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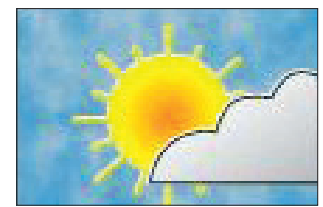


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## Fire scare no big deal at SMMC

**Herald Staff Report**

A tripped breaker switch is being blamed as the cause of a fire alarm that sent several firefighting units to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday morning.

Hospital officials said a work crew doing repairs to the electrical system inadvertently tripped a breaker switch, which in turn triggered the facility's automatic fire alarm.

"One of our maintenance staff was working on the electrical system when the breaker was flipped," said Kim Howell, marketing director for the hospital.

Four or five units from the Big Spring Fire Department responded to the alarm at around 11 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Howell said the alarm turned quite a few heads, but did not result in any damage or the evacuation of any patients.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Big Spring Fire Department crew packs up equipment after responding to a fire alarm at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday morning. No injuries or damage were reported.

# Bigger & better

*Fund-raiser set to help draw bigger rodeo acts*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Texas country music sensation Casey Donahew will be performing in Big Spring Saturday, Oct. 17, part of an effort by the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo board of directors to attract bigger and better entertainment for the annual rodeo event.

Derek Wash, a board member with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo and coordinator for the show, said ticket sales from the event will go to help pay for entertainment during next year's

rodeo. "We hear people in Big Spring saying they want big-name artists and entertainment, and that's exactly what we're hoping to secure with this dance," said Wash. "It will be the first annual fall dance, and the money we raise will be used to help bring bigger and better name artists to the rodeo dances."

"Artists like Aaron Watson and Kevin Fowler don't come cheap. Some of them get as much as \$20,000 for playing

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Work crews begin forming concrete "islands" along Main Street Wednesday morning. The concrete work is part of more than \$6 million in ongoing Big Spring street renovation projects.

# Ring returned after 31 years

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If it's meant to be yours then it will come back.

This age-old rule applies to many things, including high school rings. Just ask Janis McDowell, whose high school ring found its way back to her after more than 30 years.

"My daughter was in the fourth grade (in Sweetwater) and she wanted to wear it to school. She had been bugging me and bugging me, and I

finally agreed," McDowell said.

After about a week, she asked her daughter if she could have the ring back.

"I asked where the ring was and we realized that it was lost," McDowell said.

At the time, the school was Philip



Janis McDowell

Nolan, which was eventually torn down.

McDowell ended up putting an ad in the local newspaper and checked all the pawn shops in Sweetwater. She had no luck and eventually believed that the ring would be lost forever. Once the school was torn down, she assumed that the ring was lost somewhere under all the rubble.

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## Obituaries

### John M. Kiegel Jr.

John Matthew Kiegel Jr., 29, of O'Fallon, Ill., died Monday evening, Oct. 5, 2009. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Wolfersberger Funeral Home in O'Fallon.

He was born June 15, 1980 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Survivors include his parents, SMSgt John M. Kiegel Sr. and Janice A. Hembree-Kiegel, of O'Fallon; grandparents, Gloria and Frank Chapman of Big Spring and Janet F. Kiegel of St. Marys, Ga.; and numerous aunts and uncles, including Pamela, Thomas and Daniel Hembree and Melanie Karavatoes, all of Big Spring, and James Hembree of Las Vegas, Nev.; and many cousins.

In memory of Johnny, memorial donations are suggested to Spencer Pet Rescue, 1405 E. Highway 50, O'Fallon, IL 62269 or to any no-kill animal shelter. Condolences may be extended to the family by visiting [www.wfh-ofallon.com](http://www.wfh-ofallon.com).

### Charlie T. Hale

Charlie T. Hale, 76, died Sept. 27, 2009, at his residence in Mathis, Texas. Charlie was born Feb. 4, 1933 to Raymond Thomas Hale and Mary Ester Hall Hale in Forsan.

Charlie was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He worked for many years in the Petroleum business as a pipe fitter.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 15 years, Cynthia Hale of the home; son, Marlon Hale (Jill), of Midland, Texas; and daughter, Sheri Hale; grandson, Raymond "Bud" Hale; four grandchildren; two sisters, Patsy Chapman of Baytown and Barbara Blissard of Midland; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Visitation was Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Memory Gardens Funeral Home in Corpus Christi. A funeral service was conducted Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at Memory Gardens Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

### Helen Petree Morgan

Helen Petree Morgan, of Crawford, formerly of Rankin was born in Elbert, Dec. 28, 1912. She died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in a care center in Waco. She married Johnnie Morgan in Stanton, Dec. 24, 1933. He preceded her in death in June 2000. Also preceding her a grandson and a son-in-law, Darrel Northcott.

Survivors include three sons, Robert and wife Uvonne of Plains, Kenneth and wife Glenda of Stilwell, Okla., Don of McKinney, Linda Morgan of McKinney; daughter, Patsy Northcott of Crawford; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and 1 sister-in-law, Opal Petree of Midland.

Graveside services are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at 2 p.m., at the Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton. Grandchildren are to serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to church or charity of choice or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 209, Crawford, 76638.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Mary Wood

Mary Wood, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support Groups

**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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**TUESDAY**  
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

- CLEOPHUS JOHNSON, 42, of 301 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants.
- DENNIS JAMES PAGE, 26, of 316 Davis Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- JULIAN CHAVEZ, 34, of 3211 Drexel, was arrested Wednesday on a Tarrant County warrant.
- UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels.
- GRAFFITI was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- SERGIO AZDAR, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief and making a false report to a law enforcement employee.
- JULIAN CHAVEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency for engaging in organized criminal activity.
- LUANNA FRANCO, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
- CLEOPHUS JOHNSON, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and burglary of a vehicle.
- DENNIS JAMES PAGE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to use a turn signal.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Brown and Meadow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Jim Long Road. According to fire officials, a metal shed was damaged by smoke, but no major damage was reported.

## Take Note






• Howard County and Forsan 4-H Club members will clean the pocket park off Main Street in Big Spring beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. The effort, planned as a way for 4-H to "give back" to the community that has supported its efforts for more than 100 years, will be led by AgriLife Extension agents and 4-H adult leaders with guidance from Master Gardeners and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

• 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. Robert'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.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

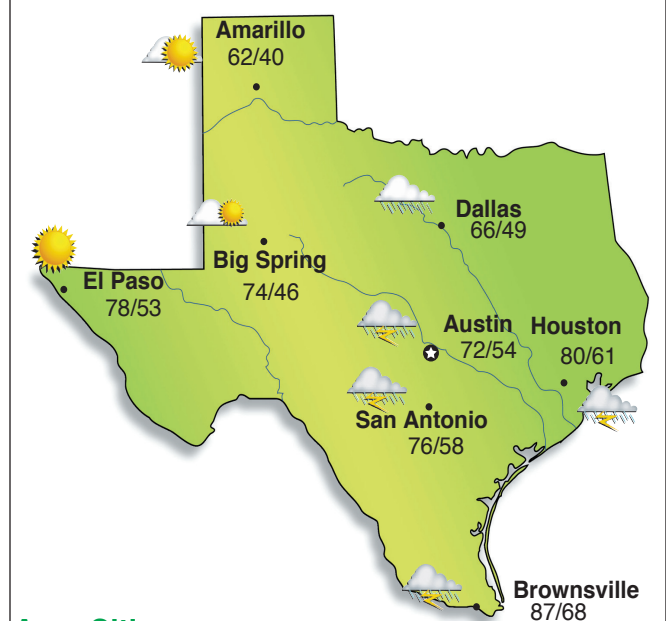
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 10/9	Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Mon 10/12	Tue 10/13
				
<b>74/46</b>	<b>76/48</b>	<b>71/51</b>	<b>65/46</b>	<b>66/51</b>
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Occasional showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:20 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:19 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:18 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:17 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:15 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	67	47	pt sunny	Kingsville	84	63	t-storm
Amarillo	62	40	mst sunny	Livingston	77	56	t-storm
Austin	72	54	t-storm	Longview	73	51	t-storm
Beaumont	84	64	t-storm	Lubbock	71	44	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	68	t-storm	Lufkin	77	58	t-storm
Brownwood	65	48	rain	Midland	75	53	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	64	t-storm	Raymondville	86	66	t-storm
Corsicana	67	49	t-storm	Rosenberg	80	61	t-storm
Dallas	66	49	rain	San Antonio	76	58	t-storm
Del Rio	85	59	rain	San Marcos	73	54	t-storm
El Paso	78	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	50	t-storm
Fort Stockton	78	54	sunny	Sweetwater	68	47	pt sunny
Gainesville	60	46	rain	Tyler	71	50	t-storm
Greenville	65	47	t-storm	Weatherford	61	46	rain
Houston	80	61	t-storm	Wichita Falls	59	45	pt sunny

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## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-25-30-31-38.  
Number matching six of six: 0.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 3-5-1-2.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 12-17-21-26-30.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 2-5-3.

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# News in brief

## Police investigating double murder-suicide

IRVING (AP) — Authorities are investigating the gunshot deaths of a couple and their son who police said died in an apparent double murder-suicide. Irving police spokesman David Tull said they were found in their Valley Ranch area home Wednesday morning.

The Dallas Morning News reports the victims are Chimandbhai Patel and his wife, Kantaben Patel, both 59, and their son, 29-year-old Hiran Patel.

Tull says there was no sign of forced entry and police aren't saying who fired the shots.

