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Elbow Elementary Student Council members Katelynn Hand, left, and Samantha Raney decorate one of the many trees that will be on display when Heritage Museum's annual Christmas Tree Forest exhibit opens Nov. 15.

## Heritage Museum alive with trees of Christmas

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Heritage Museum's Christmas Tree Forest turns 10 this year. The museum's annual holiday exhibit, which will feature more than 40 custom-decorated Christmas trees, will open Nov. 15 and run through Dec. 21. Around 40 businesses, organiza-

tions, school groups and individuals are expected to decorate trees for the fifth annual event at the museum, Director Nancy Raney said. "We really enjoy the Christmas Tree Forest," Raney said. "It gets us in the mood for Christmas. It always gets very beautiful down at the museum this time of year. "This is the museum's Christmas

gift to the community," she added. The event was begun by Gale Pittman in the early 1990s in the downtown Big Spring area. "After that went by the wayside, he came to us wanting to start it back up," Raney said. "Of course, we thought that was a great idea. This year's exhibit is dedicated

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## Howard Co. set to make mark at polls

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A commissioners race and the future direction of Big Spring's economic development corporation are decisions local voters will make Tuesday, but they aren't the only issues that will impact Howard Countians. Also on the ballot is the obvious presidential election featuring Democratic incumbent Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. A bit closer to home is the race for U.S. Senator between Democrat Paul Sadler and Republican Ted Cruz. Races for Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Justice and Court of Criminal Appeals Judge are also on Tuesday's ballot. Voters have only one local race to decide the fate of, as the Precinct 1 seat on the Howard County Commissioners is contested with long-time Democratic incumbent Emma Brown facing Republican challenger Oscar Garcia.

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## Voting locations in Tuesday's election

Tuesday, polls open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

- County Election Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103 and 104 — Howard County Road and Bridge Office, located at 1000 N. San Antonio.
  - County Election Precincts 24, 25, 26, 205 and 208 — Big Spring Mall, located at 1801 E. FM 700.
  - County Election Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35 and 304 — First Baptist Church foyer, located at 705 W. FM 700.
  - County Election Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404 and 405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located on the Howard College campus at 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - County Election Precincts 408 and 409 — First Baptist Church, located in Sand Springs at 8517 N. Service Rd.
  - County Election Precincts 207 and 207C — Coahoma Community Center, located in Coahoma at 306 N. Avenue.
- For more information on the election, call 432-264-2273.

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## Gasoline prices take 7.2-cent tumble

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 7.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.23/g Sunday. This compares with the national average, which has fallen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.51/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 1.4 cents per gallon higher than

the same day one year ago and are 26.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 28.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 7.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Even with Hurricane Sandy causing havoc on refineries and infrastructure in the Northeast, gasoline prices nationally have continued to trend lower," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "It goes to show how much more significant the Gulf

Coast is to this nation's energy backbone when such a massive storm causes no major rise in the national average. "The good news is that average prices will likely continue to decline, perhaps to \$3.35/gal nationally by Thanksgiving. For those in Sandy's wake, fuel availability remains difficult, and is the reason GasBuddy has implemented an emergency fuel availability service," DeHaan said. The Hurricane Sandy fuel availability site can be found by navigating to <http://www.gasbuddy.com/sandy/>.

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Obituaries

C.G. Griffin



C.G. Griffin, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall and Dennis Etherege officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born May 20, 1923, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Norma Henry on March 15, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas.

C.G. was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked as the golf pro at Big Spring Country Club for many years, retiring in 1981 and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Griffin of Big Spring; his daughter-in-law, Donna Griffin of Irving; two grandchildren, Amber Griffin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Tanner and Amanda Griffin and their daughter, Addison, of Austin; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Pat and Paul Herchman of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claud and Lilly Griffin; a son, Teddy Griffin; and his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and John Bennett.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121; or to a favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

Maxine Coleman

Maxine Coleman, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Edwina Welch Reagan

Edwina Welch Reagan, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

David L. Doyle

David L. Doyle, 89, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 33, of 4215 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 21, of 1009 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for criminal mischief and failure to appear.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 23, of 105 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to use safety seat system for child and failure to appear (five counts).
- ANDY DEMOND PIPER, 26, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- KAMEO TREVON HOLLOWAY, 19, of 710 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 1200 block of W. Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.

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Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- KENNETH WAYNE MCDONALD, 56, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear and an Austin warrant for violation of parole – blue warrant.
- GARRETT WAYNE ROBBINS, 19, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of turning when unsafe.
- JOANNA ROSE RAMIREZ, 30, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- MARK HOLLIS RYERSON, 25, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID MICHAEL GATES, 20, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- JOSE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ JR., 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MARTIN A. MORA, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and municipal capias warrants for running a stop sign and expired driver's license.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DUSTIN LORENZ LACY, 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to use child safety seat, violation of a promise to appear (four counts) and failure to appear.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- JAMES MOURNING, 24, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- AMBER SUE PASCHAL, 18, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 33, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- ALAN LEN BEARD, 51, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the VA Police on U.S. District Court charges of assault, resisting or impeding a federal peace officer, entering premise under the influence and disorderly conduct.
- ANDY PIPER, 26, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- RHONETTA DENICE JOHNSON, 31, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KAMEO T. HOLLOWAY, 19, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

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 Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021

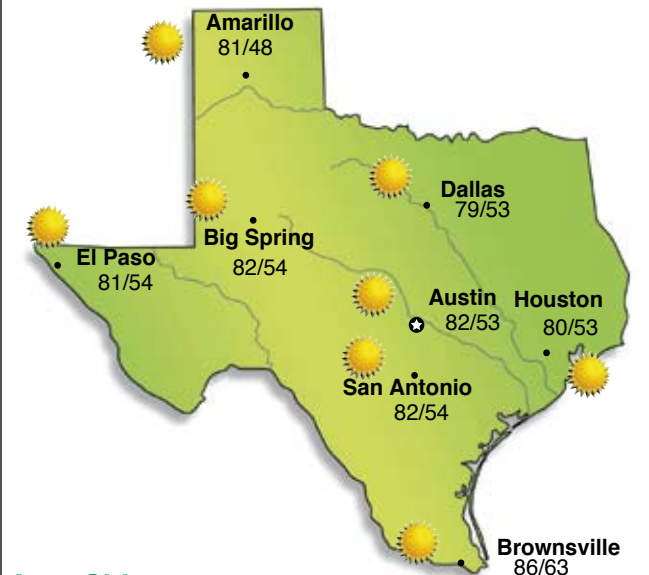
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/7	Thu 11/8	Fri 11/9	Sat 11/10	Sun 11/11
82/54 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	84/56 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	83/57 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	81/52 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	66/42 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 5:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 5:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	57	sunny	Kingsville	86	60	sunny
Amarillo	81	48	sunny	Livingston	79	47	sunny
Austin	82	53	sunny	Longview	75	47	sunny
Beaumont	77	49	sunny	Lubbock	81	48	sunny
Brownsville	86	63	sunny	Lufkin	79	49	sunny
Brownwood	83	55	sunny	Midland	82	56	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	63	sunny	Raymondville	86	61	sunny
Corsicana	79	51	sunny	Rosenberg	80	53	sunny
Dallas	79	53	sunny	San Antonio	82	54	sunny
Del Rio	85	56	sunny	San Marcos	83	52	sunny
El Paso	81	54	sunny	Sulphur Springs	75	50	sunny
Fort Stockton	84	57	sunny	Sweetwater	81	56	sunny
Gainesville	78	50	sunny	Tyler	77	50	sunny
Greenville	76	49	sunny	Weatherford	78	50	sunny
Houston	80	53	sunny	Wichita Falls	77	51	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	39	cloudy	Minneapolis	43	34	mst sunny
Boston	47	41	rain	New York	45	41	rain
Chicago	44	33	mst sunny	Phoenix	88	59	sunny
Dallas	79	53	sunny	San Francisco	66	52	sunny
Denver	71	42	sunny	Seattle	50	39	rain
Houston	80	53	sunny	St. Louis	53	38	sunny
Los Angeles	77	58	sunny	Washington, DC	45	40	rain
Miami	74	54	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 11/7	Thu 11/8	Fri 11/9	Sat 11/10	Sun 11/11
5	5	5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Support Groups

meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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# Little excitement in most of Texas on Election Day

**CHRIS TOMLINSON**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texans may think they've seen or heard a lot of politicking this season, but folks in Ohio would beg to differ.

