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# Council nixes rate hike again

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The second verse was the same as the first.

After plenty of impassioned — and sometimes heated — debate during their Tuesday meeting, the Big Spring City Council once again voted against raising the garbage collection fees for local residents and businesses.

The same four council members who voted down the measure in September — Marcus Fernandez, Carmen Harbour, Glen Carrigan and Marvin Boyd — voted against the rate hike, while Mayor Larry McLellan was joined by Bobby McDonald and Raul Benavides is supporting the increase.

The measure would have increased monthly collection

fees by \$3 for residences and \$5 for businesses. All money raised by the rate hike would have been earmarked for costs associated with opening a new cell at the city landfill.

McLellan had the council revisit the issue because he believed the city needed to be more proactive in addressing future needs, especially on issues concerning garbage collection and future landfill

use.

“We are in this situation today because we have not responded to it in a timely manner,” McLellan said. “We must stop living for today and start planning for the future.”

The council’s decision to nix the rate hike came after it had already approved the city’s budget, which accounted for the increase. The result

of that action, McLellan said, was an additional \$400,000 deficit added to a budget which was already more than \$100,000 in the red.

That deficit can be made up in the short term by dipping into reserve funds, but the mayor said that was a dangerous course of action, noting city reserves have already

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Newly appointed Big Spring Police Department Chief Chad Williams, right, is congratulated by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Jim Clements Tuesday evening. Williams, an 18-year veteran with BSPD, was named over two other finalists for the position.

# Williams named new BSPD chief

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Take the “interim” off of Chad Williams’ job title. Big Spring City Manager Todd Darden announced Tuesday that Williams was selected over two other finalists to be the new chief of the Big Spring Police Department.

Williams has been serving as interim chief of the department since Lonnie Smith’s resignation earlier this year.

He and fellow BSPD lieutenants Lance Telchik and Robert Fitzgibbons were the three finalists for the position, Darden said.

“It was like choosing between brothers,” Darden said. “All three men are Howard County born and bred ... With these three finalists, we felt like we had the talent in-house to lead the police department.”

It was Williams’ performance as the interim chief that eventually gave him the edge over the other finalists, Darden said.

“He faced a lot of obstacles during that time and he showed he was capable of doing the job,” the city manager said.

Williams has spent the vast majority of his 18-plus years in law enforcement with BSPD, working his way up in the department to the rank of lieutenant before assuming the interim chief’s duties this year.

“I’m just grateful to people for all the support they’ve given me and I look forward to serving the citizens of Big Spring,” Williams said.

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# Wigington evaluation on Big Spring ISD agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A routine 60-day evaluation of Chris Wigington, interim superintendent for the Big Spring Independent School District, is the main item of business of a specially called meeting of the Board of Trustees set for Thursday night.

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the boardroom, located at the high school, 707 11th Place.

Wigington has served as the interim superintendent since the end of August, filling the vacancy left by Steven Saldivar. Before the appointment, Wigington was the district’s secondary curriculum. As of yet, BSISD trustees have not set a timetable to permanently fill the superintendent’s position.

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Irene Rodriguez  
BSISD board president

ing on getting our classroom sizes down,” BSISD board president Irene Rodriguez said after the last board meeting held earlier this month. “That was first on our list. After that, we are really going to try and concentrate on what we can do as a district to work

on getting our test scores up. Our plans were first to hire an interim, concentrate on classroom sizes and on our test scores.”

At their last meeting, trustee gave the go-ahead for school district officials to apply for nine class-size waiv-

ers from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), down from 50 last year.

“Without the hires and the moves that we made, we would be requesting 29 waivers,” Wigington told trustees at the Oct. 10 meeting. “Personal moves impacted 25 classes and a total of about 500 students. We feel that having smaller class sizes will not only help classroom management, but also help with the morale of teachers.”

TEA requires school districts to cap class size to a ratio of 22 students to one teacher in the kindergarten to fourth grade levels.

In the area of academics, BSISD has not fared well under state accountability rankings issued by TEA for the last three years. In

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## Police blotter

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

- THOMAS ALLEN YOUNG, 18, of 3403 Airport Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- D.J. TERRELL, 19, of 607 West Cedar, Coleman, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- TORRIAN DIMITRI EPPS, 18, of 504 North 7th street, Holbrook, Ariz., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- NANCY VALTIERRA BARRIOS, 18, of 109 Santa Anna Avenue, Coleman, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Phillips and Virginia and the 1000 block of South Gregg.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1500 block of Settles.
- ASSAULT was reported at Highland Cove.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 2700 block of Wasson.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- THOMAS ALLEN YOUNG was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
  - NANCY VALTIERRA BARRIOS was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
  - D.J. TERRELL was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
  - TORRIAN DIMITRI EPPS was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

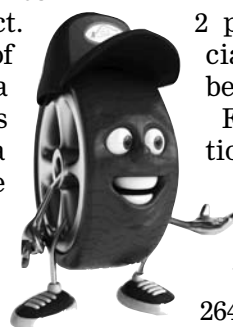
## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL call was reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call was reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. No transport.
- TRAUMA call was reported at the 700 block of East 16th Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call was reported at the 800 block of West 4th Street. Service refused.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported at the 1500 block of Cherokee. Extinguished.
- Tuesday:
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 3400 block of Highway 80. No transport.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 500 block of West 17th Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call was reported at the intersection of 15th Street and Runnels. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at Highland Cove. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 2900 block of Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 2100 block of Johnson. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 500 block of West 17th Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call was reported at the 1200 block of Sycamore. One patient transported to SMMC.

### KBBB tire recycling event Saturday

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful will collect unwanted tires at the city landfill during the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No commercial tire dealers will be accepted.
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## Holy Trinity fall festival set for this weekend

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will host its annual Fall Festival on Friday and Saturday.

Plates of asado, carne guisada and gorditas will be available beginning at 11 a.m. both days. Cost per plate is \$7. Dine in at the church hall at 1009 Hearn or carry out. Call 432-271-2928 for food orders.



Festival games, including jumpers, Bingo, duck and fish ponds, hole-in-one golf, and more will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 on the church parking lot.

Hamburgers will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus during the carnival games. Everyone is invited to enjoy delicious food, lots of fun and great live music! All proceeds from the festival benefit Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

## Take Note

- Settles Grill, 200 E. Third, is the United Way Dine-Out Day participating restaurant this week. A portion of the restaurant's proceeds will go to the United Way campaign. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

- Howard County resident Tracey Menges is seeking donations to help pay for surgery after breaking her ankle in two places during a home accident. The 35-year-old single mother has sought help from a number of sources, but is unable to get the help she needs. She is employed (but not long enough to qualify for insurance) and renting a home, though with her current expenses she is having trouble paying the rent. If you'd like to help Tracey, an account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union under Tracey Menges No. 761663 - savings B.

- New affordable health insurance options are available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to one of our presentations in the Senior Circle Room at SMMC: Oct. 24 for Sr. Circle & Healthy Woman members; or our community presentation Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

- The Permian Historical Society will hold its fall meeting at the historic Hotel Settles on Oct. 26. Five programs on the history of Big Spring and Howard County will be presented: Government Incompetence Engraved in Stone; Why the Wrong Service is on Pvt. James B. Gordon's Tombstone; Dr. J.W. Barnett, Pioneer Big Spring Physician; Early Howard County Schools; Pro Football Players from Big Spring High School; and The Fascinating Saga of Settles Hotel. If you like, dress as a 1930s hotel guest and win a prize. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast, book sales and visiting. The programs begin at 10, followed by lunch at the Hotel Settles. Those planning to attend must register and send \$14 for lunch to Peggy Kelton, P.O. Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 by Oct. 11. Register by phone at 432-652-8738 or email at peggy.kelton@gmail.com

- Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event will include the following booths: fishing, football throw, cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, train rides, a concession stand and a ticket booth.

