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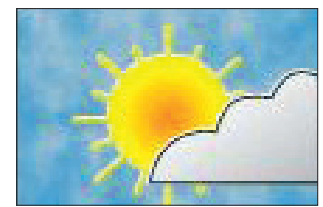
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## Festival of Lights begins Tuesday

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 One of West Texas' top Christmas attractions will start its 13<sup>th</sup> annual run when the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights begins Tuesday. The festival, which attracted more than 20,000 visitors last year, begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday and runs through Dec. 31. Admission is free, although donations are appreciated, organizers said. The festival features dozens of



**Simmons**

displays and more than a million individual lights to help transform the city park into a Christmas diorama, said Pat Simmons of the festival committee. The signature attraction of the event is the lighted poinsettia — or to be more accurate, dozens of lighted poinsettias. “We call ourselves the lighted poinsettia capital of Texas, and that’s quite a big thing for Big Spring,”

Simmons said. But this year’s event will be much more than just the Christmas flowers, she promised. “We’re changing things up some this year,” Simmons said. “Once you go past the last archway and make your way toward Cotton Mize Field, there will be a western theme diorama ... and we’ll have a very unique gift shop, also.” The gift shop will have various festival-related items for sale, including T-shirts, coffee cups and

hand-painted Christmas ornaments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a pair of visits to the festival during its run, first on Thursday and Friday, then on Dec. 22 and 23. All the attractions make the festival a “must-see at Christmas time,” Simmons said. Last year marked the first time more than 20,000 people, including visitors from 12 countries, visited the festival. Simmons hopes to increase

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Courtesy photo

**Marshall Wayne Lee, formerly of Chicago, takes a few moments to consult his canine bicycling companion, Antigone Puppulepagus, before continuing on the pair’s journey to the West Coast. Lee is making the trip by bicycle to help raise awareness for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Bassett Rescue operations.**

## Go west! Chicago man, dog on a life-saving bike adventure

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 On Oct. 1 of this year, Marshall Wayne Lee said goodbye to his home in Chicago and decided to head west, with the Pacific Coast the closest thing to a destination he and his loyal basset hound, Antigone Puppulepagus, could muster. One of millions of Americans victimized by the sudden downturn in the economy and a ever-tightening job market, Lee’s decision to seek more fiscally-stable surroundings wouldn’t be considered strange. How Lee and Antigone left, however, is. “I had been unemployed for about eight months, and although I had sent out about 150 resumes, I hadn’t received a single phone call,” said Lee, a 40-year-old Army veteran. “I had a bike that a friend had given me, and after some serious soul-searching I decided it was time to leave. I decided to head for the Pacific Coast, and me and Antigone were going to do it on a

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**Bebe McCasland signs copies of her book, “The Scoop from Bird Poop,” during a reception at Heritage Museum Saturday afternoon. The book includes stories from McCasland’s career in wildlife rehabilitation.**

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## Obituaries

### Lidia S. Del Bosque

Lidia S. Del Bosque, 62, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at her residence. A vigil was held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Johnnie Sevey, pastor of Spring of Life Church of the Word, officiating. Burial followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 19, 1946, in Hargill to Juanita and Roberto Salazar. She has been a lifetime resident of Howard County. She attended Howard College and was a homemaker and a midwife. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband R.N. Del Bosque of Big Spring; four daughters, Jo Anne Mendez and her husband, Marcos, of Big Spring, Brenda Lee Espinoza and her husband, Ray, of Snyder, Maria Louisa Edmondson and her husband, Doyle Jr., of Big Spring and Betty Lou Rodriguez of Midland; two sons, David Rodriguez and his wife, Elizabeth, of Big Spring and Guadalupe Rodriguez Jr., and his wife, Edelmira, of Midland; one step-son, Oscar Del Bosque of Manhattan, Kan.; Andy Jauregui and his wife, Cathy, of Kodiak, Alaska, whom she loved as a son; two brothers, Leo Salazar of Big Spring and Gilbert Salazar of Snyder; four sisters, Rosa Angeles of Fallbrook, Calif., Frances Garcia of Stockton, Calif., Gloria Gomez of Abilene and Esperanza Munoz of Flynt, Mich.; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### H.L. Shipp

H.L. Shipp, 95, of Stanton, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Robert Moses Lindsey

Robert Moses Lindsey, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Verline Kelley

Verline Kelley, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Juan Martinez

Juan Martinez, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, in a Stanton nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Billy Shurbert

Billy Shurbert, 50, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- HENRY JOHN RAYMOND, 36, of 447 Armstrong, was arrested Saturday on four local warrants.
- ANDREA ALENDER, 37, of 3911 Rice Rd., was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, of 311 N. Aylesford, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RACHEL RIVERA, 41, of Andrews, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISRAEL RIVERA, 45, of Andrews, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE MANUEL AVINA, 33, of 107 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO, 36, of 413 S. Fifth St. in Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SABRINA MUNOZ SALAZAR, 34, of Fort Worth, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 41, of 408 W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on charges of assault and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- SHANE BASSETT, 23, of 1006 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SHAQUITA SNEED, 19, of 1805 Young, was arrested Monday on four local warrants and a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- DERRICK JONES, 27, of 1805 Young, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1400 block of Austin.

- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - In the 300 block of Aylesford.
  - In the 1300 block of Madison.
  - In the 100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 400 block of Eighth Street.




## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- ANDREA DENISE ALENDER, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of cruelty to livestock animals.
- NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOSE MANUEL AVINA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- SHANE GREGORY BASSETT, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- KYLE WADE BLAIR, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CRYSTAL ANN BURCHETT, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RANDY J. CHIZER, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- RUBEN AGUIRREE DOMINGUEZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of assault of a family member and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 32, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOHN FLORES, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a parole revocation for violation of parole and a charge of public intoxication.
- JONATHON JOEL GUTIERREZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on contempt charges for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DERRICK WAYNE JONES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- RODOLFO MATA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- EDWARD LOPEZ OCHOA, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- DENNIS JAMES PAGE, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a probation revocation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ADRIAN ARJMIJO PEREZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- RAYMOND HENRY JOHN, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- NATHAN PRESCOTT RICHARDSON, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISRAEL AVALOS RIVERA, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RACHEL PENA RIVERA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- SABRINA MUNOZ SALAZAR, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- SHAQUITA BRAZHAY SNEED, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).
- JOHN-MANUEL RAY ZAPATA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a family member.

## Today's Weather

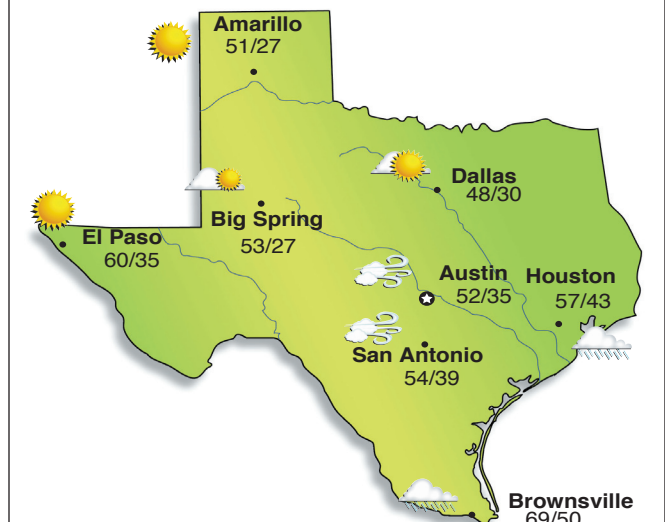
### Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 12/15	Wed 12/16	Thu 12/17
		
<b>53/27</b> Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 53F.	<b>59/32</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>63/36</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM



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### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	49	28	pt sunny	Kingsville	61	44	rain
Amarillo	51	27	sunny	Livingston	55	37	rain
Austin	52	35	windy	Longview	52	32	pt sunny
Beaumont	60	41	rain	Lubbock	54	26	pt sunny
Brownsville	69	50	rain	Lufkin	56	37	rain
Brownwood	52	30	mst sunny	Midland	57	31	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	61	45	rain	Raymondville	67	46	rain
Corsicana	49	30	pt sunny	Rosenberg	56	43	rain
Dallas	48	30	mst sunny	San Antonio	54	39	windy
Del Rio	59	41	pt sunny	San Marcos	53	36	windy
El Paso	60	35	sunny	Sulphur Springs	49	31	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	57	33	pt sunny	Sweetwater	51	29	pt sunny
Gainesville	46	26	sunny	Tyler	50	31	pt sunny

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Hearn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of N. Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N. First Street in Coahoma. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N. First Street in Coahoma. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Hearn. 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 2300 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Owens. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of N. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Dealy Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# Texas News Briefs:

## Three found dead in Lufkin-area home

LUFKIN (AP) — Three people have been found slain in a home in the Lufkin area and Angelina County authorities detained a suspect. Sheriff Kent Henson says two women and one man were found fatally shot Sunday night in a mobile home. Henson says the victims included a girlfriend of the suspect. Investigators say formal charges were pending over the killings at a home in the Rivercrest area, just north of Lufkin.

