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A mother's nightmare

Deanna Hartford's son has been missing for eight years

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It's been eight years since former Big Spring resident Deanna Hartford saw her son, Arlin Bynum, but that hasn't stopped her and other family members from continuing to seek closure in his missing person case.

"We want to know what happened to our son and why," Hartford said. "We are over the hate, anger and the bit-

terness we have felt for more than seven years. I know, in my heart, Arlin would not want me to feel that way. He was so full of life and everyone was his friend. He loved people.

"Most people don't know how it feels to lose a child in this manner. You are never at peace and you are always wondering what has happened. Are they ever coming home?"



Bynum was last seen Aug. 14, 2003, in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill, located in downtown Big Spring. According to police reports, witnesses claim he left the establishment late in the eve-

Arlin Bynum has been missing for eight years. His family still hopes to learn what happened.

Courtesy photo

ning, supposedly accompanied by another man who has yet to be identified. Bynum's truck was later found near the bar.

He is described as a white male with short, bleached-blond hair, approximately 165 pounds with blue eyes. He has multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a white Harley-Davidson tank-top.

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Proof of residency to be a must now for homestead exemption

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Crossroads residents expecting to file a homestead exemption application will have a new set of rules to comply with beginning Sept. 1, according to Howard County Chief Appraiser Brett McKibben.

According to McKibben, the recent legislative session has handed down some new standards of mandatory disclosure for property owners who apply for several types of homestead exemptions.

"The Legislature has closed loopholes in disclosure that allowed some citizens to obtain homestead exemptions on more than one property," McKibben said. "The Legislature has also



McKibben

authorized central appraisal districts to gain access to the database of the Texas Department of Public Safety so that differences in addresses reported for driver's license and property tax reasons can be audited electronically."

In order to receive a homestead exemption for property tax purposes, applicants must now provide a copy of their Texas driver's license or Texas state-issued identification card and a copy of their vehicle registration receipt with their application for a homestead exemption.

Moreover, the addresses shown

on each of the documents must be the same as the address for which the homestead exemption is sought, according to McKibben.

Those who do not own a vehicle will be required to submit a notarized affidavit certifying that fact or a copy of a current bill received from a utility company. The address on the utility bill must be the same as the address on the application for a homestead exemption.

The new requirements taking effect Sept. 1 are necessary for any one of the several ways property owners can qualify for a residential property homestead.

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Recital set Saturday at Howard College

Howard College Music Department will present an Adjunct Faculty Recital at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Hall Center main auditorium.

Dan Kiley will be featured playing the trumpet as well as Randall Capshaw providing vocals. Kiley and Capshaw will be assisted by TCU doctoral piano student Sara Doan and professional cellist and instructor from Denton, Javi Betancourt.

Kiley will be adjunct faculty for instrumental music at Howard College and Capshaw serves as adjunct voice faculty at Howard as well as head choir director at Big Spring Junior High School.

Both men share their talents Sundays at First United Methodist Church.

Admission to the recital is free and the entire community is invited to attend.

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Snyder family gets help with fundraising

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The smallest gesture can make the biggest difference. Madonna Chavez Horvatch, former Big Spring resident, has stepped up and is doing what she can in



Horvatch

order to help raise funds for Cpl. Darrell Campbell — a Snyder police officer who was shot in the line of duty July 12 — to help ease costs incurred in his recovery.

"I heard about this and it really hit home since my dad was involved in law enforcement most of his life," Horvatch said. "This man was



just doing his job when this happened and I remember how we used to worry about

my dad."

Last weekend, Aug. 19-21, Campbell Fest 2011 — a benefit concert — was held at the Scurry County Coliseum in hopes of raising funds for Campbell and his family. Horvatch had a booth set up at that event for her own

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District 5 targeted for large item pickup

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Fall may be right around the corner for the Crossroads area, but don't tell employees with the city of Big Spring, as they continue their spring cleaning Friday with their

annual large item pickup program.

The program will target District 5 — represented by Councilman Craig Olson — part of a six-month project designed to help residents get rid of items too large to be transported by usual means

to the landfill.

While the program originally targeted elderly and disabled residents, Chad Averette, code enforcement supervisor for the city of Big Spring, said it is now open to all city residents.

"In the past, the program

was simply aimed at residents that didn't have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill," Averette said. "Last year, however, we began opening it up to everyone. This is all

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Police blotter

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

- JULIAN JAY TORRES, 18, of 500.5 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KY LEE HOFACKET, 22, of 1009 Todd Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MORRIS LYNDON FRALEY, 74, of 1506 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE, 27, of 2508 Albrook, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for violation of a protective order.
- ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS, 19, of 710 Willia, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- HENRY DEWAIN MILLER, 19, of 1809 Young, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.
- BRITNEE PATRYLE RIOS, 22, of 702 Lorilla, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG JR., 20, of 3716 Hatch, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MISTY MARIA TREVINO, 17, of 1701 Kentucky, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disorderly conduct – fighting and violation of driver's license restriction.
- NICHOLAS LOYA, 31, of Dallas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CATARINA FRANCO, 20, of 1407 Scurry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JUAN MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, of 7 Val Verde, was arrested Thursday on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking material and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Willia.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 1700 block of E. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
In the 1300 block of Mobile Street.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- MORRIS FRALEY, 74, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
 - JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief, harassment and a motion to revoke hearing.
 - VINCENT FERNANDEZ JR., 66, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension (two counts).
 - BRITNEE PATRYCE RIOS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for theft and failure to appear.
 - DAVID RIOS, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for assault – physical contact, failure to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
 - ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - SERGIO AZDAR, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license (two counts), displaying an expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying wrong license plate, bail jumping – failure to appear and assault – Class C.
 - HENRY DEWAIN MILLER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.
 - JACE MINCE, 21, was arrested Thursday by the

HCSO on a charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration.

- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of violation of bond/protective order and administrative release violator.
- DANA LANETTE MAYO, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a vehicle and theft.
- MISTIKA MARIA TREVINO, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for disorderly conduct – fighting and violation of driver's license restriction.
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- JUAN MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal use or possession of smoking material.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Terry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of Service Road. 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 800 block of San Antonio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Sixth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Owens. Service refused.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

Take Note

- The Holden Uganda 5K Family Fun Run/Walk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Towle Park in Snyder. Register online for \$20 at www.holdenuganda.org/events or for \$25 at the park on Saturday. Registration includes a Holden Uganda run T-shirt. All funds go to helping build water wells in Uganda, Africa.
- A meeting with U.S. Postal Service representatives will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at Forsan Baptist Church. This will be an opportunity for Forsan residents to express their concerns about the possible closure of the post office in that community.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are need for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information,

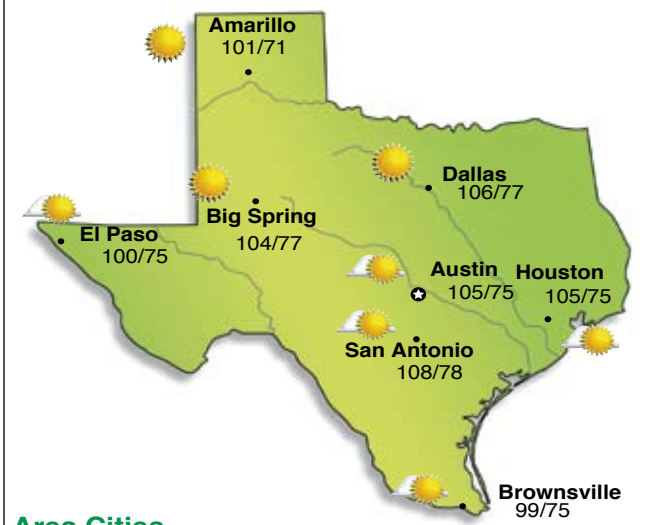
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 8/26	Sat 8/27	Sun 8/28	Mon 8/29	Tue 8/30
104/77 Mainly sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 104F.	107/77 Sunny. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.	108/78 Sunshine. Highs 106 to 110F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/76 Mostly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/77 Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	105	78	sunny	Kingsville	104	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	101	71	sunny	Livingston	105	71	mst sunny
Austin	105	75	mst sunny	Longview	103	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	102	73	mst sunny	Lubbock	101	74	sunny
Brownsville	99	75	mst sunny	Lufkin	105	71	mst sunny
Brownwood	108	76	sunny	Midland	103	78	sunny
Corpus Christi	102	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	101	74	mst sunny
Corsicana	105	75	sunny	Rosenberg	105	75	mst sunny
Dallas	106	77	sunny	San Antonio	108	78	mst sunny
Del Rio	104	80	mst sunny	San Marcos	106	75	mst sunny
El Paso	100	75	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	102	73	sunny
Fort Stockton	100	75	sunny	Sweetwater	104	77	sunny
Gainesville	104	74	sunny	Tyler	103	72	mst sunny
Greenville	103	73	sunny	Weatherford	106	74	sunny
Houston	105	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	108	77	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	96	71	mst sunny	Minneapolis	85	60	pt sunny
Boston	83	67	mst sunny	New York	85	72	mst sunny
Chicago	82	64	mst sunny	Phoenix	107	85	t-storm
Dallas	106	77	sunny	San Francisco	64	56	pt sunny
Denver	91	64	t-storm	Seattle	82	59	sunny
Houston	105	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	88	68	sunny
Los Angeles	87	66	mst sunny	Washington, DC	88	76	mst sunny
Miami	94	80	t-storm				

contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

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MISSING

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blue shorts and sandals.

While local law enforcement has acted on a number of tips since Bynum's disappearance — including the June 2008 raid on a farm house north of Big Spring that allegedly turned up illegal weapons, but no trace of the missing man — his fate is still unknown.

Since his disappearance, Hartford — now 71 years old — said there isn't a day that goes by that she doesn't talk to her son.

"I still talk to him like he's here, every day," said a sobbing Hartford. "I tell him about what's been going on with the family, and what I've been doing with my day. It's a hard thing to do. Arlin was very, very special to me, and it's just impossible to let go, especially not knowing what happened to him."

Bynum isn't the only West Texas person to vanish, as the search for 13-year-old Hailey Dunn of Colorado City continues to press forward. Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28.

Hartford said she has followed the missing girl's case and hopes Dunn's friends and family don't have to go through the kind of emotional turmoil and torture she and her family have endured since 2003.

"I know that Arlin isn't the only person in the area who has disappeared. They still haven't found the little girl from Colorado City, and my heart goes out to her parents," Hartford said. "I pray everyday someone will find Arlin and that little girl."

"I feel like, in these two cases, our children are not going to be coming home and we have to live with that the rest of our lives. We will always wonder what has happened to our loved ones."

Hartford said it's her memories of her son — even plans they had made prior to his disappearance — that keep her hopeful the mystery will eventually come to an end.

"The Big Bend area of Texas was his favorite on earth, and we were planning on going there the October prior to his disappearance," she said. "He always spoke of the Terlingua Chili Cook Off as something spectacular. We always thought he would be around to take care of us in our old age but that wasn't to be. He is missed

dearly and will always be in our hearts".

Anyone with information regarding the disappearance of Bynum is encouraged to call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 263-TIPS. No caller-ID is ever used, and callers may remain anonymous if they so choose. Information regarding Bynum's disappearance — as well as any other crime — could yield a reward up to \$1,000.

The family of Bynum is also offering a \$10,000 reward for information regarding his whereabouts.

According to Hartford, the family will be unable to close this chapter in their lives until Arlin is brought home.