### MONDAY

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

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

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

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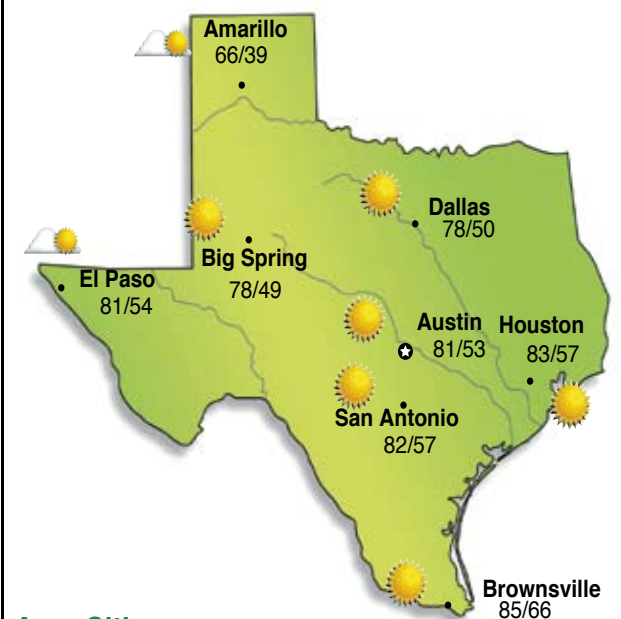
### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/24	Fri 10/25	Sat 10/26
 <b>78/49</b> Generally sunny. High 78F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.	 <b>75/54</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 <b>76/53</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:57 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:03 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:57 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:02 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:58 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:01 PM

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### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	48	pt sunny
Amarillo	66	39	pt sunny
Austin	81	53	sunny
Beaumont	83	54	sunny
Brownsville	85	66	sunny
Brownwood	80	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	84	65	sunny
Corsicana	78	49	sunny
Dallas	78	50	sunny
Del Rio	80	59	sunny
El Paso	81	54	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	81	52	pt sunny
Gainesville	73	44	sunny
Greenville	75	46	sunny
Houston	83	57	sunny
Kingsville	86	63	sunny
Livingston	83	50	sunny
Longview	78	48	sunny
Lubbock	72	42	mst sunny
Lufkin	83	50	sunny
Midland	78	50	sunny
Raymondville	86	63	sunny
Rosenberg	84	56	sunny
San Antonio	82	57	sunny
San Marcos	82	53	sunny
Sulphur Springs	75	47	sunny
Sweetwater	76	47	pt sunny
Tyler	79	50	sunny
Weatherford	75	47	sunny
Wichita Falls	71	43	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	41	mst sunny
Boston	55	34	mst sunny
Chicago	45	30	mst sunny
Dallas	78	50	sunny
Denver	57	37	mst sunny
Houston	83	57	sunny
Los Angeles	72	55	pt sunny
Miami	82	72	rain
Minneapolis	43	28	mst sunny
New York	56	39	mst sunny
Phoenix	90	63	mst sunny
San Francisco	71	52	pt sunny
Seattle	63	49	pt sunny
St. Louis	50	31	pt sunny
Washington, DC	56	38	mst sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 10/24	Fri 10/25	Sat 10/26
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
High	High	High

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

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## Support Groups

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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# Texas news in brief

## Texas county doesn't want

**N.M. prairie dogs**  
CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Efforts to save Clovis' prairie dogs have hit another snag.

City Manager Joe Thomas says officials in Texas' Mitchell County oppose a proposal to move Clovis' unwanted prairie dogs to private land in the west-central Texas county.

That leaves the fate of hundreds of the critters in limbo, the Clovis News Journal reported. Clovis earlier this year poisoned some of the prairie dogs at the request of farmers, sparking efforts to find non-lethal ways to remove the animals.

Thomas provided Clovis commissioners with a letter in which Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo said the county's commissioners on Oct. 11 "went on record not to approve the relocation of prairie dogs to Mitchell County."

In the letter, Mayo said Mitchell County officials were worried that reintroduction of prairie dogs could be destructive to farm and ranch land and that neighbors of the proposed location site "are adamant in their opposition."

## Final arguments expected in abortion case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge is scheduled to hear final arguments over whether to stop Texas from enforcing new abortion restrictions.

Judge Lee Yeakel said he wanted to hear from the attorney general's

office and lawyers representing abortion providers who say the law is unconstitutional.

Yeakel heard two days of testimony, mostly from abortion rights groups who say the requirements passed over the summer are unnecessary and intended solely to block a woman's right to an abortion. They say if enforced, the law will leave only five abortion clinics for 26 million people.

Texas Solicitor General Jonathan Mitchell says the law is within the Legislature's rights to protect the health of women and "fetal life."

Unless Yeakel blocks the law, it is set to take effect on Oct. 29.

## ICE agents to testify in attorney's trial

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Several federal agents are scheduled to testify against a West Texas lawyer and former Carnegie Mellon University trustee accused of conspiring to launder drug money.

Marco Antonio Delgado is accused of devising a scheme to launder up to \$600 million for the now disbanded Milenio cartel between 2007 and 2008.

Delgado's trial continues Wednesday.

Agents have previously testified that Delgado was arrested with \$1 million and confessed it was part of a "trial run" in the operation. Delgado's lawyer says he never knew it was drug money. Instead, he claimed associates of Lilian De La Concha, the ex-wife of Mexico's ex-president Vicente

Fox, asked him to help them move money from an inheritance.

Delgado gave a \$250,000 endowment for a Carnegie Mellon scholarship named after him to assist Hispanic students.

## Ex-sheriff charged with official oppression

CANYON, Texas (AP) — A former West Texas sheriff has been accused of making improper advances to a female county worker.

Randall County District Attorney James Farren says ex-Swisher County Sheriff Emmett Benavidez was charged Tuesday with misdemeanor official oppression. Benavidez, who resigned in November 2011 amid the allegations, was freed on \$1,500 bond.

Investigators didn't immediately release further details on the alleged October 2011 incident.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports two Swisher County workers this month sued Benavidez and County Judge Harold Keeter. The women, who seek unspecified damages, allege Benavidez fondled himself near them and the judge retaliated against them for complaining.

## Amarillo tree trimmer dies in power line accident

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A tree trimmer in the Texas Panhandle has died after being electrocuted while working in a neighborhood.

Amarillo police say the accident happened Tuesday in the backyard of a home when a pole being used to cut limbs came in contact with a power line.

Police identified the victim as 46-year-old Emiliano Garcia of Amarillo. He was dead at the scene.

An autopsy has been ordered.

## Testimony continues in UT regent inquiry

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Witness testimony is scheduled to continue Wednesday in the Texas House impeachment hearings of University of Texas System Regent Wallace Hall.

Hall has been accused by some lawmakers of misusing his authority on the board of regents to try to force out Austin campus president Bill Powers.

Tuesday's testimony focused on Hall's massive open records requests that have resulted in school officials providing more than 800,000 pages of documents.

Wednesday's testimony is expected to include former University of Texas System general counsel Barry Burgdorf and could include staff from Gov. Rick Perry's office.

Perry appointed Hall and every other member of the nine-person governing board. Some lawmakers have said Hall's clashes with Powers are politically motivated.

The Select Transparency in State Agency Operations Committee meets at noon.

## Officer accused of stealing pricey shoes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas police officer has been charged with stealing a pair of pricey athletic shoes during a drug raid.

A statement from Fort Worth police says Sgt. Antoine Williams was booked Tuesday on a charge of theft by a public servant. Tarrant County jail online records show Williams was no longer in custody Wednesday.

Court documents indicate a man who lives at the home reported some Air Jordan sneakers, which sell for more than \$100, missing following the raid.

Williams allegedly was seen by fellow officers carrying shoes from the residence. Investigators who searched the sergeant's home recovered shoes similar to those reported missing.

No publicly listed phone number could immediately be located for Williams, who's been a Fort Worth officer since 1999. He's now on restricted duty status.

## Babysitter charged for leaving handgun near boy, 5

VIDOR, Texas (AP) — Authorities in Southeast Texas are charging a babysitter with

abandonment after a child in her care shot himself with a handgun she allegedly left lying around.

