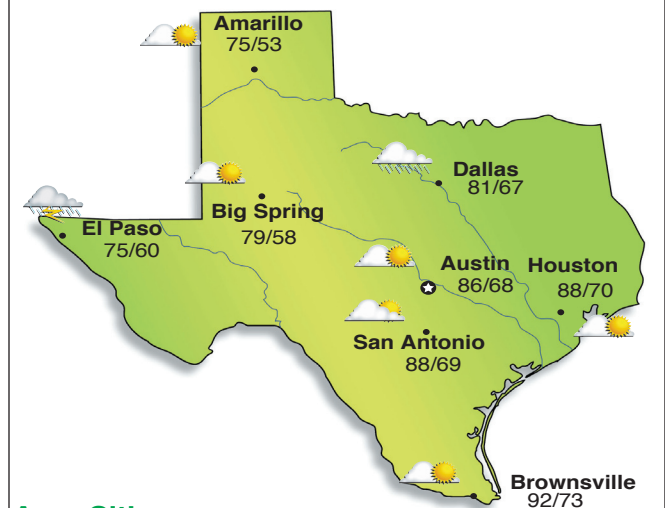
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/18	Sat 9/19	Sun 9/20	Mon 9/21	Tue 9/22
<b>79/58</b> Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 79F.	<b>82/60</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>87/63</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>86/59</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>79/57</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 7:42 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	60	rain	Kingsville	93	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	75	53	pt sunny	Livingston	87	68	pt sunny
Austin	86	68	pt sunny	Longview	81	68	t-storm
Beaumont	87	70	pt sunny	Lubbock	77	56	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	69	cloudy
Brownwood	82	63	cloudy	Midland	81	59	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	73	pt sunny	Raymondville	94	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	66	rain	Rosenberg	88	69	pt sunny
Dallas	81	67	rain	San Antonio	88	69	cloudy
Del Rio	88	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	68	pt sunny
El Paso	75	60	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	82	67	t-storm
Fort Stockton	80	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	77	59	cloudy
Gainesville	81	64	t-storm	Tyler	82	66	t-storm
Greenville	81	65	t-storm	Weatherford	81	64	rain
Houston	88	70	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	82	62	rain

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The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 5-2-5-2.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 09-10-15-16-28.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 9-5-5.

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# Bonfire, parade herald start of Big Spring homecoming activities

## Herald Staff Report

Big Spring High School 2009 homecoming activities hit high gear starting tonight, officials said.

The annual bonfire will be lit at 8 p.m. at the city compost facility at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Festivities continue Friday with the homecoming pep rally at 3:05 p.m. in Steer Gym at the high school campus.

Street construction has pushed the homecoming parade from its

traditional Main Street route.

This year's parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Donley Street and 11th Place.

The parade will proceed west to Goliad, then north to Eighth, east to Owens and south to 10th.

The homecoming game between the Steers and Andrews kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Memorial Stadium. The homecoming queen and king will be crowned at halftime.

## Reid to be honored as Veteran of Month

Hangar 25 Air Museum has announced that Carl Dale Reid is the museum's Veteran of the Month for September.

A reception in his honor will be held at 6 p.m. this evening in the museum's Briefing Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

Reid served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a gunner stationed in Hawaii and Okinawa. He earned Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons, the Good Conduct Medal and a Victory Medal.

## BURGLARY

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have any estimates for the amount of damage or what was stolen, but officers are telling me at this time it's substantial."

Officers spent the better part of the morning interviewing residents in the area, including Alabama Street homeowner Bo Clawson, who said he never saw the thieves but believes he may have heard them.

"I woke up at about

4 a.m. and heard car doors being closed," said Clawson. "I got up and looked out my kitchen window, but it just basically faces out into this small portion of the street, and I didn't see anyone."

Clawson said his vehicle was not targeted during the burglary spree, but pointed out several area residents who were.

"A lot of people got hit," he said. "There were a lot of them."

Everett said the calls, which were thought to

## News briefs

### Czech premier: Obama says U.S. scrapping plan for missile shield in Czech Republic and Poland

PRAGUE (AP) — The Czech prime minister says President Barack Obama has told him that the U.S. is abandoning plans to put a missile shield in the Czech Republic and Poland.

Czech Premier Jan Fischer told reporters in Prague on Thursday that Obama phoned him to say that Washington has decided to scrap the plan that had deeply angered Russia.

Fischer says Obama confirmed that Washington no longer intends to put 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar system in the Czech Republic.

The Bush administration had said the missile shield was a strategic way to counter a threat from Iran or another rogue state in the Middle East. But Russia was deeply angered by the prospect of having U.S. interceptor rockets in countries so close to its territory.

### Commission opens \$5 million investigation into causes of financial meltdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four months after its creation, a congressionally appointed panel modeled after the 9/11 Commission and the Iraq Study Group is opening a 15-month investigation into the causes of last year's economy-crippling financial collapse.

The 10-member, bipartisan Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission holds its first meeting Thursday. With a budget of \$5 million, its instructions are to submit findings to lawmakers by December 2010, long after Congress hopes to have a new regulation in place for preventing another Wall Street meltdown.

That deadline also assures that the findings won't

be acts of vandalism in the beginning, aren't surprising, as burglarizing vehicles has become a rather profitable pastime for area criminals.

"As many people still leave their purses or wallets in their vehicles, it's really no surprise criminals burglarize vehicles like they do. It's a very profitable crime for them," said Everett. "And folks who think they're safe because they cover their valuables up with a towel or something else, they're just fooling themselves.

The criminals figured that trick out a long time ago.

"If you have to leave valuables in your vehicle, the best place for them is locked up in the trunk. However, that's not even a safe place any more, because most vehicles today have trunk buttons inside the car, so once they are inside they have access to everything, including the trunk. If possible, keep your valuables in your house."

The audacity of these criminals once they are

have any impact on the 2010 congressional races.

Both the White House and Democratic leaders in Congress said at the start of this year that overhauling how the government regulates banks and related financial businesses was a top priority. But that effort is bogged down in partisan bickering as well as differences between the Obama administration and key Democrats in Congress on what the new regulatory structure should be.

