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Mike Tarpley, Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, plays a stirring rendition of Taps at Wednesday's 9/11 Memorial at the Plaza. More than 100 people attended the memorial honoring law enforcement, firefighters, first responders and military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending their country and for those who continue to serve today. More photos, Page 3A, 10A.

Honoring the fallen

Memorial at the Plaza moving tribute to first responders, vets

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

Those of us who are old enough, remember where we were and what we were doing the fateful day of September 11, 2001. A day that would change all of our lives and the lives of our progeny. Security has taken up residence in almost every nook and cranny of our lives and the feeling that our shores were secure is long gone. But as guest speaker, Mike

Meinen, U.S. Army OIF, said at the 9/11 Memorial At The Plaza Wednesday, "Americans do not cower or bow down to her enemy," Meinen commented. "That quality is rare in the citizens of other countries." He also reminded those in attendance that Americans have a tendency to pull together in times of tragedy, a trait to be proud of. The bombing of the Boston Marathon See **TRIBUTE**, Page 3A

BSHS marks homecoming

Bonfire, parade, game among activities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Homecoming celebrations at Big Spring High School will kick into high gear tonight and continue into the weekend. School officials will literally light a match to homecoming festivities tonight when they ignite a bonfire located at the field west of the Little League

baseball park on the Howard College campus. The bonfire will be lit between 8 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Activities switch to the BSBS campus Friday, beginning with the homecoming pep rally at 3 p.m. in Steer Gym. Next up is the annual homecoming parade, which is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The parade will begin in front of the high school at the intersection of Donley and 11th Place, then proceed west to Goliad, north to Eighth, east to Owens, then south back to the high school.

Before the 7:30 p.m. kickoff of Big Spring's homecoming game vs. San Angelo Lake View at Memorial Stadium, the Coming Home Queen will be named, with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King set for halftime. This year's homecoming

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Photo courtesy of Keisha Yarbar

Big Spring High School homecoming nominees pose for a group picture before Friday's 7:30 p.m. ball game against San Angelo Lake View at Memorial Stadium. Pictured left to right are, back row, Tyler Wigington, Tate Kennedy, Kenan Lewis, Devin Roberson and Roy Gomez; and front row, Ebony Zavala-Bills, Belle Guillory, Valerie Goodblanket, Kinsey Wash and Morgan Seaton.

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Court: Death row inmate can't be forcibly drugged

JUAN A. LOZANO
 Associated Press

HOUSTON — A convicted killer with a history of mental illness cannot be forcibly medicated for the purpose of making him competent for

execution, a Texas appeals court ruled Wednesday.

A state judge lacked the authority to order the involuntary medication of 51-year-old death row inmate Steven Staley, who was convicted for the 1989 shooting death of a Fort

Worth restaurant manager during a botched robbery, according to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Prosecutors have argued Staley is competent for execution, but his attorneys have countered this was accom-

plished only because state District Judge Wayne Salvant in Fort Worth improperly ordered Staley be given drugs to make him competent so the state of Texas could kill him.

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Obituaries

Rev. J. Allan Guthrie



The Rev. J. Allan Guthrie, 84, of Coahoma, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Salem Cemetery with the Rev. Matt Miles of Fort Davis officiating.

He was born Nov. 7, 1928, in Navasota, Texas, to Helen and Shirlye Guthrie. He grew up in Graham. He graduated from Austin College in Sherman and Austin Seminary in Austin. He pastored Presbyterian churches in San Antonio, San Angelo, Sonora, Gladewater and the First Presbyterian Church of Sweetwater until his retirement. He was a member of the First

Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Guthrie of Tomball; two sons, John A. Guthrie and wife Nancy of Cedar City, Utah, and Gil Guthrie and wife Lizanne of Wichita, Kan.; three step-sons, Greg Smith and wife Gloria of Tomball, Brian Smith of La Porte and Glenn Smith and wife Claire of Bedford, Mass.; one sister, Janet Sims and husband Jerry of McKinney; one niece, Loretta Sims of McKinney; one nephew, Eddie Sims and wife Cindy of Atlanta, Ga.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Margay Woodward Guthrie.

The family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Churches of Big Spring or Coahoma; American Alzheimer's Association or other favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Ronald Scott Phinney



Ronald Scott Phinney, 57, of Coahoma died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Jan. 24, 1956, in Howard County to Joy Jane and Clovis Phinney Jr. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1974. He married Shelly Carter on Feb. 22, 1975. He lived in Crane, moving back to Coahoma in 1991.

He graduated from Angelo State University in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in physics. He had retired from Chevron and had also worked at

Fibercom, before retiring due to health reasons. He enjoyed reading, research, drawing and painting. His son Lucas was his pride and joy.

He is survived by one son, Dr. Lucas Phinney; his mother, Janie Phinney; one sister, LuSara Briley; one brother, Faron Phinney; nephews, Landon Wegner, Kyland Wegner and Grayson Wagner; and nieces, Holly Phinney and Valerie Briley.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clovis Phinney Jr.; and grandparents, Leroy and Amy Echols and Clovis Sr. and Annie Phinney.

The family suggests memorials to your favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Joseph William 'Butch' Lesueur



Joseph William 'Butch' Lesueur, 71, of Forsan died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, at Forsan Baptist Church with the Rev. Darren Weaver, pastor, officiating.

He was born Dec. 13, 1941, in Pittsburg, Kans., and married Darla Morrell March 29, 2007, in Irving, Texas.

Joseph grew up in Colorado and had served in the United States Navy. He worked as an electrical engineer in the ship yards before retiring. He opened Joe's Auto Sales in 1988 and

had served as a constable in Howard County for 10 years. He was a member of Forsan Baptist Church and the Milam Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Darla Lesueur of Forsan; four daughters, Sandra Spears of Forsan, Barbara Dukett of Fountain, Colo., and Vivan Stier and Tonja Green, both of Nashville, Tenn.; one son, Eric Lesueur of Hendersonville, Tenn.; one stepson, Jason Key of Forney; 10 grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Keith Lesueur.

