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Texas Agriculture Commissioner Republican candidate J Allen Carnes visits with Big Spring Herald Senior Advertising Executive Angela Lance during a brief visit to Big Spring on Wednesday. Carnes, who serves as mayor of Uvalde, wants voters to know he is the only candidate in the race with a background in agriculture.

## Angel Tree apps to be accepted starting Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Local Salvation Army officials are gearing up for their annual Angel Tree drive.

The campaign, which encourages residents to give clothing and toys to children of low-income during the holiday season, will begin when the SA starts accepting applications Monday.

Ada Lafler of the local SA said the agency will accept applications from qualifying



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families at the local headquarters, located at 811 W. Fifth.

Application hours will be from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through the week.

Families will need to provide a photo identification, birth certificate or Medicaid card for the child, verification of income and expenses and clothing sizes for each child under the age of 13.

Once the child is accepted into the program, their name will be written on a card placed on one of the Angel

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## Pots and Prints free workshop Friday

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

What the heck is Pots and Prints?

That was the question posed to the assistant professor of the Howard College art department.

"It's ceramics and making prints on a special kind of paper," Assistant Art Professor Stacy Slaten commented. However, this led to the query of how a ceramic piece could be made in a one-day workshop. Traditionally, a ceramic piece can take weeks to produce. "It is a type of firing call raku," said Slaten and explained that In raku firing, the glaze firing times for raku ware are short: an hour or two as opposed to up to 16 hours for high-temperature stoneware firings.

This free workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Howard College Hall Center for the Arts and is being sponsored by the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, which recently received a grant from the National Education Association to support Pots 'n' Prints, a mobile ceramic and

printmaking workshop for teachers, students and rural artists.

According to the NEA's website, the grant program "supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts."

"It's really wonderful that UTPB is bringing this to Howard College," said Slaten. "It's free to the public and it will be a lot of fun."

For more information about the Pots and Prints mobile workshop, contact Slaten at 264-5115.

## Davis takes national stage with gubernatorial bid

By **CHRIS TOMLINSON**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — When Wendy Davis walks into the coliseum where she received her high school diploma on today to announce a bid to become Texas governor, she will also walk onto a national stage from which she'll call on Democrats from across the country to help finance her long-shot bid.

Davis staged a nearly 13-hour filibuster in June to stop a law imposing strict new restrictions on how, where and when a woman can obtain an abortion. The live stream of her standing next to her desk and speaking — and the roaring crowd that disrupted the Senate debate for the last 15 minutes of the special legislative session — made her a political celebrity. In the fol-

lowing weeks, Democratic fundraisers feted her at parties in Washington, New York and San Francisco.

But the question remains: In a year where Democrats risk losing control of the Senate — and with Davis' opponent already banking \$25 million — will national donors commit the resources she needs to win?

"That's the biggest hurdle she's going to face," said Mark Jones, a political science professor at Houston's Rice University. "The investment to be successful in Texas would be the same as the investment to be successful in a half-dozen of the most competitive Senate

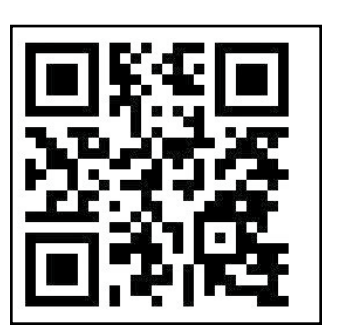
racess." Campaign consultants agree the Democratic candidate and supporting political action committees will need to spend \$40 million to mount a serious challenge to the leading Republican, Attorney General Greg Abbott. That's about 40 times more than what Davis had on hand at the end of June, the latest information available.

No Democrat has won statewide office in Texas since 1994, but supporters say the single teenage mother turned successful Harvard-trained lawyer has the charisma and progressive politics to break the party's political drought in Texas — and possibly put the state in play in time for the 2016 presidential

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## Texas to honor nuke waste disposal deal in Andrews Co.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The chairman of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission says the organization is going to honor a 20-year-old agreement that guarantees space for radioactive waste from Vermont in its Texas disposal facility in Andrews County.

During a Wednesday meeting at the Vermont Statehouse, Commission Chairman Robert Wilson said the commission recognizes Vermont is a partner in the compact.

In 1993, Vermont and Texas formed the compact. Under the

agreement, Texas would host a low-level radioactive waste facility and Vermont would have a place to send some of the waste from its nuclear power plant.

Vermont officials are looking for assurance there will be space in Texas for waste from the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, which is due to be shut down in 2014 and the dismantling process begun. It is not yet clear when the low-level waste would begin to be transported to the Andrews facility, which opened in 2012.

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**Upton County sheriff's deputy killed in shootout**

McCAMEY, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a sheriff's deputy has been killed in a shootout with a suspect at a West Texas convenience store.

The Upton County Sheriff's Office says Billy "Bubba" Kennedy died late Wednesday at the store in McCamey, some 50 miles south of Odessa.

The 38-year-old Kennedy encountered a man and several shots were fired. The unidentified suspect is in custody and being treated for multiple gunshot wounds.

Texas Rangers are investigating the shooting. No other information was immediately available.

Kennedy is the second Upton County deputy to be killed in approximately a year. Deputy Mike Smith died in June 2012 when his patrol car was struck by a tractor-trailer while en route to an emergency call.

**Mom arrested after police find 5 kids home alone**

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 23-year-old mother of five has been arrested and charged with five counts of child abandonment or endangerment after authorities found her children home alone.

The Brownsville Herald reports the woman, Janerit Velez, told police she left for about an hour Tuesday night to get something to eat.

Police spokesman J.J. Trevino says officers arrived about 11:30 p.m. and found the kids ranging in age from 2 to 8.

Velez arrived about an hour later and was arrested.

A neighbor who called police said the woman had left home about 9 p.m.

**Pilot unhurt as crop duster flips while taking off**

ROBINSON, Texas (AP) — A pilot has escaped injury after his single-engine plane flipped while taking off near Waco.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers say crosswinds caused the aircraft's left wing to hit the ground and turn upside down late Wednesday afternoon about six miles east of Robinson in McLennan County.

The plane is used for agricultural and pest control purposes by a company based in Hearne, near College Station.

The 49-year-old pilot was the only person aboard the crop duster and wasn't hurt.

Authorities tell the Waco Tribune-Herald federal aviation officials will investigate but the govern-

ment shutdown means an inspector may not arrive for another day or two.

**16 more dogs seized in probe into dogfighting ring**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Animal welfare officials say they have rescued an additional 16 pit bulls that were surrendered during an investigation into a dogfighting ring that spanned several Southeastern states.

Authorities said Wednesday that Demontt Allen of Houston and Sandy Brown of Brownsville surrendered the dogs, who have been taken to a temporary shelter in an undisclosed location.

Investigators seized more than 370 pit bulls and pit bull mixes in late August as part of an investigation into a dogfighting ring which includes defendants from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Officials say 13 people have been charged for their involvement in the ring.

**Settlement reached over teen's shooting death**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio-area school district will settle a lawsuit by paying nearly \$1 million to a woman whose 14-year-old son was shot and killed by a school police officer.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the settlement was reached last week with Denys Lopez Moreno, whose son Derek Lopez was killed in November 2010. The Northside school district board agreed to pay her \$925,000.

Court records say Northside officer Daniel Alvarado saw the teenager punch another student at a bus stop and chased him, ignoring a supervisor's order to stay with the victim.

Alvarado claimed the teen charged at him when confronted in the back yard of a home, prompting the officer to shoot. Moreno has disputed the claim.

A grand jury last year declined to indict Alvarado, who resigned in January.

**Woman in custody killed when police car in wreck**

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman in custody in the back of a Houston police car has been killed when the squad car collided with another vehicle.

Authorities say the 21-year-old woman was ejected from the back seat of the police car when it was rammed before daybreak Wednesday by another car that ran a red light near downtown Houston.

The officer driving the patrol car and two women

in the other car suffered minor injuries.

The officer was taking the woman in custody to an intoxication center to sober up.

Police say she was not wearing a seat belt. Department policy says passengers must be buckled in.

Police believe the driver of the second vehicle was intoxicated at the time of the collision.

**Who knew? Shutdown casualties include weddings, bike rides**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking out a mortgage. Getting married in a park. Going for a fall foliage drive. Cashing a check.

Who knew that so many random activities of daily life could be imperiled by a shutdown of the federal government?

Americans are finding that "the government" entails a lot more than the stereotype of faceless D.C. bureaucrats cranking out red tape.

And so it is that two dozen October weddings, including nine this week, are in jeopardy because they're scheduled for monument sites on the National Mall. Ditto for a New Jersey couple planning to marry at the Grand Canyon.

Mike Cassesso and MaiLien Le's permit to get married Saturday on the lawn near the Jefferson Memorial looks to be among the casualties, giving rise to a new Twitter hashtag for their (hash) shutdownwedding. They're looking at alternate sites, including the restaurant booked for their reception.

**San Francisco man charged in \$1B underground drugs website**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — FBI agents found him in the science fiction section of a small branch of the San Francisco public library, chatting online.