"One can't attempt to understand the grief and sorrow this family has went through these last six years. It simply has to be lived to be believed and understood," said Hartford. "Someone out there knows. Eventually those responsible will be found and we can bring Arlin home for a proper burial — and perhaps some amount of closure for the family."

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

EXEMPTION

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These include:

- General residential exemption
- Over-65 exemption
- Disability exemption
- 100 percent disabled veterans exemption
- Extension of exemption for a surviving

spouse

• Exemption for manufactured home

According to McKibben, each of the above-mentioned programs have additional requirements for qualification. However, the common standard is all applicants must provide the additional documentation regarding driver's license, Texas issued

identification card, motor vehicle registration and utility billing receipt.

For those seeking homestead exemption status on a manufactured home, the applicant must provide a statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and a copy

of the purchase contract or payment receipt that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured home.

Those without a copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt will have to submit a sworn affidavit stating the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home; the seller of the manufactured home

did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract; and the applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.

McKibben said applications dated and submitted to Howard County Appraisal District by Aug. 31, 2011, will be processed under the pre-Sept. 1 guidelines.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Nita Jayne Jones Ellison, 58, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

FUNDS

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personal business and donated half of her profits to the cause.

"I wanted to do more," she said. "I felt there was something more I could do."

After speaking with Jamie Crowley, a friend of the Campbell family, Horvatic ventured

back to her hometown to try and raise some funds. She has traveled around Big Spring selling bracelets for \$5, with proceeds going the costs of Cpl. Campbell's recovery. T-shirts are available for \$25.

"Jamie had the intention of raising funds for Campbell and his family through the sale of the T-shirts and ended up using his own finances to purchase the shirts.

However, he aimed his sights even higher and once again used his own finances to host a benefit concert," Horvatic said.

Benefits from the concert went to help the family, as will all profits made from the sale of T-shirts. Horvatic will venture to the Midland/Odessa area today to try and raise more funds through the sale of bracelets and shirts.

For those wanting to donate to Cpl. Campbell's recovery, an account has been set up at Snyder's American State Bank branch with account name Snyder Police Association Re: Darrell Campbell Fund. Donations to that account can be made at any American State Bank branch.

To find out more ways to donate or to help the family, contact Crowley

at 325-574-4097. There is also an event page set up with more information on Campbell Fest for those wanting a little more information; go to Facebook and search Benefit Concert for Darrell Campbell/Campbell Fest 2011.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

CITY

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part of an effort to go through each district and get rid of code violations.

"This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

There are a number of items the city service isn't allowed to pick up, but Averette said the most common large items are on their "can-

do" list.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," Averette said. "Those are the kind of things we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that."

All items must be by the curb in the city's

right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up.

Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, Averette added.

"To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up.

For more information on the large item pickup program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring website at mybigspring.com, or call 264-2504.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

We cry to God when rain is scarce. We desire water for lakes, pastures and crops. We understand that drought kills plants and animals. We realize that jobs, economy and family comfort are intertwined with timely rainfall.

When we receive a small amount of rain last week, we expressed gratitude to God. Although the amount of rain was small, we felt refreshed and grateful. The rain brought cooler temperatures, which is turn brought smiles and appreciation.

I know a lot of folks that remind me of a drought-stricken land. Their hearts are dry and hardened. They have parched attitudes and withered relationships that need The Living Water. "The water I give him will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14).

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OUR VIEWS

Hats off to our volunteer firefighters

This year has been a wild and crazy one for our local and surrounding volunteer fire departments and Saturday is a chance for the community to show its appreciation.

The Firefighter Benefit — Auction and Dance will take place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum starting at 5 p.m.

The dinner will begin at 5 p.m. with an opening ceremony. At 6 p.m. an awards presentation will take place in recognition of the firefighters. An auction, silent auction and dessert auction will also occur throughout the night.

Howard, Martin, Mitchell and Glasscock County's volunteer fire departments will be the guests of honor, as well as their families. All these departments, including the Big Spring Fire Department and Texas Forest Service, have played a vital role in the past several months of severe drought and high fire danger the Big Spring area has been dealing with.

There has been no price set for the meal, but donations will be accepted and greatly encouraged. Boots will be set up throughout the venue in order for those attending to make donations.

According to Iva Jo Hanslik, the goal for the evening is to raise \$100,000 in order to purchase a new fire truck for the volunteer fire department.

A Firemen's Benefit Fund has been set up at State National Bank, account number 3490645, for those wanting to donate funds for the benefit. Any and all Crossroads residents who would like to donate food, auction items or monetary donations are encouraged to do so.

The night will also include live music provided by Noel Olivas and band. The night is expected to be one of great appreciation and an all around good time.

The community is encouraged to attend and take this opportunity to show our firefighters just how important they are and how much we truly appreciate all they do.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our life is fulfilled.

Amen

To kindergarten he goes

And he's off ... to kindergarten, that is.

It's hard to believe it's been five years since I brought my baby boy home from the hospital.

I still remember him being too small to fit into his newborn clothes and looking so tiny when I placed him in his car seat.

The nerve wracking emotions I was feeling of wondering will I be a good enough parent, will I know what he needs without him being able to tell me and so many other worries were going through my mind.

I still remember taking him home and spending hours staring at him, waiting for him to wake up. I recall the numerous times I checked on him just to make sure he was breathing and he was okay.

All the worry, the wonder and newness he brought into my life has never faded away, but it seems over the years I have adjusted to it.

I was constantly waiting for him to have his first smile, his first step, first tooth. I was so anxious to see him run across the room, hear him say mommy and all the other little things a new parent waits for. I guess in the moments of waiting for all those things, time slipped away.

The next thing I know I am getting my little baby — who, mind you, is no longer a little baby — ready to go to his first day of kindergarten.

I know it shouldn't be that big of a deal considering he was in preschool last year and the first day of school fuss should have been over with last year, but not true.

I think there is something about that first day of kindergarten that brings a little bit of excitement and a little bit of worry to any parent.

The process of getting his school supplies together, meeting his teacher and figuring out what clothes he was going to wear for the first day took me back to my first day of kindergarten.

I remember not being able to sleep the night before because I was so excited to be going to school. I was ready to step into that big ol' school, meet new kids and begin a new chapter. Okay, so maybe that's not ex-

actly how I viewed it at the age of 5, but you understand what I am saying.

The excitement contained, the wonder of what going to school will hold is a feeling I am almost certain none of us have forgotten or will ever forget. It was the start of something new and the opening of a door which we had no idea of what could possibly be behind it.

My first day of kindergarten happened 20 years ago, but I have to admit the day before my son's first day was just as exciting. I couldn't sleep and I was ready to go in the morning. I was so excited to walk him to his class the first day and send him on his way to explore all the new things this world has to offer.

As I walked through the hallway and watched him sit at his desk I recalled how 20 years ago I sat in that same classroom and couldn't help but wonder what he was thinking.

He told me he was excited and he was ready for kindergarten, but at the same time, I think he had that same small sense of worry that I had so many years ago.

Then again, maybe it was me that was worried.

I remember what kindergarten was like for me and I look at the way things are today and kindergarten is not the same. School is not the same.

The things kindergarteners are learning is more advanced, the issues they deal with are more severe. It seems kids are "growing up" faster than my group did and are grasping things a lot sooner than kids my age did.

I am excited my son is entering a world of learning. A world that will take him through 12 or more years of knowledge (depending on if he chooses to attend college). However, I am worried about the challenges he will face, the obstacles he will presented with and the issues and situations he will be thrown into.

It seems today's students are having to worry about fitting in, being bullied, learning so much information in order to pass a test and still finding the time to be a kid.

It's crazy to think my little boy is growing up so quickly. He already knows so much more than I imagined he would at 5

years old.

As his mother I am going to worry, worry about the problems he will have during the day, issues he will feel he has to deal with on his own and so much more.

At the same time, I know the only thing I can do is be there for him, make sure he knows he is not alone and I am here for him no matter what.

I have to let him learn on his own, make choices and obtain a few cuts and scrapes along the way.

It's the first week of kindergarten and already I am having to hold myself back. It turns out the second day of school my son not only gets a large cut on his arm during gym class, but also a bloody nose during nap time.

Hearing these things I was infuriated that I wasn't notified, except by my five-year-old and at the same time I was so worried. He is at school supposed to be learning, not having bloody noses and cuts on his arm. After a calmed down a moment I realized, he is a boy and I am certain it won't be the last bloody nose or the last cut on his arm.

Kindergarten is going to be a trying time for us — okay maybe me more so than him — but I know it is one more milestone we will get through together.

I know my son understands right from wrong, he is smarter than most kids his age and I know he is reminded daily he has a mother who loves him and a family who supports him no matter what.

Kindergarten is only the beginning, but I know it will open his eyes to so much more than either one of us could ever imagine.

The path that starts with this year is one I am excited for him to take and one I am even more excited to be watching.

He is an amazing little boy who has so much potential, it's only a matter of time before he realizes it too.

To all the kids out there, dive into the experience and to all the parents, sit back, show them you care and watch your children grow.

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Can't milk the butter cow

Tim Pawlenty, erstwhile governor of Minnesota, gave up his bid for the presidency after finishing third in Iowa's Ames Straw Poll, shocking the vast majority of Americans who didn't know he was running.

I don't know whether it was a wise move or not, but it doesn't speak well of his perseverance. Getting knocked out of the race by the Ames Straw Poll is the political equivalent of being electrocuted by a flashlight battery.

The Ames poll is a completely fraudulent event. It has no statistical validity. It has no predictive value. It's as phony as the Iowa butter cow at the Iowa State Fair, the one to which politicians make pilgrimages as though it were a holy relic.

What? You didn't know the butter cow was a fake?

Let me tell you about that. Early in my journalism career, I went to the Iowa State Fairgrounds during the winter, long after the fair was over.

I got a little lost (an investigative technique I have often used to my advantage) and found myself wandering into a storage building on the grounds.

And there, standing before my very eyes, was a wire sculpture in the approximate shape of a

cow. Yes friends, it was the butter cow without her makeup.

I was shocked. Like most people I had believed that the butter cow was just that, a cow sculpted entirely of butter. To find that it was a wire sculpture smeared with butter, then shaped to look cow-like, made me feel like a 32-year-old who's just learned that there's no Santa Claus.

I think my cynical nature dates from that moment. Believe me, that nature has come in handy through many years spent covering politics — particularly when it comes to straw polls.

Less than 17,000 Republicans showed up to vote in this year's poll, and they were charged \$30 each for the privilege of casting their straw. In previous years there have been accusations that some candidates rigged the election, Chicago-style, by busing in out-of-staters and paying their poll tax.

As a way of discerning the leader of the Republican field, it's as empty of meaning as a politician's promise.

Yet the national press, ever watchful of a trend, pays a terrifying amount of attention to it. After months of hearing the various candidates debate, give speeches, and otherwise make fools of themselves, it's the first time anybody actually counts anything, so the press jumps all over it.

On this occasion Michele Bachmann was the close winner over Ron Paul and has accordingly been deemed a serious contender

for the Republican nomination. Paul, who got nearly the same number of votes, continues to bask in irrelevance. I don't understand it either.

However, if getting the support of 4,800 Iowans — many of whom don't believe in evolution and some of whom even doubt gravity — constitutes seriousness, then the country is further along in its decline than I thought.

I've said this before and I'll say it again: Bachmann isn't a serious candidate. She's good at saying outrageous things with the utmost sincerity, but at the end of the day she seems about a ham sandwich short of a picnic.

Her chief value is as a firewall to the candidacy of Rick Perry, the governor of Texas. He's as loopy as she is, but is also precisely the kind of swaggering, blustering bully that conservatives find charming.