Presidential motorcades, Mitt Romney campaign convoys and political ads have clogged traffic and the airwaves in the swing states, which also include Virginia, Florida and Colorado. Texans' only opportunities to see the candidates have been either on television or in a handful of high-dollar fundraisers.

Even though Texas has the second-highest number of voters, its predictable performance as a red state means neither party spent much time or money here. In fact, both President Barack Obama and Romney have taken millions of dollars out of the state to spend in swing states.

But that could all change. Republicans say they will need more support to keep Texas red next time, while Democrats say with a little money, they could turn Texas blue. Chairmen of both the

Republican Party of Texas and the Texas Democratic Party say they can see a day when Texas could be the biggest prize in a presidential election.

"There is no doubt the trendline was down for Republicans from 2000 to 2008," explained Steve Munisteri, the state Republican chairman for more than two years. "We had a nice rebound in 2010 and I think we'll keep most of that rebound, though not all of it, in 2012."

He said Republicans generally do well in non-presidential election years, so he's not worried about 2014, but the 2016 presidential race is another matter.

"We have to work on things for the long-term because the demographics have changed so dramatically and will continue to change dramatically," he said. "The state will become more competitive if the Republican Party doesn't do its job in attracting a higher percentage of voters, particularly from the Hispanic community."

Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa sees the same trend, and opportunity, if Texas Democrats will

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Steve Munisteri  
state Republican chairman

stop sending their campaign donations out of state.

"The president pulled more than \$6 million out of Texas, money that could have been used by local candidates or for the local party," said Hinojosa, who became chairman in June. "The clear path to victory here is the Latino vote. If we have the resources from the national party and we're able to keep some of the local resources, we can put together a strategy for Latino engagement in our state and ultimately increase that turnout and ultimately make Texas a battleground state."

For the 2010 election, Hispanics made up 28.4 percent of the voting-age citizens in Texas, according to the U.S. Census, but that number will grow as the Anglo proportion of the population drops. Every year more Hispanics turn 18 than any other ethnic group in Texas, and they will eventually become the majority of the electorate.

But only if they vote. Out of 4.3 million Hispanic citizens of voting age in 2010, only 1 million cast ballots. Whoever can deliver the majority of the 3.3 million Hispanics who did vote will win elections. Gov. Rick Perry defeated Democrat Bill White in 2010 by only 630,000 votes.

National Republican leaders "need to start treating us like a swing state now, rather than waiting for us to become a swing state," said Munisteri, adding that it is easier to hold on to seats rather than try to win them back.

He pointed out that Democrats hold the vast majority of elected posts in Dallas, Bexar, Travis and Harris Counties, the most populous in the state. Democrats also control the fast-growing counties along the border.

"If you just go by demographics and the data as to who voters are in the population, and how they usually vote, this should already be a swing state," Munisteri said.

Hinojosa said he's talked to national Democratic leaders, and they've promised to help him revitalize the Texas party after Tuesday's election to take advantage of the state's changing population.

Both Munisteri and Hinojosa agree on what it takes to make a political party vibrant: strong candidates, good financing, effective organization, a strong state party and messages voters can believe in.

"These things have a way of changing on you," Munisteri said. "I haven't seen the Democrats do that in the last few years, but they've always got the possibility of getting someone in there who knows what he's doing and they do it."

Hinojosa said that's exactly what he has planned.

*Chris Tomlinson is the AP's supervisory correspondent in Austin, responsible for coverage of Texas government and politics.*

## VOTE

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The only other local issue on the ballot is aimed at balloters living within the Big Spring city limits, as the municipal government is providing voters the opportunity to do away with the existing 4A economic development in favor of a new 4B economic development corporation.

The EDC sales tax was adopted by Big Spring voters May 5, 1990, and designated solely for

use on Type A projects, which is restricted mainly to attracting employers and businesses to the Crossroads area and retaining jobs with existing employers.

However, a Type B corporation has looser restrictions placed on its spending, allowing for several other project types, including quality of life improvements such as professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, related street, water and sewer facilities and affordable housing.

According to Texas law, however, Type A

corporations can still approve Type B projects with voter approval. With a Type B corporation, no such vote from the public is required.

The move to change the corporation to a 4B comes on the heels of a Type B project to revamp the city's water treatment and wastewater facilities, approved in May.

Despite the local issues, the battle between Obama and Romney is probably drawing the most attention, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom.

"Almost everyone who came in to register to vote said they were doing so because of the presidential contest," Bloom said. "It's definitely driving this election. We've registered 427 new voters since Aug. 1, which is really an astounding number."

"During early voting we collected 5,747 ballots. Of that total, 5,211 were cast in-person and 536 were mail-in ballots, which accounts for 33.98 percent of the registered voters in Howard County. That's pretty impressive, although it's still down approximately

250 ballots from the 2008 presidential election."

Polls at various locations in the county will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information on the election, call 432-264-2273.

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## TREES

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to Pittman's wife, Maureen, who recently succumbed to cancer.

As a way to honor Mrs. Pittman, the exhibit will feature two new trees this year — the Relay For Life Tree of Hope and Remembrance, which will be festooned with purple ornaments carrying the name of a cancer survivor or victim; and a tree with personalized memorial ornaments.

"If anyone would like to memorialize a loved one — whether they died within the last year or 20 years ago — they can bring in a photo of the person, and we'll

make a copy which will be placed in a clear ornament," Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost said. "And they can pick up their ornament from the museum after the holidays."

Cost of the memorial ornaments is \$3 each, Schrecengost said.

In conjunction with the holiday exhibit, the museum will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 1. Children will have a chance to visit and have pictures taken with Santa and learn how to decorate a gingerbread cookie and a Christmas tree ornament.

Cost for that event is \$3 per child.

For more information on the holiday events,

contact the museum at 267-8255.

Contact Staff Writer

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(AP) — United Airlines' inaugural flight of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner has touched down at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. United is the first U.S. airline to get Boeing's newest plane. United CEO Jeff Smisek was on Sunday's flight from Houston to Chicago and called the 787 the "world's leading airplane."

Associated Press photo



## Texas' oversight of compounded drugs falling off

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Budget cuts have reduced the number of pharmacies in Texas whose compounded drugs are tested in a state program that's aimed at ensuring patient safety, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Austin American-Statesman (<http://bit.ly/SjYvqm>) said the Texas State Board of Pharmacy warned four years ago that there should be more testing of

the drugs, which are prescription medications mixed and prepared by individual pharmacies. But since 2010, the number of pharmacies subjected to tests has dropped from 65 to 21, the newspaper said, citing three years of budget cuts.