The man known as Dread Pirate Roberts — 29-year-old Ross William Ulbricht — was on his personal laptop Tuesday afternoon, authorities said, talking about the vast black market bazaar that is believed to have brokered more than \$1 billion in transactions for illegal drugs and services.

When a half-dozen FBI agents burst into the library in a quiet, blue collar neighborhood they abruptly ended Ulbricht's conversation with a cooperating witness, pinned the Austin, Texas, native to a floor-to-ceiling window and then took him off to jail.

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Trees which will be located throughout Big Spring in the coming few weeks.

From there, the process for people wanting to donate gifts is simple, Lafler said.

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior," Lafler said.

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election.

Davis will need to go outside of Texas to raise a portion of the money she needs. She has strong national fundraising ability, which will be necessary to help establish her still largely ill-defined credentials through television advertisements, Democratic strategist Tad Devine said. Democratic activists argue she will have the money, but it's up to her campaign to make the case that she can govern.

"She has a pretty compelling profile to raise a lot of money from very wealthy people," Devine said. "If she can muster that kind of campaign funding, she can project herself as she chooses, but that will be mostly through television."

Danny Kanner, communications director for the Democratic Governors' Association, said there is sustained interest in Davis.

"Everything that Democrats across the country have seen so far is that Davis has the path, she has the message and she will have the organization," he said. "She will come with lots of energy and that will breed further excitement and further resources."

Jeremy Bird, a former

Obama campaign field organizer and senior adviser to Battleground Texas, said Democratic donors will make the investment.

"People can support keeping the U.S. Senate and Wendy Davis because of campaign finance laws," said Bird, whose PAC registers and organizes Democratic voters, he said.

Under federal law, donors may give only \$2,500 each to a candidate; under Texas law, there is no limit for individuals or PACs. But Jones said national Democratic donors who can write \$100,000 checks will have to choose between giving that money to PACs in other states or to Davis.

"When you start looking at the actual cost of media buys in Texas, some of these super PACs are going to be taken aback by the cold, hard numbers," he said. "It's probably not the most efficient use of scarce campaign finance dollars."

According to the Dallas Morning News' analysis of campaign fundraising records since the filibuster, Abbott received six donations of \$100,000 or more, while Davis has received one. Abbott has collected donations from 27 states, while Davis received support from all 50 states, six U.S. territories and Americans liv-

"It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from.

It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child."

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by the Salvation

Army office

ing in 40 foreign countries. Money alone, though, doesn't make for a competitive race. In 2010 former Houston Mayor Bill White raised \$18.4 million to Gov. Rick Perry's \$22 million, but White lost with 42 percent of the vote to Perry's 55 percent — a 631,000 vote margin.

The critical path to a Davis victory, strategists say, is the right mix of voters. In the 2012 presidential elections, Democrats took an estimated 65 percent of the Hispanic vote in Texas, 90 percent of the African-American vote and 27 percent of the Anglo vote.

Davis must turn out

more minority voters and boost her standing among Anglos to at least 34 percent. Her best chance to do that is with women who are more likely to care about her signature issues: women's rights and education.

"Even before Davis, (Democratic donors) were very open to the Texas ideal," Bird said.

Davis could also benefit from national chatter about the importance — and the opportunity — to make Texas a swing state. If Texas turns blue, it, along with California and New York, would make it almost impossible for Republicans to win another presidential election.

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Douglas M. Green, 71, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Guadalupe "Lupe" Gomez, 78, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ackerly Cemetery.  
Katy Hise, 95, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following in Trinity Memorial Park.

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# Opinion

## GOP, you've tried surrender; let's fight

Why is it just assumed Republicans will automatically be blamed for any government shutdown over a budgetary impasse between Obama and his Democratic Party and Republicans?

More disturbingly, why do so many Republicans and right-leaning commentators surrender before we've even begun to fight?

Do our moderates believe there is any position President Obama and the Democrats could take that would result in the public's blaming Democrats, rather than Republicans, for a shutdown?

The moderates always cite polls that say Republicans will be blamed, but who decreed that polls are set in stone? Which Republicans, when they were campaigning for election, promised to govern according to the polls and not their principles?

But if we must discuss the polls, let me ask you to consider what would happen if the pollsters framed their questions as follows:

"Will you support efforts by congressional Republicans to defund Obamacare, even to the point of a government shutdown, because they believe it is the greatest destroyer of jobs today in America, it will reduce access to and the quality of health care, it will not ensure coverage or care for everyone, it will not allow people to keep their own doctors or their own plans, it will cost the government at least twice what Obama promised, it will not reduce the health care expenses of a typical family of four by \$2,500 as Obama promised but increase them by some \$7,400, it is such a legislative mess and so burdensome that many have demanded to be

exempted from its various provisions and President Obama, in disregard of his own health care law and of the Constitution's separation of powers doctrine, granted, by executive fiat, special exemptions and delays to some and not others, and that the Internal Revenue Service, which has been caught red-handed abusing its power against the administration's political opponents, will be in charge of enforcing Obamacare?"

"And, dear voter, wouldn't you agree that it's a bit unfair to conclude that Republicans are mainly at fault for shutting the government down when the Democratic Senate has continually ignored its legal duty to pass budgets, Senate Democrats have flat-out announced they won't negotiate and have leaked their secret desire that the government shuts down so they can demonize the Republicans, and Republicans have, in fact, passed several budgets, which only exclude the funding or delay the implementation of Obamacare, a law that is very unpopular with the American people?"

Of course, we'll never see poll questions so patently loaded, especially in favor of the Republican position.

And we shouldn't. But we do see slanted poll questions all the time, subtly nudging the participants toward a desired response. I'm sure that's the case here.

But we shouldn't be defeated by poll questions based on a snapshot in time and based on fixed assumptions that don't allow for any change in public opinion based on future events and communications. Unless he is clairvoyant, no pollster can factor into his questions the precise unfolding of events leading to and after a shutdown, and the possibilities of how they're communicated are endless.

Polls can't possibly predict to any degree of reliability how the public would respond to a shutdown if Republicans finally united and articulated a compelling case to the public before and

during a shutdown, including the points contained in my absurd hypothetical poll questions.

What if Republicans got together, instead of shooting one another in the backs, and made those points and also hammered Obama for refusing to come to the table on real spending and entitlement cuts?

Objectively speaking, Obama's position all along has been indefensible. Almost nothing he's said about Obamacare is true — and this can be easily demonstrated. He will not do anything about our short- and long-term spending problems, and he and his party are the ones who are absolutely refusing to negotiate in good faith, if at all, on these budgetary issues.

Though I respect my more moderate friends on the right and don't wholly discount their position, I believe that their default defeatism and their friendly fire against principled conservatives such as Ted Cruz are damaging the GOP's chances of convincing the public of the unreasonableness of Obama's position and the reasonableness of their own.

I believe that if Republicans would finally draw a firm line in the sand and then go to the media with a united, 24/7 communications effort, they would — with their courage, their principled stand and their contagious patriotism — reignite the grass roots and inspire many others to recapture an optimistic spirit, a spirit that says that America is not yet dead and that there are still elected officeholders who are willing to stake their careers on saving this nation.

We've been following the moderates' advice, and where has it gotten us? Where has it gotten the nation?

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## Don't sit back and criticize, be a volunteer

Let's push the government shutdown aside for just a minute and get to a group of people who are actually working on behalf of our best interests.

I've heard a lot of comments about the Howard County Fair this year and I'm pleased to say almost all of them were very positive.

You'll recall that organizers shut down this traditional event a few years ago due to lack of interest. Fortunately, they've brought it back — at least for now.

I say "for now" because there are several must-haves for anything like a county fair or other age-old tradition to keep going (think Old Settler's Reunion).

First, there must be dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are what make something like a county fair work.

The Herald received a message on facebook which you may or may not have seen, which basically said that while the fair was entertaining, it needed to get better.

My immediate thought was, "If you want to make it better, DO something."

Don't just stand back and be critical. Ask yourself, "How can I help?"

The second "must" is to get younger folks involved. Younger folks have a lot more irons in the fire, so to speak, than we did when we were their age. They are busier; their time is more limited. And, there's that interest factor as well. What may have enticed us in the past — baking a grand champion pie, for instance — doesn't mean so much to them.

However, we can see numerous instances where youth do become involved. They'll lend a hand during the Trash Off, visit nursing facilities and participate in other activities.

Perhaps having an active youth division at the fair to come up with and administer events aimed toward younger folks could be a consideration. I'm not sure, but I know we have some very savvy people out there who could lend their talents toward making activities like the fair and settler's reunion more inviting.

My few words here are not intended to downplay the efforts the current fair board is making. Indeed, in just a short time they have increased crowds and added or beefed up a few events that make the fair experience more pleasurable. They are to be commended.

It doesn't take a lot of effort to sit back and be critical. It does take effort to reach out and make things better.



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## The frauds on the hill target Obama

Who are these people? Of what are they made that they can say and do such things on the floor of Congress?

No nonsense is too great; no act too low.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor leaves the floor of the House in the wee hours of Sunday morning, having taken action that would shut down the government, and releases a statement saying, "It's time for President Obama to rise above stubborn partisanship."