The family suggests memorials be made to March of Dimes, 10 Desta Dr. Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- KESSANDRA LOUISE URBINA, of 1002 North Main, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- STEPHANIE A. STERLING, 34, of 7000 South Service Road, was arrested Wednesday on charges of theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and for three warrants from another agency.
- ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 801 East 14th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- COURTNEY DENEA BURGANS, 24, of 4015 Muir, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- MANUEL JOHN RIOS, 47, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT ANTHONY GRIEGO, 23, of 1017 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, possession of marijuana greater than 4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds and delivery of a controlled substance greater than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- DAVID VEGA DOMINGUEZ III, 18, of 4101 Bilger, was arrested Thursday on a charge of speeding and failure to appear.
- DAVID BRYAN KEITH, 48, of 1201 South Walnut apt. 3, Idalou, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 600 block of Cay-

lor.

- RUNAWAY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2500 block of South Gregg.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 800 block of West Interstate Highway 20.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- CLAY WALLACE MATHIS was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, failure to identify giving false fictitious information and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- JOSHUA SEAN RESNICK was booked by HCSO on a charger of forgery of a government/national instrument/money/security – two counts, failure to maintain financial responsibility and drivig while license invalid.
- ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- KESSANDRA LOUISE URBINA was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief and impairing/interrupting public service.
- STEPHANIE ANN STERLING was booked by BSPD on two counts of theft of property greater

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Edna 'Tincy' Perry

Edna "Tincy" Perry, 91, of Big Spring, died Thursday, September 12, 2013 in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast		
Fri 9/13	Sat 9/14	Sun 9/15
93/69 Mostly sunny skies. Hot. High 94F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	92/68 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	94/69 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	93	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	87	64	pt sunny	Livingston	95	67	mst sunny
Austin	93	69	sunny	Longview	96	71	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	71	sunny	Lubbock	90	64	mst sunny
Brownsville	91	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	96	68	mst sunny
Brownwood	94	70	mst sunny	Midland	93	69	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	96	72	mst sunny	Rosenberg	94	70	mst sunny
Dallas	97	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	93	70	sunny
Del Rio	93	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	94	69	sunny
El Paso	77	68	rain	Sulphur Springs	96	73	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	89	65	windy	Sweetwater	91	68	mst sunny
Gainesville	95	71	mst sunny	Tyler	97	72	mst sunny
Greenville	95	71	mst sunny	Weatherford	95	72	mst sunny
Houston	94	71	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	96	70	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	68	pt sunny	Minneapolis	75	48	mst sunny
Boston	84	66	pt sunny	New York	84	69	t-storm
Chicago	78	53	pt sunny	Phoenix	93	75	sunny
Dallas	97	75	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	58	pt sunny
Denver	63	56	rain	Seattle	86	61	sunny
Houston	94	71	mst sunny	St. Louis	87	61	t-storm
Los Angeles	82	64	sunny	Washington, DC	94	68	t-storm
Miami	85	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases

First Sep 12	Full Sep 19	Last Sep 26	New Oct 4

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Fri 9/13	Sat 9/14	Sun 9/15
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Mike Meinen, U.S. Army OIF, speaks during Wednesdays Memorial at the Plaza, a 9/11 remembrance event.

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POLICE

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than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and theft by check greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

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- DAVID VEGA DOMINGUEZ III was arrested on a charge of speeding 72 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone and violate promise to appear.

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

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1500 block of Wood. One patient transported to

SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 500 block of South Main. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1000 block of East Third. One patient transported to SMMC.

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- MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.

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- MEDICAL was reported at the 2400 block of Granada. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 1800 block of Wallace. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 500 block of Boykin.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 2600 block of Neil Road.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC.

- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported at the 4100 block of Muir. Extinguished.

TRIBUTE

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on April 13, the most recent terrorist occurrence on U.S. soil, was referenced along with the embassy attacks in other countries.

Big Spring Police Department Interim Chief Phil Whitten gave a brief account of the events as they unfolded that Sept. 11 morning 12 years ago and the emotions he experienced as he watched the police

and firefighters enter the burning towers.

“I was working that day,” Whitten remembered. “There was a feeling of pride as I watched the firefighters going in, then sadness and then, as the towers fell, a feeling I can’t really describe.”

Whitten went on to describe the aftermath of the collapse and the search for survivors, but said his feelings soon turned to pride again as the NYFD and first responders worked

together.

Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson was also working that day and commented on his experience.

“We watched it on TV all day,” Ferguson said and described feelings of shock and amazement at what was developing and gave a recount of the timeline of the attacks and said that the results of the attacks by Al Qaeda were deadliest for firefighters.

“We need to remain vigilant,” Ferguson

said, “to keep everyone safe.”

The ceremonies that followed, the Flag Folding and Hand Off, the Undrapping Ceremony and the Bell Ceremony at which time the names of military and first responders who gave their lives in the line of duty, were unveiled by Marines Sandy Betus, Clayton Smith and Dealon Stanly, were somber and emotional.

The Tributary Singers gave a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace,

the National Anthem and America the Beautiful, but nothing compared to Amazing Grace on the bagpipes.

Wednesday’s Memorial at the Plaza was the seventh annual event under the direction of veteran Mike Tarpley.

It has proven to be a fitting way to honor and remember, “All the men and women who serve our nation in uniform through the Armed Forces, Fire Fighters, EMT and Law Enforcement Officers and to all

the families of our military and civil forces.”

