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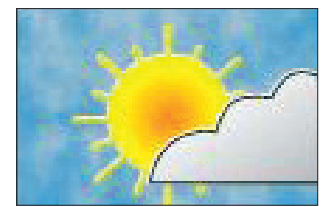
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Courtesy photo
Big Spring High School homecoming king and queen finalists are, back row, left to right: Dennis Merworth, Jackson Watkins, Blake Brorman and Davante Lloyd; front row, left to right: Desiree Anderson, Marcus Watkins, Sabrina Gonzales and Opal Gonzalez. Not pictured are Mindy Ralston and Valerie Ross. The king and queen will be crowned during halftime of Friday's Big Spring-Monahans game at Memorial Stadium.

Guilty

Howard Co. man receives 60 years

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was sentenced to 60 years in prison Tuesday for his part in the June 3 home invasion of a local family.



Anglin

Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, was found guilty by a Howard County jury on a charge of aggravated robbery — a first-degree felony — following the trial in 118th District Court. Anglin faced between five to 99 years to life in prison for his part in the violent altercation in the 600 block of State Street.

Jury selection began Monday, with 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III hearing case. Prosecution was handled by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, while Anglin's defense was provided by local attorney Mike Thomas.

Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31, and Phillip G. Martinez, 21 have also been indicted on charges of aggravated robbery in connection with the June incident. Both men remain in the custody of the Howard County jail. The aggravated robbery charges against Anglin and Jaramillo were elevated to

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Hoopla time!

BSHS celebrates homecoming

Activities begin tonight with the annual bonfire at the compost facility.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Break out the black and gold — it's homecoming at Big Spring High School.

BSHS has several events connected to its 2010 Homecoming celebrations, which will be highlighted by the crowning of the homecoming king and queen during halftime of the Steers' football game with Monahans Friday evening at Memorial Stadium.

Homecoming queen finalists are: Desiree Anderson, daughter of Rosie Zamora; Opal Gonzalez, daughter of Sonia Gonzalez and Norman Jennings III; Sabrina Gonzales, daughter of Amy and Abel Gonzales; Mindy Ralston; and Valerie Ross.

Homecoming king finalists are: Blake Brorman, son of Niki Leuschner and Jeff Brorman; Davante Lloyd, son of Betty Friday; Dennis Merworth, son of Beatriz and Carl Merworth; Jackson Watkins, son of Susan and Rick Watkins; and Marcus Watson, son of Melanie and Wesley Watson.

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Courtesy photo

Edna Faye Smith poses with "A Legacy of Faith from Mother to Daughter" which she co-authored with daughter Jacque Smith McKnight. The pair will hold a book signing Saturday.

'Legacy of Faith' co-authors slate Saturday signing

Special to the Herald

Edna Faye Smith and Jacque Smith McKnight will sign copies of their new book, "A Legacy of Faith from Mother to Daughter," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church parlor.

Smith and her daughter co-authored "A Legacy of Faith," which contains inspirational thoughts and prayers about

the mountain tops and valleys of life.

"We hope readers will find comfort, peace, hope and encouragement in our words," said Smith. "The poems and thoughts we put in this book came straight from our hearts."

The authors' legacy of faith began with the birth of their

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Deaf Awareness Week ceremony set at park

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

Howard College and Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) will be kicking off their recognition of Deaf Awareness Week (DAW) with a formal opening ceremony and softball game Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

The nationally observed

SWCID, a community college for deaf and hard of hearing students, was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1979.

recognition week will stretch from Sept. 19-25 and is held to promote deaf culture and draw attention to deaf and hard of hearing persons, their accomplishments and their issues while breaking down myths and misconceptions.

The opening ceremony, in-

cluding a proclamation from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Belaski Pavilion, to be followed by a softball game featuring SWCID staff and students vs. members from the Big Spring police and fire departments at Cotton Mize Softball Field. The SWCID Student Government Association will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

As part of other scheduled activities for the week, the SWCID faculty, staff and students will also be volunteer servers at Bean's World Cafe

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Obituaries

Yolanda Juarez

Yolanda Juarez, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

FRIDAY
 • AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

• The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will have a Tailgate Cookout at 6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the Big Spring Steers home football game. The cookout will be held on the north end of the west parking lot at Memorial Stadium. Fajitas, a drink and dessert are priced at \$7 and all proceeds go to Rotary service projects.

• United Way Dine Out program begins this week with Cowboys Steakhouse & Restaurant, 404 E. FM 700, as the featured restaurant. The restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds received Monday through Sunday to United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery can be arranged from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• A free concert presented by the Allegro Chorale and Orchestra will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Bonham Junior High School, 2201 E. 21st St. in Odessa. Conductor Nyela Basney will lead professional soloists and singers from Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock Abilene and UTPB. The theme of the symphony is All Men are Brothers. Everyone is invited to this event, which will feature Bethoven's "Symphony No. 9."

• Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-24-36-38-49.
 Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$8 million.
 Winning number purchased in: Humble.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-22-29-32.
 Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-8-7. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-8. Sum It Up: 23

Police blotter

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

- YVETTE CASTILLO LOPEZ, 31, of 500 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to report change of address and failure to appear.
- RACHELLE LYNN BARBER, 19, of 1104 Pickens, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), bail jumping – failure to appear (two counts), expired license plate and no inspection certificate.
- LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 31, of 1511 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear, failure to yield right-of-way at intersection, bail jumping – failure to appear and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- BRUCE ERVIN ESSIX, 44, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TWYLA RACHEL ARDS, 19, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

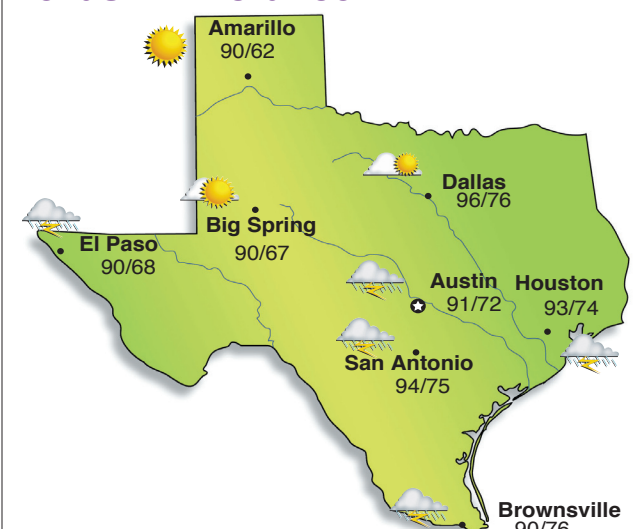
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- YVETTE CASTILLO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to change address within 30 days and failure to appear.
 - MARVIN LEROY MOHN, 70, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - RACHELLE LYNN BARBER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), displaying an expired registration and no valid inspection certificate.
 - LORRIE KEY FLAGG, 57, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on warrants for theft by check and driving while license suspended – bond forfeiture.
 - AMBER DENISE CUELLAR, 19, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - EDUARDO RAMIREZ JUAREZ, 29, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - AMY WAGNER, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check (two counts) and theft by check.
 - MARK HICKMAN JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a household/family member – impede breathing or circulation.
 - KIMBERLY GASTON COGBURN, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
 - TWYLA RACHEL ARDS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants for bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension,

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Fri 9/17 | Sat 9/18 | Sun 9/19 | Mon 9/20 | Tue 9/21 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | |
| 90/67 Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High around 90F. | 89/65 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s. | 87/65 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s. | 87/64 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s. | 87/65 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s. |
| Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:49 PM | Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM | Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:47 PM | Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM | Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM |

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene | 93 | 72 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 93 | 74 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 90 | 62 | sunny | Livingston | 95 | 70 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 91 | 72 | t-storm | Longview | 96 | 73 | mst sunny |
| Beaumont | 95 | 73 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 90 | 64 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville | 90 | 76 | t-storm | Lufkin | 96 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 95 | 71 | pt sunny | Midland | 92 | 69 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 90 | 77 | t-storm | Raymondville | 93 | 75 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 95 | 74 | mst sunny | Rosenberg | 93 | 73 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 96 | 76 | pt sunny | San Antonio | 94 | 75 | t-storm |
| Del Rio | 94 | 73 | t-storm | San Marcos | 93 | 72 | t-storm |
| El Paso | 90 | 68 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 97 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 88 | 66 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 91 | 69 | mst sunny |
| Gainesville | 94 | 72 | pt sunny | Tyler | 95 | 72 | mst sunny |
| Greenville | 95 | 72 | pt sunny | Weatherford | 95 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 93 | 74 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 93 | 71 | mst sunny |

bail jumping – failure to appear, violation of a promise to appear and failure to yield at an intersection.