Public records indicated the family was having financial challenges. They operated Darshan Enterprises, Inc. and owned Hawthorn Suites hotel in Richardson. The state issued a tax forfeiture against them in July and they were not in good standing with the Comptroller's office.

## Officers seize more than \$52,000

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Narcotics officers seized more than \$52,000, a 2008 GMC truck, four widescreen plasma televisions and other property while executing a search warrant.

Cmdr. Mark Schauer of the Corpus Christi Police Department wouldn't say what information or evidence led police to seek the warrant, but said the search was part of a larger investigation.

The items were seized Tuesday from the residence of an unemployed man who had been released from federal prison earlier this year.

The money was stuffed in a duffel bag in a closet. Police are working on getting an arrest warrant to charge a 32-year-old man with money laundering.

## Foreman: 1 juror spared life of man who killed 3

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Missouri man who pleaded guilty to killing three members of a Texas farm family three years ago was spared the death penalty because of a single juror, the jury foreman says.

The jury on Tuesday sentenced Levi King, 27, to life in prison without parole for the 2005 slayings of Mitchell Conrad, 35; her husband, Brian Conrad, 31; and her 14-year-old son, Zach Doan. Mitchell Conrad was six months pregnant.

Jurors in a capital murder case must be unanimous for a defendant to receive the death penalty.

Foreman Tommy Jones told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Wednesday that one woman on the jury could not support capital punishment for King, who pleaded guilty last month. Jones said he was flabbergasted that a death sentence wasn't the outcome.

"The details in the case are so important because you can see the lack of conscience," he told The Pampa News. "He has no compassion for humanity, none whatsoever."

During nearly a month of testimony in the sentencing phase of the trial, prosecutors presented photographs showing the three family members' bullet-ridden bodies lying in or near their beds and

played audio from the 911 call made by the sole survivor, Robin Doan, who was 10 years old at the time of the killings.

The girl called authorities after King left the family's farmhouse near Pampa and could be heard sobbing as she told the dispatcher: "I want my mommy."

## Relatives, attorney question state's decision to take kidnapped baby

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A mother whose baby was kidnapped said she was devastated when child welfare officials took him into state custody shortly after he was recovered, describing the pain of that separation as worse than the knife wounds that the kidnapper inflicted on her.

Maria Gurrola, still recovering from stab wounds and a collapsed lung, started crying and shaking when she learned week-old Yahir Anthony Carrillo and his three siblings would be put into foster homes, said Norma Rodriguez, the cousin of Jose Carrillo, the baby's father.

"She said them taking the kids away was a worse stab in her heart than the stab from the lady who took the baby," Rodriguez said.

The children, ages 3, 9 and 11, were split up and put with strangers in two separate foster homes Saturday after investigators told the state Department of Children's Services the couple was under investigation because of allegations they had tried to sell the baby, Gurrola's court-appointed attorney Dennis Nordhoff said.

## ACTS

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a 90-minute show. So if we want to bring in artists of that caliber, we're going to have to find a way to pay for it, and the board is totally non-profit. This gives the community a chance to come together and show their support. We can't accomplish what we're trying to do without the community behind us."

Wash said the show, which will get under way at 8 p.m. at the Howard County Fairbarn, will open with some local talent.

"Guy Will Zant and his band will open up the show. They're local

boys and a really good band," said Wash. "After that, Hwy 55 will take the stage. We were really lucky to be able to get them in the lineup, and they are really looking forward to playing in Big Spring. And, of course, there's the headliner Casey Donahew. That guy is such an amazing artist. It's good Texas country, and I'm sure everyone will have a lot of fun."

Although he's nominated for a Gruene with Envy Texas music award as New Artist of the Year, Casey Donahew's actually got six years, three albums and a legion of fans behind him, according to the

artists publicists. Donahew began performing in Fort Worth at the Thirsty Armadillo and R Bar.

Returning home from Texas A&M, the guy who proudly hails from Johnson County made the rounds in the area's smaller club circuit in 2002 and 2003. In 2008 the band released their third album, titled "Live, Raw, Real in the Ville." The first single released off this album, "Crazy" — which was co-written by Casey and his wife Melinda — went all the way to the top and hit No. 1 on the Texas Music Chart in June of 2008. The song also came in at No. 17 on

Texas Music Chart's top 30 songs of the year.

Wash said Donahew and crew are expected to play until well after midnight.

"We'll have a drink barn ready," said Wash with a laugh. "Tickets for the dance are \$20 each. There's also a VIP package, which includes eight tickets to the show and a special table, right up front. That's \$250, and that's exactly what I'll be getting for myself. There's no way I'm gonna stand around for four-and-a-half hours."

According to Wash, area residents that would like to see bigger acts perform at the ro-

deo in coming years will get the chance to show their support.

"People like to complain about it, but here's their chance to do something about it," said Wash. "It's going to be a fantastic time, and the money we raise will give us the chance to bring bigger and better acts to Big Spring for the rodeo. But none of that can happen if the community doesn't come out and show their support."

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## RING

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"Last week, I got a phone call from a former classmate (Jerry Belew). He left me a message asking if I had lost my class ring," McDowell said.

She returned the call and informed Belew that she had indeed lost her ring some 31 years ago.

It turns out the ring had been found by a member of the 1965 class of Big Spring High School who sent out an e-mail asking if anyone had lost a ring.

"Stephi Payne was the one who found the ring on eBay, and Jerry Belew was the one who finally contacted me," McDowell said.

Once Belew contacted McDowell, he told her he had decided that he was going to find her, no matter what.

"On the phone, he said he told himself, 'When I got up this morning I decided I wasn't going to bed until I found you,'" McDowell said.

The e-mails from Belew and other classmates made their way out among the group, ending up in a case of mistaken identity.

"One of the classmates had gone through the yearbook and figured out who had the initials JLP. There ended up being two of us, a guy named Jerry Lewis Parchman and me," McDowell said.

Since the reunion, McDowell had changed her e-mail address and wasn't in contact with her former classmates. Jerry was contacted by another classmate and just assumed that the ring was Parchman's.

"Jerry had assumed it was his because he had lost his ring a few years back," McDowell said. "He ended up contacting the lady and she told him that it was a woman's ring."

Once McDowell got in contact with Parchman, she contacted the woman with the ring. She sent her an e-mail and explained her story. The ring was selling for \$100.

"At the time, all the rings were the same. It wasn't like today, where you can buy them anywhere. They all looked alike and mine had my initials on the inside," McDowell said. "The lady agreed to sell me the ring for what she paid for it."

When McDowell originally

purchased the ring, she said she paid around \$40 for the piece of jewelry. However, the price she would pay to get it back after more than 30 years would be considerably more.

"I was going to pay the price for it because it was my ring and it was worth it," McDowell said. "I was getting my ring back after all these years."

McDowell found out that the ring had been at a gun and knife show in Fredricksburg. The woman had listed it on eBay, but had it listed as a 1963 class ring.

"Once I found out that the ring was mine, I called my daughter and told her that she owed me a \$100," McDowell said. "I asked her if she remembered losing something of mine in the fourth grade, and she remembered losing a charm bracelet."

McDowell's daughter, Melissa, is currently a third grade teacher in Albany.

By the time the ring made its way back to McDowell, about eight former classmates had been pulled in. The Big Spring High School class of 1965 joined together and helped a lost ring find its way home.

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By Eddy Pitchford

There is much confusion about health care. People from various backgrounds and political preferences shout into television microphones about the need for reform. Congressional hearings abound as do editorials about the hearings.

While I do not claim to have a grip on the health care matters, I do believe the current crisis has revealed a lot of other crises. There is obviously a crisis of credibility. There is a crisis of courtesy. There is a crisis of communication. There is a crisis of respect.

Trustworthiness, truthfulness, integrity and honor are vital to solving any disagreement and require more attention than a short sound byte or a few dollars. In the words of The Great Physician, "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man." (Matthew 15:18).

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Wishful thinking might not get us where we want to be, but trusting in You, Lord, will.

Amen

# Time for newspapers to fight back!

OK, newspaper folks. It's time to pick ourselves off the ground and fight back. There is plenty of time left on the clock, and our fans — more than 100 million loyal readers — are pulling for us to win. So here's how we rally.

First and foremost, we have to ignore those self-proclaimed pundits and cynics who believe that newspapers are dead. They are dead wrong.

Sure, newspaper companies face serious challenges. But we also have serious opportunities to re-engineer ourselves as quality content creators for local print and online audiences that advertisers still desire.

As we are seeing during this punishing recession, overhauling the economics of newspapering while experimenting with new business models is a daunting task, but it's starting to happen in cities and towns all over the country, especially where executives and editors possess the requisite vision, confidence, creativity and entrepreneurial drive to succeed.

The truth is that right now every media company is hurting and under tremendous pressure to innovate and grow, including Google, Yahoo, Microsoft, the broadcast networks, cable giants and radio conglomerates. No one

— not even MySpace, Facebook or the latest new media darling — is immune from these severe contractions in the advertising marketplace. Newspapers may publish article after article about the problems they are experiencing, but they are not suffering alone.

Fortunately, the economy eventually will improve, and businesses will start spending more, even on newspaper ads. The price of newsprint will come down. New print and online revenue models will emerge. Organizational efficiencies will help the bottom line. And well-run newspaper companies will succeed by fighting hard, experimenting and evolving while tuning out those armchair critics who revel in the thought of a society without newspapers or news.