To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 ext. 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com

BSHS

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queen nominees are:

- Valerie Goodblanket, daughter of Scott and Dolores Goodblanket. Valerie is a member of National Honor Society, French Club and participates in cheerleading, softball, powerlifting and shot put in track.

- Morgan Seaton, daughter of Stephanie and Shane Seaton. Morgan is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in volleyball and track.

- Kinsey Wash, daughter of Chad and Kellie Wash. Kinsey is a varsity volleyball captain

and a varsity cheerleader. She is a percussionist in the Steer Band. She is also a member of student council and the treasurer of National Honor Society.

- Ebony Zavala Bills, daughter of Yesmin and Jerry Bills. Ebony participates in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading.

- Belle Guillory, daughter of Renita Guillory. Belle is a member of debate, color guard, UIL academics, Rhapsody and choir.

This year’s homecoming king nominees are:

- Roy Gomez, son or Richard and Linda Gomez. Roy is a member of Rhapsody, choir,

basketball and baseball.

- Tate Kennedy, son of Jay and Connie Kennedy. Tate is a varsity football captain and participates in golf and baseball.

- Devin Roberson, son of Nick and Anne Roberson. Devin is a captain on the football team and participates in track and golf. He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

- Tyler Wigington, son of Chris and Kelli Wigington Tyler Wigington. Tyler is a captain on the football team, an officer in student council and participates in basketball.

- Kenan Lewis, son of Carmen Cervantes. Kenan is the BSHS mascot, participates in

academic journalism and science and is an All-State Band member.

Formal homecoming activities will conclude Saturday with the BSHS Hall of Fame inductions at noon in the high school cafeteria. This year’s honorees are Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill, a 2007 graduate of BSHS and the school’s 1963 football team.

For more information on homecoming activities, contact the high school at 264-3641.

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COURT

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“We conclude that, but for his involuntary medication achieved through the trial court’s unauthorized order, (Staley) is incompetent to be executed,” the appeals court wrote in its 31-page opinion.

Staley’s attorney, John Stickels, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

“We’re disappointed. We’re still reviewing (the ruling) and considering our options,” said Jim Gibson, a prosecutor with the appellate division of the Tarrant County District Attorney’s Office.

Gibson said the ruling doesn’t affect Staley’s conviction or death sentence but sends the case

back to Salvant, who will periodically review Staley to see if he has regained competency.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled forcible medication is appropriate if it’s likely to make the condemned inmate competent, if the side effects wouldn’t be worse than the benefits and if it’s in the prisoner’s best medical interests.

The Supreme Court hasn’t addressed the issue.

Stickels has argued that Staley’s IQ of 70 — considered the threshold for mental impairment — also could disqualify him from the punishment. The Supreme Court in 2002 barred execution of mentally impaired people.

The Texas appeals court said it was not

making any rulings on Staley’s claims that the judge’s involuntary medication order violates state and federal constitutions or his claim that he is mentally impaired.

In May 2012, the appeals court halted Staley’s execution two days before he was set to receive a lethal injection.

Staley was convicted for the October 1989 shooting death of 35-year-old Bob Read during a robbery of a Fort Worth restaurant.

Staley and two accomplices were arrested after a wild 20-mile car and foot chase ended a series of robberies, assaults and at least one other killing as the trio traveled from Colorado, through Kansas, Oklahoma and into Texas.

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Opinion

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Amen

Beware the family emergency scam

Many scams are designed to prey on the elderly, one of which is the family emergency scam — often known as the grandparent scam. Although variations of this scam have been around for a long time, it has become more sophisticated with the proliferation of information online. To add credibility to their calls and emails, con artists are often using personal information gleaned from family blogs, genealogy websites, social networking sites and online newspapers.



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The “original” grandparent scam has claimed many victims by taking advantage of a grandparent’s natural desire to protect a grandchild. According to complaints received by the Attorney General’s Office, Texas retirees and senior citizens typically receive a call from an individual claiming to be their grandchild and then asked for money because the supposed grandchild is in trouble in a foreign country.

To set up the ruse, the caller begins by saying something like “Hi, grandma,” or “Hey, it’s your favorite grandson.”

The caller typically claims that he or she has been in an accident, was arrested, is stranded or is in similar trouble and needs money immediately. The

“grandchild” also insists that the victim not tell anyone else, including the “grandchild’s” parents — which increases the odds that the fraud will be successful.

If all goes according to the con artist’s plan, the senior citizen will wire money to the “grandchild.” By the time the senior realizes that the call was fraudulent, the money is long gone and most likely not recoverable.

Senior citizens have become wise to the scam in recent years, so scammers are adapting to make the scheme even more difficult to detect. Scammers have turned to the Internet and social media to research their victims and the loved ones they’re impersonating — making their act even more believable. They’ve also resorted to emails as well as phone calls, and are targeting a wider range of individuals claiming to be the target’s niece, nephew or other family member.

Sometimes the callers even claim to be a law enforcement officer or lawyer representing a senior citizen’s loved one and ask for the money to be wired to them on the loved one’s behalf. Yet another ruse designed to lend credibility to the bogus call is for scammers to team up and call potential victims together. One scammer impersonates a law enforcement officer or lawyer and states that the loved one is in trouble and needs financial assistance, then hands the phone to a second scammer that impersonates a crying and very upset loved one.