Which is like an arsonist's telling others not to play with matches.

Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-Ind., said Saturday, "Obamacare is based on limitless government, bureaucratic arrogance and a disregard for the will of the people."

Except Congress passed Obamacare; the president signed it; the Supreme Court upheld it; and Obama campaigned on it a second time and was re-elected. So in what manner was the will of the people disregarded?

And since when have the extremists in Congress cared about the will of the people? Is it the will of the people that government be closed, salaries stopped, services suspended?

Slyness and game playing rule the day. Having lost the vote on Obamacare, the extremists and those who fear them will vote to cut off the funding of government unless Obamacare is suspended. And then they will try to force the United States to default on its loans.

Not because they wish to do

the will of the people but because they wish to thwart the will of the people.

And when, in those rare moments, they decide to earn their salaries of \$174,000 per year (plus expenses, plus perks, plus pensions) and actually pass a bill, what do they do? The week before last, the House voted to cut \$40 billion from the food stamp program over the next 10 years.

It voted to deny people food.

Is this the kind of government our Founding Fathers envisioned? "For we must consider that we shall be as a City upon a hill," John Winthrop wrote as his boat sailed from England to the New World in 1630. "The eyes of all people are upon us."

Walter Mondale used to quote that line, and so did John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

"The eyes of all people are upon us." What a grand thing. What an inspiring thing. What a guide for all our actions.

But what do the eyes of the world see today? What do the eyes of Americans see today?

In the past, I would complain that Congress was dysfunctional. Today I would take dysfunctional. Because when the extreme right wing of Congress functions today, it functions with such malicious intent, with such perverse glee at frustrating the will of the people, that one does not know whether to laugh or cry.

We live in a time when outright buffoonery passes for statesmanship. We live in a time when a 21-hour non-filibuster filibuster by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, leads not to general hilarity but to serious consideration of how it will help Cruz run for president in 2016.

Nor can the tragicomedy even be questioned. When a reporter asked Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., Saturday what he would do if

his efforts to defund Obamacare should fail, Issa stuck his nose into the reporter's face and shrilled: "How dare you presume a failure? How dare you? How dare you? How dare you?"

How dare us. Our leaders must not be questioned! They are beyond question. And, in some cases, beyond hope.

Shutting down the government will not shut down Obamacare. Shutting down government is just another gun held to the head of the president, another threat by people who hate the fact that he is president.

In his first inaugural address, President Obama said, "To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

Back then, Obama was speaking of extremists in foreign governments. Today he could be speaking to extremists in our own Congress.

At 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Politico congressional reporter Ginger Gibson tweeted: "I'm not over exaggerating when I say I can smell the booze wafting from members as they walk off the floor."

What is the old joke? "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy."

Some of our lawmakers appear to be having both.

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Our book club is reading "Orphan Train" (F KLI C) and it is a gripping story of friendship and second chances from Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life — answers that will ultimately free them both. — Description from Amazon.com.

Another intriguing book that has just come in, is "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" (F SLO R) by Robin Sloan. I have read just about one-fourth of it, but have yet to finish it and it is out on the shelves for anyone to check out. It is a gleeful and exhilarating tale of global conspiracy, complex code-breaking, high-tech data visualization, young love, rollicking adventure and the secret to eternal life, set in a hole-in-the-wall San Francisco bookstore.

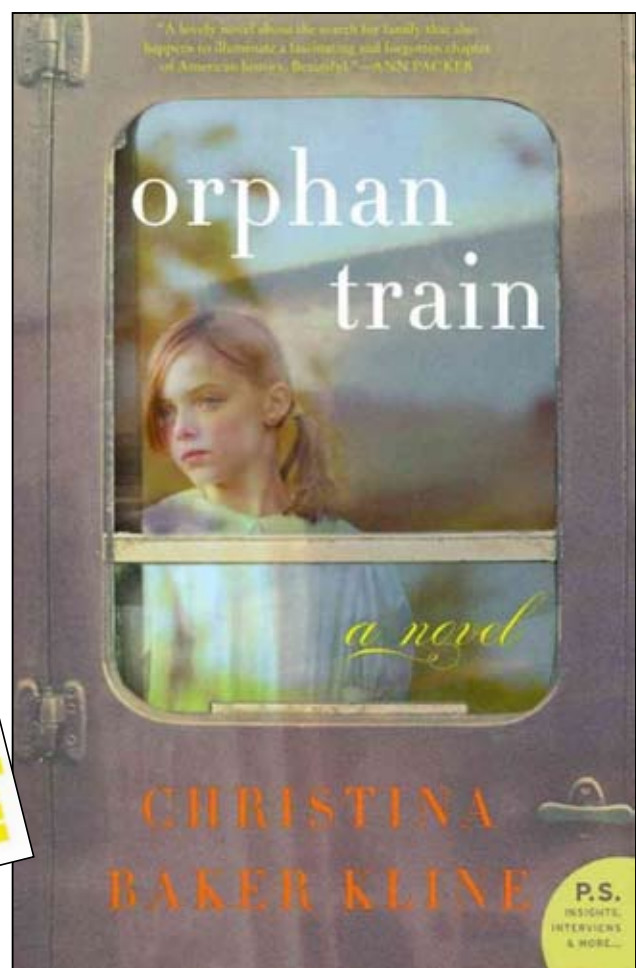
The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon out of his life as a San Francisco Web-design drone — and serendipity, sheer curiosity and the ability to climb a ladder like a monkey has landed him a new gig working the night shift at Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. But after just a few days on the job, Clay begins to realize that this store is even more curious than the name suggests. There are only a few customers, but they come in repeatedly and never seem to actually buy anything, instead "checking out" impossibly obscure volumes from strange corners of the store, all according to some elaborate, long-standing arrangement with the gnomish Mr. Penumbra.

The store must be a front for something larger, Clay concludes, and soon he's embarked on a complex analysis of the customers' behavior and roped his friends into helping to figure out just what's going on. But once they bring their findings to Mr. Penumbra, it turns out the secrets extend far outside the walls of the bookstore. It



is a really neat book.

This next book is one I picked up when I was at Texas Library Convention and met the author, Jason Goodwin. "An Evil Eye" (GOO J) is the story of the intrepid investigator Yashim during the time of the Ottoman Empire. It's 1839, and the admiral of the Ottoman fleet has defected to the Egyptians. It's up to the intrepid Investigator Yashim to uncover the man's motives. Of course, Fevzi Ahmet is no stranger to Yashim; it was Fevzi who taught the investigator his craft years ago. He's the only man whom Yashim has ever truly feared: ruthless, cruel and unswervingly loyal to the sultan. So what could have led Yashim's former mentor to betray the Ottoman Empire? Yashim's search draws him into the



sultan's seraglio, a well-appointed world with an undercurrent of fear, ambition and deep-seated superstition. When the women of the sultan's orchestra begin inexplicably to grow ill and die, Yashim discovers that the admiral's defection may be rooted somewhere in the torturous strictures of the sultan's harem. The library also has "The Snake Stone" (M GOO J) if you wish to read of further adventures of Yashim.

Now for a good "chick" read is "The Last Original Wife" (F FRA D) by Dorothea Benton Frank. Leslie Anne Greene Carter is "The Last Original Wife" among her husband Wesley's wildly successful Atlanta social set. His cronies have all traded in the mothers of their children they promised to love and cherish — 'til death did them

part — for tanned and toned young Barbie brides. If losing the social life and close friends she adored wasn't painful enough, a series of setbacks shake Les's world and push her to the edge. She's had enough of playing the good wife to a husband who thinks he's doing her a favor by keeping her around. She's not going to waste another minute on people she doesn't care to know. Now, she's going to take some time for herself — in the familiar comforts and stunning beauty of Charleston, her beloved hometown. Daring to listen to her inner voice, she will realize what she wants ... and find the life of which she's always dreamed.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

## iPhone found unscathed after plunge from airplane

DOTHAN, Ala. (AP) — Some phones are made of sterner stuff.

Angela Dalton and her 10-year-old son were riding as passengers in a three-seat plane on Friday for an aerial tour of Dothan, courtesy of a family friend who happens to be a pilot.

When the plane neared Dalton's Dothan neighborhood, she lifted her iPhone to snap a photo.

"I was trying to zoom it on my phone, and the wind just caught it and ripped it out of my hand," Dalton said.

A panicked Dalton watched as the phone spiraled away, soaring down an estimated 1,400 feet toward the city.

"All that kept going through my head was, 'I hope I don't get home and it's all over the news that I knocked somebody out or somebody got killed or it hit a windshield and caused a car accident,'" she said.

Resigned to the fact that her beloved phone had been decimated, she nevertheless called her number when she got home.

To her surprise, the phone rang but no one answered. Still, she and her husband suspended the account and, after being told the drop wasn't covered by the phone's warranty, thought the situation to be over.

Monday afternoon, Eric Hall had just left his house to check the mail when he noticed an

orange cellphone sitting in his yard about six feet from the curb.

"My neighbor was out here, and I thought it might have been his daughter's phone," Hall said.