Testing fewer than two dozen pharmacies is "absolutely not" sufficient to protect patients, said state Sen. Leticia Van de

Putte, a licensed pharmacist who sponsored the bill authorizing the testing program, rare among states. "You hope to God nothing goes wrong."

The safety and oversight of compounded drugs has come under federal scrutiny after regulators linked an injectable steroid prepared by a Massachusetts company to a deadly meningitis outbreak.

## Texas home to God, government court disputes

CEDAR PARK, Texas (AP) — Texas might not be a battleground state in Tuesday's presidential election, but it is home to a number of fights — some ongoing and some already decided — that could have a bearing nationally on the place of God in government.

National advocacy groups have focused much of their efforts in Texas, most recently over Hays County commissioners opening their meetings with prayer, the Cedar Park Police Department putting a cross on its chaplain's seal and Kountze High School cheerleaders carrying Christian signs at football games.

Jeff Mateer, general counsel for the Liberty Institute, a group that launches court fights on behalf of Christian priorities and issues, said challenges to prayer policies in local Texas governments have become more common.

Of the 1,700 complaints received by the Freedom From Religion Foundation from January to September, nearly 10 percent were filed by Texas residents. The advocacy group sent 54 letters of complaint to Texas governmental entities this year, including five complaints to Central Texas agencies.

Gregory M. Lipper, an attorney with Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which sought a ban on sectarian invocations in Hays County, said that about one in eight of the 120 letters the group has sent so far this year went to Texas.

"We certainly get a significant number of Texas-related complaints," Lipper said. The group would not say to whom it has sent letters, he said, because it wants to give entities an opportunity to resolve issues "without having a lot of pressure on them."

America's religious roots can sometimes make it difficult to draw the line on separation of church and state, said Jeffrey D. Kahn, an associate professor of law at Southern Methodist University.

"The First Amendment has an internal tension to it. On one hand it wants to protect our free exercise of religion. At the same time, it wants to protect us from state establishment of the religion of the majority," Kahn said.

As the country diversifies, more cases come to light and are fought out in the courtroom, Kahn said. And the judicial decisions have become a guide for entities navigating church and state issues, as well as for advocates.

A 1963 Supreme Court

ruling found that school-sponsored prayer was unconstitutional, but a 1983 ruling cites the country's "unique history" in finding that government entities can hire chaplains for prayers at meetings.

Locally, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the late atheism activist, famously challenged prayer at Austin City Council meetings in the 1970s. Austin council meetings today are opened with prayer, with spiritual leaders from various religions leading the invocations.

A number of more recent cases have cropped up in Central Texas, though none have made it to the courtroom.

Hays County commissioners adopted a new prayer policy last month after Americans United complained. The policy creates a volunteer chaplain position, who is instructed to randomly invite religious leaders of all faiths to open a meeting with an invocation. The policy does not ban sectarian prayer, however, and Americans United has warned that it will still consider legal action if such prayer continues.

More recently, the Cedar Park City Council received a letter from Freedom From Religion complaining that the city's police chaplain seal boasts a Latin cross.

"By displaying a Christian cross on the chaplain's seal, the city alienates adherents to religions other than Christianity," a letter sent July 5 said.

Cedar Park officials have declined to comment, and the council took no action after discussing the matter in executive session in late October.

Texas schools are particularly fertile ground for such battles, with both sides pointing to court rulings and state laws and policies they say contradict one another.

Advocates for separation of church and state cite a 2000 Supreme Court ruling that said a Galveston-area school district violated the First Amendment by permitting student-led, student-initiated prayer at football games. They argue that a Texas law passed seven years later that prohibits discriminating against religious viewpoints given by students during public forums creates room for confusion.

"That seems to be inviting school districts to disobey the Supreme Court decision," Lipper said.

Advocates on the other end argue that the 2000 case relates to a specific incident and cannot be applied with a broad brush. They argue private, student-led prayer — rather than government-funded school-sanctioned prayer — is allowed, pointing to a 2011 ruling in the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that found a judge was wrong to bar public prayers from a graduation ceremony at Medina Valley High School in Castroville.

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# Obama, Romney pursue last votes in deadlocked race

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — One day left in their stubbornly deadlocked race, President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney are storming through a final exhaustive campaign push Monday that won't end until the wee hours of Election Day in pursuit of every possible vote.

Both candidates say the winner will be determined by which of their operations can get the most supporters to the polls. "This is going to be a turnout election," the president declared in an interview airing Monday morning as he pleaded with urban radio listeners to get to the polls.

"We have one job left," and that's getting people out to vote, Romney told more than a thousand people just off the tarmac at the airport in Sanford, Fla. The crowd

chanted "One more day!"

With national polls showing a neck-and-neck race, the final day's schedule showed where the two campaigns believe the race will be decided. Romney was in Florida, Virginia, and New Hampshire, while Obama was trying to protect Wisconsin from an eleventh-hour challenge from the GOP before heading to Iowa.

And in an indication of just how all-important Ohio was once again to the future occupancy of the White House, both candidates planned to be on the ground in Columbus Monday evening for dueling rallies seven miles apart.

Whoever wins Ohio has a simpler path to amass the 270 electoral votes needed to claim the presidency. With Obama showing a lead in



Associated Press photo

Presidential candidates Barack Obama, left, and Mitt Romney.

most polls of the state's likely voters, Romney voiced guarded optimism Sunday in Cleveland, saying Obama's re-election is "possible, but not likely."

Obama also raised the possibility of defeat as he pleaded with listen-

ers of The Rickey Smiley Morning Show to get to the polls. "If we don't turn out the vote, we could lose a lot of the gains we've already made," Obama said.

It was one of two of the president's radio interviews airing Monday

aimed at turning out minority voters, the other with a Spanish-language station in Ohio. The president is relying on black and Hispanic voters to help offset Romney's lead with white men in particular, but the risk for him is that

some of those key supporters aren't as motivated to vote as they were in 2008.

"Four years ago, we had incredible turnout and I know people were excited and energized about the prospect of making history," Obama said. "We have to preserve the gains we've made and keep moving forward."

Both candidates will also benefit from some star power Monday. Rock legend Bruce Springsteen is joining Obama at all three campaign rallies, and rapper Jay-Z will join him in Columbus. Romney planned a final rally in the last hour of election eve in New Hampshire with Kid Rock while country rock performers The Marshall Tucker Band was joining him in Columbus.

## Tragedy: Boy, 2, dies after fall, dog attack at Pa. zoo

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A mother's attempt to give her 2-year-old son a better view of wild African dogs turned into a fatal tragedy after the boy fell into the exhibit and was attacked by a pack of the animals as relatives and bystanders looked on.

The mother had picked the child up and put him on top of a railing at the edge of a viewing deck at the Pittsburgh Zoo late Sunday morning, Lt. Kevin Kraus of the Pittsburgh police said.

"Almost immediately after that he lost his balance, fell down off the railing into the pit, and he was immediately attacked by 11 dogs," Kraus said. "It was very horrific."

It's not yet clear wheth-

er the boy died from the fall or the attack, said Barbara Baker, president of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. Zoo officials at first estimated the boy fell 14 feet, but police said it was 11. It's not clear which is correct.

The Allegheny County medical examiner planned an autopsy Monday, and the boy's name was not expected to be released until that was complete.

Authorities said that zoo staff and then police responded "within minutes," but visitors described that time as being filled with screams for help. Zookeepers called off some of the dogs, and seven of them immediately went to a back building.

Three more eventually were drawn away from the child, but the last dog was aggressive and police had to shoot the animal.