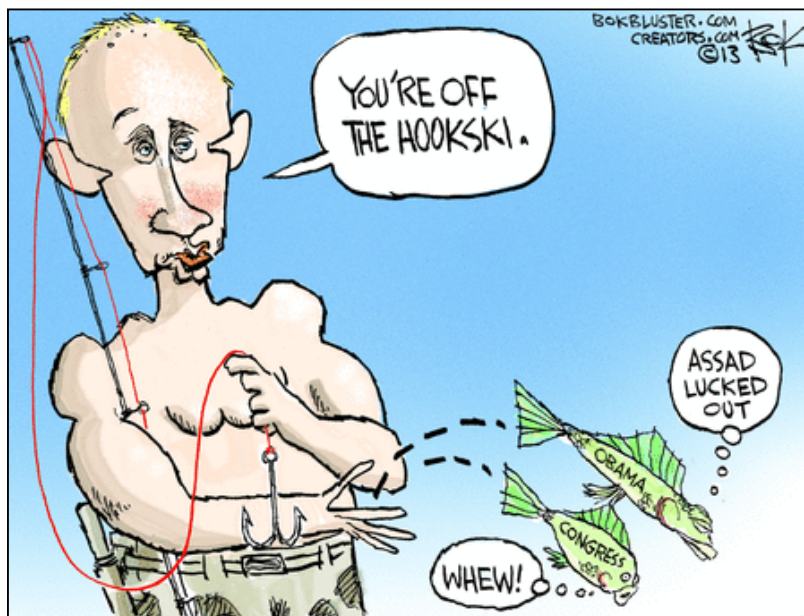
Telephone calls or emails that urgently request money and insist upon secrecy are red flags that a scam is underway. Other signs of detection are callers who claim to be relatives that are currently in Canada, Mexico or another foreign location; callers with unfamiliar voices who claim to be loved ones; and callers who are vague or elusive and get personal details wrong.

To protect themselves from falling victim to the grandparent scam or any other fraud, senior Texans should always exercise some skepticism when they receive telephone calls urgently requesting money. Retirees and senior citizens who receive a telephone call or email from a relative who urgently requests money should verify the caller’s identity by asking personal questions a stranger would not be able to answer.

Seniors should never “fill in the blanks” for callers. Instead, they should ask callers to identify themselves. Senior Texans may also consider calling back the supposed “relative” using a telephone number they know to be genuine — or simply ignore the caller’s wishes and verify the story first with another family member.

Texans who believe they have been the target of a scam should contact the Office of the Attorney General at 800-252-8011.

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Save the children, but where?

President Barack Obama spent much of his address to the nation Tuesday night talking about Syrian children who were cut down in the midst of life by the cold hand of death.

“This is our first task as a society, keeping our children safe,” Obama said. “This is how we will be judged.” Wait. That’s not correct. Obama didn’t say that Tuesday night. He said it Jan. 16, 2013. And he said it about the slaughtered children of not Syria but Newtown, Conn.

He said it about the 20 American children who went to school at Sandy Hook School on Dec. 14, 2012, and never came home. They were all 6 or 7 years old. They were all shot multiple times — one child was riddled by 11 rounds — by a man with a military-style assault rifle. In total, the gunman fired 154 bullets into the small bodies.

We were appalled. Disgusted. Angry.

And change was going to happen. As a nation, we were sure of it.

But change has not happened. Nobody even talks about it today.

This time, however, in Syria, because the weaponry was gas instead of bullets, we are supposed to be ultra-shocked.

Obama’s 15-minute speech from the East Room on Tuesday night was unusually cinematic.

“The images from this massacre are sickening,” Obama said. “Men, women, children lying in rows, killed by poison gas; others foaming at the mouth, gasping for breath; a father clutching his dead children, imploring them to get up and walk.”

We learned, the president said, “in gruesome detail the terrible nature of chemical weapons.”

The terrible nature of conventional weapons — say, a semi-automatic assault rifle with a large-capacity magazine, the possession of which is absolutely legal in most of America — pales in comparison, I guess.

Tuesday night, Obama urged his “friends on the left” who did not want to bomb Syria to reconcile their “belief in freedom and dignity for all people with those images of children writhing in pain and going still on a cold hospital floor.”

Let’s go to the videotape!

“Indeed, I’d ask every member of Congress and those of you watching at home tonight to view those videos of the attack and then ask: What kind of world will we live in if the United States of America sees a dictator brazenly violate international law with poison gas and we choose to look the other way?” Obama said.

So we must not look the other way.

Two days after the Sandy Hook massacre, Obama went to Newtown and, in his speech, repeated the first name of every slain child.

“God has called them all home,” he said.

“For those of us who remain, let us find the strength to carry

on and make our country worthy of their memory.”

I will leave to each and every one of you to decide whether America has been made worthy of their memory.

Congress, our least functional branch of government, has done nothing worthy of the victims of Sandy Hook and nothing to prevent more Sandy Hooks.

At first, Obama thought it would be a good idea to seek the approval of Congress before bombing Syria. But having learned that Congress is as disinclined to act as the United Nations, NATO, the Arab League and all of our allies except France, he has decided to give a Russian peace effort a chance.

Why not? “America is not the world’s policeman,” Obama said. “Terrible things happen across the globe, and it is beyond our means to right every wrong.”

But, he said, “when with modest effort and risk, we can stop children from being gassed to death ... I believe we should act.”

OK by me. And while we are saving the children of the world, maybe we also can begin saving our children at home.

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News in brief

Kerry to press Russia for tough stance on Syrian chemical weapons as focus shifts to diplomacy

GENEVA (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Geneva Thursday morning to test the seriousness of a Russian proposal to secure Syria's chemical weapons.

Kerry and a team of U.S. experts will have at least two days of meetings with their Russian counterparts on Thursday and Friday. They hope to emerge with an outline of how some 1,000 tons of chemical weapons stocks and precursor materials as well as potential delivery systems can be safely inventoried and isolated under international control in an active war zone and then destroyed.

Officials with Kerry said they would be looking for a rapid agreement on principles for the process with Russians, including a demand for a speedy Syrian accounting of their stockpiles.

One official said the task is "doable but difficult and complicated."

