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A look at local and area high school football teams, coaches' comments, photos and schedules. Everything you need to get set for the 2012 season.

BSHS seniors near state average on ACT scores

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A majority of Big Spring High School seniors took the ACT college admission test in 2012, following state trends in that direction.

BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said 88 seniors took the ACT test earlier this year, a slight decrease from the previous year.

Statewide, ACT participation in Texas grew by 39 percent between 2008 and 2012, compared to a 17 percent increase nationally. A total of 110,180 students in the Texas graduating Class of 2012 took the ACT compared to 79,050 in 2008, a Texas Education Agency news release stated.

Local student test score aver-



Ritchey

ages are as follows (state averages are in parenthesis):

- English — 18.5 (19.6)
- Math — 20.0 (21.4)
- Reading — 20.1 (20.8)
- Science — 20.3

Ritchey said comparing local scores to state results was not exactly a "apples to apples" situation.

"Not everybody takes the test," Ritchey said. "It's hard to measure how we're doing vs. other schools because we don't know how many students in a particular school are taking the test." Still, Ritchey said staff will

continue striving to improve test scores.

"We don't want to be below the state average," he said. "These are definitely target numbers we can use as we prepare for the 2013 test."

Overall, Ritchey said the ACT results are a good measuring stick in determining how well BSHS students are prepared for college.

"It is a good standard we use to assess the rigor we try to achieve with our curriculum and instruction," he said.

Statewide participation was at an all-time high, the TEA release stated. Participation by Hispanic students in particular has doubled in the past five years, the report added.

Hangar 25 memberships take new look, 20 percent off now

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Memberships are being revamped at Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Starting Saturday, memberships for 2013 will be available. For those purchasing a membership before Dec. 31, there will be a 20 percent discount.

"We have updated some of the membership benefits and added two new levels to the membership program," Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.

One of the new levels is an ambassador level, for higher-level givers looking for something good to

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Volunteers are being sought for Comanche Warrior Triathlon

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

If you don't want to swim, bike or run, there is still a way to be a part of the Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

A little more than a week away — the triathlon will be held Sept. 8 — the event includes a swim portion in Comanche Trail Lake, a bike course



ValVerde

through the park, and a running section. Participants are obviously vital to the triathlon, but also important are the volunteers.

"My goal this year is to have 100 volunteers out

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Fire chief: Grill safely Labor Day weekend

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With Labor Day just around the corner, many Crossroads area residents will celebrate by firing up their grills and

serving delicious holiday fare.

While outdoor grilling can pay major dividends — especially in flavor — local fire department officials are asking backyard chefs to follow some simple, yet extremely useful guidelines to make sure their barbecue is as safe as it is fun.

"While grilling can be a great alternative to cooking inside, an estimated 5,700 grill fires occur each year in the United States," Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said. "More than half of grill fires on residential properties occur in the four months of May through August. These fires — which can damage property and cause injury and even death — are often preventable."

Ferguson said some simple tips to keep in mind before you light your grill are:

- Grills should only be used outdoors and at least 10 feet away from a house or any building.
- Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under a surface that can catch fire.
- The grill should be placed well away from deck railings

and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

• Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a three-foot "kid-free" safety zone around the grill.

• Grills should be kept clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill itself and in the trays below.

• Never leave a grill unattended.

• Keep lighted cigarettes, matches or open flames away from the grill.

• Remember, sunscreen is flammable. Do not apply aerosol sunscreen near a grill or open flame.

Barbecue chefs and aficionados may argue nonstop regarding which grilling method — charcoal or gas — is the best, however, Ferguson said both cooking sources require special considerations.

"If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the lit fire," Ferguson warned. "Also, never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents or campers. Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided. When you

Flamin' BSFD burgers

Herald Staff Report

If cheeseburgers from the grill are a part of your Labor Day plans, Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson suggests this recipe, which has been tested and approved by some of the toughest culinary critics in the Crossroads area ... BSFD firefighters.

"Here is a favorite grilled hamburger recipe we cook at the fire station," Ferguson said. "It's quick, easy and really tasty."

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes
Yield: Makes 6 1/2-pound burgers

- Ingredients:
- 3 pounds ground beef
 - 1-2 pickled jalapeño peppers, finely chopped

- 1/2 package dried onion soup mix
- 1/2 tablespoon steak seasoning
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or more if needed)
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 6 slices of American cheese (or cheese of choice)

Preparation:

Mix together all seasonings — including jalapeños — with ground beef in a large mixing bowl. Form mixture into six half-inch-thick patties. Preheat grill for high heat. Cook for 3 minutes on each side or until desired level of doneness is achieved. Place cheese on burgers when finished cooking. You can add more jalapeños if you like your burgers a little more on the hot side.

are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.


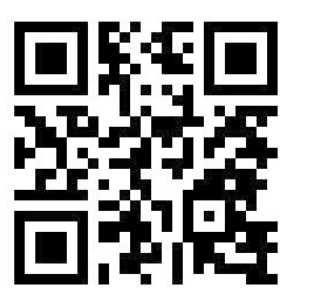
"Since charcoal produces

carbon dioxide fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store

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Obituaries

Shirley Ann Nichols

Shirley Ann Nichols, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, in a Midland Hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Alvenia Messimer

Alvenia Messimer, 99, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ruben P. Torres

Ruben P. Torres, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 24, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.
- PAULA ISABLE LEOS, 31, of 1803 Owens, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of a dangerous drug.
- MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 34, of 2506 Kelly, was arrested Wednesday on charges of theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500, theft – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 37, of 2504 Kelly, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license invalid, bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only), theft – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 2100 block of S. Johnson.
In the area of S. Moss Lake Road.
In the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 200 block of W. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Langley.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- AUDENRICO GARCIA, 32, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on sentencing for driving while intoxicated second offense.
- PAULA ISABEL LEOS, 31, was transferred to the county detention center Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of possession of dangerous drug.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 37, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on charges of theft of property between \$500 and \$1,500 (two counts), driving while license invalid, failure to appear, and bondsman off bond/unlawful possession of marijuana.
- MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 34, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on charges of theft of property between \$50 and \$500, theft of property between \$500 and \$1,500, fail to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.
- JOSE NICANOR GARFIAS, 36, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by BSPD on charges of theft of service between \$20 and \$500, criminal mischief between \$50 and \$500 and issuance of a bad check/theft of property between \$20 and \$500 by check.
- ROBERTO LAFUENTE, 28, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Texas Powerball: Pick 3 Night: 6-3-3 (12)
25-28-49-54-56 PB: 28

Lotto Texas: Pick 4 Day: 3-4-7-3 (17)
1-12-38-40-41-48

Pick 3 Day: Pick 4 Night: 8-7-8-5 (28)
1-8-9 (18)

Cash Five: 3-9-10-32-35

Take Note

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

• The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

• Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

• The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information,

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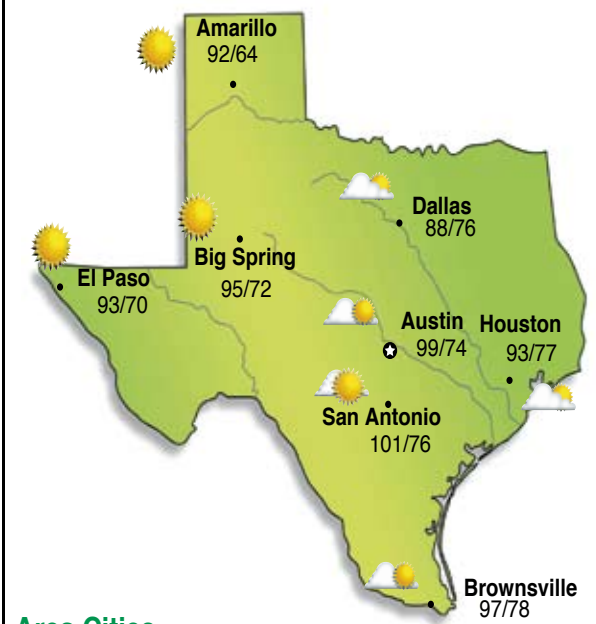
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/1	Sun 9/2	Mon 9/3	Tue 9/4	Wed 9/5
95/72 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/73 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/74 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	101/74 Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	98/71 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	95	73	pt sunny	Kingsville	101	77	pt sunny
Amarillo	92	64	sunny	Livingston	94	74	cloudy
Austin	99	74	pt sunny	Longview	90	75	t-storm
Beaumont	87	77	cloudy	Lubbock	93	65	sunny
Brownsville	97	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	96	76	cloudy
Brownwood	96	73	pt sunny	Midland	95	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	97	79	cloudy	Raymondville	101	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	74	cloudy	Rosenberg	94	76	cloudy
Dallas	88	76	cloudy	San Antonio	101	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	104	80	mst sunny	San Marcos	100	74	pt sunny
El Paso	93	70	sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	76	t-storm
Fort Stockton	93	70	sunny	Sweetwater	94	71	mst sunny
Gainesville	90	73	pt sunny	Tyler	92	76	rain
Greenville	88	73	rain	Weatherford	92	73	pt sunny
Houston	93	77	cloudy	Wichita Falls	96	71	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	87	66	pt sunny
Boston	94	67	windy	New York	93	72	sunny
Chicago	92	69	mst sunny	Phoenix	99	82	mst sunny
Dallas	88	76	cloudy	San Francisco	59	53	pt sunny
Denver	89	60	mst sunny	Seattle	69	52	pt sunny
Houston	93	77	cloudy	St. Louis	86	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	86	68	sunny	Washington, DC	96	75	sunny
Miami	89	78	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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

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N.M. inmate uses Popsicle sticks in escape attempt

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico corrections officers say an inmate escaped his jail cell by breaking a window bar with a razor blade and a Popsicle stick but changed his mind once he got outside. Carlos Garcia told police it took about five months to break the bar on his cell window at the Lea County jail with those materials. He also used plastic, newspaper and more Popsicle sticks to fashion a fake window. The *Hobbs News-Sun* reports Garcia changed his mind and climbed back into his second-story cell using a bedsheet. Garcia has been moved to a maximum-security ward at the state penitentiary. He is serving time for two murder convictions and other crimes.

Spanish town turns red for annual tomato fight

BUNOL, Spain (AP) — Tens of thousands of people have splatted each other with 120 tons of tomatoes during the annual 'Tomatina' battle, leaving the eastern Spanish town of Bunol in a sea of red mush. Town hall estimates some 40,000 people, including many tourists, took part in Wednesday's hour-long street bombardment, which has its roots in a food fight among kids back in 1945. Participants — many wearing T-shirts, shorts and goggles — flopped around in the swamp of red pulp while they pelted each other with tomatoes dumped on them from five loaded trucks. Portable showers were set up so revelers could shower afterward.

Men rob Ohio victim but make sure he has bus fare

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Police say robbers who held up an Ohio man at gunpoint gave him back enough money for bus fare before running away. It happened at a Dayton bus stop on Tuesday morning. The Dayton Daily News reports that two men walked up, and one of them put a gun to the victim's forehead and ordered him to hand over everything in his pockets. The victim gave them \$40 and his cellphone. Before fleeing on foot, one of the men asked the victim if he had enough money for the bus. When he said no, one handed him back \$2.

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month,

Support Groups

6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each

of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MUSEUM

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support. The veteran level, also new, is aimed at veterans of any kind, but is geared toward Webb and Bombardier School vets. "We are hoping our veteran level will encourage more of our associated veterans become members, which I believe will

make it easier to get out information about veterans programs and special events the museum offers," Stockburger said. Through the new changes, the goal is to boost membership and help fund another year for the museum. The museum is non-profit and receives funding from grants, memberships and other donations.

"Memberships are an excellent way to get involved in the community and support an important institution and a piece of Big Spring history," Stockburger said. Memberships range from \$30 to \$5,000 and are all tax deductible. Within the coming weeks, the new application should become available online, along with descriptions

of each membership level. "Our membership is open to anyone and everyone," she said. Members will receive a copy of the Briefing Room, the museum's newsletter, 10 percent off on gift shop purchases, a Hangar 25 Air Museum key chain, membership card and updates and invitations for events throughout the year. Each membership is for

one year, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Applications can be picked up at the museum or found online at www.hangar25airmuseum.com. To find out more, stop by the museum at 1911 Apron Drive between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or call 432-264-1999.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-

7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Barbara Jean Vieira, 77, died Monday. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.
Guadalupe R. "Lupe" Gonzales, 86, died Monday. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Ruben P. Torres, 79, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Devotion To Saint Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered.
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VOLUNTEERS

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there cheering these triathletes on and showing support," Debbye ValVerde, volunteer coordinator, said. "I want to be able to have several different cheer stations throughout the course to help them keep going

at each point of the race." Volunteers will be spread throughout the course and will set up at water stations, cheer stations and help with transition spots and other areas. According to ValVerde, there is usually an average of 80 volunteers at the triathlon. Each year, participants commend the staff on the generosity and

support given during the triathlon. "We receive several compliments each year about our volunteers and it would be great to continue that this year with even more volunteers," she said. Those wanting to volunteer are asked to be at the park between 5:45 a.m. and 7 a.m. de-

pending which shift they want to sign up for. Gates will close to the park, for the safety of the participants, at 7 a.m. For more information, call ValVerde at 263-7641.

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

SAFETY

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the grill indoors with freshly used coals. Also, store charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources."

For those who favor gas grills, Ferguson said it's important to inspect

your equipment first. "Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks," he said. "If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when operating a gas grill and never start a fire with gasoline or other flam-

mable products. "We want everyone to have a safe, happy and fun holiday. If grilling out is part of your Labor Day plans, please keep these tips in mind, as they can help keep your barbecue from turning into a disappointment."

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

The new school year has begun! Clocks are alarming once again. Morning chores and routines are back from their summer schedules. Bus schedules have returned from vacation. New clothes and school supplies are on parade. Refreshed teachers and recommitted students eagerly promise to make this year a star performance.
One major item needs to be added to carlines, homework and extracurricular activities: **PRAYER!** Hopefully, it has accompanied all the summer fun and vacations. If so, it should be sharpened and tuned up for school. If not, it needs to be dusted off and reactivated.
The school day needs to begin with prayer but remember the school day begins before you leave home! Pray for choices, safety, wisdom, attitudes and influences. Thank God for teachers, students, freedom and knowledge.

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OUR VIEWS

Come out to the grand ol' county fair

For three days — Sept. 27, 28 and 29 — area residents will be able to enjoy the Howard County Fair.

The fairbarns will become filled with vendors, selling unique items, arts and crafts, homemade goodies and more. Spaces are available for rent, whether you want to be located inside or outside. Outside space is available for \$250 and inside spaces are available for \$175. Last year's fair brought out 50 vendors and this year, the fair committee is hoping to draw even more.

In addition to vendors, the fair will include an opportunity to take home a one-of-a-kind handmade quilt. Carrying on a 10-year tradition, a group of around 40 ladies got together and created a quilt full of hearts and flowers. On the last day of the fair, one person will be able to take the quilt home.

Once again, the Queens contest will be held and several other traditional contests will take place.

For those who want to see the fair continue to grow each year and bring excitement to the community, memberships are being sold for Friends of the Fair.

Membership fees go toward needed repairs to the fair barns and specialty acts during the annual fair. Every little bit of support helps by providing support for a long-standing tradition.

The days are rolling past and before you know it the fair will be upon us. Take the time to reserve your booth and get the family ready for a night of arts and crafts shopping, a dinner of fair food and entertainment under the tent.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we handle sensitive subjects, Lord,
with You in mind.

Amen

Presidential election coming

You might have missed this but there is a Presidential election coming up in a couple of months. All of us red-blooded, flag waving, patriotic Americans will make the trek to the ballot box and cast our vote for someone to take the reins of this out-of-control wagon train and hopefully restore some sense of dignity and sanity to our precious country.