But never mind him. Have you heard the news? The New York Times says President Barack Obama has adopted a new strategy to combat GOP intransigence. It's called fighting back — you know, going out among the people and calling Republicans rude names.

He's not very good at it yet, but he's practicing. That's something.

This campaign promises to be a lot like the butter cow — less than meets the eye.

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DONALD KAUL

News in brief

North Texas residents to face water restrictions

FORT WORTH (AP) — The ongoing drought and brutal summer heat has prompted a North Texas water district that serves 1.8 million people, including residents in Fort Worth, to implement mandatory water restrictions.

The Tarrant Regional Water District is asking its customers to only water their lawns and landscapes two days a week and not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Other restrictions include no hosing of paved areas or buildings.

The restrictions are set to begin on Monday. The district said Wednesday it implemented the restrictions under its Drought Contingency Plan because its storage capacity is expected to drop to 75 percent by next week.

The water district serves residents in 11 North Texas counties and besides Fort Worth, includes the cities of Arlington and Mansfield.

Texas DWI case resolved after 17 years

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The efforts of a longtime crime victim advocate have led to the conviction of a drunken driver who killed an Air Force retiree from San Antonio more than 17 years ago.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Juan Carlos Guerrero avoided responsibility for the 1993 wreck that killed 55-year-old Jim Blihsne by adopting a new name.

But longtime victim advocate Bette Berns kept on the case for years. A tip led authorities to Guerrero, who after the accident had fled to Mexico but returned to the U.S. under a new alias.

Berns helped get a 17-year-old blood sample tested for DNA. The sample matched one obtained from letters Guerrero had written under his new name.

The 40-year-old Guerrero pleaded no contest on Wednesday and is to be sentenced next month.

Man convicted in 20-year-old South Texas stabbing

ALICE, Texas (AP) — A man was sentenced to 30 years in prison Wednesday after his conviction for the 1991 stabbing death of a 19-year-old near the South Texas town of Alice.

Carlos Zuniga, 41, was convicted in the death of April Ann Repka of Victoria, who went missing two weeks after her high school graduation.

In 2004, a farmer found human remains believed to belong to her. Three years later, DNA confirmed that the bones were hers. Zuniga was arrested in 2008.

Prosecutors said Zuniga robbed and stabbed Repka, an acquaintance, and then left her body in a field about six miles south of Alice.

Zuniga faced a capital murder charge because prosecutors alleged he robbed Repka, but jurors decided on the lesser charge of murder. His attorney, Eric Perkins, said paperwork has already been filed to appeal the verdict. He said his client reasserted his innocence during the trial.

Jim Wells County District Attorney Armando Barrera said that Repka's parents watched the trial.

"They didn't know what happened to their daughter for 20 years," he said.

Prosecutors based their case on the testimony of Victor Ortiz, who attended school with Repka.

thousands of homes and businesses.

National Weather Service officials say the winds downed more trees than they usually would because of the extremely dry conditions in the drought-stricken state.

National Weather Service meteorologist Jason Dunn said trees that haven't been regularly watered are drying out and becoming weaker, making them more susceptible to high winds.

Dunn said that the storms brought "maybe a tenth of an inch" of rain to the Dallas area. Most places in North and East Texas got less than an inch of rain. National Weather Service forecaster Matt Moreland said that southeast Texas also got "very little" rain.

Former South Texas investigator arrested

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former South Texas district attorney's investigator has been arrested on charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine and taking bribes in exchange for passing information to people he allegedly knew were drug traffickers.

A federal judge set bond at \$75,000 for 47-year-old Jaime Munivez of San Benito Wednesday.

The indictment alleges the crimes occurred while Munivez was an investigator for the Cameron County district attorney's office. They involved Jose Manuel Longoria, charged in a separate indictment as the middleman for former state district Judge Abel C. Limas' bribery scheme. Longoria, who pleaded not guilty, awaits trial.

Water main breaks problematic for Houston schools

HOUSTON (AP) — Students at some Houston schools are expected to continue having to use portable toilets and drink bottled water because of water main breaks caused by the intense summer heat.

The Houston school district says nine schools lost water pressure this week because of the main breaks. Five schools have had water restored. But the four others are still without water.

The affected schools will remain open on Thursday as city crews continue repairing the breaks.

District officials say if the situation worsens, they

will relocate the affected students to nearby schools to ensure their safety and comfort.

City officials say the summer heat has contributed to creating the water main breaks.

City crews are dealing with more than 800 repair calls throughout Houston.

Man sentenced for importing girls for prostitution

MCALLEN (AP) — A South Texas man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for smuggling teenage illegal immigrant girls to work as prostitutes.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno said in a statement that 32-year-old Juan Antonio Garcia-Garay of Rio Grande City was sentenced Wednesday for importing illegal immigrants for prostitution, conspiracy to harbor and harboring illegal immigrants.

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News in brief

Without Steve Jobs as CEO, Apple must prove it can still produce

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With Steve Jobs bowing out as CEO, Apple Inc. must persuade investors and consumers that it doesn't need the force behind the iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad in charge to keep the technology hits coming.

Tim Cook, his hand-picked successor, has handled the top job repeatedly in the absence of the ailing Jobs, who resigned as chief executive Wednesday and was elected chairman of Apple's board. Though not nearly as recognizable as Jobs, Cook had been running Apple since January. The company's stock has risen 62 percent during that time.

Jeff Gamet, managing editor of Apple-focused news site The Mac Observer, said Jobs' departure has more sentimental than practical significance. He said he has been telegraphing the change for several years.

"All Apple really has done is made official what they've been doing administratively for a while now, which is Tim runs the show and Steve gets to do his part to make sure the products come out to meet the Apple standard," he said.

But Trip Chowdhry, an analyst with Global Equities Research, said Jobs' maniacal attention to detail is what has set Apple apart. He said Apple's product pipeline might be secure for another few years, but he predicted that the company will eventually struggle to come up with market-changing ideas.

Hurricane Irene marches toward U.S. East Coast

MIAMI (AP) — The National Hurricane Center has issued the first hurricane watch for the Outer Banks of North Carolina as Hurricane Irene marches toward the U.S. coast.

Also, a tropical storm watch has been issued for much of South Carolina's coast.

North Carolina's hurricane watch extends from north of Surf City to the Virginia border. A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

Early Thursday, the first hurricane of the Atlantic season has maximum sustained winds swirling at 115 mph (185 kph) and is moving northwest near 12 mph (19 kph).

Its track has it possibly hitting the outer islands of North Carolina by Saturday.

AP-GfK poll: More see country headed in wrong direction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' views on the economy have dimmed this summer. But so far, the growing pessimism doesn't seem to be taking a toll on President Barack Obama's re-election prospects.

More people now believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows, and confidence in Obama's handling of the economy has slipped from just a few months ago, notably among fellow Democrats.

The survey found that 86 percent of adults see the economy as "poor," up from 80 percent in June. About half — 49 percent — said it worsened just in the past month. Only 27 percent responded that

way in the June survey.

That can't be good news for a president revving up his re-election campaign. Yet there are several hopeful signs for Obama.

Despite the perception of a weakening recovery, there has been no significant change in the number of people who say he deserves re-election: 47 percent as opposed to 48 percent two months ago. That's a statistical dead heat with those who favor a change in the White House.

Many charities formed after 9/11 raised big dollars, but didn't deliver

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans eager to give after the 9/11 terrorist attacks poured \$1.5 billion into hundreds of charities established to serve the victims, their families and their memories. But a decade later, an Associated Press investigation shows that many of those nonprofits have failed miserably.

There are those that spent huge sums on themselves, those that cannot account for the money they received, those that have few results to show for their spending and those that have yet to file required income tax returns. Yet many of the charities continue to raise money in the name of Sept. 11.

One charity raised more than \$700,000 for a giant memorial quilt, but there is no quilt. Another raised more than \$4 million to help victims, but didn't account publicly for how it spent all of the money. A third helps support a 9/11 flag sold by the founder's for-profit company.

There are other charities that can account for practically every penny raised — except that all the money went to pay for fundraising, and not the intended mission.

To be sure, most of the 325 charities identified by the AP followed the rules, accounted fully for their expenditures and closed after fulfilling identified goals.

Libyans hunting Gadhafi offer bounty on his head

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyans hunting Moamar Gadhafi offered a \$2 million bounty on the fallen dictator's head and amnesty for anyone who kills or captures him as rebels battled Wednesday to clear the last pockets of resistance from the capital Tripoli.

While some die-hard loyalists kept up the fight to defend Gadhafi, his support was crumbling by the hour. His deputy intelligence chief defected, and even his foreign minister said his 42-year rule was over.

A defiant Gadhafi vowed from hiding to fight on "until victory or martyrdom," in an audio message early Wednesday.

He may have little choice. Asked by the British broadcaster Channel 4 if a negotiated settlement or safe passage for Gadhafi from Libya was still possible, Foreign Minister Abdul Ati al-Obeidi said: "It looks like things have passed this kind of solution."

Rebel leaders were beginning to set up a new government in the capital. Their interim administration, the National Transitional Council, has been based in the eastern city of Benghazi, which fell under rebel control shortly after the outbreak of widespread protests in February.

Earthquake, gridlock underscores difficulty of evacuating capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's capital has prepared for emergencies with sleek communication systems, intelligence fusion centers and chemical detention centers at train stations.

What showed during the 5.8-magnitude quake that shook much of the East Coast on Tuesday was that evacuating during an emergency could tax the city's resources.

Traffic was snarled for miles in downtown Washington as employers released workers early at the same time thousands of commuters tried to drive home or cram onto buses and trains already overloaded and slowed by speed restrictions because of the quake.

"Not that yesterday was chaos, but definitely, it was not as smooth as it could have been," said Justin Thorp, 27, a marketing manager who works downtown and who escaped the congestion with a bicycle he found through a bike-sharing program.

A strong evacuation plan is seen as especially critical for Washington, the seat of federal government and a city perpetually on guard against terrorist attacks. The president and vice president and their families enjoy Secret Service protection, and Congress has security procedures to evacuate its members. Others would have to rely on the city.

Census show higher percentages of marriages in South and West

WASHINGTON (AP) — Singles, take note: With marriages at an all-time low, states in the South and West rank among the highest for couples hearing wedding bells. But many of these states also have higher rates of divorce.

The first-of-its-kind analysis by the Census Bureau, released Thursday, also finds that people are waiting longer before marrying for the first time. In particular, the percentage of women who wed as teenagers has dropped precipitously since 1970, while many men are postponing marriage past their college-age years.

In all, there were 19.1 weddings performed per 1,000 men and 17.6 per 1,000 women across the U.S. in 2009, while divorces became final for 9.2 of every 1,000 men and 9.7 of every 1,000 women.

By region, the South and West had the most marriages, with rates of roughly 19 per 1,000. But they also led in divorces, each at about 10 per 1,000.

Maine, Alaska, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Nevada, ranked at the top for divorces, while Utah, Wyoming and Arkansas — which had the highest marriage rates — were also higher than average in marital breakups. New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York ranked among the lowest in divorces.

Some New York Muslims feel unfairly targeted

NEW YORK (AP) — Even as the New York Police Department sent undercover officers into Muslim neighborhoods to detect possible terrorist activities in the years after the Sept. 11 attacks, government officials there and elsewhere have sought to build relationships in Muslim communities and pledged to ensure that Muslims aren't targeted for discrimination.

Outreach programs have operated in Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Portland, Ore., and Washington — all have large Muslim communities — while law enforcement around the country has stepped up investigative efforts to stave off attacks.