After realizing that wasn't the case, Hall charged the phone and called the last number the phone had dialed - Bill Smith, the pilot of the airplane from which

the phone had fallen.

"I said, 'Hey, I found this phone.' He paused and then said, 'You're kidding me,'" Hall said. "He asked what it looked like, and I said, 'It looks great, like somebody dropped it out of their pocket while walking.'"

"He said that, no, it fell 1,400 feet out of an airplane. So then I paused."

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New Moon Eve

Ambition is a double-edged sword. If an ambition is too lofty, it can actually demotivate those who don't believe at the deepest level that success is possible. And yet, this eve of the new moon will fortify a strong belief. Right now it will be better to aim high and fail than it will be to aim low and succeed.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It is safer for your heart to choose friendship over love. When both exist in the same relationship, today's best bet is to put the precedence on friendship and let love fall into place.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It is human nature to assume that others have your capabilities, but this couldn't be farther from the truth today. The helping hand you need is at the end of your own arm.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Approximately 90 percent of your activities at work would have been impossible to accomplish a century ago. But the one thing that remains the same is that people still need to feel important.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** People won't say what they mean — that's life as usual. Most human discourse depends on the other person's ability to extract meaning from the larger context. You're up to the challenge.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Kindness is not as prevalent as it needs to be in the world. Kindness is the value

you would be wise to lean on now. It will do more good in the world than intelligence, beauty, charm or might.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You can be romantic at times, but right now it's easy to see the benefit of autonomy. You don't live for the sake of others, and you don't expect them to live for your sake.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You're not completely sold on the contributions or potential contributions of your teammates. But the bottom line is, you'll win if you band together, and you'll lose if you don't.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Where your mind goes in the time between activities is most enlightening. Who or what do you think of en route to work, when you're waiting in line or just before you fall asleep? That's where your heart is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You sometimes wonder whether past hurt will really disappear if you revisit it and process it. The answer is a resounding yes, especially if you make the effort this afternoon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** The testimony of a person others see as important carries more influence than the testimony of a random stranger. That's why you should build evidence of your social standing before you make your recommendation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You'll be courted by those who want your money, time or attention. If the price tag is low, you'll give your money. It's less valuable than your attention right now.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** If you play it too safe, it's like you're not playing at all — rather, you're working to be like everyone else. Artistry is diminished where there are telltale signs of the labor involved.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I recently became engaged to my boyfriend of four years. Immediately after he proposed, I phoned my parents, who always gave the impression that they liked my boyfriend and enjoyed spending time with him. I thought they'd be happy for us. I was very wrong.

My mom was really angry and said that I am "way too young" to be getting married. Annie, I'm in graduate school. My dad said that my boyfriend "isn't good enough" and that I should "seriously reconsider this guy." (This guy! Like he doesn't have a name.)

I am still in school, so perhaps this is their way of expressing their worry that if I get married I won't finish my graduate program, but regardless, I'm really hurt by their reaction. I've tried reassuring them, but they keep brushing me aside, insisting I'm marrying too young and to the wrong man.

I cannot figure out their problem. We are in our late 20s, which doesn't strike me as "too young." And if they truly believe my fiance isn't the right person, why didn't they say so in the

intervening four years? Why won't they give me any concrete reasons for their objections? Sometimes I think what they're really objecting to is the presence of another person in our small, close-knit family. But it seems selfish of them to place the current family dynamic over my future marriage and happiness. Kids grow up. They get married.

I never in my wildest nightmares thought my engagement would be such a source of anger. What do you think about this? — *Sad Bride-To-Be*

**Dear Sad:** It does seem as though your parents suddenly realized that you are leaving the nest and they are panic stricken. Since they refuse to discuss their reasons with you, please ask a trusted friend or family member to intercede on your behalf and try to ascertain whether their objections have any justification. But ultimately, the decision about marriage belongs to you. We hope your parents will welcome your groom into the family instead of pushing you both away.

**Dear Annie:** I am 84 and have

five children, 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. I am twice widowed, and one of my boyfriends also died.

I now have a new boyfriend. He is upset with two of my daughters-in-law and a son-in-law because when they see me they say, "Hello, Mother-in-Law!" He says they are being disrespectful for not using my name. He says they should call me "Grandma" or "Mom" or my given name.

This has caused a problem between us. What do you think? — *J.G.*

**Dear J.G.:** Your boyfriend has no business issuing orders about how your children or their spouses address you. If it doesn't bother you, it shouldn't bother him. He sounds bossy and controlling. Tell him to back off.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2013 CREATORS.COM

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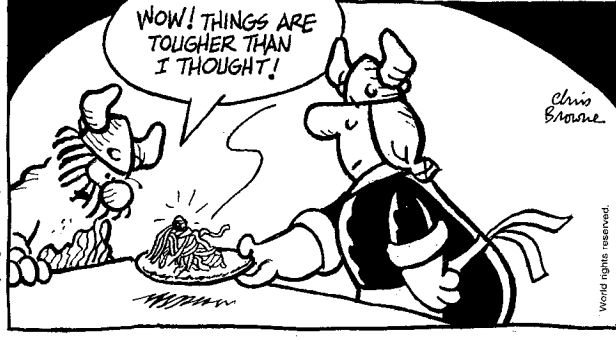
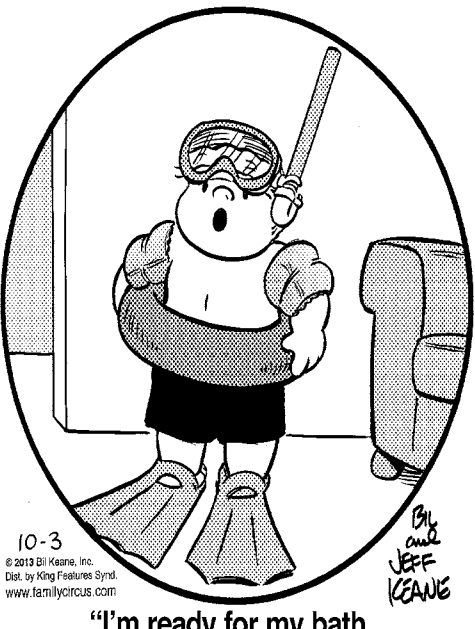
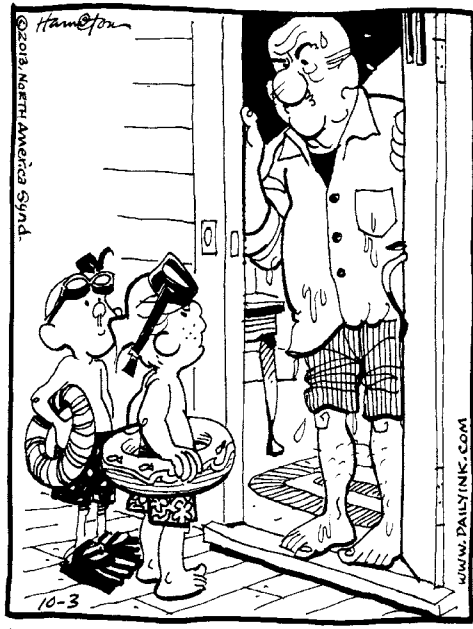