## Stolen trucks linked to human smuggling

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin is tracking the theft of heavy-duty Ford pickups in what police believe are links to illegal immigrant smuggling. Investigators say increased use of Ford F-250 and F-350 trucks for such crimes emerged several years ago in Houston and San Antonio, but began reaching Austin this spring. Austin police on April 1 began tracking the number of stolen Ford trucks recovered in south Texas and along the Mexican border. Police documented 94 thefts believed linked to human smuggling. Cmdr. Michael Nyert says 78 of the vehicles were recovered in south Texas or with evidence of smuggling, such as no back seat. Department of Public Safety Maj. Jesse Flores says the trucks may seem like they aren't carrying much, but "there are people stacked up in the bed of the pickups or in the cabs."

## Several sought in Kirbyville motel slaying

KIRBYVILLE (AP) — At least three suspects are sought after an apparent drug-related slaying at a

motel in Kirbyville. Jasper County Sheriff Mitchel Newman on Monday said that the shooting victim, whose body crashed through a window, had his hands bound with duct tape. Newman says the shooting Sunday afternoon at the Gateway Inn Motel happened during a suspected drug deal. Newman identified the victim as 28-year-old Juan Palomo of Newton County. Newman says three suspects are sought, although a fourth person might have been involved as the driver.

## Hispanic oral history effort in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The way it was is being remembered by about 150 Hispanics in Houston in an oral history project by the nonprofit group StoryCorps. The national Historias initiative is an effort to archive Latino culture. A mobile recording studio, in Houston through Saturday, will travel the U.S. for a year. The results will be archived in Washington. StoryCorps founder Dave Isay says the "commitment and the desire to honor other family members is extremely strong in the Latino community." A StoryCorps site supervisor helps record the 40-minute conversations. Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia, and his mother Maria Garcia, were the first Houstonians to sit down for a session. She told of growing up in Mexico City as "a mischievous child" and eventually moving to Texas.

## Ike aftermath linked to food need

GALVESTON (AP) — Being hungry in Galveston County is more of a reality since Hurricane Ike.

Charitable agencies in Galveston, Brazoria and Chambers counties say demand for food aid has doubled since Ike made landfall in September 2008. Mark Davis with Gleanings From the Harvest for Galveston is pushing to create a food bank in Galveston County, an effort especially needed during the tough economic times. Spokeswoman Betsy Ballard says the increase in hunger is reflected throughout the more than one dozen other counties also served by the Houston Food Bank..

## Three killed in crash near Bryan

BRENNHAM (AP) — Three people, including two from Mexico, are killed in a three-vehicle chain collision near Bryan-College Station. The crash happened about noon Saturday on Texas 36 just outside Brenham's northwestern city limits, about 30 miles south of Bryan-College Station. The Texas Department of Public Safety identifies the dead as the 49-year-old driver of one vehicle, Camilo Medina Delgado of Temple, and his two passengers, 46-year-old Rosas Ramirez and 10-year-old Angel Emiliano, both of Mexico.

## Padre Island condo tower demolished

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Demolition crews have imploded an unfinished, leaning 31-story South Padre Island condominium tower. The Valley Morning Star of Harlingen reports that at least 1,500 spectators on land and on dozens of boats watched as the Ocean Tower took just 12 seconds to collapse on itself. Officials say cleaning up the rubble should be done by April. The Ocean Tower was to be a 151-unit luxury project slated for a spa and other amenities.

# Oil near \$69 as OPEC signals no output cut

## PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press Writer  
Oil prices were down for the ninth straight trading day on Monday, falling to near \$69 a barrel amid signs OPEC doesn't plan to cut crude output when it meets next week and persistent concerns about high inventories and weak demand. By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for January delivery was down 64 cents at

\$69.23 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange after falling as low as \$68.59. On Friday, the contract gave up 67 cents to settle at \$69.87. Kuwait's oil minister Sheik Ahmed al-Abdullah al-Sabah told state news agency KUNA on Sunday that the 12-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries probably won't change its production levels at

its next meeting in Angola on Dec. 22. Oil prices have slid from \$82 in October on investor concern crude demand in the U.S. isn't rebounding despite an economic recovery. "In reality, the economy has really just stopped digging a hole. But it's still in the hole," said analysts at KBC Market Services in Britain. "There will be very little support for ... demand from the U.S. any

time soon. You can try to talk up a market all you like, but you can't beat really dreadful demand numbers." A strengthening dollar is also helping to push crude prices down. Investors often buy crude as a hedge against inflation if the dollar weakens, and sell when the dollar is stronger. The euro was up slightly to \$1.4636 on Monday from \$1.4624 on Friday while the British pound

was up to \$1.6243 from \$1.6241. Still, the euro is well below its recent highs above \$1.50. "A further weakening in the euro to the \$1.44 to \$1.45 area is likely and such a development could contribute to some further slippage of at least \$1 to \$2 per barrel," Galena Illinois-based Ritterbusch and Associates said in a report. In other Nymex trading in January con-

tracts, heating oil rose 0.15 cent to \$1.91 while gasoline fell 0.61 cent to \$1.8355. Natural gas jumped 18.3 cents to \$5.346 per 1,000 cubic feet. In London, Brent crude for January delivery gained 10 cents to \$71.98.

# TRIP

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bicycle." Lee, who had served in the 84<sup>th</sup> Army Band during the Gulf War, left Chicago with his beloved pup in a child trailer pulled behind the bicycle. While the trip would most certainly be easier without Antigone, Lee said he wasn't about to leave his dog behind. After all, it was because of the canine, Lee said, he's still alive. "After I lost my job, things got bad. I mean really bad," said Lee. "It gets harder and harder to get out of bed each morning, until I finally reached a point where I decided to end it. I decided I was going to kill myself and all that was left was to figure out how. "Every scenario I came up with ended with the same question. What will happen to Antigone once I'm dead? Would it take long enough for my body to be found that Antigone would starve? Who would care for her? And each time I thought it through, I couldn't

come up with a way. So I finally got out of bed and kept trying." Lee said his suicidal thoughts eventually led him to participate in the Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk-a-thon, which supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "I had been struggling with suicidal thoughts for quite some time by then," said Lee. "However, the walk helped me let go of those issues. It was very cleansing. I really feel like anyone who has been to that point could benefit from it." Lee reached Big Spring Friday afternoon, settling into a room at Motel 6, a luxury not always afforded by a bicycle trip across the country. "Sometimes I'll stay at a hotel when I can. I also stay with friends and people that I've met through the Internet," said Lee. "Sometimes, though, me and Antigone will have to camp. Someone recently suggested that I stop off at police stations where I can, and they will help provide shelter for the night. That's something I plan to try after I leave