- JAMES RAY COGBURN, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on an Ector County warrant.
- JULIE RIVAS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of running a stop sign and failure to appear.
- BRUCE ERVIN ESSIX, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

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 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700. Service refused.
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News briefs

Pope Benedict XVI in Scotland for historic 4-day state visit, admits failures in abuse scandal

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI, beginning a controversial state visit to Britain, acknowledged Thursday that the Catholic Church failed to act decisively or quickly enough to deal with priests who rape and molest children.

Speaking to reporters aboard his plane en route to Britain, Benedict said the church's top priority was now helping victims heal and regain their trust in the church.

The pope's comments marked his most thorough admission to date of church failures to deal with the sex abuse scandal, which has exploded anew with revelations in Belgium of hundreds of new victims, at least 13 of whom committed suicide over the years.

Benedict's four-day visit to Britain has been overshadowed by anger over the abuse scandal and marked by indifference in the highly secular country where Catholics are a small minority.

Benedict also said abusive priests must never have access to children, saying they suffered from an illness that mere "good-will" couldn't cure.

Abbas, meeting Clinton, says Palestinians see no alternative to continuing talks with Israelis

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Offering a positive note after two days of inconclusive Mideast peace negotiations, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Thursday he sees no alternative to continuing the talks in search of a peace deal with Israel.

"We all know there is no alternative other than negotiations, so we have no alternative other than to continue these efforts," Abbas said, speaking through an interpreter during a welcoming ceremony for visiting U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It was not clear whether Abbas was suggesting that the Palestinians would remain committed to the talks even if Israel does not extend a curb on Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank beyond the end of this month. He had previously said the talks could not survive without continued restrictions on the construction in areas the Palestinians want for a future state.

Clinton and Abbas met at the Palestinian Authority's headquarters in the West Bank.

AP-GfK Poll: Nearly half oppose tax hikes for rich, public trust in Dems on economy withers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost half the country opposes tax increases for the richest Americans, according to a poll suggesting that congressional Democrats are taking some risk by backing President Barack Obama's plan to boost levies on the wealthy.

Less than 50 days from elections that Republicans hope will hand them control of Congress, The Associated Press-GfK Poll is stuffed with encouraging signs for the GOP. Huge majorities call the economy sickly and say Congress is doing its job badly.

By a 46 percent to 41 percent margin, people want Republicans steering the economy — the first GOP edge on that runaway No. 1 concern of voters in the AP-GfK poll.

And while Americans are evenly split over whether they prefer their district's Democratic or GOP congressional candidate, those likeliest to vote tilt toward the Republicans, 53 percent to 43 percent.

In a glimmer of hope for Democrats, the poll indicated that far from infatuated with the Republicans.

SWCID

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Sept. 20-25 and will be hosting "ASL Story Telling" at the Howard County Library at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The SWCID Audiology Department is also participating in DAW by offering hearing evaluations at the discounted rate of \$25 for the general public. The discounts will be honored Sept. 20-25 by calling (432) 264-3705 for an appointment.

SWCID, a community college for deaf and hard of hearing students, was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1979. The campus celebrates the national Deaf Awareness Week each year with various activities on the campus and within the community.

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GUILTY

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enhanced first-degree felonies.

According to police reports, a number of suspects stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front doors of the house during the late evening hours.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identi-

ties, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Everett said. "The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons at the couple's children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol-whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present."

No life-threatening injuries were sustained during the attack, according to police re-

ports.

Everett said moments after the suspects fled the victim's home, police officers noticed a vehicle being driven without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing on foot.

Jaramillo and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect were taken into custody moments later. According to police officials, items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle. Both were charged with aggravated robbery. Shortly after, Martinez was ar-

rested on a number of charges, including theft, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and aggravated robbery.

A fourth suspect — 28-year-old Abel Guzman — was also arrested at a location in the 900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. on a warrant for aggravated robbery. Anglin was taken into custody in the days following Guzman's arrest.

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BSHS

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All finalists are BSHS seniors. The queen and king will be selected by a vote of the student body Friday.

Homecoming activities begin tonight with the annual bonfire,

which is scheduled to be lighted at 8 p.m. at the city compost site.

On Friday, activities begin with the 3 p.m. pep rally at Steer Gym. The public is invited and several alumni classes will be recognized, school officials said.

Next on tap will be will be the annual homecom-

ing parade, scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. The parade will begin in front of Blankenship Field adjacent to the high school, then proceed west to Goliad, north to Eighth Street, east to Owens and south to 10th.

After the football game, a reception for all BSHS exes will be held

at the Fireplace Room in the Howard College Student Union Building.

Official activities will conclude Saturday with an open house at the high school from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., followed by the induction of the 2001 Steer Band into the high school's hall of fame. The 2001 band, which qualified for the state

marching band contest, will be honored during a 1 p.m. ceremony in the high school auditorium.

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LEGACY

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month and grandmother, Hattie Hannah Savage Rutledge.

"She weighed three pounds at birth," said McKnight. "She began her life with determination and a will to persevere, and that is how she lived each and every day of her life from that day forth. She lived in a

generation that had no electricity, no running water and no indoor plumbing. She picked cotton, raised a garden, prepared meals and sewed clothes. In spite of difficult times, she never wavered in her faith."

She passed her legacy of faith to the two generations that followed," said Smith. "Now our desire is to impart our legacy of faith to the

next generation. This book is one way we can do that."

The authors will also sign copies of their book at the upcoming Arts at the Museum on Nov. 13-14 and at book signing events in Lubbock and Amarillo.

"A Legacy of Faith" can be purchased through booksellers, including Barnes and Noble; from the publisher, WestBow Press, a Division of Thomas Nelson; or directly from the authors.

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2001 BSHS State Marching Band Induction Ceremony



The 2001 Big Spring High School State Marching Band will be inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 18, 2010. It's during BSHS Homecoming weekend, please invite family and friends!

Friday, September 17, 2010: Pregame Recognition at the BSHS Homecoming Football Game

Meet at 7:00 near the Inflated Steer Tunnel

Saturday, September 18, 2010: BSHS Auditorium at 1:00 pm

Join the mailing list for updates at bshs2001band@yahoo.com

For more information or questions contact Andrea Haro at (432) 270-4351

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OUR VIEW

Please include POW/MIA event in Friday plans

Tomorrow will be a really busy day in Big Spring. It is, after all, homecoming at Big Spring High School and that means an entire weekend of activities. But something that definitely should not be forgotten in all the hoopla is that Friday is also POW-MIA Recognition Day.

Locally, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 379 will conduct an observance at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, giving residents a chance to remember those who should never be forgotten. What's more, they're scheduling it to work into virtually everyone's homecoming schedule.

A brief prayer ceremony will be held at the memorial following Friday afternoon's BSHS homecoming parade. In fact, there's not even a set time for the event. It is simply set to begin shortly after the parade's end.

Members of the local VVA chapter conduct a ceremony at the memorial on National POW/MIA Recognition Day each year to recognize the major sacrifice prisoners of war and service men and women listed as missing in action made for our nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

And as always, the general public is encouraged to attend.

According to Clarence Hartfield Jr., one of the ceremony's organizers, the local VVA members have been holding the observance ever since the Vietnam Memorial was built. And in recent years, the group has also been honoring not only the POWs and MIAs, but also paying tribute to the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

VVA member Don Boling notes that the ceremony isn't just about remembering, but also meant to make sure that men and women serving in today's military don't have to face the same situations their predecessors had to face.

As Boling noted, Friday's ceremony will be an opportunity to "gather to honor those men and women who served our nation in the most difficult of circumstances and unimaginable conditions as prisoners of war," as well as a time to "remember those who have not yet come home and could still be prisoners in a foreign land."

We encourage everyone to take just a few minutes out of their activities Friday and join us at the Vietnam Memorial.