Orange County Chief Deputy Sheriff Clint Hodgkinson said Tuesday that 19-year-old Melissa Ringhardt was babysitting a 5-year-old and 6-month-old in a home in Vidor, about 90 miles east of Houston. Authorities say Ringhardt brought a handgun with her because she was scared of being home alone.

Ringhardt left the handgun on a table and went into another room to take a nap. When she awoke, she found the 5-year-old boy lying in the living room with a gunshot wound.

Ringhardt will be charged with abandoning or endangering a child, a felony. She's being held pending bond.

She did not have a listed phone number.

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George V. Hernandez, 45, died Saturday. Funeral mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesus "Jesse" Armendariz, 54, died Saturday. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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August, Big Spring was one of 80 school districts or charters in the state to receive a rating of "improvement required,"

the lowest of three possible ratings under revamped state accountability rankings. For two years prior, the district was declared "academically unacceptable" by the Texas Education Agency under the old rankings.

The trustee meeting on Thursday will allow time for limited comments from the public and will also include approval on employment recommendations before heading into close session for the evaluation. Those who wish to

address the board must sign-up prior to the start of the meeting.

Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## HIKE

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been depleted by 25 percent in just the past two years.

"That gives us less available cash in case of an emergency," he said. "Also, it could hurt our credit rating if we have to borrow money or have a bond election."

Among the other reasons McLellan presented in support of the increase was the need to start laying the groundwork for expanding the current landfill and purchasing a new facility in the near future, projects which will cost the city several millions of dollars.

"This is the same thing as a tax increase, and nobody wants that," he conceded. "Nobody is ever going to call us and congratulate us for raising their taxes ... (but) every council member has an obligation to cover these expenses. If we wait, the costs are only going to go up."

Despite McLellan's impassioned pleas, the majority of the council remained unmoved.

of this issue," Harbour said. "But I also see that a lot of people just can't afford this right now."

"I still have reservations about this," Carrigan added. "If we're going to continue to raise fees and taxes every time something comes along ... a lot of retired people and people on fixed incomes won't be able to afford to live here."

McDonald countered by saying the rate hike was a small investment now that would help pay big dividends later.

"I'm going to have to vote for the betterment of this community, rather than yield to a few friends," he said. "This increase works out to about 10 cents a day for residents, and that will make a big difference to the city. If you do vote against this, you tell us

where we're going to get the money for this."

Afterward, McLellan accepted the council's decision, albeit with a sense of disappointment.

"I feel like I gave it my best shot," he said. "Of course, I'm disappointed. I brought this issue back because I felt it was important, but the majority wins. That's the way it works in this country. Was it the right decision? I don't know — only time will tell."

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us, dear Jesus, find time to laugh once in a while.

Amen

# Gossip like eating a bad apple

I love good conversation. I always have and I guess I always will. I have often said that if I was stranded on an island alone it would be tantamount to a death sentence for me. I love and need interaction with other people. It's part of who I am and the temperament God built into my DNA. That being said there is a distinct and immeasurably important difference in good conversation and gossip. One is good, one is bad.

Through the years I have discovered that gossip and its carriers are very much like a disease, spreading and affecting everything and everybody involved, including the gossip and the gossip-collector. Truth is, folks, when gossip takes place nobody wins. The difference between good healthy conversational interaction and ruthless, destructive gossip is something that really needs to be understood.

Most people have a natural curiosity about what's going on among people in the community. Some of the best books are biographies that tell the life stories of other people. However, the best biographies give the reader an understanding of the nuance and complexity of the person's character through facts. They are not based on one-sided, offensive judgments of the person. The key is to look at one's intent in discussing other people and relationships. Is the intent to understand human nature and improve one's quality of life and relationships? Or is the intent to temporarily feel superior or get attention by disparaging others?

Gossip is unconstrained and often derogatory conversation about other people, and can involve betraying confidence and spreading sensitive information or hurtful judgments. Research shows that people who gossip the most have very high levels of anxiety. They are generally not particularly popular because they cannot be trusted. Spreading private information or negative judgments is painful to others and reflects poorly on the gossip.

Understanding the destructive nature of this malady, it begs the question, "Why do people gossip?"

Oftentimes people gossip because it makes them feel superior. People who don't feel good about themselves temporarily feel better when they judge others negatively. Somehow in their warped thinking, putting someone else in a negative light creates a false illusion that the gossip is somehow a better person. Fact is, when someone gossips about someone else they are lowering their respectability and destroying any concept of superiority.

Sometimes it's simply out of boredom. When people can't generate interesting discussions based on knowledge or ideas, gossip can rouse people's interest. What a foolish and damaging notion that since you can't find something positive to talk about that tearing someone's reputation down is going to be a valid use of your time.

Perhaps one of the most evident causes of gossiping is envy. People gossip in order to hurt those whose popularity, talents, or lifestyle they envy. Our society has made being a champion the gold standard. Yes, I absolutely believe a person should be the best they can be at whatever life endeavor they pursue, but not everyone is going to be the best. If you want to be happy and fulfilled, give it everything you have and strive to be the best you can be, but don't hate others who have accomplished more or have been more successful at what they do. You only hurt yourself when you let envy control your emotions and life choices.

Another reason people gossip is to try to "fit in." People gossip to feel as though they belong to the group. Yet, when acceptance is based on being "in on a secret," it is not based on a person's identity, but on exclusion or maliciousness. You don't need to be "the one" who is the first to tell something that is going to make everybody raise an eyebrow and say, "Oh, are you serious?" It doesn't make you special, it makes you a gossip.

Listen, you don't need the attention you're going to get if you develop a reputation for being a talebearer. A person gets to be the center of attention temporarily while divulging a piece



of gossip. Yet, spreading gossip or rumors is like buying attention; it's temporary and has little foundation. Your moment in the spotlight will quickly fade, leaving you with a tainted reputation and less respect.

Another reason people gossip is because they can derive a sense of retribution with disparaging remarks. Someone has hurt you and the only thing to do is lash out, strike back. The tragedy is manifold when this is the motivation for gossiping about someone. First of all, if you have been hurt it doesn't bring healing to your pain for you to tear someone else down, even if the target of your disparaging remarks happens to be the one who hurt you. Healing comes only from forgiveness, both for the hurt and the one who inflicted the hurt. Secondly, the more you gossip about something, the fresher the pain stays in everyone's mind. It's like opening up a wound that's trying to heal.

I have known people who must have felt some "calling" to be the mouthpiece for all things bad about other people. What a miserable way to live that must be. Trying to be God, judging everyone and pronouncing judgment upon them for their failures and mistakes, surely has to be hard work. Not to mention that it requires a yard full of rocks to hurl at those sinners.

Gossiping really does nothing more than expose the gossip's insecurity and mean-spiritedness. It also leaves everyone involved feeling as though they've just eaten a bad apple. Ultimately, insight into the intricacies of human relations and behavior is more interesting, uplifting, and enlightening than one-dimensional judgments and rumors. The world we live in can be a more peaceful and pleasant place if we all keep those rocks out of our hands. (You can read John 7 in your Bible if you don't understand the references to rocks.)

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

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# Math, the real kink in Obamacare

At an event Monday to boost the Affordable Care Act after its glitch-rich rollout, President Barack Obama asserted that his signature health care plan is a hit because "prices have come down." That's the administration's big lie: that Washington can mandate universal health care with beefed-up benefits and somehow the plan will save everyone money.

"One study shows that through new options created by the Affordable Care Act," the president boasted, "nearly 6 in 10 uninsured Americans will find that they can get covered for less than \$100 a month." He glossed over the fact that according to the federal government study, 56 percent of the uninsured should pay less than \$100 a month because they qualify for Medicaid or for federal subsidies. To the extent that these people's prices come down, it's because someone else pays the price.