But the inherent tensions caused by this duality of missions is perhaps most visible in New York. It is the only U.S. city that al-Qaida has successfully attacked twice and continues to be the target of terror plots. New York also is home to the country's most aggressive local police department investigating counterterrorism.

"It seems to many of the leadership here, there are two kind of authorities they are playing — one is in the forefront which is very cooperative," said Zaheer Uddin of the Islamic Leadership Council of New York. "And there is another authority, which is playing against Islam and Muslims, going against the First Amendment."

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Going into Friday night's season-opening game against the McCamey Badgers, Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips feels his team is ready. "We had a couple good scrimmages this year," Coach Phillips said. "The team is coming together nicely and we saw noticeable improvement in both games." But Phillips, along with the Buffaloes, knows all too well how dangerous McCamey can be. In last season's first game, the Badgers came into Forsan and corralled the Buffaloes to the tune of 40-22. "They're a big tough team," Forsan's head coach said. "They like to line up and try to run right over the top of you. It's really a different style of offense than we will see most of the year, defi-

nately different than what we have seen in the two scrimmages." Coach Phillips said the Buffaloes will try to maintain a balance in their offense, against McCamey and just about everyone else they face this year. "We will probably throw as much as we run," he said. Forsan is coming off of a 4-6 season in 2010, but with Ty Johnson and Foster Burchett returning for another season, a sense of optimism is spreading through the small community. Johnson had over 1,300 total yards last season, scoring 13 touchdowns and Burchett accumulated well over 1,700 yards. The two will lead the Buffaloes into McCamey Friday night, intent on setting a different tone for the 2011 season.

Briefs

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug.28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize.

The tournament will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. today.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football

players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Lady Steers Booster meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club will have its monthly meeting Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Big Spring High School. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Cheri Reibe at 432-268-9587.

Lamesa benefit kickball tournament

A benefit co-ed kickball tournament is being organized to benefit the Rudy Campos Kidney Transplant fund. The tournament will be held at Lamesa men's softball fields Saturday. The cost to enter is \$100 per team of 12 (six males and six females). For more information, call Rudy Campos Jr. at 806-201-0048 or Pete Capetillo at 806-201-4920.

Steers hope to stop running Panthers

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor
Two-a-days are over, scrimmage games are over and football, real football has returned to Big Spring. The Steers will be hosting the Fort Stockton Panthers this Friday night as the 2011 campaign gets underway. Coming off of last year's disappointing 5-5 season, the Big Spring

bunch hopes to get this year off to a good start. Last season, the Steers handled the panthers without too much trouble in a 20-0 road win. "The Panthers are a running team," Big Spring Head Coach Philip Ritchey said. "They are very good at sweeping around the end, with inside sweeps and fullback traps thrown in. They have a big tight

end and they will try to pass some to him, but we expect most of their plays to be on the ground. It is what they are best at and they had a lot of success running the ball in their scrimmages this year." The Steers will be looking to extend a three-year opening day win streak Friday night and hopefully build on any momentum it might

bring. But more than anything, they are just ready to play. "We are very excited to get back on the field," Coach Ritchey said. "This is what we started training for almost a year ago, opening day. The kids have worked hard during two-a-days, the off season and in the scrimmage games. This is their reward; they get to play football Friday

night. How do the Steers plan to counter Fort Stockton's running game? The Steers themselves have a bit of a running game. In fact, it is what people are expecting them to do this year, but Coach Ritchey says they have more than just a ground attack in their play book. "Ofcourse we are going to run," Coach Ritchey

said. "But we are going to throw more than anyone probably expects us to. Garrett(Stuteville) has been progressing nicely and we plan to use his arm to keep opponents off balance. We want to run when they expect pass and pass when they expect run." The season-opener will be held at Memorial Stadium, with a 7:30 p.m. start time.

This week's football menu

Thursday night:

Coahoma vs. Greenwood
Grande Communications Stadium (Midland)
7:30 p.m.

Friday night:

Forsan @ McCamey
7:30 p.m.

Stanton vs. Grape Creek
7:30 p.m. in Stanton

Big Spring Steers vs. Fort Stockton
7:30 p.m. in Big Spring

Saturday's games:

Grady vs. Sanderson
12:30 p.m. in McCamey

Garden City vs. Motley County
Noon in Hico

Sands vs. Lorenzo
5 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium (Midland)



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring Steers got together Monday at the community pep rally, in preparation for their Friday night match-up with Fort Stockton.

Lady Steers find win on the road

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor
The Big Spring Lady Steers had a successful road trip Thursday as they traveled to San Angelo and defeated Central High School in five matches. In a back and forth battle, the black and gold came from behind to claim the victory with scores of 26-28, 25-19, 20-25, 26-24 and 15-13. Morgan Seaton led the Lady Steers with 19 assists, 19 digs, nine kills, five blocks and two aces, along with Cerbi

Ritchey, who recorded 17 assists, 15 digs, 18 kills, 10 blocks and three aces. Taylor Seaton recorded nine kills, nine blocks, an ace and one assist, while Diamond Mayes put up 11 blocks, five kills and two digs. Leading the defense was Clara Benavides with 16 digs, three blocks, two kills, two assists and an ace. Carson Reibe added 14 digs, two kills, an assist and an ace. The Lady Steers will be playing this weekend in the Seminole tournament.

Rangers need mercy rule

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington knows it is still too early to worry about watching the standings. But if the defending AL champions keep playing like this, they might not be in the position they want to be in mid-September. Matt Harrison gave up four runs in the first inning and the AL West-leading Rangers suffered another lopsided loss in a potential playoff preview against the Boston Red Sox, 13-2 on Wednesday night. "All you can do is bounce back," Washington said. "We got beat, it wasn't nothing we could do about it. ... You come back tomorrow and you try to put your game together." The Rangers (74-57) have lost five of seven games, the latest matching their worst of the season. Their last three

losses have been by a combined score of 34-7 — including a 10-0 loss at the Chicago White Sox on Sunday before an 11-5 setback to the Red Sox on Tuesday night. "It's not demoralizing at all," Michael Young said. "Obviously we didn't play our style of baseball tonight or (Tuesday), so we've got to make some quick adjustments, come out tomorrow and play better." There is one more game against the Red Sox before the AL West-chasing Los Angeles Angels get to town this weekend for three games. "Our priority is always on what we do," Young said. "If we take care of our business, we like our chances of ending up winning the division." Texas had a seven-game division lead after winning three consecutive games in

Los Angeles last week, then led in the ninth inning of that series finale before the Angels got a game-ending homer. Los Angeles has now won six in a row, including 8-0 over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, to cut the division gap to 2 1/2 games. Los Angeles is off Thursday. Mike Napoli hit his 22nd homer and had an RBI single for the only Texas runs against Boston. David Ortiz returned to the Boston lineup with an RBI single on the first pitch he saw in 10 days and scored twice. Carl Crawford, Jacoby Ellsbury and Adrian Gonzalez hit two-run homers in consecutive innings late off three different relievers for Boston (79-50), which moved a game up on New York after the

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Yankees lost 6-4 in 10 innings to Oakland.

With 33 games left to play, the Red Sox aren't yet too concerned with the standings.

"I think there's more significance to what food's being served in there tonight," manager Terry Francona said, motioning toward the clubhouse.

Just like they did in their win a night earlier, the Red Sox jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead.

The first of Dustin Pedroia's two RBI singles off Matt Harrison (10-9) put Boston ahead to stay in the first. Ortiz immediately followed with his run-scoring hit and then scored from first base on Crawford's two-run double into the right-field corner even though the relay throw beat him to the plate.

It appeared that Napoli had the one-hop relay in his mitt, but the ball came out when the catcher swiped to tag Ortiz and the Red Sox led 4-0.

After Ortiz had a leadoff double in the fifth, Jed Lowrie had a sacrifice bunt and Crawford a sacrifice fly. Ortiz lumbered home and clipped the back of Napoli's leg with his flop slide just ahead of the throw.

"He was moving today pretty good," Washington said before chuckling. "Nothing wrong with his heel, he's been faking it."

Josh Beckett (11-5) allowed one run and four hits over six innings and showed some quick reflexes to make a defensive gem

by catching a comeback liner.

Harrison gave up seven runs and 11 hits over five innings with four strikeouts and one walk.

The left-hander still has a 3.59 ERA this season, but that has risen from 2.94 in August, when he is 1-2 his five starts.

"They just put some hits together, that's all," Washington said.

"You've got to match their pitching and if you don't match their pitching, the game can get away. And it got away from us."

Beckett struck out four and walked two while throwing 110 pitches. The right-hander allowed 13 earned runs in 12 innings his previous two starts against Texas, both last season.

When Ian Kinsler hit a hard liner up the middle in the fifth, Beckett turned his head and put up his glove.

"That ball caught me," Beckett said. "I didn't catch it."

Notes: It was 104 degrees at first pitch, just before a front moved through that produced swirling winds and significantly dropped the temperature. It was already down to 92 degrees after the Red Sox scored their first four runs, and was 88 at the end of the first inning that took 32 minutes to play.

Left-hander Andrew Miller (5-1) starts the finale for the Red Sox, who pushed Tim Wakefield back a day.

Alexi Ogando tries to become the Rangers' second 13-game winner, joining C.J. Wilson, who won the series opener against Boston.

Sidney Crosby's return to the ice still in doubt as season draws near

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby's agent said there's no timetable for the Pittsburgh Penguins star to return from a concussion, the clearest indication yet that he may not be ready when the NHL season begins in October.

Agent Pat Brisson discussed Crosby's recovery and medical status on the team website, apparently in response to reports out of Canada that say the 24-year-old's offseason training regimen has been shut down because of recurring symptoms from a concussion that have sidelined him since January.

Brisson said that's not true, though he acknowledged Crosby recently visited specialists in Michigan and Georgia and said Crosby's symptoms recurred when he got to 90-percent exertion in his offseason workouts, which were adjusted accordingly.

"We've had him see leading specialists because we want to make sure he gets

the best care possible," Brisson said. "The Penguins always encourage their players to get second and third medical opinions and have been very supportive of this. And we've been talking to (general manager) Ray Shero every step of the way."

The Penguins open training camp on Sept. 16 and the regular season on Oct. 6, but Brisson said Crosby's return won't be dictated by those deadlines.

"We always knew this was going to be a progressive recovery — based on how he felt," Brisson said.

"With a concussion, there is not a finite recovery period like with a shoulder injury or a knee injury. That's why we've never even set a specific goal for a return date like the start of training camp or Oct. 1 or anything else. "He will play when he is symptom-free."

Crosby is expected to return to Pittsburgh in a few weeks and will keep working toward a return. Bris-

son said doctors believe Crosby will make a full recovery, they just can't say how soon.

"I appreciate all the support I've received from my family, friends, teammates and fans and from the entire Penguins organization," Crosby said.

"I know they only want the best for my health and for me to be fully ready when I return to game action."

Crosby was injured after taking hard hits in two games in January, including the outdoor Winter Classic game at Heinz Field against the Washington Capitals on Jan. 1, and missed 48 games after last playing Jan. 5.

Crosby participated in his normal offseason workout program, which includes skating and other on- and off-ice activities, before the headaches required unspecified adjustments. "We wish we could provide more details about his recovery," the organization said.

Cowboys work differently with their kickers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Shayne Graham was playing catch with the rest of the Dallas Cowboys' kickers on the sideline when he heard a whistle blow.

Thinking it was his cue, Graham trotted out onto the field.