And after passing a \$787 billion bill to stimulate an economic recovery, Democratic leaders in both the House and Senate put health care reform and global warming ahead of dealing again with the financial collapse.

While nearly every member of Congress agrees that the current regulatory structure is too lax in allowing banks and other lenders to write bad mortgages and sell them off to investors, Republicans and the financial industry say Obama's plan would increase consumer costs and limit choices.

### Health care overhaul picks up momentum, but deep divisions foretell rough road ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's call for an overhaul of the nation's health care system gained fresh momentum with the introduction of long-delayed Senate legislation to rein in spiraling medical costs and require nearly everyone to be carry health insurance.

The proposal by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus "will move this historic debate forward," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, although she quickly added that Baucus' plan was less desirable than a bill taking shape in the House.

Other Democrats were less enthusiastic, and not a single Republican announced support when Baucus introduced the measure Wednesday.

## DISPUTE

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leaving the scene and taken into custody, according to Parker.

"It took deputies just two or three minutes to locate and detain the two men from the time they left the scene," said Parker. "A passer-

by had seen what was happening before they left the scene and called 911, so law enforcement officers were already on their way to the location when they left.

"Once they had the pair pulled over and it was apparent they were in hot water, they gave themselves up fairly easily. They didn't re-

sist arrest or any of the other things you sometimes see in a domestic dispute like this."

Parker said no major injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

"Both men were charged with two counts because there were two children in the car at the time they were trying

to run it off the road," said Parker. "No other charges have been filed at this point."

According to county jail officials, bond for both men was set at \$10,000 per count for abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence. Valencia bonded out Wednesday morning, with Perez re-

maining in the custody of the county facility.

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## SCHOOL

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only dance after the game at the elementary school cafeteria, although class reunions are expected to be held throughout the weekend, officials said.

Garden City High School homecoming activities include dress-up days all week and a bonfire scheduled for around 8:30 p.m. tonight behind the football field.

The homecoming queen, Mr. Bearkat, band sweetheart and band beau will be crowned at halftime of the annual homecom-

ing game against Abilene Christian High School Friday.

Homecoming queen candidates are Kelsey Jones, daughter of Gary and Candy Jones; Amber Halfmann, daughter of Nathan and Gena Halfmann; Lauren Schwartz, daughter of Paul and Tara Schwartz; and Morgan Schwartz, daughter of James and Cecelia Schwartz.

An all-day get-together of former students is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the school cafeteria. A catered meal will be provided; cost is \$10.

Stanton High School homecoming activities began with a com-

munity pep rally Tuesday and conclude with the annual homecoming game Friday vs. Roby.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime of the game. Queen finalists are Rachel Fleckenstein, daughter of Ricky and Laurie Fleckenstein; Michelle Graves, daughter of Craig and Laura Graves; Beatriz Martinez, daughter of Jesus and Linda Martinez; and Tasni Reyna, daughter of Salvador and Idalia Reyna.

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## OUR VIEW

# Friends of Library book sale chance to do some good

Donations of books for the annual Friends of the Library book sale this weekend have come in. Boy, have they come in. And that means now the public has a chance to pick up some awfully good reading for a very little price.

What's more, you'll not only be adding to your personal library at home, but you'll be doing some good for all of us at the same time.

That's because Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization that provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, uses funds raised during the book sale to provide the library resources not provided by county commissioners' budgeting process.

Financial support of that kind is now more important than ever before, because the county isn't really increasing the library's budget.

Friends of the Library has helped financially support the library's summer reading program for children.

And we're convinced that alone warrants all of us going to pick up a book or two this weekend. But the organization also supports a number of other projects benefiting the library.

So, if you are a reader, and we hope you are, take a few minutes this weekend and go by the Howard County Library. And even if you aren't an avid reader, there's still reason to go by the book sale, because the Friends of the Library have also received donations of DVDs, video tapes and books on tape that, like the donated books, are in good condition and looking for a new home.

This year's book sale begins tomorrow and continues through Sunday in the library's basement and we hope readers will take that opportunity to add to their personal libraries.

Once again, you'll not only enrich your life and your family's by helping support the Friends of the Library, but the lives of others.

And don't forget, if you wish to join the Friends of the Library, dues are just \$5 a year, and meetings are held at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This is a good time, Lord, to thank you for all that You have done for us.

Amen

# American Discovery Day ignored

When he discovered the huge landmass now known as the United States, Juan Ponce de Leon decided to call it Florida. It was April 2, 1513, during the "Pascua Florida" season — Spanish for "Flowery Easter" — and that name seemed appropriate as the conquistador and his 200 explorers contemplated the lush vegetation along the shoreline.

They became the first Europeans to set foot on the American mainland, landing somewhere on the east coast of the peninsula now known as the state of Florida.

Yet their historic achievement is mostly ignored in the United States. April 2 is not an American holiday.

When American history books tell us that Ponce de Leon discovered Florida, they usually fail to explain that the Florida territory of the 16th century covered the entire American mainland, and they undermine the importance of his great discovery.

We know the main reason is The Black Legend, that infamous Anglo-Saxon campaign to demonize the Spanish explorers and minimize their accomplishments, a legend that has distorted American history and that still is promoted by both anti-Hispanic zealots and Latinos who reject their Spanish heritage.

But why are the rest of us Americans, of all ethnic and racial backgrounds, depriving ourselves of celebrating our national "American Discovery Day"? (That's what I would call it!)

Why aren't we planning a huge series of celebrations to commemorate our quincentennial in April 2013?

This is Hispanic Heritage Month, mostly dedicated to commemorating Christopher Colum-

bus' discovery of the New World on Oct. 12, 1492. It is a time for ethnic parades and other wonderful festivities, as well as for some conflict between those Latinos who celebrate the accomplishments of their Spanish ancestors and those who reject them as ruthless invaders.

Unfortunately, because Columbus never set foot in North America, even among those Latinos who do celebrate their Spanish heritage, the month's festivities seldom are used to recognize the great feats of those conquistadors who really did discover, explore and settle huge portions of North America long before any other Europeans.

