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5k run to help homeless vets here

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Howard County Road Kill running club will be taking on Scenic Mountain and encouraging other residents to accompany them in support of raising awareness about area homeless veterans.

The club, which was founded in 2009, is hosting a 5k walk/run at Big Spring State Park at 9 a.m. Nov. 19. Funds raised through the effort will be used to support veterans through the VA Medical Center and the Disabled American Veterans in Big Spring, according to Otis Franklin, club member. The support will help to provide shelter, food, clothing, employment and dependency treatment.

"I hope it brings awareness to the people of Howard County that we do have veterans who sleep in the cold at night," Franklin

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Some folks are just born with firefighting in their blood, and 4-year-old Eson Sullivan might very well be a prime example. Son of Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Battalion Chief Josh Sullivan — and grandson to HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan and fellow firefighter Valarie Sullivan — the youngster (pictured with Valarie) shows off his firehose skills at a safe distance from a recent structure fire. Will young Eson someday be the chief of the HCVFD? Chief Sullivan seems to think so. "He has a T-shirt that says 'Future Fire Chief,'" he said, "So I'd say so."

Seasonal warning: Heaters can be hazard

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As temperatures continue their downward trend in the coming weeks, many area residents will be switching their thermostats from cool to heat, a prospect local fire officials say deserves some attention beforehand.



Condray

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said having your heater or furnace serviced or maintained before using it is vital to preventing dangerous situations. "When the tem-

perature begins to fall and people start looking for ways to stay warm, we usually see an increase in calls," said Condray. "Some are just smoke scares, but some of them are very serious, even life threatening."

Both Condray and Howard County Volunteer Fire De-

partment Chief Tommy Sullivan have reported an increase in the number of structure fires and smoke scares reported in the Crossroads area in the past several weeks, a trend neither expects to slow down any time soon.

"The number of calls we've received for small fires, smoke

scares and carbon monoxide alarms has risen dramatically since the first cold snap," Sullivan said. "The heaters we rely so heavily upon to keep us warm during the winter can be a real danger, especially if they aren't

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United Way fund-raisers include golf items, pet shots

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Boy Scouts are gearing up for another project, but this time the efforts will benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America is offering an opportunity for Big Spring residents to take home a \$100 gift card to Wal-Mart and a golf package.

First place in the giveaway will earn one resident a round of golf for two at the Big Spring County Club, two Titleist NXT boxes of golf balls, Boy Scout Trail's End bag of caramel corn popcorn, 200 tees, 15 practice balls, 24 Wilson balls and an iTech golf bag. Second place will receive a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card to use as they choose.

Residents have until Nov. 16 to purchase a \$5 ticket. The golf package and gift card will be presented Nov. 20.

Of course, Big Spring residents aren't the only ones to benefit from the fund-raisers. Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have also teamed up for a fund-raiser to benefit the United Way. From 8 p.m. until noon Saturday at the Humane Society your dog or cat can get their parvo or distemper shot and rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for \$10. All donations will go to the United Way to help the 15 agencies it supports.

More information about the tickets can be obtained by calling Brian Sweeney at 432-213-3577. Also, tickets are available at the United Way office in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building at 215 W. Third St. or at the *Big Spring Herald*.

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

'Positive' winners named

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

The contest has ended, but organizers of the Chamber's "think positive" campaign are hopeful the theme will carry on.

Focus on the Positive campaign — sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce — concluded Friday and 10 winners were named this week.

Area residents were asked to create and submit a top 10 list of positive things about Howard County, Big Spring,

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Obituaries

Evlyn Archer Coker



Evlyn Archer Coker, 95, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, and Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the funeral home.

Evlyn was born April 6, 1916, in Stamford, Texas, to Jesse and Lula Brunson Archer. The youngest of seven siblings, she was raised in Ackerly and attended school there, along with McMurray College in Abilene.

In 1936, Evlyn began working at Montgomery Wards and would meet her future husband at the Twins Cafe, which sat across the street from the department store. At lunch one day, she met Lonnie Coker, who owned the cafe along with his twin brother, Leonard Coker. Evlyn and Lonnie were married in Midland, Texas, on Sept. 20, 1937. Two daughters were born, Londa Coker Henry and Gloria Coker Petterson.

Evlyn was an active member of First Baptist Church since 1937, where she taught a Sunday school class for more than 60 years. A big part of her life was working with the youth in training union and her involvement with the Gideon's Auxiliary. Along with several other couples, she and Lonnie helped start College Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary. She and Lonnie enjoyed the weekly couples prayer group and, in later years, were involved with the Seniors' Choir and LLL.

Evlyn volunteered at the Veterans Hospital as a Gray Lady for many years and was active in Hyperion. She and Lonnie spent many wonderful summers vacationing with family and friends in Ruidoso, N.M. She was an avid Bridge and "42" Domino player.

More than anything, Annu, as she was known to her family and close friends, was known for her "quick wit" and was never at a loss for words, whether among family, friends or co-workers. For many years, she helped Lonnie and Leonard at the Twins Cafe and Cokers Restaurant. Some may also remember her smile while she worked for Modesta Gift Shop.

She is survived by one daughter, Londa Coker Henry and husband Wayne of Big Spring; one son-in-law, Paul Petterson of Odessa; six grandchildren, Shawna Ashlock and husband Larry of Fort Worth, Greg Henry and wife Lori of Arlington, Dane Shoffner and husband Philip of Trophy Club, Kurt Henry and wife Amy of Granbury, Cort Petterson and wife Marci of League City and Bruin Petterson and wife Jennifer of Odessa; 11 great-grandchildren, Lauren Barksdale and husband Ben, Aaron Ashlock and fiancée Diana Reyes, Heston Henry, Holland Henry, Kord Henry, Curan Petterson, Jeron Petterson, Dylann Petterson, Parker Petterson, Ainsley Shoffner and Anders Shoffner; two great-great-grandchildren, Evlyn Grace Barksdale and Hudson James Barksdale; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Coker on Nov. 6, 1996; one daughter, Gloria Coker Petterson; and six brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Gideons International, Big Spring Camp, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133; or to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Charles E. Hamm



Charles E. Hamm, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Bob Heneghan officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 5, 1932, in Bangor, Maine, and married LaWanda Lewis on April 2, 1971, in Lovington, N.M.

Charles served in the United States Air Force in the Korean and Vietnam Wars as an aircraft mechanic. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, LaWanda Hamm of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles E. "Butch" Jr. and Janet Hamm of Freemont, Ind., and Phillip Steven and Kimberly Hamm of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Dale Griffith of Willow Park; one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Dwight Perkins of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbridge and Anna (Sommers) Hamm; one brother, Marston "Joe" Hamm; one grandson; and two stepchildren, Tawanna Bailey and Dennis Yager.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- LARRY JOE WARD, 31, of 4009 W. Highway 80 Apt. 7, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR., 41, of 1306 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription schedule 3-4.

- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 19, of 605 Highland, was arrested Thursday on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- JUSTIN WILLIAM GONZALES, 18, of 1112 Mulberry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- FORGERY was reported:

- In the 100 block of E. Third Street.
- In the 1000 block of S. Main Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the area of the county courthouse.

- ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 4200 block of Oak Street.
- In the 7100 block of W. FM 846.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR., 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription — schedule 3-4.

- JUSTIN WILLIAM GONZALES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.

- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and possession of drug paraphernalia.

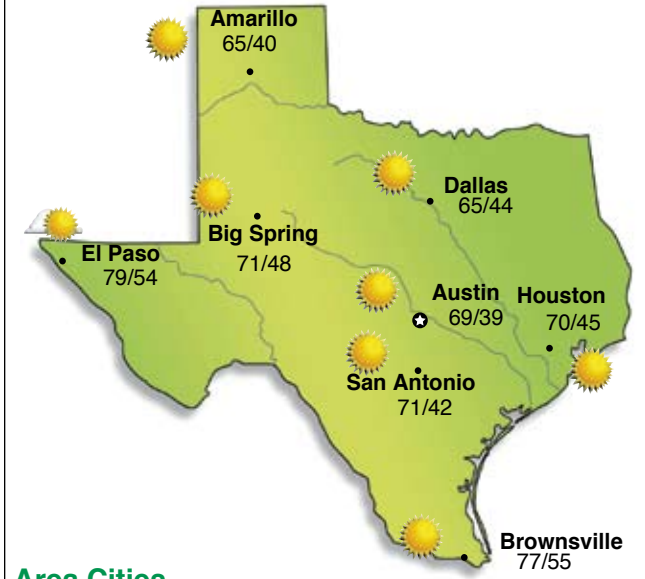
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 11/4	Sat 11/5	Sun 11/6	Mon 11/7	Tue 11/8
71/48 Mainly sunny. High 71F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	79/48 Windy with sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	78/55 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	82/51 Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	72/41 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
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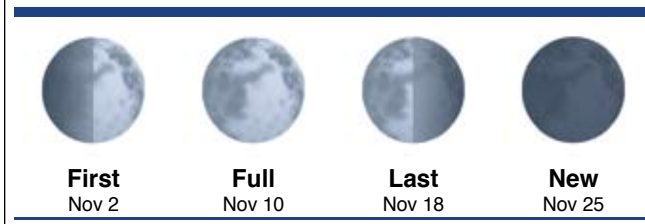
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	45	sunny	Kingsville	74	48	sunny
Amarillo	65	40	sunny	Livingston	70	38	sunny
Austin	69	39	sunny	Longview	65	42	sunny
Beaumont	69	43	sunny	Lubbock	65	42	sunny
Brownsville	77	55	sunny	Lufkin	69	39	sunny
Brownwood	67	42	sunny	Midland	71	50	sunny
Corpus Christi	71	51	sunny	Raymondville	77	52	sunny
Corsicana	65	42	sunny	Rosenberg	70	44	sunny
Dallas	65	44	sunny	San Antonio	71	42	sunny
Del Rio	70	47	sunny	San Marcos	70	38	sunny
El Paso	79	54	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	45	sunny
Fort Stockton	77	54	sunny	Sweetwater	67	47	sunny
Gainesville	62	41	sunny	Tyler	65	42	sunny
Greenville	64	41	sunny	Weatherford	62	40	sunny
Houston	70	45	sunny	Wichita Falls	62	41	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	42	pt sunny	Minneapolis	55	38	pt sunny
Boston	50	32	pt sunny	New York	53	37	pt sunny
Chicago	55	35	sunny	Phoenix	78	52	windy
Dallas	65	44	sunny	San Francisco	59	46	rain
Denver	57	34	mst sunny	Seattle	47	39	mst sunny
Houston	70	45	sunny	St. Louis	62	42	pt sunny
Los Angeles	57	43	rain	Washington, DC	58	37	pt sunny
Miami	83	57	pt sunny				