Second, newspaper companies need to capitalize more aggressively on the valuable information that their newsrooms singularly provide their communities and our country. In these uncertain, complex times, trusted, compelling content has the potential to be more essential for readers and online users than ever.

And if you don't believe us, ask yourself: Do most Americans still care about what goes on in their community, in their country and around the world? Is there still consumer demand for in-depth news, analysis, opinions, sports results and cultural coverage? Are the decimated TV and radio news operations in local markets really able to compete with the journalistic resources of a good newspaper? Are people looking for credible sources of news as it becomes increasingly difficult to separate

fact from fiction on the Internet?

In the past year, newspaper journalists have blown away their competition with critically important and defining coverage of two wars, a historic presidential election and the worst economic meltdown and financial scandals in our lifetimes. In municipalities from coast to coast, newspapers have excelled in their watchdog role as a protector of the public interest by bringing down corrupt politicians, exposing government waste and fraud, and injecting much-needed accountability in our schools and social-service agencies.

In short, quality content is still king, and newspapers own the best news-gathering operations in their individual markets. Nearly all local news originates from newspaper journalists, which remains a huge competitive advantage if utilized the right way.

Newspapers can increase their revenues and reach by investing in more content creation for different audiences, not less. The more compelling articles and information a newspaper and its website can offer, the longer readers and online users will be engaged. The longer consumers are engaged, the more exposure they will have to ads in print and online. The more attention the ads receive, the better the advertisers' responses typically will be and the more those ads will be worth.

Bottom line: Creating a more attractive experience for newspaper and website audiences enhances advertising revenues. Conversely, cutting back too much on content while raising

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# Remembering my friend Nancy

My friend Nancy began her last adventure when the doctors at an upstate New York hospital told her there was no way she could get on a plane to come home to Los Angeles (the altitude would kill her) and instead proposed to transfer her to a New York City hospital for surgery.

She decided to rent an RV. Linda, her daughter, who was with her, called her brothers back in Los Angeles. Bobby and Brian got on the red-eye, and they all met up at Hertz. Brian brought his video camera. They stopped at Nancy's childhood house in New Jersey. They got supplies at Whole Foods. They ate prime rib at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Pennsylvania. They made it to St. Louis.

Nancy MacNeil Daly Riordan lived for more than three years with stage IV pancreatic cancer.

She was married twice, both powerful men. Bob Daly was the studio chief at Warner Bros. She was an influential wife. Dick Riordan was the mayor of Los Angeles. She was his liberal Democratic "first lady."

In 1979, she visited MacLaren

Hall, the now-closed facility for foster kids in Los Angeles County. Lovekidsla was her e-mail address. She stopped buying Christmas gifts and gave to the kids at MacLaren. She got the county to create a Department for Children and Families. She served on the President's Commission on Children. She spent three decades fighting for kids, and she raised three of her own. She knew what mattered.

Nancy did things women didn't do in this town, made a transition few women make. She chaired the board of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the big boys, and she really did chair it. She had power in her own right. She made calls and was on top of her game.

Then she got sick. Bad sick. Scary, frightening, stage IV pancreatic cancer sick. She'd gone to India and thought she caught a bug. She had the Whipple surgery; her cancer was so advanced that had they known, they might not have operated. They took everything they could. Hard recovery. Diabetes, of course. Continuing chemo.

She was rich, but she didn't have it easy. I was with her the day she moved her things out of their/his house and into storage. I came home and screamed at the guys who'd spent all day installing a carpet I had never

seen. She went to Fiji with John and Joanne — some trip she'd won in a charity auction — and met a handsome age-appropriate ex-pat, who wore very short shorts when I met him that summer.

Then she bought a new house, retrieved all her stuff from storage and made it beautiful. She built tree houses for her grandkids in the yard, decorated for last year's Halloween party, hosted Fourth of July parties two years running and traveled halfway around the world.

She fell in love with her oncologist. I know, who doesn't? He fell in love with her. She had stage IV pancreatic cancer, and she had a great love affair. They went out all the time. They traveled. I would swear it gave her a year. Toward the end, it all fell apart. She said to me once as we were sitting in the chemo room talking about him that she thought it was time she "grew up." But of course, that wasn't what she meant.

She drew her children close. She showered them with her love. She took them on a last adventure. After the prime-rib dinner, she went to sleep. She smiled in Indiana and took her last breath in Missouri, and then the kids drove the RV to the ER.

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prices to readers and advertisers accelerates audience declines, which in turn undermine advertising revenues. It's pretty much impossible for any business, including newspapers, to increase market share and profitability by decreasing the quality of its product and losing customers.

Third, the newspaper industry needs to re-examine how to protect and monetize its valuable print and online content. Are online aggregators plagiarizing our work and profiting mightily by selling their ads around our content without giving us a cent? Or are they driving enough traffic and revenue to our websites that we justify the risk? While Google CEO Eric Schmidt was quoted recently as saying,

"All information wants to be free," it's clear that the issue is not so simple — especially as Google continues to sell billions of dollars a year worth of advertising around original newspaper content.

Fourth and finally, newspapers should improve the quality of their sales and marketing operations. While it's easy to blame what ails the newspaper industry on disruptive technologies such as the Internet, newspaper companies need to revitalize their sales and marketing strategies

and keep upgrading their personnel in these vital revenue-producing areas. Newspapers too often lag behind their competitors in understanding the ever-changing needs of their customers, whether they be advertisers, readers or nonreaders.

Many newspaper sales forces still are unwilling or unable to sell their value against competing media. For example, newspaper sales forces frequently struggle to extol the virtues of print advertising. In fact, print ads may be poised to see a

resurgence in value in the advertising community. They aren't skipped over by TiVos and DVRs, whose growing household penetration is destroying the television industry's revenue model. They don't scream at you for 20 minutes every hour like ad-saturated commercial radio. They don't cookie you, track your keystrokes and violate your privacy while selling your personal information like many of the more manipulative Internet sites out there.

Plus, the Internet

advertising world is suffering mightily from an overabundance of inventory and rapidly eroding CPMs that are dropping like a rock toward zero. Remember, the ROI and effectiveness of newspaper ads are well documented by extensive research. The value proposition is there, but it needs to be delivered to advertisers with impact and consistency.

In our rapidly changing society, newspapers, in print and online, can turn things around, reassert their relevance to readers

and advertisers, and stage a comeback. It won't be easy or for the faint-hearted. It will take a lot of hard work. Not every new idea or strategy will succeed. But it can be done as long as we don't give up. We can't win this tough battle if we don't believe in our mission and in ourselves.

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**News in brief**

**Man accused of leaving 2 children in field**

EDINBURG (AP) — Authorities say a man abandoned two children in a field after backing out of a deal with their mother to drive them from Edinburg to Houston.

Adan Hernandez, 26, was arraigned Wednesday on two counts of abandoning or endangering a child and one count of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Authorities say Hernandez and the children's mother were strangers. But, they said, he told deputies that the woman, who is from El Salvador, paid him \$700 to drive her 1-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter to a relative's house in Houston on Saturday.

The evading arrest charge stemmed from a high-speed chase that authorities say Hernandez led them on Tuesday. Hernandez sustained injuries during the chase when his vehicle rolled several times in Willacy County, Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said.

**Swine flu killed Texas jail inmate**

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston health officials say a 27-year-old Harris County Jail inmate died at a hospital from the swine flu virus.

Kathy Barton with Houston's Department of Health and Human Services says Kenneth Lane Beckett is the only person who has died from the swine flu in the city.

Beckett was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital with flu-like symptoms on Sept. 21. He tested positive for swine flu at the hospital and died there three days later.

Harris County sheriff's officials said Beckett also had other medical conditions in addition to the swine flu virus.

A Mexico City toddler who died in late April at Texas Children's Hospital is no longer being considered a local swine flu case.

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# FBI eyes terror suspect's travel talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terror attack in New York City contacted accomplices there while making a cross-country drive from Denver, raising concerns among investigators that he was sending instructions to purchase more bomb-making chemicals, officials familiar with the case said.



Zazi

Terrorism investigators are trying to determine whether suspect Najibullah Zazi sent instructions to associates as he drove from Denver to New York last month, according to law enforcement officials. Such instructions could explain a critical missing piece of the high-profile terrorism case — why authorities could not find actual explosives.

Two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity

because they were not authorized to discuss the case, told The Associated Press that as Zazi drove, he was in communication with associates, and one of the officials said investigators believe the communications included instructions for the associates to purchase more chemicals for homemade bombs.

The officials did not describe the nature of the communication, but court documents indicate investigators have been examining Zazi's cell phone and e-mail traffic.

Court documents indicate that the 24-year-old Zazi and others were hitting beauty supply stores, buying concentrated bottles of hydrogen peroxide hair dye. He and others also bought acetone — nail polish remover — and other ingredients that can be used to make a powerful and highly unstable explosive called triacetone triperoxide, or TATP. The same explosive was used by would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid in 2001

and the terrorists who carried out the London bombings in 2005 that killed 52 people.

Zazi's journey just before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks set off alarm bells at the highest levels of government, from the CIA to the Justice Department to the White House. Attorney General Eric Holder has called it one of the most serious terrorism cases since the 2001 attacks.

Zazi has denied being involved in a terrorist plot, and has pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring to detonate explosives in the United States.

A handful of people believed to be Zazi's accomplices are under surveillance and are not believed to still pose a threat because the plot was disrupted, officials have said. For weeks, investigators have been hunting evidence of what they say was a bomb-building stay by Zazi at a hotel near his Aurora, Colo.,

home just before he drove to New York.