Hernando de Soto, Francisco Coronado, Pedro Menendez de Aviles and many other 16th-century Spanish explorers are the original American pioneers, the heroes who should be recognized during Hispanic Heritage Month.

But it all began with the one who sailed north from Puerto Rico on March 4, 1513, and almost one month later found the land that was to become our country.

As this column proclaimed last week, our quincentennial is coming!

In 1976, when the U.S. celebrated its bicentennial, and in 1992, when the entire Western Hemisphere celebrated its quincentennial, there were wonderful reenactments of historic moments, great history lessons, tall ship flotillas and plenty of fireworks.

Doesn't April 2, 2013, deserve similar attention?

When Jamestown, Va., celebrated its 400th anniversary as the "first permanent British settlement" in the United States, in May 2007, both President George W. Bush and the queen of England attended the festivities. St. Augustine, Fla., the country's first settlement of any kind, doesn't get as much attention when it celebrates its anniversary 42 years ahead of Jamestown, every Sept. 8.

Of course, what St. Augustine celebrates is the anniversary of

its 1565 foundation by Pedro Menendez de Aviles, who came to settle there 52 years after Ponce de Leon discovered our country. In fact, on the Internet, there is already a group planning a special celebration for St. Augustine's 450th birthday, in 2015!

But what about April 2, 2013, the 500th anniversary of our country's discovery? Shouldn't we be planning our 500th birthday party? Seeing as St. Augustine also claims to be the site of Ponce de Leon's first landing (and of his discovery of the legendary Fountain of Youth), in 1513, shouldn't that be the site of our biggest quincentennial celebration? Will there be fireworks and flotillas? Will the president of the United States go to St. Augustine to greet the king of Spain?

Perhaps I'm just not looking in the right places, but I see "nada" — no plans at all!

Since this column started raising these questions three weeks ago, some readers have reacted very positively, urging me to go ahead and "make it happen" — as if one columnist could have the power to do it all alone.

The 500th anniversary of our homeland's discovery surely deserves a huge national celebration. But it would be up to all of us to make it happen.

If you want to join me in this quest, send my recent columns to everyone you know. Ask your elected officials to issue proclamations recognizing April 2 as our American Discovery Day and to start planning for our 2013 quincentennial celebrations. If you have other ideas on how to achieve this goal, send me your comments at miguelperez(at)optonline.net and they may be quoted in this column in the near future.

I only have planted a seed, and this is a garden that belongs to all of us. By the way, I plan to be in St. Augustine for "Pascua Florida" April 2, 2013. Will you join me?

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# Czars: Pulling back a new curtain

The framers of the Constitution knew the founding document of our democracy must be both the anchor of liberty and the blueprint for its preservation. Wisely, they provided a balance of powers to ensure no individual and no single arm of government could ever wield the forces of unchecked authority against the American people.

Nearly 250 years later, we are seeing these critical lines of separation being obscured by a new power class of federal officials.

A few of them have formal titles, but most of them are simply known as "czars," and they are holding unknown levels of power over broad swaths of policy. Under the Obama administration, we have an unprecedented 32 czar posts, including a "car czar," a "pay czar" and an "information czar." There are also czars assigned to some of the broadest and most consequential topics in policy, including health care, terrorism, economics and key regions of the world.

So what do these czars do? Do they advise the president? Or do they impose the administration's agenda on the heads of federal agencies and offices who have been vetted and confirmed by Senate? Unfortunately — and in direct contravention of the intentions of the framers of the Constitution — virtually no one can say with certainty what these individuals do, or what

limits are placed on their authority. We don't know if they are influencing or implementing policy. We don't know if they possess philosophical views or political affiliations that are inappropriate or overreaching in the context of their work.

This is precisely the kind of ambiguity the framers sought to prevent. Article One of the Constitution tasks the legislative branch with establishing federal agencies, defining what they do, determining who leads them, and overseeing their operations. Article Two requires the President to seek the advice and consent of Congress when appointing certain officials to posts of consequence. Thus, authority is shared between government branches, guaranteeing the American people transparency and accountability.

As the senior Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, I oversee legislation and agencies that cover everything from trade, technology and transit to consumer protection and commercial regulation. Up to 10 of the 32 czars functionally fall under my committee's jurisdiction. Yet, neither I nor the chairman have clear authority to compel these czars to appear before the committee and report what they are doing. And prior to assuming their duties, the administration only presented two of these officials for our consideration. For the others, we have had no opportunity to probe their credentials.

We recently saw the kinds of dangerous details that can slip through when a powerful federal official isn't put through the Sen-

ate confirmation process. "Green jobs czar" Van Jones carried to his post troublesome past activities, including endorsement of fringe theories about 9/11 and ties to a socialist group. The Senate confirmation process would typically provide an appropriate forum for identifying these types of issues, discussing them, and allowing for public input. Mr. Jones's case highlighted the lack of accountability that is becoming commonplace under the Obama administration.

While Mr. Jones rightly resigned, there are dozens of other administration czars about whom we still know very little. It is Congress' duty to know who is serving at the highest levels of government, what they are doing and what qualifications or complications they bring to the job. It is also our responsibility to make this information known to the people who have elected us to serve and protect them. This is how we ensure accountability.

The deployment of this many czars sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the Constitution's guarantee of separated powers. It must be stopped. President Obama should submit each of his many policy czars to the Senate so that we can review their qualifications, their roles, and the limits on their authority. To deliver anything less is to deny the American public the accountability and transparency the Constitution guarantees.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. senator from Texas and the ranking Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.



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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Celebrate!

## Steers host Andrews for 2009 homecoming

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

Any game pitting the Big Spring Steers and Andrews Mustangs on opposite sides is brimming with a significant purpose.

Add the value of homecoming night to the equation and the magnitude of the rivalry is raised to another level.

The Steers host the Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. Friday with the contest serving as Big Spring's annual homecoming game.

"In the three years I've been here, I've learned quickly how big of a rivalry we have with Andrews," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "Anytime we play Andrews, it's a big game. Our players have seen their players since junior high. They've been battling back and forth with those guys for years. I know our seniors want nothing more than to have the final say on the rivalry during."

