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Salvation Army to begin Angel Tree process Oct. 5

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While the Christmas holiday may be far from the minds of area residents, the Big Spring Salvation Army is already working to brighten the season for area low income families, as the local charity will begin taking applications for its annual Angel Tree program Oct. 5.

The local charity will accept applications Monday, Oct. 5, according to Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler, the beginning of a two-week effort to reach out to area low income families that may have trouble putting gifts for their children under the Christmas tree this season.

"This is really the start of the busy season for us," said Lafler. "We have the Angel Tree program getting started, and we have all of the other programs we work on during Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up as well. So we certainly have to get a jump on

"We'll be accepting applications Oct. 5 and continue through Friday, Oct. 9. We'll also accept applications the following week, from Oct. 12 until Oct. 16. All they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. and 3 p.m."

Lafler said the application process is simple, and for some area children. it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, Social Security cards for all of the household members living there, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income," said Lafler. "That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them, because

Conservation

Siemens says energy savings effort making city money, greener

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is going green — or at least greener than previous years — according to the recent one-year report card from Siemens Building Technologies, the company in charge of the municipality's conservation ef-

The conservation program allows cities and other governments to change out existing aging and inefficient utility systems — including water, electrical and climate control components and systems — with a guarantee of the savings, which the company agrees to supplement if the changes fall short.

Siemens Account Executive Chad Nobles recently met with city officials to go over results from the group's yearlong effort to modernize municipal facilities and increase efficiency of its many different systems.

"One of the programs we implemented was the use of the automatic meter reading water system, which included more than 8,000 meters throughout the city," said Nobles. "We guaranteed the city that system reclaim for unbilled water usage would be 123,936 units — a unit being 1,000 gallons — per year, saving the city slightly more than \$397,000 annually. Since the meters have been installed, the city has managed to reclaim 159,488 units, for a total savings of \$550,979, more than 38 percent above guarantees. So we've well-exceeded

expectations with the new water meter system." Overall, the program guar-

anteed the city a savings of \$600,987 for the year, a number that was quickly eclipsed, according to Nobles.

"The city's actual savings, thanks to this program last year was \$764,631," said Nobles. "That's \$550,979 in water revenue enhancements and \$133,539 in operational savings, which is very impressive. Of the total savings, we calculated \$66,443 in lighting; \$5,288 in traffic lights through the use of LED technology; \$9,239 through HVAC (heating and air conditioning) improvements; \$8,325 through the city's lift stations; \$20,316 at the waste water treatment plant; and \$4,067 through high-efficiency water tures. Overall, the city saved \$164,024 over our guaranteed savings."

Nobles said money saved through electrical improvements was broken down into 81 percent lighting, 7 percent for the new traffic lights and 12 percent for HVAC equip-

"Reducing costs is always a very big deal, but one of the other items cities are very interested in these days is the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions," said Nobles. "The city really has something to be proud of this year, because it was able to cut its greenhouse emissions by 7.2 percent. That's 1.51 million pounds of carbon dioxide the city reduced in its carbon footprint."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Jimmy Stewart's carving of his niece standing in front of a cherry tree took Best in Show honors at the 17th Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers' Club Show and Sale, which concluded Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Midland man again tops field at annual woodcarvers show

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

For the third time in four years, nobody beat

Midlander Jimmy Stewart when it came to whittling. Stewart won Best in Show honors at the 17th

Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show, which concluded Saturday. Stewart's carving of his niece standing in

front of a cherry tree earned him top honors at the show, an award he's becoming quite adept at winning.

"He's just got a God-given talent," club member James Fryar said of Stewart. "And he's not just good at carving — he's good at almost everything he does." Stewart said he carved the portrait out of a

4x6 piece of basswood.

"It took me about a month, working every day Monday through Friday," he said. "I've probably got 100 hours in it, start to finish."

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Obituaries

Lorraine Shirley

Lorraine Shirley, 79, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring died in Austin Friday, Sept. 25, 2009.

The daughter of Joseph and Tracy Velcheck Ludwig, she was born April 15, 1930, in Rudyard, Mont. She attended Columbus School of Nursing in



Hingham, Mont., moving to Big Spring in 1952. She worked as a registered nurse for Malone-Hogan Hospital from 1953 to 1983 where she was awarded the Dr. Frist Humanitarian Award in 1975 for her dedication and love of her patients. Lorraine enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas R. Shirley of Kingsland; three children and their spouses, Mary Anne and Randy Law of Agency, Mo., Karen and Steve Fraser of Kingsland and Tom and Lori Shirley of Sugarland; 11 grandchildren, Kristi Bongers and husband, Peter, of San Diego, Calif., Valerie Law of Kansas City, Mo., Matthew Fraser of Chicago, Ill., Lauren Fraser of Dallas, Taylor Fraser of Austin and Payton Shirley, Pierson Shirley, Berkley Shirley, Connor Corporon, McKenna Corporon and Calie Corporon, all of Sugarland; two brothers, Tom Ludwig and wife, Pat, of Chester, Mont., and Ted Ludwig and wife, Esther, of El Cajon, Calif.; three sisters, Virgie Toner of Gilford, Mont., Ruthie Simon of Seattle, Wash., and Irene McMaster and husband, Wally, of Spokane, Wash.; and 71 nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Junior, Lee and Roger Ludwig; and two sisters, Evelyn Little and Ethel Carr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at the Putnam Funeral Home Chapel in Kingsland. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Mrs. Shirley will be available for viewing on Tuesday and until noon on Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

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

Paid obituary

Jonelle Hughes

Jonelle Hughes, 85, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Donny Dice officiating.



Cochise County, Ariz., to Amanda Lavonia and Harry Glendening. She grew up in Martin ferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a County and graduated from Stanton High School and Draughon's Business College in Lubbock. She married Wiley E. "Bill" Hughes May 6, 1944, in Fox, Okla.. He preceded her in death Jan. 31, 1971. She moved to Forsan in 1952 and then to Sand intoxicated – second offense. Springs in 1970. She was the book-

keeper for Big Spring Care Center from 1965 until

She is survived by two daughters, Carla Bauer of Weatherford and Judy Kirkpatrick and her husband, Danny, of Big Spring; one son, Neal Hughes and his wife, Betty, of Cumberland, Md.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

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

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Runnels. Service
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Miller A. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1300 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 6600 block of Craig. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 4900 block of Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 18700 block of S. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.E.
- Sixth Street. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7

- APRIL MARTINEZ, 26, of 2512 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agen-
- ANNA CUELLAR, 40, of 2200 Runnels, was Great Falls, Mont., and married Tom Shirley in arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest and driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - KEVIN CATE, 37, of 3227 Cornell, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
 - MARK ROCHA, 33, of 631 Settles, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - JODY DAWDY, 45, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.
 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 900 block of Gregg Street.
 - BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Donley.
 - ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
 - in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
 - in the 1600 block of 11^{th} Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 300 block of 10th Street.
 - ASSAULT BY CONTACT FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Seventh Street.
 - ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
 - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
 - THEFT was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia. in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - ROBBERY was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. • EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A
 - VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of $11^{\rm th}$ • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the
 - 100 block of Fifth Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

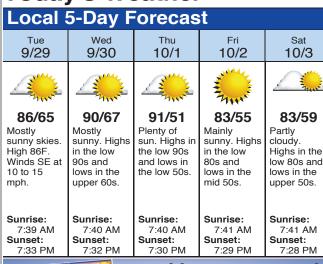
reported having 83 inmates at the time of this • DOMINIQUE EDWARD AUSBIE, 17, was trans-

- ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. KEVIN GLENN CATE, 37, was transferred to
- the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check. • ANNA MARIE CUELLAR, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of
- She was born Jan.15, 1924, in evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated - third or more offense. TREVOR MICHAEL DAVILA, 20, was trans
 - charge of criminal mischief. • JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.
 - JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while
 - PATRICIA LA-BELLE EDWARDS, 47, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
 - RANDAL SETH FRY, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana two ounces or less, possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.
 - · JESUS GOMEZ, 18, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol.
 - MICHAEL ANTHONY HORN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a
 - APRIL LYNN MARTINEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of fraudulent use/possession of identifying infor-
 - OSCAR MARTINEZ, 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol.
 - EUSEBIA MAYELA MONTANO, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by
 - ARTHUR ORTEGA, 45, was arrested Saturday (arresting agency not provided) on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years and criminal mischief. ARMANDO RAMIREZ, 29, was arrested Saturday
 - by the HCSO on a traffic violation for driver's license restriction on occupational license.
 - MARK ANTHONEY ROCHA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - STEVE ROGERS, 57, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. ALBERT SMITH, 36, was arrested Saturday by
 - the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicat-• CHRISTOPHER LEE VASQUEZ, 28, was arrest-
 - ed Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear (three counts), displaying an expired registration and no driver's license.