The official said the U.S. is looking for signs of Russian seriousness and thinks it will know in a relatively short time if the Russians are trying to stall. Another official described the ideas that the Russians have presented so far as "an opening position" that needs a lot of work and input from technical experts. The U.S. team includes officials who worked on inspection and removal of unconventional weapons from Libya after 2003 and in Iraq after the first Gulf War.

Lack of alternatives to Assad helps explain U.S. reluctance to intervene

BEIRUT (AP) — The crisis over chemical weapons in Syria has underlined a central dilemma for the West as it tries to deal with the country's civil war — the lack of attractive alternatives to President Bashar Assad.

The political opposition, largely operating from exile with little credibility on the ground, has been hobbled by infighting. Inside Syria, rebels are also divided. Fighters linked to the al-Qaida terror network have become increasingly dominant, even as the U.S. and its allies try to strengthen rebels seen as moderates with better training and military equipment.

Rebels and Islamic radicals fighting alongside them have already come to blows in some cases, and their divisions could turn into outright battles without the common enemy of Assad.

"Should Assad one day fall from power, it is extremely unlikely that mod-

erates and hard-liners would come to a long-term agreement because of completely diverging interests," said Charles Lister at IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center.

President Barack Obama said early on in the 2 1/2-year-old conflict that Assad lost the right to lead because of the brutal oppression of the uprising against his rule, most chillingly displayed in what Washington contends was an Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack on rebel-held areas that killed hundreds of civilians.

Enrollment in state exchanges under health overhaul confuses Medicare beneficiaries

MIAMI (AP) — Dear seniors, your Medicare benefits aren't changing under the Affordable Care Act. That's the message federal health officials are trying to get out to elderly consumers confused by overlapping enrollment periods for Medicare and so-called "Obamacare."

Medicare beneficiaries don't have to do anything differently and will continue to go to Medicare.gov to sign up for plans. But advocates say many have been confused by a massive media blitz directing consumers to new online insurance exchanges set up as part of the federal health law. Many of the same insurance companies are offering coverage for Medicare and the exchanges.

Medicare open enrollment starts Oct. 15 and closes Dec. 7, while enrollment for the new state exchanges for people 65 and under launches Oct. 1 and runs through March.

"Most seniors are not at all informed. Most seniors worry they're going to lose their health coverage because of the law," said Dr. Chris Lillis, a primary care physician in Fredericksburg, Virginia. "I try to speak truth from the exam room but I think sometimes fear dominates."

Next month, roughly 50 million Medicare beneficiaries will get a handbook in the mail with a prominent Q&A that stresses Medicare benefits aren't changing. Federal health officials have also updated their training for Medicare counselors, and are prepping their Medicare call center and website.

Hydroelectric power makes big comeback

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — On a typical summer weekend, hundreds of boats glide across the shimmering surface of Iowa's Lake Red Rock, the state's largest body of water.

The placid 15,000-acre lake was created in the 1960s after the govern-

ment built a dam to prevent frequent flooding on the Des Moines River. Now the cool waters behind the dam are attracting interest beyond warm-weather recreation. A power company wants to build a hydroelectric plant here — a project that reflects renewed interest in hydropower nationwide, which could bring changes to scores of American dams.

Hydroelectric development stagnated in the 1980s and 1990s as environmental groups lobbied against it and a long regulatory process required years of environmental study. But for the first time in decades, power companies are proposing new projects to take advantage of government financial incentives, policies that promote renewable energy over fossil fuels and efforts to streamline the permit process.

"We're seeing a significant change in attitude," said Linda Church Ciocci, executive director of the National Hydropower Association, a trade group.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which oversees hydroelectric projects in the U.S., issued 125 preliminary hydropower permits last year, up from 95 in 2011. Preliminary permits allow a company to explore a project for up to three years. The agency issued 25 licenses for hydropower projects last year, the most since 2005.

Work out while you work: More employees using treadmill desks, standup desks at office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Glued to your desk at work? Cross that off the list of excuses for not having the time to exercise.

A growing number of Americans are standing, walking and even cycling their way through the workday at treadmill desks, standup desks or other moving workstations. Others are forgoing chairs in favor of giant exercise balls to stay fit.

Walking on a treadmill while making phone calls and sorting through emails means "being productive on two fronts," said Andrew Lockerbie, senior vice president of benefits at Brown & Brown, a global insurance consulting firm.

Lockerbie can burn 350 calories a day walking three to four miles on one of two treadmill desks that his company's Indianapolis office purchased earlier this year.

Conn. slave who died in 1798 to lie in state at capitol, receive elaborate funeral service

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Abused in life and death, an enslaved man known as Mr. Fortune will be honored with an elaborate funeral more than 200 years after he died in Connecticut.

Fortune's remains will lie in state in the Capitol rotunda in Hartford Thursday before taken by state police escort to Waterbury for a memorial service at the church where he was baptized and burial in a cemetery filled with prominent citizens. Plans call for bagpipers and the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"It's a long overdue honor," said Steven R. Mullins, one of the organizers. "We're not just remembering one man. His body is representing all of the slaves that came over here and worked in this country."

Fortune was owned by Dr. Preserved Porter on a farm in Waterbury. When Fortune died in 1798, Porter, a bone surgeon, preserved his skeleton by having the bones boiled to study anatomy at a time when cadavers for medical study were disproportionately taken from slaves, servants and prisoners.

Obama allies say he misread public's mood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of President Barack Obama's top allies say the president misread a few crucial political forces when he asked Congress to support his bid to strike Syria.

Chief among Obama's missteps, they say, was underestimating the nation's profound weariness with military entanglements in the Middle East and overestimating lawmakers' willingness to make risky votes 14 months before the next congressional elections.

"I can't understand the White House these days," said Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., an early and enthusiastic endorser of a strike against Syria over last month's chemical weapons attack.

Rather than unexpectedly asking for Congress' blessing on Aug. 31, Moran said, Obama might have quietly called House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi to say, "I'm thinking of sending this vote to the Congress. How do you think it might turn out?"