"The fact that this game is also our homecoming game makes it that much more important," said Ritchey. "There are going to be a lot of Big Spring alumni in the

stands and many former players who know what it's like to play Andrews. Those coming back for this game know the importance of this rivalry. They want to see us beat Andrews."

The Steers and Mustangs have met on the gridiron in every season since 1986, when Big Spring dropped to Class 4A and entered the same district as Andrews.

The Mustangs remained a chief district rival of the Steers until 2006, when Andrews dropped down the Class 3A. Since 1986, Big Spring holds a slight edge in the rivalry, winning 12 games to Andrews' 11. The one-game margin is the same for the all-time series between the two schools — 16-15-2 in favor of Big Spring.

Last season, the Steers spoiled Andrews' homecoming with an 18-6 victory. Ritchey knows the Mustangs would love to return that favor Friday night.

"They remember what we did to them last year," said Ritchey. "This is a team capable of beating us. They'd love nothing more than to give us our first loss of the season at our own homecom-



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring Steers tight end Matt Ritchey fights off a Pampa defender for more yards during the Steers' 55-41 victory in a non-district football game last week at Harvester Field in Pampa. The Steers (3-0) attempt to stay undefeated at 7:30 p.m. Friday, hosting rival Andrews as a part of their annual homecoming celebration at Memorial Stadium.**

ing."

Big Spring received a scare from Pampa last week, but was able to stave off a fourth quarter comeback bid by the Harvesters for a 55-41 win to remain undefeated three games into the season. The Mustangs, who enter Friday night's game winless, fell to Fort Stockton last week, 32-21.

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**Andrews at Big Spring**



**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Memorial Stadium  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 74°F  
**Radio:** KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbest.com, KBYG AM 1400.



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**Coahoma Bulldogs quarterback Josh Paniague (right) runs away from Forsan's Aaron Goff (40) and Aaron Valle during a non-district football game Sept. 4 at Bulldog Stadium. The Bulldogs host Tahoka at 7:30 p.m. Friday for their annual homecoming celebration.**

# Coahoma looking to bounce back vs. Tahoka

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — One way to measure a team is to see how resilient it might be after suffering its first loss of the season.

The Coahoma Bulldogs are going to face that test at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they host the Tahoka Bulldogs for homecoming.

Coahoma (2-1) is coming off its first loss of the season — a 40-27 defeat at the hands of the Seagraves Eagles.

Coahoma led 20-14 at the half and pulled within 7 points with little more than five minutes to

play. However, two costly turnovers down the stretch of the game led to Coahoma's

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**Tahoka at Coahoma**



**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Bulldog Stadium  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 74°F  
**Radio:** KBTS 94.3 The Fuse.

# Forsan hoping to keep momentum vs. Badgers

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

FORSAN — A win, no matter how it is achieved, can go a long way.

Forsan's Buffaloes are hoping their 6-0 win over Irion County last week might lead to another one at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they pay a visit to the McCamey Badgers.

"It was pretty ugly last week, but we've had a

better attitude and stronger work

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**Forsan at McCamey**



**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Badger Stadium in McCamey  
**Game-time weather:** Partly cloudy, 76°F



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

**Forsan Buffaloes running back Aaron Valle tries to avoid an Irion County tackler last week at Irion County in a non-district football game. The Buffs won 6-0 and hope to build off that success at McCamey at 7:30 p.m. Friday.**

## CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 3

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**Tahoka (0-3) at Coahoma (2-1)**

**Forsan (1-2) at McCamey (0-3)**

**Roby (2-1) at Stanton (1-2)**

**Sterling City (2-0) at Sands (3-0)**

**ACHS (1-2) at Garden City (2-1)**

**Grady (2-1) at Mid. Trinity (1-2)**



# Area roundup: GC trying for third straight blowout

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor  
GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats have claimed dominion over the gridiron the past two weeks.

After opening the season with a loss to Throckmorton, Garden City has rebounded to hold its last two opponents — El Paso Jesus Chapel and

rival Robert Lee — to zero points and almost no yards of offense, improving the Bearkats record to 2-1.

Most recently, Garden City held Robert Lee to two total yards of offense in a 58-0 drubbing. The game, as was the one against Jesus Chapel, was called at halftime, courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule.

The Bearkats have a great chance of pulling off the feat again at 7:30 p.m. Friday as they host Abilene Christian High School (1-2) as a part of their homecoming celebration.

ACHS is coming off its first win of the season after having knocked off Lohn 55-8 last week.

However, the private school

hasn't fared well against Garden City.

Last season, the Bearkats executed the 45-point mercy rule by halftime with a 58-12 victory.

The Bearkats seem to have found an offensive rhythm in the past two weeks. Running back Josh Colunga has become the playmaker Garden City lacked against

Throckmorton. Last week, Colunga rushed for 136 yards and three touchdowns on a mere 10 carries.

He was complimented nicely by Blayne Batla's arm. Batla threw five touchdowns against Robert Lee, including three to Brett Chudej.

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## STEERS

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However, Pampa was also without a win this year and were within one score of the Steers with less than three minutes to play. Ritchey hopes the team learned something from the near fiasco.

"Our focus wasn't right against Pampa. We had some guys on defense who weren't mentally prepared for that game. I'll take the responsibility for that. It's my job to have them focused," admitted Ritchey. "I hope that game was all the wake up call we needed. We've had better focus in

practice this week. We're capable of playing much better on defense than what we did last week."

Pampa was able to exploit the Steers' secondary as quarterback Alex Clendening passed for four touchdowns and 315 yards.

"Andrews has seen that film and they run an offense very similar to Pampa's. Our secondary is going to get tested once again," noted Ritchey. "They saw plenty of things they like in that game. They're going to come in with confidence they can throw against us. We've got to be able to make substantial improvement in our pass defense this week. It's really the type of test we need as we come up on district play."

Andrews quarterback Hunter Hicks

has thrown for more than 600 yards in three games with four touchdowns and five interceptions. Hicks' favorite target is receiver Jordan Estrada, who has 324 yards on 14 catches this season.