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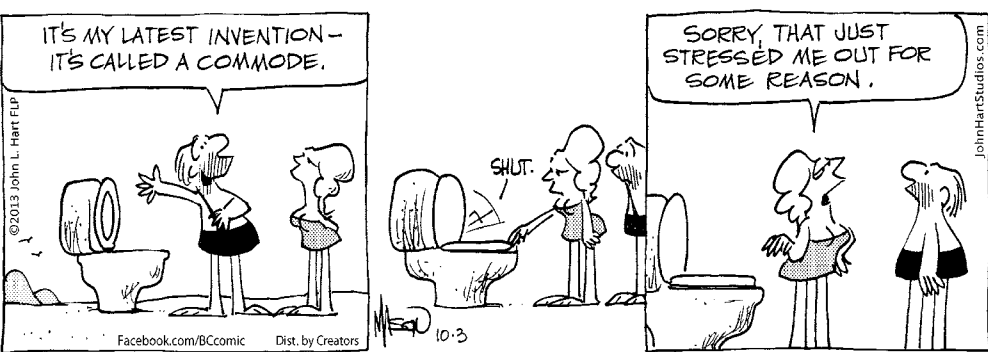
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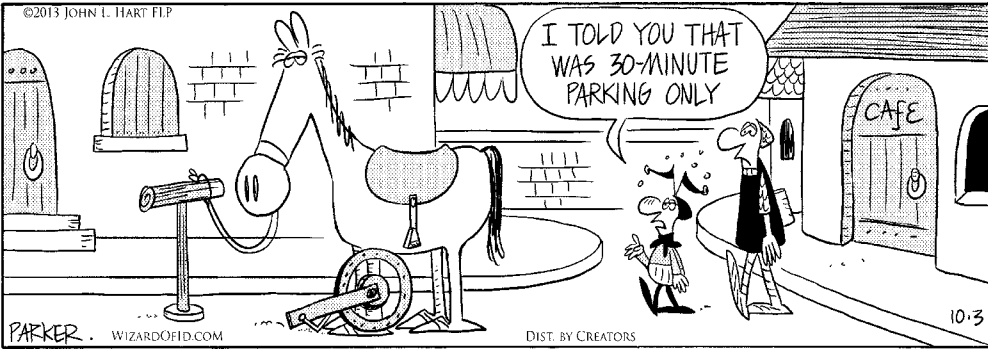
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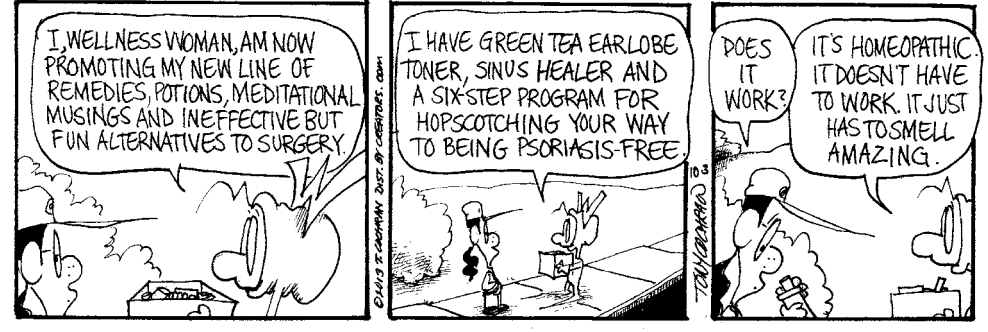
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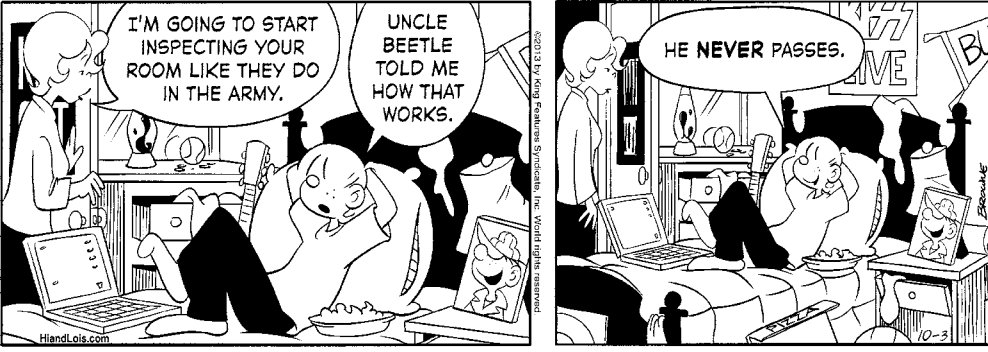
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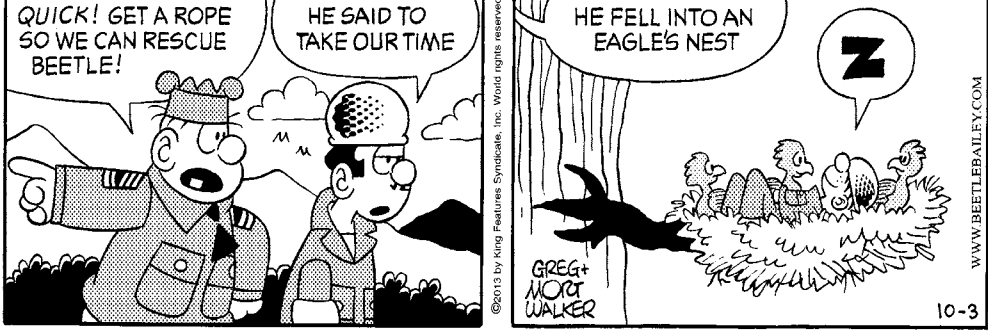
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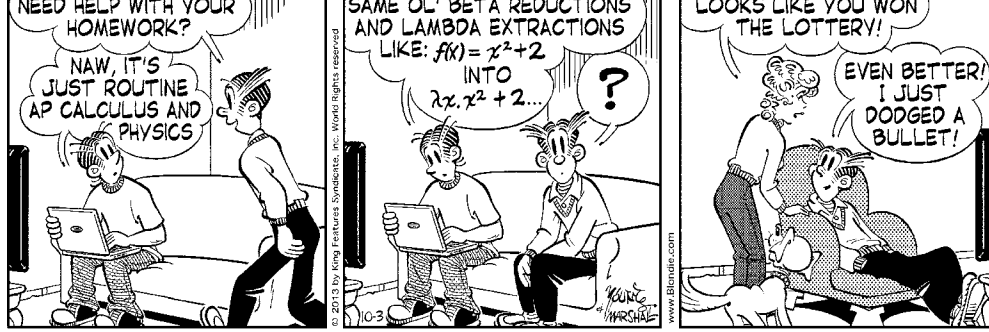
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2013. There are 89 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Oct. 3, 1990, West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a reunified country.

**On this date:**  
In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228.

In 1789, President George Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, a day of Thanksgiving to express gratitude for the creation of the United States of America.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

In 1942, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt established the Office of Economic Stabilization.

In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant by a score of 5-4 as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

In 1961, "The Dick Van Dyke Show," also starring Mary Tyler Moore, made its debut on CBS.

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.

In 1970, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was established under the Department of Commerce.

In 1991, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman (however, Simpson was later found liable in a civil trial).

In 2002, five people were shot to death in the Washington, D.C. area within a 14-hour peri-

od, beginning the hunt for the "Beltway Sniper." (In all, ten people were killed; mastermind John Allen Muhammad and teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo were later caught.)

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Basketball Hall of Famer Marques O. Haynes is 87. Composer Steve Reich is 77. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 72. Actor Alan Rachins is 71. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 70. Magician Roy Horn is 69. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 64. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 63. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 62. Former astronaut Kathryn Sullivan is 62. Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield is 62.

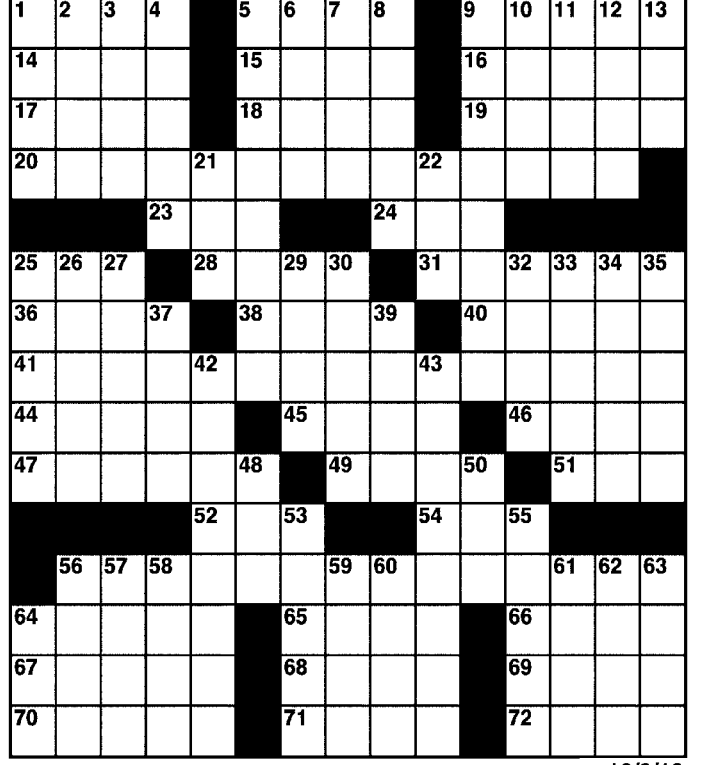
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EDEN	SHELL	MEND
MAO	ODE	WAR
KILOMETER	TEAR	FLOAT
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|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>              | 69 Great Lakes port       | 10 Norse Mars             | 42 Straighten out            |
| 1 Kaput                    | 70 Gut feeling            | 11 Prego competitor       | 43 Throw overboard           |
| 5 Does farm work           | 71 New driver, often      | 12 Yearning               | 48 Topper                    |
| 9 Tickle strings           | 72 Throw away             | 13 Kentucky Derby's month | 50 Stubbing victim           |
| 14 Freshwater fish         |                           | 21 Upper limit            | 53 Monk's boss               |
| 15 Rink move               |                           | 22 Auditory ability       | 55 Den appliance             |
| 16 Leigh Oscar role        |                           | 25 True-blue              | 56 "Got it"                  |
| 17 Unpleasant boss         | <b>DOWN</b>               | 26 Lectured               | 57 Canadian superstar singer |
| 18 Arizona city            | 1 Small stain             | 27 One-eighty             | 58 Burden of proof           |
| 19 Bewildered              | 2 Lofty                   | 29 Feel for               | 59 Word on Irish             |
| 20 Skeptical comment       | 3 Cajun vegetable         | 30 Scrapbooking project   | 61 Down coins                |
| 23 Owned                   | 4 Places for braces       | 32 Make off with          | 60 Do nothing                |
| 24 Did nothing             | 5 Boston-based beer brand | 33 Our Town girl          | 61 100 cents, in Cork        |
| 25 Tulane rival            | 6 Plow pullers            | 34 Jam-packed             | 62 Van Gogh flower           |
| 28 Hemingway nickname      | 7 Wicked Witch's home     | 35 British synonymist     | 63 Summer shirts             |
| 31 Not family fare         | 8 Marble hunks            | 37 Urban woe              | 64 Destroyer designation     |
| 36 Participates, with "in" | 9 Mexican munchie         | 39 Sandwich seller        |                              |
| 38 Salsa option            |                           |                           |                              |
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| 46 Aside from that         |                           |                           |                              |
| 47 Pool measure            |                           |                           |                              |
| 49 Oven accessory          |                           |                           |                              |
| 51 Despite that            |                           |                           |                              |
| 52 Penlight battery        |                           |                           |                              |
| 54 Little one              |                           |                           |                              |
| 56 Skeptical comment       |                           |                           |                              |
| 64 Partaking of            |                           |                           |                              |
| 65 Pollster's concern      |                           |                           |                              |
| 66 "Naturally!"            |                           |                           |                              |
| 67 Asian capital           |                           |                           |                              |
| 68 Granular pasta          |                           |                           |                              |



# Official: Service academy games will go on

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**  
The Associated Press

U.S. military academy football teams will play this weekend, despite the government shutdown.