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Take Note

• The Big Spring High School Chapter of the International Thespian Society is hosting a fall festival fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday in the high school cafeteria. The event is designed for children ages 2 to 10 and features carnival games, airbrush tattoos, face painting, tons of candy and more. Tickets will be available for 50 cents each at the door, or a deal of 30 tickets for \$10. Booths will cost anywhere from one to four tickets. For more information, contact Tabatha Wright at 264-3641, ext. 1470.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help

defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

VETS

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said. "There are those who wonder where their next meal is coming from and wonder why they are forgotten.

"Many times, these people don't make a choice to do this, but they have some sort of problem, such as post traumatic stress disorder or other disability that caused problems in their lives."

Registration for the walk/run is set for 8 a.m. and will require an entry fee of \$20 per person. Registration can also be made online at <http://www.hcrk.us>. There will be three awards given in the male and female divisions.

"I am always touched by the veterans I come in contact with and it breaks my

heart to see us, as a nation, treat the older veterans with disregard when they fall on hard times," Franklin said. "They served our country and we should recognize them for it and take care of them."

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Franklin said the U.S. Army is supporting the event and will be offering support.

"These people have sacrificed quite a bit for our freedom, so let's return a little of the love to them," Franklin said.

To find out more information, contact Franklin at 432-394-4244 or email him at odis@coahoma.esc18.net. More information can also be found on the website, www.hcrk.us.

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HEATERS

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properly maintained."

Condray said one of the most common dangers comes from heating units that haven't been used since the winter and late spring.

"Make sure that your heater is adequately prepared for the season," said Condray. "By that I mean have it serviced by an air conditioning and heating professional. You can also have the gas company come out and check it over. Homeowners can also help reduce the risk of a fire by checking their filter. A clean filter will allow the unit to be more effective and the fan unit to operate better.

"It also doesn't hurt to go out and take a look at

your burners before you fire them up. Make sure they're clean and free of debris. A lot of times, when people don't have their heating unit serviced for several years, the burning will cause a lot of carbon build-up on the pilot lights and on the flames. If that happens, you're not going to get a good mixture, which is indicated by a yellow burning flame. A good, proper flame will be blue."

And while many residents will turn to central heating systems for comfort when the mercury drops, others will rely on space heaters.

According to officials with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 residential fires in the United States every year are associated with the use of space heaters.

The CPSC suggests the following guidelines for safely using space heaters:

- Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or the heating element. This will help keep children, pets and clothing away from the heat source.

- When selecting a heater, look for one that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters have been determined to meet specific safety standards, and manufacturers are required to provide important use and care information to the consumer.

- Buy a heater that is the correct size for the area you want to heat. The wrong size heater could produce more pollutants and may not be an efficient use of en-

ergy.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions. A good practice is to read aloud the instructions and warning labels to all members of the household to be certain that everyone understands how to operate the heater safely. Keep the owner's manual in a convenient place to refer to when needed.

- Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Some heaters have very hot surfaces. Children should not be permitted to either adjust the controls or move the heater.

- Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps to prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion.

Even vented heaters require ventilation for proper combustion.

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep or leave the area. For fuel-fired heaters, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide could accumulate or uncontrolled burning could cause a fire.

- Never use or store flammable liquids — such as gasoline — around a space heater. The flammable vapors can flow from one part of the room to another and be ignited by the open flame or by an electrical spark.

- Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.

- Place heaters at least three feet away from objects such as bedding,

furniture and drapes. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes. Do not place heaters where towels or other objects could fall on the heater and start a fire.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Zayda Stallings, 4, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Michael Williams, 39, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

LeRoy Perkins, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

POSITIVE

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Coahoma and Forsan and submit it to the chamber. The lists were combined into one list and at random 10 participants were awarded prizes from area business sponsors.

"We truly appreciate all those who participated and extend our appreciation to all the businesses that donated prizes," said Debby ValVerde, chamber executive director.

Supporting businesses and winners are: Crispy's Cafe, Julie Bacon; Displays of Splendor, Dene Sheppard; Higginbotham-Bartlett,

Dean Forrest; Johansen Nursery, Jan Foresyth; Mary Kay, Dene Sheppard Unit, Lana Anguiano; Moss Creek Ranch, Kyle Guthrie; My Favorite Place, Steve Nall; Sears of Big Spring, Sandra McMahan; T. Blackshear Interiors, Jackie Long; and The Red Barn Studio, Gloria McDonald.

"We truly have a jewel here in our community and we need to take pride in what we have right here in our own backyard, and we have a lot," ValVerde said. "We are the jewel of West Texas. We have a lot going for us and we need to stop, look around and utilize all that we have."

After going through

the entries, the top 10 list of positive things around Howard County are: Big Spring Family Aquatic Center, friendly people (warm and inviting), Comanche Trail Festival of Lights/Poinsettias, Howard College, Amphitheater and Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring State Park, churches welcome with love and friendship, Heritage Museum, good golf courses and the Settles renovation.

"We will continue taking lists for those who still want to turn them

in," ValVerde said. "We want to hear from everyone in Howard County."

Lists can be dropped off at the chamber office, located at 215. W.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

I thought the Rangers would win the World Series. I cannot believe the way the Cowboys are playing. We had ninety degree weather and frost in the same week. The children looked cute in their Halloween costumes. I wish my arthritis would get better. I cannot believe the price of groceries. I get tired of the political promises that go by the wayside. I wish I could afford a new car. The way parents act at local football games is amazing. I wish Junior would show me how to play computer games. I am not surprised that my neighbors are getting a divorce. I see that my classmate died last week. I can hardly wait for the holidays

"... You fool! This very night your soul is required of you..." (Luke 12:20). "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." (Matthew 24:36).

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OUR VIEWS

New venue, same hope

Relay For Life 2012 planning is getting underway.

The event may not take place until April 2012, but teams are already forming and fundraising is already under way.

Community kick-off was held Tuesday evening with the big announcement being revealed — this upcoming Relay will be taking place at a new venue. Memorial Stadium will set the stage for Relay For Life instead of the usual Blackenship Field at the Big Spring High School.

For those wanting to create a team, now is the time to do so. This year, there is no set limit of team members, which will allow more teams to take part. In previous years it took 15 people to make up a team, but this year teams of all sizes will be accepted. There is a \$10 registration fee per team member and fundraising ideas are left up to individual teams.

The goal has been set at \$192,000 this year compared to the total \$173,000-plus brought in last year. Manny Negron, event chair for 2012, has set the team goal at 30 teams and 150 survivors in attendance at Relay.

Each of the goals have been increased a little from last year, but are still well within reach.

As Negron said during the kick-off meeting, every penny will count towards not only the goal, but toward providing hope to cancer patients and support research. There is a use for each donation, no matter how large or small.

Everyone should relay for a reason, whether it be in memory of someone, for yourself or for all those who are unable to relay.

This is a way to show support as a community and renew hope for those who may be in a dark moment and losing hope.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, we can expect great things in our life.

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The options we are given

With a little more than a year until the 2012 presidential

election, the field of candidates is beginning to thin and Americans are able to get a better idea what types of options they will have when they head to the polls.

Unfortunately, all of the current candidates have one thing in common at this point — they suck.

In all fairness, the field of candidates looks much like it has every election year for the past several decades.

Plenty of career politicians backed by big money, skirting the issues as much as humanly possible and placing more focus on the negative aspects of their opponents' platforms than the positive aspects of their own.

The Republicans have Michele Bachmann, a U.S. Representative from Minnesota; former U.S. Air Force captain and Texas governor Rick Perry; businessman Herman Cain; former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who has been notably absent from mainstream politics for more than a decade; former governor of Utah and Ambassador to China John Hunstman; former New Mexico governor Gary Johnson; Texas U.S. Rep. Ron Paul; former Louisiana governor Buddy Roemer; and former governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney, just to name a few of the declared candidates.