I have always wondered why anyone in their right mind would even want to be the President. Talk about a pressure cooker job! Oh, sure, there are a few substantial perks that go along with the assignment but even if I even remotely entertained the foolish notion that I had any degree of qualifications for the job, I absolutely wouldn't want it. I'm sure you're relieved to know I understand my limitations and will not be soliciting your support.

Being force-fed a steady diet of political propaganda on a daily basis recently has set my mind in motion about the men who have historically occupied the highest and most prestigious elected office in the land. Who were they? What made them tick? Have there ever been any Presidents who were really like us average American citizens, or have they all been rich manipulative career politicians who have no idea what living in the real world is like?

I imagine they would represent a cross-section of men who had some degree of normalcy and some who lived in a fantasy world of sorts, before and after occupying the office. One thing is certain, however, and that is that they have all been, to the

best of our knowledge, human. In fact, when you discover facts about them you realize just how human they really were and how fascinating some of their history was.

For instance, did you know that George Washington's teeth were made from elephant and walrus tusks instead of the customary wooden teeth most folks had in that day?

Thomas Jefferson spoke six different languages.

James Madison was 5'4" tall and weighed less than 100 pounds.

The first truly American citizen President was our eighth, Martin Van Buren. All the ones before him had been born in the British Colonies.

The 9th President, William Henry Harrison, died of pneumonia after serving as our President for only 31 days.

His successor, John Tyler, had 15 children.

Zachary Taylor never voted in a Presidential election.

James Buchanan never married. Abraham Lincoln was our tallest President at 6'4" and the first to be assassinated. Our 17th President, Andrew Johnson, was buried wrapped in an American flag and a copy of the Constitution.

Rutherford B. Hayes was the first President to use a telephone. His number was 1.

One President I would have liked to have met was James Garfield. Interestingly, he could write with both hands at the same time, in two different languages. Garfield's presidency lasted just 200 days, from March 4, 1881, until his death on September 19, 1881, as a result of being shot by assassin Charles J. Guiteau on July 2, 1881.

Chester Arthur wasn't considered to be much of a President but he owned 80 pairs of pants and changed several times a day. Bet you didn't learn that fun fact

in 8th grade history class.

Many think John Kennedy was the youngest President, but the colorful 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, holds that distinction. Both his wife and mother died on the same day in 1884, and the grieving Roosevelt spent the next two years on a ranch he owned in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory, where he hunted big game, drove cattle and worked as a frontier sheriff.

William Taft holds the dubious honor of being our weightiest at 332 pounds.

Warren Harding, the 29th President, gambled away a set of White House china.

You have to love this next one. Herbert Hoover didn't like people knowing what he and his wife were talking about so they conducted their personal conversations in Chinese.

One of my personal Presidential favorites, Harry Truman, read every book in his hometown library.

Gerald Ford had his daughter's High School prom in the White House.

Jimmy Carter was the first President born in a hospital.

George Bush survived four plane crashes during his service in World War II.

What all this means is relatively open for discussion and debate, but we can only hope and pray that there are many more fun and interesting facts to be discovered about the men, or women, who will have their mail forwarded to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in the future. There certainly have been some interesting characters that have slept there in the past. And just imagine all we don't know.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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'Atlas shrugged;' liberals whine

Mitt Romney chose Paul Ryan to be his

running mate. Since his teens, Ryan has been a big fan of Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged." In 2005, he told The Atlas Society that the novel shaped his "values system" — and that speech has launched a number of recent columns by liberals aghast at Ryan's taste in literature.

"Almost everybody in the conservative movement has read Ayn Rand. She gives a moral dimension to defending the free enterprise system," alternate delegate Bill Evers of Stanford's Hoover Institution told me Monday morning as the California GOP delegation gathered.

Let me confess: I tried to read Rand's "The Fountainhead" years ago and put it down twice. I found, as I talked to other Republicans, that I am not alone.

After liberals started complaining about Ryan's admiration of "Atlas Shrugged," I downloaded the book. I'm on Page 549 of the 1,200-plus-page opus, first published in 1957. My first-blush verdict: The characters make too many speeches and don't talk as real people talk. I laughed out

loud at the dialogue in the first sex scene.

I have to agree with conservative radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt, who told me the novel is "a young man's book." If Rand reminds me of anyone, it's George Bernard Shaw, whose works I inhaled when I was in high school.

Rand was conservative; Shaw was a socialist. Yet both writers were philosopher/novelists who created brainy characters of unbendable conviction. What smart young person can resist such a combination — especially with the bonus of the message that the world always should accommodate a clever protagonist?

Hewitt also called the novel "a work of genius" — and for good reason.

Rand lays out an economic scenario that actually makes readers care about where manufacturers get copper and how their goods are moved to market.

She captures how big corporations and big-government bureaucrats collude to protect their interests, how their actions corrupt the way people think and how dysfunction then spreads. Now when I see a broken subway escalator, I'll see the shadow of Ayn Rand.

Later in the morning, I approached Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif. Issa compared "Atlas Shrugged" to George Orwell's "1984." Both novels, said Issa, remind readers that "liberty isn't

something that just happens." And both cautionary tales warn of consequences that did not happen.

So why are liberals so threatened by Rand? The New York Times' Paul Krugman wrote that "Ryan is a man of many ideas, which would ordinarily be a good thing" — except that Ryan likes Rand, despite her "worship of the successful and contempt for 'moochers.'"

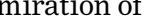
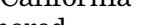
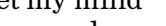
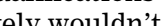
Krugman conveniently overlooks Rand's many corporate villains and self-serving academics who cheerlead policies that ultimately bankrupt working families. Rand supports capitalists and capitalism. She extols the social benefits of success; ergo, her book is sinister.

At least the Ryan pile-on is a departure from the usual dismissal of the GOP as the Party of Stupid. Now the left complains that Republicans are too fond of a weighty tome on industrial economics. The left's usual message to the right: Read a book; challenge your assumptions. Now it's this: Read a book, but not that book.

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EDDY PRINCE



Romney's big night: A speech to millions

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney is stepping up for the most important speech of his life, to an audience of millions, after a rousing warm-up from a running mate who vowed the days of dodging painful budget choices will end if voters toss President Barack Obama from office.

Having grasped the nomination on his second try, after years spent cultivating this moment, Romney will use his speech Thursday night to introduce himself to a large portion of voters and claw for advantage in a race that could scarcely be any closer.

There was no shortage of advice for Romney from armchair speechwriters on all sides.

Jeb Bush, the brother and son of former presidents, said it was critical for the normally reserved GOP nominee to connect with people on an emotional level — even if he's never going to be "a new-age kind of guy."

"Where it matters is connecting with other people's concerns," Bush said in a round of morning talk show interviews. Only then, he said, will be voters be ready to hear the candidate's case.

As part of his introduction, Romney appeared prepared to discuss his Mormon faith in more direct terms than usual, a direction signaled by running mate Paul Ryan on Wednesday night in several allusions to the duo's differing religions but "same moral creed."

The Wisconsin congressman, a deficit hawk who's become the party's darling since joining the ticket, offered a prime-time testimonial setting up Romney's turn on the stage in the Republican National Convention's finale.

The Obama campaign was quick to pick apart Ryan's address, releasing a new web video with its own fact-check of what it said were inaccuracies in the congressman's criticisms of the president, and branding the GOP ticket wrong for the middle class. In the warm-up for Romney's speech, the Democrats also released a second web video highlighting past criticisms of Romney on his record as Massachusetts governor and his budget priorities.

After a two-day campaign tour through college towns, the president himself was staying out of the spotlight Thursday, ceding center stage to Romney.

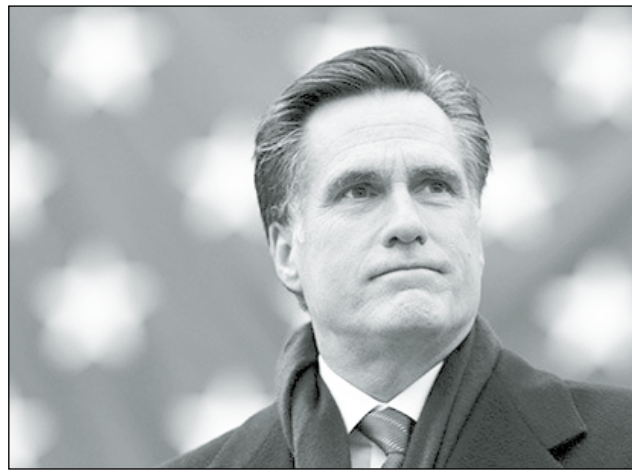
But in an interview with Time magazine released Thursday, Obama said he was hopeful for a more productive second term if re-elected, because "the American people will have made a decision. And, hopefully, that will impact how Republicans think about these problems."

"My expectation is that there will be some popping of the blister after this election, because it will have been such a stark choice," Obama said.

The president added that he needs to do a better job of communicating his goals to the American people — both during the campaign and what he hopes will be a future inaugural address and more State of the Union speeches. The interview was conducted last week.

If history is a guide, viewership of Romney's speech — and Obama's address to his Democratic convention next week — will be surpassed only by the audience for their coming debates.

The Republican convention's most rah-rah moments were unfolding as Hurricane Isaac, down to a tropical storm, inflicted floodwaters and misery in rural stretches of nearby Gulf states. The slowly unfolding calamity went unmentioned by most key speakers Wednesday night, although a few asked



for Red Cross donations to the victims and offered prayers.

The GOP had cut the convention's opening day in fear Isaac would strike Tampa, which was spared.

Not that Obama set politicking aside for the week, either, even as he tended to emergency management. Locked in an unpredictable race that shows no clear advantage for either man, Obama on Wednesday implored young people in a crowd of 7,500 in Charlottesville, Va., home to the University of Virginia, to register, vote and make sure their friends do as well. "I need you," he said. "America needs you to close the gap between what is and what might be."

Ryan, 42, came on board the campaign for the White House with a reputation in Washington for taking on the sacred cows in government spending, Medicare prime among them, and he's generated plenty of excitement among conservatives who have never been fully convinced that Romney is one of them. "I think he's a rock star for the Republicans," Allie Burgin, a delegate from Wynnewood, Okla., said before the speech. And that's how he was received on the stage.

"The present administration has made its choices," Ryan said, "and Mitt Romney and I have made ours. Before the math and the momentum overwhelm us all, we are going to solve this nation's economic problems. And I'm going to level with you: We don't have much time."

He was particularly cutting in his indictment of the president, even in a convention loaded with anti-Obama rhetoric. "Fear and division are all they've got left," he said. "It all started off with stirring speeches, Greek columns, the thrill of something new. Now all that's left is a presidency adrift, surviving on slogans that already seem tired, grasping at a moment that has already passed."

Ryan misrepresented Obama's record at times — and seemed to forget his own.

He said sharply that "the biggest, coldest power play of all in Obamacare came at the expense of the elderly. ... So they just took it all away from Medicare. Seven hundred and sixteen billion dollars, funneled out of Medicare by President Obama."

In fact, Ryan himself

incorporated the same cuts into budgets he steered through the House in the past two years as chairman of its Budget Committee, using the money for deficit reduction. The cuts do not affect Medicare recipients directly, but rather reduce payments to hospitals, health insurance plans and other service providers.

Moreover, Ryan's own plan to remake Medicare would squeeze the program's spending even more than the changes Obama made.

Ryan promised, "We will not duck the tough issues; we will lead." But Romney has yet to flesh out those fiscal choices.

He's promised big increases in military spending and the restoration of more than \$700 billion in Medicare cuts, along with lower taxes, without detailing how he would make good on his pledge to cut \$500 billion a year from the federal budget. That goal is only realistic if budget cutters dive into the massive entitlements of Social Security and Medicare and if Congress can be persuaded to slice deeply into areas of spending such as health research, transportation, homeland security and aid to the poor.

In a letter sent Thursday morning to potential Democratic donors, Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said the Ryan speech "represents a huge bet by the Romney campaign — they've decided that facts, truth and reality will not be a brake on their campaign message."

Romney spokesman Kevin Madden said days earlier that the nominee would discuss his Mormon religion in his convention address as part of "what's informed his values." Ryan, a Roman Catholic, took up the matter conspicuously, and no doubt as part of the convention's carefully crafted message.

"Mitt and I also go to different churches," he said. "But in any church, the best kind of preaching is done by example. And I've been watching that example. The man who will accept your nomination tomorrow is prayerful and faithful and honorable. Not only a defender of marriage, he offers an example of marriage at its best. Not only a fine businessman, he's a fine man, worthy of leading this optimistic and good-hearted country."

And again: "Our different faiths come together in the same moral creed. We believe that in every life there is goodness; for every person, there is hope. Each one of us was made for a reason, bearing the image and likeness of the Lord of Life."

Obama, asked in the Time interview what he admired about Romney, said the GOP nominee "seems to walk the walk and not just be talking the talk when it comes to his participation in his church."

News in brief

Retailers report strong gains for August

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans kept spending in August despite their escalating fears about the slow economic recovery and surging gas prices.

A range of retailers from discounter Target to club-operator Costco on Thursday reported August sales that beat Wall Street estimates. The results seem to show that what Americans do and say are two different things: The strong sales reports come a day after a private research firm said consumer confidence in August fell to its lowest level since November 2011.

"It shows some resilience among shoppers. Let's face it. There are a whole series of economic headwinds that they are fighting against," said Ken Perkins, president of Retail Metrics, a research firm. "The results show that the consumer isn't dead."

A small group of merchants representing roughly 13 percent of the \$2.4 trillion U.S. retail industry report monthly revenue at stores open at least a year, a key measure since it excludes results from locations

that open and close during the year.

The figures offer a snapshot of consumer spending, which accounts for more than 70 percent of economic activity.

August's results are particularly important because they offer insight into the back-to-school season — the second most important selling period behind the winter holidays — which runs from mid-July through mid-September. Retailers and economists often use the results from back-to-school as a litmus test of how shoppers will behave during the biggest shopping period of the year in November and December.

The gains are an encouraging sign for retailers at a time when consumers are becoming impatient with the slowly improving economy. The New York-based Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 60.6, down from a revised 65.4 in July. Economists had expected a reading of 66. The index now stands at the lowest point since November 2011 when the reading was at 55.2, and still far below the 90-reading that indicates a healthy economy.

Several factors may have dampened consumers' moods. Gas prices, which had fell sharply from a peak of \$3.94 in April, have begun rising again in the last few weeks. And the jobs and housing markets are showing only modest signs of improvement.

Home prices rose 0.5 percent in June from the same month last year, the first year-over-year increase since the summer of 2010, according to The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index that was released Tuesday. And on the job market front, employers added 163,000 jobs in July, the most since February. But that's not enough to keep up with a rising population, and the unemployment rate increased to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June.

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Suspect escapes during assault trial

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — One of more than a dozen men and boys accused in the repeated sexual assault of an 11-year-old Texas girl escaped from the courthouse during a break in his trial after the child tearfully testified and jurors watched a video showing one of the alleged assaults.

Eric McGowen, 20, is the first of 14 adults to face trial, accused of sexually assaulting the girl during three months in 2010. Six juveniles also are charged in the attacks in Cleveland, a small town about 45 miles northeast of Houston.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys huddled briefly with Judge Mark Morefield after McGowen failed to return to the courtroom in nearby Liberty following an afternoon break Wednesday.

Morefield said a bench warrant had been issued and that the trial would go on without McGowen. Bail was increased from \$35,000 to \$250,000.

Defense attorney Matthew Poston and prosecutors did not comment on McGowen's disappearance because of a gag order. The Liberty

County Sheriff's Office had no update early Thursday on whether the suspect had been found.

McGowen is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

The girl, testifying using a pseudonym, told jurors about two incidents, one in October 2010 and one the following month, in which she said McGowen and several other men and boys took turns sexually assaulting her while recording the encounters on video.