Steve Feldman, a spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, said no one he's spoken to can recall

any deaths of children at an accredited zoo over the last 40 years or more. Feldman said the Pittsburgh Zoo successfully completed its 5-year review in September, which means it meets or exceeds all safety standards.

Authorities didn't re-

lease the name of the woman, but say she is 34 years old and lives in Pleasant Hills, just outside Pittsburgh. The boy's father arrived on the scene soon after the accident, police said.

The zoo was immediately closed, and it was not clear when it will re-

open, authorities said.

The so-called painted dogs are about as big as medium-sized domestic dogs, and 37 to 80 pounds, according to the zoo. They have large, rounded ears and dark brown circles around their eyes and are considered endangered.

### With schools back and gas scarce, NYC region commuters brace for post-Sandy commute

NEW YORK (AP) — A week after Superstorm Sandy ravaged the New Jersey and New York coast lines, another challenge loomed ahead for the region: Commuters, public school students and motorists — forced out of their cars by a fuel shortage — converging on transit systems not fully ready for them.

The good news in New York City was that, unlike last week, service on key subway lines connecting Manhattan and Brooklyn under the East River had been restored.

But officials warned that other water-logged tunnels still weren't ready for Monday's rush hour and that fewer-than-normal trains were running — a recipe for a difficult commute.

"Service will not be normal tomorrow, and we need you to understand that before you enter the system," Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned Sunday.

### U.S. elections invite Chinese to make comparisons with their country's closed-door politics

BEIJING (AP) — Where can a pop star score a hit by talking about the U.S. Electoral College for 33 minutes? In China, where Gao Xiaosong's straightforward explanation of the system drew more than 1 million hits in four days.

Chinese have long been fascinated with U.S. presidential elections, but interest is particularly high this year because Americans are voting at the same time Beijing is going through its own political transition. A generation of Communist Party leaders will step down next week to make way for younger colleagues after a highly secretive selection process.

For many ordinary Chinese, comparisons are irresistible.

In a political cartoon circulated online, an American voter covers his ears as the candidates verbally attack each other on TV, while a Chinese man struggles to hear anything from the party congress, taking place behind closed doors.

"Every political system has its pros and cons, but I do think it will be great if I get to participate and get to make a decision after the candidates tell me what their platforms are for the next four years," said Guo Xiaoqiao, a freelance worker in human resources.

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## Smart ways to start the day



(Family Features) Mornings can be one of the most hectic parts of the day for busy parents. While trying to get the kids dressed, fed and ready-to-go during the morning crunch, it's easy to skimp on the little things that keep you at your best and ready for the rest of the day. Heinz Nutritionist Carla Addison shares a few easy tips to get the day started right and keep you feeling your best throughout the day - even on the busiest of mornings.

**Plan it Out.** A good day starts with a good plan. Think about what you'll eat not only for breakfast, but also throughout the day before hunger strikes. This way, you're less likely to indulge and more likely to make smart choices. Also, be sure to plan healthy snacks for in between meal times. You'll feel prepared and ready to take on the day with confidence.

**Variety is the Spice of Life.** By incorporating a variety of foods, you can break free from the same old cold cereal routine and also get the nutrients you need for the day. Fresh fruit on top of hot oatmeal or a quick fruit smoothie make tasty, yet healthful options. Also, Weight Watchers Smart Ones offers a variety of warm breakfast options, such as the Three Cheese Omelet that can be prepared in the microwave in just a few minutes.

**Fresh Fruit is Your Friend.** Always leave a bowl of fresh fruit on the counter so you

never walk out of the door hungry — even if you're in a big rush. Keep the fruit bowl at eye level so that it's in sight and top of mind for everyone. For those extra hectic mornings when you don't have time to sit down and eat, bananas, peaches, oranges and apples make great on-the-go options.

**Start the Day with Protein.** Lean meats are a great source of protein to fuel your day. If you're looking for quick, convenient options, try Smart Ones English Muffin Sandwich with Turkey Sausage, which has 14g of protein, or the Smart Ones Pancakes with Turkey Sausage, which has 11g of protein. Other high protein options include whole grain breads with nut butters, cheese or hummus. Also, a side of cottage cheese or a hard-boiled egg offers a protein boost to any breakfast.

Write in a food journal. A food journal is a great way to identify the healthy choices that you're making and recognize the food habits that you might need to change. Start the day with a few minutes of documentation, whether that's writing down your snacks from the day before, a grocery list or a meal schedule for the coming week.

To get more tips on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and to find additional Weight Watchers® Smart Ones® breakfast options, visit [www.eatyourbest.com](http://www.eatyourbest.com).

## "Classic" Ann Landers®: Trusting wife loses everything

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** Recently, you printed a letter from a woman whose husband had moved out, bag and baggage, when she wasn't home. Welcome to the club.

After 30 years of what I thought was a pretty good marriage, my husband vanished.

He didn't leave a note. What he left was unbelievable chaos and a wife who didn't know what hit her. Of course, there was another woman, and she went with him. Before he left (with all my good jewelry), he emptied our bank account. I had exactly \$300 in the sugar bowl.

Unknown to me, our \$600,000 house was listed in his girlfriend's name. Due to a huge error on my attorney's part, there was nothing I could do about it.

My husband's \$100,000 bonus from work was deferred until after the divorce. I was ordered by the court to pay \$10,000 to "equalize" the divorce when he had thousands hidden away. I had no money for "asset searching" and didn't know where to look. It was an incredible mess, and I paid a big price for my ignorance.

Within a year, my ex-husband died unexpectedly. His wife got it all. Our children got nothing. She immediately sold the home and promptly disappeared.

This is what can happen when a wife is a world-class dumbbell and a trusting moron with a brainless lawyer who may have been in cahoots with her husband's girlfriend. I hope every wife who reads this will learn something from what I have written. I sure wish I had read such a letter a few years ago. — *No Name, No City, No State and No Brains*

**Dear No Name:** You did more good today than you will ever know. Because you wrote, thousands of wives are going to make sure what happened to you will not happen to them. My thanks as well as my condolences.

**Dear Ann Landers:** When we retire, my husband and I plan to build a new house in the country.

To date, I have bought 14 house-plan books and have concluded that most architects must be men. No woman would put the bedrooms and bathrooms at one end of the house and the laundry room at the other end, attached to the garage.

If I may speak to all the architects out there, I suggest you consider these things when you draw up your next house plan:

1. The laundry room should be next to the bathrooms and near the bedrooms so we don't have to carry 40-pound loads 100 yards to and from the laundry. Don't put it next to the garage unless the bedrooms and baths are on the second floor and there is a laundry chute.

2. A kitchen is not a highway. Nobody should have to go through the kitchen to get anywhere except the pantry or the dining room. It is very inconvenient, and also unsafe, to have to dodge foot traffic while you cook.

3. We need in-the-house storage space for paper goods, books, vacuum cleaners, brooms, fans, serving platters, folding chairs and card tables, seasonal decorations, large roasting pans, exercise equipment, winter blankets, extra pillows and so on.

4. We need more one-story house plans. Many older people who can afford large, even luxurious, homes do not want to climb stairs.

I know I can hire an architect to draw my house plans to specification, but maybe this will help other women down the line. — *Future Builder in Louisiana*

**Dear Louisiana:** I hope all the architects and folks out there who are considering building (or buying) a home someday will clip this column. You have made some splendid suggestions that are worth heeding.

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## Annie's Mailbox®



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** My father was recently killed in an accident. Now it's just my mother and me.

I don't know how my mom is going to cope with the loss, and I am not sure how I will, either. I won't have my father around to see me graduate, get married or have kids.