Big Spring and head to Andrews." Lee said one of the reasons he decided to head for the Pacific Coast is the desire for warmer weather, but mother nature turned a bit vindictive before he could make it to the southern reaches of the country. "This autumn was one of the coldest and wettest on record for Illinois and the surrounding areas, so it's been pretty rough getting out of there," he said with a laugh. "I've reached the 1,400-mile mark here in Big Spring, so things are going well. However, I'm pretty sure they are going to get tough as we try to get across Arizona. My understanding of it is there are mountains on one side and desert on the other, so it's not exactly the most hospitable terrain." And while the warm winds and cool, blue waters of the Pacific are a driving force for Lee each day, he said there's also a larger message to what he's trying to accomplish. "What I want to do more than anything is to bring awareness to the American Foundation

for Suicide Prevention and the local basset hound rescues, such as the North Texas Basset Rescue," said Lee. "Antigone was a rescue dog and she saved my life." Lee said he and Antigone will make their way to the San Diego area. "I honestly have no idea where we'll settle down yet," he admitted. "It's kind of funny, really. Most people don't move without a set destination, but we're just going to feel it out and see what's right for us." For more information on Lee and Antigone's journey, visit [www.antigonebasset.blogspot.com](http://www.antigonebasset.blogspot.com) For more information on the Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk-a-thon visit [www.theovernight.org](http://www.theovernight.org) or [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)

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that number by at least 5,000 this month. Visitors are asked to enter the park at the Whipkey Drive entrance off Highway 87. "It's a little over a mile and you won't be disappointed," she said. Simmons has overseen the festival since its inception, but has begun to step aside and let others take more

prominent roles. "I can't say enough about Howard, Vicki and Quentinn Stewart," Simmons said. "They've come in and really taken

a load off me this year." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Governor's race promises to be good for Texas

All the big ones are now in. Sen. Kay Hutchison's official filing for the Texas GOP governor's race, along with Democrat Bill White's entrance and Gov. Rick Perry's earlier filing of his re-election papers, rounds out the top rung of gubernatorial candidates.

Texans are looking at their most competitive governor's race since George W. Bush and Ann Richards went after it in 1994. That's good; voters win when both parties compete hard for their support.

White's announcement is really the big news. Houston's mayor gives Democrats a likely candidate who can rally his party, appeal to independents and moderate Republicans and raise money. And he comes into the race with ample name ID in Texas' largest city.

Any candidate would love those advantages. In fact, they already have shooed most Democrats out of the primary.

But White also has plenty of selling to do before his team can think about measuring for drapes in the Governor's Mansion. It's great that the attorney and former energy executive already is talking substance. But he needs to fill in more details about how he'd get the state to where he wants it to be.

For example, how would he pay for curbing dropouts, one of his major priorities? How would he control tuition increases without gutting our major universities? And how will he make his vision of a greener Texas palatable to cost-conscious conservative Texans?

What's more, the soft-spoken 55-year-old is hardly Winston Churchill when it comes to inspiring the masses. Voters will tune him out if he gives long, boring speeches.

Those are his challenges. But he also presents challenges for Hutchison. She's focused her primary campaign largely around her less bombastic style than Perry has used to govern Texas, and, indeed, Austin could use a bit less drama. But style alone won't help her much longer.

White can point to his bipartisan Houston record and present a detailed agenda for the state. Perry's got a 10-year record in the office to point to. Hutchison so far has been less precise, more general in outlining her goals for the state. That's probably not good enough to win a primary against the incumbent in order to go on and face White next November.

The race is still in the warm-up phase, so each major candidate has time to hone ideas, approaches and marketing. Texans, meanwhile, are on the verge of a real and competitive contest.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can do anything.

Amen

# Tiger's feet of clay no mystery

Nine women. And counting. When did this guy find time to play golf? And taste? Shall we put this nicely?

This was not about intellect. It was not about character. My favorite so far is the pancake waitress, who would go from her \$8 an hour job to playing with Tiger. Tiger was democratic — and catholic — in his offers to the women who served him food and drink.

Of course, it's not exactly shocking news that a guy who must have women throwing themselves at him 24/7 and who clearly has an eye for beauty has behaved poorly. As a matter of fact, if the tabloid reporting that is being reprinted by major news organizations and that typifies the coverage here is to be believed, the National Enquirer cut a deal with Tiger two years ago when they caught him red-handed in an SUV behaving like a teenager. The deal allegedly landed him on the cover of sister magazine Men's Fitness in exchange for keeping the photos out of the press.

So bad boy gets caught. Wife moves out and gets lots of money. Bad boy apologizes and keeps being bad. Why should we care if he can still birdie?

The answer, the one you hear

every time you turn on the TV or want an excuse to ogle the latest addition to the Tiger posse, is that guys like Tiger Woods make their real money not by hitting the ball but by selling themselves, and that role models live and die by their reputations.

Do you really want to buy clubs from a guy whose wife uses one of them on him? (OK, maybe.) Do you want your kids to look up to such a man? Only for his golf game.

The stupidity of Tiger's egregious misbehavior lies in his assumption that these women would protect him. Why would they? Why sleep with Tiger Woods if you're not going to tell people? Unless he pays you.

I had to laugh when Gloria Allred's daughter and CBS commentator Lisa Bloom said that the only reason her mother would cancel a press conference is if there was an agreement prohibiting the parties involved from saying anything.

Poor Tiger. He should've had all of them sign agreements first. Some superstars do.

The truth is that most of these guys get away with it, most of the time. There but for the grace of God goes whoever you were cheering for last summer at the ballgame, or are hollering for tonight on the basketball court, or will be rooting for on Sunday on the football field.

This is nothing new. Nearly 30 years ago, I shared a motel room during a campaign with a self-described "Baseball Annie"

and flight attendant who had literally played with my beloved Red Sox for years. Working in politics, I was shocked by such conduct. I'm kidding, of course. In those days, reporters used to go to parties with politicians and interns. These days, they still don't write what they know until and unless someone else does. And then they are shocked, shocked, to discover gambling in Casablanca.

None of this is a secret. Was no one from the press ever there when Tiger was flirting with women in hotels and bars and pancake houses? Were representatives of his sponsors never around? Was he really all by himself, unnoticed? Why do I think not?

The media and their sponsors celebrate these guys as role models even when they know they have feet of clay. Then, when the club flies or the other shoe drops, they beat the bushes for the women they've been seeing hanging around for years.

Hypocrisy lies at the core of most contemporary idol worship, certainly the commercial kind. Those who promote the Tigers know their flaws better than anyone. Did anybody ever tell Tiger to cut it out? I doubt it. Is anybody telling all the other Tigers out there that they had better stop or else? I doubt it. Tiger will survive, and they won't stop.

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# Ronald McDonald's identity crisis

Even with concerns about childhood obesity and related health conditions reaching new heights, fast food mascot Ronald McDonald remains the most recognizable icon to children around the world — second only to Santa Claus. But the clown is at a crossroads.

Food blogger David Koepfel recently asked whether Ronald is a "beloved corporate mascot" or a "sinister huckster who gets kids hooked on junk food." The evidence indicates he is both. And because it's impossible to separate the former from the latter, it may be he should be neither.

McDonald's makes its trademark clown ubiquitous and is proud of it. An animated sequence on the corporation's homepage begins with the caption, "He's here. He's there. Man, the guy's everywhere." He's on Saturday morning television ads. He's on Happy Meal boxes. He's featured in internet games.

And when we at Corporate Accountability International launched WheresRonald.org to gauge whether or how Ronald was hooking kids on food high in salt, fat and sugar, the clown turned up in a wide range of places in person. Ronald appeared at elementary schools to promote physical activity, at libraries to promote reading, and children's fairs to teach kids about bullying.

Add in the Ronald McDonald House Charities and it's hard to see the evil in this icon.

Yet, what if we consider him

in the context of a less "beloved" character — one retired more than a decade ago: Joe Camel. What if Joe Camel had visited schools encouraging kids not to smoke? Would parents have found that acceptable, let alone sincere? I doubt it.

When the face of a corporation, and an industry, responsible for driving an epidemic of diet-related disease wants to serve as a "health ambassador" to public schools, how is that different?