The girl briefly broke down in tears as jurors were shown a few minutes of video of an alleged October 2010 sexual assault in a house in Cleveland where she and the defendants lived.

The girl, who was 11 at the time, said she was brought into what she described as the "baby room," and that McGowen and others took turns sexually assaulting her.

She said the video, which several jurors turned away from, was of her being assaulted by another man charged in the case.

"Did the guys just take turns with you?" prosecutor Joe Warren asked.

"Yes, sir," the girl said.

The girl seemed calm for most of the roughly 1½ hours she testified. She mostly gave short answers, often pausing to stare at the floor or ceiling of the courtroom before responding.

She described another alleged sexual assault that November that started in a different Cleveland home and continued at a nearby abandoned trailer.

Asked by Warren if more than 20 males might have assaulted her that day, the girl responded, "Probably."

She also told jurors that McGowen assaulted her with a beer bottle during that incident.

Jurors were shown police photos of used condoms and condom wrappers found inside and outside the house after the alleged November incident.

Poston questioned the girl for about six minutes, asking whether she twice had told police early in the investigation that McGowen had never sexually assaulted her. The girl said she didn't remember saying that.

Prosecutors say the

girl was assaulted on at least five occasions from mid-September through early December of 2010.

Eight of the 20 defendants accused in the case have pleaded guilty, including all six juveniles.

Authorities began investigating that December, after one of the girl's friends told a teacher he had seen a cellphone video of her being attacked in an abandoned trailer.

Three people who have pleaded guilty — two adults and a juvenile who has since turned 18 — also testified Wednesday.

Isaiah Ross, 22, told jurors he saw McGowen sexually assault the girl with a beer bottle. The other adult, Marcus Porchia, 28, and the teen testified they saw others assault the girl but not McGowen.

Ross and Porchia each received 15-year prison terms. The six juveniles who pleaded guilty each received suspended seven-year prison terms.

The case sparked outrage in the roughly 9,000-strong community of Cleveland. Early in the investigation, some residents suggested the girl was partly responsible because they say she wore makeup, looked older than her age and

wasn't properly supervised by her parents, drawing widespread condemnation.

The case also has been complicated by a belief among many in the predominantly black neighborhood where several of the suspects live that the arrests were racially motivated. All of the suspects are black, while the girl is Hispanic.

Warren later showed jurors a video and read a written confession in which McGowen admitted to receiving oral sex from the girl.

"What took place to this girl was nothing better than a pack of animals attacking," Warren said.

On Tuesday, Poston tried but failed to get the confessions thrown out, arguing that police had improperly questioned McGowen.

During his opening statement, Poston told jurors that the video evidence in the case doesn't show McGowen sexually assaulting the girl.

"The truth in this case is not always what it seems," he said.

Most of the adult defendants in the case face charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child, while four face a charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

Dispute prevents Hemsley interment

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The embalmed body of actor Sherman Hemsley, who became famous for his role as television's George Jefferson, will be kept in refrigeration at an El Paso funeral home until a local court rules on the validity of his will.

In the will Hemsley signed six weeks before dying of lung cancer July 24 he named Flora Enchinton, 56, whom he called a "beloved partner," as sole beneficiary of his estate, which is estimated in court documents to be more than \$50,000.

The will is being contested by Richard Thornton, of Philadelphia, who claims to be Hemsley's brother.

Mark Davis, listed in court documents as Thornton's lawyer in El Paso, did not immediately respond to messages left at his office.

There is no date set for the case to be heard, court officials said. Enchinton said she hopes it will all be cleared in court.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I are in the final stages of a divorce after 25 years of marriage. We have two wonderful teenagers. We both realize that we had a part in the breakdown of the marriage, and we are trying to keep the process as friendly as such things can be.

Shortly after my wife moved out, I met a wonderful lady with whom I have much in common. Once the divorce is final, I would like to ask her to marry me. Is that fair? I don't want my soon-to-be-ex to think that she meant nothing to me and is being traded in. I also don't want my new ladylove to think I'm simply replacing one wife with another. I don't mind living alone. It actually has been quite peaceful.

The biggest worry is the kids. I think my son would understand, but my 13-year-old daughter will be a different story. She tries to put up a good front, but isn't succeeding all that well.

I guess the real question is: Should I let my concerns for other people get in the way of my own happiness? How can I help my daughter understand that I am not disrespecting the years of my marriage? I am simply taking the next step in my life. — *Ready To Move On*

Dear Ready: Your main focus right now should be your kids' adjustment, not your personal contentment. You are rushing things.

They are teenagers. The parents they love are divorcing, and this is enough trauma in their lives for the moment. Please don't make things more stressful by remarrying so quickly.

Let the dust from the divorce settle, and then slowly introduce the new woman into your children's lives and let them get to know her.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

They may still object, but they will have less reason if they don't feel she is being shoved down their throats. We think all of you could benefit from speaking to a family therapist.

Dear Annie: Lately, I have been getting constant putdowns for my "new" appearance. It consists of clothes that I've owned for a while, though nobody seemed to notice until I began applying black eyeliner. My sister has been pestering me for months, complaining that I look Goth. I admit that I've begun using makeup more often, though it's usually only eyeliner or silver eye shadow.

A few days ago, I was sent to the school office to receive papers for a special event for high-honor students. While I was waiting, a teacher I didn't know walked in and gave me a nasty look, saying, "Hope that one makes it to the high school."

Annie, I have no piercings other than the standard ones in my ears. I don't dye my hair. I am an honor student and love to read. Please tell your readers not to judge a book by its cover. It can really hurt. — *Judged Wrong in Jersey*

Dear Jersey: It is never a good idea to judge based on appearances. But, honey, if simply wearing eyeliner is making people look askance, you might ask whether perhaps you are wearing a bit too much. And if a Goth look is what you are going for, it makes no sense to be surprised by the reaction. Take responsibility for your choices.

Dear Annie: Like "Single Too Long," I am 55, divorced with grown children and can't find a long-term relationship. The difference is, I'm female. I have tried dating sites and church groups (full of women). I did meet men when I briefly worked at Home Depot, but I had to quit. You told him to go where the women are, but where are the men? — *Looking for a Relationship, Too*

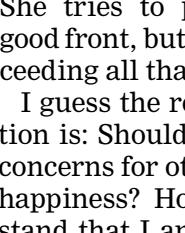
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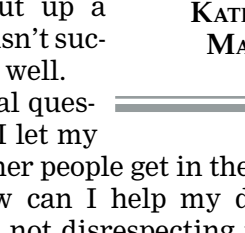
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♦ 8 7 5
♥ J 10 7
♦ A Q J 10
♣ 9 7 2

WEST
♦ A Q J 9
♥ K 2
♦ 8 6 5 4
♣ Q J 10

EAST
♦ K 10 6 3 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ 8 6 4

SOUTH
♦ 4
♥ A Q 9 8 6 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ Pass 2♣ 3♥
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
"Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies." So cried a famous French general to Louis XIV long before bridge was invented. After an inspired but unsuccessful attempt to defeat four hearts on this deal, East knew exactly how the general felt.

West led a club, and South could see at once that he would make the contract unless he lost both red-suit finesses. After taking the club lead with the ace, South tried a diamond finesse at trick two, losing the ten to East's king.

East now went into a long huddle,

trying to work out South's distribution and find the best defense. He knew from the opening lead that declarer had the A-K of clubs, and he also knew from the bidding that South had at least six hearts.

East concluded that there was no hope for the defense unless his side could collect a spade, a club and a trump trick in addition to the diamond trick already won. So East led the king of spades, planning next to shift to a club and in that way eventually score one trick in each suit.

The spade lead at this point was vital, since otherwise South would shed his spade loser on dummy's third diamond. Furthermore, a low spade lead from East could prove disastrous because West, unaware that declarer had only one spade, might try to cash a second spade.

East's thoughtful defense would have succeeded had West, alas, not interfered with it. So delighted was West by the king-of-spades lead that he joyfully overtook the king with the ace and continued with the queen. South ruffed, played the ace and a low heart, and later discarded two clubs on dummy's diamonds to make the contract.

The French general was indeed correct. East's defense would have overcome his enemy, South, but there was no way he could protect himself from his supposed friend, West.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

Cowboys top Tannehill, Miami 30-13 to wrap up preseason



Big Spring native Ryan Tannehill went 5-of-7 and passed for 35 yards during the first two sets of Wednesday's preseason game against Dallas. The Cowboys won 30-13.

AP photo

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Among the former Texas A&M quarterbacks facing each other in the preseason finale, Big Spring native Ryan Tannehill already knew he was going to be the first-ever rookie starter for the Miami Dolphins.

Stephen McGee might have taken his last snaps for the Dallas Cowboys, even though his team won 30-13 Wednesday night.

Tannehill, the Dolphins' first-round pick this year, was 5 of 7 passing for 35 yards playing the first two series in his final tuneup before their opener Sept. 9 at Houston. Miami (0-4) was winless in the preseason, with Tannehill starting the last two.

"We realize that we have a long way to go and have a lot of work to do," Tannehill said. "But we're excited about the opportunities that we have. Everyone gets a clean slate going

into the regular season." Tannehill, first-year coach Joe Philbin and the Dolphins have some extra time before opening their regular season.

The Cowboys (3-1) finished the preseason a week before playing in the NFL's kickoff game against the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants. They kept quarterback Tony Stewart and their front-line starters standing on the sideline.

Lance Dunbar ran 15 times for 105 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown in which he made several Miami defenders miss. Linebacker Orie Lemon returned an interception 26 yards for a score and Phillip Tanner, who started at tailback with DeMarco Murray and Felix Jones sitting out, had a 1-yard score while carrying nine

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Rangers, Harrison rocked by Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Harrison didn't sugarcoat his performance Wednesday night against the Tampa Bay Rays.

"I didn't give us a chance," Harrison said. "It was just a bad night."

Evan Longoria homered twice, Tampa Bay roughed up Harrison and the Rays beat the Texas Rangers 8-4 to snap a four-game losing streak.

Harrison (15-8) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings. The All-Star was coming off one of the best performances of his career, but he struggled for the second time this season against the Rays.

"He just made a couple of mistakes," Texas' Michael Young said. "He's been a horse for us all year long and we expect that continue."

The Rays lost the first two games of the series by one run before breaking through with 16 hits to avoid a three-game sweep.

They have scored 14 runs with 26 hits in two starts against Harrison, who was looking to tie for the league lead in wins.

"Our hitters have a decent history against him," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "I think it's one of those things where our guys see him pretty well. And perhaps he doesn't see them that well."

Josh Hamilton hit his 36th home run for Texas, a solo shot that brought Texas within 6-4 in the fifth.

The game homestand with a 7-3 record. They have a 4 1-2 game lead over Oakland in the AL West.

Texas finished a 20-game in 20-day stretch Wednesday night with a 12-8 record.

"We weren't dreading it all," Young said. "We considered it a challenge and looked it as a chance to get better."

Longoria hit a two-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the ninth. B.J. Upton hit a three-run

shot in the second and Elliot Johnson added a solo blast in the sixth.

Jeff Keppinger went 4 for 5 and Ben Zobrist had three hits for the Rays.

Jake McGee (5-2) pitched a perfect sixth and five Tampa Bay relievers combined for 4 1/3 scoreless innings.

Since July 19, the Rays bullpen has posted a 0.76 ERA in 106 innings.

"When the starters leave the game, they have people that can shut you down," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Harrison gave up seven runs and a career-high 14 hits in an 8-4 loss to the Rays on April 27. The left-hander struggled again against Tampa Bay on Wednesday night, giving up six runs and a pair of home runs by the second inning.

He took a no-hitter into the seventh and permitted two hits in

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Astros' struggles continue in 6-4 loss to San Francisco

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel pitched well for most of the game Wednesday night. Unfortunately for the Astros, the four runs he gave up in the first inning were too much to overcome in a 6-4 loss to the San Francisco Giants.

Houston interim manager Tony DeFrancesco said Keuchel has been bothered by an ear infection.

"I haven't felt good for about a week now, but it's no excuse," Keuchel said. "I just wasn't locating well in the first inning and made a few bad mistakes."

Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer and Joaquin Arias drove in two with a triple to lead the Giants.

Pence has been an Astros nemesis since they traded him in July 2011, hitting four homers in seven games against his former team with the Phillies and Giants.

The Giants had a 1-0 lead before Pence's 19th homer pushed it to 4-0 and elicited the loudest cheers of the night from the sparse crowd.

The announced attendance was just 13,207, the smallest crowd in the history of Houston's 12-year-old ballpark. The previous low came a night before as the Astros struggle to get fans out to see this team that has the worst record in the majors.

"I feel something good happening, but I don't know when it's going to start," said

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NFL to use replacement officials for Week No. 1

(AP) — The NFL will open the regular season next week with replacement officials and said it was prepared to use them "as much ... as necessary" afterward.

Replacements will be on the field beginning Wednesday night when the Dallas Cowboys visit the New York Giants in the season opener, league executive Ray Anderson told the 32 teams in a memo. Negotiations are at a standstill between the NFL and the officials' union.

The NFL Referees Association was locked out in early June and talks on a new collective bargaining agreement have gone nowhere. Replacements have been used throughout the preseason, with mixed results.

In 2001, the NFL used replacements for the first week of the regular season before a contract

was finalized. The speed of the game and the amount of time starters are on the field increase exponentially for real games, making the replacements' task more challenging.

Anderson, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations, told the clubs in a memo Wednesday that the replacements will work "as much of the regular season as necessary," adding that training with each crew will continue.

The NFL noted it has expanded the use of instant replay as an officiating tool this year to include all scoring plays and turnovers. Officiating supervisors will be on hand to assist the crews on game administration issues.

"We are not surprised, based on Ray Anderson's statements ... that the

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Joe Paterno's FBI file reveals letters, threats

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The FBI kept a thick file on Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, but it mostly involves threatening letters sent to him and his staff years ago, and there's no mention of his former assistant Jerry Sandusky, who was convicted this year of molesting boys.

Paterno's 868-page file shows he received a series of threatening letters sent in the late 1970s and early '80s from someone who signed them A Bitter Father. The author blames Paterno for family problems that apparently surfaced after his son left the university's heralded football program prematurely.

"I feel you are responsible for me losing (sic) my son," A Bitter Father writes. "He went to Penn State because of you in the first place. He feels he got a

bum deal and I agree. He lost interest in everything and went from bad to worse."

Another anonymous letter, to an assistant coach, suggests Paterno was responsible for the assistant's "tragic accident." The file doesn't say what the accident was.

The FBI posted the late coach's file online Wednesday in response to Freedom of Information Act requests from media outlets. The Washington Times first reported on the contents, which also had been mailed to media outlets a day earlier.

Paterno died in January at age 85, two months after losing his job over the Sandusky sexual-abuse scandal.

An FBI memo dated Dec. 16, 1977, said Paterno found the letters troubling.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football

• Coahoma vs. Forsan at Midland, ASCO Football Madness, Grande Communications Stadium, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

• Big Spring at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
• Denver City at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
• Ropes at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

• Big Spring at Seminole Tournament (Varsity only, through Saturday), TBA.

SATURDAY

Football

• Sands vs. Lorenzo at Midland, ASCO Football Madness, Grande Communications Stadium, 6 p.m.
• Garden City vs. Water Valley at McCamey, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

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NFL was not going to reach out to us," NFLRA spokesman Michael Arnold said. "However, this is consistent with the NFL's negotiating strategy which has been 'take it or leave it and lock them out.' It now appears the NFL is willing to forego any attempt to reach a deal in the last seven days before opening night."

The NFL Players Association, which went through a 4 1/2-month lockout last year before settling on a new contract, expressed disappointment about the decision to use replacements.