The Mustangs have also ran the ball well with Jorge Gutierrez carrying most of the load. Gutierrez has 352 yards on 47 carries.

Fortunately for Big Spring last week, the offense was ready to answer the call as Pampa engaged the Steers in a shootout.

Senior quarterback Tyler Tannehill had an unforgettable game, passing for 395 yards and seven touchdowns, while completing 16-of-25 passes. It's the type of performance Ritchey was hoping to get out of the passing

game.

"I thought we were capable of putting up those type of numbers going into the year, but we didn't come close to touching that in the first two games," said Ritchey. "I was thinking we could pass for 200 to 300 yards from the start. Instead, we were seeing numbers around 120. It was nice to see Tyler have the type of game he did. This is going to change how defenses prepare for us now. They're going to have to respect Tyler's arm and Monte (Anderson's) legs. We're going to be hard to defense."

If Big Spring pulls out a victory Friday night, it would be the first time since 1999 the Steers have started the season 4-0. That year, Big Spring got off to a 5-0 start.

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**Roby (2-1) at Stanton (1-2)**

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes decided to join in the homecoming jamboree this week as one of four Crossroads area schools to hold its annual reconciliation celebration Friday night.

The Buffaloes host the Roby Lions at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. The Lions, who went winless a year ago, picked up its second win of the season over Miles last week, 21-12.

Both teams will utilize run-heavy offenses. In last week's 34-20 loss to Colorado City, Stanton running back Nathan Nix ran for 119 yards on 18 carries, including a 25-yard touchdown with 13 second remaining in the game.

Roby is led by Zach Floyd who had 124 carries and two touchdowns on 27 carries against Miles.

Last year, Stanton picked up its first win of 2008 with a 28-12 win over Roby.

**Sterling City (2-0) at Sands (3-0)**

ACKERLY — Sterling City pays a visit to the Sands Mustangs at 7:30



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

**Garden City's Jesse Montez brings down a ball carrier from El Paso Jesus Chapel in non-district football action from Sept. 4.**

p.m. Friday in a battle of the unbeaten.

Sterling City, which is entering just its second season as a Division I six-man program, has utilized the 45-point mercy rule on both of its opponents this season. The Eagles defeated O'Donnell last week, 56-6. They easily dealt with Santa Anna 59-14 to open the season.

Sands — ranked eighth in six-man Division II — is coming off a 63-12 victory over Trent last week that saw the

Mustangs score in a wide variety of ways, including a safety, a kickoff and a punt return and by recovering a blocked punt in the end zone.

Last season, the Mustangs suffered their first loss of the season to Sterling City, 58-40.

Spread back Johnny Rogers had four touchdown passes in the game. However, the Mustangs, who prefer to rely on their run game, were held to a mere 49 yards rushing. Meanwhile, Sterling City used a

**COAHOMA**

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demise.

Despite the loss, Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin is confident the Bulldogs will be focused Friday.

"We're fine. We'll be ready to play," Martin said. "We've got to cut down on the mental mistakes we're making. We had some bad penalties

against Seagraves. We also had two turnovers that cost us."

The Bulldogs surrendered 522 rushing yards to Seagraves, which got 271 yards from running back Jirus Davis on 22 carries.

Coahoma will face another rushing attack from Tahoka Friday, although it will be unlike the one they saw from Seagraves.

"Tahoka plays hard and they've got some talented backs," noted Martin. "They use a spread option attack.

That's not a scheme you see much of at the high school level."

Regardless of the scheme, after last week's struggle with the run game, Martin says seeing a run-oriented offense the Bulldogs need to see again. He also notes that getting back a couple of key players should keep Tahoka from having the same success Seagraves did.

"We need to see a running offense. We're still needing some experience in our front seven," said Martin.

balanced attack, rushing for 188 yards while passing for another 200.

**Grady (2-1) at Midland Trinity (1-2)**

LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats are trying to establish themselves as a legitimate contender in six-man Division I.

The Wildcats enter Friday night's game with the Midland Trinity Chargers ranked 10th in the state with their only loss coming against No. 2 Meadow to the tune of 40-30.

Last week, the Wildcats rebounded from the tough loss to Meadow with a 54-6 homecoming win over New Home.

Grady established its run game against New Home and needed just two plays to do so. John Ramirez turned his only two carries of the game into touchdowns runs of 64 and 60 yards, respectively.

In all, Grady rushed the ball 14 times for 216 yards before the game was called just 45 seconds into the third quarter via the 45-point mercy rule.

Midland Trinity won its first game of the season last week, topping Balmorhea, 50-42.

Last season, the Wildcats routed Midland Trinity, 52-6. Quarterback Dylan Cox threw for six touchdowns in the game that was called with 6:44 to play in the third quarter.

**FORSAN**

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ethic in practice this week," said Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "We can take a lot of confidence out of that win and build with it."

The Buffs managed to pick up the victory despite losing starting quarterback Foster Burchett to a mild concussion in the midst of the game. Burchett will be forced to sit out this week as well, according to UIL rules stating any player diagnosed with a concussion must sit out the following week.

Burchett won't be the only Forsan athlete on the sidelines as sophomore running back Ty Johnson is going to miss a second consecutive game with a hamstring injury.

"We're going to hold Foster and Ty out this week," noted Phillips. "Both of them are itching to get back on the field, though, and should be ready to go next week. We've had our work cut out for us as coaches just trying to keep them off the field."

Replacing Burchett at quarterback is junior Jake Rhoton. Rhoton stepped in for Burchett in the win over Irion County, throwing the only touchdown of the game to Patrick Robles from 16 yards out.

"Jake actually has a lot of experience at quarterback. He's played the position since seventh grade,"

acknowledged Phillips. "He does a good job of keeping his composure and knows the offense. Obviously, he hasn't had as many reps this season, so we'll scale back our offensive package some."

Regardless of who the signal caller is, Phillips said the game plan is to put the ball into the hands of Aaron Valle and the other running backs often.

"We're going to run the ball more this week, but that had been our plan even if Foster was going to be at quarterback," said Phillips. "We feel that's the way for us to attack McCamey and is probably the strength of our offense right now."