As McDonald's executive R.J. Milano put it in 1998, the corporation wants, "to own every kid transaction out there." It has also boasted about promotions targeted at kids as young as two.

Ronald remains at the center of these promotions, which are also aided by the more than 8,000 playgrounds McDonald's operates around the country.

Still CEO James Skinner insists that, "Ronald has never sold food to kids in the history of his existence."

Right. Maybe he believes in Santa Claus too! Why make such an outlandish claim?

Well, for one it's better for sales when the clown's benevolent, philanthropic image is separated from the crass, public relations machine that ringleads his appearances.

McDonald's executives know that barraging children with the clown's images from a very young age creates powerful brand identifications that can last a lifetime. Until the age of about eight, children are generally unable to understand that marketing is an attempt to sell them a product. And one 30-second commercial can influence the brand preferences of children as young as two.

McDonald's also takes full advantage of the "pester effect." They know that even the most responsible and strong-willed

parents will cave to their children's nagging if it is persistent enough.

The company's most problematic efforts that the Where's Ronald hunt found bypass parents entirely. You'd imagine, for example, there are ways children could learn to read, lead healthy lifestyles, and get along with their classmates without being marketed fast food.

It begs a similar question of Ronald McDonald charities. Does an icon so associated with the spike in health problems related to diet have a place in caring for sick kids? Aren't there other clowns or mascots who could bring similar cheer, without the mixed messages?

Ronald McDonald's identity crisis isn't new. That's why the corporation is increasingly trying to associate him with "healthier choices" on its kids' menu. But the fact is that a standard Happy Meal is still a hamburger or chicken "McNuggets," fries, and a soda. The "healthier" side offering is a pile of apples with a sugary caramel dipping sauce. Chocolate milk is an alternative beverage.

Instead of endeavoring to reinvent Ronald, it's time McDonald's did some corporate soul-searching, asking itself hard questions about the dubious practice of using a clown to promote both junk food and its charities.

Meanwhile, parents can pose these same questions to the schools, hospitals, and libraries where Ronald all too often appears.

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Annie's Mailbox®

**Dear Annie:** How can we help a 47-year-old female lawyer who is still living with her parents and cannot go anywhere without her mother?

"Rhoda" supports her parents. She is a very fine lady and a good lawyer. She was considered for a judgeship appointment, but her fellow lawyers were afraid her parents would run the court for her.

Rhoda is a wonderful person, but I am troubled that she is letting her parents ruin her life. They are with her 24 hours a day.

How can I and some other female lawyers help her understand that her future is in jeopardy? — *Worried Lawyer Friend*

**Dear Lawyer:** Wise and caring parents encourage their children to be independent, although not all children want to flee the nest.

The dynamic between Rhoda and her parents has been in place for 47 years. If she wants to break free, she will likely need therapy to find the strength and the means.

Being a lawyer instead of a judge is not a tragic future, and what you might consider a good career move might be too much for Rhoda. Be supportive by accepting her as she is.

**Dear Annie:** For almost a year, we have been planning a winter vacation with a few good friends. We only wanted to be with three other couples.

We suggested the vacation to "Carrie and Brad," who thought it was a great idea.

Last weekend, we began narrowing down the list of couples we would like to invite.

We chose the third couple and told Carrie and Brad to pick the last one. They e-mailed that

they were "less than thrilled" with our choice, but promised to be "team players."

Today I got a text from Brad saying they are no longer comfortable with the couple we chose and would prefer not to go with them.

They said they hoped we understood, and that there would be no hard feelings.

I am really hurt, as the other couple includes one of my best girlfriends.

"How am I supposed to "uninvite" her? I told Brad I would not do that, and that we would simply not be vacationing together this year.

I do have hard feelings. I want to call Brad and tell him how I really feel, but my husband says no.

I know I'll have a difficult time when I next see him. My husband and I plan to go on vacation with my girlfriend and her husband, and I am sure we will have a lovely time. How do I handle Brad and Carrie? — *Frustrated and Needing Advice*

**Dear Frustrated:** You have no cause to be upset with Brad and Carrie. They told you they did not want to vacation with this other couple, giving you the option of choosing one or the other.

They were kind enough to tell you before you lost any money on the deal. Brad and Carrie are not holding a grudge that you invited a couple they disliked, and neither should you. Your friends do not have to like each other. In fact, many people have separate circles of friends.

We think you should remember not to mix your best girlfriend with Brad and Carrie and forget the rest.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Dirty Debbie," who is having

a disagreement with her husband about cleaning the cat dishes.

She says that when she gets up in the morning, and her husband ends up washing them.

Our teenage daughter hated cleaning the cat dishes with the stuck-on food, so she started using paper bowls.

We bought the cheapest ones, and they go in the recycle bin. Count on a teenager to come up with the right idea. — *Sue*

**Dear Sue:** We're not sure the Green Police would approve of using disposable paper bowls when reusable ones just need a little elbow grease, but we can certainly understand the desire to eliminate the time-consuming cleanup. Thank you for recycling.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for almost 20 years. Our problems started to surface in the last six months.

My husband said I had a "bad side," so I went into counseling because I didn't like that part of my personality.

After my counselor mentioned PMDD (premenstrual dysphoric disorder), I did a lot of research and started taking supplements.

I also saw my primary care physician to rule out a hormonal imbalance and depression. She prescribed an antidepressant that I can take on an as-needed basis.

Here's what's bothering me. What if it's not me? What if it is really



KATHY MITCHELL  
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the relationship that needs fixing?

You would think after 19 years of living with somebody there would not be any secrecy or withholding of information because one of us is afraid of how the other will react. But now I fear I've damaged our marriage beyond repair. What can I do? — *Moody in Kansas*

**Dear Kansas:** You can stop jumping to conclusions. If you have a hormonal imbalance, PMDD, depression or other treatable condition, medication will help enormously and your husband should be thrilled.

If there are other problems in the relationship, they won't disappear because you are afraid to talk about them. You must have the courage to communicate honestly so these issues can be dealt with.

Long-term emotional upheaval can be corrosive to a marriage, but you have an opportunity to make things better.

Please ask your husband to come with you for counseling so he can understand what is happening and you can work on it together.

**Dear Annie:** Recently, a terrible thing happened in our state. The body of a young woman was found on the beach in front of a landmark hotel, and a convicted felon is being held for her murder.

from her pictures, she looked like a bright young woman, the type any family would be proud of.

I imagine her family is grief stricken that a life so full of promise was snuffed out.

I don't mean to blame the victim, but young women far from home are often under the spell of a beautiful and exotic island.

I think they lose all caution and feel free to do things they would think twice about before doing back home.

The man the authorities arrested had been released from prison the day before the body was found.

He was probably looking for a vulnerable and unsuspecting girl out for a good time. Drugs and casual sex were involved. Now the young woman is gone forever. What a tragedy.

Winter vacations are coming up, and next summer, high-school seniors will celebrate graduation by traveling

far from home. It is my wish that teachers and parents will spend some time warning them to be cautious of those they meet. We want them to have a wonderful time, but more than anything, we want them to return home safely. — *Honolulu*

**Dear Honolulu:** Thank you for reminding our readers to warn their children that they are not invulnerable, and that they need to understand the risks so they can take the necessary precautions.

Our condolences to the parents of that young woman.

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**Israel: A Light unto the Nations**

**Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent**

If that proverbial man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

**What are the facts?**

**A nation to be emulated.** The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society, that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, has reached a crescendo following Israel's recent defensive action in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the hated Jews for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their gratitude by almost daily pounding Israeli towns with close to 10,000 rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to abandon areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a rocket launcher in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The hue and cry of Israel's demonizers in accusing it of "disproportionate force" is totally absurd. The ultimate insult, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely bandied about by Israel's detractors.

**Israel is not an "apartheid state."** Another familiar tack of Israel's vilifiers is to call it an "apartheid state," on the model

of former South Africa. But that is so ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its benighted neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, rescued tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows. They are represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, Leftists, including in the United States and, sad to say, even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly get top grades in all areas important to the Left. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States. All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies, women have the same rights as men. The Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court is a woman. One-sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy, where women are not allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Gays and lesbians are totally unmolested in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death penalty.