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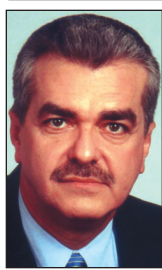
by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, inspire us to do our best.

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Looking at Fidel's epiphany

He says he is concerned about nuclear war, yet he is the man who took the world closest to the brink of nuclear annihilation. He claims to be concerned for the human rights of Gypsy refugees in France, yet he has driven millions of refugees out of his country. He has spent years criticizing Israel, yet now he claims he "was never anti-Jewish." He says the Cuban government's treatment of homosexuals has been "an injustice," yet he is the one who led the Cuban government.



MIGUEL PEREZ

When Cuban dictator Fidel Castro tries to remake himself, he even might tell you that Cuban communism "doesn't work."

Even if later he tells you that he meant to say the opposite, everyone can see that Fidel is trying to write himself a better place in history. He has spent more than five decades trampling the lives of the Cuban people, assuring himself a reservation in history's hall of shame, but now that his brother Raul is running the dictatorship, he wants us to believe there is a new Fidel, one who is kinder and gentler.

Ever since Fidel came back out in public in July, after remaining mostly secluded because of a gastrointestinal illness, the 84-year-old retired dictator has been saying things that contradict everything he always stood for.

Is it dementia, a newly found conscience or a monster attempting to undergo a makeover?

The man who once brought Soviet missiles to Cuba and urged the Russians to launch them against the United States now is issuing warnings of an impending U.S.-motivated nuclear war between Iran and Israel. The man responsible for the genocidal drowning of thousands of Cuban refugees while they were trying to reach freedom in Florida now is hypocritically charging that France's expulsion of Gypsies back to Bulgaria is a "racial holocaust."

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Do as I say, not as I did?

My 6-year-old son — who just entered first grade — now has homework. As a responsible parent, I'm supposed to support this concept and dutifully encourage him to complete the required tasks pretending that I wholeheartedly endorse the idea of students being sent home with schoolwork.

I'll have to maintain this pose over the next 12 years as the workload increases and occasional assignments become nightly ones lasting for hours. Homework is supposedly a good thing, so grownups are forced to support it — even those of us who never endorsed the concept as students and question its validity now.

For most of my academic career I devoted the time between homeroom and my first class to homework, though I'm pretty sure "homeroom" was not the intended home for the work to be done in. During this seven minutes or so, I scratched out answers to whatever math problems I could and maybe I studied a little for any test that might be in my future that day.

Most days, though, I didn't bother to even fake an attempt at homework, instead spending the

consistent enemy of Israel and the Jewish people now is criticizing his ally and fellow despot Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for denying the Holocaust and promoting anti-Semitism. The man who sent homosexuals to labor, or "re-education," camps recently told a Mexican newspaper that he takes responsibility for decades of repression against gays — as if that would erase decades of atrocities.

Of course, the most extraordinary effort by Castro to remake himself was when he was trying to impress American journalist Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic during a Sept. 1 interview in Havana. When Goldberg asked Castro whether Cuba's model is still worth exporting to other countries, in a rare moment of honesty, the dictator readily admitted that "the Cuban model doesn't even work for us anymore."

Fidel's epiphany was so remarkably honest — and so damaging to his regime and his allies — that he had to take it back.

"The reality is that my response means exactly the opposite," he said later.

But imagine how that moment of honesty must have felt to Cubans living in exile all over the world and to those who have spent years in Castro's prisons for merely suggesting that the Cuban model doesn't work and for seeking the freedom to suggest dissenting ideas.

By ruling with an iron fist, Castro outlasted nine U.S. presidents — coming to power during the Eisenhower administration and stepping down during the George W. Bush administration. Imagine the generations of Cubans whose lives have been altered or destroyed because Fidel insisted that his Cuban model would work. Imagine how Fidel's epiphany must have been received by demagogues such as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, who idiotically claim that the Cuban model should be emulated.

As Castro tried to take his foot out of his mouth at the University of Havana, he claimed that his sarcasm was lost in the translation when he was interviewed by Goldberg and that when he

spoke about a model that doesn't work, he was actually referring to capitalism.

"My idea, as the whole world knows, is that the capitalist system now doesn't work either for the United States or the world, driving it from crisis to crisis, which are each time more serious," Castro said.

Of course, "crisis to crisis" would be a much more accurate way to describe the Cuban economy under the 48 years of Fidel and 2 1/2 years of Raul. To compare the Cuban model against capitalism, all one has to do is look at South Florida's thriving Cuban community in contrast with the shameful quality of life he has provided for the people of Cuba. It's like looking at East Berlin and West Berlin before they tore down the wall and threw the communists out of power.

Since Fidel returned to the limelight and began making public appearances in July and August, analysts have been trying to figure out why the dictator seems to be changing his tune.

Some say his communism-doesn't-work confession is a long-overdue rejection of that bankrupt ideology. Others say it was a signal of support for the economic reforms being implemented by Raul. Some believe that Fidel is no longer rational.

"I have not changed," Castro wrote in an article published by the government-controlled Cuban media last week. "I will be faithful to the principles and ethics that I have practiced since I became a revolutionary."

Indeed, there are reasons to believe that senility is creeping in. The only revolutionary thing Fidel has done recently is to admit, quite frequently, that he was wrong!

Recognizing that he bashed homosexuals: Revolutionary!

Pretending to be a friend of Israel and the Jewish people: Revolutionary!

Standing up for the human rights of immigrants: Revolutionary!

Expressing concern for the threat of nuclear war: Revolutionary!

Admitting that Cuban communism doesn't work: Priceless!

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DANIEL KLINE

time talking with my friend Nicole, who — due to the miracle of sitting alphabetically — had been in close proximity since elementary school. She wasn't much of a homework doer either, so we were eager to encourage each other to neglect our assignments in favor of a couple of minutes of discussion.

In general, I pretty much never did any homework while actually at home. I'm sure I completed a major report or two outside of school, but those were surely exceptions; and in general, I pretty much ignored whatever my teachers wanted me to do at night, usually to the detriment of my grades.

Not doing homework did not mean, however, that I did not do any work. I diligently read all assigned books, often accomplishing this during class where 45 minutes would be spent on a couple of text book pages. This "strategy" tended to be a failure, too, as by the time a test occurred on any topic, I had already read countless other things and had forgotten the minutia that made up most teachers' tests.

I wish I could say that as a grownup, I now feel bad that I mostly didn't do my homework. I can't though because there's still a large part of me that believes that in an almost 8-hour school day, we should be able to create a system where very little work has to come home.

Obviously, kids need to learn

how to complete work on their own and certain concepts taught in school need reinforcing at home. I wonder, though, why we want our children spending more than full-time work hours on only one part of their development?

Why not carve out an hour of the school day for studying, completing independent projects and doing other "home" work? That way, students could have the benefit of working on their own with the resources of a school and its teachers nearby.

If all homework had to be completed during this one-hour period, then teachers would have to collectively gauge the value of their assignments. Of course, some studying for tests could be done at home and nothing would stop students from doing extra work, but the bulk of the assignments would be done during a student's "work" day and not at home.

Sadly, though, I hardly see homework reform as a topic any school system seems likely to tackle and most parents take the "I had to do it, so you should too approach."

Personally, I'm fine with my son putting in an 8-hour day at school then having the rest of the day for sports, Cub Scouts or whatever extracurricular activities he chooses.

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News in brief

Bedridden Houston

woman found slain in home

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police are seeking suspects after a disabled, bedridden woman was found slain at her apartment.
Lt. John Zitzmann says a number of items might have been stolen from the unit.
The body of the elderly victim, whose name was not immediately released, was discovered Wednesday afternoon by a caregiver. Autopsy results are pending.
Police are checking surveillance video and other security measures at the complex that caters to the elderly and disabled.

Charge dropped over alleged Aggie ring toss

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Prosecutors cited a lack of evidence in dropping a felony theft charge against a Texas A&M student accused of tossing an upper classman's ring into a field.
The charge against 19-year-old Thomas Slauter was dropped Wednesday.
Slauter was arrested Saturday by a university police officer after an older student told officers that Slauter was the person who grabbed the Aggie ring from his hand and flung it into a field. Police were responding to an altercation during an event between fraternities.
Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner says officers did not have enough information to identify Slauter, plus another person later admitted to throwing the ring.
The owner, who with friends searched the field and found the ring on Sunday, has declined to press charges.