One possibility being considered by counterterrorism agents is that whatever device or devices were built in the hotel room, they were detonated at some isolated location in Colorado as a test run of the bomb recipe. In recent weeks, agents in that area have been searching for a possible location of such a test explosion.

If such a test was done, it would explain why Zazi might still need a fresh batch of chemicals to create new explosives, according to officials. It would also explain why investigators did not find explosive material when they searched his car and raided several apartments visited by Zazi after he arrived in New York.

It is not clear whether Zazi or his associates made such purchases in New York.

Authorities also haven't ruled out the possibility that Zazi became so spooked by

surveillance when he arrived in New York that he or his associates surreptitiously dumped or hid any bombs or bomb components.

Yet the lack of such concrete physical evidence as a backpack bomb has also forced investigators to do more painstaking and far-reaching work in the case.

Two weeks ago, according to two law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity, authorities brought about 10 people to federal offices in downtown Brooklyn for questioning.

Some were questioned only briefly after authorities determined they knew Zazi only tangentially and were not involved in the alleged plot. Others were questioned for many hours, and at least one was administered a lie-detector test, the officials said.

The questioning led investigators to narrow down their list of potential suspects in the case to what one official described as "a handful."

# Thousands mob Detroit center in hopes of free cash

DETROIT (AP) — Scuffles erupted as several thousand Detroit residents jockeyed, pushed and shoved Wednesday to get free money being offered to only 3,500 of the city's recently or soon to be homeless.

Several received medical treatment for fainting or exhaustion while frantically trying to obtain the applications for federal housing assistance. The long lines and short tempers highlighted the frustration and desperation that Detroit residents

feel struggling through an economic nightmare.

The line around Cobo Center, a downtown convention center, started forming well before daybreak. Anger flared within a few hours as more people sought out a dwindling number of applications for the program.

Members of the Detroit Police Department's Gang Squad and other tactical units were called in for crowd control. Several people reportedly passed out from exhaustion and had to

be treated by emergency medical personnel. Some minor injuries were reported, and no arrests were made.

"It's a sign of the times, and we can't deny we have people here who are in need," said Karen Dumas, communications director for Mayor Dave Bing. "It's scary and very disappointing. It also shows a need for redirection for our city."

One in four working-age adults in Detroit is without a job, and the city's home foreclosure rate continues to

be among the nation's highest. One in four families and three out of every 10 individuals live below the poverty level, according to the U.S. Census.

Before Wednesday, Detroit Planning and Development workers already had spent two days handling long lines at City Hall and other locations.

Rumors that \$3,000 stimulus checks from the Obama administration spurred heavy turnouts.

That helped get 33-year-old William Lambert

and his 27-year-old fiancée, Iesha Wagner, to City Hall on Tuesday. Lambert said he is out of work and living with Wagner at her mother's home.

"We kind of fell on hard times," he said. "It's hard working as a carpenter and then not working at all. It's not good right now."

Odessa Willis also heard the stimulus rumors, but needed to find out for herself Tuesday.

"I'm here to meet a need so I won't become homeless and my utili-

ties will be paid," said Willis, 56. "With this economy, I'm not able to keep my head above water."

The city distributed more than 50,000 applications for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program over the past several days before running out Wednesday morning. Only 3,500 people who qualify will receive the money — a maximum \$3,000 per applicant, Dumas said.

Many residents taking applications won't qualify because of the program's strict income requirements.

Dumas also fears people who really need the money might have missed out on applications because of the long lines.

To be considered, applicants must have lived in Detroit for the past six months, been homeless within the past year and be of low to moderate income. A single applicant is ineligible with an income of more than \$24,850 annually; the maximum annual income for an eligible family of four is \$35,500.

Individuals and families meeting the income criteria and facing eviction and foreclosure also are eligible.

Being able to maintain housing after getting the assistance also is a condition of the program.

The program also provides money to keep utilities turned on.

The deadline to submit applications — originally Wednesday — has been extended a week because of the "enormous number" distributed, she added.

Demand by so many people for any type of assistance is to be expected, Wayne State University psychology professor Paul Toro said Wednesday.

Toro has been involved in studies on Detroit's homeless.

"With the economy tanking, homelessness is going to rise," he said. "There are so many people who are near homelessness and so many more just a hair away from it."

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# News in brief

## Taliban claim responsibility for attack in Afghan capital

KABUL (AP) — The Taliban have claimed responsibility for Thursday's suicide car bomb in the Afghan capital, saying their target was the Indian Embassy.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement posted on the group's Web site that the attacker was an Afghan man who blew up an SUV laden with explosives just outside the embassy.

Afghan officials have said at least 12 people were killed and more than 80 wounded in the morning blast. The explosion occurred in an area that is also full of shops and near the Interior Ministry.

## Boost for health care bill: Now estimated to cost \$829 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are breathing a sigh of relief after a positive cost report on health care overhaul gave them a chance to rally around a Senate plan that significantly expands coverage while trimming the federal deficit.

The Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that the latest version of the Senate Finance Committee proposal would expand coverage to 94 percent of all eligible Americans at a 10-year cost of \$829 billion.

The budget umpires added that the legislation would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade and could lead to continued reductions in federal red ink in the years beyond.

But the middle-of-the-road plan still leaves about 25 million people uninsured when fully phased in, in 2019. Of those, nearly 17 million would be U.S. citizens or legal residents. Nearly 50 million U.S. residents now lack coverage.

The White House hailed the report as proof of what President Barack Obama has insisted all along.

## Pakistan's role in the battle against Taliban, al-Qaida is focus of war session

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recognizing the U.S. can neither win in Afghanistan nor succeed more broadly against al-Qaida without Pakistan's cooperation, President Barack Obama's war council is weighing a new role for Pakistan in the 8-year-old struggle in the region.

Obama planned sessions Thursday with Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Oval Office to continue the intense discussion about the increasingly unpopular war in Afghanistan. The White House scheduled another, larger war council session — a fifth of five announced — for Friday, when the focus may finally shift to just how many additional troops would be needed to execute Obama's vision for a war he inherited but now must execute.

Obama's national security team marked the war's eighth anniversary on Wednesday with a three-hour session in a secure room in the White House basement.

The focus on Pakistan, the suspected hiding place of Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida terrorists as well as Taliban leaders, could provide a hint into the president's leanings.

Obama and some of his key aides are increasingly pointing to recent successes against al-Qaida through targeted missile strikes and raids in Pakistan but also in Somalia and elsewhere. Obama said Tuesday that al-Qaida has "lost operational capacity" as a result.

## Israeli foreign minister says no chance for peace deal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's powerful foreign minister declared Thursday that there is no chance of reaching a final accord with the Palestinians any time soon, casting a pall over the U.S. Mideast envoy's latest effort to get peace talks moving again.

Peacemaking policy in Israel is decided by the prime minister's office, and not the foreign ministry. But Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman carries significant weight in Israeli decision-making, and his is a sentiment common among confidants of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

President Barack Obama brought Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas together in New York last month in an effort to jump-start talks that broke down months ago.



By Steve Becker

## South Neglects to Shift Gears

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ 10 7 3  
♥ 9 2  
♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2  
♣ 6 5

WEST EAST  
♠ 5 4 ♠ 8 6 2  
♥ Q 7 5 ♥ K J 10 6 4 3  
♦ K Q 10 4 ♦ J 9  
♣ Q 9 8 3 ♣ 10 2

SOUTH  
♠ A K Q J 9  
♥ A 8  
♦ A  
♣ A K J 7 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 ♠ \* Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
6 ♣

\* strong, artificial  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
Declarer should not become so enamored with a particular line of play that he fails to recognize a safer approach that has developed after the first few tricks have been completed.  
For example, consider what happened to South on this deal after he had reached an excellent six-spade contract on the bidding shown. All he needed to have a reasonable play for 12 tricks was to find North with the king of hearts, queen of clubs or shortness in clubs, so he was justified

in bidding the slam.  
Declarer won the opening diamond lead with the ace and, since a heart loser could not be avoided, focused all his attention on avoiding any club losers. So he cashed the A-K of clubs and led a third club. When West followed with the nine, declarer ruffed with dummy's ten.

Had the clubs divided 3-3, 12 tricks would have become certain. But when East discarded a heart on the third club, the problem in the club suit remained unresolved.

South therefore led a heart to the ace and played a fourth club. After West followed with the queen, declarer ruffed with dummy's seven, hoping East did not have the eight of spades. But East overruffed with the eight and cashed the heart king to put the contract down one.

In adopting this method of play, South was guilty of a fatal single-mindedness. So intent was he on ruffing his club losers in dummy that he failed to notice, once the clubs had divided 4-2, that there was a virtually foolproof alternative available.

The critical play came when declarer led the fourth round of clubs. Instead of ruffing with the seven, he should simply have discarded dummy's remaining heart, allowing West's queen of clubs to hold the trick. South would then have been able to ruff his losing heart in dummy and be home free.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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# We should be thankful for so many things

There are times when we should just sit back and be thankful for the small things of life; the things that we take for granted and even sometimes don't recognize.



DARRELL RYAN

We should be thankful for the afternoon traffic because that means people are getting to return home after a day at work or for the morning traffic because people have jobs to go to and are capable of working, or for the crowded parking lot because that means people have been blessed with transportation and don't have to walk everywhere they go.

We husbands should be thankful when our wife says we'll have sandwiches tonight because that means she will be home with us.