**"As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations."**

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these sterling qualities to bear in building their own country: Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this progress and this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of Jihad and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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# Big Spring teams place in Sandhills tourney

### Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Steers are starting to put it together. Hampered by a long football season, the Steers had to slowly transition into basketball mode. But after winning the Sandhills Tournament in Monahans with a 60-43 win over the host school, head coach Marcus Morris said his team is moving ever closer to where it needs to be for district play.

"This year of year, it's what we needed," Morris said. "We needed a chance to improve as a team and get

some practice in, and I was excited about it. The kids played great."

Jerrell Williams scored 20 points in the championship game and was voted tournament MVP. Seniors Matt Ritchey and Tyler Tannehill were voted to the all-tournament team.

"We're maybe not quite there as far as getting to the right spot on defense, maybe not quite there as far as making the right pass at the right time on offense, but we showed some improvement over the past week," Morris said. "It's been fun."

Ritchey has sparked the Big Spring team since rejoining it last week for

the Abilene Wylie game. The Steers lost that game to the No. 11-ranked 3A team, but since have gone 4-0.

"With Matt in there, he's such a big strong kid and no matter who you're playing he's going to go out and try so hard."

The Steers play Snyder at home Tuesday and have a rematch with Monahans on Thursday before Christmas break. On Dec. 28, the team will travel to Kerrville for a tournament Morris said will be good for the team.

"You always want to get (a tournament) that challenges your team, and this one definitely will," Morris said. "We'll see some good teams and a different style of basketball."

**Lady Steers take third**

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Lady Steers capped off a successful Sandhills Tournament with a 45-41 win over Lamesa for third place in the event Saturday.

Senior Linzee Yarbar scored 11 and her sister, freshman Logan Yarbar, scored 10 points to lead the Lady Steers.

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## TITLE RUN



HERALD Photo/Joe Zigtema

Garden City running back Josh Colunga breaks off a run in the first quarter Saturday against Strawn. Colunga ran for 432 yards and seven touchdowns as the Bearkats beat Strawn 122-88.

## Garden City scores big to state title

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Saturday's state championship at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene started out like most Garden City Bearkat games in the playoffs.

The Bearkats had been a high-scoring team throughout the playoffs, so it was no surprise that they threw up a 60-spot on Strawn through the first two quarters. But the game took a turn toward unbelievable in the third quarter, when Garden

City topped 100 points and kept rolling to a 122-88 win, the highest-scoring state championship game ever.

"I've never felt anything like it," said sophomore Reggie Halfmann after the game, who scored three touchdowns on the night. "It's amazing. Top of the world, that's what I feel like right now."

Helped by three stops in the first quarter, Garden City built a three-touchdown lead in the first half, forcing Strawn's power-run offense to play catch up.

"It was important for us to score every time we got the ball, and we did except for maybe twice," Bearkat head coach Vance Jones said. "Whenever we can stop a team like that, that's key for us, because they had to catch up. So that was our goal, to get some stops, and we did."

The Greyhounds had a hard enough time trying to catch up to running back Josh Colunga. The sophomore ran for 432

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## Coahoma boys, girls finish Stanton tourney

### Herald Staff Report

STANTON — For the second week in a row, the Coahoma Bulldogettes and the Stanton Lady Buffaloes faced off for a tournament championship.

While last week the Bulldogettes topped the Lady Buffaloes 60-55 in overtime in Coahoma, it was Stanton that pulled out the victory on its home court Saturday in a 44-37 decision.

Rachel Fleckenstein scored 16 points for Stanton and was named tournament MVP. The Lady Buffaloes outscored Coahoma 21-11 in the second quarter and built a lead they would not relinquish.

"They outplayed us," Coahoma head coach Derek Faught said. "We played four games, and we weren't a little bit tired, we weren't hustling back to the rim and protecting our basket, they got some easy buckets and they were executing well on offense."

The Bulldogettes had chances to cut Stanton's lead down to two in the fourth quarter, but ultimately could not get over the hump.

"It was their home gym and they were hitting some shots, and we kind of came out cold (in the second quarter)," Faught said. "We didn't hit anything and kind of got down. They had a big crowd there, it was a

good atmosphere and we have got to respond a little bit better."

Kylie Gee scored 12 points for the Bulldogettes. She was the only Coahoma player in double figures.

Coahoma plays Tahoka on Friday before Christmas break. Faught, in his first year as coach, has the Bulldogettes off to a winning start.

"They're playing hard, and we're going to have to keep that same intensity through our district, night in and night out," Faught said.

**Bulldogs takes fifth**

STANTON — The Coahoma Bulldogs captured fifth place in the Stanton Hootown Tournament Saturday with a 65-57 win over Permian's JV.

Martin Leija scored 26 points to lead the Bulldogs, and Josh Paniagua scored 15 as Coahoma came back from an eight-point, first-quarter deficit to win.

The win wraps up a 3-1 weekend for Coahoma. Head coach Kim Nichols said the team will need to get more consistent offensively to compete in its district.

"We're going to practice hard Monday, we're going to add some offensive looks, we're going to work on defense and we're going to have a good long workout to get ready for Post on Tuesday," Nichols said.

## Borden County uses defense en route to consecutive state titles

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Borden County Coyotes didn't play your typical six-man football game at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene on Saturday.

In a game that featured back-to-back punts and a field goal, the Coyotes completed their second straight title run and kept their streak of 30 straight wins alive with a 28-14 victory over Highland.

Defense was the story of the game for both teams as Highland was held under 50 points for the first time all season, and a high-octane Borden County offense was shut out of the

end zone in the first half. The game was the lowest-scoring six-man championship game ever.

"We knew what it was going to be," Borden County head coach Trey Richey said. "The winner was going to be the team that played the best defense, because both programs preach it."

Borden County ended the first half with a 12-8 lead on Highland.

After a scoreless first quarter in which both teams traded goal line stands, junior Tony Soto opened the scoring in the second quarter with a 50-yard interception return for six.

"It was exciting," Soto said. "Everybody did a good job to make it

happen, the rushers and everybody that blocked for me."

Coyote running back Michael Cooley knew how big the play was.

"I thought that was the turning point of the game," he said. "Offensively, we were getting outthrustled by their defense, but on defense we just stepped it up."

Highland responded to that touchdown with a touchdown drive of their own, but the Coyotes got four more big points before half on a 26-yard field goal from Flynn Chapman.

The Coyotes drove to the Highland nine when time expired after a run

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HERALD Photo/Joe Zigtema

Borden County Coyotes celebrate with the state championship trophy Saturday in Abilene.

## Sports in brief

### Cowboys drop 20-17 game to San Diego

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys's December woes continued Sunday when they lost to the San Diego Chargers, their third straight defeat.

Phillip Rivers threw a fourth quarter touchdown to Antonio Gates and engineered a seven-minute field goal drive to seal the game for the Chargers. Rivers is 16-0 in December as a Charger.

Tony Romo threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns in the loss. Miles Austin caught six balls for 71 yards and a touchdown.

### Big Spring softball meeting scheduled

The Big Spring softball club will hold a meeting Wednesday for all parents of Lady Steer softball players.

The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center.