Colts safety Antoine Bethea said there is a feeling of solidarity with the officials.

"They've got to do what they've got to do, and we were in a similar situation a little while ago," Bethea said. "So you can't fault those guys for doing what they have to do."

Anderson said the sides remain considerably apart on economic issues, including salary and retirement benefits. He also told the teams there is a substantial difference on operational issues.

"One of our key goals in this negotiation is to enhance our ability to recruit, train, and replace officials who are not performing adequately," Anderson said. "We believe that officials should be evaluated and performance issues addressed in the same way as players, coaches, club management and league staff. We have proposed several steps to accomplish this, including having a number of full-time officials and expanding the overall number of officials."

The NFL is offering to add three full officiating crews, increasing the total number of officials to 140. The NFLRA insists the com-

pensation being offered with such an increase would reduce the officials' pay.

The league is proposing having seven officials — one per position of referee, umpire, line judge, side judge, back judge, field judge, head linesman — who would train, scout, handle communications, safety issues and rules interpretations year-round. Now, all NFL game officials are part-time employees, with outside jobs ranging from lawyers to teachers to business owners.

In response, the NFLRA has said it is not opposed to full-time officials "if they are fairly compensated."

The union also disputes the value of the league's current salary offer, which it says would not be the 5 percent to 11 percent increase the NFL claims.

And the union questions the league's adherence to player safety initiatives by using replacement officials, none of whom has recently worked Division I college games. Many of the officials who were replacements in 2001 came from the Division I level.

"The league has placed a lot of emphasis on player health and safety in the last few years and we do feel we are an integral part of that," Arnold said. "We think it is unfortunate and we really don't understand why the league is willing to risk playing safety and the integrity of the game by utilizing amateur officials."

Anderson told the teams that the replacements have "undergone extensive training and evaluation, and have shown steady improvement during the preseason."

Arnold disagreed. "The referees want to get back on the field," Arnold said. "Our members have been engaged in extensive preparations and are ready to go."

Favre attorneys take aim at racy claims

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Favre shouldn't have to respond to some embarrassing claims about his personal life that two massage therapists are making in a lawsuit, his lawyers say.

The massage therapists say the New York Jets blacklisted them after they objected to suggestive messages the legendary quarterback allegedly sent to another woman. Among other things, they asked him to admit or deny he solicited women for sex trysts and sent explicit photos to a former Jets game hostess. The request was part of a procedural step in their 2011 lawsuit.

Favre's attorneys filed papers this week asking a court to say he doesn't have to answer. They say some of the requests are irrelevant and inappropriate,

including a bid to get him to acknowledge that a lewd photo that appeared on a sports gossip website depicts his own anatomy.

"These requests clearly have absolutely nothing to do with this lawsuit and have been included only to harass and embarrass," attorney Sharon H. Stern and other Favre lawyers wrote.

The rest of the requests are "nonsensical" or too much in debate to ask him simply to admit them, his lawyers said.

The Jets and another defendant, a massage therapist who helped others get work with the team, filed similar objections this week.

The massage therapists' lawyer called the filings an effort to shield Favre from having to discuss his conduct.

"It's yet another attempt

by the defendants, particularly Brett Favre, to avoid having to testify under oath in this matter," attorney Elizabeth Eilender said.

The Jets' lawyer declined to comment. Lawyers for Favre and the other defendant didn't immediately respond to phone and email messages Wednesday evening.

Massage therapists Shannon O'Toole and Christina Scavo say they were called to give massages at the Jets training camp and to various players individually, until they ran afoul of Favre.

During the 2008 preseason, the lawsuit alleges, the now-retired three-time NFL MVP sent another woman a text message asking to get together with her and Scavo,

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The FBI withheld 44 pages of Paterno's file, citing privacy issues and the protection of a confidential source.

The FBI spent several years investigating the written threats sent to Paterno, his staff and even a Penn State television commentator, following leads that took agents to a Roman Catholic church and a shipbuilding company in the Pittsburgh area. The leads apparently went nowhere.

Additionally, Penn State basketball coach Dick Harter received a threatening letter in 1980, the file shows.

A Bitter Father later apologized to Pa-

terno, saying he had spoken to his priest and realized he shouldn't blame others for his troubles. But the letters seem to have continued.

Sandusky, Paterno's longtime defensive coordinator, was convicted in June of sexually abusing 10 boys, some on campus. He awaits sentencing and maintains he's innocent.

Former FBI Director Louis Freeh led a recent Penn State internal investigation into the Sandusky matter, faulting Paterno and other university leaders for putting the university's reputation and football program over the safety of children.

Paterno's family strongly denied he protected Sandusky for fear of bad publicity.

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eight shutout innings in his last outing Friday night against Minnesota.

Zobrist's RBI double in the first snapped a 13-inning scoreless drought.

Longoria drove a 3-1 fastball from Harrison 409 feet to center. The two-run shot extended Tampa Bay's lead to 3-0. Longoria is 6 for 9 with three home runs against Harrison in the regular season.

"You throw it over the plate and he's not going to miss it," Harrison said.

In the second inning, Sam Fuld tripled with one out and Desmond Jennings walked to set the stage for Upton.

After Texas pitching coach Mike Maddux visited Harrison, Upton lined a fastball into the seats in left for his 16th home run of the season.

Johnson led off the sixth with a home run and Harrison was chased out of the game two batters later.

It was the first time Harrison allowed three home runs in a game since April 21, 2010 against Boston.

Texas' Mitch Moreland hit a two-run homer in the second, his 15th of the season. Nelson Cruz's RBI groundout got the Rangers to within 6-3.

Hamilton's 424-foot shot landed in the upper deck in right and gave him 112 RBIs, which leads the majors.

Rays starter Alex Cobb allowed eight hits and four runs in 4 2/3 innings.

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DeFrancesco, who is 1-8 since taking over for the fired Brad Mills. "Hopefully tomorrow will be the day where they can break through and put some smiles on their faces."

Houston cut the lead to one before Arias' triple in the sixth inning, which came after an error by the Astros, pushed the advantage to 6-3.

Angel Pagan hit a leadoff double, advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a single by Pablo Sandoval to give San Francisco a 1-0 lead. Buster Posey walked before Pence's shot to left-center off Keuchel (1-7).

Chris Snyder doubled in the second and scored on a two-out single by Brandon Barnes to cut it to 4-1. Snyder slid in behind Posey to beat the throw home.

Jose Altuve singled and stole second base in the third before scoring after consecutive singles by Tyler Greene and Brett Wallace. A sacrifice fly by Jimmy

Paredes sent Greene home and got Houston within 4-3.

A single by Fernando Martinez chased San Francisco starter Barry Zito, who was replaced by George Kontos (1-0). He struck out four in 2 2-3 scoreless innings for the win.

The loss was Houston's fourth straight and its 11th in 12 games. DeFrancesco was disappointed that his team let another close one slip away.

"They're playing hard and giving us a chance," DeFrancesco said. "There's a lot of good things happening, and we're playing some good teams that are trying to get to the playoffs."

Keuchel had retired 14 in a row after Pence's homer before Marco Scutaro started the sixth inning with a double that bounced off the wall in left field.

Sandoval drew a walk after that to end Keuchel's night after he allowed four hits and five runs in five-plus innings.

Keuchel was replaced by Mickey Storey, who got Posey to ground into a double play. Pence reached on an error by third

baseman Scott Moore before the triple by Arias.

"You see that play made nine of 10 times, and Wallace made a good play to keep it in the infield," DeFrancesco said about the error. "But the next hit was a big hit and it hurt us."

The fly ball by Arias sailed just out of the reach of a leaping Martinez in left field and rolled into the corner to score Sandoval and Pence and push the lead to 6-3.

San Francisco's Guillermo Mota, activated from the restricted list Tuesday after serving a 100-game suspension for his second positive drug test, made his first appearance since May 5 in the sixth inning. Mota, who tested positive for Clenbuterol, which he says was in children's cough syrup, allowed a hit and a walk in two-thirds of an inning.

He was replaced by Jose Mijares, who promptly gave up an RBI single to Moore to make it 6-4. Mota walked Altuve to load the bases before striking out pinch-hitter Brian Bogusevic to escape the jam.

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times for 48 yards.

McGee, a fourth-round pick from A&M in 2009, was 9 of 18 for 124 yards in the first half. He had completions of 32 and 36 yards to set up Tanner's score.

"He did a good job once we got going a little bit on offense," coach Jason Garrett said. "You could see him get a little bit more comfortable, get a little rhythm."

Two years ago in another preseason finale against the Dolphins, McGee passed for 304 yards while going all the way in the victory that probably assured him the spot as the team's third quarterback that season. But he has played in only three regular-season games with one start.

With Kyle Orton signed during the offseason to be Romo's backup, Dallas likely will carry only two quarterbacks on its 53-man roster that has to be set by Friday evening. Plus, McGee is no longer eligible for the practice squad like Rudy Carpenter (4 of 10 for 48 yards) would be.

"We value the quarterback position and we want to allocate the necessary resources to it," Garrett said. "Having said that, you have to manage the rest of your roster and injures sometimes are a factor."

The Cowboys said after the game that former Pro Bowl cornerback Mike Jenkins, who missed the entire offseason and preseason recovering from shoulder surgery, passed his physical earlier Wednesday. That means Jenkins could practice Saturday and possibly play against the Giants.

Pro Bowl receiver Miles Austin didn't play in the preseason because of hamstring issues, and receiver Dez Bryant was held out for the second straight game because of right knee tendinitis. Both are expected to be ready for the Giants, though Pro

Bowl tight end Jason Witten (lacerated spleen) is less certain for the unprecedented Wednesday opener.

Lamar Miller had 17 carries for 60 yards for the Dolphins. His 1-yard TD capped a 14-play, 89-yard drive that took exactly half of the third quarter to complete.

Dan Bailey kicked three field goals for the Cowboys while Dan Carpenter had field goals of 21 and 53 yards for Miami less than 2 minutes apart late in the first quarter.

After Carpenter's shorter kick, Teddy Williams fumbled the ensuing kickoff at the Cowboys 33. That's when Matt Moore took over for Tannehill.

Moore was only 4 of 12, including the pass over the middle early in the second quarter that Lemon picked off and took into the end zone for a 10-6 lead.

"Obviously, it's a disappointing loss," Philbin said.

"I just told the team I don't care if it's the fourth preseason game, the seventh regular-season game or the Super Bowl, that's unacceptable. ... Not a good performance by our team."



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10. Baylor



Sonic Drive In

1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Grady
4. Denver City
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6. Texas Tech
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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

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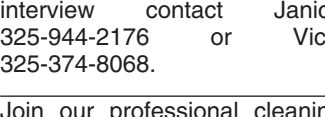
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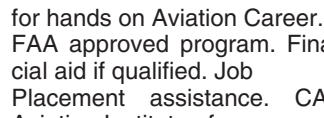
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something in you is restless. Look for inspiration; it won't be hard to find it. Also, you'll spark a connection with someone new and enjoy the good feelings that you create together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to form your personality to match the job at hand. Better results will be yours because you dared to be yourself, trusting the world to appreciate your intelligence and wit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One reason why fashion magazines show new styles monthly is because familiarity is the enemy of glamour. Fresh excitement is part of the attraction equation, and you won't ignore its importance today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do not approach another person with only a complaint. Have a solution handy, as well, or don't approach at all. You are one of the best problem solvers of the zodiac now, so this should be easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One of the paradoxes

of life is that you have to risk rejection in order to experience the wonderful sensation of belonging. Don't be surprised if you walk up to a group and hear, "It's about time you joined us."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even if you're working alone today, the worst play you can make is to forget that you're part of a team. You'll be successful when you consider how others will be affected by what you are offering, creating or doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Give someone else the opportunity to learn a task by standing by and watching as this person completes the job in what is very likely to be about twice the amount of time it would take you. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may try to hide the truth in order to spare someone's feelings, but your honesty has a way of shining through. So your best bet is to find what's genuinely good about your scene and focus there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). A stall in the action may very well be exactly what allows you to shift into a higher gear and take off rocket-style. So don't try to push your way through this. Take it easy!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't learn much from one who teaches you in broad terms. Everything worth learning is in the details. The teacher who can give you specific help will open new pathways in your brain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 30). This year, you'll find new ways to measure your success, and you'll increase your happiness level exponentially. There's a jump in your income next month. A relationship blossoms over the holidays. Seal a deal in December. Moves happen in January. Your excitement builds toward a March event. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 19, 24 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I can't tell you too much because I

don't want anyone to steal my idea, but I'm an Aquarius, and I've been putting together a business plan for the past year. I've thought of every angle, but I showed the plan to a few potential investors and came up with nothing. I couldn't even get a loan from my own blood relative! Could it be that I've worked in vain for the past year? — *Inventive Aquarius.*

Dear Inventive: The sun is no longer opposing you, and the earthy Virgo astral influences favor getting your hands dirty — so dig in! Thinking too long about this won't give you any more clarity. You have to engage. When you roll up your sleeves and get busy, you'll quickly figure out what the obstacles are and how to get over them. You'll understand what you need to learn and what you already have that will solve your problems. You'll have first-hand knowledge of how useful your offerings really are. Consider hanging up that business plan and testing your services in the real world

one sale at a time. I have a feeling you're going to find out that you don't need nearly the capital you thought you did to get started.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: At age 16, the adventurous Cameron Diaz was traveling the world as a model. At 21, she was hired without any previous acting experience to play the lead in "The Mask." Her travels had taught her the kind of courage and confidence that couldn't be picked up in an acting class. Diaz is a levelheaded Virgo with Jupiter, the good luck planet, in worldly Sagittarius.