We should be thankful when our teenagers are filling the sink with dirty dishes because that means they are home and not out on the streets.

We should be thankful for the income taxes we have to pay because that means we are employed.

We should be thankful for the lawn that needs mowing or the windows that need cleaning or for the gutters that need fixing because that means we have a home.

We should be thankful for the clothes that fit a

little too snug because that means we are getting enough to eat or for the pile of laundry that needs washing or ironing because that means we have clothes to wear or for the mess to clean up after a party because that means we have been surrounded by friends.

We should be thankful for the folks who sing off key because just to listen to them means we can hear. We should be thankful for the alarm that awakens us each morning because it means we are alive and it's time to get up.

We should be thankful for the phone calls and the letters and emails we get because that means people are thinking of us.

We should be thankful for the people in our lives that bring us joy.

There are so many things we should be thankful for that it would take forever to list all of them but all are special and deserve our attention and so often we fail to acknowledge them. Today I am especially thankful to live in Big Spring and for the wonderful people here.

I am thankful for the opportunity of writing this column for the Big Spring Herald and getting acquainted with the great folks there.

I am thankful for the fantastic folks in our school system that I have the privilege of working with and for the wonderful folks in

my church where I worship.

I am thankful for the fantastic friends that have offered their assistance in our time of need. We are just surrounded with good people that are a blessing to our lives. And as the old saying goes, "If that don't light your fire then you're woods wet!"

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Forsan, Stanton renew Battle of the Buffs

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

**FORSAN** — Much was made of the football rivalry game between the Forsan Buffaloes and Coahoma Bulldogs earlier this season. However, Forsan (2-3) hosts a more traditional rival at 7:30 p.m. Friday, when Stanton (2-3) pays a visit to Buffalo Stadium for a renewal of a rivalry dubbed the Battle of the Buffaloes.

Stanton and Forsan have played every season but two in this decade with Stanton holding a lopsided edge in the series, winning six of the seven meetings that have occurred since 2000.

Forsan's only win over Stanton this decade came in 2002 to the tune of 20-18. While Stanton has come away with a majority of the victories in the Battle of the Buffs, four of the contests have been decided by a touchdown or

less, including last year's version of the game which Stanton won 21-14.

The two teams hold one thing in common coming into this week's matchup — both played their last game against the Iraan Braves.

Forsan is coming off a bye week, but before taking a much-needed break, the Buffs were

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**Stanton  
at  
Forsan**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Buffalo Stadium  
**Game-time weather:** Clear, 67°F  
**Radio:** KBTS 94.3 The Fuse.

# Role reversal

## Steers enter annual district matchup vs. Frenship with target on their chest for once

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

They've played every year since 1998, but if the matchup between the Big Spring Steers and the Frenship Tigers is considered a rivalry, then it's been a one-sided affair.

The Steers have just one win over Frenship during that time-frame, coming 10 years ago in the 1999 season. Big Spring hopes to chance that trend with the two teams lock horns at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium in Wolforth for the District 4-4A opener for both squads.

It's a game undefeated Big Spring (5-0) believes it can win after enjoying a bye last week.

"It wasn't too hard to get back into a routine. Once we got out and started practicing, it felt like we hadn't even missed a week," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "There wasn't really any rust shown. Everybody has been upbeat and sharp. "Certainly, this has

been the easiest game for our guys to get focused on," Ritchey added. "We know what's at stake Friday. It's going to be fun and we feel like we can beat them this year."

The backdrop for this year's matchup between Big Spring and Frenship isn't typical. In fact, the two squads are essentially reversing roles. While Frenship's dominance over its district, which has included Big Spring since 2000, is duly noted, it's the Steers with the target on their back this season. The bull's eye on Big Spring's chest is only magnified by its No. 9 ranking in the latest edition of

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**Big Spring  
at  
Frenship**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Tiger Stadium in Wolforth  
**Game-time weather:** Clear, 63°F  
**Radio:** KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring Steers defensive tackle Steven Henry (52) applies pressure to Sweetwater quarterback T.J. Jones during a non-district football game at Memorial Stadium Sept. 25. The Steers begin District 4-4A play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wolforth against the program that has dominated its district for the better part of the past decade, the Frenship Tigers.**

# Coahoma travels to Tuscola for 7-2A opener vs. Jim Ned

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

**COAHOMA** — There's going to be an air show in Tuscola Friday night.

The Coahoma Bulldogs take their version of an air attack on the road to visit the Jim Ned Indians at 7:30 p.m. at Indian Stadium.

Both the Bulldogs and Indians have shown a knack for a passing attack on offense as opposed to the run game this season with each squad featuring a quarterback who has passed for more than 1,000 yards through five

games this season.

The Bulldogs are led by senior Josh Paniagua, who has completed 77-of-138 passes for 1,176 yards and 15 touchdowns while throwing six interceptions.

Paniagua's top targets have been Ray Gutierrez and Lupe

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**Coahoma  
at  
Jim Ned**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Indian Stadium in Tuscola  
**Game-time weather:** Clear, 61°F



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

**Coahoma's Hunter Williams, Lane Douglass (5) and Dakota Griffith (27) pressure Tahoka quarterback Neiko Garcia during a non-district football game at Bulldog Stadium in Coahoma Sept. 18. Coahoma opens District 7-2A play at 7:30 p.m. Friday facing Jim Ned in Tuscola.**

## CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 6

**Big Spring  
(5-0)  
at  
Frenship  
(4-1)**

**Stanton  
(2-3)  
at  
Forsan  
(2-3)**

**Coahoma  
(3-2)  
at  
Jim Ned  
(3-2)**

**Sterling City  
(3-2)  
at  
Garden City  
(4-1)**

**Aspermont  
(5-0)  
at  
Grady  
(3-2)**

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(6-0)  
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## STEERS

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the Associated Press' Top 10 Class 4A Football Poll.

"From Frenship's point of view, our ranking puts a big target on us," noted Ritchey. "They're certainly not accustomed to us being ranked ahead of them. They're not used to this being a big game with Big Spring."

Still, even with the ranking, Ritchey is preaching to the Steers that they're still the underdogs in this game.

"This is a big game on the road in a hostile environment. We're still not favored to win even with our ranking," he explained. "Frenship expects to beat us still and now they're playing with extra motivation based on our ranking."

Friday's game also serves as a part of Frenship's annual homecoming celebration, spurring on the Tigers' need for a winning performance even further, while also provoking the Steers.

"The homecoming factor is interesting. I think Coach (Brad) Davis knew we were going to be good this year and is just trying to give their kids a little extra motivation to play us," said Ritchey. "There are going to be a lot of ex-players and students in attendance and I think that's another reason he picked us. They could've picked some of the other teams they blew out at home during their non-district schedule. I think Davis wanted a good football team to showcase his squad against for the homecoming crowd."

"He's also saying he's confident they can win this game by making us their homecoming opponent," he continued. "It's an extra motivation for

us, too. We're taking it personally that he scheduled us as the homecoming opponent."

The Steers expect to face a typical Frenship team that prefers to utilize a power run game between the tackles with a big offensive line serving as the offensive catalyst.

"After watching Frenship on film for two weeks, they are just as talented as Denison. They're bigger up front than Denison. They're offensive line is big and strong and their backs are tough. They're a very talented team and play with a lot of pride in their tradition."

The Tigers are led by running back Bobby Huey, who has 391 yards on 66 carries.

Quarterback Brandon Hanslik hasn't thrown an interception this season, completing 36-of-66 passes for 589 yards and eight touchdowns. However, Frenship's passing game develops out of the ground attack as the Tigers utilize play-action passes frequently.

"Frenship probably uses the play-action pass as well as anyone I've seen in all my time as a coach," said Ritchey. "That's something we'll have to guard against. They force defenses to cheat an eighth guy into the box to stop the run and they send receivers deep as safeties begin to creep up more and more. It's tough to defend."

### District 4-4A football standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Big Spring	0-0	5-0
Hereford	0-0	5-0
Frenship	0-0	4-1
Cooper	0-0	2-3
Plainview	0-0	2-3
Lake View	0-0	1-4

**Friday's schedule: Big Spring at Frenship; Cooper at Hereford; Lake View at Plainview.**

The Steers come into district play with the most balanced offense in the league, having passed and rushed for more than 1,100 yards. Tailback Monte Anderson has 1,080 yards on the ground, averaging better than 9 yards a carry.

Meanwhile, quarterback Tyler Tannehill has passed for 1,156 yards and 17 touchdowns, while throwing just two interceptions. Tannehill has spread the ball out evenly to a litany of receivers, including Thaddeus Straughter, Matt Ritchey, Martin Yanez, Pavel Plakhotny, and twin brothers Xavian and Tevian Parnell.

Even with a balanced offense putting up numbers never before seen at Big Spring, Coach Ritchey says its an intangible that is making the most difference for the Steers this season.

"One of our biggest advantages this year is the confidence we have going into the game. We believe we can beat (Frenship)," he said. "That hasn't been true for Big Spring in the past. We felt the same way last year, but we had the accident and it took some key players off the field. We know we can go play with these guys. If we don't make a bunch of mistakes, we can win this game."

The accident Ritchey mentions was a car wreck the night before the game with Frenship last year that forced four starters onto the sidelines, including Anderson. That was just

one of several mishaps off and on the field last season that kept Big Spring from playing with a full squad for most of the year. Frenship defeated the Steers 39-21 in 2008, although Big Spring had nine starters sitting on the sidelines.