The Democrats have kept their field fairly short — at least for the time-being — with current President Barack Obama leading the charge into the 2012 election nearly unopposed. His lone declared challenger thus far is Randall Terry, pro-life activist and founder of Operation Rescue

from New York.

In January, Terry announced his intention to challenge Obama in the Democratic Party primaries for the presidential election, with plans to run an ad featuring graphic photos of aborted fetuses during Super Bowl XLVI in February 2012.

Something tells me his ad won't make my list for favorite Super Bowl ads.

The field of Dems who have declined to run against Obama for the nomination dwarfs the list of actual candidates considerably, featuring such recognizable names as Hillary Clinton, Howard Dean and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

As for the rest of the candidates — including political parties such as the Libertarians and independents — no one stands out among the pack, and, even if they did, they don't have a chance in hell of winning a presidential election in this country, which is dominated by partisan politics.

Of course, Perry is fully expected to carry the Lone Star State based on his governorship alone. That is, if he can make it through the coming months without making himself — and every other Texan, by proxy — look like uneducated morons still stuck on whether or not "that there Obama weren't born in Hawaii" or why HeeHaw isn't on prime-time television anymore.

Bear in mind, Perry isn't the only candidate on the GOP roster who risks portraying this nation as a bunch of "good ol' boys," slapping each other on the back while we quietly funnel wealth from the middle class into untraceable, offshore bank accounts. Bachman's campaign teams have begun to abandon ship — many of them swimming to the closest ship, in the case, Perry's campaign.

Cain has garnered some recent headlines with his proposed 9-9-9 tax plan — which calls for a 9 percent income tax, 9 percent national sales tax

and 9 percent corporate income tax — a plan he says could save taxpayers an estimated \$430 billion a year.

What Cain forgets to tell his constituents, however, is the plan would mean an automatic jump in tax bills for the country's low income bracket.

Meanwhile, wealthier Americans would get a tax because for the top end of the bracket, 9 percent is a lot better deal than they are currently paying. In fact, Urban Institute estimates those who make more than \$1 million pay approximately 18 percent in personal income taxes.

So, on the income tax side of things, the millionaires will get their taxes cut in half while low income — even those below the poverty line — would see their tax burden skyrocket.

But that sounds fair, right?

Even most Dems are having a tough time rallying behind their first-term president, who, four years ago promised to change the way our nation operated — and treated the majority of its citizens — but has only managed a tepid shift in the political temperature. "Yes we can" has quickly become "Nope, we didn't."

All we can hope at this point, I suppose, is either one of the existing candidates distinguishes themselves with something other than more ego-inflated rhetoric or we see a new candidate come in and start knocking the wheels off a few wagons.

If not, I suppose the American people will once again be faced with the question, "Which one of these bozos will do the least amount of damage in a four-year span?"

In that case, we should probably elect the laziest candidate we can.

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GOP debates are providing more entertainment than GOP policies

I was out of the country for a couple of weeks and came back to be greeted by yet another Republican presidential debate.

I was so pleased.

I hadn't realized how much I missed that goofy bunch of crazy kids.

I've grown especially fond of Ron Paul, the Congressman from Mars.

He's against all government enterprises, up to and including painting yellow lines on the highway. (I'm not sure whether he's physically shrinking or his suits are getting bigger, but when he answers a question he sort of twists his neck like a turtle coming out of its shell. More and more, he's come to resemble the crazy uncle you hide in the attic when company comes.)

And then there's Michele Bachmann, the Gracie Allen of the group. She stands there with her wide, unblinking stare and keeps saying remarkable things. In the last debate she made a moving appeal to "the Moms out there" who are trying to keep things together.

"I will not fail you," she said. "Hold on, Moms out there. It's not too late."

Funny? I thought I'd die. While urging the Moms to hold until she arrived, she neglected to tell them that she was going to cut the rope they were hold-

ing on to when she got there.

I was surprised to learn that in my absence, Herman Cain, the Pizza baron, had moved into a leadership position in the race.

I thought he was in it for the laughs. (You have to admit, his "9-9-9 plan," which would raise taxes on the middle class and lower them on upper-income types, is worth a chuckle.)

And Newt Gingrich is always a hoot with his superannuated Dennis the Menace act.

However, I must confess that I don't understand what Rick Santorum is doing in the race.

The real stars of the show are the dueling governors, Mitt Romney and Rick Perry. They've raised their professional wrestling act to the level of art.

Romney adopts a stance of jovial condescension while Perry visibly seethes at his rival. He looks as though he'd like to crush Mitt like a grape or, even better, shoot the sidwinder with the six-gun he carries while jogging.

Romney would probably settle for strapping Perry to the roof of his car and driving him to Maine.

I was disappointed that Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey decided he didn't want to be a candidate. He's something of a brute, but he comes across as an honest politician who doesn't mince words, which would be a refreshing change. (Also, it would be good to have a fat person in the race, since fat people are the last disadvantaged minority that it's kind of OK to make jokes about.)

I'll be frank with you, though: I don't see how any of these people expects to be elected.

To one degree or another, they run as surrogates of the tea party.

The movement is supposed to be populist in character, but pretty much every item on their agenda favors the wealthy few at the expense of the not-very-wealthy many.

When populism was last in full flower 100 years ago, for example, "free silver" was the battle cry.

That was code for easy credit. Silver was the inflationary currency and it favored people in debt (because you could pay off debts with money worth less than the money you borrowed).

We're still a nation of debtors, and the Republicans are clamoring for a deflationary policy — one that would force people to pay off debts with money more expensive than that which they borrowed.

They want to cut public assistance to the elderly and poor.

They want some version of a flat tax on income that would fall more heavily on those with less.

They want to do away with the protection government gives the public against corporate malfeasance.

They expect to win with that?

I don't get it.

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Students make virtual visits to Fort Worth Zoo

By CHRIS VAUGHN

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Kathy Dorris gave up the principal's office at a schoolhouse for a job as the director of education at the Fort Worth Zoo.

Leaving her job in Weatherford last year just as school districts began cinching their budgets tighter because of a drop in state support and continued flat property tax growth, Dorris had a feeling that the zoo needed to find ways to reach elementary school students beyond greeting yellow school buses at the front entrance of the 64-acre park.

"It used to be a given that schoolchildren could come to the zoo on a field trip, but that's not necessarily true anymore with budgets the way they are," Dorris said. "That's especially true for some of the smaller districts, where fuel is not an insignificant cost. We needed another vehicle to reach kids."

The answer for Dorris came by investing in much-needed technology and joining Connect 2 Texas, a network of museums and scientific nonprofit organizations that provide lessons via video conferencing for a relatively modest fee.

These "virtual field trips" have been available, for example, at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, the Sid Richardson Museum, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas for several years.

But the Fort Worth Zoo is the first in Texas to join, and one of only a handful in the nation that beam live animals into classrooms.

"We want to get children more interested in the outdoors," said Michael Fouraker, the zoo's director of 10 years. "We're always trying with our educational programs to get kids involved in science, get them outdoors and looking around, get them to explore on their own and perhaps look at science as a career. Lots of studies have shown that if a child is looking at a live animal, they retain so much more. With this, it's not live, but it's live on the television."

The zoo took its first steps in April by offering schools a lesson on food chains and predator/prey relationships. The first 12 programs were free to schools in Alvarado, Decatur, Godley, Aledo, Burleson and others as the zoo's education department fine-tuned its work.

It was a good thing no one paid for it, joked Sarah Pennebaker, the education coordinator who leads and teaches most of the video conferences.

"Those first 12 I was pretty stiff," she said.

Because talking into a camera is a learned behavior, Pennebaker actually taped a photo of Texas actor Matthew McConaughey next to the camera so she would know where to look. (It's not there anymore.)

She also learned when to pause

to wait for reactions from the children in the classrooms or give it an extra second or two for the sound to catch up.

The students across Texas and the nation — it's common to have schools from other states — pay a fee to participate in an educational program that is tailored to state curriculum standards.

"If you're going to get schools to pay for it, you've got to tie it to the (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)," Dorris said.

The Fort Worth Zoo normally charges \$100 for a 45-minute lesson, although they sometimes discount it.

The schools and the zoo are patched together through the Fort Worth-based Region 11 Education Service Center, which hosts and manages the Connect 2 Texas program.

In October, Pennebaker offered schools a "Spooky Creatures of the Night" theme with a barn owl, opossum, Madagascar hissing cockroaches and bats. Questions and answers, hoots and hollers, animal noises and more are allowed because everyone can see and hear everyone else.

"We tried having them muted on their end, but you miss the reaction that makes it a real educational experience," Pennebaker said. "You want to hear that 'whoa' or 'ewww' from the kids."

About 25,000 schoolchildren visit the zoo every year on field trips.

Endorsements in the Twitter age

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper Snoop Dogg gave props on Twitter to an ad for the Toyota Sienna minivan. Actress Tori Spelling linked to a website for rental cars. And reality TV star Khloe Kardashian soliloquized about the brand of jeans that accentuates the famous Kardashian derriere.