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- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

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Howard College Cactus Room.

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

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Texas ranks near bottom in stimulus funds

DALLAS (AP) — Texas ranks near the bottom in federal stimulus funds received so far, according to a newspaper analysis of grants and contracts.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that Texas has been approved for about \$12.9 billion in stimulus grants and contracts, not including an estimated \$4.2 billion received through the law's main individual tax credit. Adjusted for population. Texas' share of grants — about \$533 per person — ranks 49th, according to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.

Texas lawmakers complain that funding formulas are often written by lawmakers in small states, creating a disadvantage for big states. Texas also has fewer research universities, less subsidized housing and a smaller contribution to programs like Medicaid and unemployment insurance, so that means less emergency stimulus funds.

"If you are looking for benefits, you don't move to Texas." said Sherri Greenberg, a public finance expert at the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs. The \$787 billion stimulus flows

through tax credits, student loans, Social Security checks, highway contracts, Medicaid, unemployment and several other programs. Medicaid accounts for 63 percent of

stimulus outlays so far, yet most low-

income, childless Texas residents can't get Medicaid. About 17 percent of Texas residents are enrolled in Medicaid, according to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. "The fact that Texas is 50th out of 50

states in terms of children and adults insured for health care, that has not only hurt those families, it has cost us

billions of federal dollars," said U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, a Waco Democrat who supported the stimulus. "That, along with the decision to reject \$550 million in unemployment stimulus funding, certainly hurt the funding totals for Texas." Texas lawmakers gave up \$565 mil-

lion by not changing the unemployment benefits program. To get stimulus funds, states had to expand their programs to reach more unemployed workers, including part-timers. Only 20 percent of unemployed Texas residents received unemployment benefits during the second quarter of 2008, 49th among states, according to the National Employment Law Project. Many Republicans scoff at the idea

that Texas is losing out. Gov. Rick Perry says accepting some stimulus funds, like the unemployment money, would require changes that would thing."

make the state less competitive.

"Texans are kind of sick of having Washington take their money in the form of all these taxes and fees and what have you, and then dribbling it back to them — and particularly, dribbling it back to them with all these strings attached," Perry said. But not all funds come with strings

attached. The stimulus provided \$8.2 billion to the National Institutes of Health for research projects for universities, nonprofits and businesses. So far, California universities have landed about \$453 million for special projects, compared to \$161 million for New York, \$110 million for Pennsylvania and \$91 million for Texas, according to NIH data.

Most of the law's competitive grants, which are supposed to improve infrastructure and create jobs, have yet to be awarded.

Texas News Briefs

Oil spill cleanup on ship channel HOUSTON (AP) —

Crews worked to clean an oil spill in a secluded northern part of the Houston Ship Channel after a collision between two vessels. Coast Guard Chief Pet-

ty Officer Mark Mackowiak said Monday a 3-mile stretch of the ship channel remained close. About 10,500 gallons

spilled late Friday after the 458-foot tank vessel Chemical Supplier was struck by a barge close to Brady's Island near the Interstate 610 bridge. The motor vessel received a 2-foot by 4-foot gash in one of its fuel tanks.

No injuries were reported.

Guard The Coast spokesman said about 4,200 gallons had been removed so far by Mon-

Injured Stanford back in lockup after jail fight CONROE (AP)

Texas financier R. Allen Stanford has been returned to a lockup after being hospitalized for treatment of a concussion following a jail fight.

Court-appointed attor-

nev Kent Schaffer told The Associated Press on Monday that his client was injured in a fight on Thursday with another inmate at the Joe Corley

Detention Facility in

Conroe near Houston.

Schaffer says Stanford had "a concussion, two black eves, a broken Schaffer savs nose." Stanford was returned to the lockup Sunday afternoon. Stanford is being held

\$7 billion Ponzi scheme. He has denied the allegations. Stanford is charged

on charges of running a

with bilking investors of the now-defunct Stanford Financial Group.

Ex-roomate: Dallas bomb suspect suicidal

Ex-roommate: Dallas bomb plot suspect was suicidal ITALY, Texas (AP) —

A former roommate of the suspect in a failed bomb plot in Dallas says his friend was lonely and suicidal in recent months. Joshua Childress told

WFAA-TV that he was worried about 19-yearold Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, a Jordanian who lives in Italy, Tex-

Childress, who lived with Smadi last year, says the pair would talk

for hours and Smadi "wasn't happy" being away from his family. Smadi was arrested

Thursday after federal officials say he put what he thought was a bombfilled truck in a garage beneath a Dallas skyscraper.

Smadi is being held on charges of trying to use a weapon of mass destruction. A judge on Friday appointed an Arabic translator and a lawyer for Smadi. His next court appearance is schedule for Oct. 5.

U.S. flag in San Antonio

had just 43 stars SAN ANTONIO (AP)

– A star-spangled banner proudly displayed in San Antonio lacked a little something. Seven stars.

A San Antonio company has replaced a U.S. flag it produced that incorrectly had just 43

stars.

KSAT-TV reports the banner was displayed at the Northside Independent School District aquatics center when somebody noticed it didn't have the proper number of stars.

director Aquatics Scott Zolinski says you assume that when you order a flag that it will have the 50 stars. Zolinski says the district "went on good faith that when you purchase the item that it was the real

Allied Advertising spokesman Jesse Castoreno said it was a "simple mistake" and the flag was designed by someone who is no longer employed at the company.

The company replaced the flag for free.

Galveston rid of Ike-damaged trees finally GALVESTON (AP)

— More than 500 trees damaged or killed by Hurricane Ike are being removed along historic thoroughfare Broadway Boulevard in Galves-

City officials say the removal, which started Saturday, is expected to take up to two weeks. Galveston spokes-

woman Alicia Cahill says some stretches of the boulevard were under 6 feet of water from Ike's storm surge, with unwelcome saltwater.

Cahill told the Galveston County Daily News that 510 dead or dying trees are scheduled for removal. Much of the wood will available to the public. Replanting is expected next fall.

Cahill says some of the wood is headed to Mystic, Conn., to help restore what's billed as the world's last wooden whaling ship. The Charles W. Morgan was built in 1841 in New Bedford, Mass.

Three found dead in Garland home by police GARLAND (AP)

Police suspect a double murder and a suicide in the deaths of three people whose bodies were found at a Dallas-area home.

Garland police discovered the bodies Sunday afternoon following a standoff that began just before midnight Saturday with an armed man at the residence. Police spokesman

Patrick McCully says a friend had called when one of the trio never showed up for work.

Daycare van rolls in wreck near Dallas **GRAND**

PRAIRIE police say a sport utility vehicle slammed into fate. the side of a daycare van sending the van spinning into a curb and rolling. Detective John Brim-

mer says nobody suffered serious injuries in the wreck Monday morning that sent the children, plus the van driver, to Dallas-area hospitals, as a precaution.

Brimmer says the driver of the SUV wasn't hurt.

The van came to rest on its side.