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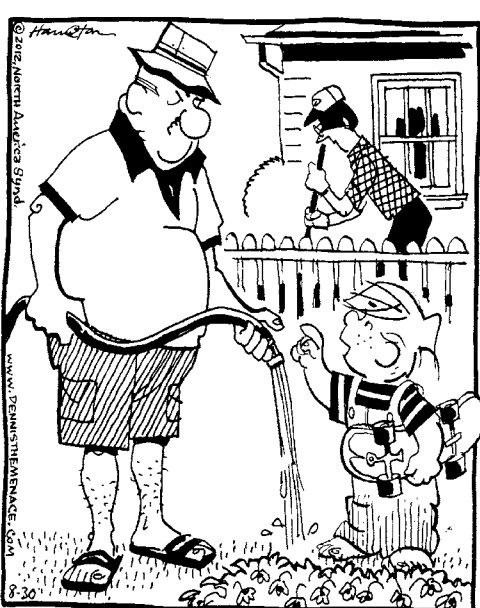
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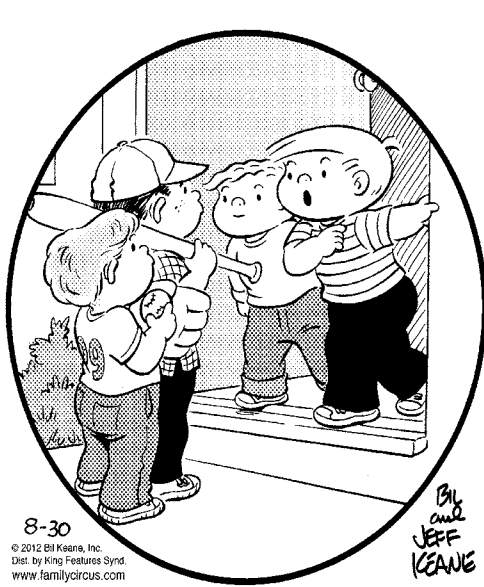
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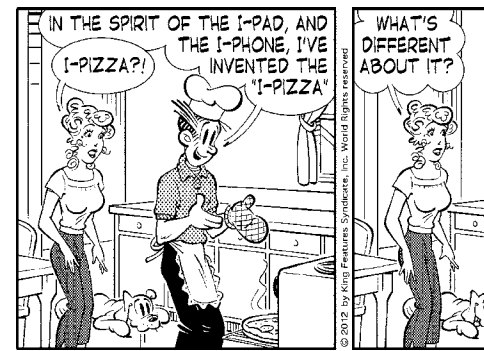


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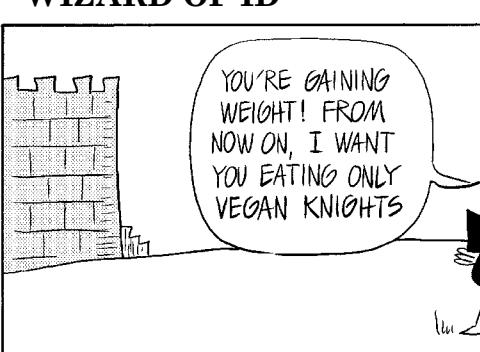


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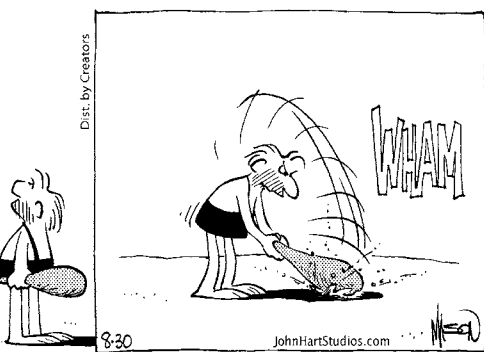
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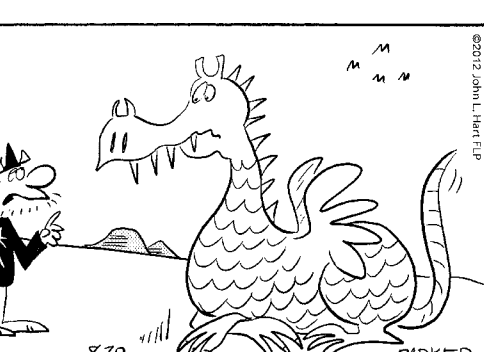
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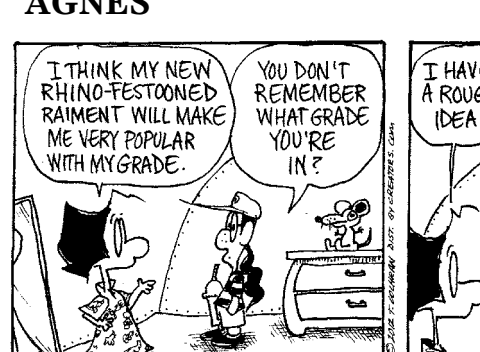
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2012. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Aug. 30, 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va., and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.
- In 1797, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, creator of "Frankenstein," was born in London.
- In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln.)
- In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

Answer to previous puzzle

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Forsan (top) and Coahoma (bottom) — Howard County rivals — run drills during preseason practices recently. The Buffaloes and the Bulldogs will meet tonight in Midland for the season opener.



LSU waits out Isaac, hopes to play Saturday

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU coach Les Miles rode out Hurricane Isaac on Wednesday at the Tigers' football operations building, where he and members of his staff continued planning for Saturday night's scheduled home opener against North Texas.

Players for the third-ranked Tigers were given the option of staying in their own apartments, at the football operations building or in Tiger Stadium.

"All those guys that will be in their own apartments off campus have been told to reconcile where they're at and recognize this is a significant storm and that they need to be safe," Miles said on the Southeastern Conference's weekly conference call with coaches.

Miles added that those who had the opportunity to be with family in south Louisiana were encouraged to consider that option as well.

"Each guy's really been given that choice," Miles said. "They had time to find the safest shelter and hunker down."

Wednesday's practice was canceled, and Miles said he was hoping his players would be able to resume preparations for the Mean Green on Thursday, depending on the speed at which Isaac moves out of Baton Rouge and how much damage it leaves behind.

"We're meeting in football and handling our business and reconciling the fact that we missed Wednesday's practice and all the things that we needed to get covered on what was a Wednesday we need now to get covered on Thursday," Miles said.

Isaac crept slowly across south Louisiana on Wednesday, which happened to be the seventh anniversary of much more powerful Hurricane Katrina. It was a hurricane for part of the day before being downgraded to a tropical storm.

Katrina caused LSU to postpone a game with North Texas in 2005, Miles' first season with the Tigers. The coach joked that the LSU athletic department would no longer schedule games against the Mean Green,

then added, "I don't think North Texas really had anything to do with it, but it is an unusual coincidence."

As of mid-day Wednesday, LSU officials said there was still power on campus and that the season opener remained on its original schedule of 6 p.m. Saturday.

That was subject to change, however, if stronger winds and rain expected Wednesday night made daily life in Baton Rouge too difficult for the community to host a football game attracting in excess of 90,000 fans to Tiger stadium.

"The schedule is obviously in relationship to how fast or how slow the storm moves," Miles said. "The schedule (on Thursday) will also depend on how things go (Wednesday) evening."

LSU vice chancellor Herb Vincent said university officials expected to meet Thursday morning to evaluate damage and consult with area authorities about the condition of the community.

Armstrong says he's 7-time Tour de France champion

MONTREAL (AP) — Lance Armstrong introduced himself as a seven-time Tour de France champion at a cancer conference Wednesday.

"My name is Lance Armstrong. I am a cancer survivor," he said to open his speech to the World Cancer Congress. "I'm a father of five. And yes, I won the Tour de France seven times."

Armstrong announced last week he would no longer challenge the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's drug charges against him. USADA threw out his competitive victories dating to 1998, which include all seven Tour wins.

Armstrong, who has maintained his innocence, focused on his experience as a cancer survivor and the work of his charitable foundation.

He said he struggled to get enough information following his diagnosis in 1996.

"After I left the doctor's office, I was grabbing every pamphlet and flyer I could off the wall," he said. "You know what we

did after that? We went to the bookstore — remember those things."

Armstrong also announced his foundation would donate an additional \$500,000 to a joint initiative aimed at increasing access to cancer care around the world.

Armstrong briefly returned to the doping scandal at the end of his remarks, vowing it wouldn't impact his charitable work.

"I think the real issue here is one of distraction," he said. "I'm going to tell this to you all as if you're friends and partners and allies. I'm not going to be distracted from this fight."

Later, hundreds of people joined Armstrong on an hour-long training run up Mount Royal. The runners cheered and tried to pose for photos with Armstrong when he arrived at a park.

Shortly after the run, Armstrong tweeted a message to his running partners: "Salut Montreal - Merci/Thanks for the run!! I had a blast."

Clemens to start again for Skeeters on Sept. 7

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens plans to make a second start for the Sugar Land Skeeters of the independent Atlantic League on Sept. 7.

His agent, Randy Hendricks, says in an email that it's his "understanding" that Clemens will pitch again for the Skeeters against the Long Island Ducks. The news was first reported by Houston television station KRIV and the Houston Chronicle.

Pitching for the first time in five years, the 50-year-old Clemens tossed 3 1-3 scoreless innings Saturday night against the Bridgeport Bluefish and struck out two.

Some believe the seven-time Cy Young Award winner's work with the Skeeters is the first step in a return to the majors. But he has said he isn't thinking about a big league comeback yet.

For the first time, Clemens is set to appear on the Hall of Fame ballot going out to voters late this year. If he plays in another major league game, the timetable would be pushed back five years.

The Rocket last pitched in the majors for the New York Yankees in 2007.

Two months ago, he was acquitted of charges he lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Dolphins charter wingtip strikes other jet at DFW

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A Miami Dolphins charter plane preparing to leave Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport clipped the tail of a parked jet while being pushed back for takeoff.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford says both American Airlines jets were damaged early Thursday. Lunsford says nobody was hurt and the incident is under investigation.

American spokeswoman Andrea Huguely (HEWG'lee) says the winglet of a Boeing 767 clipped the tail of an empty MD-80. The incident happened in a non-operational area where American provides charter service.

Both jets were taken out of service for inspection.

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followed by another text saying, "I guess I have bad intentions."

After Scavo's husband asked Favre to apologize, she and O'Toole lost gigs with the Jets, the suit says. They are seeking unspecified damages.

The suit was filed five days after the NFL fined Favre \$50,000 for not be-

ing forthright in an investigation into allegations that he sent bawdy text messages and photos to former Jets game hostess Jenn Sterger when they both worked for the team. During that investigation, media reports claimed Favre also had pursued massage therapists, but the NFL said it was unable to get enough information to decide whether the reports were substantiated.

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- Sept. 7 — Morton (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14 — Forsan (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 — McCamey (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 — Seagraves (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — O P E N
- Oct. 12 — *Coahoma (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 — *Crane (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 — *Alpine (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 — Sonora (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — Reagan County (H), 7:30 p.m.

*Denotes district game

Grady Wildcats

- Aug. 31 — Ropes (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 — Ira (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14 — Sands (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 — Midland Trinity (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 — New Home (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Sterling City (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Garden City (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 — O P E N
- Oct. 26 — O'Donnell (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 — Borden County (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — Klondike (T), 7:30 p.m.

*Denotes district game

Sands Mustangs

- Sept. 1 — Lorenzo (ASCO Football Kickoff Classic), Midland, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 6 — Hermleigh (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 — Grady (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 — Highland (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 — O'Donnell (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Buena Vista (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — *Klondike (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 — O P E N
- Oct. 26 — *Loop (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 — *Dawson (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — *Wellman-Union (H), 7:30 p.m.

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G.C. Bearkats

- Sept. 1 — Water Valley (at McCamey), 8 p.m.
- Sept. 7 — Borden County (Senior Night) (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14 — Sterling City (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 — Ira (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 — Ropes (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Robert Lee (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — Grady (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 — O P E N
- Oct. 26 — *Marfa (T), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 — *Fort Davis (H), 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — *Rankin, (T), 7:30 p.m.

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High school football — A West Texas tradition

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

School is starting back up, the temperatures are declining ever so slightly and all throughout the Crossroads area high school football players are suiting up in their pads and uniforms. It must be autumn in West Texas.

I admit, I am a bit of an outsider. I grew up in Upstate New York, then I spent several years in and around Omaha, Neb.; among other states.

Football is popular in both of those areas, but I quickly learned the passion I observed elsewhere pales in comparison to the love West Texans have for their high school football.

It makes me wish I had played under the Friday night lights out here — where the bulbs seem to burn a little brighter, the losses are a bit more bitter and the victories are that much sweeter.

After returning to West Texas six months ago, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the coaches and players from our local sports teams. I realize how important football — as well as other athletic activities — are to the communities they represent.

Big Spring's Steers and their loyal fanbase may be reeling a bit from last season's 0-10 record, but Head Coach Phillip Ritchey and his squad are poised to make a comeback.

Though Ritchey emphasized that sophomore quarterback, Tobby Tannehill, is his own person and shouldn't be compared to his big brother, Ryan Tannehill, it is hard not to take note that the elder Tannehill has recently been named starter at the QB position for the

NFL's Miami Dolphins — not exactly a small feat. According to school sources, Ryan Tannehill is the 19th BSHS grad to break into the NFL in the school's storied history.

I have no doubt that Ritchey sees

returning to run Gardner's Wing-T offensive scheme, Coahoma may have what it takes to achieve Gardner's goal.

Senior QB Tanner Ruiz is ready to take the majority of the snaps — beginning with their first regular

tations are high in neighboring Forsan, who went 6-5 last year and made a bi-district appearance.

Stanton is ready to make its presence known in its new district.

With teams such as Sonora, Crane and Coahoma on the schedule, Head Coach John Peterson has his work cut out for him as he looks to get his squad into the postseason after missing it last year.

Area 6-man action is also in full swing in the smaller communities in the region.

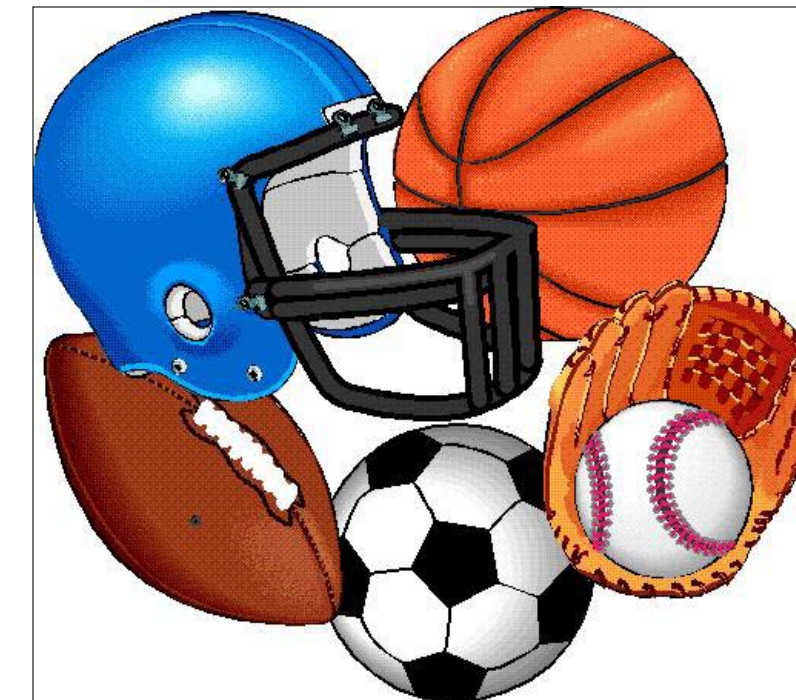
The Garden City Bearkats, Lenora-Grady Wildcats and Ackerly-Sands Mustangs are all primed and ready to play their version of the fall spectacle.

Sands is picked by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine to win their district. Sands has the size and power to run over just about anyone they face this year on the gridiron.

Grady, under the tutelage of new Head Coach Chris Kuykendall, is taking the opposite approach and will rely on his squad's speed to get the job done. Dave Campbell has them finishing third in a tough district.

Garden City is also ranked third by the esteemed publication. After back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010, Head Coach Matt Odom has been brought on to guide the Bearkats back to their former greatness.

Despite what the coaches think, how the experts rank the teams or how beloved a group of kids are in their communities, only one thing is certain at this point — it looks to be another exciting chapter in the Crossroads football history textbook.



Tobby Tannehill as a separate athlete with his own skillset, but you have to believe some small part of Ritchey hopes the same professional-caliber talent is coursing through the younger Tannehill's veins as well.

Speaking of talent, Coahoma is again stocked with it. It is no secret the Bulldogs have come into their own under the tutelage of Head Coach Trey Gardner.

Though the 'Dogs have made the playoffs the previous two years, Gardner wants to make the push past bi-district and see how his team fares deeper into the postseason.

With 15 seniors and 18 starters

season game, which came against cross-county rival Forsan in Midland at the ASCO Football Kickoff Classic at Grande Communications Stadium.

As for Forsan, the Buffaloes have moved down to a 1A school, but that doesn't mean they will have it easy.

A season opener against Coahoma, a non-district match with nemesis Stanton and a district gauntlet that includes Stamford — last year's state championship runners-up — among other tough squads will give Head Coach Jason Phillips and his athletes all they can handle.

Like most area teams, the expect-



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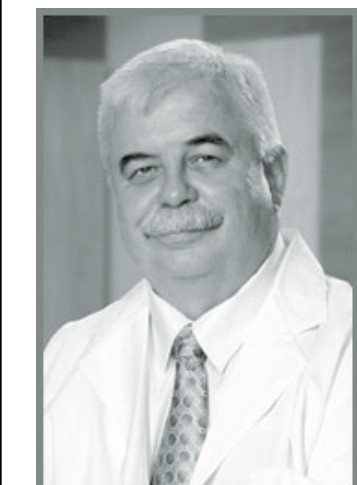
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Big Spring Steers — a new year, a new beginning

Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey makes no excuses for last year's lackluster 0-10 record, but he is eager to remedy it.