Ex-Alton police chief acquitted of public lewdness

EDINBURG (AP) — A former Alton police chief accused of having sex with a woman behind an auto parts store has been acquitted of public lewdness.
Baldemar Flores maintains his September 2009 arrest was politically motivated. Flores this year failed in his bid to unseat Mayor Norberto Salinas.
Flores was acquitted Wednesday in the case in which the store manager, while taking out some trash, reported seeing two people having sex in a car behind the store.
Manager Thomas Roland, during the trial, testified he could not identify either person in the vehicle.
Flores resigned as Alton police chief in February. The McAllen Monitor reports Flores and his wife now operate a private security firm in Mission.
The woman Flores allegedly was with when he

was arrested still faces a public lewdness charge.

PUC approves switch-hold for late-paying customers

AUSTIN (AP) — Regulators have given Texas utilities a payment-recovery option when electric users sign up with new providers and abandon their old power debts.
The Texas Public Utility Commission on Wednesday approved a so-called switch-hold rule, which takes effect June 1.
Customers who are behind on their payments cannot just refuse to set up payment plans and then switch to another provider.
The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday that utilities must provide electricity to low-income customers during very hot or cold weather and to people who rely on electronic medical devices to survive. Companies must also offer deferred payment plans in some circumstances.
In return, the companies asked for the ability to place a switch-hold on customers who do not pay.
"I think we've struck a great balance," said Donna Nelson, the PUC commissioner who worked on the rule. "People who are trying to do the right thing aren't harmed or penalized."
PUC Chairman Barry Smitherman says all customers have to do is pay off the bill before they switch to another provider.
"The normal, average person understands that and doesn't have a problem with it," said Smitherman.
Ronnie Lowe, director of the Lancaster Outreach Center, praised the new rule.
Lowe deals with people who he says switch electricity providers often to avoid bills, then ask the charity for help. Another trick is putting the electricity bill in a child's name, which can create a blot on a child's credit report before he can even get his own credit card, according to Lowe.

Fugitive spider monkey caught in Boerne

BOERNE (AP) — Grapes and bananas helped a handler lure a spider monkey back into captivity after the animal spent more than a week on the loose in the San Antonio area.
The animal known as W.C. Fields was captured Wednesday along a road in Boerne (BER'-nee), a few miles from home.
W.C. Fields escaped Sept. 7 from the Primarily Primates sanctuary when the creature's enclosure was damaged by high winds during Tropical Storm Hermine.
Sanctuary executive director Stephen Tello, who had been searching for the monkey, spotted the animal Wednesday morning on a fence.

Dallas police charge 3 officers in alleged beating

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas police officers, including one who was fired, will face criminal charges for their alleged roles in the beating of a suspect, which was caught on video by dashboard cameras, the police chief said Wednesday.
Andrew Collins, 28, suffered bruising and blood clots earlier this month after being struck by officers, who hit him about seven times with their fists and batons. The alleged beating lasted about 14 seconds following a chase.
The video, which the department distributed to reporters, shows one of the officers moving the dashboard camera so that it does not film the incident.
"This won't be tolerated," police Chief David Brown said. "This is not indicative of the Dallas Police Department. No one incident defines our character."
Of the 22 officers who responded to the scene, one was black, Brown said. At least two were Hispanic, and the rest were white. Brown said there is no indication that race was a factor and no racial slurs were heard on the radio transmissions or recordings.
Officers Kevin Randolph and Paul Bauer will face misdemeanor charges of assault and official oppression, Brown said. The two men, along with Officer Henry Duetsch, also each face a felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.
Randolph, who was still on probation after being hired in March 2009, was fired Wednesday, Brown said. The other two officers face internal affairs investigations.
Three other officers were assigned to desk duty and also face internal investigations, Brown said.

2-year-old boy shoots self accidentally

TYLER (AP) — Investigators say a 2-year-old boy is hospitalized in critical condition after apparently shooting himself in the head while being cared for at his grandmother's east Texas roadhouse.
Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith says the shooting happened Wednesday afternoon about five miles east of Tyler at a bar owned by Chonda McClean and her husband.
He says McClean was caring for the child at her home when the bartender called to say he had to leave work. McClean took the child with her, and while she was busy he apparently toddled into a back room, crawled up to a desk, got a handgun and shot himself in the forehead.
Smith said the case will be referred to the Smith County District Attorney's Office for a decision on whether to submit to a grand jury.

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Mexico hopes for peaceful 200th birthday celebration

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Just one day without massacres, beheadings or shootouts.

On its 200th birthday Wednesday, Mexico wanted its citizens — and the world — to forget its vicious drug war and remember the country's epic history, music, whimsical folk art and continuing crusade for wider prosperity and democracy.

All were on display with a \$40 million fiesta, two years in the making. About 60,000 revelers — many wearing sombreros and face paint with the red, white and green of the Mexican flag — crowded along Reforma Avenue, the capital's main promenade, cheering and yelling "Bravo!" at the start of the 1.7-mile (2.7-kilometer) parade of floats and dances designed by the country's top artists.

Another 25,000 gathered early at the main Zocalo plaza, where

President Felipe Calderon was later set to deliver the traditional "Grito" — three shouts of "Viva Mexico" — to celebrate the 1810 uprising that resulted a decade later in independence from Spain.

Some traveled to the capital from all over Mexico to celebrate on the streets, despite the country's escalating drug violence that increasingly has claimed innocent lives.

"This one is special," said Iris Mari Rodriguez Montiel, a small business owner who had traveled from the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz and waited since morning for the festivities to start. "It gives me chills just to think about it. I love Mexico. There's only one Mexico."

Little girls wearing ribbons of the Mexican flag watched from the shoulders of their fathers, and other children blew trumpets as the air filled

with confetti. Marchers with green, red and white cacti sprouting from their heads formed a sea around an enormous newspaper boat sporting phrases from the independence era.

"It's like a Carnival of Rio, plus an Olympic ceremony, plus Woodstock all put together in the same day," said artistic director Marco Balich

Several neighboring heads of state and U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis were attending.

Still, anxiety hovered over the festivities with a heavy presence of law enforcement, some with police dogs.

In the back of many people's minds was the violence of the past year: The assassination of a gubernatorial candidate. The slaughter of 19 people at a drug rehabilitation center. The massacre of 72 migrants who refused to smuggle drugs for a brutal gang.

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Don't Worry About It wins tourney for Memory Walk

Caring Hearts Home Health recently sponsored a ragball tournament with proceeds going to the Memory Walk, planned Saturday in Big Spring.

Held at Cotton Mize Field, the top teams in the tournament were Don't Worry About It, first place; X-Rated Mafia, second place; and NOOTW, third place.

"It was an awesome turnout," said Maria Ontiveros, Caring Hearts marketer.

"I am very excited for next year. My

goal is to be successful every year. Thank you to all who participated.

"Special thanks to Sally Arguello, Jr. Garcia, Brian Solis, BJ Aguero, Sarah Redwine, Anthony Rosario, Terry Watkins, "Mac" Cantu, Justin Solis and Furr's."

Registration for Saturday's Memory Walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Comanche Trail Park. Opening ceremonies take place at 9 a.m.

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Bulldogs stay on road against Crane

Head coach Gardner looking to limit penalties



BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — A 44-0 blowout should be reason enough for head coach Trey Gardner to smile, and he is pleased with Coahoma's win over Wink last week.

But district play is just a week away. Everything has to be on point for the Bulldogs this week at Crane.

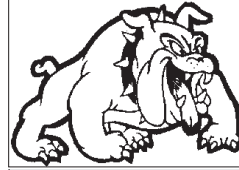
"We were actually somewhat disappointed with our offensive performance," said Gardner, whose Bulldogs

play at 7:30 p.m. Friday. "We had 10 penalties on offense. It cost us 80 yards and two touchdowns.

"We found lots of things we needed to work on."