These celebs aren't just writing about family cars and fashion choices for the heck of it. Stars can get paid big bucks — sometimes \$10,000 or more per post — to pontificate about clothes, cars and movies in the 140 characters or less allowed per tweet.

Twitter, which in its five-year existence has reshaped how people shop, vote and start revolutions, is now changing the business of celebrity endorsements. Just as Match.com and eHarmony pair up singles for dates, a growing number of startup firms are hooking up companies with stars who get paid to praise products to their thousands — sometimes millions — of Twitter followers.

The list of celebs and the things they hawk is long and getting longer all the time. The endorsements range from subtle to blatant; the celeb pairings from sensible to downright odd.

Singer Ray J urged his 600,000-plus Twitter followers to see the horror movie "Saw 3D." Football star Terrell Owens gave a shout-out in front of his more than 1 million followers to a hotel chain giving away sports tickets: "Comfort Inn is hooking up 3 days of it!" Lamar Odom, L.A. Lakers forward, tweeted to his nearly 2 million followers about hip-hop artist and entrepreneur Jay-Z's book "Decoded": "My man Jay-Z ... only rapper to rewrite history without a pen. Until now."

Of course, anything on Twitter is short-lived and reaches only a small, self-selecting audience: Research firm eMarket-

er estimates that only 11 percent of U.S. adult Internet users are on the micro-blogging site. And even though some celebs have faithful groups of followers, it can be hard to measure whether their tweets lead people to spend.

Still, celeb tweets can be a way to grab a captive audience at a time when many people are skipping TV commercials with their digital video recorders. And paying a celeb to tweet is much cheaper than a traditional advertising campaign. Want a tweet from Khloe Kardashian? That will cost about \$8,000, according to prices listed by social media marketer Izea. Looking for a cheaper option? Ray J is about \$2,300.

Companies like Izea, Ad.ly and twtMob usually pair products with celebs through a combination of software algorithms and Hollywood instinct. The companies say they use many metrics to gauge the effectiveness of a paid tweet, such as the number of times it gets reposted by others.

When Ad.ly got Charlie Sheen to tweet for Internships.com in March, the actor was in the midst of getting fired from his sitcom "Two and a Half Men" over accusations of hard partying and drug use. Within an hour of Sheen's first post, Internships.com got more than 95,000 clicks.

Dan Smith, vice president of marketing for the website CampusLIVE, which helps advertisers connect with college students, hired Izea to help him get a celebrity to tweet about his company. Izea gave him a short list, which included names like "Jersey Shore" reality TV star JWOWW, comedian Michael Ian Black and rapper Bow Wow.

Smith polled his interns and they picked Lindsay Lohan, the actress most famous for her run-ins with the law.

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News in brief

More testimony from ex-polygamist member

ROBERT LEE (AP) — A former polygamist group member is expected back on the stand as prosecutors seek to wrap up their case in the West Texas trial of an ex-bishop.

Fredrick Merril Jessop is accused of marrying a 12-year-old girl to group leader Warren Jeffs. Jessop is charged with performing an illegal wedding at a ranch owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Rebecca Musser, who's an ex-FLDS member and a former wife of its late leader Rulon Jeffs, Warren Jeffs' father, is expected to continue testifying Thursday in Robert Lee.

The San Angelo Standard-Times (<http://bit.ly/vgVCU8>) reports the defense has challenged whether Musser is an expert on church records.

Jeffs in August was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides.

AG urges White House to strengthen border defense

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott says he has written a letter to President Barack Obama, renewing his appeal for a tougher defense against violence spilling over the Rio Grande from the Mexican drug wars.

Abbott said he was spurred by a South Texas border sheriff's conclusion that violence from the spillover has begun.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino had long downplayed claims of Mexican drug violence spilling across the Rio Grande. Tuesday, however, he had the first documented case of spillover after one of his deputies was shot in a confrontation with kidnappers sent by the Gulf cartel. Trevino says the men had been sent to retrieve a stolen drug load near Edinburg. One suspect died in the exchange of gunfire.

Trevino said he was prepared to meet the challenge.

2 of infamous escapees get execution dates

HOUSTON (AP) — Two members of the notorious "Texas 7" gang that engineered the biggest prison escape in the state's history have been sched-

uled for execution early next year.

George Rivas, 41, the mastermind of the breakout 11 years ago that left a suburban Dallas police officer dead, faces lethal injection in Huntsville on Feb. 29, said Jammie Bradfield, a spokeswoman for the Dallas County district attorney's office.

One of his companions, Donald Newbury, 49, is scheduled to be executed Feb. 1.

Both lost appeals of their cases at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in July and both have now asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review their cases. Those requests are pending before the high court.

The pair would become the second and third members of the gang put to death. Michael Rodriguez ordered his appeals dropped and in 2008 became the first to be executed.

During the escape on Dec. 13, 2000, the seven overpowered workers at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Connally Unit in Kenedy, about 60 miles south of San Antonio, stole the workers' clothes, broke into the prison armory to get guns and drove away in a prison truck.

They robbed two Houston-area stores and about two weeks later, on Christmas Eve, shot Aubrey Hawkins, 29, an Irving police officer, when he interrupted their robbery of a sporting goods store in the Dallas suburb.

The fugitives, already the focus of a nationwide hunt, were caught a month later in Colorado, where one member killed himself. The six others went to Texas death row after separate trials in Dallas.

Federal court considers Texas' redistricting case

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal court in Washington wrapped up oral arguments Wednesday in a hearing to determine whether Texas' new election maps can be implemented.

Attorneys said the three-judge panel questioned them about time constraints, but did not indicate when they would issue a ruling.

"My sense is that they think that there are just too many facts that still need to be resolved for them to give a quick ruling," said Nina Perales, an attorney for one of the interveners, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The state is defending maps adopted earlier this year by the GOP-led Legislature and has asked the court for approval of the maps without going to trial. The new maps were drawn to reflect population growth.

But the U.S. Department of Justice says the maps for Congress and the Texas House districts should be rejected because they discriminate against minority voters.

The legal fight centers around a requirement in the 1965 Voting Rights Act that certain states with a history of discrimination, including Texas, be granted "preclearance" before changes in voting practices can be enacted.

The legal standard is whether the changes have the purpose or effect of diminishing voting rights based on race or color.

In a parallel case, a San Antonio court is proceeding with plans to adopt election guidelines that can be implemented temporarily. That would allow election workers and candidates to make necessary arrangements for next year's primary elections. A hearing in that case is scheduled to continue Thursday.

Drought may affect monarchs migration

FORT WORTH (AP) — Experts say the lingering Texas drought may be affecting the migration of monarch butterflies heading south for the winter.

Biologist Michael Warriner with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says he's seen probably only four

monarchs in the last three weeks.

Researchers hope to get a better count of the monarchs once they arrive at their winter grounds in Mexico in a few weeks.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday that the drought has dramatically reduced the main food source for monarch butterflies. The insects need the nectar from blooming plants.

Entomologist Mike Quinn with Texas Monarch Watch says he drove through the Hill Country last month and was disappointed in how many dead plants and how few butterflies he saw.

Pizza delivery driver in Houston fatally shot

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a pizza delivery man has been fatally shot in an apparent robbery attempt.

The shooting happened early Thursday after the 40-year-old man attempted to deliver a pizza to a home. Investigators say the resident told the driver she had not ordered a pizza, so he started to walk back to his car.

Police say the victim, whose name wasn't immediately released, was attacked by several men and then shot in the back.

Authorities say the delivery driver managed to get to his car, but drove through a yard and hit a small building. The driver died at a Houston hospital.

Sgt. W.L. Meeler says police believe the caller for the pizza was the person who shot the victim.

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News in brief

Cain faces new accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain faces accusations from a third woman, who considered filing a complaint against him over sexually suggestive remarks and gestures.

The allegations are similar to accusations of unwanted behavior that led to separate settlements in the late 1990s with two other women who went on to pursue successful careers after leaving the organization Cain once headed.

The latest allegations come from a woman who said in interviews with The Associated Press that Cain was aggressive and inappropriate with her, even extending a private invitation to his corporate apartment when she worked with him at the National Restaurant Association. The woman said Cain's behavior occurred at the same time two co-workers had settled separate harassment complaints against him while he was leading the association.

Those two women, now the focus of an intensifying scrutiny after their settlements became public, moved on professionally and personally after their time at the restaurant association. One woman thrived in her pursuit of her communications ca-

reer and the other moved up in positions focusing on political outreach and public policy.

Cain's third accuser was located and approached by the AP as part of its investigation into harassment complaints against Cain that were disclosed in recent days and have thrown his presidential campaign into turmoil. She spoke only on condition of anonymity, saying she feared losing her current job and the possibility of damage to her reputation.

Thousands of Occupy protesters rally in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Occupy Wall Street protesters declared victory after thousands of demonstrators shut down one of the nation's busiest shipping ports late Wednesday, escalating a movement whose tactics had largely been limited to marches, rallies and tent encampments since it began in September.

As a voice over a bullhorn said "The night is not over, yet," protest organizers told demonstrators to head back to the downtown plaza where the Oakland movement has been based for more than a month. The Occupy encampment across the street from City Hall also was the scene of intense clashes

with authorities last week.