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NORTH
♠ K Q J 4
♥ K J 8
♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ A 6

WEST
♠ 8 7 6 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ 6 3
♣ J 9 5

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10
♥ 10 7 6
♦ A K J 10 4
♣ Q 10 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
4♣ Pass 6♦

Opening lead — eight of spades.
The question of when a defender should cover an honor is not susceptible to hard-and-fast rules. The answer is more a matter of using good judgment and common sense than of trying to conform to rigid principles that can't possibly cover all circumstances.
Consider this deal where South was in six diamonds and West led a spade. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps and K-Q-J of spades, discarding two clubs. He then played the ace of clubs and ruffed a club, producing this position:

North
♥ K J 8
♦ Q 9

West
♠ 7
♥ Q 4 2
♦ J

East
♥ A 9 5 3
♣ 8

South
♥ 10 7 6
♦ J 10

Declarer now led the ten of hearts, and had West followed low, South would have made the slam by playing low from dummy.
But West — who knew from the play up to this point that declarer had started with precisely two spades, five diamonds and three clubs, and hence three hearts — correctly covered the ten with the queen, which in turn was covered by dummy's king.
East — who had exactly the same count on declarer's distribution as West — thereupon refused to take the king with the ace, after which South had to go down one, eventually losing two heart tricks to East. Had East won the king of hearts with the ace, he would have been endplayed, and declarer would have made the slam.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Wealth Advice from the Sagittarius Moon
Today's public service announcement heralds from the Sagittarius moon: It's contentment, and not money, that makes a person rich. But people have a hard time being content with what they have when their neighbors seem to have more. Therefore, the key to true riches may be in

adopting the simple motto: "Mind your own business."
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything has its time. The object that is coveted, revered and utterly reflective of this moment will lose value after this moment has passed. It's something to think about before you take out your wallet.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your cells regenerate, and your spirit restores. It's like you're becoming younger with every hour today, and you don't have to make any kind of effort to do so. You're naturally optimistic.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People who aren't sure whether they can help you or not will be reserved until they determine exactly how they can be of service. Make it easy. Talk about what will move you forward.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your weaknesses are offset by your considerable strengths. But just think about what you could do in a partnership with someone who is strong in the areas where you are weak. Seek



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Giving is not always a sacrifice. Being generous has a way of exhilarating you, especially when you see the difference your contributions make in the lives of others.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strip away some of what you were taught. It's not that the lessons were wrong or inferior; it's just that they were given to you from someone else's experience. Work from your own experience instead.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one can give you more time, but people can sure help you waste the time you have. Actively guard against distractions. Anticipate what could happen to knock you off your game, and prepare a defense.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be working by yourself. This scenario makes it challenging to know how you compare to others in the marketplace. Ask both insiders and outsiders their opinion. Get another point of view.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you follow your whimsy, it might be considered lollygagging. It might also lead to enormous joy. If you have fun with what you're doing, you'll find success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't want to put your signature on your work; you want your work to "be" your signature. When people can tell it's your work by the work itself, you'll have reached the level of originality you desire.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is a bit of an obstacle course these days, and you may find yourself tunneling under or scaling over enormous barriers to emotional intimacy. It makes jumping through the hoops seem like child's play.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Lie detectors are designed on the premise that dishonesty causes bodily stress. You'll take some of the pressure off by getting rid of the expectation or rule that is keeping people from telling the truth.
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Nudity also can symbolize feeling vulnerable, ashamed or afraid of being disgraced. Is there something you would rather people didn't know about you? The exact interpretation is highly personal to you, and you are the best one to find it. Do so by exploring the ways in which you may be feeling overexposed.
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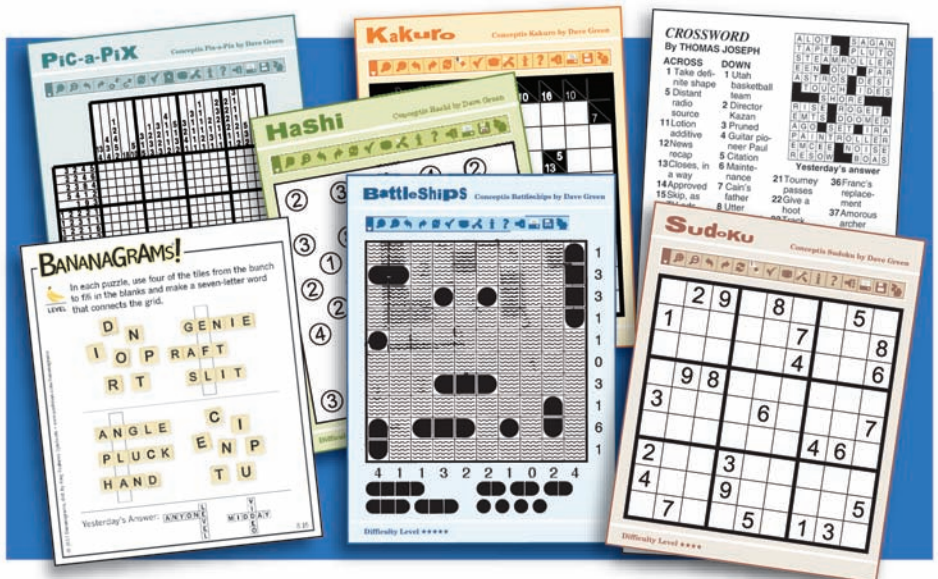
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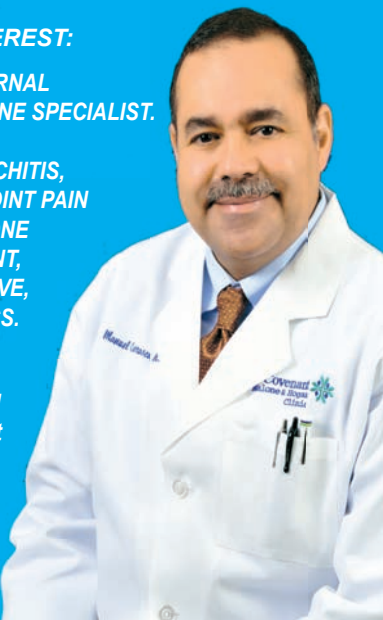