Here's the issue: I'm 20 and will be transferring soon to an out-of-

state college. This was planned months ago. But I worry that once I leave, my mother will have a breakdown.

Am I making the right choice to go away? I've been dreaming of this college for years, but now I feel selfish. I know I can't put my life on hold, but I want to be sure I'm doing things the right way. I want to be on my own and learn to become independent, but I also realize I'll be alone and will have to start all over, just like my mom. It's going to be hard.

Mom has friends, Dad's family and our church nearby to give her support. I won't

have any of that at my new school. Maybe I just need to force myself to be strong because no one else will push me to do it.

I know my mom would like me to stay, but she'd feel guilty if I did. I'm so lost. — *Devastated Daughter*

**Dear Devastated:** The death of a loved one can make decisions difficult, and it usually is best not to rush into anything. But you seem ready to leave home, and if this is the case, you should go. Your mother has a support network in place, and you can call her often in order to stay in close

touch and be sure she is OK. And you also will need a support network. Your new school should offer counseling services, and we hope you will look into them as soon as you arrive. But if you are reluctant to go, find out whether the school will permit you to defer enrollment for a semester.

**Dear Annie:** For a few years, I have been in a serious relationship with a beautiful 54-year-old woman whom I've considered marrying. But she likes to flirt and has had several men fall in love with her and propose marriage. It has created a lot of discomfort for me and takes a great deal of patience to tolerate.

She insists that she's not like that anymore. But, Annie, she's suddenly keeping company with her rich, widowed cousin who is 20 years older. In the past two years, he has taken her on seven trips, including cruises and resorts where they share a single room.

She says I have nothing to worry about because he's her cousin. Is that true? I'm also hurt that we had planned to do all of these things together. Am I being oversensitive, or should I be seeing red flags? — *Home Alone*

**Dear Home Alone:** Red flags? Honey, the flags are on fire. This woman is taking advantage of your patience and tolerance. We suspect this man may not really be her cousin,

and even if he is, it doesn't preclude intimacy. If she respected your relationship, she would not be taking trips with another man and sharing his room. She cannot be trusted. We think you should get out while you can.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing about "Worried Grandma," who said her granddaughter, "Kelly," is loud and talks excessively.

I am the mother of a son with a profound hearing loss. He is 24, happily married and has two cochlear implants. Talking excessively can be a sign of hearing loss. Kelly says she knows she is loud but is unable to control it. That can happen with hearing loss because they can't hear well enough to control their own volume. Please suggest that "Worried Grandma" have Kelly evaluated by an ENT — *Mother of a Deaf Son*

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ A  
♥ 10 6 5  
♦ A J 10 3  
♣ 9 6 4 3 2  
**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 3  
♥ A J 9 7 2  
♦ —  
♣ A J 10 8 7  
**EAST**  
♠ J 5 2  
♥ K Q 4 3  
♦ 8 7 4 2  
♣ K Q  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 9 6 4  
♥ 8  
♦ K Q 9 6 5  
♣ 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ Pass 3♥ 4♠  
Pass Pass Dble  
Opening lead — nine of hearts.  
Brilliances are not always rewarded. For example, take this deal from the match between Taiwan and the United States at the 1979 world team championship.  
The U.S. North-South pair at the first table got to four spades doubled as shown, and West, Che-Hung Kuo, made the remarkable opening lead of the nine of hearts! After East, Patrick Huang, won the trick with the queen, he recognized that the purpose of his partner's underlead of the ace of hearts was to get a ruff. Huang also

recognized that West's lead of an unnecessarily high heart was a suit-preference signal, asking for the return of the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits.

Accordingly, Huang returned the deuce of diamonds, transmitting a suit-preference signal of his own. West ruffed the diamond and, obeying East's signal, returned the seven of clubs! West's second underlead of an ace was likewise successful. East won with the queen and led another diamond, and West ruffed to put the contract down one.

But alas, this brilliant defense by the Taiwanese East-West pair was more than offset by what occurred at the second table, where the U.S. West wound up playing at five hearts doubled. Ordinarily, he would have gone down one, losing the first three spade tricks. But luckily for declarer, North's singleton spade was the ace, which he led, and that was the only trick scored by the defenders.

So the outcome was that the American East-West pair at the second table made five hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. This was 950 points more than the Taiwanese pair at the first table had scored with their extraordinary defense, providing ample proof that brilliances are not always adequately rewarded.

Tomorrow: A giveaway program.

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# Lady Steers take area trophy

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring volleyball squad has done it again.

This time, the Lady Steers traveled to Lubbock Coronado and in five sets, defeated Dalhart to win the Class 3A area championship.

Big Spring dropped the first set 23-25, but came to back to win the next two by scores of 25-18 and 25-21. Dalhart took the fourth set 20-25, but Big Spring ended it with a 15-6 victory in the fifth set.

Having advanced to the regional semifinal, the No. 17 ranked Lady Steers will be meeting No. 18 ranked Lubbock Cooper. The match is slated for 7 p.m. at Lamesa High School on Tuesday.

Big Spring has a cumulative record of

29-14 for the season and lost only three matches during District 4-3A play — once to state-ranked Monahans and twice to No. 1 ranked Abilene Wylie.

### Individual statistics:

**Setters:** Julianna Rodriguez: 27 assists, 1 kill, 6 aces, 12 digs; Morgan Seaton: 20 assists, 16 kills, 1 ace, 13 digs, 2 blocks.

**Offense:** Haley Dimidjian: 13 kills, 1 assist, 2 digs, 2 blocks; Erin Pollard: 11 kills, 4 digs, 2 blocks.

**Defense:** Carson Reibe: 20 digs, 1 kill, 3 aces; Clara Benavides: 18 digs, 4 kills, 2 assist, 1 ace; Ebony Zavala: 13 digs, 1 block, 7 kills, 1 assist.

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The Lady Steers volleyball squad keeps moving forward as they defeated Dalhart at Lubbock Coronado on Saturday to win the Class 3A area title. Next up for Big Spring will be Lubbock Cooper at Lamesa High School on Tuesday at 7 p.m. to determine the regional semifinal champion.

## Sports Calendar

### TUESDAY

**Volleyball**  
• Big Spring (No. 17) vs. Lubbock Cooper (No. 18), Regional Semifinal, Lamesa High School, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Football**  
• Big Spring (5-4) at Monahans (5-5), 7:30 p.m.  
• Winters (2-7) at Forsan (5-4), 7:30 p.m.  
• Alpine (8-1) at Coahoma (2-7), 7:30 p.m.  
• Reagan County (5-4) at Stanton (3-6), 7:30 p.m.  
• Grady (6-3) at Klondike (6-3), 7:30 p.m.  
• Garden City (3-6) at Rankin (6-2), 7:30 p.m.  
• Wellman-Union (1-8) at Sands (4-5), 7:30 p.m.

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

## Lugo qualifies for cross country state championship

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring boys cross country squad punched a ticket to the regional championship, which took place Saturday in Lubbock. The boys finished in seventh place as a team, which wasn't enough to move on to the state championship in Round Rock this Saturday. Senior Gustavo Lugo, however, earned himself a spot in the finals by finishing in third place overall with a time of 16:14.53.

Sophomore Joshua Means narrowly missed qualifying with an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish and freshmen Thomas King came in 15<sup>th</sup>.

BSSH Cross Country Coach Randy

Britton believes Lugo can make his mark in Austin.

"If he gets a clean break at the start, he has a chance to do very well," Britton said.

The Steer cross country team is comprised mostly of underclassmen, which Britton says points to potentially good things in the years to come.