But it's hard to overlook the Bulldogs' best offensive outputs of the year. Dakota Griffith had eight carries for 68 yards against Wink, quarterback Tanner Ruiz had 10 carries for 89 yards and three touchdowns. Not to

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Coahoma (2-1) at Crane (2-1)

Coahoma players to watch: QB Tanner Ruiz, RB Dakota Griffith

Crane players to watch: DL Alex Shetter, DE Marco Vergera

— Coahoma's offensive line has been hit with injuries. Back-ups should contribute often.

Photo Courtesy of Bruce Schooler

Coahoma quarterback Tanner Ruiz dives for a touchdown in the Bulldogs' game against Wink. Coahoma scored 44 points against Wink, but head coach Trey Gardner hopes to limit the penalties when the Bulldogs take on Crane at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Crane. The offensive line will be limited as well with a few key injuries heading into Friday's game.

Stout defense, seniors get it done for Stanton

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

STANTON — It's hard for Stanton head coach John Peterson to settle for anything less than perfect, and what's maybe helping the Buffs so far this season is the fact his players have the same attitude.

"They put up 400 yards, we want to put up 500 yards," said the second-year Stanton head coach. "It's one of those things. I don't think I'll ever be satisfied until we score on ever play."

That may or may

not happen, but the Buffs might be hard to stop considering what they've done so far.

Stanton has one last test before district play begins, with McCamey trying to hand the Buffs their first loss of the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton. Friday's game also is homecoming for the Buffs.

This season, the Buffs already have wins over Grape Creek, Reagan County and Ozona, and in all three, the defense has been dominant.

The Buffs have allowed 12 combined points in



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Stanton head coach John Peterson directs his players in practice Wednesday. His Buffs take on McCamey at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton.

the last two games, and in that Grape Creek game — which ended in a 20-14 win — six of those points came off a

kickoff return.

Grayson, linebacker and guard, said it's all come together for the Buffs on defense.

There's size up front, tenaciousness from his corps and the secondary has been solid, too.


But the captain echos

what his coach preaches.

"More work definite-

has been solid, too.

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McCamey (3-0) at Stanton (1-2)

Stanton players to watch: QB Tyler Fulton, LB Grayson Gray

McCamey players to watch: QB Ryan Acosta, LB Erik Ortiz

— This is Stanton's homecoming and the Buffs are hoping to end non-district play with a win.

Plains on tap for Forsan Buffs' last non-district game

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN — Not many people in the Forsan locker room are talking about the Buffs' chance to get a third win this season, which would give them one more than they had a year ago.

Head coach Jason Philips is trying to make Forsan's 2009 a distant memory.

"We've tried to put last year behind us and kind of grow from some of the mistakes we made last year," he said. "But this would be a big win.

After this week, we're starting district, 3-1 going into district is a lot better than 2-2."

In some ways, the Buffs have already eradicated memories from their two-win season last year with a high-profile offense and a defense that

gets the job done.

Their next test, with district play around the corner, is at Plains at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

This week's practices have been about adding new looks and new for

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Forsan (2-1) at Plains (3-0)

Forsan players to watch: QB Foster Burchett, RB Ty Johnson

Plains player to watch: RB Jaaron Bell



Photo Courtesy of Bob Fishback

Forsan's Ty Johnson runs for a first down in the Buffs' game against Irion County.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Cavern City Tennis Tournament

This tournament is set for 8 a.m. Sept. 25 in Carlsbad, N.M. Entry fee is \$15 for singles players and \$20 for doubles. The deadline to enter is at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and UTSA membership is required. Call 575-887-1980 for more information.

Washer tournament

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is hosting a washer tournament Sept. 18 at La Vedra club-park. There will be trophies for first, second and third place. Two-man teams can register Sept. 18 for \$20 per team. Call Larry at 466-9969 for more information.

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mention, Jason Martinez had 12 carries for 105 yards and a score. While he didn't have the most rushing yards against Wink, Ruiz's emergence the last two weeks seems like it has sparked the team. He had nine carries for 109 yards and three scores, plus he completed 6-of-8 passes for 143 yards and another score against Comanche on Sept. 3. But it's not just Ruiz's play lately that has the Bulldogs putting up a lot

of points. Gardner said everyone getting a chance to carry the ball works against opposing defenses. In the Comanche game, five other players besides Ruiz carried the ball and against Wink, seven others did the same. "On our first six plays, five different guys carried the football," Gardner said. "Tanner's definitely a threat, but we've got some other guys who are capable as well. I think that's the biggest thing, how to fix it so it's hard to key in on one individual." So Gardner's plan for the offense is coming together as district play

looms. But besides the high number of penalties, everything isn't perfect in Coahoma. The Bulldogs are struggling to stay healthy at this point in the season and Gardner said it's his biggest concern right now. Against Wink, the Bulldogs were without two starting offensive tackles and Gardner said the backups will have to be prepared this week against Crane. "We have some guys that are a little bit banged up," he said. "Nothing that's hospital-worthy, but just things we want to get healthy before we get

there." Crane won't show anything the Bulldogs haven't seen. Gardner said this team is similar to Greenwood, in the sense they run a spread offense, but the quarterback is the main offensive threat. On defense, they're not as fast as some teams Coahoma has seen, but they might be bigger, like most of Coahoma's opponents this year. A win would put Coahoma at 3-1 heading into a district showdown against Stanton next week.

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ly," he said. "There's potential around the whole team; nobody's up to their full capacity of potential yet." For Gray, it's all about preparing for district play, and he doesn't have to wait long, ei-

ther. After McCamey, Coahoma and the Wing-T offense awaits the Buffs next week. But first, they have to end non-district play on a high note. Quarterback Tyler Fulton is well-aware of the 40-22 loss McCamey took at Forsan and the 28-13 loss the Badgers just took at home to Reagan County last week.

But the senior prides himself on being prepared for Friday, especially with district play around the corner. "You can't underestimate a team," Fulton said. "I know they got killed by Forsan, but you can't ever underestimate a team or else they'll sneak up on you." Fulton may not have

the most eye-catching statistics, but his intangibles as a senior are leading this team, in addition to what's happening on the other side of the ball. Fulton said spreading the ball around and the offensive line's play is a huge part of Stanton's offense. And with more room for this offense to grow, the Buffs are add-

ing new wrinkles every week. It's a far cry from Peterson's first season as Stanton's coach last year. He said every week was a brand new week for the Buffs last year, but this season, it's just been about adding to what they already know. Fulton's dedication to the game helps at the

most vital position on the field, too. "Tyler's a student of the game," Peterson said. "He's very smart. Academically and athletically, he's gifted, so he's a good leader in that regard. "It's easy to communicate what we want to see get done and he's able to translate that to the kids."

FORSAN

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mations to the Buffaloes' offense, not necessarily new plays, though. Phillips said coaches just wanted to present something Plains may not have seen on film. But his defense is going to have to show up Friday, as the Buffs are expecting a physical game. Phillips said Plains makes plays through its ground attack. In addition to that, the Cowboys have a quick quarterback under center. The Buffs dealt with a similar player against Sonora earlier this season. A lot of motivation this week could come from the fact it's the last non-district game before the Buffs open District 2-2A Division II play next week, and a solid game might lend some momentum. But Phillips knows Friday won't be an easy game and his players will have to be focused.

"We're going to have to play a good game against them anyway," he said. "They're a good team. They're 3-0 right now. They were a playoff team last year. They have several guys coming back. We had kind of a barn burner last year when we played them." But heading into district play means players are about to experience something new. Phillips said his players look forward to district play this season after playing in Class A last season and if they play the way they're capable of Friday and for the rest of the season, the Buffs may be tough to deal with. "They realize we're about to get into a place where none of these guys have ever been," he said. "They haven't played in a 2A district. They're excited about it. I think they're willing to put forth the work and effort."

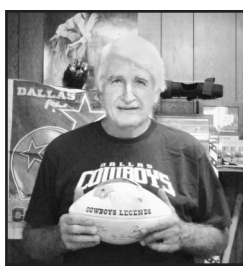
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Sands, Grady, GCHS all at home Friday

Area teams hoping to enter district with momentum

Sands (3-0) vs. Sterling City (1-2)

-7:30 p.m. Friday, Ackerly
ACKERLY — Last week, head coach Wayne Henderson said the Mustangs would face their biggest test, but that's changed in a matter of days.