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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

Steers to take on Chiefs

Big Spring hopes to get back on winning track at homecoming game

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Big Spring opened the season with a 49-0 rout of Fort Stockton, but faced a much stancher opponent in Midland Christian in Week Two. The Steers were humbled a bit, losing 38-3 to the two-time defending TAPPS 4A champions. The Mustangs also had a personal score to settle — the only blemish on their otherwise perfect record last year came courtesy of the Steers.

Now 1-1, Big Spring has another scrappy opponent to tame in San Angelo Lake View (1-1), which the Steers will host Friday at Memorial Stadium for homecoming. Last year, BSHS edged the Chiefs 22-14 and Head Coach Phillip Ritchey anticipates another thrilling game.

“It was a close game last year,” Ritchey said. “And San Angelo just ended a long road losing streak. We expect it to be just like last year. They’re a good team. They’re well-coached.”

The Steers boast a veteran offense and defense, but two of the players who have made an impact in the first two weeks have been the running back duo of Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander. Alexander runs through people, charging through defensive lines and picking up the hard downs. Hill is more elusive. One half of the tandem may be absent this Friday.

Alexander suffered an ankle injury during last week’s game and Ritchey described his status as “day-to-day.”

“We will certainly use Hunter Hill,” Ritchey said of his options. “That may hurt us more on defense, if we have to rely on him more on offense, if Preston can’t play. We also have Fabian (Garcia). He’s done a good job for us, too.”

But more than the potential loss of Alexander for a week or two, the Midland Christian affair exposed some weaknesses Ritchey and Co. have worked on addressing.

“Like we said going into it, we didn’t want to get too high on ourselves if we won or too low if we lost,” he explained. “They won the special teams battle. They beat us on the punt. We definitely have to work on the passing game. With the guys we have back, we should be better at passing and catching the ball. On defense, we need to not give up the big plays.”

The defense held on during the first half. At

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Big Spring junior Hunter Hill carries the ball during last week’s 38-3 loss against Midland Christian. The Steers are set to play San Angelo Lake View on Friday for 2013’s homecoming game.

Bulldogs still trying to find their bite

Young Coahoma squad looking for season’s first win on the road



By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It’s easy for Head Coach Trey Gardner to point out the things his inexperienced Bulldog squad has done wrong in their first two games, but he also doesn’t have to think too hard to come up with some positives, either.

Coahoma (0-2), has another chance to nab its first win of the season on the road Friday as the Bulldogs make the short trip down Interstate 20 to Colorado City — which used to be a heated rivalry.

“Back in my day, Colorado City was *the* rivalry,” Gardner said. “Not as much now.”

Rivalry or not, Gardner is counting on his team to get pumped up for the game and play a fundamentally sound outing.

“The biggest thing for us is sustaining a drive,” he said. “We had more first downs and more yards (than last week’s opponent Coleman), but we need to put together a 10-12 play drive so we can get into the end zone. There are times we move the ball well, we just need to finish drives. We’re still largely battling ourselves as much as who we’re playing.

“Defensively, we have looked good at times. Last week we struggled with the option a bit, but we are tackling better than we were. We do definitely have to improve on special teams.”

The Bulldogs opened the season with a narrow loss to newly appointed rival Forsan. The Buffaloes took advantage of Coahoma’s rookie errors and left Grande Communications Stadium in Midland with a 17-14 victory. The Dogs weren’t helpless by any means. As they did last week against Coleman, CHS outgained the Buffaloes on the ground and accrued more first downs.

Junior quarterback Braxton Iden has given Coahoma a chance to take advantage of opportunities,

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A Coleman ball carrier is pursued by a slew of Coahoma defenders during last week’s 37-12 loss. The 0-2 Bulldogs will make the short trek to Colorado City on Friday.

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Bufs hope to keep rolling in Stanton

2-0 Forsan will try to stay perfect against the other area Buffaloes

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The clash of the Buffaloes is upon us.

Forsan will be traveling to Stanton on Friday for the battle of the Buffs. Last year, Stanton's 1A counterpart came away the victors. Forsan (2-0) is the lone undefeated program in Howard County and Head Coach Jason Phillips is focused on re-

maintaining healthy and improving each week.

"We were a bit shaky offensively the first half," Phillips remarked about last week's performance against Plains.

On the defensive side, however, the Buffaloes were stout, keeping the Rangers off the board while the Buffs' offense generated momentum.

"The defense was great," he said of the Plains game. "We came

back out and had a much better second half. We made some adjustments that the kids really responded to."

Also helping matters was the return of two impact players, Ausden Medrano and Covan Davidson. But it's hard not to mention Kolby Self, the senior running back who contributed three-of-four touchdowns during the affair. Self had more than 200

yards alone. Zane Sanders has proven solid as a quarterback, going 7-13 for 140 yards through the air, including a TD pass to Clayton Gallo-way.

"Kolby had an awesome night," Phillips said. "Getting Ausden and Covan back on defense was huge for us. We just want to keep everyone healthy and just keep getting better. It's good for us to be at

2-0."

Stanton could be a tough opponent. They will likely win the depth battle against the smaller Forsan, but then again, numbers have never determined the Buffaloes' fate.

If there is one aspect of the game Phillips is focused on, it's playing mistake-free football.