"(Means) finished 133<sup>rd</sup> last year with a time of 20:16," Britton said. "This year he finished 11<sup>th</sup> with a time of 16:54 — that was a tremendous improvement."

As for the girls, Big Spring didn't qualify a team for the regional event, but individual runner Karina Alvarado, a sophomore, placed 55<sup>th</sup> and finished with a time

of 13:15.53.

**Boys:**  
**Finish position:** 7<sup>th</sup>. Average time: 17:23.66

**Gustavo Lugo:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 16:14.53;  
**Thomas King:** 15<sup>th</sup> place, 16:59.00;  
**Diego Rodriguez:** 78<sup>th</sup> place, 18:34.45; **Taylor Robertson:** 80<sup>th</sup> place, 18:25.65; **Jose Vargas,** 99<sup>th</sup> place, 18:51.16; **Ray Roma:** 123<sup>rd</sup> place, 19:22.22.

**Girls:**  
**Karina Alvarado:** 55<sup>th</sup> place, 13:15.53.

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## Turner, unbeaten Atlanta edge Cowboys 19-13

ATLANTA (AP) — For the Cowboys, it must have felt as if the Georgia Dome gave the Atlanta Falcons an overwhelming home-field advantage.

For the Falcons, it was the site of another underwhelming narrow victory.

Michael Turner gave Atlanta its first lead with a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, Matt Bryant kicked four field goals and the Falcons beat the Cowboys 19-13 Sunday night to extend their run as the NFL's only unbeaten team.

File this one behind the other close wins at home — by 6 over Denver, by 2 over Carolina and by 3 over Oakland.

The Falcons are 8-0, even if some of the uninspiring home wins draw more criticism than praise.

"We're not concerned with the doubters," Turner said. "This team's main focus is coming out and getting a win each game."

Turner had 20 carries for 102 yards and Matt Ryan completed 24 of 34 passes for a season-high 342 yards for the Falcons, who took their first lead with 14:16 left in the game.

"There's a reason they're undefeated half-way through the season," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "This is a challenging place to play at. I thought we did some good things in the ballgame. They did more good things. We didn't do enough to win this game in all three phases of our football team."

Tony Romo completed 25 of 35 passes for 321 yards for the Cowboys (3-5), who have dropped four of their last five games. They were held to 65 yards rushing, including 39 yards on nine carries by Felix Jones.

The Cowboys trailed 16-6 before Romo tried to put together a comeback. He completed all six of his attempts on a big drive that ended with a 21-yard TD strike

to Kevin Ogletree.

The Falcons then worked the clock, holding the ball for 5 minutes, 4 seconds, leaving only 17 seconds after Bryant's 32-yard field goal.

The Cowboys burned all their timeouts as Ryan kept the Falcons' offense on the field in the crucial time-consuming drive. Ryan passed to Jacquizz Rodgers for 31 yards and 11 yards on third-down plays. A defensive holding call against cornerback Orlando Scandrick on another third down prolonged the possession.

Finally, the Cowboys stopped Turner on a third-down run at the Dallas 14.

Romo never attempted a deep pass, though he had only 17 seconds to cover 80 yards. He found Jason Witten for passes of 7 and 11 yards, leaving 9 seconds. He passed to Felix Jones for 8 yards, leaving time for one play from the Cowboys 40.

Romo scrambled be-

fore passing to Jones, who was dropped near the Atlanta 22 to end the game.

"I think any time you're in that situation you obviously want to get the ball back with a chance, and it's tough," Romo said. Roddy White had seven catches for 118 yards and passed Terance Mathis for the most receptions in Falcons history. Julio Jones had five catches for 129 yards.

There also is a new Dallas leader for career receptions. With seven catches for 51 yards, Witten has 754 for his career, passing Michael Irvin's record of 750.

Miles Austin led the Cowboys with seven catches for 76 yards.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he was "extremely, extremely" disappointed.

"We certainly didn't plan to end up here at 3-5 halfway through the season," Jones said. "We've got some tough ballgames. We've got half our season left."

## Texans spoil Williams' return, down Bills 21-9

HOUSTON (AP) — Mario Williams handled the boos and the Houston blockers with ease.

What really ruffled the Buffalo defensive end was leaving his former home without a win.

Williams had a sack and a team-leading five tackles in his first game at Reliant Stadium since signing a \$100 million contract with the Bills in the offseason, but Buffalo's offense couldn't get into the end zone Sunday in a 21-9 loss to the Texans.

"I think the biggest thing for me is if you go out and make a play and you get booed, I know I'm in your heart," he said. "That's the most important thing. If it had been quiet then I would have felt something different. But I know you're thinking about me."

Houston(7-1)made the then-shocking decision

to take Williams with the top overall pick in the 2006 over offensive stars Vince Young and Reggie Bush. He piled up a franchise-record 53 sacks during his time in Houston, but the Texans let him go in the offseason when he became a restricted free agent.

He talked this week about being mad that the Texans didn't even try to negotiate with him once free agency began.

"You can say bitterness or whatever, but I was asked a question and I just gave the answer of what happened," he said. "Nobody has ever wanted to come out and say it."

Arian Foster ran for 111 yards and a touchdown and Andre Johnson added 118 yards receiving as the Texans used a balanced attack to continue to build





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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This peaceful morning represents the calm before a party — and in this case, a political party. Election Day Eve also happens to be the eve of Mercury retrograde in worldly Sagittarius. The omens suggest that all will go as planned tomorrow until the late afternoon, when last-minute developments and unexpected turnarounds will occur.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your friends and family wonder about the status of your relationship and want to be sure that you are well taken care of. This is the real reason they have gotten so nosy lately!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's a Monday malaise happening around you, but you could change all of that. Your quick physical and social reflexes add brightness to your environment. Whatever your age, people will think you are younger.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). With your guiding planet going retrograde tomorrow, you feel an urgency to get an entire list of items accomplished. With unseen forces on your side, you'll make quick work of the first five items.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It will take someone with depth of character to fully understand you now. Luckily, such a person will be willing to hear your plight and will know just what to say or do to make life better for you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You know exactly what you need, and you can afford to be picky about it. If you're very particular, you'll find only a small part of the resources you seek. But that small part will make a big difference.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have time for speculative ventures now. You'll do business with someone who has proved himself time and again. You know the specific result you want to achieve and will settle for no less.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Venus in your sign favorably angles Jupiter, bringing good luck to your romantic sector. Just be careful that your happiness does not come at the expense of another.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An aura of mystery is a better image enhancement than a designer outfit. Of course, you were born knowing this. You never had to learn to be intriguing; it's something that comes naturally to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mood will be rather serious, as there's something you must accomplish by the day's end. You'll be repelled by emotional neediness and immaturity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll finally get the chance to air a concern to a receptive audience. Colleagues will be open to your opinions, especially if you start with those opinions they are most likely to agree with.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A pay raise or new monetary arrangement is in the works. Right now, it may not be a top priority for all involved. But when you hint that this is important to you, someone with power will reprioritize.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy for you to open up to others now — maybe too easy. You don't yet realize who you can trust, so be more guarded. It's better to say less and to be coy rather than frank.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 5). In light of your personal new year, you'll close an old cycle, handle business neatly and put the past in a fitting emotional compartment. You'll get three big breaks over the year: in November, in March and in July. Diligence and practice will lead to mastery. One special love is featured in December. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 24, 38, 1 and 40.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am thinking of naming my child Orpheus. Does this name have good karma?" The Orpheus of Ancient Greece was the most famous musician, poet and prophet of his time,

whose charms, it was said, worked on all living things and even some non-living things such as rocks. Think Elvis, Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and the band Coldplay all wrapped up in one. Whether he was a real person whose reputation was posthumously mythologized or a purely mythical being is a point of debate. However, he is credited with great works, including hymns that survive today.