Only it wasn't his cue. He figured that out pretty quickly and sheepishly returned to the sideline.

"Way to go, Shayne," teased fellow kicker David Buehler. "Way to be ready!"

It was a simple mistake, especially for someone on his second day with the club.

Yet that scene during a walkthrough Wednesday also summed up the recent plight of Dallas kickers — a bunch of

guys who know what to do and are eager to do it, but don't always do it right.

The Cowboys finished third-worst in the NFL in field goal accuracy each of the past two seasons, and are tied for worst over the past five seasons combined. So this preseason they're rounding up all the candidates they can find.

Graham becomes the fourth kicker on the roster, joining incumbent Buehler and a pair of rookies, Dan Bailey and Kai Forbath.

On the surface, Dallas has a strong crop. Graham is the third-most accurate kicker in NFL history and went 12 for 12 for New England last season. Forbath was crowned the top kicker

in college football in 2009, and Bailey won the award in 2010.

The reality, however, isn't so grand.

Two teams gave up on Graham last year and another dumped him this preseason. That team was Washington, which tied Dallas for that worst accuracy rate over the past five seasons.

The Redskins dropped Graham after he missed kicks of 29 and 49 yards in their preseason opener.

Bailey and Forbath signed as undrafted free agents.

Dallas probably wouldn't have signed Forbath had coaches been wowed by Bailey, who has been around since the start of training camp. (He was added after another candidate, veteran Kris Brown, was cut for salary cap purposes.)

Then there's Buehler, the fun-loving California kid whose ability to thump a ball has never

been in doubt.

Buehler has the highest rate of touchbacks on kickoffs in the NFL over the past two seasons, but booting the ball into the end zone and booting it through the uprights require different skill sets.

The Cowboys limited him to kickoffs his rookie year, then asked him to try field goals last season. He made only 24 of 32, and was more accurate from 40-49 yards and even from 50-plus than he was from 30-39. He also missed two extra points.

Buehler is dealing with a hip injury, so he's not even able to fight for his job right now. Worse still for him, new rules moving up the kickoff make it easier for anyone to reach the end zone, neutralizing the need for what he does best.

Buehler kicked in the preseason opener and made his only try, a 42-yarder. It barely made it inside the left upright, practically grazing the pole.

Bailey was the only healthy kicker on the roster in the last preseason game. It was a great chance to prove himself, only the Cowboys never got in position to try a field goal. They could've gone for a short one in the final minutes, but coach Jason Garrett decided it was too short to prove anything so he let the of-

fense go for it. Two days

later, Graham was here. Graham and Bailey are expected to kick in the next preseason game, Saturday night at Minnesota.

"It's a battle," kicking coach Chris Boniol said Thursday. "We're working every day, trying to put them in as many situations as we can and how it plays out. But we'd love to get more attempts in the game. That would be nice."

The best coaches can do is create as many tense moments in practice as possible.

There are kicks during team drills and in situational work, like the two-minute offense. And don't discount routine kicking practice. When there are several other guys standing there trying to take your job, that's pressure, too.

Still, Boniol said, "there's something about those games. It's more realistic. And it counts. Even though it's preseason, it still counts."

Garrett needs someone he can trust because he needs to get all the points he can out of his offense.

That's always true, of course, but with added importance this season with a defense likely to give up a lot of points.

Dallas allowed the most points in franchise history last season and returns most of the same players, albeit with a

new coordinator.

Rob Ryan is likely to shore things up, but the early indications — and his history at his last two stops — is that there are some growing pains.

Graham knows all about a team with a low margin for error. The majority of his career was spent with the Bengals.

In Dallas, he's already embraced the club's tradition and perhaps scouted the wide-open competition for this job when he said,

"There just not a better place to be."

Garrett said it only made sense to give Graham a look. He did well in a tryout Monday and there was a roster spot available.

"We feel good about Shayne and what he's done in this league," Garrett said. "We just want to see him go through a practice week with us and see how he responds being on our football team."

Notes: On Wednesday morning, WR Miles Austin aggravated the hamstring injury that kept him out of the San Diego game.

"He came back and really was practicing fairly well and I think his hamstring just tightened up on him toward the end of practice," Garrett said. Austin is considered day to day and could miss the next preseason game.

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NCAA sends message to Tennessee's Pearl: Coaches are responsible for their programs

KNOXVILLE (AP) — The NCAA said it wanted to send a clear message by slapping Bruce Pearl with a three-year show-cause penalty: Coaches are responsible for their programs.

The sanctions announced Wednesday make it harder for the former Tennessee men's basketball coach to get another college job anytime soon.

Pearl is prohibited from recruiting during the next three years, and a school would have to convince the NCAA to have that penalty removed if it hired him.

"As these allegations are becoming more and more regular, it's very clear that a head coach is being held responsible for his program," said Britton Banowsky, Conference USA commissioner and vice-chair of the NCAA's Committee on Infractions.

The NCAA said Wednesday it had punished Pearl for lying to investigators about improperly hosting recruits at his home and urging others to do the same.

Former Pearl assistants Tony Jones, Jason Shay and Steve Forbes face the same sanctions, except they were only given one-year show-

cause penalties for their own roles in misleading the NCAA.

"Those who are not forthcoming and not cooperative and unethical in their responses, the committee takes that very seriously, and they will be punished appropriately," said Dennis Thomas, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference commissioner and chair of the Committee on Infractions.

Pearl did not immediately respond to a call by The Associated Press seeking comment.

The Committee on Infractions was impressed with the level of cooperation it got from Tennessee during the two-year investigation into recruiting by Pearl's program and the football program under then-coach Lane Kiffin.

It chose not to punish the university beyond its self-imposed sanctions, which include two years of probation beginning Wednesday.

"The NCAA commented very positively about our cooperation," UT-Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy Cheek said.

"We have worked hard to make things right and that

has been accepted by the committee. We have great coaches and great student-athletes, and now it's time to go out there and compete."

The NCAA also concluded there wasn't enough evidence to prove 12 recruiting violations committed by Kiffin and his staff were any more than secondary violations.

Those charges included 16 improper recruiting phone calls and impermissible contact between football staff interns and recruits.

Still, the NCAA wasn't happy with the way Kiffin managed the football program during his one season at Tennessee. Kiffin left in January 2010 to coach Southern California.

"Some of the violations received nationwide publicity and brought the football program into public controversy," the report said. "This is not a record of which to be proud."

Nonetheless, Kiffin was pleased that the NCAA "based its decision on the facts and not on perception."

"I'm also very grateful that the Tennessee football program was cleared of any wrongdoing," he said.

"As I have said before, we always have been committed to following NCAA rules and bylaws both at Tennessee and now at USC, and we always will be."

The NCAA was most troubled by Pearl misleading enforcement staff during a June 14, 2010, interview by telling them he did not know where a photo of him and then-high school junior Aaron Craft was taken.

Pearl later confirmed in a follow-up interview two months later that the photo was taken at a cookout at his home, where he was hosting several recruits on unofficial visits, an NCAA violation.

"I brought them all together. I told them that, you know, we were thrilled obviously that they were there and that they were coming to Tennessee but that this part of their visit was not appropriate, not right, and not allowed," Pearl said, according to a transcript of his interview with NCAA investigators.

"And two things: one, you're going to have to leave shortly, and I'm sorry, and two, please don't repeat this."

The NCAA enforcement

staff interviewed Craft's father, John Craft, on July 9, 2010, about the photo, and John Craft told investigators that Pearl had phoned him after his own interview with the NCAA to see what the Crafts' story would be about the photo and the cookout.

Those actions led to the NCAA's charge of unethical conduct against Pearl. Jones, Shay and Forbes were charged with failing to cooperate with the NCAA for neglecting to reveal information about the cookout at Pearl's house.

Pearl and the assistants were also charged with making 94 improper phone calls to recruits, which resulted in a charge of failure to monitor against Tennessee.

Before firing Pearl in March Tennessee had docked the basketball staff's pay, and the Southeastern Conference suspended Pearl from eight league games during the 2010-11 season.

University officials have placed additional recruiting restrictions on current basketball coach Cuonzo Martin and football coach Derek Dooley, neither of whom have been accused of any wrongdoing.

Flanagan found dead in home

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mike Flanagan, a former Cy Young winner and part of the Baltimore Orioles' 1983 World Series championship team, has died. He was 59.

Authorities found a body outside Flanagan's home in Monkton, Md., on Wednesday afternoon. Hours later, the Orioles confirmed that Flanagan — who served the team as a pitcher, front office executive and television broadcaster — was dead.

"I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He was a good friend and teammate," said Hall of Fame third baseman Cal Ripken Jr., a former teammate of Flanagan's. "... Mike was an Oriole through and through and he will be sorely missed by family, friends and fans. This is a sad day."

Flanagan was a crafty left-hander who went 167-143 with a 3.90 ERA over 18 seasons with Baltimore and Toronto. He didn't possess an overpowering fastball, but won a fair share of games by depending on a slow curve, a sinker and a changeup.

An All-Star in 1978, Flanagan received the Cy Young Award with the Orioles in 1979 after going 23-9 with a 3.08 ERA and five shutouts. The Orioles lost the World Series that year in seven games to Pittsburgh.

"He's one of our family. A great friend, competitor, whit, funny, hysterical, talented," former teammate and Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer said after doing the Orioles' telecast Wednesday night in Minneapolis. "He was a breath of fresh air with his humor, his insight all those things. He was just a terrific guy."

Flanagan played for Baltimore's 1983 championship team, finishing 12-4 despite missing nearly three months

with ligament damage in his left knee.

He was 141-116 with Baltimore and is a member of the team's Hall of Fame. Flanagan was also the final Oriole to pitch at Memorial Stadium, Baltimore's home from 1954-1991.

"Since the day I was given the number 46 I've had thousands of people tell me that that was the number of their favorite pitcher for the Orioles when they were growing up," Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie said. "From Day One I think I've been reminded of the legacy and the work that Mike did not only as a player, but as a member of the community in Baltimore."

Flanagan's career with Toronto was not as profound. Traded from Baltimore to the Blue Jays on August 31, 1987, for pitchers Oswaldo Peraza and Jose Mesa, he went 3-2 with Toronto that season, then 13-13 and 8-10.

He signed as a free agent with Baltimore in 1991 and pitched out of the bullpen during his final two seasons.

After his playing career, Flanagan worked as the Orioles' vice president for baseball operations and executive VP. He teamed with Jim Du-

quette in the front office from 2005-07 in an effort to make Baltimore a winner.

"We spent hour after hour, day after day, trying to improve the Orioles," Duquette said late Wednesday night. "What stood out to me was his love for the Orioles and Baltimore. He was just so passionate about trying to get the Orioles back to where they were."

Duquette said he was "devastated and heartbroken" to learn of Flanagan's death.

"I just talked to him

yesterday," Duquette said. "He was looking forward to broadcasting the Yankees series coming up."

In recent years, including this season, Flanagan did color commentary for the team's TV network, combining his wry sense of humor with a knowledge of the game that came from decades of experience.

"It is with deep sadness that I learned of the death of my friend Mike Flanagan earlier this evening," Orioles owner Peter Angelos said in a statement.



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Post-mortems often prove very illuminating, since they permit an analysis of every avenue of play with all four hands in view.

Consider this deal played in a national championship. East opened five clubs, vulnerable, and carried on to six after South bid five spades. North doubled, and East finished down one after South led the ace and another diamond.

South was unhappy with the outcome, contending he could have made a slam in spades — worth 980

points — against any defense. After a club lead, he would have ruffed, played a diamond to the jack, continued with the K-A of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy to produce his 12th trick. His only loser would have been a trump.