Some people will save without subsidies. Obama read a letter from John Mier of Leetsdale, Pa. Mier agreed the website "stank" when he first logged on, but later

he found that instead of paying \$1,600 a month for coverage, as his current provider would charge, thanks to Obamacare, he and his family "have a plan that will only cost ... \$692 a month — a savings of \$900 per month."

I talked to Mier, who is a consulting engineer; his wife works for his business. The couple do not qualify for subsidies. He's in his 60s. She's in her late 50s. He has a pre-existing condition, and she has diabetes. One insurer turned down his wife. I asked him whether he thought his claims experience, because of the family's medical history, explained the couple's high premiums.

Mier answered, "Probably, no doubt."

I've been hearing from healthy Californians who were kicked off their private plans because of Obamacare and were informed they would have to pay much higher premiums on Affordable Care Act exchanges. It could be that his family's boon spells a financial hit for healthy individuals who had good affordable health care before Obamacare.

The White House doesn't hold events with families who have been burned by Obamacare. The president had promised Americans that if they liked their health care plans, they could keep them. But the president doesn't read letters from people who feel they were betrayed and

deceived.

Couples who decide to earn less money so that they can qualify for federal subsidies don't swoon on the White House steps as the president crows about how swell Obamacare is. There is no "rate shock" on Pennsylvania Avenue.

So let me quote from an email from a San Francisco contractor who is "very angry over this new health care act." Kaiser informed him that for him to comply with the new law, his deductible would rise from \$2,700 per year to \$4,500, and his premiums would rise from \$356 to \$567. "All I ever heard was that if you currently had health insurance, you need not worry; you could keep your same coverage, your doctor, and nothing would change for you. Wrong, wrong, wrong."

Voters never should have believed that Washington could provide the same benefits — no, more benefits — to millions more Americans and still people would pay less. That thinking, not computer glitches, is the real "kink in the system" of Obamacare.

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# News in brief

## Nuclear missile officers twice caught napping with blast door left open to underground bunker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force officers entrusted with the launch keys to long-range nuclear missiles have been caught twice this year leaving open a blast door that is intended to help prevent a terrorist or other intruder from entering their underground command post, Air Force officials said.

The blast doors are never to be left open if one of the crew members inside is asleep — as was the case in both these instances — out of concern for the trouble an intruder could cause, including the compromising of secret launch codes.

Transgressions such as this are rarely revealed publicly.

But officials with direct knowledge of Air Force intercontinental ballistic missile operations told The Associated Press that such violations have occurred, undetected, more times than in the cases of the two launch crew commanders and two deputy commanders who were given administrative punishments this year.

The blast door violations are another sign of trouble in the handling of the nation's nuclear arsenal. The AP has discovered a series of problems within the ICBM force, including a failed safety inspection, the temporary sidelining of launch officers deemed unfit for duty and the abrupt firing last week of the two-star general in charge. The problems, including low morale, underscore the challenges of keeping safe such a deadly force that is constantly on alert but is unlikely ever to be used.

The crews who operate the missiles are trained to follow rules without fail, including the prohibition against having the blast door open when only one crew member is awake.

## Court filing: Dead Boston Marathon bombing suspect implicated in 2011 triple killing

BOSTON (AP) — Slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev was named as a participant in an earlier triple homicide by a man who was subsequently shot to death while being questioned by authorities, according to a filing made by federal prosecutors in the case against his brother, surviving bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

According to the filing made Monday, Ibragim Todashev told investigators Tamerlan Tsarnaev participated in a triple slaying in Waltham on Sept. 11, 2011.

In that case, three men were found in an apartment with their necks slit and their bodies reportedly covered with marijuana. One of the victims was a boxer and friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was fatally shot at his Orlando home during a

meeting with an FBI agent and two Massachusetts state troopers in May, authorities said. He had turned violent while being questioned, according to authorities.

The filing is prosecutors' attempt to block Dzhokhar Tsarnaev from getting certain information from authorities, including investigative documents associated with the Waltham slayings.

## Who ya gonna call? Obama calls trusted fixer to work on health care site's embarrassing woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — When a federal program that promised cash rebates to people who traded in their clunkers for more fuel-efficient vehicles was overrun by demand, President Barack Obama assigned Jeffrey Zients, his deputy budget director, to help eliminate the backlog.

When the same thing happened with sign-ups for an updated version of the GI Bill, one designed to help the 9/11 generation of veterans get a college education, Obama again turned to Zients for help.

Now, as Obama's health care website continues to be plagued by a rash of technical problems that have turned it into an administration embarrassment and a source of frustration for uninsured people trying to sign up for coverage that the law now requires many of them to have, who has Obama called for help? Zients, his Mr. Fix-it.

Faced with mounting questions about the website and its hiccups, the Obama administration announced Tuesday that the longtime management consultant will help fix the problems and turn the site into the breezy, one-stop shopping portal Obama promised it would be.

## Unusual trial to determine whether Detroit's indeed eligible 3 months after bankruptcy filing

DETROIT (AP) — The city of Detroit for months has disclosed the awful condition of its finances. Now it's up to a judge to determine if the largest public bankruptcy in U.S. history really can go forward.

An unusual trial starts Wednesday, pitting Detroit's emergency manager and his legal team against unions and pension funds that claim the city isn't qualified to scrub its books clean under Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

A city isn't eligible for a bankruptcy makeover unless it shows that key steps were met, especially good-faith talks with creditors earlier this year. It's a critical decision for Judge Steven Rhodes: If Detroit clears the hurdle, the case then would quickly turn to how to solve at least \$18 billion in debt and get city government off the ropes.

"It's a crucial point in the case," said lawyer Chuck Tattelbaum, a bankruptcy expert in Fort

Lauderdale, Fla. "There will be others, but this is the go or no-go. ... If there was ever a poster child for what Congress decided when they enacted Chapter 9, it's for a city like this."

## Obama and Pakistani prime minister to meet amid easing tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the rocky relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan, the mere fact that President Barack Obama and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif are sitting down together at the White House is seen as a sign of progress.

Few breakthroughs are expected on the numerous hot-button issues on their agenda Wednesday, including American drone strikes and Pakistan's alleged support for the Taliban.

But officials in both countries are hoping to scale back tensions that escalated after the 2011 U.S. strike within Pakistan that killed Osama bin Laden and last year's accidental killing of two dozen Pakistani troops in an American airstrike along the Afghan border.

"We want to find ways for our countries to cooperate, even as we have differences on some issues, and we want to make sure that the trajectory of this relationship is a positive one," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

## Prince George to be christened; godparents named in advance of ceremony

LONDON (AP) — Prince William and his wife Kate have asked seven people to be godparents to their son, Prince George, who will be christened at a major royal family gathering Wednesday, palace officials said.

Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip plan to attend the christening Wednesday at the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace, along with Prince Charles, his wife Camilla, Prince Harry and other royals.

Kate's parents Michael and Carole Middleton and her sister Pippa and brother James are also on the guest list.

The godparents include close friends from their university days, a friend of William's late mother, Princess Diana, a childhood chum of William, and a school friend of Kate's.

They are: Oliver Baker, a friend from St. Andrews University; Emilia Jardine-Paterson, who went to the exclusive Marlborough College with Kate; Earl Grosvenor, who is the son of the Duke of Westminster; Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, a former private secretary to the couple; Julia Samuel, described as a close friend of the late Princess Diana; Zara Phillips, who is William's cousin, and William van Cutsem, a childhood friend of William.