"Honestly, for our seniors, this is going to be the first year they've faced Frenship together since they've been on the varsity," noted Ritchey. "Last year, a bunch of those guys were out with injury. They weren't all together on the varsity as sophomores. This is a special senior class and I know they're all looking forward to facing Frenship one last time."

"We're healthy this year, too. The only player who had missed significant time had been our center Julia (Ramirez) and he was cleared to play this week," said Ritchey. "Matt (Ritchey) dislocated his middle finger against Sweetwater and it's been tender, but a finger isn't going to keep him out of this game. I don't know that any injury could keep him off the field Friday. That goes for all of our seniors. They're all looking forward to this game."

A victory over the Tigers is one that could carry the Steers through the remainder of the season, according to Ritchey.

"If we beat Frenship, we pick up a lot of momentum for the rest of the season. A win over them would just re-emphasize our feelings of how good this team is," said Ritchey. "This is going to be a very hostile environment for us to play in. It's Frenship's homecoming. They're expecting to have standing room only for the crowd in attendance. Friday hasn't come quick enough for us this week. We've been dwelling on this game for two weeks now. We're all ready to get on the field."

## BATTLE

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drubbed by Iraan, 56-0.

Stanton, on the other hand, had more success against the Braves. Stanton had Iraan on the ropes last week, but the Braves fought back from two 14-point deficits at different points in the game for a 42-35 victory in overtime.

Health has been a pressing issue for Forsan throughout the 2009 season, but the Buffs are hopeful to have a full squad available Friday night. While scoring has been a problem as

well, Forsan does possess the athletes, including quarterback Foster Burchett, running backs Ty Johnson, Aaron Valle and Patrick Robles and receiver Kolten Self capable of making big plays if they can get the ball in open space.

However, Forsan often finds itself out-sized by its opponents, which will be the case with Stanton as well.

Two of Stanton's three losses this season have come either in overtime or with seconds remaining on the clock. Other than their overtime loss to Iraan last week, the Buffs also suffered defeat in the waning seconds in their season opener against Grape Creek. Stanton had just tied the game at 19 with a field goal by Tomas

Ramos with 18 seconds to play, when Grape Creek's Kelton Gauvain returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown for the win.

In other words, Stanton could easily be 4-1 this season rather than 2-3.

Both of Forsan's wins this season have come via a score of 6-0, indicating the Buffs are carried by the success of their defense. Forsan's defense is catalyzed by senior linebacker Ryan Flores.

### District 2-1A football standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Plains	0-0	5-0
Seagraves	0-0	4-1
Sundown	0-0	3-2
Forsan	0-0	2-3
Stanton	0-0	2-3
Tahoka	0-0	0-5

**Friday's schedule: Stanton at Forsan; Plains at Sundown; Tahoka at Seagraves.**

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## Arabian Fables (I)

**How the Arabs soften up world opinion with fanciful myths.**

Josef Goebbels, the infamous propaganda minister of the Nazis, had it right. Just tell people big lies often enough and they will believe them. The Arabs have learned that lesson well. They have swayed world opinion by endlessly repeating myths and lies that have no basis in fact.

### What are the facts?

The "Palestinians." That is the fundamental myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until about 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There was the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army (at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin hatching plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews); there was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra (all Jews, of course); there was The Palestine Post, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they are no distinct nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond. There is no more difference between the "Palestinians" and the other Arabs of those countries than there is between, say, the citizens of Minnesota and of Wisconsin.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth. The "West Bank." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in possession of the territories of Judea and Samaria and part of the city of Jerusalem. The Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that they

occupied, destroyed all Jewish institutions and houses of worship, used Jewish cemetery headstones to build military latrines, and renamed as "West Bank" what had been Judea and Samaria since time immemorial.

The attempt, quite successful, was to persuade an uninformed world that these territories were ancestral parts of the Jordanian Arab Kingdom (itself a very recent creation of British power diplomacy). Even after the total rout of the Arabs in the 1967 Six-Day War, in which the Jordanians were driven out of Judea/Samaria and of Jerusalem, they and the world continued to call this territory the "West Bank", a geographical concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

The concept of the "West Bank" is a myth.

The "Occupied Territories." After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the same cabal of Arabs that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria (now renamed "West Bank"), which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 19 years; of the Gaza strip, which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country; and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants?

The concept of "occupied territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria (often called the "West Bank") and Gaza is another of the many myths created by Arab propaganda.

Unable so far to destroy Israel on the battlefield — though they are feverishly preparing for their next assault — the Arabs are now trying to overcome and destroy Israel by their acknowledged "policy of stages". That policy is to get as much land as possible carved out of Israel "by peaceful and diplomatic" means, so as to make Israel indefensible and softened up for the final assault. The web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What a shame that the world has accepted most of it!

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# Area roundup: Garden City hosts Sterling City

By JONATHAN HULL

**Sports Editor**  
GARDEN CITY — For the first time in more than a month, the Garden City Bearkats have a fair chance of playing in a game that shouldn't be over by halftime.

The Bearkats (4-1) have won their last four matchups via the 45-point mercy rule, ending each game after two quarters of play. However, Garden City hosts district opponent Sterling City (3-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Bearkats' most recent victim of the mercy rule was Comanche Paradigm Charter School, which they defeated to the tune of 64-0.

Sterling City and Garden City have each played Robert Lee this season and both teams defeated the Steers via the mercy rule. Garden City ended its matchup with Robert Lee by halftime, 58-0, while Sterling City needed until the third quarter to finally dispatch the Steers, 60-14.

Sterling City is entering just its second season as a six-man program. In 2008, the Eagles were 4-6, but were winless in Division I, District 8. They were recently a casualty of the mercy rule themselves, falling to Division II's No. 1-ranked squad Borden County, 70-20.

Last season, the Bearkats ended their matchup with the Eagles with

4:42 to play in the third quarter. Garden City won 52-6, allowing Sterling City to pick up just two first downs.

**Aspermont (5-0) at Grady (3-2)**

LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats took a week to get over a 10-point, 48-38 loss to Ropes and now retake the gridiron as they start Division I, District 7 play against the Aspermont Hornets.

The Hornets enter the district opener undefeated, but are yet to face a Division I opponent. Their last game turned out to be a 28-18 win over Rule

in a low-scoring affair for six-man football.

Last season, Aspermont entered district play with a 4-1 record, but managed just one win in league play, finishing the year at 5-5.

The Wildcats knocked off Aspermont 52-28 in 2008, overcoming a 22-8 first quarter deficit. Quarterback Dylan Cox completed 15-of-21 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns in the win.

Waiting for Grady regardless of the outcome Friday is a highly-anticipated matchup with traditional rival Ira. The Bulldogs are currently ranked No. 1 in the state at the six-man Division I level.

## COAHOMA

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Abrego. Gutierrez has caught 20 balls for 411 yards and five touchdowns, while Abrego has 25 receptions for 373 yards and six scores.

Meanwhile, Jim Ned's Jordan Gibbs has amassed 1,097 yards and 10 touchdowns while tossing seven interceptions on 69-of-147 passing. Gibbs' favorite target has been Lance Anthony, who had caught 14 passes for 413 yards and three touchdowns.

Both teams enter the District 7-2A season with a 3-2 mark and are coming off a bye week after suffering a loss in their last game.

The Bulldogs were bested by Kermit 49-32 in a game they could have easily won were it not for some untimely penalties and six turnovers. The Bulldogs were down 35-0 before they ever got on the board.

Abrego ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown, but the score was called back due to a penalty, setting Coahoma up inside its own 5. The Bulldogs fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and Kermit ran it in

on the next play.

Coahoma had a second touchdown negated when a interception return by Gutierrez was also called back due to an infraction.

Jim Ned suffered its worst defeat of the season Sept. 25, taking it on the chin from Eastland, 66-23. Eastland amassed 667 total yards of offense against the Indians, passing for 415.

Last season, Jim Ned defeated Coahoma 29-22, scoring with 2:55 left on the clock. Gibbs had 174 yards on 9-of-11 passes. The Bulldogs know to expect more throws from the senior quarterback Friday.

District 7-2A football standings		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Colorado City	0-0	4-1
Coahoma	0-0	3-2
Jim Ned	0-0	3-2
Wall	0-0	3-2
Ballinger	0-0	2-3
Grape Creek	0-0	1-4

**Friday's schedule: Coahoma at Jim Ned; Colorado City at Grape Creek; Ballinger at Wall.**

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To date	96-44 .686	91-49 .650	94-46 .671	85-55 .607	91-49 .650	89-51 .636

# Romo-to-Roy not producing for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo's first two passes of the season went to Roy Williams, a strong, symbolic start to their relationship as quarterback and top receiver.

That's all it was, though — a start. Romo and Williams have hooked up only nine times since the first drive of the first game. That's a total of 11 catches through four games, hardly what Jerry Jones is paying either of them to produce.

It's also not what Williams was expecting after he and Romo spent about four weeks throwing together before the start of offseason workouts.

"No, this is not what I envisioned by no means," Williams said Wednesday. "It's still early. It's like the stock (market). It's a bad first quarter. Maybe the second quarter will be good."

Their lack of rhythm was especially evident on a fourth-quarter drive in a loss at Denver on Sunday.

On the first play, Williams was wide open going across the field on a short route. Romo threw his way, but it was low and behind him. On a third down, Romo overthrew Williams on a deep ball. He leaped to catch it and was drilled in the ribs.