Phillips says the Buffs matchup well with McCamey as far as speed and size goes, but knows the Badgers aren't going to be soft.

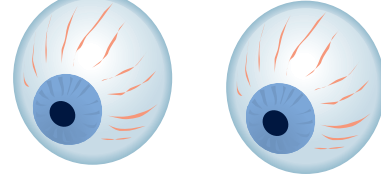
"McCamey is a football town and they play a very physical style of football," said Phillips. "We match up fine with our size and speed, but we have to be ready for a physical brand of football."

The Badgers are coming off a 27-0 loss to Reagan County last week. Their closest margin of defeat so far this season is 21 — a 41-20 loss to Alpine in Week 1.

Despite being on the road for a third consecutive week, Phillips believes the Buffs have a solid chance of winning a second game in a row.

"If we play well and execute like we have in practice, then I think we've got a great chance of getting a win."

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Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣  
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Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

A mind is a terrible thing to waste, and the aptness of this expression is often exemplified by what occurs at the bridge table.

Consider the present deal played in a pair championship. West led a spade, and declarer saw at once that his only chance to bring the contract home was to develop a heart trick.

He therefore won the first spade with dummy's queen and led a heart to the ten at trick two, hoping to force the ace or king. But when the ten lost to the jack, South's chances for a ninth trick were greatly diminished.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Virgos get all the attention today. First Uranus opposes the sun in Virgo, promising to disrupt, excite and challenge the earth sign. Then the sun lines up with Saturn to make sure that Virgo gets the lesson that's being posed within this exercise. Lastly, the messenger enters Virgo, lending the perfect words to help Virgo succeed in the mission.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your object of affection sees something very attractive in you. Make a bold move. Prove you are confident enough to forget about yourself and be filled with enthusiasm for what you might create together.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll meet someone who knows a great deal about a subject you are

extremely interested in. If your questions are met with surprise or resistance, assure your subject that your interest is unselfish and impersonal.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are not lacking in artistic imagination, that's for certain. You take pains to make your presentations interesting and colorful no matter how mundane the information you are relaying may be.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're amazingly intuitive and will have access to a stock of information, though you'll probably have no clue why you know what you do. Proof isn't so necessary now. Go with your psychic impressions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are feeling more sensitive than usual to your environment and the people around you. Do not take on their pain or problems. You are of better service to others when you stay strong and well.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have more than

one admirer, and they might even compete with one another for your attention. What are you doing that's so attractive? Minding your own business!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are proving what you are made of. The journey is not so easy. For inspiration, research your heroes — those people of character who were driven to create themselves from scratch and make it on their own.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you consider that your time is your most precious commodity, then those who want to waste it can be considered dangerous characters. Stay on purpose, and don't cavort with people who seem lost. Be pleasant but distant.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be fascinated by people you don't know and learn much from acting like a fly on the wall. Observing the dynamic between others sheds insight on your own relationships.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's something you can do to make your life more comfortable, and it has nothing to do with money. Give yourself the luxury of time. Allot more of it for getting from here to there, and you'll arrive in beautiful style.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're still deciding if you want to get into a certain venture. This is not something to enter impulsively. Before you embark, decide the rules of the game, what you're playing for and when you'll know it's finished.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be prompted to remember your past, and something painful about it might come to mind. You may privately decide that you've been holding onto this piece for long enough. Let it go for good!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 17). You head out on a quest this year. The distances you travel may not be physical miles, but you

arrive at a new place anyhow. You will be a friend to many fellow travelers, though some relationships will emerge as special. You'll make an important investment in January. New work comes in March. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 25, 41, 22 and 10.

**NEWMOONRITUALS:** Friday, Sept. 18, brings the new moon in Virgo, one of the most productive moons of the year. This is the perfect start date to launch an organizational, fitness or life makeover project. Create a ritual to celebrate your new beginning and to energize your endeavor and give it the best chance of succeeding.

Fire signs: (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius): In order to move forward with your new plan, you'll need to let go of other things that have been taking the place of these actions. What will you be saying "no" to in order to say "yes" to your new life? List those activi-

ties, feelings and people on a piece of paper. Write a formal goodbye letter to your "no" activities. Say your ending salutation out loud, and toss the paper into the lit fireplace or fire pit.

Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn): Choose a few small symbols of your old life, as well as a few symbols of your new life. Find a patch of earth and dig a hole. Bury the symbols of your old life in the ground, all the while saying goodbye. Place the symbols of your new life on a shelf or other place where you will see them often and daily.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My husband, "Sam," grew up in a family that was physically abusive. In order to escape, he joined the military after high school. We live far away from his parents, but there are times when he wants to talk and visit with them, often followed by periods of zero contact for months on end because he is hurt again. His parents have taken some steps to improve the situation, and they would like to start over. Right now, however, Sam isn't willing. He hasn't spoken to them in four months and gets upset if I suggest talking to them on his behalf. I'm concerned that this is an unhealthy relationship and that his parents may blame me for the lack of contact. Our church is helping Sam learn about forgiveness, but he isn't there yet. Should I keep up communication with his folks or let him deal with it? — *Sam's Wife*

**Dear Wife:** You are kind to want your husband to

have a relationship with his parents, but it is up to Sam to decide what he can handle. Tell Sam you'd like to send his parents cards on holidays and birthdays, just to keep in touch, but beyond that, you will not get involved unless he asks you to. Don't worry about his parents assessing blame. Your job is to support your husband, not his parents. We're glad he's discussing this with clergy. It should help.

**Dear Annie:** I am 23 with a year-old baby, but I think my hormones are still out of whack. Since becoming pregnant, my temper and anxiety have been at an all-time high.