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### Hail the Scorpio Sun

The sun stretches into Scorpio territory now, joining Mercury and Saturn in this mysterious realm. This is a time to probe the more profound aspects of life. Even though we may never get a definitive answer to questions about the nature of life and death, we are richer for pondering the possibilities.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you're going to be a fighter, you have to accept that getting knocked out is a real possibility. The best fighters protect themselves by keeping their gloves up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll practice hard and develop skills. You do this because you want to improve, but also because you truly care about the group and want to serve them to the best of your ability.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are there for a friend who is suffering — that's a no-brainer as far as you're concerned. Being there for a friend who is enjoying a rich success will be a good deal harder.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Everybody needs love. But you're not going to beg for it or go around saying "love me." Your ways are dignified. By loving yourself, you teach others to do the same.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You sense that you are protected. When you don't know what to do, life fills in the blanks for you, or helps you out with a few excellent suggestions. It's as though the fates are rooting for you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think about what you've been repeating lately and whether it's really good for you. It is far easier to fall into a habit than to get out of it, especially when that habit is supported by the other elements of your lifestyle.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The one who suggested that "you can't be a friend to everybody" just doesn't know you very well. You give people a rare quality of attention. It doesn't take a lot of time to make a person feel seen and understood.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll observe someone you admire. You wouldn't want to be just like this person, but there is a side of your personality that resonates with what this person is doing. It's worth further exploration.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In order to take pride in what you do, you first have to do something you can be proud of. Today you begin a cycle of behavior you'll later be honored for.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are fine with a job well done, but you still expect yourself to do a little better the next time and still better the time after that. Raising the bar is just what you do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today there will be many around you who are worthy of your attention. You will take action to help someone, and because of this action, some part of you will live on.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Since your success will depend on your level of determination, it follows that you should choose projects that are so interesting that you can't help but feel compelled to finish them.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 23). You have more patience and are therefore able to make and execute long-term plans, the likes of which have a big payoff in the end. You will top a performance record when you take advantage of a November opportunity. December focuses on your thriving personal life. May and June are the best times to invest. Taurus and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 26, 41, 38 and 2.

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# PET TALK



Vaccinations are a critical component to the preventive care of your companion animal. Your health, as well as your pet's, depends on it. While this may seem like common knowledge to some, the topic of pet vaccination can be quite controversial, making it a hot topic in veterinary medicine today.

Most veterinary professionals agree that vaccinating your pets is the best way to protect them from various life threatening illnesses.

"Controversy about vaccinating your pet is usually centered around misinformation or the false concept in humans that suggest vaccinations cause autism," said Dr. Bethany Schilling, Clinical Instructor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

Choosing vaccinations specific to your animal's health and lifestyle should be an informed decision made between you and your veterinarian.

Many pet owners believe that the possible dangers of pet vaccinations outweigh the positive aspects. One risk that worries pet owners is the chance that their pet will have a negative reaction from the vaccination.

While this is a viable concern, Schilling and many



other veterinarians agree that this occurrence is rare.

"Vaccine reactions are usually non-life threatening, are easily treated, and can typically be prevented in the future," said Schilling. "Reactions in dogs are typically swelling of the face or hives, and reactions in cats are typically vomiting or diarrhea."

Vaccines do not guarantee that your pet will not become sick, just like a human getting the flu vaccine can still catch the flu, but it will likely minimize the seriousness of illness in your pet.

Vaccines help build up your pets' immune system so that their chances of becoming ill when exposed to disease are much lower. They can prevent many upper respiratory diseases in cats such as herpes, calicivirus, and panleukemia, as well as feline leukemia and rabies.

There are vaccines to pre-

vent various diseases, such as parvovirus, leptospirosis, Lyme disease, Bordetella, and rabies, in dogs as well. Bordetella is found to be one of the causes of "kennel cough," a highly contagious respiratory disease in dogs.

The two classifications of pet vaccines are core and non-core vaccines.

"Core vaccines are things the entire pet population should be vaccinated against, due to universal risk," said Schilling. "Non-core vaccines are recommended based on region of the country in which the patient lives and individual patient risk factors, like lifestyle and travel."

Core vaccines would include vaccines against common diseases, like rabies, whereas vaccines against Lyme disease or kennel cough are among the non-core vaccines. Non-core vaccines are not usually considered necessary, but are available to pets that are at risk for illness due to geographic locations or specific lifestyle needs.

Another debate among many pet owners is whether performing at home vaccinations on your pet is easier and more efficient than taking them to a veterinary clinic.

When making this decision, it is important to keep in mind that vaccines are extremely sensitive to han-

dling. Various factors such as extreme temperatures can inactivate them, and vaccines purchased at a feed store are not guaranteed to be effective.

"Vaccines administered at a vet clinic are handled appropriately and care can be made to make sure the pet is vaccinated at appropriate intervals to ensure protection," said Schilling. "The pet is examined prior to receiving vaccines each visit to make sure they are healthy."

Companion animals today have the opportunity to live longer, healthier lives than ever before. This is partly due to the availability of vaccines to prevent them from many infectious diseases. There are always risks accompanying any medical procedure, but the chances of your pet having an adverse effect to vaccine are minimal. Just think, if we had stopped administering the smallpox vaccine after someone got sick from it, where would we be today?

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at [vet.med.tamu.edu/pettalk](http://vet.med.tamu.edu/pettalk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).*

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## Quilter's and Crafter's Guild fundraiser set for Nov. 1



Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafter's Guild is offering up one of its creations in an effort to raise funds for the Allison Cancer Center in Midland, Texas. One person will go home with

a flower and butterfly quilt at 1 p.m. Nov. 1, which is currently on display at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Tickets are available at the museum and are \$1 a piece or six for \$5 dollars. The money from the event will in turn be used to purchase material to make a second, king-size quilt which is a community project to raise awareness of cancer. Patterns for the cancer-awareness quilt are available at the Heritage Museum and the public is encouraged to create a square for the quilt.

Squares must be 13-by-13 inches and will consist of one of the various colored ribbons which represents the spectrum of cancer-related diseases.

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# Western Art Museum opens Saturday in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. was passionate about having a Western art museum in South-Central Texas. More specifically, he liked the idea of having a repository for the history and culture of the American West on the River Walk in San Antonio.

“We had great discussions about the fact that people would fly into San Antonio, they would come into downtown and they would want to see cowboys. And yet, there really wasn’t a place to go downtown, per se,” said businessman and former state Sen. John Montford, a Briscoe friend.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that will change when the Briscoe Western Art Museum, named for the late governor and his wife, Janey, opens with a free celebration Saturday in the historic building that formerly housed the Hertzberg Circus Museum.

The event also will feature live performances, demonstrations and hands-on activities for children.

Those who go to the museum in search of the cowboy mystique will know immediately they’re in the right place.

The lobby is dominated by “Visions of Change,” a 13-foot-tall bronze sculpture by artist John Coleman depicting herds of long-horns and buffalo.

With about 700 objects on display — including a stagecoach, a chuck wagon and walls of saddles and spurs — the museum provides a broader view of the West, one that also explores the American Indian, Spanish and Mexican contributions to the area.

About 10 years in the works, the \$32 million museum, refurbished by LakeFlato Architects, opens in the midst

of a cultural boom in San Antonio, with the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts and the San Antonio Children’s Museum under construction, and renovations ongoing at the Witte Museum.

Witte President and CEO Marise McDermott said the Briscoe will complement the Witte, which she describes as focused on San Antonio and South Texas.

The Briscoe, by comparison, tells “the big story.”

“It really is what San Antonio needs, and it’s going to be fantastic for downtown,” she said. “They’re focusing on Western art and the big themes of the West.”

The Briscoe adds a new element to the city’s cultural offerings as the first dedicated Western heritage museum. Briscoe officials and city leaders see the new museum fitting into a well-established niche: the tourism industry.

Located at Market and Presa streets on the River Walk, the museum is within easy reach of various tourist destinations.

“They’re a walk away from the Convention Center. They’re a walk away from the major hotels downtown, so it’s an added value to that experience,” said Felix Padrón, director of the city’s Department for Culture and Creative Development. “If we can encourage tourists to stay an extra day not only to go to the Briscoe but to the Tobin or other institutions downtown, that’s a win-win situation for all of us since we’re supported by the hotel-motel tax.”

Pat DiGiovanni, CEO of Centro Partnership San Antonio, said cultural attractions such as the Briscoe are key to the effort to revitalize the city’s core.