Sands takes on what Henderson said will be a resilient Sterling City team. Henderson has all the evidence he needs from last season's back and forth game with Sterling City.

Henderson said this game and the rest of the schedule should test the undefeated Mustangs, who have Dawson and Grady, among others, left.

Getting healthy is key, too. Henderson said Junior Rogers and defensive end Albert Martinez are healthy and should see more playing time this week.

That, in addition to Landon Parker's play recently, makes Sands dangerous.

"Last year, we kept saying we wouldn't be where we were without Johnny (Rogers) and Daniel (Armendariz), well we're not where we are without him and some other kids right now," Henderson said of

Parker. "He's a very big part of what we do."

Grady (2-1) vs. Trinity (1-2)

-7:30 p.m. Friday, Lenorah

LENORAH — Head coach Brad Cox is expecting a big, athletic Midland Trinity team Friday. He hopes the usual standouts, Joe Cook, Jacob Rodriguez and Shane Teague come up big against the Chargers.

Teague's progress this season, in particular, has helped the Wildcats.

"Shane, he just gets better with every snap," Cox said. "He hadn't had a whole bunch of experience the previous years, but each snap he seems to be more comfortable and more confident. That's always a good thing and I think that'll continue. Joe's just a hard-nosed kid who's a tough football player."

Cox said the Wildcats are continually trying to improve as district play gets closer and one strength that could carry Grady at this point is depth.

Building chemistry in Cox's first season as head coach has been key, too. With each game, he said he is becoming more and more familiar with the players as they gear up for district play.

"The longer you can be around them, you learn their personality, they learn yours and what you expect and you learn what they expect and what motivates them," he said.

Garden City (3-0) vs. O'Donnell (0-2)

-7:30 p.m. Friday, Garden City

GARDEN CITY — The Bearcats have been road warriors to start the season, and now they finally have their first home game of the year.

Head coach Vance Jones expects another tough challenge this week for the defending state champions, but all the excitement around the players this week should make Friday's game interesting.

"This is our first home game, plus it's also senior night," Jones said. "So all the seniors will be there and the parents and all that. It's a big deal."

Boise State is no underdog anymore

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — It's been four years now, and Travis Hawkes is still amazed each day when he sees the pile of Boise State merchandise waiting to be shipped out.

When he was a kid, nobody wore Boise State gear. Even at Broncos games, maybe half the stadium would be dressed in blue and orange — and some of that was folks simply pulling out their blaze orange hunting jackets and calling it team spirit.

Now people all across the country want a spot on the Boise State bandwagon. The school that 15 years ago was playing in what was then Division I-AA, a team once known more for its funky blue field than its record, has emerged as college football's most unlikely powerhouse.

It has two undefeated seasons and just four losses over the last four years. Its 134-31 record since 1997 is the best of any school

(sorry Florida, Texas and Ohio State). Its current 15-game winning streak is second-longest in the country.

And, now sitting in the third spot of the AP Top 25, the Broncos might just be the team that breaks the BCS once and for all.

"Six, seven, eight years ago, the idea Boise State would be No. 3 in the country and would be talked about as a contender for the national championship would have gotten you laughed out of the room," said Hawkes, a Boise State grad and owner of The Blue and Orange Store. "Now people are just crazy for the Broncos."

In fact, the only ones not caught up in Boise State-mania might be coach Chris Petersen and his players.

"We certainly appreciate where we are but, I've got to tell you, we don't think about it very much," Petersen said Tuesday. "We just think about the next team on our

schedule and all the problems that Wyoming causes us.

"We care about the rankings when we're done playing."

Founded as a junior college in 1932 by the Episcopal Church, Boise State only received full university status in 1974 and has long been overshadowed in these parts by the more established University of Idaho. While enrollment is climbing and Boise State is making a name for itself in research, most of its 20,000 students commute and more than 40 percent are 25 or older.

Its campus is as scenic as it is compact, with the Boise Foothills in the background, the Boise River running along the northern edge of campus and the city's rose garden and zoo just across the Friendship Bridge. Those who don't ride skateboards or bikes to class can hop on a red-and-green trolley car, part of the campus shuttle service.

Busch, Hamlin downplay feud after Richmond

NEW YORK (AP) — The first sign of a lingering discord between Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch came after their 1-2 finish at Richmond, when Busch made sure to point out how clean he raced his teammate with the win on the line.

A second verbal volley was lobbed during an episode of Busch's ESPN weeklong reality special, when he made mention of how difficult it is to have a discussion with Hamlin. Fans for sure noticed the back-to-back jabs, and speculation mounted that Joe Gibbs Racing's two championship contenders were at odds.

Turns out, it's much ado about nothing.

"I was just making

a point," Busch said Wednesday during NASCAR's annual visit to New York to promote the upcoming Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"There was an opportunity for me to get in there and get dirty, knock him out of the way, but I thought bet-

ter of it. We all want momentum going into the Chase, not another something to be fighting about."

The relationship between the two JGR stars will be critical to manage over the next 10 weeks. The teams

rely on each other for information and advice during at-track debriefs, and Busch's crew gleaned an important tip from Hamlin's crew right before Saturday night's race at Richmond that contributed to the 1-2 finish.

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WEST
♠ J 7
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♣ 5 3 2

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♠ A 4
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♦ 9 5 4 2
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SOUTH
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♥ K 10 9
♦ A J 8
♣ J 6

The bidding:
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
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Opening lead — six of diamonds.
"Automatic" plays work well in most deals, but they are sure to lose points in others.
Take this case where the defense was less than adequate. West led a diamond to dummy's king. Declarer returned a trump and, after East followed low, went up with the king. South then cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding one of dummy's hearts, and ruffed a diamond in dummy.

He next played a heart, won by West with the queen, but there was nothing West could do to defeat the contract. So declarer made four spades, losing a spade, a heart and a club.

It is true that in most deals East should play low from the A-4 when the trump is led from dummy, following the general principle of second hand low.

But in this case, East should go up with the ace at trick two. He should realize that South has the ace of diamonds (West would not lead away from the ace at trick one), and that declarer will probably win the spade and immediately discard one of dummy's hearts on the ace of diamonds. (South might even have the A-Q of diamonds and discard both hearts from dummy.)

Had East taken the ace of trumps at once and returned a heart, declarer would have lost a spade, two hearts and a club for down one.

East probably hoped his partner had the Q-x of spades and that declarer would finesse the jack, but the specter of the diamond ace in South's hand, and perhaps the queen also, should have been East's primary concern.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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The recent entrance of Mars into Scorpio is starting to stir passions, to progress the plot of our personal and professional lives, and to introduce possibilities that were previously not an option. But let's not go too quickly or too far off course. The Capricorn moon puts some much-needed structure and decorum into the atmosphere.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). The smart ones you recognized long ago that they couldn't change you even if they tried. However strong-willed you are, you're not entirely inflexible. You will do what you can to adapt to the needs of your loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Do what's right, even if it's hard. What's good for you may not be the most obviously appealing choice. Sort out situations reasonably, and don't be led or even

swayed in the slightest by your appetites.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may not feel obligated to anyone, but it only takes a hint of a reminder for you to realize that you are. Perhaps you signed a contract or made a promise. You'll proudly fulfill your obligation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've sometimes been the kind of friend who asked for little and gave a lot. You usually don't mind being the more generous one — you can always be proud of your contribution. But for now, seek a more equitable arrangement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You cannot assume that what is good for you is good for another person, even if that person is very much like you or closely related. Before you make a decision that affects another person, really put yourself in his or her shoes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You expect a lot of yourself, and you'll also be extremely pleased at what you can do. Holding another person to this same expectation, however, will bring

disappointment. Happiness is self-reliance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Impulsive moves will work out fine in the end, but you're better off thinking things through from the start. Thinking ahead helps you economize both your time and money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who try to direct you will be reminded that it is not such an easy thing to do, unless you were already headed in that direction. Your independence is legendary. You, quite simply, take care of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're friendly for the sake of being congenial. You don't smile because you want something or need something from others. Not everyone is like you, though. You'll be wise to give a thought as to their motives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll feel mature next to some of your peers. It's not that you're entirely jaded. But what others consider romantic, you find silly, false and misleading. You'd rather be spared

the melodrama.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can't seem to find a moment to yourself, it's probably because everyone thinks you're the life of the party. You'll draw them in with your instinct for fun, and they don't want to leave your side.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A rush of feeling will come over you. Why try to stop the emotions from happening? That kind of effort seems futile to you. Your heart will speak, and you will follow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16). All will be impressed with the potency of your creative drive. You will transform ordinary resources into objects and systems of extraordinary beauty. The best part is that your work is also useful to those around you. October brings a mentor and a financial backer. December builds the bonds of love and friendship. Gemini and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 14, 28 and 21.