Trial set for man accused of killing six

JAY ROOT Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Opening statements begin Monday in the Texas murder trial of handyman Paul Devoe, accused of killing six people during a cross-country shooting

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Devoe, 46, who has a long criminal rap sheet in his native New York and a history of alcohol and drug abuse.

Authorities say Devoe's murderous rampage began in central Texas in August 2007.

After the killings, authorities say Devoe fled Texas and was on the way to his native Long (AP) — Grand Prairie Island, when the sixth alleged victim met her

Devoe was arrested in loaded with 23 children, Shirley, N.Y., on Aug. 27, 2007.

MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jonelle Hughes, 85, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Wanda Jo Smith, 66, diedTuesday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

PROCESS

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we do verify them. They also need to bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

"The picture ID has to be a state issued ID, not the kind you can get

Continued from Page 1

back — about 50 years.

Carving and Stewart go way

"I was the kind of farm boy who

always had a pocket knife with

him," he said. "I'd go out to the

orchard, cut off a tree limb and

He admits his long-time hobby

CARVER

start whittling.'

at certain convenience stores. Also, they need to be sure to bring either the Social Security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health Services) re-

Lafler said one new addition to the application process this year will be a requirement for birth certificates for the chil-

borders on a passion.

"It's just an enjoyable hobby,"

he said. "People say it takes a lot

of patience, but I don't think it

takes patience to do something

you enjoy. The time just melts

"It is kind of addicting," Stew-

art admitted. "Pretty much any-

away when I'm doing this.

cords."

dren.

"That's really the only change from last year's process,' application said Lafler.

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the Angel 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.

The trees will be erect-

ed in area stores and shops, according to Laf-

now, is to have the trees located at the same places as last year," said lafler. "However, we really haven't gotten that far yet, so there could be some minor changes. As soon as we have that part of the program solidified, we'll get the word out to the public."

"The plan, as of right

For more informa-

from previous years. "It's been slow," he said. "I think people just had other things

year's show and sale was down

Next year's show and sale will be held the week of Sept. 19, 2010, at Dora Roberts Community Center, Fryar said. Contact Staff Writer Steve Rea-

gan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com

to do this year."

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tion on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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OTHER VIEWS

Is it time to tax soda pop?

f government can levy taxes on tobacco products to generate not only revenue but confer public health benefits with respect to smoking rates, why not apply the same principle to taxing sugary soft drinks to raise funds for health-care reform while fighting obesity? Obviously, the beverage industry has plenty of reasons to oppose the proposal, but strong advocates in the medical community make the idea one worth considering.

A team of prominent doctors, scientists and policy makers who researched the subject are convinced that a tax on any soft drink with any added caloric sweetener that helps drive the obesity epidemic could . KAY BAILEY cut consumption.

In a report published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the group proposed an excise tax of 1 percent per ounce for sugary beverages.

They said studies have shown that taxes can lower consumption of soda and other sweet drinks — sugar-free diet drinks are not included — enough to lead to a small weight loss and reduced health risks among many Americans.

Certainly, potential health benefits should be motivation enough to weigh in on the issue of taxing soft drinks to fight obesity.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we stop and smell the roses that You have ing faster care. Those who want given us, Lord. Amen

Dear John: Just shut up

ast weekend, The New York Times reported on its front page that former Senator, vice presidential candidate and presidential candidate John Edwards was considering "publicly" acknowledging paternity of his

mistress's baby, but had not vet brought his wife around to the idea. With his mistress, baby in arms, testifying before a grand jury about the payments she received from Edwards' associates, and the campaign aide he had pushed to claim paternity



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now shopping a book about the deceit, Edwards is reportedly considering a public affirmation of paternity as a way to spin the story in his direction — make it look like he is standing up to take responsibility, doing the "right thing."

I have a very simple answer for him, one I think most women my Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative — would agree with:

Just. Shut. Up. Message to John Edwards: We

know it's your baby. Everyone knows that. You want to do the right thing? Do it privately. Do penance for the next 20 years. Wash your wife's feet and help the poor. But don't make public pronouncements or expect pub-

Nothing John Edwards can do will change the judgment we have reached about him. Worldclass scumbag doesn't begin to describe it. I can think of no one in recent political history whose betrayal matches his.

A lot of politicians have affairs. I know this. I will be reminded in a matter of seconds. if I don't say it right here, that I spent years defending one of them, whose taste wasn't much better than Edwards'.

How many times did I say that an extramarital affair is not an impeachable offense? It isn't. But when your wife has metastatic breast cancer, when you use everybody around you, when you lie to her and your aides and the voters, when you distort a presidential race you had no business being in and bring a child into the world because of vour arrogance and cruelty, then it's an unforgivable one.

But what about Ted Kennedy? Didn't most of us forgive him? And he was responsible for a woman's death. Surely that is worse than cheating on your dving wife, fathering a child and promising (could you make this up?) to marry your mistress after your wife dies with the Dave Matthews band in the background.

As far as I know, Kennedy never tried to "spin" Chappaquiddick the way Edwards seems to be trying to spin his tasteless affair. And Kennedy spent the

next 40 years tirelessly working to make the world a better place. When Edwards has done that, perhaps he will have earned the respect, and the forgiveness, that Kennedy did.

In the meantime, he should forget about public pronouncements and public approval. We want none of the former, and he will get none of the latter.

I used to think John Edwards was special. He found in the most horrible tragedy a person can face — the death of a child — a calling to serve others. He seemed to believe in something, a cause, larger than himself.

But like so many who find fame and fortune, he was arrogant and careless. He stomped through the china shop, leaving the shards in his wake. He used and abused and induced pain and suffering. I feel for his children. But most of all, I feel for the woman who also lost her son. who supported him for so many vears, who has vet to be brought along to a public affirmation of the extent of her personal humiliation. How much "resilience" the title of her latest book can be expected of one woman? Dear John: Please shut up.

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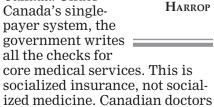
Health care: A work in progress

The debate over what kind of health care system we should have often includes the kinds others have. The programs in Canada and France have received special attention, and so those countries' efforts

to fix their own programs should be of interest.

No health care system is set in stone. Whatever emerges from Congress will also be a work in progress.

Start with Canada. Under Canada's singlepayer system, the

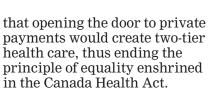


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work for themselves. The quality of health care in Canada is generally high, and people needing urgent care get it immediately. But there are some waits for medical attention that many Canadians and most Americans would deem exces-

Canada is the only industrialized country that doesn't let people spend their own money for basic medical services. Some Canadians see an expansion of privately paid health care as a means to reduce the waits.

Two cases now before the British Columbia Supreme Court might make that happen. Operators of for-profit clinics are asking the court to strike down laws that stop patients from buythe restrictions preserved argue



British Columbia Health Minister Kevin Falcon says that he has no objection to letting people spend their own money on health care. But rather than see that as a threat to the current system, he thinks it might spur the government to address its problems. "What we have to do is improve the public delivery of services," he said.

No, the Democrats are not even close to pushing for a Canadianstyle single-payer system. The idea of forbidding Americans to spend their money on any health care would be anothema to most.

But there is a vague parallel between proposals to allow private payments in Canada and to have a public option -- that is, a government-run health plan -in the United States. Both would use competition to enhance efficiency.

The so-called public option could keep American insurers from spending too much premium money on CEO pay and stockholder dividends. And a private-payment option in Canada could force the public system to expedite care. On to France. France has a

multi-payer system combining government and private insurance. (About 90 percent of the French buy supplemental private coverage.) A storm also blows in France over government efforts to curb that system's growing costs.

This is what you call a "highclass problem." France's "expensive" health care system eats up

only 11 percent of that country's gross domestic product and covers everyone. American health care devours 16 percent of our national output and leaves mil-

lions uninsured. And look what the French system offers. Patients can pick their own doctors, who can prescribe any treatment or drug without having to ask the health care authorities. That's more freedom for patients and doctors than most private insurance plans allow in this country.