“This is the kind of asset we need to build off of if we’re going to have a vibrant, 24-hour, sev-

en-days-a-week downtown,” he said. “So this, and hopefully other extraordinary cultural experiences, is what’s going to bring more consumers and more patrons, more locals, downtown.”

While six of 10 visitors at the San Antonio Museum of Art on the northern edge of downtown are local, Briscoe Executive Director Steven M. Karr anticipates the majority of visitors to the fledgling museum will be from out of town.

“The visitors we’re going to attract on a large scale are going to be the many tourists who walk on the River Walk ... and the conventioners moving up and down Market Street,” he said. “Location is key, and we’re very pleased with that.”

With a pair of entrances — one off the street, one off the river — the museum is prepared to capitalize on both traffic streams.

Karr, former director of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center in Los Angeles, declined to project attendance figures. Last year, the San Antonio Museum of Art and the McNay Art Museum drew about 109,000 and 125,000 visitors, respectively.

“I think what’s safe to say is that our location on the River Walk in the heart of downtown San Antonio is going to lend to higher numbers than institutions in other areas,” he said.

With its prominent placement in the lobby, “Visions of Change” serves as visual shorthand of sorts for visitors.

“We wanted to hit people over the head when they walked in here and say, ‘You are in a Western art museum,’” said Karr, who took the reins of the museum in 2011.

Just beyond the lobby, a stagecoach on display

appears slightly off-kilter on a patch of rocky terrain.

Schoolchildren who enter through the museum’s education gateway off the River Walk will be greeted by a modern Comanche-style teepee towering against a vintage black and white photo mural.

The piece, painted by nationally known Comanche artists Calvert Nevaquaya and Tim Tate Nevaquaya, has been described as a “living artifact.”

Among the objects in the galleries are a presentation sword that belonged to Santa Anna, the last known saddle of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa and an Apache olla basket. A detailed interactive diorama depicts the battle of the Alamo.

The vast majority of objects on display are on loan to the museum. The exhibits will remain in place for three to five years while the museum builds its permanent collection, Karr said.

Though now part of San Antonio’s cultural landscape, the story of the Briscoe begins in Kerrville.

In 2002, Michael Duty, director of what now is the Museum of Western Art, began a push for a new facility in San Antonio. Jack Guenther Sr., CEO of the Performance Cos., which includes auto dealerships, business management and hotels, real estate, oil and gas investments; and Mark Watson Jr., founder of insurance company Titan Holdings; were part of a group within the Kerr-

ville museum that wanted to make the move.

In 2003, Guenther and Watson resigned from the board and started a nonprofit, now the National Western Art Foundation, to fund the new project.

The rift between the Kerrville and San Antonio camps led to lawsuits, which were settled in a confidential agreement in 2004.

On the basis of population alone — about 22,300 in Kerrville and 1.3 million in San An-

tonio in 2010 — the question of where the museum should be had “a pretty easy answer,” said Guenther, a native San Antonian.

Initially slated to open in 2009, the Briscoe was delayed as the original design changed and grew, and the price tag grew from \$18 million in 2006 to the final \$32 million. Of that, \$17.3 million went to the stabilization, design and renovation of the building; \$12 million went to the design.

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The Friends of Library Book Sale will end Oct. 31. If you want some good books at excellent prices, the time is now. The prices remain the same; but there are certainly bargains to be had. The book sale continues in the basement; books have been consolidated in the Children's Room located on the left-hand side of the hallway.



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John Grisham has a new book out, "Sycamore Row" (RN GRI J), which is located in the New Book section over by the Computer Room. His "A Time to Kill" was one of the most popular novels in quite a while and in his newest book, you return to the famous courthouse in Clanton, Ga. Jake Brigance finds himself embroiled once again in a fiercely controversial trial, one that exposes old racial tensions and will force Ford County to face its tortured history. And that is all I am going to tell you! Plus, I expect you will have to put it on a reserve list in order to check out his latest book.

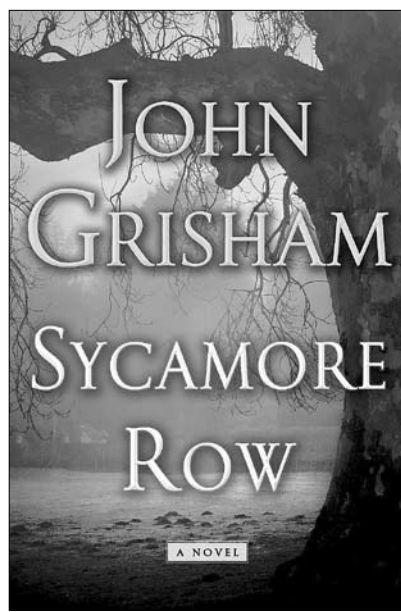
Another McNaughton book is "The Litter of the Law" (RN BRO R), which combines Halloween and a murder planted as a scarecrow in scenic Crozet, Va. Author Rita Mae Brown, with her spunky side-kick cat, Sneaky Pie, along with T-Tucker (a Corgi) and Pewter (a cat) and "Harry" Haristeen, set out on a drive with husband Fair to see the fall colors when they find a murder victim dressed as a scarecrow in a cornfield. Harry just cannot stop finding murder victims, and her three animals will do anything to protect her. This is the latest in a long line of

novels by Brown; please look in our Mystery section for more. Plus, check this one out to see how Harry, Fair, Cynthia and the animals solve the scarecrow's murder and probably additional perfidy in Crozet.

Another funny mystery (again a McNaughton book) is "Duck the Halls" (RN AND D) by Donna Andrews. A few nights before Christmas, Meg is awakened when volunteer fireman Michael is called out to New Life Baptist Church to remove a cage full of skunks from the choir loft. This means the Christmas Cantata must relocate to Trinity Episcopal, where the budget-minded Vestryman Mr. Vess complains of the cost. Other animal-related pranks ensue, but when elderly Mr. Vess turns up dead, it isn't funny anymore. Meg is determined to finish shopping, wrapping, cooking, caroling and decorating and solving the murder before Christmas Eve and nothing will stop her!

A very nice person from the community has donated millions (no, not really) of quilting books to the Library. The first one I picked up was Georgia Bonesteel's "New Ideas for Lap Quilting" (746.46 BON G). The first pattern in her book is "The Cotton Boll" and the finished quilt is draped on a stripper, partially filled with cotton in a cotton field (though it isn't in West Texas).

From House of White Birches comes "Quilting on the Go" (746.46 STA J), edited by Jeanne Stauffer and Sandra L. Hatch. It is filled with projects that are suitable to have on hand while you are at the doctor's office, sitting at the airport, on your lunch break or even while on vacation; these projects can be



broken down to work on in your small bits of time.

If you have ever watched quilt maven Eleanor Burns on PBS or RFD-TV and watched her gaily toss quilt scraps over her shoulder in her chirpy voice, we have two books that you can check out and channel your inner "Eleanor." "Quilt in a Day: The Magic Vine" (746.6 BUR E) and "Quilt in a Day: Quilts Through the Seasons" (746.46 BUR E). In "The Magic Vine," you will be making only one kind of quilt; but in the second, you will have 12 different quilt patterns that you can make. I have watched her shows, read interviews with Eleanor and have read

of her life and she is such a neat person and it has translated into her quilts.

It isn't too late to start on quilting gifts for Christmas. Again from publisher House of White Birches is "Country Christmas Quilting" (746.46 STA J), edited by Jeanne Stauffer and Sandra L. Hatch. There are easy projects to decorate sweatshirts, make a table topper, a lap quilt and decorate a denim shirt or even stockings for under the tree.

Some projects you merely use Wonder-Under to fuse shapes on a shirt or sweatshirt and then satin stitch the edges — so easy to do. Debbie Mumm has "Decorating with Quick and Easy Holiday Quilts" 746.6 MUM D) and her book is also filled with 45 quick and easy holiday quilts and projects. I will have some more quilting books in next week's column.