SCHOOLDAYS! THE LEO STUDENT: An intensely creative spirit drives Leo to learn about

the world. So it is not the knowledge itself that Leo is after, but rather the specific way that Leo can use it in order to make something of him or herself. In this way, Leo can be practical and specific when it comes to his or her studies. Leo wants to know what will be on the test and doesn't want to be bothered with the backstory or any extraneous details. The social aspects of school are extremely important to this sign. The cat realizes early on that relationships make the world go around.

THE VIRGO STUDENT: The teacher's pet is often a thoughtful Virgo, as this sign won't skimp on the details that make for academic excellence. Ruled by Mercury, Virgo has a keen grasp of the "who, what, when and where" of educational factoids and will cover all subjects comprehensively — all blanks will be filled in. This sign is naturally focused and organized and will have high expectations in regard to grades. A self-motivated individual, Virgo needs a little monitoring, except to make sure that Virgo

is properly challenged. This sign would rather get an "A" in an easy class than risk a lesser grade in a difficult class.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Nick Jonas is often considered the most serious sibling of his clan, and perhaps his cool demeanor has something to do with the strong earth-sign energy in his natal chart. With six luminaries in earth signs, he is exceptionally grounded for a teenager. These influence also suggest that he has excellent rhythm, a head for business and the stamina for career longevity.

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Annie's Mailbox



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Annie: I've been married for five years. We've been very happy until recently. Last year, my husband spent three days in jail due to a misunderstanding that got out of control. While there, he befriended a fellow inmate, and they exchanged contact information. The inmate has four more years to serve. The problem is, my husband keeps sending him money and care packages. So far, he has spent almost \$1,600 on this guy. The inmate once asked for some pricey things from an inmate supply company, which my husband quickly bought. One day, he called and I answered the phone. I told him it was quite nervy of him to order the most expensive items available. He said that he and my husband had an understanding. When I questioned my husband, he claimed he was only helping a "true" friend. I expressed my disapproval rather emphatically, and he replied that he works hard for his money and will spend it as he likes. Annie, he makes decent money, but not enough to be this inmate's sponsor. I told him it was causing undue stress on me and that this guy was taking advantage of his generosity, but he doesn't seem to care. I blocked all calls from the prison, but this guy got ahold of a cell phone and informed my husband, who became upset with me. He removed the block and said, "How dare you undermine me?" This is causing us to fight a lot. I love my husband, but it's ridiculous for him to think I would be OK with this. What should I do? — *Headed for the Poorhouse in San Pedro*

Dear San Pedro: It's possible this inmate protected your husband during his short stint in jail and now Hubby feels indebted. This does not mean the inmate isn't being manipulative and taking advantage. You can contact the warden at the correctional facility, although you risk angering your husband. We recommend you start putting aside money that your husband can't

in a marriage? Some really close friends of mine have parents who are divorced, and I don't want to be one of them. How do I talk to my father about this? — *Troubled Teen*

Dear Teen: Not every couple that fights is headed for divorce. Sometimes people simply become accustomed to a pattern of behavior. It might help if you talk calmly to both your parents about how much their angry words bother you and see if you can make them more aware of how they sound to others.

Dear Annie: I think you were off base when you suggested to "Ohio" that she take the sweet little girl (with the scary parents) into her home for a play date. With those parents, I would be concerned about a setup. What if they claimed "Ohio" had abused their daughter in some way? What a predicament. I wouldn't put myself in that situation. Too many truly weird people are out there, and we are an extremely litigious society. — *Protecting My Own Interests*

Dear Protecting: How terribly sad that children cannot play together without someone worrying that one of their parents will make outrageous accusations. Such a thing is possible but not likely, and all such accusations would be investigated. We feel sorry for that little girl, who not only has difficult parents, but now, apparently, has no one willing to play with her.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"I CAN'T TALK LONG, JOEY. I'M BETWEEN TIME-OUTS."

9-16

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Now I won't know if my things are missing or just put away."

9-16

HAGAR

"WHEN I HOME AT LAST! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH MY FAMILY!"

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

"TO PLAY A QUICK 18 BEFORE I SPEND SOME TIME WITH MY FAMILY!"

9-16

THOR'S DINER

"I THINK GROG WANTS A REFILL."

"WHAT'S HE HAVING?"

"BURP."

"ONE CREAM SODA, COMIN' UP."

9-16

WIZARD OF ID

"HOW DID HE GO?"

"THE DRAGON"

"THAT'S SO SAD..."

"IT'S NOT ALL BAD, THOUGH"

"WE SAVED A LOT OF MONEY ON THE CREMATION"

9-16

AGNES

"UH-OH... I THINK I'M HAVING A SPASM OF SORT."

"A WHAT?"

"A SPASM... I READ ABOUT THEM IN A HEALTH MAGAZINE... THIS SEEMS TO MEET THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE ARTICLE."

"COOL! GO FOR IT... YOU DESERVE IT!"

"FRIENDS DON'T ENCOURAGE FRIENDS TO SPASM."

"OH... ARE THEY ILLEGAL?"

9-16

HI AND LOIS

"WANT TO HAVE A CATCH, DAD?"

"SURE, SON."

"SO WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?"

"I DON'T KNOW. IT'S HARD TO DECIDE AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR."

9-16

THE OTHER COAST

"TCH. YOU THINK THEY'D LOOK BEFORE DARTING OUT ON A BUSY TRAIL..."

9-16

SNUFFY SMITH

"TH' WEDDIN'S OFF, AUNT ELVINEY!!"

"WHAT HAPPENED, SUSIE?"

"ME AN' TITUS GOT THEM IRREC'NICILABLE DIFF'RENCES!!"

"HE WANTED A YELLER WEDDIN' CAKE AN' I WANTED CHOCKLIT!!"

"SNIFF, SNIFF..."

9-16

BEEBLE BAILEY

"IT COSTS MORE TO MAINTAIN A U.S. SOLDIER THAN ANY OTHER"

"I KNOW. BEEBLE SOLDIER TAXPAYERS \$187 A DAY"

"AND THAT'S JUST FOR STORAGE"

9-16

BLONDIE

"THAT'S A WHITE WHISKER! I JUST SHAVED OFF A WHITE WHISKER!"

"WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHY WOULD ANYBODY WORRY ABOUT A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT?"

"I SAW MY FIRST WHITE WHISKER TODAY!"

9-16

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2010. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 16, 1810, Mexicans were inspired to begin their ultimately successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)." (Mexico's independence was finally achieved in 1821.)

On this date:

In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Mich., by William C. Durant.

In 1910, Bessica Medlar Raiche of Mineola, N.Y. made the first accredited solo airplane flight by a woman in the United States.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra."

In 1977, Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and fiery temperament, died in Paris at age 53.