Now look at the "controversial" changes the French government has imposed to control costs. One is to require co-payments on prescription drugs. How shocking. This is a routine expense for insured Americans, assuming they have drug cover-

France closed down maternity wards that handled fewer than 300 births a year. That means it still maintains maternity wards in which not even one baby is born a day on average. Could you imagine American hospitals maintaining special units for so

Clearly, Americans can learn from the strengths and weaknesses of other countries' health care systems. And they can find guidance in ours.

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few births?

Oil falls below \$66 ahead of U.S. economic reports

Associated Press Writer

Oil prices fell below \$66 a barrel Monday as investors eyed a slew of economic data this week for more clues on the strength of the U.S. economic recovery.

By midday in Europe, benchmark crude for November delivery was down 31 cents to \$65.71 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

On Friday, the contract added 13 cents to settle at \$66.02.

Crude is flirting with the bottom of a \$65 to \$75 trading range that has held for months as traders weigh signs of an improving global economy against evidence that consumer demand remains weak.

The most closely watched economic indicator will be the Labor Department's monthly jobs report on Friday. Investors will also get reports on home prices, manufacturing, consumer confidence, construction spending and factory orders.

Analysts also mentioned the news on Iran and its secret underground uranium enrichment facility as a potential risk factor for energy

"The possibility of an Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, with the threatened closure of the Straits of Hormuz and consequent loss of 20 percent of the world's daily oil flow, would be the greatest threat to economic growth, potentially, in 2010," said a report from U.S. energy consultancy Cameron Hanover.

At the same time, London's Sucden Financial concluded that the impact on oil prices of the loss of Iran's crude supply likely would be limited.

"The geopolitical risk premium to oil markets from the rising tensions between Iran and the West is not as high as we have seen in the past due to the large level of inventories and the much larger spare capacity," Sucden Fi-

nancial said. In other Nymex trading, gasoline for October delivery rose 0.66 cents to \$1.6271 a gallon, and heating oil gained 0.74 cent at \$1.6845 a gallon. Natural gas lost 4.4 cents to

In London, Brent crude fell 30 cents to \$64.81 on the ICE Futures exchange.

\$3.941 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Pay dirt: Digging, clues revealed Iranian site

WASHINGTON Seven years ago, when Iran revealed the exis-

Associated Press Writer

tence of its first secret enrichment uranium site at Natanz, U.S. intelligence agencies had a hunch it wouldn't be Iran's last attempt to illicitly produce fuel that might one day power a nuclear warhead. So the agencies start-

ed looking and, several years ago, hit pay dirt, literally: It pinpointed a second site hidden inside a mountain near Qom, a Shi'ite holy city and a religious nerve center of the Iranian regime, according to U.S. officials.

There were multiple streams of intelligence that proved fruitful, but one clear sign produced by spy satellites was the telltale digging of underground facilities, said a senior U.S. intelligence official. That official and other administration officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive

information. U.S., British and French intelligence agencies had been sitting on their evolving intelligence for several years, waiting for construction at the site to progress far enough to prove Iran intended to use it for illegal weapons work.

In recent months, Obama administration officials said, equipment had been moved into the new site, making the case against Iran clearer.

underground The facility, a cluster of 3,000 connected centrifuges, was within a few months of being completed when Iran made the surprise disclosure of the site on Monday to

Iran tests most advanced missiles

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran tested its most advanced missiles Monday to cap two days of war games, raising more international concern and stronger pressure to quickly come clean on the newly revealed nuclear site Tehran was secretly con-

State television said the powerful Revolutionary Guard, which controls Iran's missile program. successfully tested upgraded versions of the medium-range Shahab-3 and Sajiil missiles. Both can carry warheads and reach up to 1,200 miles (2,000 kilometers), putting Israel, U.S. military bases in the Middle East, and parts of Europe within striking distance.

The missile tests were meant to flex Iran's military might and show readiness for any military

"Iranian missiles are able to target any place that threatens Iran," said Abdollah Araqi, a top Revolutionary Guard commander, according to the semiofficial Fars news agency.

Iran conducted three rounds of missile tests in drills that began Sunday, two days after the U.S. and its allies disclosed the country had been secretly developing an underground uranium enrichment facility. The Western powers warned Iran it must open the site to international inspection or face harsher international sanctions.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Hasan Qashqayi said the missile tests had nothing to do with the tension over the site, saying it was part of routine, long-planned military exercises.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said he was concerned about the missile tests. He said Iran must immediately resolve issues surrounding its second nuclear enrichment facility with the U.N.'s nuclear agency.

The newly revealed nuclear site has given greater urgency to a key meeting on Thursday in Geneva between Iran and six major powers trying to stop its

suspected nuclear weapons program. Solana said those talks are now taking place "in a new context."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she doesn't believe Iran can convince the U.S. and other world powers at the upcoming meeting that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, as Tehran has long claimed. That puts Tehran on a course for tougher economic penalties beyond the current "leaky sanctions," she said.

The nuclear site is located in the arid mountains near the holy city of Qom and is believed to be inside a heavily guarded, underground facility belonging to the Revolutionary Guard, according to a document sent by President Barack Obama's administration to lawmakers.

Qashqavi, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, identified the site as Fordo, a village located 180 kilometers south of the capital Tehran. The site is 100 kilometers away from Natanz, Iran's known industrial-scale uranium enrichment plant.

an interview on ABC's "This Week." Secretary of State Hil-

lary Clinton said Sunday that Iran has until Thursday to agree to inspections and voluntarily halt its hidden nuclear program, or the United States and its allies will seek crippling sanctions.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said Sunday that Tehran's intention to produce weaponsgrade uranium in the Oom facility has not yet been proven, but the indications are strong.

Clinton spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation." Feinstein appeared on "Fox News Sunday."

officials said U.S. the site was secret and guarded by elite Iranian troops. And there are too few centrifuges to play a meaningful role in Iran's civilian energy program.

However, there are enough centrifuges to refine a small amount of uranium suitable for a warhead, according to U.S. intelligence and administration officials.

the International Atomic Energy Agency, the nuclear watchdog.

A senior administration official said Saturday that Tehran made the disclosure because it learned the site had been discovered.

The Iranians' disclosure triggered a fastmoving chain of events, leading to a series of secret intelligence briefings about the enrichment site last week by U.S. officials to Russian and Chinese leaders in New York, the IAEA in Vienna and congressional leaders in Washington.

administration The had intended to confront the Iranians about the secret site later this year, but Tehran's sudden disclosure forced their hand.

Now the administration hopes to use the new site as leverage to win a commitment from Iran to abandon its nuclear program or face severe new economic sanctions.

Diplomacy and economic pressure are the intended way ahead. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday that a military strike against Iran's nuclear infrastructure be ineffectual, delaying Iran's program by one to three years at most.

"This is part of a pattern of deception and lies on the part of the Iranians from the very beginning with respect to their nuclear program. So it's no wonder that world leaders think

that they have ulterior motives, that they have a plan to go forward with nuclear weapons.

Otherwise, why would they do all this in such a deceptive manner?" Gates said Sunday in

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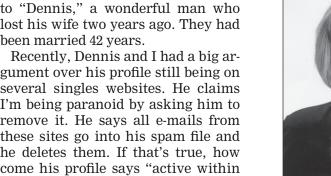


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Annie's Mailbox ®



Dear Annie: After being a widow for

four years, I recently became engaged

My intuition tells me he is not ready for a commitment. I feel like a temporary stop until something better comes along. I do love this man, and he claims to love me. I have expressed my feelings on this matter several times, and he always turns the subject around. This is a matter of trust.

Am I wrong? — Confused in Freedom

the last seven days"? He also told me

he doesn't know how to delete his pro-

Dear Confused: No. It sounds as if Dennis is trying to pull the wool over your eyes to the fact that he is still out there looking. Call his bluff. Tell him if he is serious about a relationship with you, he must remove his profile from these sites within 24 hours. Then offer to delete his profile for him if he "doesn't know how." If he gives you a



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

hard time, we urge you to call off the engagement. He's not ready, and you will only be hurt.