Just as an aside on quilting: The Signal Peak Quilting Group meets on Friday at the Senior Center. If you call out there, I am sure someone can give you a contact number. Howard County Quilters has gone on a hiatus of sorts, but would revive

if others would like to join us. Just come see me at the library. We usually meet the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

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## Sudoku Answer on Page 15

# 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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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Safety Factor

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♥ K 7 6 3  
♦ K 4 2  
♣ A J 4 3

WEST EAST  
♠ Q J 7 3 ♠ —  
♥ 9 5 ♥ J 10 8 2  
♦ Q J 10 9 ♦ A 7 5 3  
♣ 10 8 6 ♣ K 9 7 5 2

SOUTH  
♠ A 10 9 6 5 4 2  
♥ A Q 4  
♦ 8 6  
♣ Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2NT Pass  
4♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Although bidding methods have vastly improved since contract bridge was introduced in 1925, comparatively little additional progress has been made in the play of the cards. This is largely because, during the two or three centuries when auction bridge and whist — the predecessors of contract bridge — were played, a high level of skill had already been achieved in this area.

For example, take this deal from the 1936 Bridge Olympics, which

used prearranged "par" hands to determine the outcome. The salient point of the play is just as valid now as it was then — and equally instructive.

West leads three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing the third. South must now draw trumps, but when he leads a low spade at trick four and West follows low, he should play dummy's eight! If he doesn't, he will sooner or later have to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

The obvious purpose of the deal was to test South's knowledge of safety plays. In the given case, it was incumbent upon South to realize that the only threat to his contract was a 4-0 trump division, with West holding the four spades. If that situation existed, South could virtually guarantee getting home safely by leading a spade to the eight at trick four.

It is true that when four cards of a suit are missing, they will be divided 4-0 only about one-tenth of the time. Nevertheless, a cautious declarer should take any step necessary to protect himself against this possibility.

Even though the safety play might frequently cost South a trick, he should be willing to pay that small premium, since making the contract is always the first consideration.

Tomorrow: Accent on the wrong syllable.

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# BSHS dominant at district cross country

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Both Big Spring cross country teams earned first place finishes at the District 4-3A meet held at Comanche Trail Park Monday.

Faith Roberson was bested only by Wylie's Hannah Sanchez, coming in second overall with a time of 12:13.53. Karina Alvarado claimed fourth place and Hannah Alsobrooks came in ninth to lead the Lady Steers, who edged Monahans 48-49.

Rounding out the pack was Kaitlyn Matthews (11), Dyrshae Vanderbilt (22), Rikki Salgado (23) and Valerie Goodblanket (28).

In boys action, it wasn't even close, as Big Spring defeated second place Wylie by 30 points. Five-of-seven runners landed in the top 10, with all seven placing in the top 15 in the

field.

Diego Rodriguez finished strong at second with a time of 16:10. Right behind him were teammates Jose Vargas at fourth and Ian Gonzales at fifth. Izzak Zamora placed ninth, Raul Romo came in at tenth and Richard Martinez and Ryan Lopez earned 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> places, respectively.

"I'm proud of the way they all ran," said BSHS Head Boys Coach John-Michael Leggett. "All seven guys ran their hearts out and set personal bests. Some times came down as much as a minute. It was a great performance by them all. Ryan Lopez is a good receiver on the football field, he said he wanted to run. He ran a time trial and ended up on varsity. Richard Martinez came to varsity and performed well. Ian Gonzales did a great job and trains hard and of course, Diego Rodriguez, Raul Romo

and Jose Vargas were outstanding for us. Izzak Zamora came through for us, he always runs hard."

Leggett knew he had a talented core of runners, but he admits he didn't expect to win district — especially not in such a convincing manner.

"I expected us to do well," he added. "But to win district with our top five runners finishing in the top 10? I didn't expect that. But we've got a strong nucleus of guys. Most of them are underclassmen. I'm excited to see what Big Spring cross country can do in the next three, four years."

Also setting her sights on strengthening and building the cross country program is Head Girls Coach Kelly Ritchey. And like Leggett, couldn't be happier with her team's level of competition.

"I'm super proud of my girls," Ritchey said. "This is the most girls

we've ever had run cross country. I'm excited to see what this could lead to in the future. It's looking like we're not losing anybody this year. We have several runners coming up who will fit right in."

And young talent will likely be the engine which drives the Lady Steers.

"Faith Roberson is a freshman," Ritchey continued. "She got second and had her best time all year. She's continuously improved throughout the year. She's been awesome and I can't wait to see what she can do in the future. Karina Alvarado is another who has continuously improved. All of them have. At every meet, they keep getting better."

As for the future, participants from both varsity squads believe they have what it takes to compete with the region's best Nov. 2 in Lubbock.



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Big Spring's boys and girls cross country teams advanced to the regional meet in Lubbock after each squad nabbed first place finishes. Running for the boys were (back row, from left): Richard Martinez, Ian Gonzales, Ryan Lopez, Izzak Zamora (kneeling) Raul Romo, Jose Vargas and Diego Rodriguez. The girls team is comprised of (back row, from left): Kaitlyn Matthews, Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Faith Roberson, Autumn Minter, (sitting) Hannah Alsobrooks, Valerie Goodblanket, Karina Alvarado and Rikki Salgado.

## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

#### Cross Country

• Forsan at district meet, Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock, TBA.

### FRIDAY

#### Football

- Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Crane, 7:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Stamford, 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton at Alpine, 7:30 p.m.
- Marfa at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
- O'Donnell at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
- Loop at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

#### Swimming

• Big Spring at Monahans Invitational (through Saturday), 11 a.m.

#### Volleyball

• Big Spring at Sweetwater, varsity 4:30 p.m.; JV & 9th, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### Volleyball

• Colorado City at Coahoma, JV, 11 a.m.; varsity, noon.

# Monahans stymies Big Spring for 2nd time

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

MONAHANS — The Lady Steers have already locked up a postseason berth, but Head Volleyball Coach Lynn Osborne was hoping to avenge their loss to Monahans on Tuesday as they traveled to take on the Lady Lobos for the second time this year.

Big Spring (26-12, 5-3), fell in four sets by scores of 20-25, 25-29, 13-25 and 14-25.

The Lady Steers will meet Sweetwater on Friday — a team they handily defeated in their first meeting at Steer Gym.

Junior varsity also lost, 16-25, 21-25; as well as freshmen, 19-25, 19-25.

#### Results vs. Monahans

##### Varsity

**Setters:** Morgan Seaton, 10 assists, 11 blocks, 9 digs, 6 kills; Kinsey Wash, 10 digs, 8 assists, 1 kill, 1 ace.

**Offense:** Kelsie Guinn, 4 kills, 3 blocks, 2 aces, 2 digs; Erin Pollard, 4 kills, 1 block; Ebony Zavala, 16 digs, 4 kills, 1 ace, 1 block.

**Defense:** Julianna Rodriguez, 29 digs, 2 aces; Stevi Ward, 10 digs, 4 blocks, 2 kills, 1 assist.

##### Junior Varsity

**Outstanding offense:** Alyssa Armentrout.  
**Outstanding defense:** Brittnie Clay, Addie Jiminez.

**Outstanding server:** Mia Olivia.  
**Outstanding setter:** Emilie Smith.  
**Outstanding blocker:** Janish Amith

##### Freshmen

**Outstanding server:** Caitlyn Aaron.  
**Outstanding offense:** Megan Magallanes.  
**Outstanding defense:** Mariah Sarmiento.

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Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez passes the ball to a teammate during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Steers fell to Monahans Tuesday in four sets on the road.



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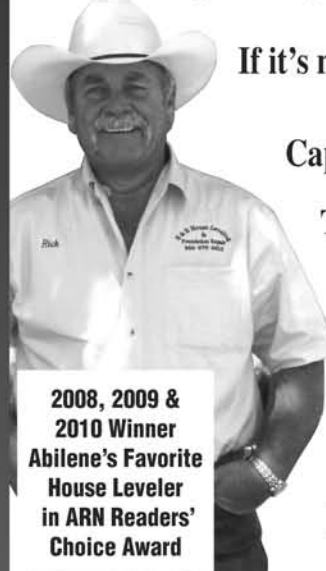
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# 5 things to know as World Series begins

BOSTON (AP) — Weather permitting, the World Series is set to start Wednesday night at Fenway Park with the Boston Red Sox hosting the St. Louis Cardinals.