A senior defense official said Wednesday the decision affects this weekend's games only, and future games will be evaluated as events unfold. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

Navy later confirmed its home game against Air Force in Annapolis, Md., would be

played as scheduled Saturday. The game is sold out and is the most notable one on the Midshipmen's home schedule. The Army-Navy game at the end of the season is played at a neutral site.

The Navy-AFA game and Army's game at Boston College were in jeopardy after the Defense Department temporarily suspended sports competition at the service academies as a result of the budget impasse in Congress.

Email messages left with spokesmen for Army and Air Force were not immediately

returned.

Navy said there has been no indication if the other 24 athletic events involving Naval Academy teams scheduled from Thursday-Sunday will take place.

The football teams will be allowed to play because the games are paid for with non-appropriated funds, and have been long planned. Non-appropriated funds generally come from outside sources and are not approved through Congress.

Earlier in the day, Navy athletic director Chet

Gladchuk said he was optimistic the Pentagon would allow the games to be played.

He said the athletic department had provided information to Pentagon officials to assure them that no government funds will be spent on any aspect of the game. Gladchuk said a Navy home game brings in about \$4 million from tickets, sponsorship, television and radio rights fees and other revenues such as parking and concessions. The game essentially pays for itself, he said. Football revenue also funds

Navy's 32 other sports teams.

"It would be devastating to our budget," Gladchuk said about having a home game canceled.

The coaches and players involved were still preparing for the games to be played.

"I wouldn't say they're oblivious, but they are practicing and trying to maintain that laser focus," Gladchuk said.

Boston College coach Steve Addazio said: "In my mind, we are playing on Saturday. It's just how I feel."

# Road Rays beat Indians 4-0 in wild-card game

By **TOM WITHERS**  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — As champagne bottles were being carried into Tampa Bay's boisterous celebration, equipment bags were hustled out of the clubhouse and loaded onto carts before being taken to the airport.

Another airport. Another trip. Another city.

The Rays aren't done traveling. Their October road show rolls on.

Boston bound. Alex Cobb and three

relievers combined to shut out Cleveland and silence a raucous sell-out crowd that hung on every pitch Wednesday night as Tampa Bay set up a division series showdown with the Red Sox by beating the Indians 4-0 in the AL wild-card game. In the past four days, the Rays have won in Toronto, Texas and Cleveland, a had-to-have, three-game sweep that tested Tampa unlike any series this season.

"That's three different venues, three difficult

venues," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "All in enemy territory. I'm so proud of our guys."

Cobb, sidelined for 50 games earlier this season after being hit in the head by a line drive, quieted one of the few sellout crowds at Progressive Field this season and ended the Indians' unexpected postseason abruptly.

Delmon Young homered in the third inning off rookie Danny Salazar and Desmond Jennings hit a two-run double as the Rays advanced to

face the AL East champion Red Sox in the best-of-five division series starting Friday at Fenway Park.

Boston went 12-7 against Tampa Bay and Maddon knows his team is facing a daunting challenge.

"We probably hit .207 against them," he said. "They pitched really well against us. We just did not swing the bats well, and that speaks to their pitching. They have a really good pitching staff. They have a great starting

staff. They have a tremendous bullpen. I do anticipate a lot of the same in the playoffs as we continue."

The Rays have been on the road since Sept. 24, when they opened a three-game series in New York. Then it was off to Toronto, where they lost two games to the Blue Jays before winning the regular-season finale to force a one-game tiebreaker with the Rangers. In Arlington, Texas, Price pitched a complete game in a 5-2 win, sending the

Rays to Cleveland.

It's been a whirlwind of hotel lobbies, buses and restaurants. They miss the comforts of home.

"I've got to wash some clothes or buy some socks or something," first baseman James Loney said.

After beating the Indians, the Rays shut off the lights, cranked up the music and turned their clubhouse into a downtown Cleveland nightclub.

This road trip is rocking.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 5A

## Sports in Brief

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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### BASEBALL

**BOSTON (AP)** — Boston Red Sox manager John Farrell waited until all of his players safely made it out of a simulated game before confirming what he'd only hinted at before: Left-hander Jon Lester will start Game 1 of the AL division series.

"He's been outstanding in the second half," Farrell said in the clubhouse. "The last couple of starts he's put together for us have been very strong."

Lester was 15-8 with a 3.75 ERA this season, but he won his first six decisions and seven of his last nine. From May 20 through the All-Star break, he went 2-6 with a 6.27 ERA.

Lester will be followed in the rotation by John Lackey and Clay Buchholz, with Jake Peavy ready to pitch Game 4 of the best-of-five series against Tampa Bay if necessary.

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Slumping second baseman Dan Uggla was left off the Atlanta Braves' roster for the NL division series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Braves announced their roster Wednesday, a day before the series opener.

Outfielder B.J. Upton, who is hitting only .184, is on the roster.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Two more former college football players have filed a lawsuit against the NCAA stemming from concussions and brain injuries.

### PRO BASKETBALL

**PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP)** — LeBron James has the world's best-selling NBA jersey.

The Miami Heat star and four-time league MVP tops the NBA's global list of jersey sales for this past season, according to numbers released Tuesday. James — who also has the top-selling jersey in the United States — outsold Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers, Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder and Heat teammate Dwyane Wade for the No. 1 spot.

### AUTO RACING

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Penske Racing signed Brad Keselowski and Miller Lite to contract extensions through the 2017 season.

It's the second contract extension for the defending Sprint Cup Series champion in less than two years. Keselowski signed an extension after the 2011 season that ran through next year. That contract was redone to put the driver and sponsor in concurrent deals.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Eternal Vigilance

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 9 7  
♥ A 9 8 2  
♦ K 5  
♣ 9 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ 6 4 3  
♥ J 7 6 4  
♦ A Q 10 7  
♣ 8 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 2  
♥ K 10 3  
♦ 3 2  
♣ K Q 10 7 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass  
3♠ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Let's say you're West and that the opponents reach three notrump as shown. You lead the jack of spades, which South wins with the ace. Declarer returns the three of hearts, and you naturally follow low. Dummy wins with the queen, whereupon South cashes five clubs and two more spades, scoring nine tricks all told. Only then do you realize that you could have defeated the contract by rising with the ace of hearts at trick two and playing the king and

another diamond.

If you are not inclined to be self-critical, you could promptly dismiss the hand and go on to the next deal. You might also argue that the winning defense is much easier to find when you can see all four hands rather than just two.

But if you study the situation more closely, you discover that going up with the ace of hearts and shifting to the K-5 of diamonds is not as crazy as it seems. In fact, it's the only sensible thing to do!

It is obvious from the bidding and from South's play at trick two that he can cash five club tricks at will. He cannot be missing the king or queen of clubs or he would be tackling clubs at once instead of hearts. In addition, declarer has three spade winners whenever he chooses to take them.

South is therefore known to have eight cashable tricks and is trying to steal a ninth at trick two. Your only chance to stop him is to go up with the ace of hearts and shift to diamonds, hoping to hit partner with four or five diamonds headed by the A-Q-10.

The odds are certainly against finding East with this precise holding, but that's just about the only real chance you have to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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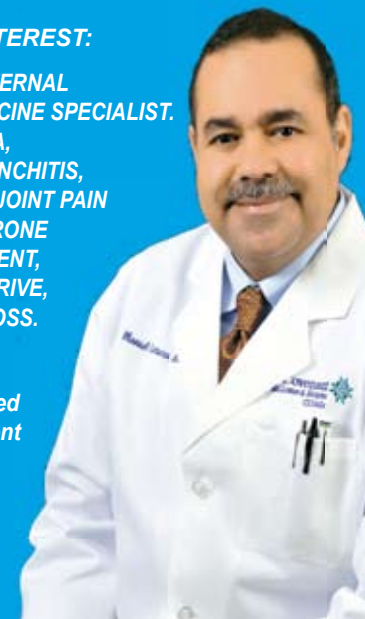
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# FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

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## Big Spring ready for 4-3A

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Now midway through the season, the Steers have blanked two opponents, were humbled a bit to a high-powered Midland Christian team, survived a shootout with Andrews and rallied to win big in Seminole last week.