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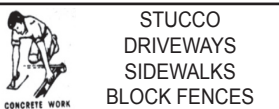
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Venus and Mars are moving toward a lovely trine formation, harmonizing the masculine and feminine energies of planet Earth. Venus in worldly Sagittarius is ready to be entertained by Mars transiting theatrical Leo. This aspect will be exact on Dec. 17, but can already be felt in the flirtatious fun happening through the next few days.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Caring about what other people think is not necessarily a bad thing. It reflects consideration and self-awareness. One must only not care too much. Today your own voice will ring out the loudest.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Physically exert yourself beyond the point that you normally would. You're capable of more. Exercise has a way of flushing the flotsam from your mind and replacing it with clarity.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). You will be approached with a new opportunity, albeit one that leads in a different direction than you've been heading. You may follow it, but look carefully at what might change. Blind leaping begets regret.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be with people who have specialized knowledge. This can be intimidating, but don't sell yourself short. You know what you know. Plus, you have the gift of seeing how different kinds of knowledge fit together.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). That quiet voice that's stirring inside you is getting louder. You can run from it or try to drown it out, but you're only prolonging the inevitable. At some point, you're going to give in and follow your personal bliss.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A detractor in your circle has spoken words that don't ring true. Resist the temptation to argue. Your reputation is untarnished because you stick to what's important — your own work and doing your best.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Your mind will work in wonderful ways to entertain you. You will hear something that strikes you as so funny that you laugh out loud, and you will continue to laugh every time you think about it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A minor indulgence brings major pleasure. The more you put off the gratification you desire the better that chocolate tastes when you finally give in. As in chocolate, so in life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many roads to the top of the mountain, but you're having trouble finding even one. It's there, and you will find it. Start by asking yourself what frightens you most, answer it honestly, and more clues will follow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People are crazy, you notice for the thousandth time. For all of our complaints, dramas, dreams, aspirations and tragedies, sometimes the only thing you can do is throw back your head and laugh.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's like the universe is giving you a

high-five. You hit the intersections at the green light enough times in a row that you suspect it's going to be your day. A compliment from an unexpected source confirms this.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There is little chance of getting caught up with your work. Fortunately, you are good at maintaining equanimity inside the whirlwind. Prioritize your to-do list, doing only the most important tasks.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 14). You've made sacrifices for your loved ones in the past, and this year you'll know you did the right thing. You'll thrive, and so will those around you. Follow your strong intuition to a windfall in March and again in August. A plan guided by your love of harmony and order will come together beautifully in April. Scorpio and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 43, 52 and 6.

**ARIES FORECAST** 2010: 2010 will be a time to claim what is rightfully yours. No more being too polite to reach. No more worrying about

whose feelings will be hurt if you have something that others do not. The truth is that when your intentions are benevolent, your actions will create the highest good for all involved. Others are likely to be elevated (not oppressed) by your success. Overwrite the messages in your past that held you to other people's standards, and move in accordance to your own heart.

**Highlights:**  
Money and Career: Be open to the influence of knowledgeable individuals. May brings a breakthrough in your business. One idea changes the whole game. Spend plenty of time brainstorming and planning. July investments reap benefits in November.

**Love:** Harmonious relationships with your parents (or with your idea of your parents) will be elemental in creating relationships that feed and nurture you. Commitments are a natural result of togetherness through the spring. September is highly romantic.

**Personal Development:** Learning about your ancestry will

be fun for you. It also serves to bond your clan, as well as build your confidence and the esteem of future generations.

**C E L E B R I T Y P R O F I L E S:** "High School Musical's" Vanessa Hudgens will play the lead in a modern-day version of "Beauty and the Beast" called "Beastly." This talented Sagittarian was born under a Pisces moon — an excellent aspect for actors. The Pisces moon lends natural empathy and the ability to lose oneself in favor of walking in another person's shoes. Venus in Scorpio shows Hudgens to be a romantic risk taker.

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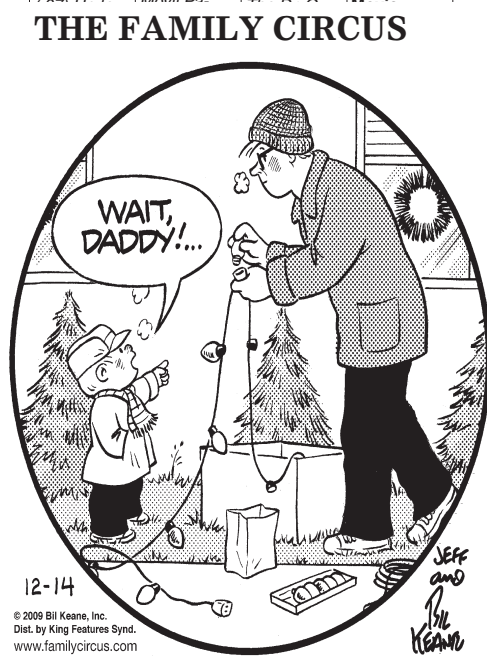
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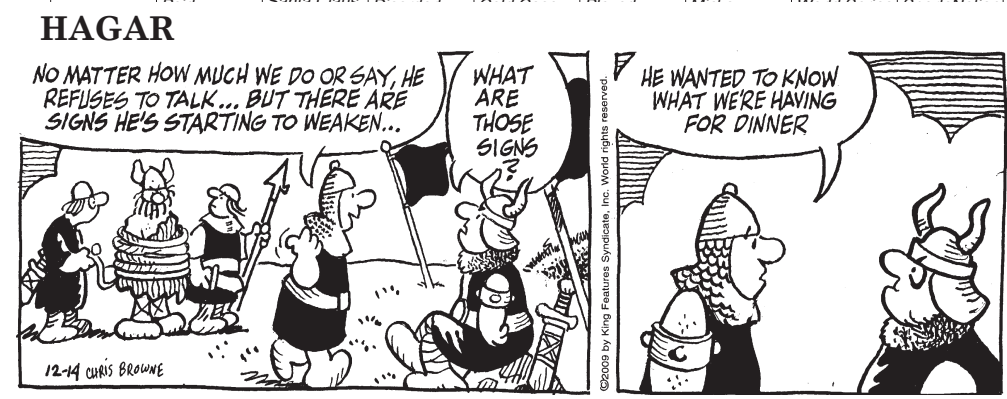
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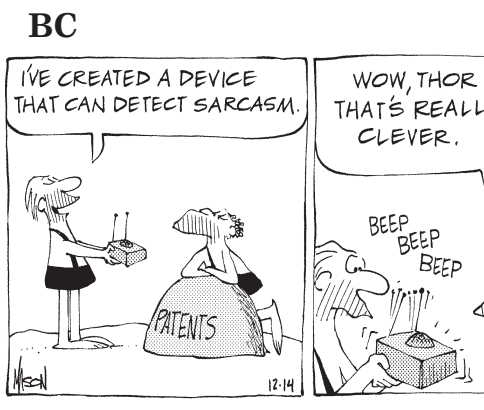
"SINCE YOU'RE UP ALL NIGHT ANYWAY, I'VE GOT SOME THINGS I NEED TO TELL YOU."



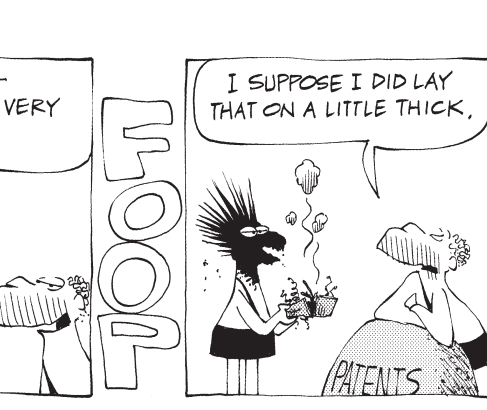
"...That needs to be a BLUE one. It's red, green, blue, THEN yellow!"



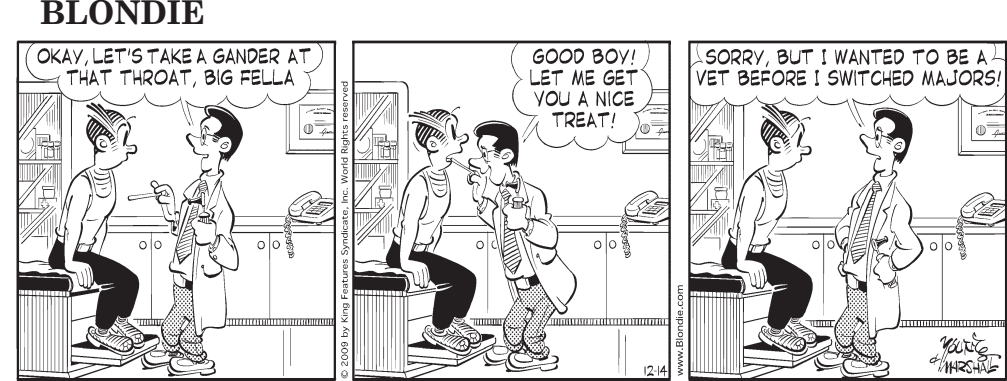
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE DO OR SAY, HE REFUSES TO TALK... BUT THERE ARE SIGNS HE'S STARTING TO WEAKEN... WHAT ARE THOSE SIGNS? HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE HAVING FOR DINNER.