The tools to do so may be at his disposal this season.

With a sophomore gunslinger by the name of Tannehill — Toba, that is — as well as a host of seniors who are hungry to prove themselves, the Steers may very well be competitive in their new District 4-3A home.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine has picked Big Spring (6), to finish last behind Monahans (1), Abilene-Wylie (2), Snyder (3), Midland Greenwood (4), and Sweetwater (5) in the district, but predictions are hypothetical and Ritchey has confidence in his squad.

"To put it in a fight context, we got

knocked to the mat," Ritchey said of last year's performance. "We're going to dust ourselves off and play with passion. It will be a bounce-back year for us. We are trying to get off the ground, take pride in ourselves and get the community pride back. The people of Big Spring deserve that."

During interviews with Ritchey, getting the program back on track quickly and re-claiming Steer pride seems to be a common theme. Flags are for sale for \$10 through the athletic office that read "Steer Nation", Ritchey said, "We hope it will be a way to get the community involved."

Brand new artificial turf has been laid at

Memorial Stadium over the summer and Ritchey is ready to show the fans that last year was a fluke. One of the problems the Steers faced last year was a lack of depth and senior



leadership. This year, 11 returning starters should help correct that issue.

"We were hindered (last year)," Ritchey said. "We would play well the first half, but we had kids on the field too long."

When asked what some of the goals were

in this rebuilding year, Ritchey boldly said he hopes to go 0-10. His ambition is echoed by senior defensive end Diamond Bailey — an all-district and all-state honoree and one of the

leaders on the defense, which looks to be stout this year.

"Definitely, the mentality of the team has improved," Bailey said. "My class has the heart to put into it this year. The want to win is there — we are hoping to go far."

The defense also has

a new coordinator in John Wright, who replaced the now retired Don Kelso. Ritchey's offense is a work in progress.

Tannehill looks to be the quarterback for the Steers. Big Spring fans know talent runs in the Tannehill family, but is the young QB ready to step up and lead his team?

Will the new athletes comprising the offensive line hold up under pressure? Can the offense, which Ritchey described as "up for grabs" a few weeks ago sustain drives and put points on the board?

Those are some of the questions Ritchey had in the offseason. Now, some of them have been answered.

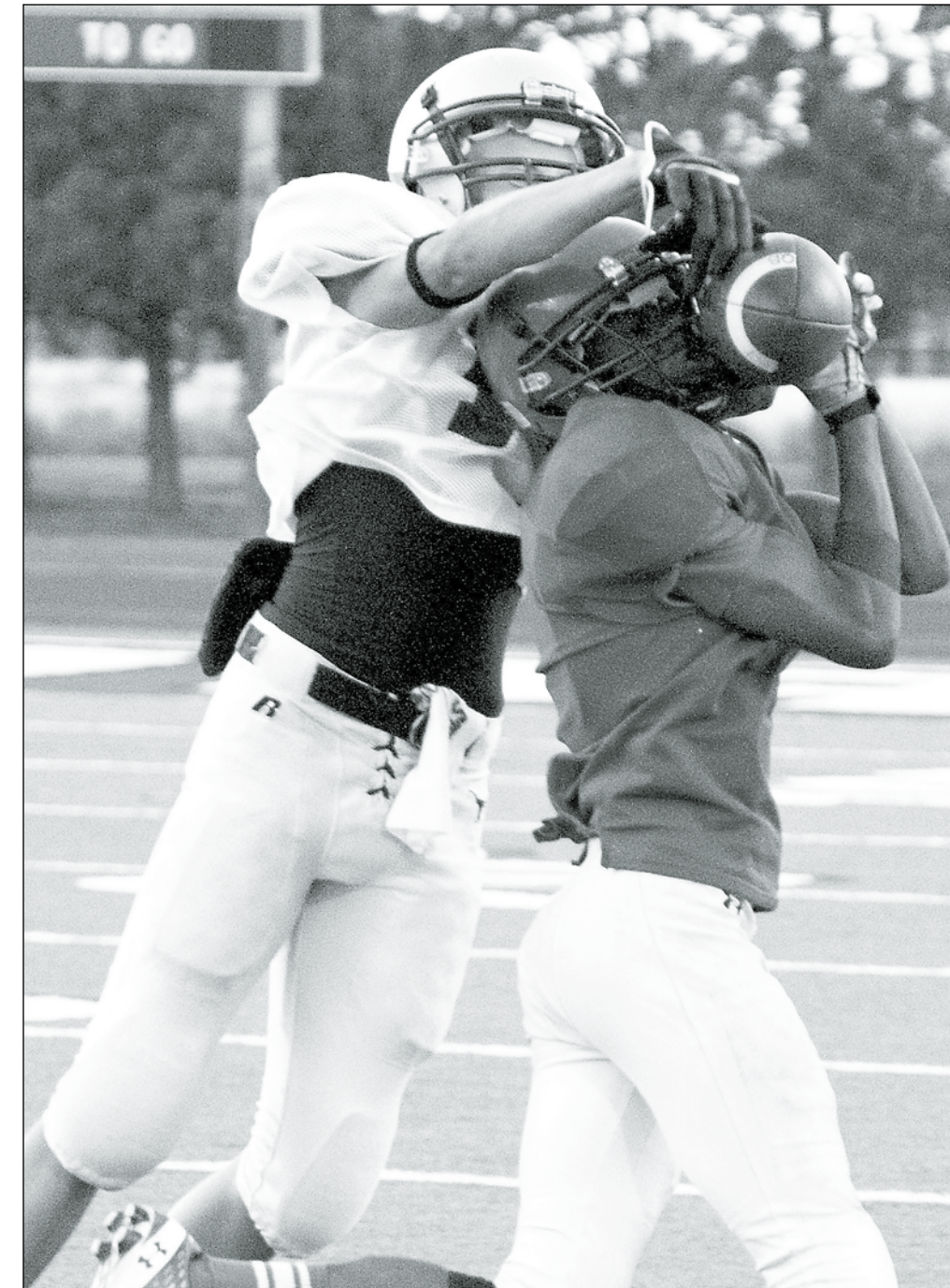
After two scrimmages — one against Lubbock High and one against Lubbock Estacado — it appears

the Steer defense is indeed very capable and the young offense has loads of potential.

"We are definitely a better team than when we started," Ritchey said. "Overall, the defense played well. The offense played well too, but there are some things we need to work on. Effort-wise and technique-wise, I thought we did well."

The will to win is there, the veteran leadership is there and the young raw talent is there. Ritchey's task now is to put it all together.

Dave Campbell's players to watch: NG Chris Nunez, LB Max Pappajohn, DE Diamond Bailey, ATH Devin Roberson, LB Ronnie Bell, QB Toba Tannehill, DE Isaac Garza, OG Joseph Morelion, LB Jared Doporto, RB Michael Vanderbilt, RB Michael Oliva, LB Tyler Wigginton, CB Shalem Menefield, CB Drake Wortham.



HERALD photos/Tony Claxton
(Left) A Big Spring defender breaks up a pass and Toba Tannehill (right) passes the ball during a scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado. The Steers have shown discipline and determination during the preseason. After last year's dismal 0-10 record, Ritchey hopes to get the program back on track.



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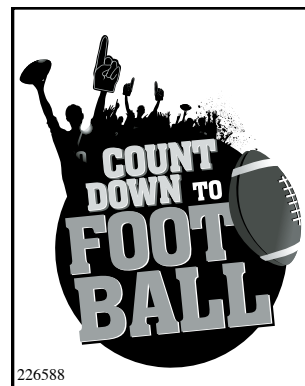
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HERALD file photo
Big Spring Senior DE Diamond Bailey wraps up an opponent during a game last season. Bailey is one of several returning starters on defense and has garnered all-district and all-state honors.

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Forsan Buffaloes — Ready to stomp into new district

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

FORSAN — After the most recent University Interscholastic League redistricting, Forsan found itself in District 3-1A.

Considering the Buffaloes went from a competitive 2A district, it may be easy to assume the Buffs can be dominant, but with the Stamford Bulldogs — last year's state runner-up — to contend with, it there is no guarantee Head Coach Jason Phillips' squad will have it easy.

Forsan has been picked by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine to finish second behind Stamford, but ahead of the Winters Blizzards (3), Anson Tigers (4) and Haskell Indians (5).

Despite the change, it has been business as usual for

the Buffaloes and they have looked tough in the pre-season.

"We will still go with a spread-based offense," Phillips explained. "We had success running the ball last year, but we will try to throw the ball about 40 percent of the time. We want to utilize our speed and the open space more. It will be a tough 1A district, but there isn't a game on the schedule we don't think we can compete in."

Last year, the Buffs posted a 6-4 regular season record and earned a bi-district

bid, but lost for the second straight year.

What Forsan was lacking last season was depth — there were only a handful of seniors on the roster.

Now, Phillips has more than a dozen to call upon;

Riddell said. "We've grown stronger every day. We are striving to do our best. I am really proud to be part of this senior class."

Senior RB Brendan Roman, who rushed for nearly 1,000 yards last season, is

also proud of the hard work the squad has put in so far.

"We have a lot more drive this year," Roman said. "Everyone is working hard.

Everyone is showing up and we have improved a lot — we have built a foundation."

According to Roman, Phillips has set the bar high as to what he expects from his squad during practice.

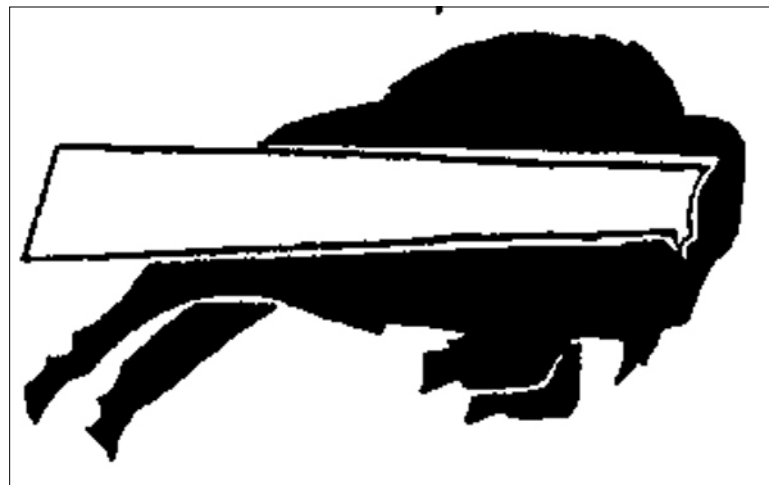
"(Phillips) pushes us," he said. He's hard on us, but that's what we need. We aren't here to be treated like primadonnas — we are here to play football."

Two scrimmages into the season, Phillips has been

many of which have received all-district honors.

"The senior leadership last year was great," he said. "This year, we have great senior leadership too, but we have more of it. The overall depth will be a huge benefit to us."

One senior leader and all-district athlete, Copeland Riddell, is confident his class can lead the Buffs to a playoff run. "We've all stepped it up this year,"



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doing what most coaches do — trying to determine who should play what positions.

One potentially interesting facet of Phillips' offense will be how the quarterback position is played.

So far, he has three viable candidates — Marcus Cervantes, Trevor Burchett and Polo Morin — to take snaps and he plans to utilize them all depending on the situation.

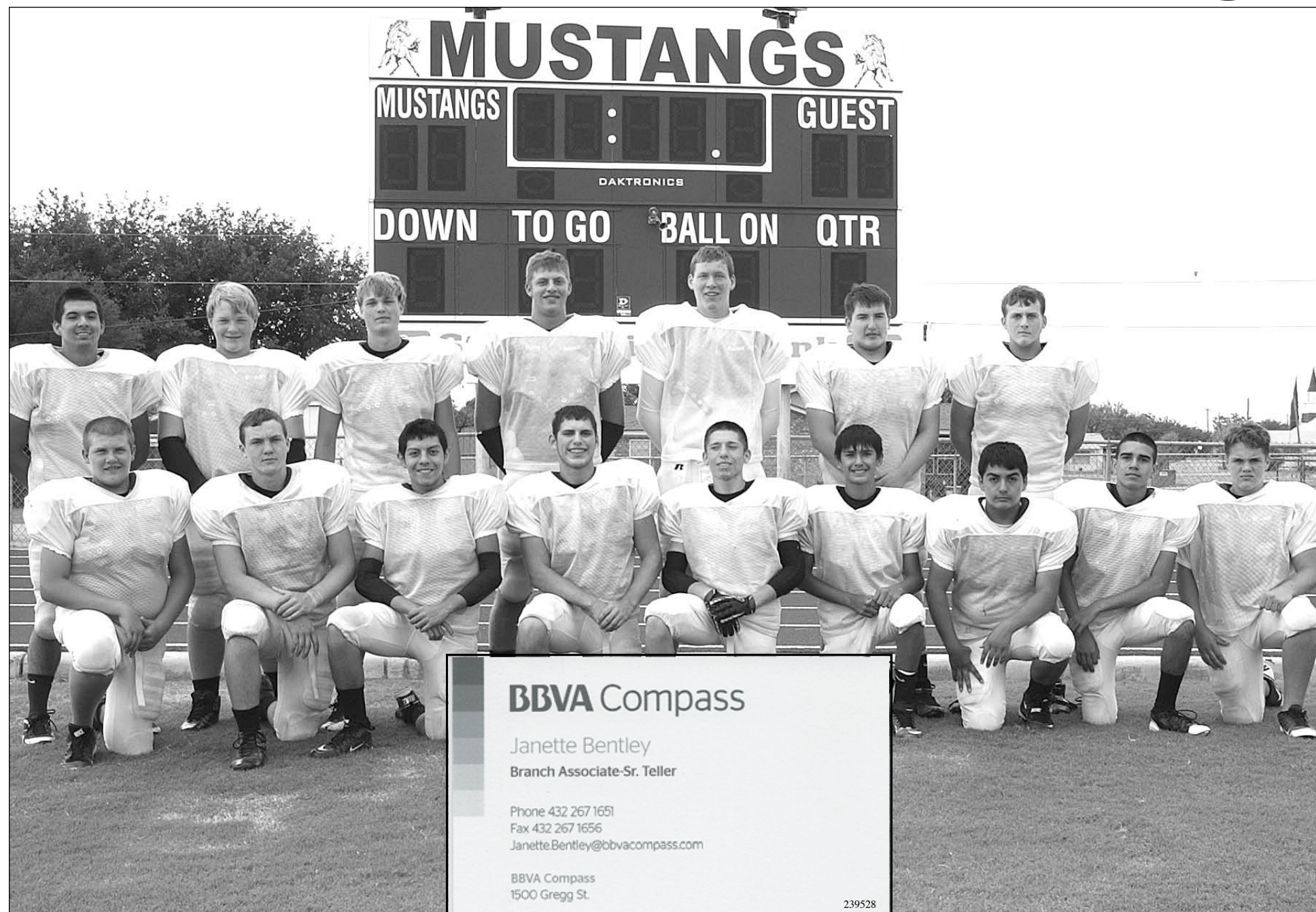
"Offensively, we were, for the most part very efficient," Phillips said of his team's performance after its first scrimmage. "We are farther along than I thought we'd be."

As far as goals for the season, Phillips wants to stun the favored Stamford Bulldogs and win district, though he would settle for another playoff berth.

"Our goal every year is to make the playoffs," he added. "We have been getting progressively better. We have added a win or two to our record each year. This year, we should be even better. We just have to keep everyone healthy and we have to play hard week-to-week. Eight-out-of-ten of our games we will be going in as the underdogs. We will use that as motivation."