Dear Annie: My husband's sister came from the East Coast to visit us for three days. She was the perfect guest. She brought lovely hostess gifts, took us out to dinner and was off again before we knew it.

After she left, I went into the guest room to gather the bedding to launder and found a brief note thanking us for "everything." Included in the note was some cash. I was surprised and offended. About 10 years ago, my sister-in-law did the same thing, and I asked her to please never do that again, as her company and hostess gifts were more than appreciated.

Though I've known this woman for 57 years and do not believe she intended anything unkind in her gift, it upset me quite a bit. Am I being too sensitive? I am about to return the money with a note admonishing her. Please advise. — Stewing in the West

Dear Stewing: Since your sister-inlaw didn't mean anything unkind, please don't admonish her. Instead, return her money with a sweet note, telling her how much you enjoyed her visit and what a perfect guest she was. (If she sends it back, donate the money to charity in her name.)

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Unsure Daughter" was right on target. She has been estranged from her alcoholic father for five years, and has now received the message that Dad is dying and wants to make amends.

As you said, "You will grieve for your father one way or the other, so you may as well give him the opportunity to atone."

Not only will she feel better before her father passes, she will be far less likely to suffer a severe and protract-

ed period of depression after her father's death.

Those survivors who are left with unresolved conflict with, and anger relative are at toward, a deceased high risk of depression. It is normal and unavoidable to experience a period of sadness and mourning after the loss of a parent, even an estranged

That sadness eases with time and differs greatly from the experience of those who fail to come to peace with their dying relative. — Experienced

Dear Experienced: Thank you for expressing it so well.

Dear Readers: Today is Family Day (casafamilyday.org). Studies show that children who eat dinner with their parents have a reduced risk of substance abuse. Please try to make meals a family event.

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, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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For Boys and Girls ages 0-5

Saturday, October 3, 2009

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> Age Groups 0-6 months

7-12 months

I year olds

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3 year olds 4 year olds

5 year olds

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Parent's Name			
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City, State & Zip		_Phone	
Child's Age	_ Boy	Girl	
Describe outfit			
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Pet's names			
Hobbies			
Favorite Toy			

Pease list anything else that you would like to share with us about your

Favorite Song

child.

WASHINGTON (AP) file in lobbying for the President Barack international event. Jarrett, Valerie

Obama to make in-person pitch for Olympics

Obama will travel to Denmark to support Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics, projecting the highestever White House pro-

senior adviser to the president, told The Associated Press Monday morning that Obama will leave Thursday and

join his wife, Michelle, in Copenhagen, where they'll make the pitch to the International Olympic Committee. Obama would be the first U.S. president to actually appeal in person to the International Olympic

pics event.

International Olympic Committee is meeting in Copenhagen to select a host city for the 2016 Summer Games. Chicago faces tough competition from Rio de Janeiro, Madrid

Committee for an Olym-

and Tokyo. The White House later

formally announced the trip, saying that Obama and his wife "will both make presentations to the IOC during Friday's session. They will discuss why Chicago is best to host the 2016 Summer Games, and how the United States is eager to bring the world together to celebrate the ideals of the Olympic movement." The IOC is

scheduled to decide the site on Friday. While in Denmark, the statement said, Obama and his wife also will meet with Queen Margrethe and the president will meet with Prime Minister Lars Loekke

Rasmussen of Den-

mark.

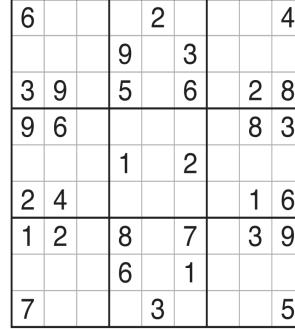
Obama, who represented Illinois in the U.S. Senate, is a longtime supporter of Chicago's bid. Michelle Obama is a native of the city and he considers it his adopted home town. Obama recently sent letters to selected IOC members promising a "spectacular Olympic experience for one and all."

"President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama symbolize the hope, opportunity and inspiration that makes Chicago great, and we are honored to have two of our city's most accomplished residents leading our delegation in Copenhagen," Mayor Richard M. Daley said in a statement. "Who better to share with members of the International Olympic Committee the commitment and enthusiasm Chicago has for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement than the President and First Lady."

The president had held off on announcing a trip to Copenhagen.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

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North dealer.

East-West vulnerable

NORTH

This deal was played in the final of the 1989 world team championship, which saw Brazil defeat the United States to capture the Bermuda With Hugh Ross of the U.S.

Opening lead — two of spades.

South, four hearts was reached as shown. West led a spade to dummy's king, and Ross played two rounds of trumps, West ducking both. Declarer then led a club to the jack, also ducked, and lost a diamond finesse to heart return would make it easy for South to score 10 tricks, so he returned a spade, hoping declarer would slip. But Ross did not falter. He discarded dummy's third club while ruffing in his hand, cashed the diamond ace and then played clubs, rendering West helpless. If West

West's spade return was taken by

the ace, and a club was conceded to

the ace. West saw that a diamond or

ruffed with the eight, dummy would overruff and play good diamonds until West scored his trump ace; if West did not ruff either club, declarer would discard both diamonds from dummy and then lead the diamond ten to achieve the same result. Either way, the contract was home When Brazilian star Gabriel Cha-

gas held the South cards at the other table, the play to the first few tricks was essentially the same. But after West took the diamond king and returned a spade to dummy's ace, Chagas erred by playing a third round of trumps instead of driving out the club ace.

West, Chip Martel, made no mistake. He won the heart and returned a

heart, drawing Chagas' last two trumps in the process. With no stopper left in spades and the club ace still outstanding, Chagas could not score a second club trick and so finished down one, giving the U.S. a 470-point gain on the deal.

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Area roundup: Ropes downs Grady

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — A slow start cost Grady's Wildcats their second loss of the season Friday.

The Ropes Eagles scored 36 points in the first half, leading them to a 48-38 victory over the Wildcats. Grady trailed 36-18 at the break and

never recovered. Ropes used a balanced attack, rushing for 177 yards, while passing for 182, to keep the Wildcats defense on its heels in the first half.

Grady received a superior performance from senior quarterback Dylan Cox, who threw for 215 yards and three touchdowns, while completing

17-of-23 passes. Eight of those completions went to Shane Teague, who finished with 122 receiving yards. Joe Cook led Grady with 78 yards and a score on five carries.

The Wildcats enter a bye week with a 3-2 record and will face Asperment Oct. 9 as they begin six-man District 7, Division I play coming out of the

Ropes 48, Grady 38 12 6614-38 Grady Ropes 26 16 0 6-48 Grady Ropes First downs 20-104 22-177 Rushes-yds 238 182 Passing yds Comp.-att.-int. 24-18-1 8-15-0 2-39 2-40 Punts-avg. Fumbles-lost

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Individual stats

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Passing: Ropes - Brennen Johnson 3-9-0-37 2 TD, Ryan Weidner 5-6-0-145 2 TD; Grady - Dylan Cox 17-23-1-215 3 TD.