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OKAY, LET'S TAKE A GANDER AT THAT THROAT, BIG FELLA



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### This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2009. There are 17 days left in the year.

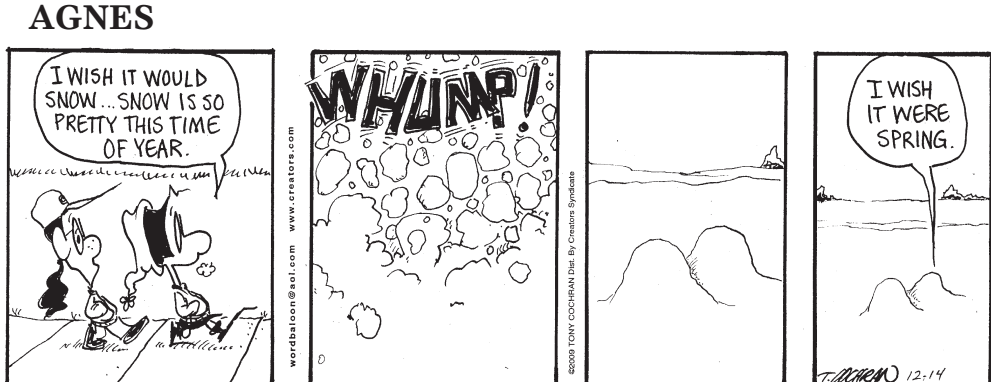
Today's Highlight in History:

- On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 87.
- On this date: In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.
- In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.
- In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his group became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.
- In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland.
- In 1946, the U.N. General Assembly voted to establish its headquarters in New York.
- In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.
- In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.
- In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.
- In 1989, Nobel Peace laureate Andrei D. Sakharov died in Moscow at age 68.
- In 1995, presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 89. Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 78. Actor Hal Williams is 71. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 63. Actress Patty Duke is 63. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 63. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 63. Actress Dee Wallace is 61. R&B singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 60. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 60. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 53. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 51. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 51. Actress Natascha McElhone is 40. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 38. R&B singer Brian Dyalrimple (Soul For Real) is 34. Actress KaDee Strickland is 34. Actress Sophie Monk is 30. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 21.

Thought for Today: "True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality; the inequality of success; the glorious inequality of talent, of genius; for inequality, not mediocrity, individual superiority, not standardization, is the measure of the progress of the world." — Felix Emmanuel Schelling, American educator and scholar (1858-1945).

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I WISH IT WOULD SNOW... SNOW IS SO PRETTY THIS TIME OF YEAR.



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?



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SARGE! I'VE HAD IT! I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP!

### Newsday Crossword

#### THE WHITE STUFF

by Gail Grabowski  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Magician's stick
- 5 Give up, as a right
- 10 Overly sentimental
- 14 Ointment ingredient
- 15 Humorous poet Nash
- 16 Toddler's taboo
- 17 Staircase part
- 18 Dog classification
- 19 One-dish meal
- 20 White mammal
- 22 Inn kin
- 23 Makes angry
- 24 Game on horseback
- 25 Attractive
- 28 Highway speed limit, perhaps
- 31 Tenant's agreement
- 32 Free-for-all
- 34 Stinging insect
- 35 Overhead trains
- 36 Grinding tooth
- 37 "Now I get it!"
- 38 Cave animal
- 39 King's domain
- 40 Narrative stories
- 42 Driver's license requirement
- 44 Tiny village
- 45 Fishing poles
- 46 Weighing device
- 48 Uses the phone
- 50 White onion-dip ingredient
- 54 Like deserts
- 55 Oktoberfest music

**DOWN**

- 1 Stinging insect
- 2 Female choir voice
- 3 Christmas song
- 4 Goes away
- 5 Apt to fall over
- 6 See eye to eye
- 7 Notions
- 8 Shift course
- 9 Conclude
- 10 Shoe padding
- 11 White makeup remover
- 12 Leg joint
- 13 Cry of distress
- 21 Religious ceremony
- 22 "Out of the way!"
- 24 Jury member
- 25 West Point freshman
- 26 Track-team race
- 27 White holiday flower
- 28 Shut forcefully
- 29 Giggling sound
- 30 Bread baker's need
- 32 Castle protection
- 33 Kay follower
- 36 Cluttered condition
- 39 Wine-list choices
- 40 Bath-powder ingredient
- 41 Part of USA
- 43 Shared with, as a story
- 44 Bother repeatedly
- 46 Figure out
- 47 Pickled veggies
- 48 Stress-free
- 49 Soprano's song
- 50 Fly high
- 51 Red-wrapped cheese
- 52 In addition
- 53 Timid
- 55 Get-up-and-go

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# Area Roundup; Grady second, Stanton third in Hooptown tourney

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes took third place in their own Hooptown Tournament on Saturday.

The Buffaloes downed Ira 61-42 to earn the bronze. Tyler Fulton dropped 31 points for the Buffs, and Trace Sidle added 15.

Stanton is off to an 8-3 start after going 3-1 in the tournament. It will play Colorado City on Friday before Christmas break.

**Lady Bearkats 57 Sands 26**

MEADOW — The Garden City Lady Bearkats took the

Meadow Tournament championship with a 57-26 win over Sands on Saturday.

Morgan Schwartz scored 26 points and Amber Halfmann scored 15 for the Lady Bearkats, who are still unblemished on the season at 11-0 and

ranked No. 3 in Class 1A, Division II.

The Lady Bearkats will host Forsan on Tuesday before traveling to Sundown on Friday.

**Garden City 57, Sands 26**  
GC 14 17 10 16 -- 57  
Sands 1 6 11 8 -- 26

Garden City- M. Schwartz-

26, A. Halfmann- 15, Paige Niehues- 5, Hirt- 5, K. Halfmann- 4, T. Hughes- 2

Sands- Stockton- 14, J. Gomez- 4, N. Gomez- 3, M. Yarbrough- 2, N. Yarbrough- 2, Robles- 4

**Wall 77, Grady 44**

STANTON — The Grady Wildcats took second in the Stanton Hooptown Tournament as they fell to Wall 77-44

Saturday.

Dylan Cox led the Wildcats with 16 points, and Shane Teague added 14.

The Wildcats beat Stanton in overtime 52-46 to get to the championship game. They finished 3-1 on the weekend.

## BSHS

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Steers past Lamesa, which beat Big Spring at home earlier this season.

Head coach Mike Warren said the game was a physical affair. Intentional fouls were called, and a Lamesa player was ejected from the game.

"It was kind of just a wild game," he said. "It was almost like a rivalry.

They're not in our district, but our girls wanted to win pretty bad."

The Lady Steers built a 12-point lead at the half, and held off a late charge from the Lady Tors for the win.

"We just kind of held on at the end," Warren said. "We didn't score a lot in the second half, but we made some big free throws."

Big Spring went 3-1 on the weekend. After a slow start, hampered somewhat by injuries,

the Lady Steers have won four of their last six games.

"It was a big week for us just to get turned around," Warren said. "We talked about as we near district, it's a turning point in our season. We just need to start playing good and get going, and we took that to heart. I just thought we competed this week, and things happen when you go play hard."

The Lady Steers will host Snyder this week,

which beat Big Spring handily in Snyder earlier in the season.

"It will be nice to play a home game and go and keep getting better," Warren said. "We're scoring points, and that's encouraging. It seems like we're putting the ball in the hole a little bit better."