So far, Big Spring fans have gotten their money's worth. Going back to 2012, the Steers are 9-1 in predistrict play. And it hasn't been a soft schedule, either. But BSHS Head Coach Phillip Ritchey knows when the smoke clears, all that matters is how his squad performs during the 4-3A gauntlet and he is taking painstaking precautions to avoid a similar fate as last year, in which the Steers went 0-5 against district foes.

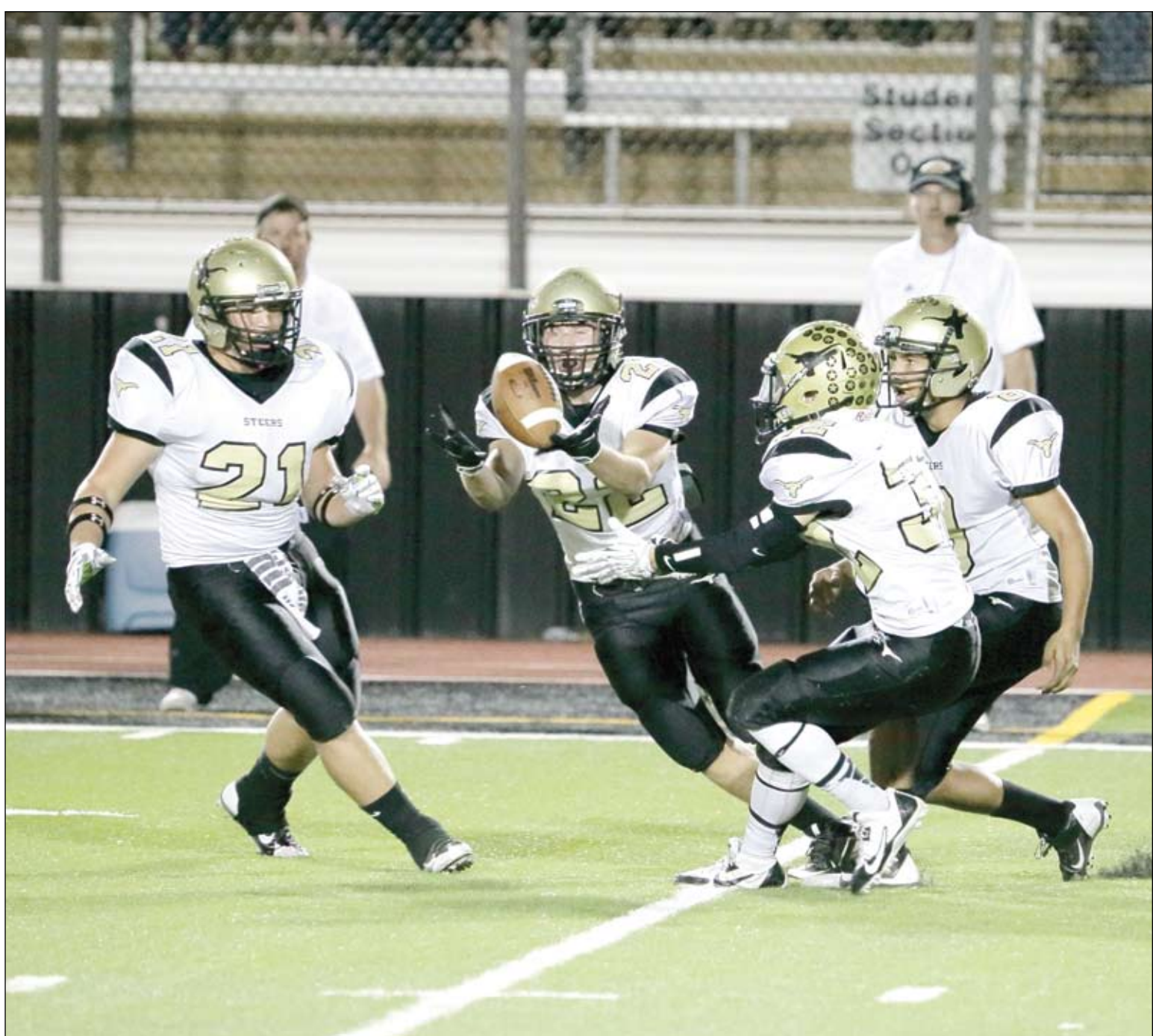
Headed into this year's district run, Ritchey is more confident. He not only has talent, but experience to rely on as the Steers face some of the most tradition-rich and successful programs in West Texas.

"I feel good," he proclaimed. "We felt good last year, too. But this is certainly a different team. Especially the amount of experience we have on offense. There's more speed at the receiver position and the backfield. Everyone is a year older, bigger, faster and stronger."

Ritchey is also pleased with how his players have competed thus far and hopes it will translate into success when they kick off 4-3A action at Abilene Wylie Oct. 11.

"We got off to a great start against Fort Stockton," he recounted. "We played great defense."

See STEERS, Page 3B



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Big Spring's Tyler Wigington reaches for the football after a short kick off as teammates follow suit. The Steers (4-1) have an open week, then will begin District 4-3A action on the road against Wylie (3-2) Oct. 11.

## Coahoma has momentum going into bye week



HERALD file photo/Deena Richardson

Coahoma sophomore Kyler Franks tries to elude a would-be Ballinger tackler during Friday's 22-13 win over the Bearcats. The inexperienced Bulldogs (1-4) have had a tough predistrict schedule to contend with, but will have an open week before beginning 2-3A play in Stanton Oct. 11.

By BRIAN MCCORMACK  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It took until the fifth game of the season, but the Bulldogs (1-4) pulled out a 22-13 win over Ballinger Friday, giving CHS a much-needed boost of morale as it heads into the midseason break.

It has been a tough year — but one Head Coach Trey Gardner was prepared for. The Bulldogs are young, inexperienced and despite the adversity, have managed to improve each week. And that's OK with Gardner.

"Are we as far advanced as we'd like to be?," Gardner asked rhetorically, "No. But we're tremendously better than we were in that first game. Our secondary is coming along — we're finally establishing a pass rush. The run game looks good. I'd like to see more of a passing game, but Braxton (Iden) can throw the ball well. Our passing issues come from the time it takes to get the ball off. But the offensive line has improved. Zak Walton has done a great job at center, Brayden Thompson and of course, Joe Melendez have played well at guard. Our tackles have been a revolving door, but I think we've settled on Jesse Cuellar and Corey Potter — they played well for us there last week."

Other players emerging this season as playmakers include Brandon Coker,

Kody Barber, Paul Cortez, Kyler Franks and Christian Van Wey.

And Gardner, despite admitting it's a long shot, can't help but think his squad can somehow get into the playoffs.

"Realistically, you only need to win two," he explained. "If we can sneak up on a couple opponents and have a couple things break our way, we could get in. By no means would be considered a favorite, but we've seen some quality opponents. And I know we will see more quality opponents during district, but I can't imagine lining up against anyone bigger than Denver City. The biggest deal for us is just to play closer to mistake-free football than we have been doing."

Last season, the Bulldogs were picked to earn a post-season berth, but injuries decimated the team, which was then dismantled upon graduation. With all the adversity, the Bulldogs still managed to win two games, including a road victory over 3-2A, D-II foe Sonora.

This year, Coahoma has had to contend with inexperience, but has had its share of bright spots. In a 17-14 loss to Howard County rival Forsan in the season opener, the Dogs outgained the Buffaloes on the

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# Forsan ready for 1A foes

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

FORSAN — “We’re pretty banged up,” said FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips, two days prior to Friday’s game against Crane, where the Buffaloes (2-3) suffered their worst defeat of the season after only scoring 2 points to the Cranes’ 43.

But Crane, which is 5-0, was expected to be a rough game, especially since Phillips’ squad has been bitten by the injury bug, forcing him to make changes on both offense and defense.

“I guess it’s good to get it out of our system with two weeks left to go before district starts,” he explained. “We are used to moving guys around. That’s just how it is at a small school. We have to play with what we have.”

When quarterback Zane Sanders was taken out of the game, sophomore Jesse Cervantes performed well under center, according to Phillips.

“Jesse played most of the second half and did a great job coming for us as a sophomore at quarterback,” he said. Phillips

also mentioned the Park brothers as rising stars. “Ian and Walker Park are both sophomores who have played about four or five different positions on defense this year. They made some big plays for us. We expect our guys to come in and play where they’re needed. At our level, kids have to be multifaceted.”

Forsan opened with a 17-14 win over rival Coahoma, then went on to blank Plains. A three-game skid began when the Buffs were routed by Stanton, edged by Jim Ned and pounded on by Crane — all 2A schools. Phillips hopes fortune once again favors the Buffaloes when they resume play against 1A Sundown (2-3) on Friday.

“We thought we had a better chance of moving the ball (against Crane), but we did a good job at times, especially on defense,” Phillips said. “We were making tackles on guys who outweighed us by 50 pounds or more. We are going to work this week on getting healthy. Our kids bounce back very quickly. They have a short memory and

we’re proud of them for that.”