Although he returned to catch a pass, Williams then went to the sidelines for good. Between the pain and the altitude, he wasn't breathing well enough to play the final series, when Romo threw two incompletions to Sam Hurd in the end zone. Hurd ran the play Williams had worked on all week in practice.

Williams has cartilage damage around three ribs. It still hurts to get in and out of bed, and his car, so he missed practice Wednesday. His sta-

tus for Sunday's game at Kansas City is uncertain.

So is the status of the Romo-Williams relationship, which raises all sort of other questions, like whether the Cowboys should've trusted Williams to replace Terrell Owens as the team's No. 1 receiver and even whether they should've gotten rid of T.O. Or perhaps the issues start with Romo and his decision-making, or maybe with the plays being called by offensive coordinator Jason Garrett.

Something is obviously not working considering Williams has seen only 25 passes come his way. That ties him for 44th in the league, which is low considering Romo has thrown the 10th-most passes in the league.

"I think the chemistry is there," Williams said. "It's just ... it's just ... the chemistry is there."

It wasn't there last year, when

Williams arrived in a midseason trade from Detroit. Romo was out with an injury, then they never got their timing down. Williams caught 16 passes in seven games with Romo.

The lack of action last season was somewhat understandable. Not so much this time around.

"I promise you it's OK," Williams said. "I'm not, 'Aaarrrrrrgggghh, give me the ball.' It's going to come."

Williams is watching his words because he saw what happened when Owens talked his way out of town last season. Williams also made it clear that anything he has to say about his role won't be said through the media.

However, he did drop some hints.

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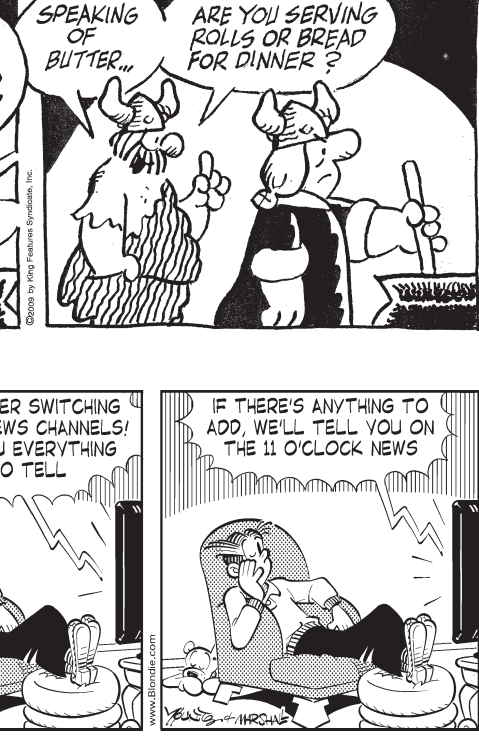


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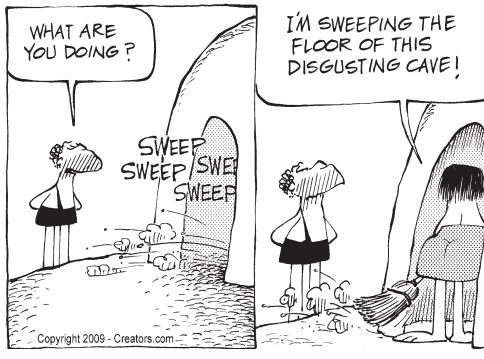
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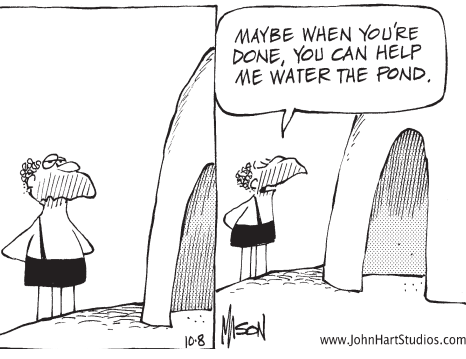
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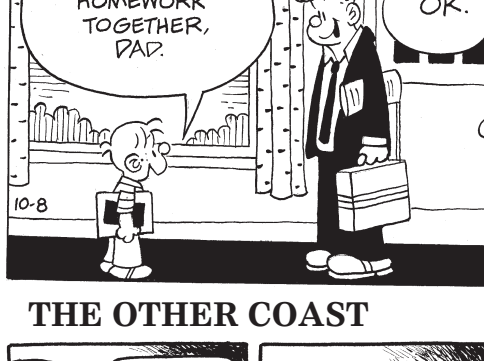
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In 1956, Don Larsen pitched

Newsday Crossword

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  - 4 Ruling faction
  - 9 Keyboard errors
  - 14 Dedicated verse
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  - 16 Early video game name
  - 17 Unruly bunch
  - 18 Breakfast deli order
  - 20 Attorney's filing
  - 22 Ararat lander
  - 23 Compass reading
  - 24 Poke fun at
  - 27 "Suit of lights" wearer
  - 29 Musical toy
  - 32 Police-blotter letters
  - 33 Assign a value to
  - 34 Salesperson's specialty
  - 38 Inside scoop
  - 40 Tropical trees
  - 43 Sans assistance
  - 44 Finish (with)
  - 46 One not to be trusted
  - 48 Salty body
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  - 53 Had to be paid
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  - 3 One way to pay
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  - 8 Burning
  - 9 Sleeveless garment
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  - 12 Maine college town
  - 13 Philly hoopster
  - 19 Saudi, e.g.
  - 21 Mouse-spotter's cry
  - 25 Lose control
  - 26 Soul singer
  - 28 Pivotal point
  - 29 Green shade
  - 30 Related
  - 31 Word on a nametag
  - 35 Sleep fitfully
  - 36 Egyptian queen, familiarly
  - 37 It's a trick
  - 39 Part of CRT
  - 41 Creator of coins
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  - 45 Computer program?
  - 47 Took a load off
  - 50 Apartment manager, for short
  - 51 Info seeker's phrase
  - 52 Not very bright
  - 53 Cavalry bases
  - 54 Visa applicant
  - 55 Film or phone lead-in
  - 60 Ticklish Muppet
  - 61 Paper purchase
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon in Gemini and the sun in Libra provide an intellectually stimulating backdrop that can serve to brighten and sharpen our ideas. The way walking through a college campus can inspire you to think like a scholar, this astrological atmosphere sparks interesting questions and brings up new points to ponder.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Aristotle said virtue is its own reward. Then again, he never worked at your job. Fear not, your talent and initiative are rare, and you are about to be recognized for the valuable worker you are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have excellent taste, and it would be a shame not to indulge it. So instead of a half-gallon of cheap ice cream, go for the pint of premium. Concentrated pleasures bring more zest to living.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're not bored, though you may be just a bit under-challenged. Now is not the time to strike out toward the unknown, but you can use that overactive imagination of yours to breathe a little more life into your daily activities.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A recent disappointment is about to be offset by a very pleasant surprise. You'll forget about the past because the present is so rich with opportunity. A Gemini figures into the fun.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have the stamina of a world-class athlete, though your task may

not be a physical one. Your commitment and strength of character propel you forward. A weaker person would have quit ages ago.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just when you think you've hurdled every obstacle, your next challenge comes into focus. It's a doozy. There's no time to think, so remain fearless and rely on your instincts. You'll be brilliant.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A family quarrel between two beloved members forces you to intercede. Thankfully, your ability to see both sides of an issue has made you a natural peacemaker. You could have been an ambassador!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll cash in on that stack of karma chips that has been steadily growing over the past few months. Your cheerful disposition is only one reason why good things happen to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have more help than you need or want. Be patient with colleagues, even if you think they are slowing down the process. You're facilitating their education. Think of this as a training session.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As you read this horoscope right now, five people are thinking about you. Four of them are either close friends or family. One is someone you don't know as well as you'd like to.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Think of a book you read years ago that had a significant impact on you. Consider reading it again. It might be a helpful way to reconnect with your core values, which are being tested right now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Take care to channel your passion in a mature way, and it will draw in just the

thing you want. Ward against all forms of impatience, including frustration. Remain powerfully calm.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 8). It's your year to make another push for a long-lost dream. You maximize your resources this month and double your personal effectiveness. In December, loved ones celebrate together and old grievances are buried for good. February and March bring new friends and strange adventures. Invest in June. Virgo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 4, 33, 10 and 15.

**VENUS, IF YOU**

**WILL:** Yesterday we took a peek into the romantic style of those with Venus in Aries. If you have ever wondered what role Venus plays in your astrological chart, you can find out her position by checking with an astrologer or in an astrology book.

If your Venus happens to be in TAURUS, you are a strongly sensual person with very discerning tastes. You know what qualities you like in the people you want to be around, and you are willing to devote your whole self to the one who strongly matches your requirements and/or indulges your preferences. You believe in love as a verb

and need proof of it, not merely declarations that it exists. And you show your affection best through action — sometimes practical action, like taking the garbage out, and other times you give extravagant and generous tokens to express your romantic feelings.

Those with natal Venus in GEMINI are smart about their relationships. This sign wants to align with people who look good "on paper" and have a sweet heart, too. The twins realize that those with similar values, goals and sensibilities naturally fit together. For a Gemini, good conversation and laughter are

essential ingredients to a loving relationship.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** Academy Award-winner Matt Damon was an English major at Harvard until his acting career started to take off, causing him to drop out of the university. This artistic Libra has Venus, Jupiter and Neptune in Scorpio, indicating a strong intuitive sense. No matter how logical and intelligent an option may seem, Damon won't take it unless it checks out positively with his internal sensors.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I work for a family company and am grateful to have a job in this economy. But while we employees have had benefits drastically cut, the owners have bought new luxury homes and cars and just returned from an overseas vacation that included a safari.