The nearly 5-hour protest at the Port of Oakland, the nation's fifth-busiest shipping port, was intended to highlight a daylong "general strike" in the city, which prompted solidarity rallies in New York, Los Angeles and other cities across the nation.

The demonstrations in Oakland were largely peaceful and police said there were no arrests.

European leaders' reversal over Greek euro membership overshadows G20 summit

CANNES, France (AP) — European leaders' long-delayed admission that a break-up of their cherished common currency was a distinct possibility is overshadowing a two-day meeting of the world's largest and fastest growing economies beginning Thursday in this Cote d'Azur resort.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is welcoming Barack Obama of the U.S., Hu Jintao of China as well as the leaders of India, Brazil, Russia and the other members of the Group of 20 leading world economies in the city made famous by its annual film festival, but the event is far from the star turn the unpopular French leader had hoped to make six months before he faces a tough re-election vote.

European leaders are holding another round of emergency meetings Thursday morning about Greece, this time including officials from Spain and Italy — two major eurozone members whose debts have rattled markets and who are seen as too big for Europe to bail out.

All attention is on what Greek voters will say in a referendum early next month on a sweeping European bailout plan. Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted in a late night press conference Thursday that they see the vote as a Greek choice between staying in the 17-member club of countries that use the euro or getting out.

Subsidy for early retirees tapped by Texas state programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's health care law created a \$5 billion fund to shore up coverage for early retirees, and some of that money is flowing to places you might not expect.

Two Texas public employee programs are among the top 25 recipients of the federal subsidy despite Texas Gov. Rick Perry's opposition to the law Republicans derisively call "Obamacare."

And records show the Huntsman family business, where GOP presidential candidate Jon Huntsman sharpened his executive skills, received about \$1 million.

It highlights the gap between dire Republican rhetoric about the health care overhaul and the pragmatic impulse to cash in on a new government benefit.

Employer-sponsored health insurance for retirees has been shriveling for years, ever since companies were required to report the estimated liability to investors. Democrats who wrote the new law wanted to provide an incentive for employers to keep offering coverage. Only about 6 percent of private companies currently offer such a benefit for early retirees, according to the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Thailand floating in fetid waters strewn with garbage

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Rancid brown water licks at Samroeng Verravanich's thighs as he wades through one of Bangkok's many flooded streets. The garbageman plunges a white-gloved hand into the filth, fishes out a slimy plastic bag and slings it into the red basket he's towing.

"If you have cuts, it can create infections between your fingers," Samroeng says of the dirty water, holding out a dripping hand peppered with a red rash. "My hands got infected. It hurts and it spreads too — like a virus."

As Thailand's worst floods in more than half a century continue to creep into Bangkok, mixing with water bubbling up through drains and spilling over canals, many streets have become floating landfills. Plastic bags overflowing with waste and rotten food cling to boats, cars, motorbikes and people as they slowly snake through inundated roadways. Raw sewage and animal carcasses can be seen bobbing in waters ripe for disease.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bridge Is a Marvelous Game

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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The bidding:

West North East South

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It is generally agreed that of the three facets of bridge — bidding, declarer play and defense — the most difficult is defense. Long experience teaches most players to bid and play their cards as declarer reasonably well. But when it comes to defense, many players don't function nearly as well as they should. This is somewhat surprising, since the same faculties that enable a player to become a competent declarer should

also enable them to defend well.

Assume you're East in today's deal and that partner leads the king of diamonds against six hearts. South wins with the ace and returns a trump, on which West discards a diamond. You take the heart ten with the ace and must then decide what to return at trick three.

Given what you can see in dummy and your own hand, there's really only one correct play. You should lead the king of spades! If you do, declarer goes down; if you don't, declarer makes the slam.

How can you be expected to make such an extraordinary play? Actually, it's not really that difficult if you give it some thought. After all, you can count 12 sure tricks for declarer if you allow him to score them — one spade (he's sure to have the ace for his six-heart bid), five hearts, one diamond and five clubs.

Your only chance to stop the contract is to force South to take the ace of spades at trick three. Then, if he was dealt a 3-6-1-3 distribution — which is what you have to hope — he's sure to bite the dust. Regardless of how he proceeds, he won't be able to get out of dummy later without allowing you to score the setting trick.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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District 2-2A offers excitement this week

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Welcome to the final week of the regular season. Get ready for a bumpy, hard-hitting ride. District 2-2A has all the excitement football fans could want this week as three area teams jockey for position.

The 6-3 Coahoma

Bulldogs have already clinched a playoff spot as they sit side-by-side with Idalou at 5-0 in district play. They will be playing for the district title Friday night in Idalou. Bulldogs' head coach Trey Gardner said it was a win-win situation for his team.

"Obviously, if we win, we are the district champions," Coach Gardner

said. "However, if we lose, it is a great warm-up game for the playoffs. We are pretty sure the team we play in the playoffs will not be as good as Idalou."

Below Coahoma in the standings are Hawley, Forsan and Stanton, all of whom would love a shot at the playoffs. Forsan is coming off of a tough loss to Stanton,

heading into this week's showdown with Hawley, a team currently sitting a game ahead of the Bufaloes.

Here is how the last playoff spot boils down:

If Stanton loses and Forsan wins, Forsan makes the playoffs.

If Stanton wins and Forsan wins by at least 13 points, Forsan makes the playoffs.

Being a game ahead of the two herds of Bufaloes, all Hawley needs to do for a playoff berth is to beat Forsan.

"I like our chances," Forsan's head coach, Jason Phillips said of the upcoming match with Hawley.

"We have had some good practices this week and the team is intent on giving it everything

they have."

Forsan has expanded its roster a bit going into the regular season finale, adding some younger players to the mix and moving the players around.

Forsan will be playing in Hawley Friday night. Stanton will be playing Anson at home Friday night in an attempt to keep them winless.

Briefs

Today:

The Grady Wildcats will travel to Klondike to take on the Cougars. This will be the Wildcats' final game of the 2011 season. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Friday:

1 — The Big Spring Lady Steers' volleyball team will travel to Albany for an Area playoff game with Kennedale. The game is set to start at 5:30 p.m. at Albany High School.

2 — The Big Spring Steers will finish up their season with a showdown against the Snyder Tigers. The game is set to start at 7:30 p.m. in Snyder.



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin
HAMMERING THE POINT HOME — Clara Benavides (10) records one of her three kills in Tuesday night's Bi-District playoff round.

Steers wrap up season Friday

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

As winter approaches and the nights begin to get longer, the sun is quickly setting on another year of Steers' football, as the 0-9 Steers head into Friday night's season finale in Snyder.

The 2011 season has been a disappointing one for Steer Nation, though fans saw their hometown boys come close in several games. The heart-breaking 7-6 season-opening loss to Fort Stockton seemed to set the tone for a season, as it would be the closest Big Spring would come to a win.

Fighting every step of

the way — and no one can say the Steers did not fight this year — the Steers found themselves close through the first half in several games this season. They were just not able to pull the wins out. Games against Plainview, Greenwood and even Monahans gave glimmers of hope to the Big Spring faithful, but on all occasions, the feeling refused to stick around until the end of the game.

So now, as the Steers prepare to suit up against the district-leading Tigers of Snyder, they stare at an 0-9 record, when they could have easily been 3-6, possibly 4-5.

had the ball bounced a little differently on several plays this season, the Steers could be looking at a 2-1 district record going into Friday night's game.

Snyder comes into the game at 8-1, riding an eight-game win streak and in clear control of District 5-3A. The Tigers are averaging more than 34 points per game and feature one of the most athletic quarterbacks in the state in future Texas Tech Red Raider Keenon Ward. Whether he will play much of Friday night's game remains to be seen.

On the other side of the coin is a team who can become anyone's

nightmare. At 0-9, the Steers have nothing to lose in this game.

Record aside, they have already proven they can run with anyone.

Seniors on the field looking to get their last shot, juniors solidifying their positions for next season and younger players hoping for a shot to show Coach Ritchey just what they are capable of — this mixture provides a volatile group who would love nothing better than to catch Snyder sleeping. It might not provide a shot "heard 'round the world", but it would be heard all over Big Spring.

6-man preview

Grady vs. Klondike

7:30 p.m. TODAY in Klondike

Coming off of a 56-6 loss at the hands of Borden County, the Grady Wildcats will look to rebound as they face a tough challenge this week, as they travel to Klondike to take on the 5-4 Cougars. Klondike is coming off of a 41-35 loss to O'Donnell. Both of these teams are out of the playoff hunt and this game will give the losing team the unwanted recognition of finishing last in the district. Look for a serious fight in this one.

Garden City vs. Sierra Blanca

7:30 p.m. Friday in Garden City

The Bearkats, now 4-5 on the season after last week's tough 60-12 loss to Rankin, look to bounce back this week, as they finish out their season at home, hosting the 2-7 Vaqueros of Sierra Blanca, who suffered a 54-8 loss to Fort Davis last week. As with the Grady-Klondike game, this is a battle to get out of last place in the district. Both teams are 0-2 in district play and will be looking for their first district win.

Sands vs. Borden County

7:30 p.m. Friday in Borden County

It all comes down to this: Both teams are 8-1, with a perfect 3-0 district record. Both teams have clinched the two available playoff spots for their district.

The Sands Mustangs come in off of a bye week, while the Coyotes are still celebrating a 56-6 trouncing of the Grady Wildcats. Before their bye week, Sands defeated Grady 110-80.