"We struggled with penalties on the offensive side (against

Plains)," Phillips added. "We'd move the ball and then get a holding call or we'd move the ball and jump off sides — I think we had 10 penalties for 100 yards."

Kickoff in Stanton is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Forsan's Kolby Self dives over a defending Ranger during last week's game. Self accounted for three Buffalo touchdowns during the 28-0 win over Plains. Forsan will be on the road this week taking on Stanton.

Crossroads area gridiron roundup

Sands and Garden City remain undefeated, Grady and Stanton each at 1-1

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

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LENORAH — Last year, Grady's perennially athletic Wildcats went further than any other Crossroads area football squad, making it all the way to the regional semifinal before losing to Petersburg 70-60.

Grady is 1-1 this season after opening with a 42-28 win over Ropes, then enduring a 56-6 rout at the hands of Ira.

Week Three's test will come at home against Ack-erly Sands, which is undefeated. Grady lost its first two games last season, then made a deep postseason run. With experienced players such as E.J. Rodriguez, Beau Lucas and Joseph Briseno leading the way, Grady could again be a potent force within District 5-6M.

ACKERLY — Sands (2-0) took part in the ASCO Football Madness event, where the Mustangs opened 2013 with a 62-14 decimation of Lorenzo. The Mustangs followed suit with a 68-40 win over Hermleigh.

Last season, Grady got the better of Sands after coming from behind to win by three points. After scoring nine touchdowns last week, the 'Stangs are riding high as they make the trek to Lenorah.

GARDEN CITY — Garden City is a six-man powerhouse. The Bearkats snatched back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010, then set out to rebuild.

Head Coach Matt Odom led his squad to a playoff appearance last season, but he admits the Bearkats snuck in with a 3-7 record. If strength of schedule has any bearing in high school football, Garden City gets points for playing a difficult schedule — all seven losses came to Top 20 teams.

This season, Odom is confident his team can not only earn a postseason berth, but will compete once they are there, as opposed to last year's first round emination after a lopsided loss to Water Valley.

"I believe we are definitely a better football team this year," Odom said. "We're healthier than we were at this time last year and we are progressing well."

Garden City has made short work of its opponents. Win No. 1 came against the fledgling football program from Tioga High, which the Bearkats spanked 57-0. They claimed their second victory against a more competitive Borden County team, which the 'Cats upended, 64-14.

STANTON — Last, but not least, the Buffaloes (1-1) have been involved in two heavily slanted outings. First, they lost in major fashion to Denver City by a score of 33-7. Then, Stanton took down Morton 52-7.

This week, Stanton will welcome 1A Forsan (2-0), which is coming off of a 28-0 shutout of Plains.



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Sands' Monty Timmons runs the ball during last week's win over Hermleigh. The Mustangs (2-0) will be on the road this week as they face rival Grady (1-1).

Area Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Football

- San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring (homecoming), Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
- Sands at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball

- Seminole at Big Spring, Steer Gym, 10 a.m.
- Midland Classical at Coahoma, noon.

Tennis

- Big Spring at Greenwood (district meet).

Cross Country

- Forsan at Wall Hawk Invitational, North Shore State Park at Bald Eagle Creek, San Angelo.
- Coahoma at Wall Hawk Invitational, North Shore State Park at Bald Eagle Creek, San Angelo.

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Forsan football fans pack the stands during last week's home opener against Plains. The Buffaloes (2-0) went on to blank the Rangers 28-0. Forsan will be back on the road Friday as they head to Stanton (1-1).



HERALD file photo/Deena Richardson
Coahoma quarterback Braxton Iden goes down amid a swarm of Coleman defenders during last week's 37-12 loss at home. The Bulldogs (0-2) will try for a win this week on the road against Colorado City.

BULLDOGS

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returning starter Joe Melendez has proved valuable on both offense and defense and Zak Walton has shined at center.

Gardner has also seen good things from newcomers such as Garrett Parrish and Christian Van Wey and accounting for a lot of Coahoma yards from the backfield are sophomores Paul Cortez and Kyler Franks.

As for the Bulldogs' chances at earning a win this week, Gardner said it will require a solid effort.

"Colorado City will be a lot like Coleman was," Gardner added. "They play variations of the same offense and defense. They probably aren't quite as big, but they are athletic. It will be a similar look for us."

Game time is set for 7:30 Friday.

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STEERS

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the midway point, it was 14-3 with the Steers trailing. Had a couple of passes been caught, it could have easily been a 17-14 game in Big Spring's favor. Despite Ritchey's efforts to make adjustments in the second half, the Mustangs were relentless. They

went on to score three more touchdowns while the fatigued Steer offense could do little to stop the onslaught.

Hoping to regroup, Big Spring will be on familiar ground as it prepares to play host to the Chiefs.

"We'd like everyone to come out," Ritchey added. "We encourage everyone to come out and see these guys play

and support them. It's amazing what a crowd of black and gold does for our kids."

The Steers are slated to take the field at 7:30 p.m.

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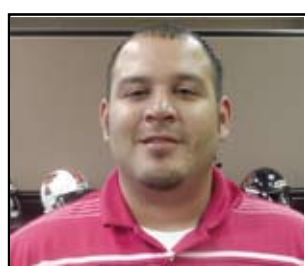
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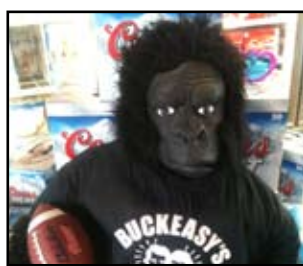
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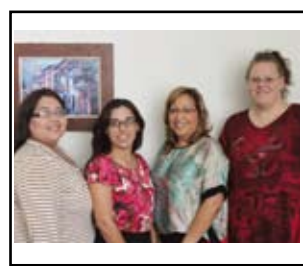
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