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It's affecting my relationship with my family, and I'm scared I might one day end up hurting someone or walking out the door. I don't want to feel like this, but I don't know what to do because I don't have health insurance. Can I just go to a hospital and ask them to draw blood for a hormonal test? Should I get counseling? I'm willing to do anything that will help. — *Going Crazy in California*

**Dear California:** A small percentage of women experience depression during and after pregnancy, and you are smart to recognize the problem and want to get better. Talk to your pediatrician and ob-gyn about support groups and available medical help in your

area. Meanwhile, let your family know you need them. Most new mothers suffer from sleep deprivation, which feeds into your stress levels. Ask for assistance. Take a nap when your child does. Get some exercise. And contact Postpartum Support International ([postpartum.net](http://postpartum.net)) at 1-800-944-4PPD (1-800-944-4773).

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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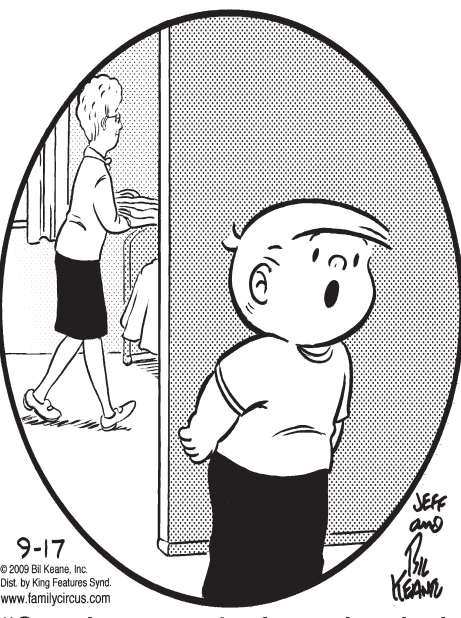
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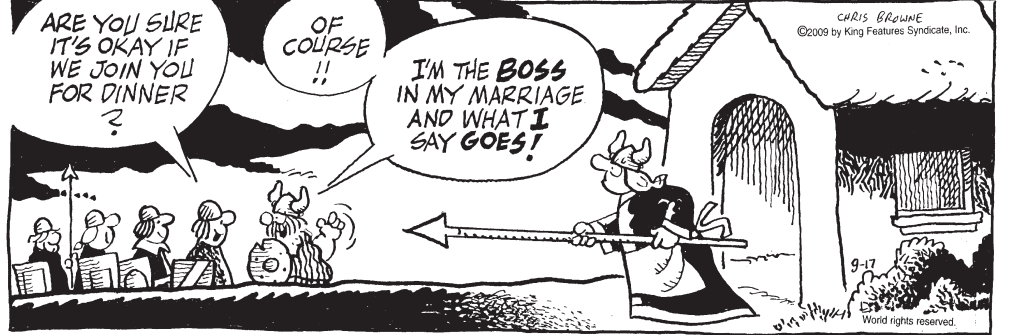
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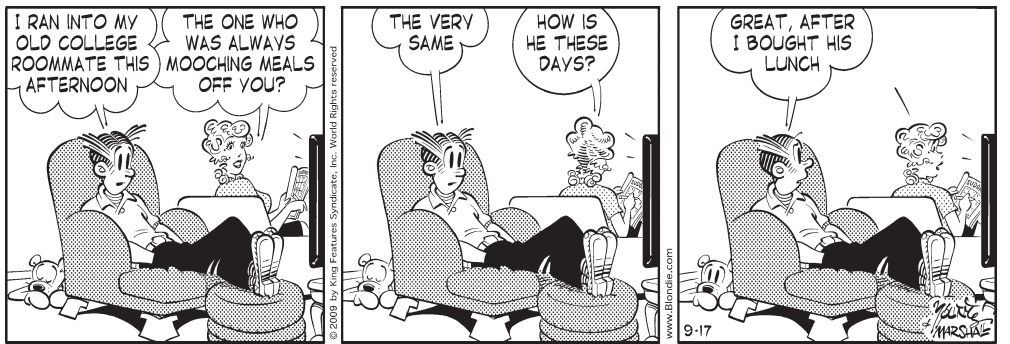


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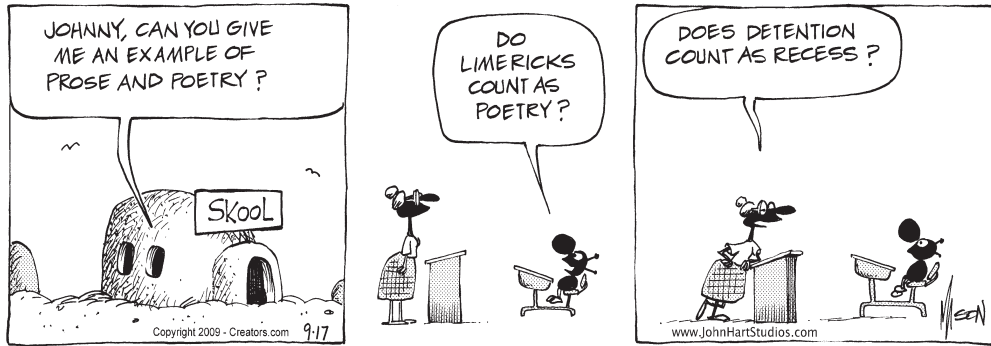
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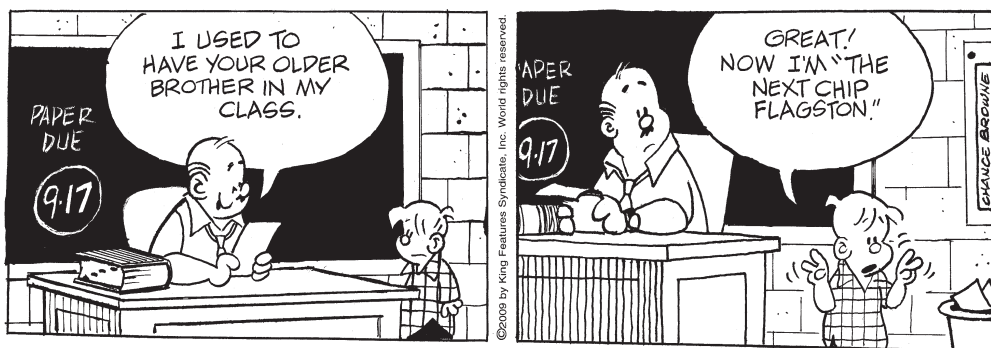
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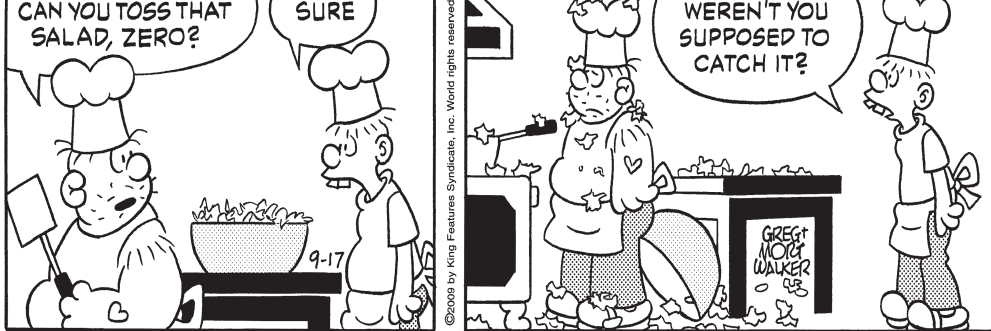
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2009. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862, in the bloodiest battle day in U.S. history, Union forces fought Confederate invaders in the Civil War Battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Md.