This one is for the district title, for all the marbles. These are two playoff-level teams. When they collide Friday night, the explosion should be visible in Big Spring, where Darkwing Duck will finally get his way. Can you hear him? He's screaming, "Let's get dangerous!"

Longhorns backs running wild

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has finally found the tough running game coach Mack Brown has been aching for.

The Longhorns are averaging nearly 220 yards rushing per game, their best mark since their 2005 national championship season. And Texas is doing it on the shoulders of two rugged freshmen while playing teams that know the Longhorns are struggling to throw behind freshman quarterback David Ash.

"You have to be known for something," said Brown, who has had some bruising running backs at Texas in Ricky Williams and Cedric Benson. "We are running the ball better than we have in a long time. We are being more physical."

It hasn't been that way for a long time.

From 2006 to 2010, Texas averaged more than 200 yards rushing

just once, in 2007 when Jamaal Charles finished with 1,600 yards and left for the NFL after his junior season.

For the next three seasons, no Texas tailback managed to crack 600 yards. Quarterback Colt McCoy, one of the most accurate passers in NCAA history, led Texas in rushing with 561 yards in 2008.

"When we had Colt, we didn't need to run the ball," senior guard David Snow said. "(Now) it's just the thing our team is built on."

Leading the resurgence is freshman Malcolm Brown, who has three 100-yard games. Brown and freshman Joe Bergeron combined for 255 of Texas' 441 yards rushing in last week's 43-0 rout of Kansas.

Those two will be counted on for another big game Saturday when Texas (5-2, 2-2 Big 12) hosts Texas Tech (5-

2, 2-3). The Red Raiders have one of the worst rushing defenses in the country.

Brown's punishing, always-moving-forward running style is reminiscent of Benson and he quickly took over as the feature back in the offense from senior Fozzy Whittaker. Brown has a team-high 635 yards and five rushing touchdowns.

Whittaker has adjusted by becoming a versatile, play-anywhere guy in first-year offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin's arsenal.

Whittaker runs the Texas version of the wildcat formation, and his limited role at tailback allowed him to move to special teams. He has two 100-yard kickoff returns for touchdowns.

Brown did the dirty work against Kansas, pounding out 103 yards and two touchdowns in the first half against one

of the worst defenses in the country.

Bergeron put the Jayhawks away by rushing for 135 yards and two more scores in the second half. It was the first time Texas had two freshmen rush for more than 100 yards in a game.

"I knew we were going to come out and dominate," Bergeron said.

Whittaker has been comfortable letting the freshmen carry the load at tailback.

"I felt like a proud father, I guess, just seeing the way they ran the ball, the type of hardened determination they threw at each run," Whittaker said.

Brown credits some of his new coaches for the more physical style of play and commitment to running.

Brown hired offensive line coach Stacy Searels from Georgia to bring a tougher mindset to the position.

For Sale: Dodgers

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe a "For Sale" sign should be erected outside Dodger Stadium.

Team, ballpark, land and television rights available. Price: \$1 billion and up.

The process of finding a new owner for the Los Angeles Dodgers began early Wednesday when current boss Frank McCourt and Major League Baseball released a joint statement saying they had agreed to a court-supervised sale of the once-glamorous and now bankrupt franchise.

In the long-term, the deal will allow the Dodgers to move ahead and try to get back to baseball's elite. But the club's fans may well have to endure another season adrift as the sale works itself out.

While the sides hope for a quick deal, giving

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McCourt the money to pay his divorce settlement by April, MLB sales sometimes drag on for six months to 1½ years. Once bidders are identified, the court is likely to conduct an auction.

"Baseball can choose to have their approval process move like molasses in winter or like Castor oil through a baby," said Marc Ganis, president of Sportscorp, a Chicago-based consulting firm.

The price likely will break the record for a baseball franchise, topping the \$845 million paid by the Ricketts family for the Chicago Cubs in 2009.

Investors will be solicited by the Blackstone Group, McCourt's investment banker. Dallas Mavericks co-owner Mark Cuban and Pittsburgh Penguins co-owner Ron Burkle, who lives in California, have been mentioned as possibilities. Asian investors have made inquiries.

Former owner Peter O'Malley also told the Los Angeles Times he'll work on forming an ownership group. "I want to reconnect the team and the community," O'Malley said.

Former agent Dennis Gilbert, a friend of Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, hopes to put together a group. Former Dodgers Steve Garvey and Orel Hershiser have said they might be interested, as has former general manager Fred Claire.

Claire is aligned with former Oakland Athletics President Andy Dolich and former Dodgers batboy Ben Hwang, who brought in the financial backers. Claire, the Dodgers' GM from 1987-98, assumes the price will be \$800 million to \$1 billion and up.

"I've been working on this venture since early July," Claire said. "My motivation is to see the Dodgers be what they need to be in the community."

Given the future broadcasting rights at stake and their ownership of regional sports networks in southern California, News Corp. and Time Warner Inc. have been considered possible bidders, as could The Walt Disney Co. But News Corp. is out, an executive said.

"Contrary to questions I got today, we're not buying the Dodgers," News Corp. chief operating officer Chase Carey told analysts on a conference call Wednesday. "Sports rights are probably becoming more complicated. I think it's just a reality of the marketplace. ... Outside Southern California, we've got pretty long-term agreements in place. I feel we'll be able to navigate Southern California reasonably well."

Real estate companies may join in, given the land the Dodgers own in Chavez Ravine that potentially could be developed. Massive amounts of bank financing will have to be arranged.

"And you've got plenty of FOBs interested in the Dodgers," Ganis said, referring to "Friends of Bud" — Commissioner Bud Selig.

Blocked from building a ballpark in San Jose, A's owner Lew Wolff could be injected into a bidding group. Boston Red Sox chairman Tom Werner — a former San Diego Padres owner — lives in southern California. Milwaukee owner Mark Attanasio also is from California.

"I'm very interested in having the sale occur for everybody involved," said Wolff, a successful L.A. real estate developer. "As far as my interest in purchasing the Dodgers, I don't have any. I'm interested in getting a new venue for the A's."

But would Selig, Wolff's fraternity brother at Wisconsin, ask Wolff to join a bidder?

"That would be absurd," Wolff said. "The

Dodgers are going to go to an auction, and the highest bidder hopefully will revitalize the franchise."

Attanasio also said he doesn't want to own the Dodgers.

"The question was asked of Mark earlier this year and the answer hasn't changed," Brewers spokesman Tyler Barnes said. "He is committed to Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Brewers." Asked whether he had interest, Werner responded in an email: No, but thanks for asking."

Winners of six World Series titles but none since 1988, the Dodgers have been in various states of turmoil since October 2009, when Frank and Jamie McCourt separated and Frank fired her as the team's chief executive officer.

A California judge invalidated a postnuptial agreement last December, allowing Jamie to seek half ownership of the team. San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow was nearly beaten to death outside Dodger Stadium on opening day this season, bringing attention to security cutbacks under McCourt, and Selig installed former Texas Rangers President Tom Schieffer as the Dodgers' financial monitor in April, ruling he must approve any expense of \$5,000 or more. Just days before the team was expected to miss payroll, the Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in late June.

The move came after Selig refused to approve a 17-year agreement between the Dodgers' and Fox's Prime Ticket subsidiary that would have been worth \$2 billion or more. MLB feared McCourt would use about half of an intended \$385 million cash advance to fund his divorce.

Given the disarray, the Dodgers finished third in the NL West at 82-79, had just three sellouts and fell short of 3 million in home attendance in a full season for the first time since 1992.

Last month, Frank and Jamie reached a divorce settlement that calls for her to receive about \$130 million by April. MLB, which accused McCourt in court papers of "siphoning off more than \$180 million" from the team, asked U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Gross to order a sale of the franchise, and McCourt sought permission to auction his broadcast rights, prompting a lawsuit by Fox. The sides were scheduled for a hearing before Gross starting Nov. 29.

A two-sentence statement issued at 12:54 a.m. EDT said MLB and Frank McCourt agreed "to a court supervised process to sell the team and its attendant media rights in a manner designed to realize maximum value for the Dodgers and their owner."

The statement could be construed as saying McCourt is giving up his attempt to sell future broadcast rights. Instead of publicly filing papers, lawyers for the parties met in chambers Wednesday with Gross, a person familiar with the session said, speaking on condition of anonymity because there was no announcement.

The person said MLB may pre-approve bidders before the auction.

The last two sales of the Dodgers were anything but swift.

Having taken control of the team in 1950 when it still played at Brooklyn's Ebbets Field, the O'Malley family announced it wanted to sell in January 1997. Baseball's ownership committee gave approval that July to draft an agreement with the Fox Entertainment Group subsidiary of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. The deal, valued at \$311 million, wasn't approved until March 1998.

Fox began seeking possible buyers in 2002 and announced an agreement with McCourt in October 2003. MLB approved the deal the following Jan. 29, but it then took several weeks for the \$421 million sale to close on Feb. 13.

And since then, Schieffer said, McCourt has fractured the franchise, ballpark and land into 26 interlocking entities.

Bradley opens with a 65 in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (AP) — A dream year for PGA champion Keegan Bradley might not be over yet.