Dave Campbell's players to watch: DL Copeland Riddell, RB Brendan Roman, WR Trevor Burchett, OL Blaise Coffman, QB Marcus Cervantes, DB J.T. Breyman, LB Polo Morin, T'oa Maumau, OL Ausden Medrano.

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Coahoma Bulldogs — Looking for playoff run

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — On paper, it looks like Coahoma will be a force to be reckoned with in District 3-2A action this season, but the Bulldogs have a difficult schedule to contend with.

Since Head Coach Trey Gardner took the reigns in Bulldog country, Coahoma has made consecutive playoff appearances. Unfortunately, Coahoma was eliminated in the bi-district round each time to the Spearman Lynx.

Gardner has said the mantra he has tried to instill in his squad this year is “And then some,” — meaning, let’s not just make an appearance, but stick around

past the first round. “We want to win,” Gardner said. “Win district, then keep playing.”

Winning district will be a difficult task.

Even with nine starters returning on each side of the ball, the ‘Dogs are in a district populated with tough teams.

Dave Campbell’s Texas Football magazine has Coahoma ranked fourth out of six teams despite its strong showing last year and numerous talented players with varsity experience to lead the way.

Being an underdog may help take some of the pres-

sure off the Bulldogs as they prepare to face Sonora (1), Crane (2), Alpine (3), Stanton (5) and Reagan County (6), as well as tough non-district schedule.



Gardner uses a Wing-T offensive scheme and though he plans to primarily run the ball, the option of passing the ball is always on the table.

“We have some good players to rely on,” Gardner said. “We aren’t drastically changing anything. We will be a running team, but we want to throw the ball enough to make the other

teams think we will throw it.”

The coaching staff has been revamped since Gardner took over.

The most notable change this year is the addition of Jimmy Whiddon, a Coahoma native who was hired as defensive coordinator. According to Gardner, four-of-eight ‘Dogs coaches attended school in Coahoma.

Veteran quarterback Tanner Ruiz looks to be the starter once again.

Taking his duty as field general and senior leader seriously, Ruiz is ready to help guide his team to another winning season as well as leave a legacy behind.

“We (seniors) want to set a good example,” Ruiz said. “We will be leaving. The younger kids will have to step up and be leaders. It’s been a great experience. A lot of ups and downs, but hopefully we will finish

with a great up.”

Linebacker Peyton Rodriguez agreed.

“One thing we have tried to do is teach the young guys not to give up when things get tough,” he said. “We have a tough year this year. We play a lot of schools with experience in the playoffs. We are going to have to fight.”

Gardner may have his work cut out for him considering the district he landed in, but, historically, bulldogs were originally bred for the sport of bull baiting — where the dogs would try to immobilize a giant bull.

They are fearless, even when going up against a foe 100x heavier and stronger than they are.

If Gardner’s squad can take a lesson from its mascot’s namesake, maybe Coahoma can immobilize the bulls in its district.

Dave Campbell’s players to watch: QB Tanner Ruiz, OL Peyton Rodriguez, WR/DB Caige Miller, RB/DB Aaron Acevedo.

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Grady Wildcats — Matters of speed and finesse

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

LENORAH — If Grady, which went 3-7 last season, is going to compete in District 4-6M with the likes of Borden County — which is predicted to win district — and Klondike — which could be the X-factor in District 4-6M — newly named Head Coach Chris Kuykendall will have to capitalize on his team's speed.

With the loss of two all-state players, filling the gaps left behind is a priority.

Luckily, there is plenty of talent for Kuykendall to develop. With five starters returning and an abundance of quickness and agility, Grady has a very real shot at a postseason bid.

"Last year, there was only

a couple guys with varsity experience. They didn't know what to expect at the varsity level. This year, just about everyone has varsity experience," Kuykendall said.

"I am not saying we are going to win a state championship, but we have the speed and quickness to compete in this district."

The focus has been to mature the younger players and get the offense on the

same page. "Right now, it's about execution," Kuykendall explained.

"We've got the playbook in. We are spending time-learning the plays. If we



can execute — as quick as we are — we should be able to compete for a play-off spot."

Rightly building his offense around the talent available, Kuykendall said he will try to keep opposing squads off-balance by using his team's speed.

"We're kind of uptempo in both our tight and our spread," Kuykendall added. "We need to finesse block and use that quickness to our advantage."

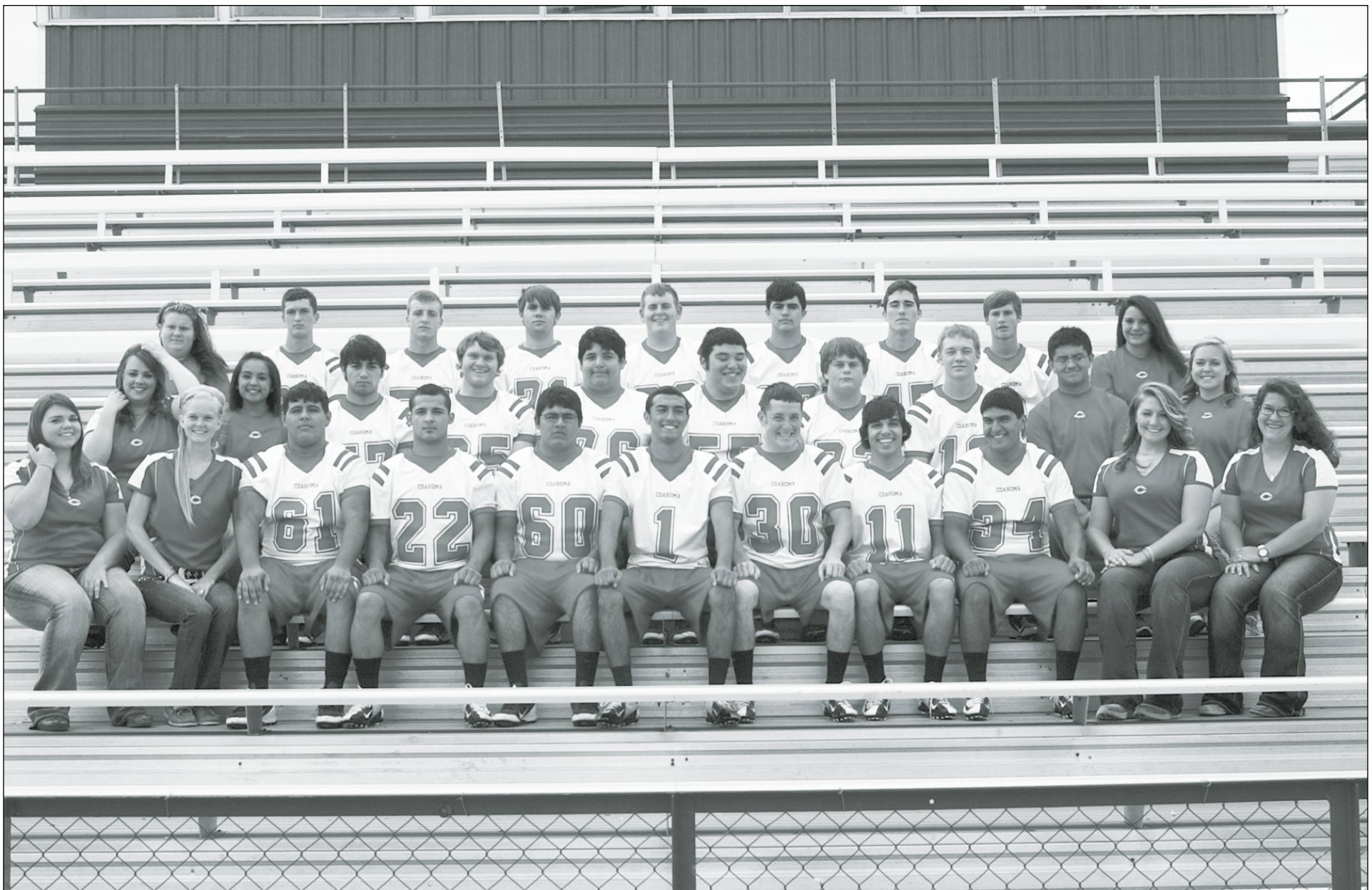
There are five returning starters on offense and four on defense. The Wildcats may have a difficult road ahead of them, but with

the leadership and determination shown in the pre-season, it would serve any foe well to not write Grady off.

"We are going to go out there and play hard," Kuykendall said. "If we can avoid mistakes and stay healthy, there's no telling how far we could go."

Dave Campbell's players to watch: QB Brett Glaze, RB E.J. Rodriguez, C Michael Jiminez, RB Zach Seifert, TE Taylor Polson, WR Uziel Sanjuan, WR Ivan Sanjuan.

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Stanton Buffaloes — Rebuilt and ready

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

STANTON — The Buffaloes went through a bit of a rebuilding year last year. The Buffaloes posted a respectable 5-5 record on the season, but missed the playoffs.

Fourth year Coach John Peterson is looking to avoid the same pitfalls as last year.

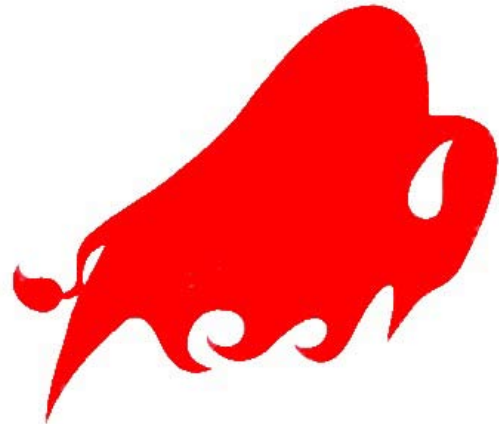
Like some other Crossroads area teams, Stanton suffered from a lack of depth. The burden should be eased this year, as eight starters on offense and six on defense are returning, giving Peterson more options. His varied offense should also help keep opponents on their toes.

"I run a broken I, with a little spread," Peterson explained. We're not afraid to get into anything."

With a sophomore quarterback in K.J. Glaspie, Peterson has focused on getting him as much experience as possible before the start of the regular season, but he is also willing to try others out at the QB position.

His team is shaping up so far. Stanton joins Coahoma in District 3-2A after the UIL realignment. The Buffs will

have to face rival Coahoma, along with perennial powerhouses such as Sonora, Crane and Alpine. Peterson, however, thinks



his team has what it takes to run the gamut. "We always want to make

the playoffs," Peterson said. "How we do it doesn't matter, but that is the goal. We're hungry."

There is always room for improvement.

As preseason play draws to a close, Peterson is focused on fine tuning his squad.

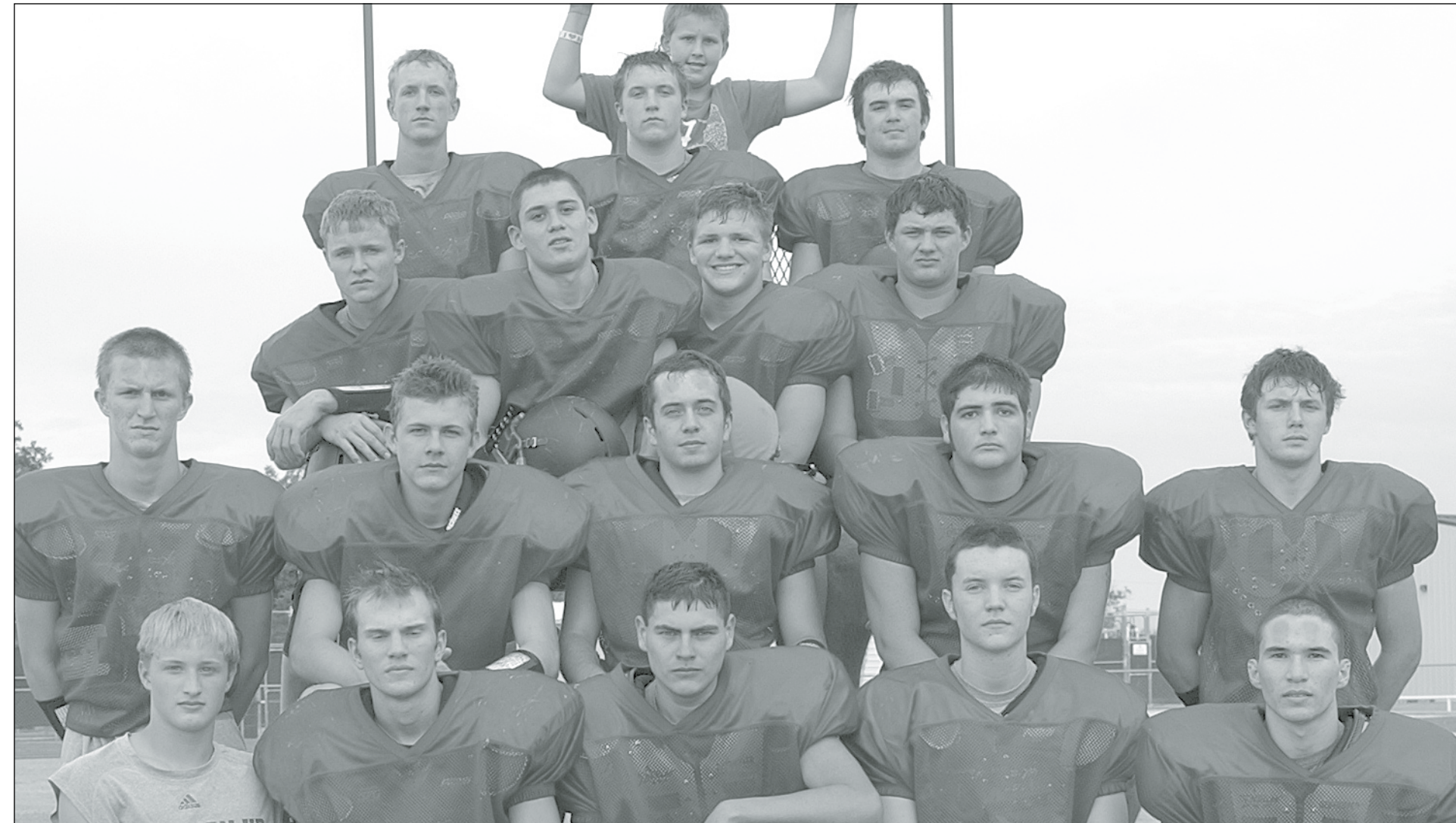
"We need to keep working on our running game," Peterson added. "The passing game is good. The defense is improving every day, but we are never satisfied with where we're at."

That attitude may serve

him well as all eyes in Stanton will be on the new-look Buffaloes.

"In Stanton, Texas, football is very important to the community," Peterson remarked. "We want to give the fans something to cheer for on Friday night."

Dave Campell's players to watch: RB/LB Blake Evans, OL/DL Logan Fryar, ATH Andres Chavez, RB/DB Tim Anderson, TE/LB Ruben Cazares, QB K.J. Glaspie, DB Drew Snellgrove, DB Seth Gonzales, DB Cornelius Klassen, DE Nathen Swiger, DL Luke Swiger, DL Steven Rodriguez, DE Ben Barrera, DL Mason Myrick, DL Andrew Saldana, DB Bryce Breeding, DB Jonathon Ramos.



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Sands Mustangs — Quest to stay on top

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — What Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson's squad lacks in speed is more than made up for with size.

Just look at 6' 4" DE Jerad Staggs, or 6' 6" TE Caleb Thomason — both of which are veritable giants on the 6-man front.

It is a rebuilding year for Henderson, who is in his ninth year coaching the Mustangs, but nevertheless, Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine has selected Sands to win its district, which will likely be a bit easier on Henderson after dropping from Division I to Division II, landing in District 5-6M along with Loop, Welch Dawson and Wellman-Union.

With six seniors to replace, Henderson is still certain the 'Stangs will hold their own against their new crop of opponents.