**Big Spring 45, Lamesa 40**  
BSHS 13 14 9 9 -- 45  
Lamesa 8 7 12 13 -- 40

Big Spring- Li. Yarbar 13, Lo. Yarbar 9, Kennedy 6, Seaton 6, Ritchey 6, Porras 2, Fletcher 2, Ross 1

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## COYOTES

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from quarterback Miles Valentine, but the officials put one second back on the clock after Borden County called time out to allow the field goal attempt.

"It was his second this year, and ironically it was the same spot he kicked one earlier this year," Richey said. "It was huge."

With Cooley slowed down due to illness, it was Chapman that had to step in at tailback, and he ran for two big scores in the second half to put the Coyotes in front. His first came

on an eight-yard pass in the third quarter from Valentine. His second iced the game in the fourth quarter.

Highland had just scored to make the game 20-14 with just over four minutes left on a controversial catch in the end zone where two players had their hands on the ball. The Hornets' onside kick failed, and Borden County took over around midfield. Chapman took the ball on a run up the middle, broke two tackles and raced right up the gut to paydirt with one hand pointed toward the sky.

"I told him he had to make an unbelievable play," Richey said.

"When he came through the end zone and kicked the extra point, I said, 'baby that's it.' He made an unbelievable play in a big moment, and that's why we're where we are today."

Highland coach Karry Owens knew the game was within reach.

"It was just one play here or there," he said "It could have been a lot different. It was that close."

With realignment coming, Borden County will probably move up to division I, which means it won't get to defend its title next season. But the Coyotes will still be playing their brand of football.

"We've got a great group of kids, and they've gone through the struggles," Richey said. "Our first year we went 3-6, and I guess they say now 30 in a row. If it ain't broke don't fix it."

**Borden Co. 28, Highland 14**  
Borden Co. 0 12 8 8 -- 28  
Highland 0 8 0 6 -- 14

**Second Quarter**  
BC—Tony Soto 50 interception return (Flynn Chapman kick); 4:53  
HIG—Tanner Martin 4 pass from Jordan Basye (Cameron Cox kick); 1:06  
BC—Chapman 26 FG; :01

**Third Quarter**  
BC—Chapman 8 pass from Miles Valentine (Chapman kick); 4:23

**Fourth Quarter**  
HIG—Thomas Stewart 12 pass from Basye (kick blocked); 4:02  
BC—Chapman 48 run (Chapman kick); 3:48

# sudoku

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## BEARKATS

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for 432 yards and seven touchdowns, a mere 29 yards shy of the all-time single-game rushing record held by current state-champion coach Trey Richey of Borden County.

Colunga bailed himself out of a hole in the third quarter, when he mistakingly ran a kick-off out of the end zone and was tackled on the one-yard line. But he took a handoff up the middle on the first play, broke to his left to the sideline and outraced the defense 79 yards to the end zone.

"They were determined to keep him from running, and he was determined to run well," Jones said, "and he did. I can't say enough about the guys who did the blocking. Colunga's a great runner, but those guys up front deserve a special recognition. It was a team effort and our guys just played well as a team."

The Bearkats' passing attack was also clicking on the night as sophomore quarter-

back Blayne Batla threw seven touchdowns. Brett Chudej caught five of them.

"(The offense) worked pretty good," Batla said. "Josh did pretty good when we needed to run it, and so did the passing game."

Strawn's offense, though it turned the ball over in the first quarter, found a groove through the rest of the game, and was able to trade scores with Garden City. It just couldn't stop them.

"We knew they had a pretty good offense, but we thought we had a pretty good offense also," Strawn head coach Dewaine Lee said. "I was proud of our kids for sticking in there and fighting. We had a chance to go in there and lay down but we didn't, and I was proud of that."

Strawn running back Trey Doyle bruised and battered his way through the Bearkat defense for better than 200 yards and four touchdowns, and Joseph Sharp ran for five himself. Strawn cut the lead to two touchdowns at a few intervals in the game, but its inability to stop

Garden City ultimately cost them.

"They're a very good team," Lee said. "I've known Vance Jones for a long time, and we've had a lot of ball games against each other, and he's a top quality coach."

For Garden City, it was the first time it's been in the state championship in 72 years, and its first state title in school history.

"We've never even been here before, we got here, we won it and it means everything to this community," Halfmann said.

The prospects are there for a good returning team next year, as the Bearkats return the bulk of their offense next year, namely Batla and Colunga.

"I don't see how they can get beat next year," Lee said. "I think they go back-to-back."

**Garden City 122, Strawn 88**  
GC 24 44 40 14 -- 122  
Strawn 8 40 24 16 -- 88

**First Quarter**  
S- Sharp 2 run (Elizondo kick); 9:03  
GC- Colunga 25 run (Chudej kick); 7:29  
GC- Chudej 4 pass from Batla (Chudej kick); 5:25  
GC- Chudej 29 pass from Batla (Chudej kick); 2:03

**Second Quarter**  
GC- Halfmann 20 pass from

Batla (Chudej kick); 9:11  
S- Doyle 48 run (Elizondo kick); 9:01  
S- Sharp 58 run (Elizondo kick); 7:51  
GC- Colunga 8 run (Chudej kick); 7:31  
GC- Chudej 30 pass from Batla (PAT blocked); 4:47  
S- Doyle 50 run (Elizondo kick); 4:37  
GC- Chudej 7 pass from Batla (Chudej kick); 3:16  
S- Sharp 39 pass from Purvis (Elizondo kick); 3:05  
GC- Colunga 79 run (Chudej kick); 2:52  
S- Sharp 56 run (Elizondo kick); 2:32  
GC- Halfmann 1 run (PAT blocked); :36

**Third Quarter**  
GC- Colunga 53 run (Chudej kick); 9:17  
S- Miller fumble recovered in end zone (Elizondo kick); 6:36  
GC- Aaron Long 78 pass from Batla (Chudej kick); 6:15  
S- Doyle 60 run (Elizondo kick); 6:04  
GC- Chudej 62 pass from Batla (Chudej kick); 5:47  
GC- Colunga 62 run (Chudej kick); 2:18  
S- Sharp 53 pass from Purvis (Elizondo kick); 2:01  
GC- Colunga 10 run (Chudej kick); :17

**Fourth Quarter**  
S- Doyle 8 run (Elizondo kick); 8:53  
GC- Colunga 50 run (Chudej kick); 8:43  
S- Thornton 18 pass from Purvis (Elizondo kick); 7:14  
GC- Halfmann 17 run (PAT blocked); 5:03

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**EAST**  
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♣ J 9 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 6 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ Q 9 7 2  
♣ A 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT 3♦ 3♥ Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
**Declarer can sometimes** draw astonishingly accurate conclusions about the composition of the unseen hands from the defense he encounters. An outstanding example is provided by today's deal, which was played by Dorothy Hayden Truscott in a national pairs championship many years ago.

**Mrs. Truscott was South** and got to three notrump as shown. West led the king of diamonds and continued with the ace, East discarding a club

after considerable thought. West then shifted to the jack of hearts. Mrs. Truscott took the ace and led a heart toward the king, hoping for a 3-2 division, but West showed out, discarding a diamond.

**Forced to abandon hearts,** Mrs. Truscott turned her attention to spades, the only other suit that offered a chance for the contract. But instead of taking the normal-looking finesse, Mrs. Truscott led a spade to the ace and a low spade! West had to win with the king, and declarer wound up with 10 tricks for an excellent score. Had she finessed in spades, she would eventually have gone down one.

**The key to Mrs. Truscott's** remarkable play was East's reluctant discard of a club at trick two. First, she made the assumption that West had the king of spades for his vulnerable three-diamond bid. Next, the play thus far had disclosed that East started with one diamond and four hearts. If his remaining cards had consisted of three spades and five clubs, he would have had no problem discarding a club at trick two.

**East's lengthy huddle** must therefore have been based on a holding of four spades and four clubs, which in turn meant that West had the doubleton king of spades.

**Tomorrow:** An obligatory nonfinesse.  
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