Bradley relied on his power off the tee and enough key putts Thursday for a 7-under 65 in the HSBC Champions to open the final World Golf Championship with a two-shot lead.

Bo Van Pelt, coming off a big win last week in Malaysia, twice ran off three straight birdies and joined the Swedish duo of Alex Noren and Fredrik Jacobson at 67.

The group at 68 included K.J. Choi and David Toms. Defending champion Francesco Molinari was challenging the lead late in his round as a light rain began to fall, but a double bogey-bogey finish sent him to a 70.

Rory McIlroy, with Caroline Wozniacki following him inside the ropes, made two late birdies to salvage a 70.

What made the opening round at Sheshan International so rewarding for Bradley was the company he kept. He played alongside Lee Westwood and Adam Scott, each of whom had a 69.

"Every week, I'm amazed at who I'm around," said Bradley, who only a year ago had just secured his PGA Tour card. "And to be in a group like that in this tournament, and to play like that on this course is very rewarding and it means a lot to me."

The rewards might not be over yet.

The PGA Tour delayed sending out its postseason awards ballots when it realized the HSBC Champions, which it does not treat equal to the other WGCs, still counts as an official victory if a tour member wins the title.

A win by Bradley would be his third of the year — one of them a major, another a world championship — and it might be enough to merit strong consideration as player of the year, which is a vote by PGA Tour members.

Luke Donald is considered a heavy favorite with two wins, the money title and Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average.

Donald could not come to Shanghai because his wife is expecting their second child.

Asked if his opening 65 might have made Donald nervous, Bradley laughed.

"Maybe," he said. "You know, all I'm trying to do is win this golf tournament."

"I know there's a lot on the line, and there's some awards to be won. I'm sure Luke is not very interested in this tournament. I'm sure he's sleeping. But I hope to keep playing well and those fall where they fall."

Bradley played bogey-free on a course that was still soft from relentless rain the day before, though it still had enough bite if players were not being careful.

Graeme McDowell, coming off an embarrassing weekend in Spain in which he failed to break 80 on the weekend, had seven birdies in a round that was marred by a double bogey on the 17th.

Italian teenager Matteo Manassero made only five pars in his round of 82. Tom Lewis, who won the Portugal Masters in his third event as a pro, opened with a 78.

Bradley took advantage with one booming tee shot after another.

He opened with a birdie after a wedge to 3 feet on No. 10 and drilled a hybrid 3-iron over the water to 20 feet on the 18th for an eagle.

He had three birdies and an eagle on the par 5s, and kept bogeys off his card with a nice up-and-down from the bunker on No. 7 and a two-putt from some 60 feet on his final hole.

Van Pelt got off to a sluggish start and then continued his amazing play in Asia.

He won the Asia Pacific Championship last week by six shots, and is 28-under par in his five rounds during this two-week Asian excursion.

Toms holed out for eagle on the par-4 16th, which is 288 yards and tempts the big hitters to reach the green.

The best shot of the day might have belonged to Westwood.

He hit 5-wood from 250 yards on the par-5 14th and saw it clear the water and hit the pin before settling a few feet away for an eagle.

Westwood lost by one shot to Molinari in a great duel at Sheshan a year ago and knows his way around this place.

NFL asks officials to watch for concussions

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has told its game officials to watch closely for concussion symptoms in players.

Ten days after San Diego guard Kris Dielman sustained a head injury against the Jets and later suffered a seizure on the team's flight home from New York, the league's injury and safety panel issued the directive Wednesday.

"Our game officials will receive concussion awareness training and will remain alert

to possible concussions during games," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. "If an official believes a player may have suffered a concussion, he should take appropriate steps to alert the team and get medical attention for the player."

Dielman was concussed with approximately 12 minutes remaining in the Oct. 23 game, after which he struggled to maintain balance.

He finished the game despite the head injury and was not assessed until after the loss to New York.

The Chargers did not mention any injuries following the game and only announced Dielman's injury shortly before the team boarded a plane for San Diego.

Dielman suffered a grand mal seizure near the end of the charter flight, although he was cleared of all long-term complications surrounding the concussion and seizure.

The Chargers came under scrutiny for how they handled Dielman's injury, but coach Norv Turner said at the time he believed the team dealt with the situation as best it could.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Do you think you could come up with the next big thing? Someone has to! While Mercury and Uranus are in this fantastically inventive configuration, you could be that someone. Why not? And while you're brainstorming like mad about ways to make your life better, think of your love life, too. The positions of Venus and Uranus will favor you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are certain things you wish you could tell a loved one, but you're reasonably sure that he or she wouldn't be receptive to the message. Maybe there's a more subtle way to get it across.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To observe instances of beauty without another person is practically torture for you. You want to share! You need to share! You have to share! And share you will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The spider is a fine hunter. You're not afraid of this creature, as long as the spider in question doesn't encroach on your territory. You will see the arachnid today — a sign that your own hunt will be fruitful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are socially more advanced than most and will be the grease that allows a group of people to function well together. You'll pick up on people's cues and behave as they would prefer, as long as it's also what you want to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get the chance to express your artistry. New materials will be made available to you. Also, your ideas about how things should look will be taken seriously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't cast a wide net to catch every fish that comes within a mile of you. That will be too much trouble, and you have no use for so many random fish. Use the right lure to catch the exact fish you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your potential is innate, and you're just the one to nurture it and bring it into reality. You don't need a teacher now. You'll get good on your own by practicing what you like to do in a way that delights you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll quietly guard your privacy. You might say you're in one of your "complicated" moods, which to the rest of the world just looks like a self-assured, soft-spoken and gracious style of

interacting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The quality of your work depends on the information you gather before you begin. You'll do your research and come to an unexpected conclusion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's excitement brewing around you, and you can feel your body responding to the environment. It will be hard to tell whether this is good stress or bad stress. Ultimately, it will depend on your interpretation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you dare to make the first move, you will join forces with like-minded individuals. You'll find fun and profit in helping the people in your neighborhood, community or town.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll feel like you have something to prove today, but you're not trying to prove it to anyone else. This is all about what you think of you. Get busy, strive for greatness, and work at it all day long.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3). Your mental wheels spin with big ideas and high hopes. This optimism draws to you the best and finest support and resources available.

Relationships are tinged with a new ease, and you'll flow with the changing times, even when those changes seem contradictory to what you've learned in past years. Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 10, 31, 16 and 50.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have a feeling I might be in line to be laid off at work. I know that due to budget cutbacks three people have to go. How do I fight for my job without creating enemies? Someone has to go, and I don't want it to be me. I'm a Capricorn."

The first thing to do is gather as much information as you can about what's going on. Do your homework. Find out who else is vulnerable in this situation and why. Ask good questions of your higher-ups and of anyone who might have an inside track on things, and really listen to the answers in a rational manner. If you show any negative emotion, the person you are listening to might hold back, not wanting to upset you further. When your source has answered your question, don't say anything. Leave a long silence. The other person may be inspired to go even deeper, filling in the vacuum with valuable information. Armed with the best information, you can begin to make a case for your job and show the powers that be why your position will solve the current problems facing your group. You can fight for your position without fighting against your colleagues.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Roseanne Barr has documented many versions of domestic life, all of them hilarious. Her hit television show, "Roseanne," lasted nine seasons. Then there were the reality-show versions of her life: "The Real Roseanne Show" and "Roseanne's Nuts." Rosanne is a Scorpio diva who speaks her truth. Her natal Mercury and Venus in adventurous Sagittarius guarantees she'll never run out of comic material.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a stepmom to two wonderful little boys under the age of 4.

I treat them the same as my own children. The problem is their mother. "Carla" acts as if I am the wicked witch.

I know it is hard to let another woman care for your children.

I have assured her numerous times that I am not out to take her place. She is their mother and always will be.

Two years ago, the children were removed from her home due to anger issues and drug abuse.

She had some counseling and now shares joint custody with their father. But if I happen to run into Carla when she is with the boys, she causes a huge scene, yelling and cussing at me if the boys say hello.

She has sent me awful text messages and threatening Facebook posts. I always try to be the bigger person and ignore her, but it's hard.

I have had to call the police numerous times when I felt she was a danger to my children or me.

My husband tries to keep the peace because no one knows what Carla is capable of. I feel she is unstable.

The youngest son has minor surgery scheduled, and Carla told my husband I better not show up at the hospital. As a stepmom, what am I to do? — *Not-So-Wicked Stepmother*

Dear Stepmom: It doesn't sound as if Carla's counseling was sufficient to overcome her anger issues. She is a loose cannon and could be dangerous.

Please keep records of her threatening texts and posts in case your husband chooses to fight the custody arrangement.

We understand that he fears rocking the boat, and there is no simple solution. Sometimes the best thing is just to stay out of the way and be as non-confrontational as possible.

That includes not going to the hospital. Have your husband convey your good wishes to your stepson. Also try the National Stepfamily Resource Center (stepfamilies.info) for a support group in your area.

Dear Annie: I was adopted as an infant. I am now in my early 20s and am interested in contacting my birth family.

I know my birth mother's name from a letter she wrote me, in which she asked me to contact her if I ever wanted to. It wasn't hard to find her or her family.

I even found the Facebook pages of my older half-siblings, who know about me.