In 1909, the first trolley crossed New York City's recently opened Queensboro Bridge in a test run. (Regular service began Oct. 4; the trolley was shut down in 1957.)

In 1920, the American Professional Football

Association — a precursor of the NFL — was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists.

In 1949, more than 120 people died when fire gutted the Canadian passenger steamship SS Noronic at a pier in Toronto.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev traveled by train from Washington to New York City, where he received a low-key welcome from New Yorkers.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1984, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

Today's Birthdays: Pro

Football Hall of Famer George Blanda is 82. Actor David Huddleston is 79. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 76. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 70. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 70. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 66. Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson is 64. Singer Fee Waybill is 59. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 58. Comedian Rita Rudner is 56. Muppeteer Kevin Clash is 49. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 47. Singer BeBe Winans is 47. Actor Kyle Chandler is 44. Director-producer Bryan Singer ("X-Men") is 44. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 43. Actor Malik Yoba is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

MESA	ASTAB	EMIT
ORAL	STARR	WISE
WILLYWONKA	ELLA	
NET	OILS	ZEROES
OGRE	BILL	
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DORMS	SCAR	SOOT
GRIP	ATOMS	TRUE
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SIAM	GOBSTOPPER	
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|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                | 61 Kit Kat alternative  | 7 Slumber-party favorite | 33 Transgression         |
| 1 Concerto conclusion, maybe | 62 Small-business owner | 8 Annoyed                | 36 Little rascal         |
| 5 Doggie                     | 64 "Little" starter     | 9 Certain mother         | 37 Sport sword           |
| 10 Gives the appearance of   | 65 Pick-me-up           | 10 Playing hooky         | 41 Topography shapers    |
| 14 Similar                   | 66 Get moving           | 11 Small-town officers   | 43 Precisely             |
| 15 Become accustomed         | 67 Builder's spot       | 12 Jogging pace          | 46 Hi and Lois kid       |
| 16 Drill holes               | 68 Sphere of influence  | 13 Bastes, for example   | 48 Longish skirt         |
| 17 Sunscreen's purpose       | 69 Influence            | 18 Biblical twin         | 50 Blunder               |
| 19 Put one over on           |                         | 22 On deck               | 51 Go on monotonously    |
| 20 Helen's captor            |                         | 24 Sit-in, for example   | 53 NCR products          |
| 21 '90s music eccees         |                         | 26 Agree (to)            | 54 V-J Day ended it      |
| 22 Emulates a 9 Down         |                         | 27 Pencil puzzles        | 56 Promotional activity  |
| 23 Something plotted         |                         | 28 Construction machine  | 58 Hide (away)           |
| 25 Upward trip               |                         | 29 Limitation            | 59 Root beer alternative |
| 27 'Tis memoirist            |                         | 30 Genealogy chart       | 60 Paris airport         |
| 31 Exotic soup ingredient    |                         | 32 Jeremy of Jerldom     | 62 After-school org.     |
| 34 Presley's middle name     |                         |                          | 63 Magnavox alternative  |
| 35 Set straight              |                         |                          |                          |
| 38 Auto-grille cover         |                         |                          |                          |
| 39 Groucho-like              |                         |                          |                          |
| 40 Office fill-ins           |                         |                          |                          |
| 41 Melted ice cream, e.g.    |                         |                          |                          |
| 42 Naval off.                |                         |                          |                          |
| 43 Conical home              |                         |                          |                          |
| 44 Monocle, basically        |                         |                          |                          |
| 45 Dust-ups                  |                         |                          |                          |
| 47 As a group                |                         |                          |                          |
| 49 Not for tots              |                         |                          |                          |
| 52 Peculiarity               |                         |                          |                          |
| 53 Be patient for            |                         |                          |                          |
| 55 Monopoly props.           |                         |                          |                          |
| 57 Bee Gees beat             |                         |                          |                          |

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# FEARLESS FOOTBALL FORECAST

## This week's games



Jonathan Hull



Jeff Lane



Robert Smith



Bill Norris



Tim Larson



Tim Knox

Andrews at Big Spring  
Tahoka at Coahoma  
Forsan at McCamey  
Roby at Stanton  
Abilene Christian at Garden City  
Grady at Midland Trinity  
Sterling City at Sands  
Lubbock Estacado at Snyder  
Lake View at Greenwood  
Texas Tech at Texas  
Connecticut at Baylor  
Utah State at Texas A&M  
Georgia Tech at Miami  
Nebraska at Virginia Tech  
Cincinnati at Oregon State  
Utah at Oregon  
Tennessee at Florida  
Giants at Cowboys  
Texans at Titans  
Ravens at Chargers  
Cardinals at Jaguars  
Saints at Eagles  
Patriots at Jets  
Panthers at Falcons  
Colts at Dolphins

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Last week	19-6 .760	19-6 .760	17-8 .680	15-10 .600	19-6 .760	17-8 .680
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