In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Israeli-allied Lebanese militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into the Mexico coast for the second time in three days.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 88. Actress Lauren Bacall is 86. Blues singer B.B. King is 85. Clergyman-author Rev. Robert H. Schuller is 84. Actor Peter Falk is 83. Actress Anne Francis is 80. Actor George Chakiris is 78. Movie director Jim McBride is 69. Actress Linda Miller is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelly (Martha & the Vandellas) is 66. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 62. Actress Susan Ruttan is 62. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 62. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 61. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 60. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 59. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 57.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Little man
 - 4 Disney deer
 - 9 Hearty drink
 - 14 What a feller needs
 - 15 Does nothing
 - 16 "I give up!"
 - 17 (In) the open
 - 19 Fire residue
 - 20 Clear, as a windshield
 - 21 According to
 - 23 Stew veggies
 - 24 August Moon offerings
 - 27 Peak
 - 29 Recruit's ritual
 - 34 Some GPS routes
 - 36 Homer Simpson's shout
 - 37 Lost calf
 - 38 Russian warplane
 - 39 Steak tartare ingredients
 - 42 Typist's stat.
 - 43 Valuable
 - 45 S&L offering
 - 46 Pizzeria orders
 - 47 Building block of life
 - 51 Corn Belt state
 - 52 Shoved off
 - 53 Urban blight
 - 56 Shade source
 - 58 Sneezey's sound
 - 62 Emphatic turnaround
 - 64 Den furniture
 - 67 Amalgamate
 - 68 Target game
 - 69 Suffix for salt
 - 70 Bit of help
- DOWN**
- 1 Dragnet org.
 - 2 Wheel bar
 - 3 Unwilling to listen
 - 4 Sprees
 - 5 Pt. of speech
 - 6 Middle of the 11th century
 - 7 Pager sound
 - 8 "Really!"
 - 9 Sine __ non
 - 10 Like money in the bank
 - 11 Workout aftermath, maybe
 - 12 Word before market or circus
 - 13 Admit it all, with "up"
 - 18 Smidgens
 - 22 Magnavox competitor
 - 25 Verdi opera
 - 26 Flat boat
 - 28 Be nostalgic for
 - 29 Mild oath
 - 30 __ *Finest Hour* (Churchill book)
 - 31 Author Shaw
 - 32 What a shirt collar covers
 - 33 Exercise establishments
 - 34 Med. insurance options
 - 35 High-tech hotel amenity
 - 39 Job-related move, for short
 - 40 Cultivate
 - 41 Entryway of a sort
 - 44 Water sources
 - 46 Chorister's concern
 - 48 Flock female
 - 49 Least ruddy
 - 50 Legislates
 - 53 Social slight
 - 54 One-quarter of tetra-
 - 55 Wright Brothers' home
 - 57 Sort of shark
 - 59 Pigtail, e.g.
 - 60 Pig wail
 - 61 Crosswords' favorite cookie
 - 63 Soaking
 - 65 Put in stitches
 - 66 Capital of Japan

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Rangers' magic number at 8 after win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers could very likely be the AL West champions by time they play their next game at home.

Texas (82-63) heads out on a 10-game trip with a season-high 10-game division lead and its magic number at eight after an 11-7 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night, and Oakland's loss at Kansas City. The Rangers have won a majors-best seven games in a row.

"We've set ourselves up," manager Ron Washington said. "Now we've got to go continue playing our brand of baseball. I like our brand of baseball."

After sweeping three games last weekend against the New York Yankees, winning a pair of marathon games in their final at-bat, the Rangers overcame early deficits in both games against Detroit.

David Murphy, Vladimir Guerrero and Ian Kinsler hit long home runs in what might have been their last

game at Rangers Ballpark before clinching their first division title since 1999.

"Obviously you get to a point where you start thinking about it," Kinsler said. "But everyone in here understands that it can turn into a lot of work and we don't want that to happen. We want to continue to play the way we are right now, and try to close this thing out as fast as possible."

After their final off day of the regular season Thursday, the Rangers open their trip against AL West foes with three games against Seattle and the Los Angeles Angels before four games in Oakland. Their next home game is Sept. 27 against Seattle, the start of a seven-game home-stand heading into the post-season.

Texas built an 8-2 lead in the fourth on Murphy's three-run homer. The 426-foot blast into the second deck of seats in right by Murphy chased Armando Galarraga (4-6), who

had already allowed Guerrero's 449-foot homer deep into the visitors bullpen in left-center to start the second.

It was another frustrating night for Detroit, which blew a 4-1 lead Tuesday when Texas scored the last 10 runs of that game.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland got ejected by home plate umpire Jerry Layne at the end of the fourth inning Wednesday after saying something from the dugout. Leyland then came out for an extended and sometimes animated discussion.

"We didn't play our best baseball in this series and he got frustrated with some of the calls," Tigers catcher Gerald Laird said. "He's going to back his team up. We have all the respect in the world for him. He felt like he needed to take a stand. That got us going and we battled back."

Colby Lewis (11-12) went six innings to win his second straight start after needing 10 chances to finally get his 10th

victory. The right-hander gave up five runs on four hits and three walks while making two fielding errors, his throwing miscue leading to three unearned runs.

Galarraga gave up a season-high eight runs, seven of them earned. It was the shortest start of the season for the right-hander who had a perfect game taken away by a blown umpire's call in June.

Ryan Raburn homered, doubled twice and drove in four runs for Detroit. Miguel Cabrera had a pair of sacrifice flies.

Raburn's 13th homer, a solo shot in the seventh, got the Tigers within 9-7 before Kinsler hit his two-run homer to straightaway center in the bottom of the inning.

"We played well, we battled," Michael Young said. "Our energy level was up. We had to come back in a lot of these games in order to win. We're right where we want to be. We're not satisfied, but definitely happy with our ef-

fort level."

Raburn's double in the first off the top of the 14-foot wall in left drove in a run to make it 2-0. The ball hit the wall's padding in play and bounced back on the field, though Leyland argued it might be a home run and umpires looked at the replay to confirm their call.

After Guerrero's 27th homer and 107th RBI of the season to start the second, Nelson Cruz doubled and scored when Kinsler had a sacrifice bunt that turned into a throwing error by catcher Alex Avila.

The Rangers went ahead to stay after Elvis Andrus and Young opened the third with consecutive singles. Andrus scored the tiebreaking run when Murphy had what was essentially a swinging bunt that was fielding near by the first-base line by Galarraga, who then threw the ball into Murphy's back for an error.

Murphy's homer an inning later stretched his career-best hitting streak to 13 games.

Young says he doesn't want Bush's Heisman

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vince Young says he didn't want the Heisman Trophy anyway.

The Heisman Trust decided Wednesday to vacate the 2005 award after Reggie Bush gave it up Tuesday. The news came shortly after Young talked to reporters, trying to dodge questions about the Heisman because he's busy preparing for his first career start against

Pittsburgh.

The man who finished a distant second to Bush in the Heisman voting has been deluged with questions over the past week. Did Young want the Heisman? Would Young accept?

Young said in a couple of tweets Tuesday night that he considers Bush the 2005 Heisman winner. He repeated that Wednesday and begged reporters to quit asking about the Heisman.

"Why would I want it?" he asked.

Young got his say on the field in the BCS national championship about a month after Bush accepted that Heisman in New York, leading Texas to the title by running for 200 yards and throwing for 267 yards. He scored two touchdowns in the final 4:03 and was named the MVP. Young even struck the Heisman pose cradling the

crystal football given to the Longhorns as BCS champions.

Young said Monday on ESPN's SportsCenter that he wanted the Heisman. Asked about that comment Wednesday, Young said that was a joke taken the wrong way.

"I'm worried about the Pittsburgh Steelers right now. I really don't even want to answer no questions about no Heisman Trophy if y'all can please help me out with it," Young said.

Teammate Chris Johnson understands Young not wanting the Heisman.

"At the end of the day, everybody's still going to know that he won the Heisman that year even though he doesn't have it in his possession, he's still the Heisman winner for that year," Johnson said.

Young has plenty to console himself as he looks back.

Besides that national title, Young was the first quarterback drafted — at No. 3 overall — in April 2006.

He won the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award and made the first of two Pro Bowl appearances. Only the late Steve McNair, George

Blanda and Warren Moon have gone to more for this franchise.

Sure, Bush now has a Super Bowl ring with the Saints, and that's something Young wants for himself and his teammates in Tennessee (1-0).

It's why he's focused on Pittsburgh. Young watched from the sideline the past two seasons as the Titans beat the Steelers in December 2008 during their 13-3 season, after losing his starting job to Kerry Collins, and was the backup in the 13-10 overtime loss in Pittsburgh to open last season.

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5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4th

Parade theme:
"Star Spangled Christmas"
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 12th

\$100 Herald's Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme

\$75 Publisher's Award: for best use of lighting

\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming

Special Awards Presented To:

1. Individual or family
2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial
4. Industrial
5. Mounted Entry

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2010 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.



Mail, fax or hand deliver to:
Parade Committee
Big Spring Herald
PO Box 1431
710 Scurry
Big Spring, TX 79721
Fax (432) 264-7205


E-mail:
rick@thebigspringherald.com

Individual/Family Civic/church/school

Commercial Industrial Mounted

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