By perusing those pages, I learned my birth mother died 10 years ago. I want to make contact with my biological family, but I don't know if they shared my mother's wish to meet me.

I don't want to cause them any pain, and I don't want to overstep any boundaries. Doing this through Facebook seems tacky, and the only address I have is for my bio mother's sister.

Isn't it more appropriate to contact my grandmother first? How should I proceed? — *Adopted Child*

Dear Adopted: You are overthinking this. Send a letter to your bio mother's sister. Tell her about yourself and that you'd like to establish contact.

Say you want to get to know your grandmother and half-siblings, but do not wish to intrude.

If you do not hear anything back within a month, it is OK to contact your half-siblings via Facebook. If there is still no response, it means they are not interested.

Dear Annie: This is for "Stressed Out by Picky Eaters," whose family makes holidays more difficult with their various dietary demands.

Why not have them cook with her in her kitchen? This way, they can each prepare a side dish they know they will love and share it with their family.

Instead of being resentful, they will create many memories along with all the great food. — *Sunday Dinner Fanatic in Clive, Iowa*

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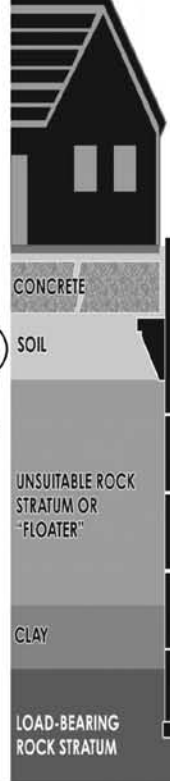
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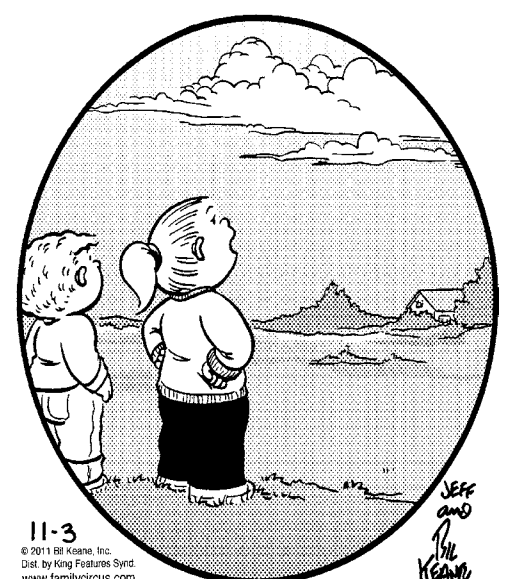
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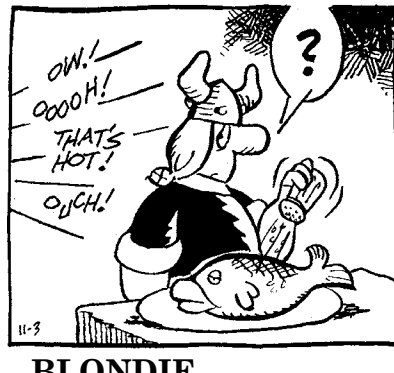
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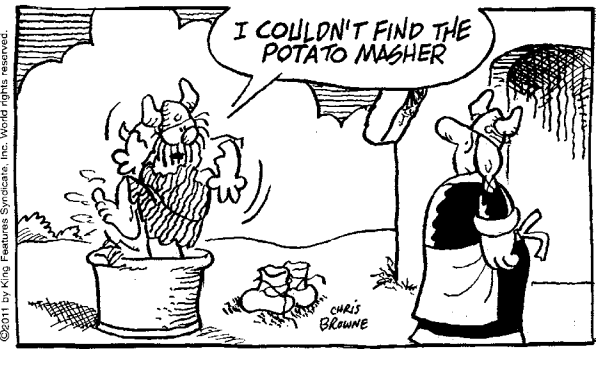


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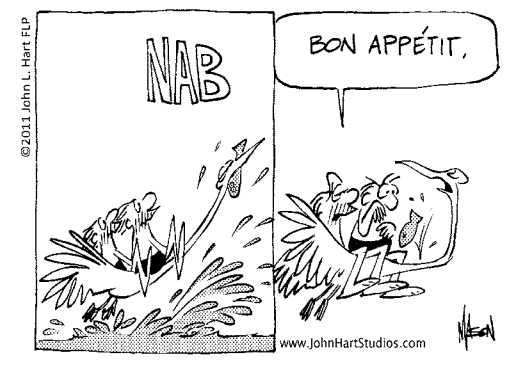
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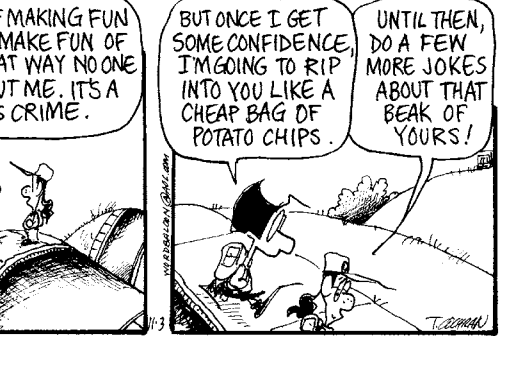
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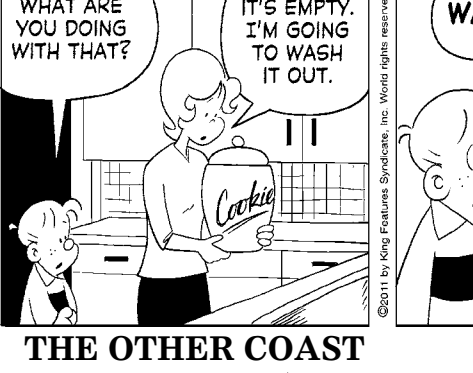
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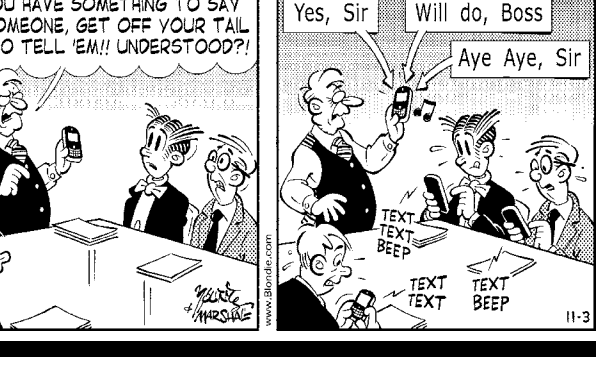
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2011. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1900, the first major U.S. automobile show opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union

launched Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named Laika (LY'-kah) who was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1961, Burmese diplomat U Thant (oo thant) was appointed acting Secretary-General of the United Nations, following the death of Dag Hammarskjöld (dah HAWM'-ahr-shoold). President John F. Kennedy established the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson soundly defeated Republican Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende (ah-YEN'-day) was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, N.C.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair began to come to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lois Smith is 81. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 78. Actor-dancer

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Swift
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 - 9 Subject of Caesar
 - 14 Dry as __
 - 15 The Name of the Rose author
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 - 17 Take risks
 - 20 Brinks
 - 21 Title documents
 - 22 Writing style
 - 23 Having cabin fever
 - 25 French article
 - 27 Drillers' org.
 - 28 Commandos
 - 32 TV Hall of Fame charter member
 - 37 Word on a ticket
 - 38 Harpoon material
 - 39 Suffix for cut
 - 40 Verdi opera
 - 41 Knee protection
 - 42 Argue too loudly
 - 46 Winter Olympics events
 - 48 September setting in St. Pete
 - 49 UK record label
 - 50 Pass through
 - 55 Bubbly beverage
 - 58 Stuck together
 - 60 Morse code components
 - 61 Legal reality series
 - 64 Any radio station
 - 65 USO patrons
 - 66 Adorable one
 - 67 Sticks together
 - 68 Galoot
 - 69 Flight parts
- DOWN**
- 1 Less
 - 2 experienced
 - 3 Superior to
 - 4 Dry cleaner's challenge
 - 5 Drops on the grass
 - 6 Doles (out)
 - 7 Overexertion reminders
 - 8 Expertly done
 - 9 Informant
 - 10 Spoke from a podium
 - 11 One-third of tri-
 - 12 "You said it!"
 - 13 __ the Great (kid-lit detective)
 - 18 Model of perfection
 - 19 Customary
 - 24 "Bad" cholesterol
 - 26 Nothing
 - 28 Pro __ (proportionally)
 - 29 Composer Satie
 - 30 Teased relentlessly
 - 31 Hit hard
 - 32 Places for gloss
 - 33 River of Russia
 - 34 Ending of Beethoven's Eighth
 - 35 Fraternal group
 - 36 Quitting party
 - 40 Played charades
 - 42 May honoree
 - 43 Compadre
 - 44 Goes through an article
 - 45 Pt. of speech
 - 47 Got off the ground
 - 50 Symbol of Holland
 - 51 Actress Witherspoon
 - 52 Way to go
 - 53 Runway
 - 54 Opera star Simon
 - 55 Shot in the dark
 - 56 River through Louisville
 - 57 Jurassic Park star
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 - 62 EMTs' destinations
 - 63 Sends a duplicate email to

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