Orpheus was the son of either a king or a god and the wise muse Calliope, whose specialty was epic poetry. As it is with most Greek figures, Orpheus had an adventure-filled life and withstood his share of tragedy, specifically in romantic matters. In the end, his lyre was carried to the heavens and is in the constellation Lyra. As for the karma of the name, it depends on your worldview, especially regarding celebrity and art. It is definitely a name packed with expectation, talent and passion, though lacking in serenity and other values.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Kardashian matriarch and manager Kris Jenner is a Scorpio whose talent for public relations seems to defy the natural Scorpion drive for privacy. While arranging reality television shows and even tweeting a picture of her sleeping daughter seem at odds with the usual Scorpio agenda, a closer look at her natal chart reveals just the kind of clever and strategic mind to carefully craft perceptions of private life and public life, making one appear as the other.

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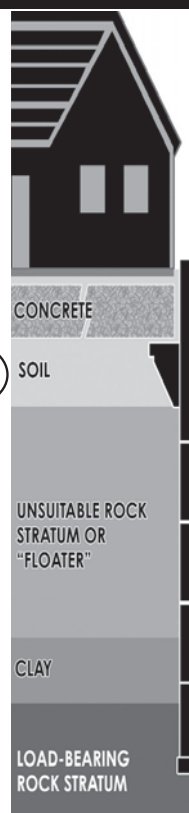
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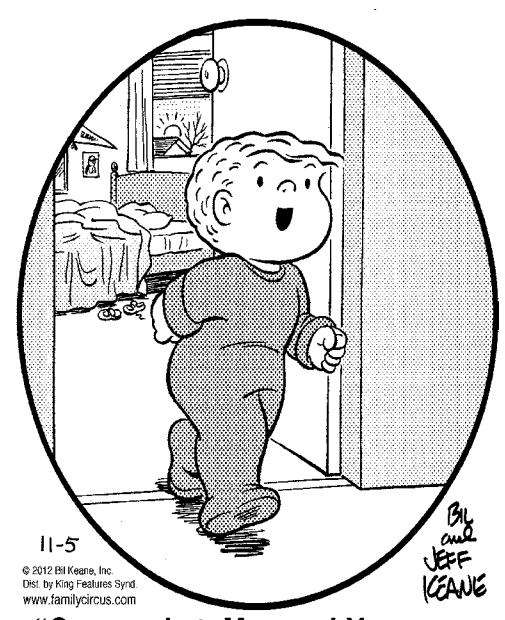
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11-5  
"Who are you gonna vote for, Mr. Wilson?" "He never votes for, he votes against."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



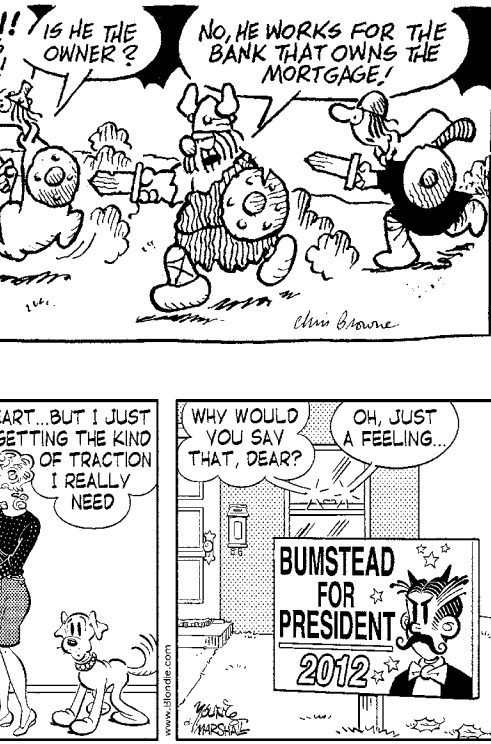
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"Guess what, Mommy! You were the star of my dream last night!"

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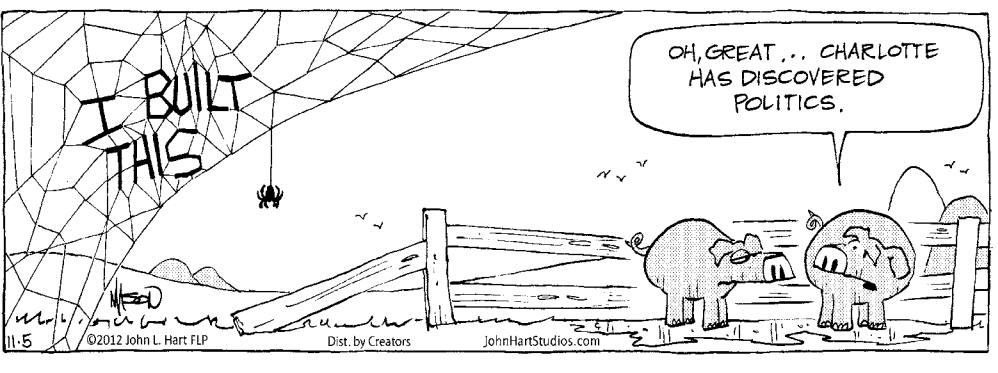
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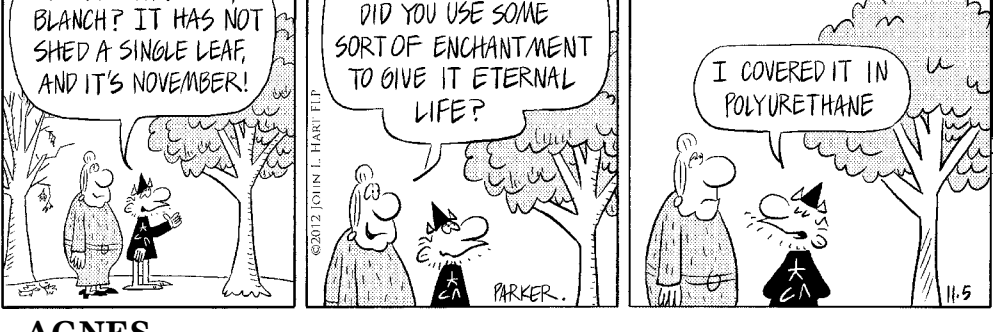
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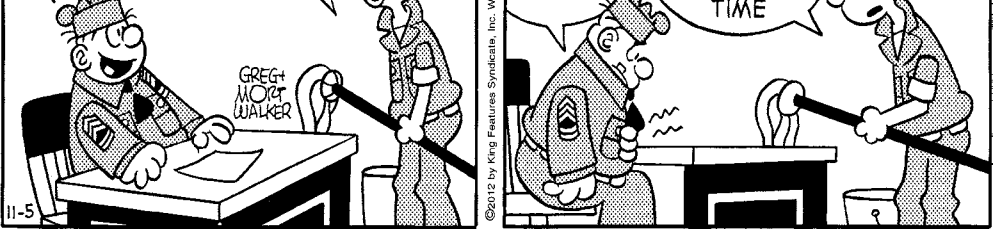
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This Date In History