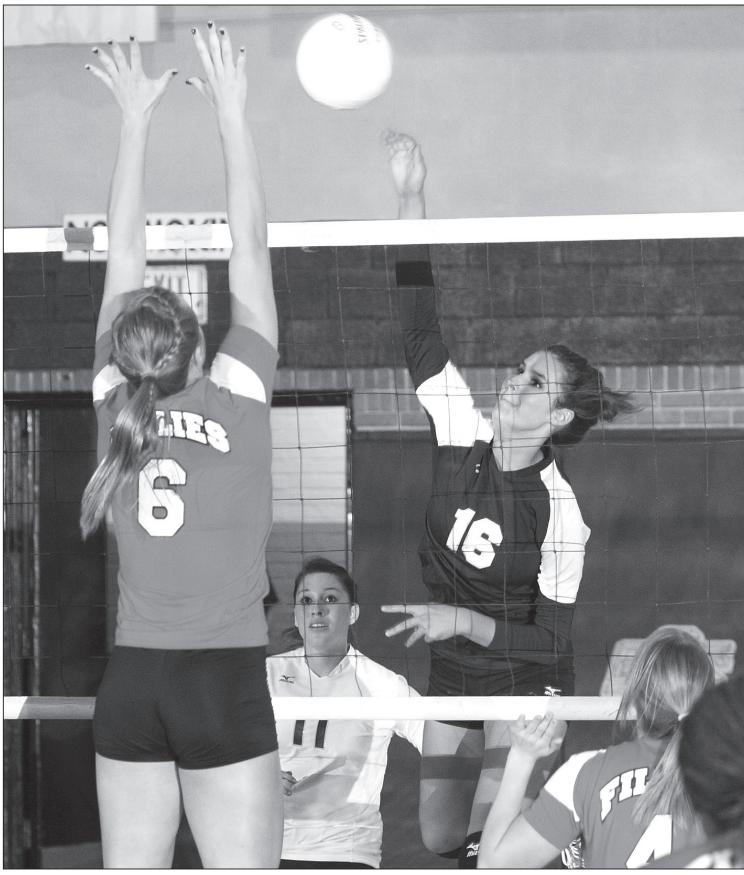
Receiving: Ropes - Aaron Belyeu 4-97 3 TD, Tanner Drake 3-92; Grady - Shane Teague 8-122, Joseph Cook 3-46.

Sands 76, Spur 48

 $\dot{S}PUR$ — It took a full four quarters, but the Sands Mustangs were able to pull away late from the Spur Bulldogs

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Lady Steers fall to Frenship



Big Spring's Halee Thomas (16) attempts to spike the ball past a Denver City player as teammate Valerie Ross (11) looks on in non-district volleyball action from Tuesday at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers opened District 4-4A play Saturday at Wolfforth against Frenship. Frenship, which hasn't lost a district match in more than three seasons, defeated the Lady Steers in straight sets, 25-23, 25-6, 25-18. The Lady Steers (9-15, 0-1) are back in action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with a trip to Plainview.

Struggling QBs Romo, Delhomme ready to square off

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Cheer up, Tony Romo. Jake Delhomme knows exactly how it feels.

Those frustrating interceptions. All

the griping fans. The support of teammates that you hope is sincere. A body of work that shows turnovers are just part of the deal, the downside of the go-for-broke style that lifted you from

obscurity to Pro Bowler and multimil-Maybe they'll talk about it Monday night, during warmups before Romo

and the Carolina Panthers. Or maybe they don't have to discuss it. Both have been around long enough

and the Dallas Cowboys play Delhomme

to know the drill.

"When the good comes, it's too good," Delhomme said. "When the bad comes,

hey, it's bad."

"It's just a part of playing quarterback in the National Football League," Romo said. "Everybody goes through it. If you haven't, then you're probably not a very good quarterback.'

Romo actually opened the season with a brilliant game against Tampa Bay, throwing for more yards than ever in what also happened to be his first game of the post-Terrell Owens era. There wasn't much shelf life to that performance, however. In the spotlight of last weekend's opener of Cowboys Stadium he threw three interceptions, each turning into a touchdown for the New York Giants on their way to a narrow, last-second field goal as time expired.

Delhomme's season has gone the other way. He opened with his ugly outing, throwing four interceptions to Philadelphia in the opener, then bounced back with a nice performance against Atlanta.

Well, the first 57 minutes were pretty good. But then he threw an interception near the end zone when the Panthers needed a touchdown and 2-point conversion to tie the score. It was Delhomme's fifth interception of the season, matching the five he had in a playoff loss that ended last season. Throw in a pair of lost fumbles over those games and his ugly totals are 12 turnovers in the last 12 quarters.

And that's not even the worst numbers for Carolina.

After going 12-4 and winning the

NFC South last season, the Panthers are in jeopardy of being 0-3 for the first time since 1998, when they started 0-7. While teams rebound from 0-2 to the

and losing a fumble in a wipeout loss See **COWBOYS**, Page 12

Cooper routs **BSHS** netters in 4-4A opener

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — The Big Spring tennis team started District 4-4A play Saturday and had the misfortune of running into one of the top programs in the state at any classification for its first league match.

Abilene Cooper dominated Big Spring as the Steers couldn't steal a single set from the Cougars.

Still, given who they were competing with, Head Coach Dana Jones was happy with the effort.

"This was our first district match of the year and we faced the defending district champion," he noted. "We really played very well. I was pleased with our competitiveness."

Big Spring's next match is set for Saturday at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park against San Angelo Lake View.

Abilene Cooper d. Big Spring, 18-0 Girls singles (BSHS player listed first) Kristina Chang lost to Lauren Renner, 6-0

Jessica Womack lost to Dana Lemieux 6-0, 6-1 Reba Smith lost to Gabby Camach, 6-3

Alyssa Byrd lost to Zuri Simpson 6-0, 6-2

Leslie Cash lost to Lucy Salas, 6-1, 6-0 Andrea Cansino lost to Lauren Zugai, 6-0, Anna Scott lost to Julianna Hollaway, 8-1

Nikita Wagenman lost to Kayla Hollaway, Girls doubles

Chang/Womack lost to Camacho/Simpson Byrd/Cash lost to Renner/Lemieux, 6-4

Smith/Cansino lost to Cook/Zugai, 6-0, 6-0 **Boys singles**

Mike Gonzales lost to Coletun Espinosa Jeremy Langford lost to Ryan Hocke, 6-1

Jonathan Womack lost to Maxx Jeffers, C.J. Burleson lost to Xavior Ross, 6-1, 6-3 Matt Garza lost to Cruz Orona, 6-2, 6-2 Jonathan Ray lost to Dustin Douglas, 6-2

Tyler McKinley lost to Khyree Davis, 8-0 Matt Ryan lost to Josh Bonebrake, 8-1 Seth Yarbar lost to Parker Willis, 8-2 Boys doubles Womack/Langford lost to Hocke/Jeffers,

Ray/Gonzales lost to Espinosa/Yeakle, 6-4, Bowles/Garza lost to Douglas/Abbott, 7-5,

Burleson/Scott lost to Orona/Del Hierro,

Favre, Lions get memorable Week 3 wins

The Associated Press

Brett Favre was leading fourthquarter drives for the Green Bay Packers the last time the Detroit Lions won a game.

Now the Lions are winners again after 19 straight losses, and Favre's leading those last-minute comebacks for the Minnesota Vikings.

Neither win was pretty. Both were pretty much priceless.

Favre took the Vikings 80 yards in 87 seconds before finding Greg Lewis in the back of the end zone for a 27-24 win over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. Rookie Matthew Stafford threw an early TD pass for the Lions, who played mostly mistake-free to end their streak with a 19-14 win over the Washington Redskins.

"We went a whole season without feeling like this, so you have to take it in and enjoy," said Lions center Dominic Raiola, who has lost 99 times in nine seasons with the Lions. Minnesota struggled most of the

day, despite a 101-yard kickoff return by Percy Harvin. Adrian Peterson was held to just 85 yards on 19 carries. And the first five series of the second half looked like this: Three punts, Favre's first interception, and a turnover on downs in Favre's first real home game with Minnesota.