West challenged this statement, claiming he could stop the slam by leading the ace and another trump. But South stuck to his guns, insisting he would have made the slam even with a trump lead and offered to back his opinion by betting the traditional old family homestead.

Further analysis led to the conclusion that South was right. Declarer wins the second trump lead with dummy's six and returns the king of hearts, forcing East to cover with the ace. South ruffs, leads a diamond to the jack and returns the jack of hearts.

When East covers with the queen, South ruffs and then cashes all his remaining trumps, reducing his own hand to the A-7-4 of diamonds. On the last trump, West must choose a discard from the Q-8-6 of diamonds and ten of hearts in front of dummy's K-5 of diamonds and 9-7 of hearts. West can't discard successfully, and declarer makes the slam.

All of which explains why South is still living happily on his old family homestead.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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Legals

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2011 for the construction of a Water Supply Line from the Big Spring/ Odessa Intake to the Snyder Intake at Lake J.B. Thomas.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. This project consists of supply and installation of approximately 4.5 miles of 18-inch diameter DR 13.5 High Density Polyethylene Pipe. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721 during normal business hours. Inquiries may be directed to Kyle Krueger, Staff Engineer, telephone (432)267-6341. #7087 August 25 and September 1, & 8, 2011

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Sealed Proposals addressed to Mr. John W. Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 (P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869), until Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. for:

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The relationship of Venus to Pluto spices up personal relationships with power plays, passion and intrigue. Strong authority figures influence the action in interesting ways, perhaps forbidding a developing relationship or putting other obstacles on the road to romance. The Cancer moon promises comfortable respite at the end of the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're an expert organizer. You'll arrange your environment in such a way as to make it easier to keep clean and orderly. It's amazing what a few well-placed trash bins and shelves can accomplish.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You anxiously await someone's decision, which will affect future events for you. Whatever answer comes, there's an advantage in it for you if you look for one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll become deeply involved in a group in the weeks to come. This happens slowly as you participate in activities and learn more about the history of the group and its members.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may tense up when you are diverted from your plans this afternoon. Tell yourself that it's all going to be fine — and probably even better than what you originally wanted. Relax and go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will enjoy the temporary reassignment of certain roles in your life. For instance, a sibling can be a good

friend to you, your children can be your teachers, and your inner critic can also be a wonderful coach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Collaboration is a tool for creativity. So is conflict. So when people try to get into your business or cause trouble, maybe it is the blessed event that will inspire your greatest masterpiece.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No matter how well you plan what you're going to say, in the moment, you'll come up with something unexpected. You resist being a puppet, even if you also happen to be the puppeteer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are two ways to improve your family history. First, report it in the best light possible. And second, be aware that you are creating it with your current

actions. Let them be noble, interesting contributions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll make up for past mistakes with the good deeds you do today. You'll be thoughtful, on time and ready to chime in with charming insights. You'll be on your game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You love the feeling that anything can happen. This morning, the possibilities open up because you make it known that you are willing to take a spur-of-the-moment risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You believe in unseen things like wind, true love and the inherent kindness of the human spirit. You'll continually look for proof of the existence of these forces and others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Instead of merely fulfilling your obligation, you will think about how your mood and attitude affect others and will supply a good dose of enthusiasm and generosity of spirit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 25). You'll cultivate an appetite for the finer things in life and will attract many opportunities to enjoy them. In September, you will gain greater control over your physical energy. You'll reach a health-related goal by year's end. A loving person will help you develop your potential. Your professional life will be a source of pride. Taurus and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 29, 41, 35 and 3.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I had a fabulous time in college. I was president of my sorority, a peer mentor at our advising center and active in many organizations.

I also was granted many awards and honors. I loved rushing around with little sleep and juggling many things on my plate. Now my life is a different story.

I struggle with severe clinical depression and debilitating anxiety. After graduating, I took a job that pays well and I met a great guy. On paper, my life sounds pretty good. But my job

makes me miserable, and I dread going into work. There are few compliments and a ton of complaints. We work six days a week, which leaves little time to maintain friendships.

When I get home at the end of the day, I feel like a failure, and all I want to do is curl up in bed. Downtime creates anxiety, which triggers my depression and leaves me crying all day.

I realize I cannot go back to the halcyon days of college and that it is unhealthy to keep looking backward.

But I feel as if I am grieving for the life I used to have. How do I move on?

I am on antidepressants and am seeing a counselor, so I am working on treating my depression and anxiety, but I still feel hopeless. — *Wish There Was a Time Machine*

Dear Wish: The problem with having an idyllic life through college is that at some point you have to enter the real world, which isn't nearly as supportive and affirming, and expectations are often unrealistic.



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If you have never faced true adversity and developed coping skills, it can be overwhelming.

You are on the right track. You know you can't live in the past, and you are seeking help for your depression and anxiety.

While you search for a more fulfilling job, please realize that overcoming a challenging situation can be tremendously rewarding, and each time you succeed, it will become easier and more satisfying. Hang in there.

Dear Annie: How do I get a 65-year-old male to shower and get a decent haircut? My husband retired from the Navy

after 30 years of service, so he should know how to keep clean.

It has been at least a month since he showered, and his hair hasn't been trimmed since February. I can hardly stand this. — *Showerless in Sheboygan*

Dear Showerless: Many men become lethargic and depressed when they retire, especially if their identities are strongly tied to their jobs.

A sudden lack of hygiene is also indicative of depression. The armed forces offer counseling services to retirees, although your husband may no longer be eligible. Contact militaryonesource.com (1-800-342-9647) to find out. Otherwise, please ask your doctor or clergyman to refer you to someone who can help both of you deal with his sudden change in status.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Lonely in the Deep Woods," who was not interested in spending Sunday brunches with her grown children or her husband's.

She preferred to use the time to be with her

husband alone. I completely agree with your advice. She should cherish that time with her husband, grown children and grandchildren.

Many years ago, my in-laws began having Sunday dinners with their three grown children and all the grandkids.

We called it "lunner" because it was after lunch but before dinner. It has been so rewarding, and I wouldn't give it up for anything. The adults update each other on what has been going on, and the grandkids get to know their cousins. It only takes a couple of hours.

My children have gotten to know their grandparents, aunts and uncles better, as have we. And it has created rich memories that my children will have forever. I hope when my kids marry, we can carry on the tradition. — *Sundays in Oregon*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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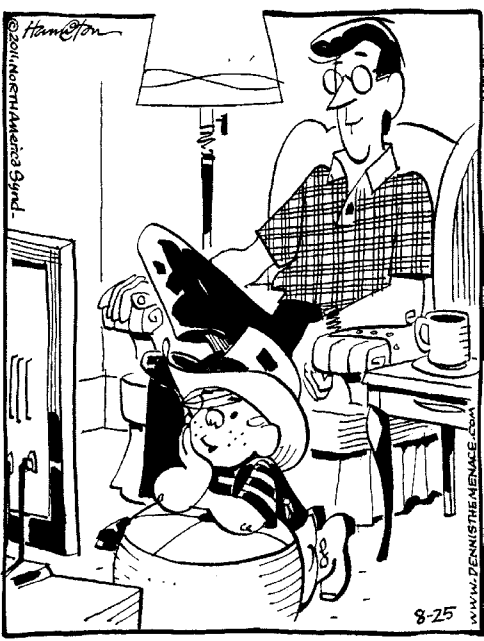
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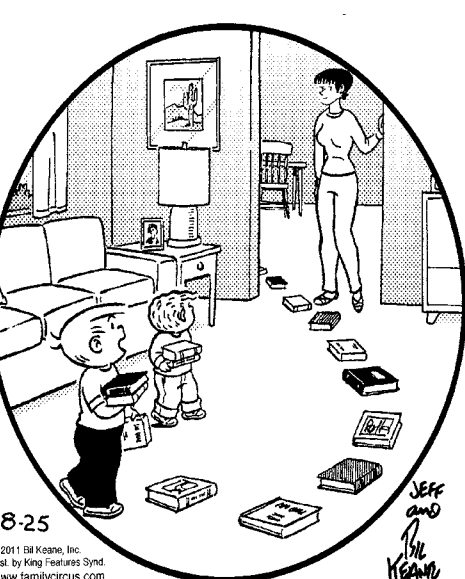
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6:PM :30	Jeopardy!	Cuando Me Wheel	Two Men	Ent	Caso Cerado	Millionaire	Seinfeld Sala	Seinfeld Sala	Seinfeld Sala	Seinfeld Team 6	Seinfeld Team 6	Jail Jail	Jail Jail	Bones		Good Vampire	SportsCenter	Monday Night
7:PM :30	OT High School Football: Coahoma vs Greenwood.	Teresa (SS)	Bones	Big Bang Rules	Mi Corazón Insiste	Commun Parks	Movie: Mean Girls, Tina Fey	Upd Bill Cloud	Daytrip Parks	The Vampire Diaries	Rising: Ground Zero	Movie: Jurassic Park III, Tea Leoni	Jail Jail	Movie: Saving Private Ryan, Tom Sizemore	Aaliyah- Million	Good Shake It	Little League Baseball	NFL Preseason Football: Redskins at Ravens
8:PM :30	News	Impacto	Bones	Big Brother	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Office 30 Rock	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Plain Jane	Rising: Ground Zero	Rising: Ground Zero	Movie: Jurassic Park III, Tea Leoni	IMPACT Wrestling		Movie: Romeo Must Die, Isaiah Washington	Good	Baseball Tonight	
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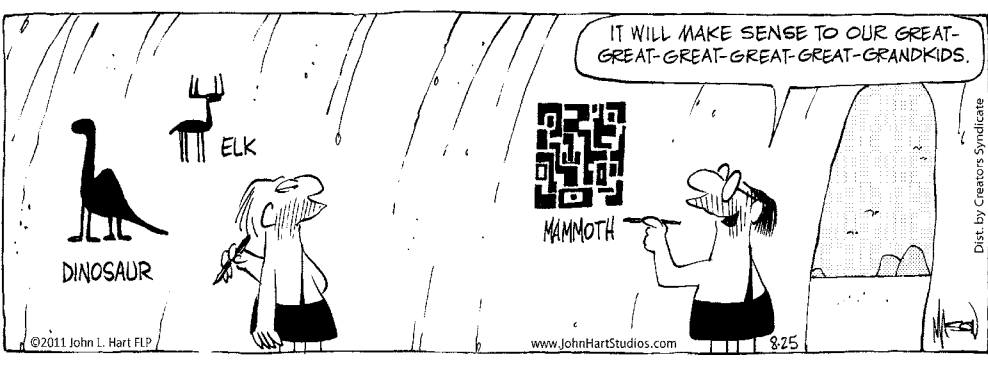
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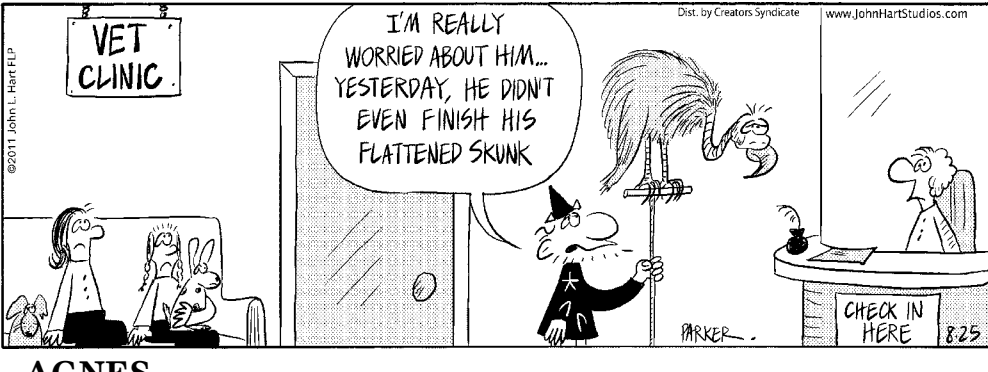
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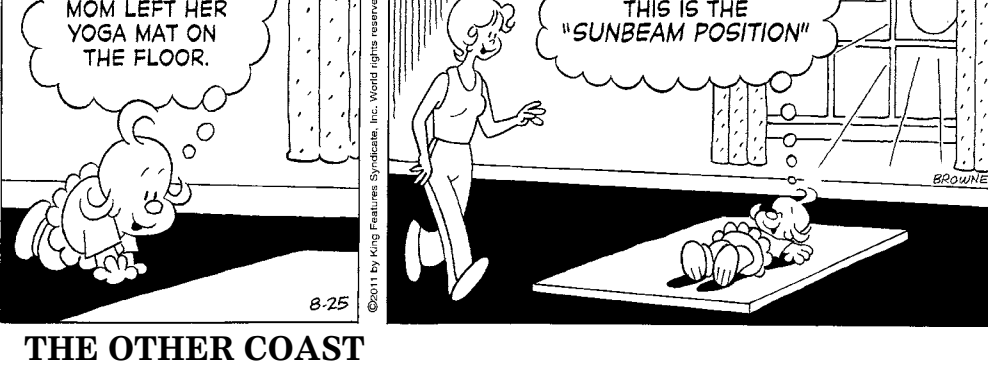
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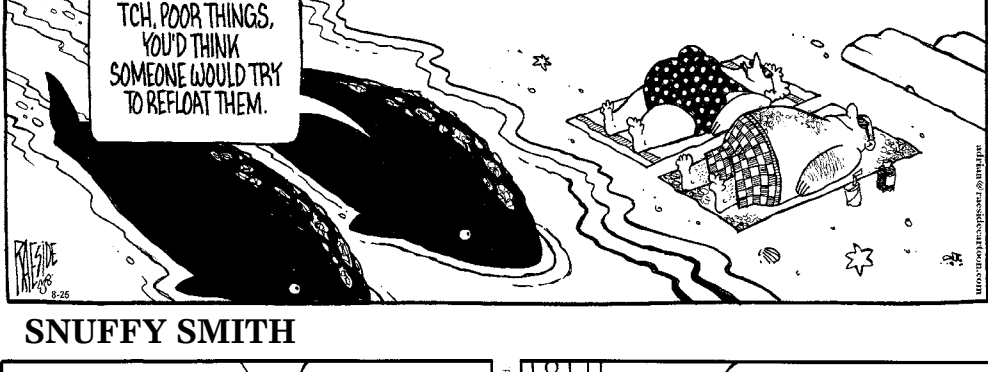
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Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 25, 1944, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