never paid the fine.) In 1911, aviator Calbraith P. Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, Calif., completing the first transcontinental airplane trip in 49 days. In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie. In 1942, American showman George M. Cohan died in New York at age 64. In 1968, Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace. In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. (Ginsburg ended up withdrawing his nomination.) In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.) In 1992, Malice Green, a black motorist, died after he was struck in the head 14 times with a flashlight by a Detroit police officer, Larry Nevers, outside a suspected crack house. (Nevers and his partner, Walter Budzyn, were found guilty of second-degree murder, but the convictions were overturned; they were later convicted of involuntary manslaughter.) In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was charged with premeditated murder and attempted murder. Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 74. Actress Elke Sommer is 72. Singer Art Garfunkel is 71. © 2012 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Health insurance up-front fee
- 6 One of a piano's 88
- 9 Roll-call response
- 13 Join forces
- 14 Anger
- 15 Nitrous (laughing gas)
- 17 Demolishes
- 18 American espionage org.
- 19 Wigwam cousin
- 20 "That's show \_\_\_!"
- 21 Acts embarrassingly in public
- 24 Charged toward
- 26 Waiter's reward
- 27 In first place
- 30 Medical school graduate
- 35 Unwanted email
- 38 Much-admired person
- 40 Group of Girl Scouts
- 41 Scope on a rifle
- 44 Sir \_\_\_ Newton
- 45 Nevada city
- 46 Church service
- 47 Membership list
- 49 Felled tree's remnant
- 51 Boston cream or Key lime
- 53 Fence rails
- 56 Opinion
- 62 Male sheep
- 64 Clock-head
- 65 Coffee-to-go topper
- 66 Privileged group
- 68 Stage performer
- 69 Top playing card
- 70 Picture puzzle
- 71 Cowboy's mount, informally
- 72 Hot herbal drink
- 73 Parts of a stairway
- DOWN
- 1 Sidewalk border
- 2 Radio-station sign
- 3 Italian fast food
- 4 Had a meal
- 5 Overly agreeable guy
- 6 Soccer move
- 7 One of the Great Lakes
- 8 Dough-rising ingredient
- 9 Areas with Wi-Fi available
- 10 Business leader, for short
- 11 Ready to harvest
- 12 Adam and Eve's garden
- 16 Wide shoe width
- 22 Home's storage area
- 23 Assist
- 25 Vegetarian's request
- 28 Scent
- 29 Vatican leaders
- 31 Makes wavy
- 32 Ancient Roman garment
- 33 \_\_\_ and aahs
- 34 School writing assignments:
- 35 Mix ingredients together
- 36 Money in Mexico
- 37 "Unfortunately..."
- 39 Clothes-dryer buildup
- 42 Regal wands
- 43 Two-door car
- 48 \_\_\_ de Janeiro, Brazil
- 50 Lawn care machines
- 52 D sharp equivalent
- 54 Big family, humorously
- 55 Stopped slouching
- 56 PalmPilot or BlackBerry: Abbr.
- 57 "That hurts!"
- 58 Long-division word
- 59 Sgts. and cpls.
- 60 Bad habit
- 61 Notion
- 63 Cluttered condition
- 67 \_\_\_ down (disappoint)





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Big Spring's Molly Walker is shown playing against Sweetwater during Saturday's tennis match.

## TEXANS

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on their franchise-best start.

The Bills (3-5) moved the ball effectively at times, but stalled in the red zone and had to settle for field goals.

"The story of the day for us was our inability to score touchdowns," said quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was 25 of 38 for 239 yards. "To me, that's where our issue was today, not being able to get the seven points. Driving it down the field and doing different things, and not being able to convert."

Buffalo was also stymied by its inability to run the ball, with C.J. Spiller and Fred Jackson combining for just 60 yards on 12 carries. The Bills rushed for a season-low 78 yards.

Bills coach Chan Gailey knows they need to get Spiller more carries.

"We would like to try to do that on a more consistent basis," Gailey said. "They take things away from you that you don't think they're going to do, but they did. They surprised us with a defense we hadn't seen very much and we had to alter."

Houston's offense finally started clicking on its third drive and Matt Schaub found Owen Daniels wide open for a 39-yard touchdown reception near the end of the first quarter to make it 7-0.

Spiller had a 28-yard catch and run early in the second quarter to get Buffalo to the Houston 19. But the next three plays netted 1 yard to bring on Rian Lindell. He shanked the 37-yard field goal attempt and it sailed wide right.

Williams sacked Schaub for a 4-yard loss on Houston's next drive. He jumped up and shook his finger at the Texans sideline after the hit, in a gesture that looked much like the one J.J. Watt does after his sacks, eliciting more boos.

"I was at least going to get one," Williams said. "I couldn't just come in here and not. I had to at least somehow, some way get one. I wish it would have been more. I definitely had some more opportunities."

Houston came away empty on that drive when Shayne Graham's 46-yard field goal was blocked.

The Bills got into the red zone two more times in the first half, but settled for field goals.

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## Tannehill, Miami fall victim to Luck

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Miami Dolphins came into Lucas Oil Stadium with the NFL's best defense on third down. Against Andrew Luck, they couldn't stop the Indianapolis Colts

on any down.

On a day the Colts were motivated by simply having their ailing head coach inside the locker room, Luck threw for a rookie-record 433 yards and two touchdowns in a 23-20 victory that left the Dolphins baffled.

"When you have the No. 1 defense on third down, and you're used

to getting a couple three-and-outs, used to getting not real long drives, because teams aren't converting on third down, when a team converts 68 percent of the time, it's a different feeling out there," Miami coach Joe Philbin said Sunday. "Giving up 494 yards of offense isn't a real good performance."

Certainly not for a team that was No. 2 in the red zone, No. 3 against the run and No. 5 in fewest points allowed.

Instead, the Dolphins let Luck make big play after big play. Miami (4-4) had nobody to blame but itself for the end of a three-game winning streak.

"We have to pressure their quarterback," defensive tackle Randy Starks said. "Someone has to do it, and we didn't do it."

Picked by many to be among the NFL's weakest teams, the rebuilding Colts are in the play-off conversation at 5-3, and continue to play for their leader.

Head coach Chuck Pagano, who has been receiving treatment for leukemia since being diagnosed on Sept. 26, delivered pregame and postgame messages that some players said brought out tears.

"I mentioned before the game that you guys were living in a vision, and you weren't living in circumstances," Pagano said. Luck didn't appear overly excited about breaking Cam Newton's year-old record for yards passing in a game by a rookie or even that his team had another victory. He just wanted to live up to the message from his coach.

"His presence is felt every day in the facility," Luck said. "But to see him in the flesh, in the locker room, to hear him speak I think gave all the guys a boost."

The matchup between two of this season's rookie quarterbacks and two of this season's biggest surprise teams was every bit as good as advertised.

There was only one first-half punt. The teams combined for 881 total yards without any turnovers. Miami quarterback Ryan Tannehill, limited in practice all week and considered questionable, was 22 of 38 for 290 yards.

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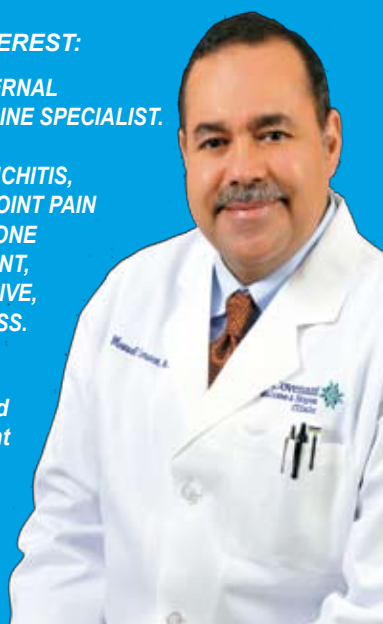
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