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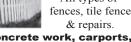
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19). There are those who see the act of listening as passive. Jumping in to offer advice, opinion or their own

story feels right to them. Be different. Listening is the most healing thing you can do for



ship. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20).

a relation-

Something you weren't expecting shows up, possibly in the mail. Initially, you'll be hard-pressed to say whether this is bad or good news. Assume it's good, and whatever is required to meet the

ARIES (March 21-April need, you'll come up with

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have always been supportive, but the person you've supported hasn't always noticed. Well, today you get the response you were looking for of affirmations appreciation and love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's hard to suppress your laughter when so many funny things are going on around you. You've always been one to see the humor in everyday life, but right now it seems like life is playing along, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being kind takes no effort for you — it's just who you are. An observant friend will point this out along with more of the invisible habits you are not so aware of. It feels

nice to be noticed in this way.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wisdom is better than gold, but right now you need some gold! Fear not: This financial pinch you're in will see a resolution in the near future. So don't worry the bills get paid in a timely manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are a few complaining whining, influences around you. Some people just cannot see that life is a beautiful gift. But you can help. Share your mentality of optimism and abundance. It's catching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be connecting. without the aid computers. Technology is stand-in for your personal touch. Doesn't anyone write letters anymore? Well, you do,

someone's day the oldfashioned way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have an increased interest world affairs. A headline catches your eye. You intuitively feel connection between that event and your personal life. Investigate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd like more personal attention and expression from a loved one. A confrontation may not be appropriate, but your indirect methods will work like magic to get the other person to open up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Break from the mundane. A brief period of indulgence will restore your joie de vivre. It might be pricey, but pay without guilt. Living slightly outside vour

so reach out and make limits will help you push through them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March They say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but your ability to appraise a situation at first glance has saved you from a lot of wasted time. This afternoon it will save you from more than

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Dear Margo: I have been with my husband for 12 years. We have two sons and a very young daughter.

Before I got pregnant with my daughter, I communi-cating started with

man, "Sean," online. We talked because we were both unhappy with our marriages (or maybe



bored). After a few

just

months of this, I found out I was pregnant with my husband's baby and stopped all communication with

Sean. Yet, when my daughter was 4 months old, I emailed Sean

off.

We met soon after that, started an affair and fell love. When husband discovered the affair, I asked him to move out, even though he wanted to work things out.

Sean left his wife, and we have been seeing each other for the past six months. Even though I have been seeing Sean, I've kind of kept my husband on the side ... not telling him that I'm continuing the relationship with Sean, but not telling him that I want to work on our marriage, either.

I just found out today that my husband has a girlfriend (he showed up at my house with three hickies on his neck) and is filing for divorce.

I thought I would be relieved for this drama to be over so I could freely and we date Sean, but now I am

picked up where we left having second thoughts about who I want to be with. Help! — The Grass Isn't Always Greener in Illinois

> Dear Grass: To all the men who have accused me of being a malebasher, please take note.

I wish I could offer comforting words, you are now paying a big price for a mistake.

You are no longer the one doing the choosing, and I think your husband is perfectly justified in taking you at your word that you weren't interested in working on the marriage.

I suspect the hickies, I mean the girlfriend, knocked you for a loop. So ... I hope things work out with Sean. — Margo, unfortunately

> Dealing With A **Difficult Answer**

Dear Margo: My mom I don't know how to tell BY CREATORS.COM

died of cancer when I was 16. I'm moving through life without her, and I think I'm doing OK.

My dad and I talk about and share our memories, but he's dating again and I'm in college. I wonder how I can let people know that I don't have a mother anymore, but that she was a wonderful woman and not a topic that needs to be tiptoed around.

In my normal speech, I speak about her in the present tense. But if the subject of parents comes up, I will only mention my dad.

It becomes difficult when I am asked: What do your parents do? "Well, my dad is an engineer, and my mom is dead."

I don't know what to say. It's not that I'm still mourning, but she's gone, and there are times when people need to know, and them. She'd know what to do. — *Missing My Mother*

2009

Dear Miss: When the subject of parents comes up, or someone asks what your folks do, just say your dad's an engineer, and your mother, before she died, was homemaker/sculptress/do ctor, whatever.

It would be good, both for you and whomever you're talking to, to say, "I really miss her, but she was wonderful and I wish you could have met her." I think that ought to do it. — Margo, nostalgically

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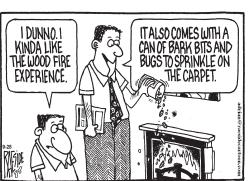
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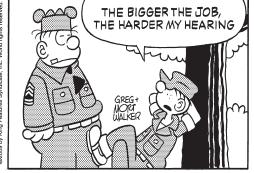












This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2009. There are 94 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Sept. 28, 1909, satirical cartoonist Al Capp, the creator of "Li'l Abner," was born in New Haven, Conn. On this date:

William the In 1066, Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their successful siege of Yorktown, In 1787, the Congress of the

Confederation voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to state legislatures for their approval.

In 1850, flogging was a ished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1924, two U.S. Army planes

landed in Seattle, having completed the first round-the-world flight in 175 days. In 1939, during World War II,

Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a treaty calling for the partitioning of Poland, which the two countries had invaded. $In 1967, Walter \, E. \, Washington$

was sworn in as the first mayor-commissioner of the District Columbia. (He'd been appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.) In 1974, first lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at

Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discovery of a cancerous lump in her In 1989, deposed Philippine

President Ferdinand E. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii at age Today's Birthdays: Actor

William Windom is 86. Actor Arnold Stang is 84. Actress Brigitte Bardot is 75. Singer Ben E. King is 71. Actor Joel Higgins is 66. Singer Helen Shapiro is 63. Actor Jeffrey Jones is 63. Movie writer-director-actor John Savles is 59. Actress Sylvia Kristel is 57. Rock musician George Lynch is 55. Zydeco singer-musician

C.J. Chenier is 52. Actor Steve Hytner is 50. Actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo is 45. Country singer Matt King is 43. Actress Mira Sorvino is 42. TV personality Moon Zappa is 42. Actress Naomi Watts is 41. Country musician Chuck Crawford is 36. Country singer Mandy Barnett is 34. Rapper Young Jeezy is 32. World Golf Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak is 32. Actress Hilary Duff is 22. Actress Skye McCole Bartusiak is 17.

Thought for Today: "The secret of how to live without resentment or embarrassment in a world in which I was different from everyone else, was to be indifferent to that difference." — Al Capp, American cartoonist (1909-1979). © 2009 The Associated Press.

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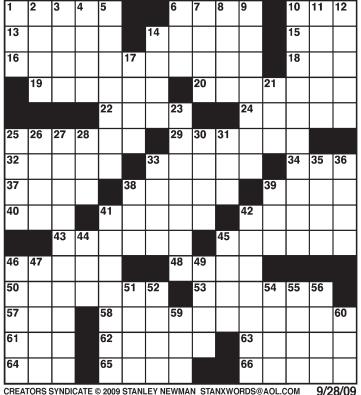
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But the Vikings (3-0) knew just why they'd signed their longtime nemesis in the offseason.

"The offensive line was fired up. Adrian was fired up, and the receivers were fired up. And Brett fell right in. He was fired up, too, like: 'We're going to get this done," Lewis said. "And that's the attitude that we

took out there on the field."

On the last play, Favre stepped forward in the pocket and slid to the right by design to buy time for his receivers to move into position. Instead of throwing a ball up for

grabs, he figured he could get close

enough to the line of scrimmage to fire a line drive that would be tougher to defend. Lewis hauled it down in the back of

the end zone, staying in by the barest of margins. The play was upheld on review, and after the 49ers' last desperation heave, Favre's 43rd comeback from a fourth-quarter deficit or tie was complete.

"It's hard to even recall all of 'em. This one was pretty special," Favre

Memorable, too, in its own way will be Detroit's win, in front of 40,896 fans at Ford Field.

Detroit (1-2) hadn't won since Dec. 23, 2007, and its 19-game skid matched the second longest in NFL history. The Lions no longer have to hear about Tampa Bay's record 26-game losing streak.

They're on a one-game roll.

"I'm having fun," Stafford said. "It's a great game we get to play."