On this date:

In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S. forces liberated New Georgia in the Solomon Islands from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure providing pensions for former U.S. presidents and their widows.

In 1960, opening ceremonies were held for the Summer Olympics in Rome.

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 1985, Samantha Smith, 13, the schoolgirl whose letter to Yuri V. Andropov resulted in her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, died with her father in an airliner crash in Auburn, Maine.

In 2009, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy died at age 77 in Hyannis Port, Mass.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Monty Hall is 90. Actor Sean Connery is 81. Actor Page Johnson is 81. Talk show host Regis Philbin is 80. Actor Tom Skerritt is 78. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 78. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 75. Author Frederick Forsyth is 75. Actor David Canary is 73. Movie director John Badham is 72. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 69. Actor Anthony Heald is 67. Rock musician Danny Smythe is 63. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 62. Actor John Savage is 62. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Outlaws; Blackhawk) is 62. Rock singer Rob Halford is 60. Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 59. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 57. Movie director Tim Burton is 53. Actor Christian LeBlanc is 53. Actress Ally Walker is 50. Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is 50. Actress Joanne Whalley is 50. Rock musician Vivian Campbell (Def Leppard) is 49. Actor Blair Underwood is 47. Actor Robert Maschio is 45. Rap DJ Terminator X (Public Enemy) is 45. Alternative country singer Jeff Tweedy (Wilco) is 44. Actor David Alan Basche (BAYSH) is 43. Television chef Rachael Ray is 43. Actor Cameron Mathison is 42.

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- 1 Ring stats
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 - 19 Pale yellow
 - 20 Be kept waiting
 - 23 Night-school class: Abbr.
 - 24 Pseudonym, for short
 - 25 Barrage
 - 28 Wind phenomenon
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 - 33 Brown rival
 - 34 Took place
 - 36 Cancel out
 - 38 Chill in the air
 - 39 Unwind
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 - 44 Jab
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 - 46 Slightest amount
 - 48 Store-window sign
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 - 54 Inflation, metaphorically
 - 56 Commando weapon
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 - 63 Horrendous
 - 65 Petting-zoo animal
 - 66 Poet Dove
 - 67 Casablanca instrument
 - 68 At any time
 - 69 OPEC member
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 - 71 Prefix for phone
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 - 10 How rumors often spread
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 - 32 Lodging place
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 - 39 Poultry place
 - 40 Home cooler
 - 41 Short flight
 - 42 Itinerary word
 - 43 That guy's
 - 47 Roughly
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 - 51 Knight's apprentice
 - 52 Emmy winner, often
 - 53 45 degrees of a circle
 - 55 Metallic mixture
 - 57 Safari sighting
 - 60 Grade sch.
 - 61 Collapse, with "in"
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- The first famous Super Bowl commercial was in 1974. It was an ad for Noxzema, featuring quarterback Joe Namath.
- With almost \$1 billion in yearly revenues, the NFL is the world's richest professional sports league
- Willie Thriver was the first African-American quarterback in the NFL. He played for the Chicago Bears in 1953.
- Monday Night Football first aired in 1970. The initial hosts were Howard Cosell, Keith Jackson and Don Meredith.
- The first NFL game played outside of the United States was August 16th, 1976 in Tokyo, Japan. The Cardinals defeated the Chargers by a score of 20 to 10.
- With an estimated worth of \$1.5 billion, the Dallas Cowboys are the most valued sports franchise in the world.
- The Colts were the first NFL team to have cheerleaders.
- "All My Rowdy Friends Are Here on Monday Night" by Hank Williams Jr. debuted as the Monday Night Football theme in 1989.
- Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson once raced a horse for charity. Johnson won.
- Following Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday is the largest food consumption day in the United States.

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Aug. 27	Motley County	Hico	Noon
Sept. 2	Sterling City	Here	7:30
Sept. 9	Paducah**	Here	7:30
Sept. 16	O'Donnell	There	7:30
Sept. 23	El Paso Faith	Here	6:00
Sept. 30	Ropes	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Borden County	Gail	7:30
Oct. 14	OPEN	-	-
Oct. 21	Fort Davis*	There	7:30
Oct. 28	Rankin*	There	7:30
Nov. 4	Sierra Blanca*	Here	7:30

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What if Garden City did it again?

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

What could possibly be better for a high school athlete than winning state? Ask the Bearkats of Garden City. Apparently, winning it in back to back seasons is even better. After head Coach Vance Jones' squad woke everyone up with the 122 points they scored in the 2009 title game, they turned around in 2010 and won the thing again. Who says lightning doesn't strike the same place twice, anyway?

Third time's a charm? Who can say. The Bearkats are picked to win their district again this year, but let's be honest, last season only Fort Davis managed to end the year above .500.

Granted, Garden City played some good teams last season but none of them were in this district.

Even with the players they lost to graduation in May-almost the entire offense- Garden City will probably still win the district.

But a third consecutive state title?

Everybody's wondering if it's possible, has an idea about the answer, but no one wants to say it out loud.

Well I am not going to say it either. Coach Jones said before last season even got started that his players had targets on their backs.

Nothing compared to this year. Everybody wants to be the spoiler of this incredible 29 game winning streak.

No one cares that the Bearkats of 2011 are not the same team as the team of 2010. All they know is that they want to be the ones to stop them.

Of course, that's easy to say, but have you ever stood and looked across the field at defending state champions, not to mention repeat champs? Intimidating is an understatement.

Yes, the Bearkats have Blayne Batla returning after an amazing season where he was responsible for 52 touchdowns and 2,485 yards. Also, a few defenders will walk back onto the field for one more year.

Linebacker Reggie Halfmann was an all-state selection last season along with Batla.

Austin Odom, with his 4.9 second forty-yard dash, will have opposing teams wondering if Garden City had a graduation last year.

But a third straight state title?

Not likely, but neither was last season's title or the 122 points in 2009.

One thing is for certain, it's going to be entertaining.

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Big Spring Steers- What they can expect this year

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

Well, let's just get it out of the way, so no one has to look for it. Big Spring is picked to miss the playoffs again this year for obvious reasons. The drop from 4A was not a favor by any means for the Steers as they fell into what is arguably the toughest district in 3A.

Brownwood went 14-1 last season and is still picked to come in second place behind Snyder. Tough might be the understatement of the season.

Yes, the boys in black and gold are probably as ready to get back to the playoffs as their fans are to see it, but unfortunately, it is going to take more than desire if that is going to be a possibil-

ity this season.

It does not look like Big Spring can beat Brownwood, and, quite frankly, no one beats Snyder this year. If Coach Ritchey's bunch has any realistic hopes of playing past

Nov. 4, it is going to require a slight miracle. Nothing major like parting the Red Sea or the Cowboys making another Super Bowl run, but a miracle just the same.

Enter Garrett Stuteville. I know,

I know- another year, another quarterback for the Steers, and to be perfectly honest, I took more snaps last year than Stuteville did.

Yea, I stole

that from Varsity Blues. Fittingly enough, the unlikely scenario depicted in that particular movie is exactly what Big Spring needs this year.

Yes, they are going to run the ball. With Michael Oliva in the backfield, are you kidding? Of course the Steers are going to run the ball.

But they can not be one dimensional if they expect to be competitive in this district. If Coach Ritchey does not come up with an aerial attack that fits Stuteville, then Oliva is going to have a long, painful season, because everyone and their second cousins are going to be teeing off on

that kid.

But- that's all they need to do in order to make the playoffs.

Well, that and beat Abilene Wylie. Snyder and

Brownwood are going to do their fair share, giving Sweetwater and Wylie two losses each. Assuming Big Spring beats Sweetwater, which they should, all that is left is to take down the Bulldogs. The experts have spoken and according to them, Big Spring falls short here.

But it can be done. They too are bringing in a new quarterback this year.