I am a loyal employee, but it seems we are the only ones making sacrifices for the good of the company. Morale is low, and I can no longer be the cheerleader I once was.

I want my employer to know that, despite how they have treated us, I will continue to do my best, but there are other employees who don't feel this way.

How can we get the boss to take a closer look at the message he is sending before everyone walks out? I still love this company and want it to succeed. — *Unappreciated*

**Dear Unappreciated:** The problem is, your boss knows that no matter how he treats his employees, it will be dif-

ficult for them to find another job in this economy. He takes advantage of the fact that, despite the grumbling, they are not likely to leave. This is a terrible way to treat the people who work for you.

Since you care about the health of the company, appoint yourself the spokesperson for the staff and see if you can get a few people together to speak to the boss privately. (There is safety in numbers.)

Tell him he deserves to enjoy the fruits of his labor, but you've noticed it lowers morale when he appears to be flaunting his wealth at the expense of his struggling employees.

Say that you want his company to be successful and a great place to work, and consequently, you worry when your fellow employees don't feel valued and appreciated. Then ask how you can help.

He is hale and hearty with an alert and active mind, and I enjoy our twice-monthly visits. However, although he wears hearing aids, the only way to effectively communicate is to speak quite loudly.

While I have no problem doing so when we are alone, it can obviously be disturbing to other visitors.

In addition, we occasionally go to museums, restaurants and historical sites, and find ourselves facing the choice of disturbing those seated near us or remaining silent, which, of course, negates the purpose of getting together.

What is the proper way to act in situations like this? Should I continue to speak loudly even though it annoys others, or would it be better to diminish our mutual enjoyment by keeping conversation to a minimum? — *Want To Do What's Right*

noise. Busy restaurants with loud music would create more difficulty hearing than a quiet meal in someone's house.

We wouldn't worry too much about the common areas of a nursing home where visitors understand hearing problems.

Otherwise, keep your conversation to a minimum when you are in an enclosed public space, and when you want to talk, consider taking a walk or visiting in your home.

Also be sure to look directly at your friend when you are speaking. Most people do more lip-reading than you might imagine.

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# TCU sackmaster was once puny RB

FORT WORTH (AP) — The transformation of Jerry Hughes from prep running back to standout defensive end at TCU was never more evident than in the photograph of a skinny kid someone taped to his locker.

It was a recruiting picture of Hughes, then a 210-pound high school player who still envisioned himself being a ball carrier instead of a quarterback chaser. Next to that was one of the many rankings that lists Hughes as of the top defensive prospects going into the next NFL draft.

"They put an arrow and said, 'Really, this guy? This puny little guy,'" cornerback Rafael Priest said, laughing while recalling the image. "Somebody wanted to be a comedian. It was just funny seeing myself being that small," Hughes said.

Now the muscular 6-foot-3 Hughes is about 50 pounds heavier — in all the right places — and among the most fierce pass rushers in college football. He led the nation with 15 sacks last year, his first as a full-time starter.

Even with opposing teams paying more attention — double-teams, unorthodox blocking schemes and other tricks to try to stop him — Hughes already has six sacks and 26 tackles in his senior season for the

10th-ranked Horned Frogs (4-0).

"I don't think you can measure Jerry Hughes by statistics," coach Gary Patterson said. "He is bigger, faster and a better football player than a year ago."

And totally different from the player who arrived three years ago.

As a high school senior in Sugar Land, near Houston, Hughes was an all-district running back and kick returner. He ran for 1,412 yards and 19 touchdowns and caught three TD passes, and figured he'd do the same in college.

Yet, when Hughes got to TCU, he found a No. 98 jersey hanging in his locker. Patterson, a defensive-minded coach, had other plans.

"Once I started actually being the one that was doing the hitting, actually making the contact, it started to feel a lot better," Hughes said.

During Hughes' freshman season, he was one of five former prep runningbacks on the roster that Patterson had turned into defensive linemen. Among the others was standout defensive end Tommy Blake, then a junior.

"(Coach Patterson) was telling me how successful Blake was and all that," Hughes said. "Watching him perform and some of the things he

was doing, I was like 'All right, I can make this move.'"

Hughes had uncanny speed and footwork from being a running back, but had to get bigger and stronger to become a defensive force. He also had to learn "just simple lingo that some of the defensive coaches use."

While playing only sparingly as a true freshman, Hughes was working out and eating right with a focus on gaining weight the proper way.

He realized how much he was changing when he went home for the summer after his freshman year.

"Just to see my mom with that surprised look of what happened. She was like you are no longer the baby any more, you've turned into this huge human being," he said.

There was still another season of playing primarily behind ends Blake and Chase Ortiz, who both finished their careers in the top-five at TCU for sacks.

Then after starting only one of his first 23 games, Hughes had his breakthrough season last year. He was a second-team All-American with six forced fumbles. He also had two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, and recovered fumbles in three consecutive games.

"He's fast and quick and relent-

less," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

Undeterred by the extra attention paid to him by opposing teams or growing expectations for him, Hughes had a career-high 11 tackles in the opener against Virginia, the first of two ACC teams TCU beat on the road. He had all three of TCU's sacks in the second game against Texas State.

"The focus is going to be on him, he is going to get double-teamed probably every game and it's like can he be stopped? I don't know," said Priest, the cornerback who has started all 43 of his games at TCU.

Hughes, who after the current semester will need only two classes to complete his communications degree, found out last spring from an NFL advisory committee where he might have been drafted had he come out early. Even though he had started only one season, he was told possibly late in the first round or early in the second.

But Hughes never seriously considered leaving. He wanted to fulfill a promise to his parents to finish his degree and wanted a chance to be part of a Mountain West Conference championship — maybe even help TCU finally bust into the Bowl Championship Series.

# Oklahoma State WR Dez Bryant ruled ineligible for season

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — All-America wide receiver Dez Bryant has been ruled ineligible by Oklahoma State, four days before the 15th-ranked Cowboys' first Big 12 game.

The university announced Wednesday that Bryant "failed to openly disclose to the NCAA the full details of his interaction with a former NFL player not affiliated with OSU."

Oklahoma State (3-1) said it had already begun the process of asking the NCAA to reinstate Bryant for the violation of bylaw 10.1(d), which prohibits players from knowingly providing false information to the NCAA regarding a possible rules violation.

However, NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn said no student-athlete reinstatement request had been received from OSU. She said it is NCAA policy not to comment on current, pending or potential investigations.

"I made a mistake by not being entirely truthful when meeting with the NCAA," Bryant said in a statement released by the university. "I sincerely regret my mistake and apologize to my teammates, coaches, OSU fans and the NCAA."

A top NFL prospect, Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season while also scoring twice on punt returns. He's the only one of last year's three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award that is still in school.

This season, Bryant leads the team with 17 catches for 323 yards and four touchdowns. He left Oklahoma State's 41-24 win against Rice after taking a hard hit and sat out a 56-6 win against Grambling State two weeks ago.

The Cowboys were off last week and open conference play Saturday morning at Texas A&M (3-1).

Bryant's availability for Saturday's game was

uncertain, though coach Mike Gundy has declined to comment on specifics of the receiver's injury.

"We are certainly disappointed, but we are moving forward as we would with any challenge during the season," Gundy said in a statement.

Oklahoma State said the situation "does not involve anyone associated with the OSU football or athletic department staffs, any employee of the university, alumni, donors, or any third-party affiliated with OSU."

Beyond that, the university said it would have no further comment.

Without Bryant, Oklahoma State's receiving corps is made up of unproven players who had combined for only five catches prior to this season. Former starters Jeremy Broadway and Damian Davis were kicked off the team after last season, and Bo Bowling was suspended after being charged with possession of marijuana and an anabolic steroid. He has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

That has forced a group of inexperienced players, including sophomore Josh Cooper, junior college transfer Dameron Fooks and redshirt fresh-

men Isaiah Anderson and Justin Blackmon to help an offense that's also been without all-Big 12 tailback Kendall Hunter (ankle).

"When it's their time, they've got to do it. Defenses are going to play you a little bit different with or without Dez, or with or without Kendall and where they're playing (quarterback) Zac (Robinson)," offensive coordinator Gunter Brewer said earlier this week. "Somebody's going to have a chance to make a play. It's just who and when."

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in person and see how you feel," he said. "There are always plays you wish you had back. But for the most part I feel I'm playing pretty good."

It's worth noting that Romo isn't in synch with any of his receivers.

The Cowboys are the only team without a receiver among their top two pass-catchers. Tight end Jason Witten leads the club with 23 catches and running back Tashard Choice is second with 12. Choice also is third on the depth chart behind Marion Barber and Felix Jones, but has gotten extra playing time because of injuries.

Williams and Patrick Crayton both have 11 receptions. Williams' 214 yards are tops on the team and his one touchdown is tied for the club lead.

Simple math shows that Williams is on pace for 44 catches, a woeful figure for a No. 1 guy. Even for a No. 2 guy.

"Or No. 3," Williams said.

Williams insists he's

just being patient, something he was forced to learn during his years with the Lions.

"Holler at me in four more games," he said. "It's tough for me, but I'm going with the punches."

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