In what will be the final pre-district game, Forsan will try to get back on the winning track against Sundown, which has also lost a trio of games. Then, Buffaloes will open District 4-1A action against Haskell Oct. 11 at home, followed by an open week.

#### 2013 predistrict recap:

- W — Forsan, 17-14.
- W — Plains, 28-0.
- L — Stanton 35-6.
- L — Jim Ned, 21-14.
- L — Crane, 43-2.
- Next at Sundown, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

#### District 4-1A schedule:

- Vs. Haskell, Oct. 11.
- Open date, Oct. 18.
- At Stamford, Oct. 25.
- Vs. Anson, Nov. 1.
- At Winters, Nov. 8.

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Forsan’s Oscar Barraza goes down via a Crane defender during Friday’s 43-2 loss. After playing three straight Class AA opponents, 1A Forsan and Head Coach Jason Phillips are eager to play 1A Sundown on Friday.

## Area Sports Calendar

### FRIDAY

#### Football

- Forsan at Sundown, 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Robert Lee, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
- Buena Vista at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
- Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton — OPEN.

#### Volleyball

- Big Spring at Snyder, varsity, 6:30 p.m.; 9th and J.V., 5 p.m.
- Brownfield at Coahoma, 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### Cross Country

- Big Spring at South Plains College CC Festival, Levelland.
- Coahoma at San Angelo State Park, San Angelo.
- Forsan at Oil Patch Invitational, Sundown.

#### Swimming

- Fort Stockton/Pecos Dual, Big Spring YMCA, 10 a.m.

#### Tennis

- Big Spring at Snyder (district meet).

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## Crossroads gridiron roundup

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

**STANTON** — After winning four games in convincing fashion and losing only to the powerful Denver City Mustangs, the Stanton Buffaloes (4-1) are gearing up for a District 3-2A run after this bye week.

Though Stanton is looking strong, it's not an easy division to make a run in, with competition such as Sonora, Alpine and Crane — all of which have played well in 2013.

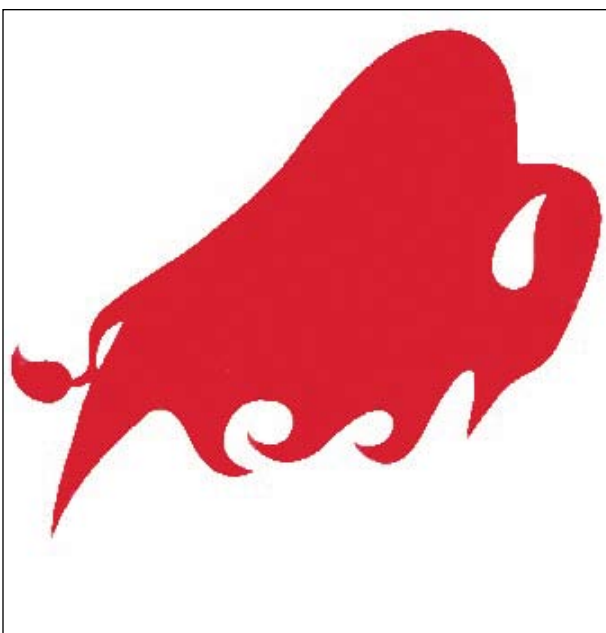
Stanton most recently defeated Seagraves 37-28 and will begin division play at home against neighboring Coahoma (1-4).

**GARDEN CITY** — With the exception of a 48-28 loss to Ira two weeks ago, Garden City (4-1) seems to be finding that championship form area residents remember from just a couple years ago when the Bearkats won back-to-back state titles. A couple of rebuilding years later and Head Coach Matt Odom has the pieces in place to make a postseason run.

Garden City has pounded its opponents in its four wins, shutting out three-of-four teams entirely.

Next up for the Bearkats will be a rendezvous at Robert Lee (4-1) on Friday.

**LENORAH** — Grady (3-2) beat Ropes in its season opener, but then dropped the next two



**The Stanton Buffaloes are 4-1 and have an open week before opening District 3-2A, D-II play at home against Coahoma on Oct. 11**

outings against Ira and Sands, respectively. The Wildcats rebounded to win two straight, routing Midland Trinity and New Home in the past two weeks.

Next up for Grady — which reached the regional semifinal in 2012 — is a battle with 1-4 Sterling City slated for Friday at home.

**ACKERLY** — Now 4-1, Sands is rolling toward what looks to be a promising season. The Mustangs have notched wins over Lorenzo, Hermleigh, Grady and O'Donnell, but did fall to Rosoe Highland two weeks ago.

The next test for the Mustangs will be a home bout with 4-1 Buena Vista on Friday.

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## COAHOMA

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ground and amassed more total yards. Then after three tough opponents handed them losses, Coahoma bounced back with the Ballinger win to give them momentum just before the open date.

Injuries have been a problem, but not the dire concern they were last year. Senior leader Caige Miller could miss the entire season with a torn ACL, Paul Cortez — the explosive sophomore RB — has been sidelined with a hip corner, but is expected to suit up when play resumes. Receiver Gilbert Puga has fractured bones in his right foot and is described as week-to-week and Shanen Warneke, who plays both ways, is nursing a high ankle sprain.

All the playoff hopes and banged up Bulldogs

aside, Gardner simply hopes to stay the course and become a better football team for the remainder of this season and the next.

"We want to keep improving every week," he said. "Make sure we're a better team than the week before. You want to be better at the end of a season than you are at the beginning. We won't give up on trying to get into the playoffs this year — we're going to make a run at it — but we expect them to keep improving."

And one thing Gardner said he can consistently count on has been his team's heart, which Coahoma prides itself on year in and year out, regardless of the final result.

"If last year's senior left them with nothing else, they showed them how to put up a fight," he added. "The Colorado City game was an example of that. We were turning the ball

over and things went bad fast. They didn't quit. We hit them with about a 47-yard pass for a touchdown late in the game. They didn't throw in the towel. In the grand scheme of things that's what we're asking of them."

### 2013 predistrict recap:

- L — 17-14, Forsan.
- L — 37-12, Coleman.
- L — 45-8, Colorado City.
- L — 47-0, Denver City.
- W — 22-13, Ballinger

### District 3-2A schedule:

- At Stanton, Oct. 11.
- Vs. Sonora, Oct. 18.
- At Crane, Oct. 25.
- Vs. Regan County, Nov. 1.
- At Alpine, Nov. 8.

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## STEERS

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Midland Christian is the best team we will play all year. Lake View was a good homecoming win for us. Andrews was the wildest game I've ever been involved in and Seminole was a good road win for us, where we overcame some adversity."

As far as injuries go, Ritchey has been fortunate. Freshman running back Preston Alexander is expected to be in the lineup by the time the Steers face Wylie. He's also awaiting results from an MRI to further clarify senior linebacker Brandon Larson's status, but other than that, BSHS is in relatively good shape as they head into the bye week.

"We're in pretty good shape," Ritchey said of his team's health. "We hope to have Preston back, but we're still not sure. We're waiting on results from Brandon's doctor and we won't know anything until then."

Junior quarterback Tobyn Tannehill has remained healthy, but one of his favorite targets, wide out Devin Roberson, has been hindered to some extent due to a shoulder problem.

Minor setbacks aside, the Steers have been hitting their stride in all three phases of the game. Tannehill has again proved to be a dual threat — running as well as passing the ball to his talented cadre of receivers. The versatility has been valuable for Ritchey, who is becoming adept at exploiting defensive weaknesses when they become exposed.

If there is a group of unsung heroes, it's easily the offensive line, according to Ritchey.

"Our front three have done a good job," Ritchey said. "In my opinion, games are won and lost in the trenches. We've had guys down there fighting to give our offense a chance all year."

Big Spring (4-1) is hoping to upend the perennially strong Bulldogs (3-2) on the road — just the first of four consecutive road games against district rivals. It's no easy task for a team searching for its first district win since 2010, but one Ritchey and Co. are up to.

"We're ready for district," he added. "It's time for our guys to step up. We're an experienced team and we have to win games."

### 2013 predistrict recap:

- W — Fort Stockton, 49-0.
- L — Midland Christian, 38-3.
- W — Lake View, 48-0.
- W — Andrews, 61-48.
- W — Seminole, 45-14.

### District 4-3A schedule:

- At Wylie, Oct. 11.
- At Snyder, Oct. 18.
- At Sweetwater, Oct. 25.
- At Greenwood, Nov. 1.
- Vs. Monahans, Nov. 8.

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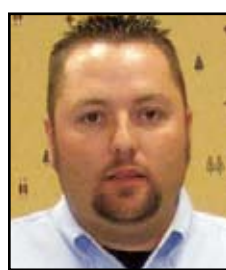
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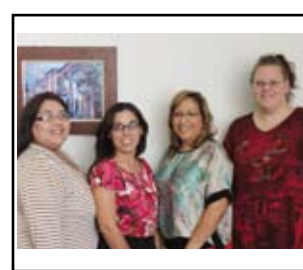
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