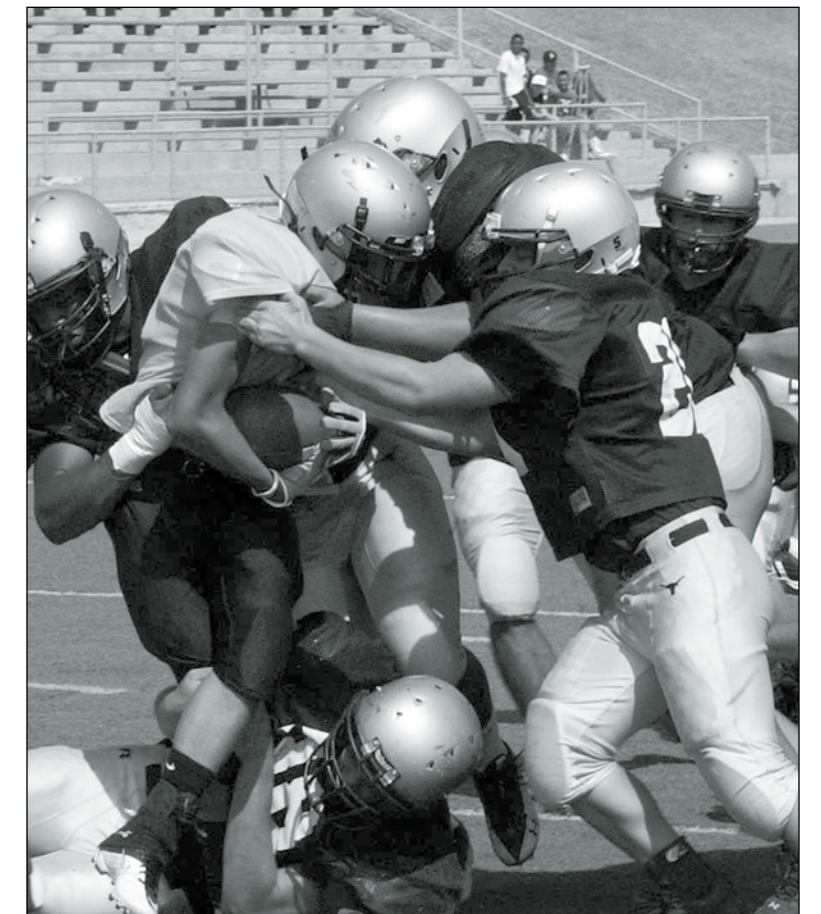
Of course, beat Snyder or Brownwood and all bets are off. Now that would truly be the shot heard 'round the world.

Brownwood did lose quite a few seniors this last May. The game is in Big Spring. It may not be the game that puts Big Spring over the top, but it is going to be fun to watch.

If nothing else, it lets the Steers know where they stand before their following home game against Abilene Wylie. They have to win one of them if they want to advance.

So, what do the Steers have to look forward to this year? A tough battle, possibly one of the toughest in 3A.

But they also have an opportunity to accomplish so much... if they are ready.



Big Spring Steers Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 26	Ft. Stockton	Here	7:30
Sept. 2	Frenship	Here	7:30
Sept. 9	Plainview	There	7:30
Sept. 16	Monahans	There	7:30
Sept. 24	Mid. Christian	There	7:30
Sept. 30	Greenwood	Here	7:30
Oct. 7	Brownwood*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Sweetwater*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Abilene Wylie*	Here	7:30
Oct. 28	Open	-	-
Nov. 4	Snyder*	There	7:30

2010 game scores

Fort Stockton
Won 20 - 0

Frenship
Lost 21 - 13

Plainview
Won 42 - 14

Monahans
Lost 33 - 12

Midland Christian
Won 34 - 30

Greenwood
Won 47 - 7

Brownwood
Lost 56 - 21

Sweetwater
Won 36 - 13

Abilene Wylie
Lost 40 - 29

Snyder
Lost 41 - 0

Coahoma, Stanton and Forsan will fight for two playoff spots

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Coahoma, Stanton and Forsan represent almost half of District 2-2A this season and if the predictions hold true, Coahoma and Stanton will be representing the area in the 2A playoffs as well, claiming the number two and three spots respectively. But if you remember a few years ago, the Patriots were picked to beat the Giants in the Super Bowl. So much for educated guesses.

Of course, picking the reigning state champions to finish atop the district is really a no-brainer and most would agree with it, especially since Idalou has their starting quarterback returning for another season. The return of Alec Estes is a small fact that would make most see the Wildcats as favorites, but that is leaving their defensive monster Matthew Sales out of the equation. Add two plus two and chances are that the calculator will see Idalou finishing as the district champions, if not much, much more.

Over in Coahoma, Coach Trey Gardner's squad returns fairly intact as well with Tanner Ruiz at the helm. Last season's bi-district finalists look to repeat, possibly improve last season's heroics and go even deeper into the playoffs. Picked to finish in second place behind Idalou, the Bulldogs can not let up this year.

Two teams will be chasing Coahoma this season, hoping to either claim that final playoff spot or possibly even overtake them. Stanton

and Forsan look to finish strong and will in all probability be fighting for that third spot as



Post will more than likely find some disappointment once the district portion of the schedule begins. Their running game sounds good up front, but with no passing game to protect it, fans could see D. J. Brown and Vance Blair run out of steam by the time Forsan and Stanton face each other Oct. 28.

Stanton is picked for that coveted third playoff spot after last season's impressive 10-2 run, but this is another one of those situations where last

season might not spill over into this season. A return trip to the postseason will have to be done without Blake Evans in Stanton, as he left some huge shoes to fill.

Coach Peterson has some really tough kids and they will still make the race interesting, but it will surely be an uphill climb for them.

So, who does take that golden ticket, that final playoff ticket? Taking the spot, not to mention the Rodney Dangerfield award (no respect) should be Forsan. Head Coach Jason Phillips heads a team that is just too explosively talented to be sitting in fifth place at the end of this season, as predicted.

Foster Burchett and Ty Johnson will take the Buffaloes past last season's 4-6 mark and propel them into the district's top three teams by season's end.

When it is all said and done, district 2-2A should be represented by Idalou, Coahoma and Forsan-in that order.



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Grady varsity football schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 27	Sanderson	McCamey	12:30
Sept. 2	Meadow	Tere	7:30
Sept. 9	Rankin	Here	7:30
Sept. 16	Mid. Trinity	There	7:30
Sept. 23	Ropes**	Here	7:30
Sept. 30	Sterling City	There	7:30
Oct. 7	O'Donnell*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	OPEN	-	-
Oct. 21	Sands*	There	7:30
Oct. 28	Borden*	Here	7:30
Nov. 3	Klondike*	There	7:30

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2010 game scores

Sanderson
 Won 50 - 8

Meadow
 Lost 60 - 48

Rankin
 Won 56 - 24

Trinity
 Won 58 - 13

Ropes
 Won 58 - 42

Sterling City
 Won 64 - 54

O'Donnell
 Won 80 - 34

Sands
 Won 48 - 30

Borden
 Lost 66 - 38

Klondike
 Won 51 - 6

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 Lost 56 - 43



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Coahoma football schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 25	Midland	There	7:30
Sept. 2	Comanche	There	7:30
Sept. 9	Wink	Here	7:30
Sept. 16	Crane	Here	7:30
Sept. 23	Stanton*	Here	7:30
Sept. 30	Hawley*	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Post*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Forsan*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Anson*	Here	7:30
Oct. 28	Open	-	-
Nov. 4	Idalou*	There	7:30

2010 scores

Greenwood Lost 21 - 12	Post Won 33 - 6
Comanche Won 40 - 14	Forsan Won 56 - 0W
Wink Won 44 - 0	Anson Won 41 - 7
Crane Won 37 - 7	Idalou _____
Stanton Lost 17 - 2	Lost 14 - 6
Hawley Won 46 - 14	2010 Texas High School Football Playoffs Spearman Lost 27 - 7



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Sands varsity football schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 27	Lorenzo	Midland	5:00
Sept. 2	Guthrie	There	7:30
Sept. 9	Loop	Here	7:30
Sept. 16	Sterling City	There	7:30
Sept. 23	Buena Vista**	Here	7:30
Sept. 30	Dawson	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Klondike*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	O'Donnell*	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Grady*	Here	7:30
Oct. 28	Open	-	-
Nov. 4	Borden*	There	7:30

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2010 game scores

Lorenzo
 Won 59-6

Guthrie
 Won 54-8

Loop
 Won 59-12

Sterling City
 Won 59-12

Buena Vista
 Won 53-6

Dawson
 Won 60-6

Klondike
 Won 48-0

O'Donnell
 Won 54-6

Grady
 Lost 48-30

Borden
 Lost 51-38



Forsan Buffaloes

Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 26	McCamey	There	7:30
Sept. 2	Sonora	Here	7:30
Sept. 9	Irion County	Mertzson	7:30
Sept. 16	Plains**	Here	7:30
Sept. 23	Post*	Here	7:30
Sept. 30	OPEN	-	-
Oct. 7	Anson*	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Coahoma*	Here	7:30
Oct. 21	Idalou*	There	7:30
Oct. 28	Stanton*	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Hawley*	There	7:30



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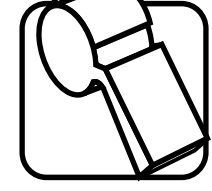
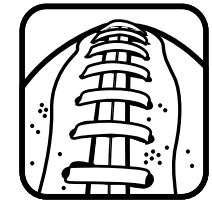
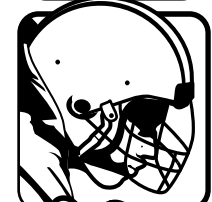
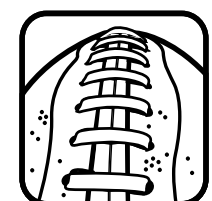
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Stanton varsity football schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 26	Grape Creek	Here	7:30
Sept. 2	Reagan	There	7:30
Sept. 9	County	Here	7:30
Sept. 16	Ozona**	There	7:30
Sept. 23	McCamey*	There	7:30
Sept. 30	Coahoma*	Here	7:30
Oct. 7	Idalou*	-	-
Oct. 14	OPEN	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Hawley*	Here	7:30
Oct. 28	Post*	There	7:30
Nov. 4	Forsan*	Here	7:30

Stanton 2010 game scores

Grape Creek Won 20-14	Hawley Won 42-2
Reagan County Won 28-6	Post Won 17-6
Ozona Won 23-6	Forsan Won 42-20
McCamey Won 45-7	Anson Won 36-15
2010 Playoffs	
Coahoma Won 17-2	Abernathy Won 30-6
Idalou Lost 23-0	Holliday Lost 16-0

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Grady vs. Sands

Possible game of the year

BY ROBERT GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

Mark Oct. 21 on the calendar now. Grady will make the short drive to Sands to play what should be the most important game of the season for both teams. The Sands Mustangs are picked to take the place of the Grady Wildcats in the playoffs this season, behind Borden County.

Grady went 8-3 last year and advanced to area finalists in the postseason, while the Mustangs were done. Graduation played a key role in the change for 2011 as the Wildcats lost the majority of their starters; only returning nose guard Zeke Clay and quarterback Brett Glaze will return as leaders this season.

The Mustangs retain a lot of experience with Michael Gomez and Bert Ybarra leading the way on defense and look to improve on their 8-2 record back in 2010. Ybarra was second team all-region last season as he returned three interceptions for touchdowns.

No one is really disputing Borden County's claim to the title in 5-6M. They have some stars back and should not have too much trouble climbing back to the top of the pile. Head Coach Trey Richey's quarterback, son Tanner, will lead the team on offense while all-state tight end Quint Shafer will light things upon both sides of the ball.

There are not too many surprises in regards to the Coyotes and how they will finish. The real fight in this district will be between Grady and Sands. Their Oct. 21 meeting should decide who makes the playoffs between the two schools, making the game itself well worth the price of admission.

Games to see in 2011

- Brownwood at Big Spring
Oct. 7
- Coahoma at Forsan
Oct. 14
- Grady at Sands
Oct. 21
- Stanton at Forsan
Oct. 28

Worth the trip

- Garden City at O'Donnell
Sept. 16
- Big Spring at Midland Christian
Sept. 24 (Saturday) at Grande Stadium
- Coahoma at Idalou
Nov. 4



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