"We have players coming up who have junior varsity experience,"

Henderson said. "They have played big school and did well and played small schools and did real well. It

will be a rebuilding process, but we have a lot of athletic ability." Henderson is also aware that quickness is important in 6-man football, but hopes to tailor the

playbook to his oversized team. "As big as we are, we will run the football," Henderson explained. "We have had some big guys, and that has been our M.O. For the last few years. We have to get five yards three times — we feel we can do just that with our pure strength and size."

Whether the lack of speedy athletes hurts Sands remains to be seen. The district may be the Mustangs' to lose, but in West Texas, losing under the Friday night lights is

always a possibility. "I think we can win district," said Henderson. "But, our district is even. On any given night, anyone can win. It may come down to who is healthiest going into those last three district games. If we can stay healthy, it helps with our depth. We have as good a chance as anyone." The community of Ackerly is expecting the Mustangs to rack up the yardage, too.

Football rules in the Crossroads area and Henderson hopes to serve the townsfolk a serving of victories.

"We expect to win," Henderson said. "The community gets excited when its team is doing well. We have a family team, and the community is like a family. We try to incorporate the community and the school in everything we do. The school and community have been very supportive of me. They have allowed me to do what I need to do."

Dave Campbell's players to watch: DE Jerad Staggs, TE Caleb Thomason.



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Garden City Bearkats — Striving to get back in form

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Bearkat fans aren't just used to its football team winning — they are used to going all the way.

In 2009 and 2010, the Bearkats claimed back-to-back state titles.

Last season, Garden City posted a 5-5 record and failed to make the playoffs.

According to Matt Odom, who recently stepped in as the Bearkats head coach, his new community expects big things.

"We've got to put a good product on the field," Odom said. "The expectations are high here in town."

There are some obstacles

for Odom to overcome, however, that he is aware of.

"The last two superstars from (the 2009-'10 teams) graduated last year. It will be interesting to see who steps up and plays those roles," he added.

Odom, who has spent 14 years as a coach, hopes his four returning starters are willing to take on the responsibility.

Like most managers trying to rebuild a team, teaching offensive

execution is tantamount to success on the field.

Odom is trying to instill



tive, 5-6M District in which he will be meeting Rankin, Fort Davis and Marfa.

"We are used to having a target on our backs," Odom said.

"Execution is a big focus. Offensively, we have a lot of things to work on, but defensively, we have been very aggressive and physical. Whenever you have that, you can go somewhere. We plan to run the ball. I think with the kind of talent we have, a spread offense fits

just that in his 6-man squad, who landed in a competi-

our personell and will give us a better chance to be suc-

cessful. We are a running team — we want to run the ball in order to establish the pass."

With a new cast of characters, a new coach and a new offensive scheme, Garden City is a bit of a mystery. Oftentimes, so many adjustments can lead to a lackluster season, but considering how well the Bearkats have done in recent years, it is hard to count them out.

"Overall, I think we will fare well," Odom added. It's a tough district — I think six-out-of-10 teams we play are ranked in the top10 in the state. We don't have any superstars. It will be a team effort."

Dave Campbell's players to watch: DE Brody Halfman, LB Casey Hare, DE Austin Odom, RB Juan Bustos, SE Sam Miller, RB Ismael Ramirez, QB Colton Belew, RB Chapman Royall, LB Peyton Schaefer, SE Bryson Batla, QB Dillion Koenning, TE Shawn Walker, RB July Jost, C Cody Halfmann, TE Aric Andrade.

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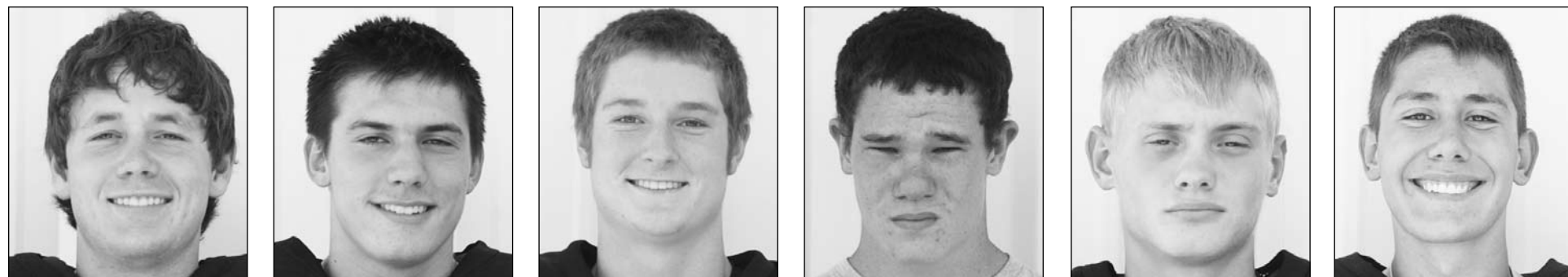
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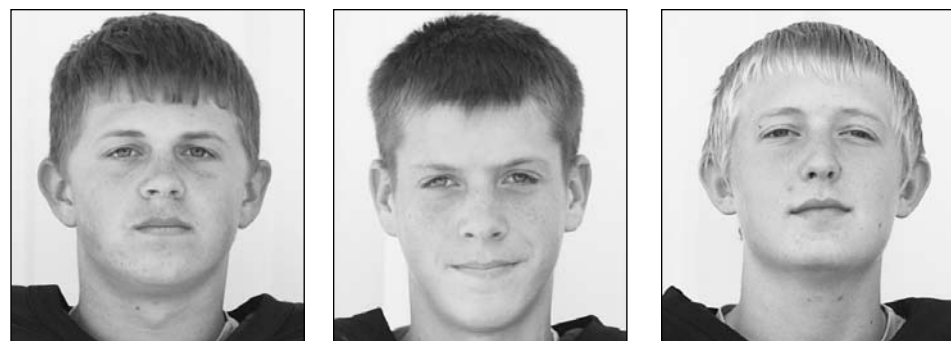
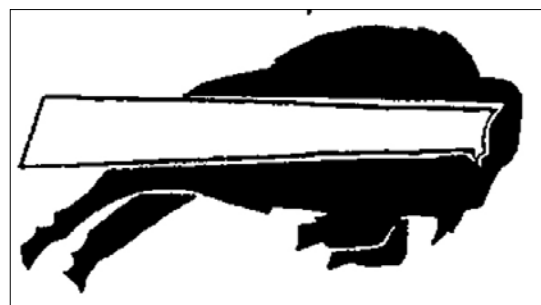
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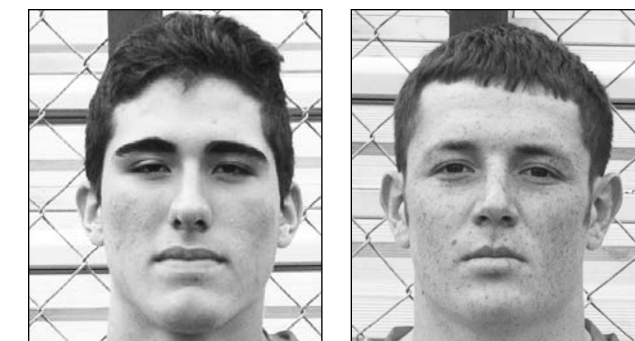
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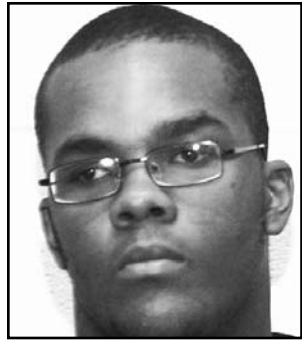


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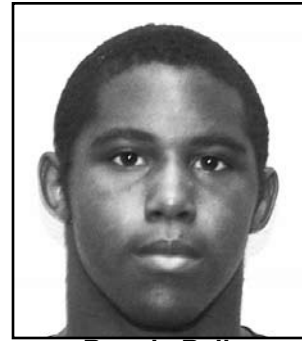




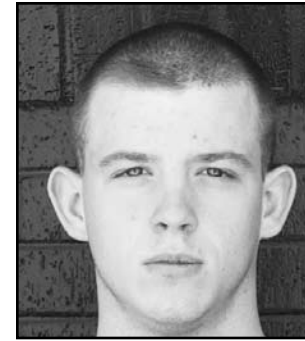
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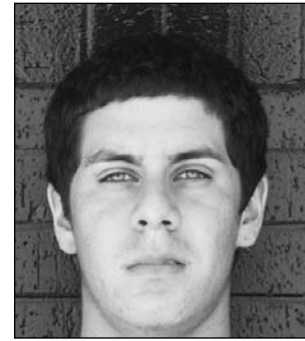
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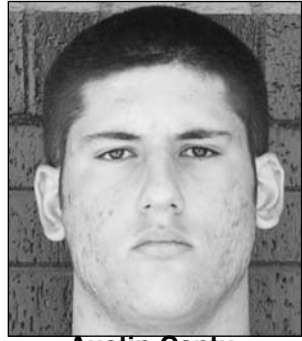
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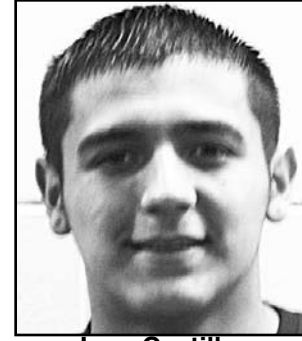
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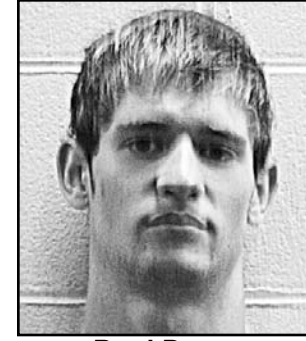
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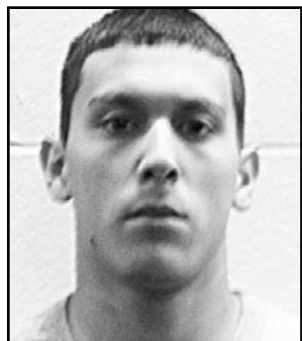
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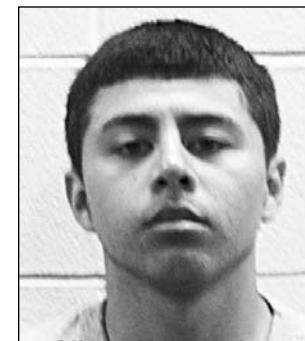
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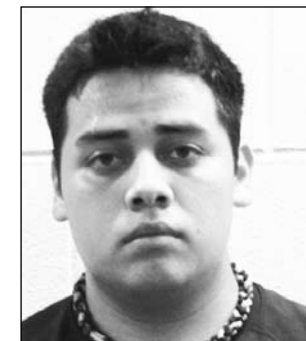
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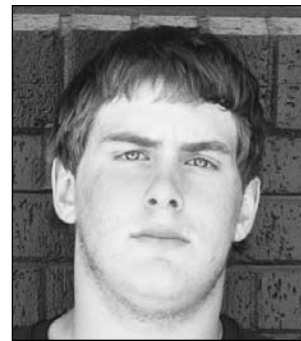
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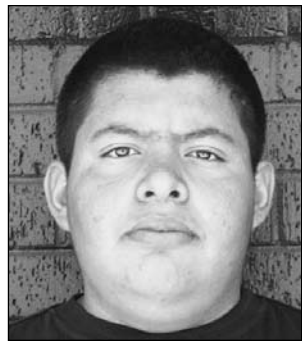
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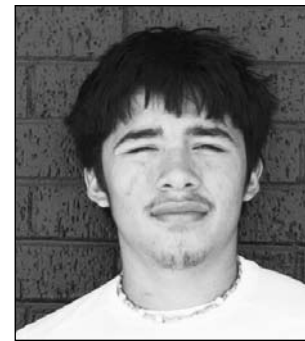
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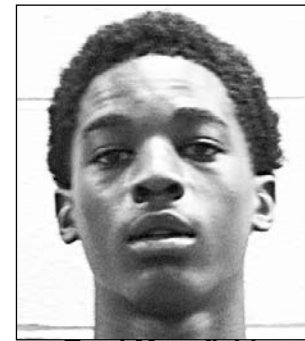
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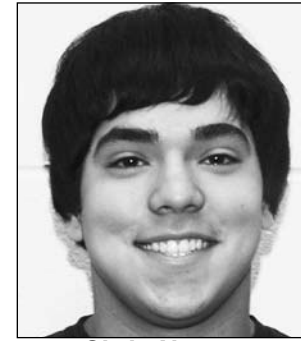
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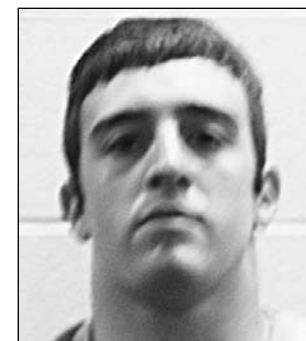
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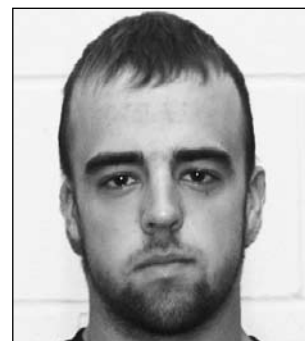
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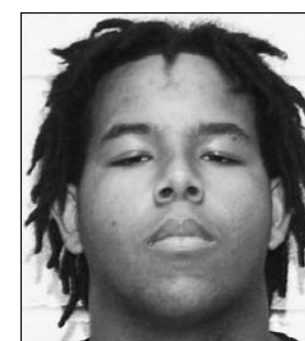
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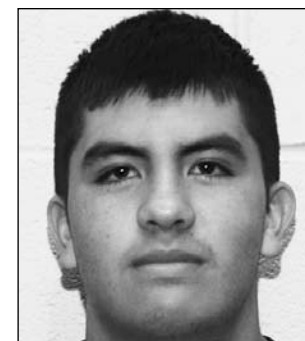
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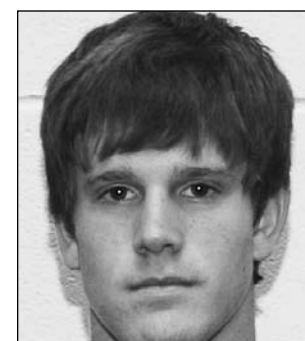
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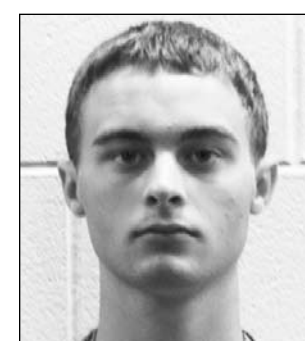
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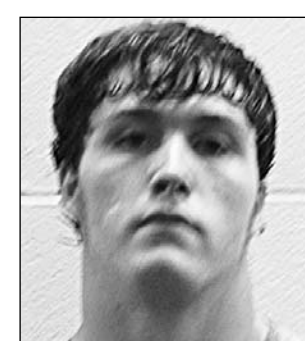
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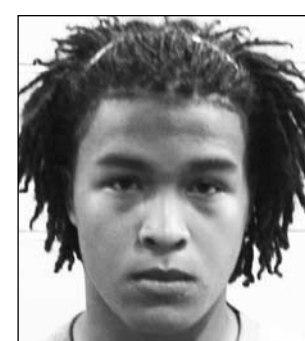
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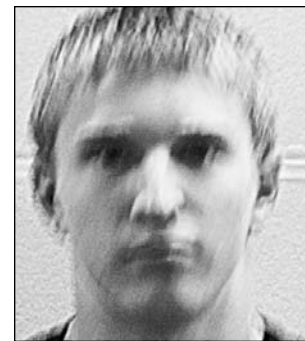
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