Eagles 34, Chiefs 14

At Philadelphia, Kevin Kolb threw for 327 yards and two touchdowns, LeSean McCoy had 84 yards rushing and one TD for the Eagles (2-1). DeSean Jackson and Brent Celek each had 100-plus yards receiving and one score against the winless Chiefs.

Colts 31, Cardinals 10

At Glendale, Ariz., Peyton Manning threw four touchdown passes, three in the second quarter, and completed 24 of 35 for 379 yards with one interception for Indianapolis (3-0). The Colts' quarterback had four TD pass-

es in a game for the 18th time, moving him ahead of Johnny Unitas into third on the NFL career list, behind Dan Marino's 21 and Brett Favre's Kurt Warner threw for 332 yards

and two scores for Arizona (1-2).

Jaguars 31, Texans 24

At Houston, Maurice Jones-Drew had his first 100-yard game of the season and scored three touchdowns for the Jaguars (1-2). Jones-Drew scored the go-ahead

touchdown on an 8-yard run early in the fourth quarter and finished with 119 yards rushing. The Texans (1-2) have the league's

worst run defense, allowing 190 yards to the Jets, 240 to the Titans and 184 on Sunday.

ing performance in 14 years in the last game, breaking free for 251

Marion Barber led the way, but hurt his left thigh on his final carry. He's been limited in practice but is expected to play. If he doesn't, that'll mean more carries for backups Felix Jones (who had 96 yards on seven car-

ries) and Tashard Choice. Dallas has beaten Carolina three times in a row and seven of the last eight, but that one loss came in the most important matchup, a playoff game after the 2003 season, when Delhomme was on the rise and Romo was an undrafted rookie lucky to be on the roster.

After NBC's boffo ratings for the first regular-season game at Cowboys Stadium, ESPN gets to showcase the \$1.15 billion building in prime time.

"I think just the overall spectacle and so forth is over with," Dallas coach Wade Phillips said. "Now it feels more like home."

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playoffs pretty often, it rarely happens from 0-3.

No team has ever bounced back from that kind of start and made it to the Super Bowl. Carolina also will be heading into its bye week, another reason this result will be magnified, win or lose.

"We're sitting here at 0-2, so we can all coach better and we can all play better," Carolina coach John Fox said. "I've started 0-4 and won 11 of the next 12."

For Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers, the trip to Cowboys Stadium is a case of what might've been.

Peppers tried forcing a trade to Dallas over the summer, although it's unclear how hard the Cowboys tried to make it happen. That was the defensive end's main leverage in con-

Friday night with a 76-48 victory.

The first three quarters seemed to

go back and forth with Sands consis-

tently holding a slim lead. The

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tract negotiations that resulted in a one-year deal, albeit for \$16.7 mil-

As the quarterbacks know, that kind of money — one-eighth of the salary cap spent on one-53rd of the roster — means expectations are equally out of whack. So having one sack in the opener and being relatively invisible against the Falcons is going to draw the kind of jeers Peppers has received lately.

He could turn that around with a big performance in the Monday night spotlight. It would be a great way to audition for Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, especially because Peppers will be a free agent again after this

"I really didn't put too much thought into all that," Peppers said. "The only people I care about how they receive me are these guys in the locker room, the coaches, my family and friends. ... I'm happy being here right now. I'm not going to discuss anything."

Dallas' defense looks like it could

Mustangs led by 8 after the first, 6 at

halftime and 10 at the end of the

They outscored the Bulldogs 34-16

Daniel Armendariz made the differ-

ence, catching a 4-yard touchdown

from Johnny Rogers, rushing another

in from a yard out and throwing a

41-yard score to A.J. Hernandez in

in the final stanza.

provide a spark. After leading the league in sacks

use Peppers — or anyone who could

last season, with DeMarcus Ware registering an NFL-best 20, the Cowboys don't have a single one through two games. They haven't forced a turnover yet, either, a surprising double negative.

Facing Delhomme could be exactly what this unit needs. Then again, facing this unit might be exactly what Delhomme needs.

Dallas struggled against the run in the opener, then was beaten by the pass in the second game. Within those game films there could be enough clues for Carolina to find the right mix of Delhomme and running backs DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart to exploit all the weakness-

"I think offensively we're somewhat getting there," Delhomme said. "We came into the year: run game, run game. But that doesn't just happen." The Cowboys had their best rush-

Fourth quarter

Sands - Ju. Rogers 34 pass from Jo. Rogers (run failed), 9:50 Sands - Armendariz 4 pass from Jo. Rogers

(Armendariz kick), 6:22 Spur - White 7 pass from Clark (Clark kick),

Sands - Armendariz 31 run (kick failed), 4:49 Spur - Hinson 19 pass from Diaz (Clark kick),

Sands - Armendariz 1 run (Armendariz kick).

Sands - A.J. Hernandez 41 pass from Armendariz

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the fourth quarter alone. Armendariz also returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown with 13 seconds left before halftime, giving Sands its lead at the Armendariz finished with 88 yards

rushing, 41 passing and 19 receiving, having a part in four of Sands' 11

Johnny Rogers rushed for 87 yards and two touchdowns, while passing for another 77 and two more scores. Rogers also had a touchdown catch, taking in a 5-yard pass from Albert Ybarra in the first quarter.

Junior Rogers led sands with 55 yards receiving and two scores on

The Mustangs are now 5-0 on the season and look to stay undefeated when they host the Dawson Dragons (5-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ackerly. Dawson is fresh off a 78-34 victory over O'Donnell and is currently ranked No. 7 in six-man Division II. Sands is ranked fifth.

Sands Spur

Sands 76, Spur 48 14 12 16 34-76 6 14 12 16-48 First quarter

Spur - L. White 24 pass from C. Clark (kick blocked), 7:50

Sands - Hayden Ware 4 run (kick blocked), 4:58 Sands - Johnny Rogers 5 pass from Albert Ybarra (Daniel Armendariz kick), 2:11 Second quarter

Spur - C. Clark 1 pass from A. Diaz (kick failed),

Sands - Junior Rogers 21 pass from Ybarra (kick

Spur - L. Hinson 20 pass from Clark (Clark kick),

Sands - Armendariz 75 kickoff return (run failed),

Third quarter Sands - Jo. Rogers 38 run (Armendariz kick),

9:45 Spur - Hinson 65 pass from Clark (kick failed),

8:17

Sands - Jo. Rogers 2 run (Armendariz kick), 6:59

Spur - White 16 pass from Diaz (kick failed), 3:41



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4:16

(kick failed), 3:19

Sands Spur First downs 12 Rushes-Yds. 43-219 14-5 Passing Yds. 144 315 Comp.-Att.-Int. 8-10-0 20-45-2 Total Yds. 363 320 Punts-Avg. 0-0 3-25 Fumbles-Lost 1-1 Penalties-Yds. 3-20

Individual stats

Rushing: Sands - Johnny Rogers 26-87, Daniel Armendariz 12-88, Hayden Ware 4-19, Gabe Guillen 1-25; Spur - C. Clark 7-17, G. Olivarez 1-0 A. Diaz 2-(-1), A. Molina 4-(-11). Passing: Sands - Rogers 5-5-0 77, Armendariz

1-3-0 41, Albert Ybarra 2-2-0 26; Spur - Clark 13-30-1 249, Diaz 6-14-1 60, Unknown 1-1-0 6. Receiving: Sands - Guillen 1-12, Armendariz

2-19, Rogers 1-5, Junior Rogers 2-55, A.J. Hernandez 1-41, Michael Gomez 1-12; Spur -Hinson 6-153, White 4-61, Molina 3-26, Diaz 2-21, Olivarez 1-21, Salas 1-16, Roberts 1-10, Clark

Garden City 64, Comanche Pardigm 0

TRENT — In a game played at a neutral site, the Garden City Bearkats won their fourth straight game by halftime.

The Bearkats utilized the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football in a 64-0 victory over Comanche Paradigm Charter Saturday night in

No stats were available as of press

7 out of 10 women complaining of

irritability have a hormone imbalance