Both teams have come a long way since they met on a sunny Florida field in February, when Jon Lester pitched Boston to a win in spring training.

Lester and the Red Sox rebounded from an awful season and wound up tied with St. Louis for the most victories in the majors. The Cardinals put aside a flop in last year's playoffs and excelled with young talent.

Lester is ready to face Adam Wainwright in the opener, though rain is in the forecast and temperatures are supposed to be in the low 40s.

The Cardinals are trying to win their third championship in eight years. The Red Sox are aiming to take their third title in 10 seasons.

"Two historic franchises with a lot of history and a lot of success," St.

Louis manager Mike Matheny said. "We take a lot of pride in what has been able to kind of define the Cardinal way and how we go about our business."

"But realizing, too, you give credit. You give credit where it's due, and this team in Boston has done some amazing things to make this happen this year and in the past," he said.

Here are five things to watch when the Cardinals and Red Sox play ball:

**FUNNY FENWAY:** Baseball's oldest park opened in 1912, about a week after the Titanic sunk. It's full of quirky angles and odd dimensions, plus the 37-foot wall in left field, a.k.a. the Green Monster. To fans, it's a jewel. To the Red Sox, it's a beloved home. To visiting teams, well, it's tricky. Hits can take strange bounces at any time, and for clubs like the Cardinals, who haven't visited Boston since 2008, that could cost them the game in a hurry.

**A HAIRY MATCHUP:** Nasty or neat, most everyone in this Series seems to be growing a beard. The Red Sox sport the most serious ones, so much so that theirs have names — Mike Napoli's clump is called "The Siesta." The Cardinals got into the spirit later in the season and definitely trail in this department. Maybe for good reason, too. "I have a wife that doesn't enjoy it too much," outfielder Shane Robinson said.

**ANOTHER LOOK:** This is likely to be the last World Series where instant replay isn't available to review most every call. Next year, Major League Baseball intends to make everything except balls-and-strikes subject to review. We've already seen a couple of rulings this postseason that umpires might've reversed with another look. There are bound to be a few more close ones that get fans buzzing.

**YOUNG AND YOUNGER:** Both teams are getting major contributions

from rookies who spent most of the season in the minors. At 22, Michael Wacha has become an October ace for the Cardinals. Listen for people to cackle "Wacha! Wacha! Wacha!" — like the old Pac-Man sound — when he pitches. Xander Bogaerts is even younger. At 21, the Boston third baseman from Aruba has blossomed into one of the game's top fresh talents.

**TUNED IN:** OK, are you going to watch the game tonight? Or maybe "Modern Family" or a "Law & Order" instead? What about this weekend — baseball or football? Last year's World Series drew the lowest television ratings ever when the Giants swept the Tigers. The numbers have been dropping for years. One of the few exceptions in the last decade: When David Ortiz and the Red Sox reach the Series, viewership spikes. Even if the games drag on well past midnight.

# Texas dad alleges bullying in 91-0 football game

(AP) — Texas high school coach Tim Buchanan benched his starters after only 21 plays, kept to a conservative ground game and even allowed the clock to run uninterrupted after halftime to hasten the final whistle. Still, his Bearcats won 91-0.

Now the coach is facing formal accusations of bullying.

The impressive victory for undefeated Aledo High School, a football powerhouse in suburban Fort Worth that has put up similar numbers against other schools, has forced an investigation after a parent from the opposing team filed a bullying complaint. The complaint, which must be investigated under state law, says Buchanan should have done more to prevent the lopsided score.

"It wasn't good for anybody," Buchanan said of the Friday win over Western Hills in a Class 4A matchup. "I've sat and gone over and over and over it on what we could have done differently. The score could have very easily been 150 to nothing."

Western Hills coach John Naylor told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he disagreed with the bullying allegation, which Buchanan said suggested his coaches "should have made their players ease up and quit playing that hard." Naylor did not immediately return a call from The Associ-

ated Press seeking comment Tuesday.

Under state law, Aledo's principal must investigate the complaint and prepare a report. The complaint was filed with the school district, which the law requires to provide bullying complaint forms on its websites.

The University Interscholastic League, the governing body for high school sports in Texas, only has a mercy rule for six-man football that ends a game when one team gets ahead by 45 points by halftime or later. There is no mercy rule for 11-man football, though coaches can agree to end a game early, UIL spokeswoman Kate Hector said.

Buchanan said Tuesday he wasn't aware of that option.

There were about 1,500 fans still in the stands at the end of the game, most of them Aledo's, he said. About 5,000 were at the Bearcats' stadium in Aledo at the beginning because it was a recognition night for band members' parents. A cold front that brought rain added another reason to leave when the game started to get out of hand, Buchanan said.

While blowouts are

not uncommon in Texas high school football, Aledo has racked up several of them this season, due in part to being placed in a new district that has not been as strong in football. The Bearcats' average victory margin in four district games is 77 points.

The UIL bases its realignment decisions on enrollment and geographic location to minimize travel time, a move aimed at reducing class absences. When Aledo was placed in a different district before last season, its travel time to the furthest location was cut from two hours to about 35 miles, Buchanan said.

Buchanan's team, which is averaging 69.3 points a game with a 7-0 record, ran just 32 plays but scored on about every third one during Friday's game. Aledo rushed for 391 yards. It scored eight touchdowns on the ground, two each on passes and punt returns, and one on a fumble recovery.

"It certainly didn't seem like they were trying to run up the score in this case," Hector said.

Western Hills had 79 yards rushing and 67 yards passing.

The UIL follows NCAA

rules, but most other states follow guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations, said Bob Colgate, the federation's director of sports and sports medicine.

Colgate said many of the federation's 48 member states and the District of Columbia have adopted a mercy rule in 11-man football. He noted that a survey published in February found that 16 states re-

ported using a mercy rule with point margins, which are set by individual states, ranging from 30 points to 50 points.

Aledo Principal Dan Peterson said his report on the bullying complaint should be completed this week. It will be given to the father who filed the complaint and the staff at Western Hills.

Hector said anyone can submit a proposal

for a rule change, which could then be considered by the UIL's legislative council.

Buchanan said his school, winner of four state titles since 1998, and district are very supportive of the football program. The same, he said, cannot be said of Western Hills.

"It's not so much money as it is lack of emphasis," he said. "If you're going to have a program, support it."

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# Seahawks climb atop AP Pro32 power rankings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Apparently, not even perfection is good enough for the Kansas City Chiefs. The Seattle Seahawks took over the top spot in the AP Pro32 power rankings released Tuesday, just ahead of the second-place Chiefs — the lone undefeated team left in the NFL this season. The Denver Broncos, who lost 39-33 to Indianapolis on Sunday night, dropped from a unanimous No. 1 a week ago to third in balloting by the

12 media members who regularly cover the NFL. “I know Kansas City is the NFL’s only unbeaten team,” said Alex Marvez of SiriusXM and FoxSports1, “but the Seahawks are the better squad.” Former Chiefs coach Herm Edwards, now an analyst for ESPN, was even more succinct in voting the Seahawks No. 1: “The most complete team in the National Football League.” Seattle received seven first-place votes after improving to 6-1 with a 34-

22 rout of the Cardinals last week. Russell Wilson threw three touchdown passes for Seattle, and a defense that many believe is the league’s showed why once again. The Chiefs earned four first-place votes after a 17-16 victory over the Texans left them 7-0 for the first time since 2003. The 31 previous teams to win their first seven games in the Super Bowl era all made the playoffs and 15 of them made it to the championship game.

“Still a question if they are indeed the best the league has to offer,” wrote ESPN.com’s Jeff Legwold in putting them No. 1. That became the case when the Broncos lost for the first time in a franchise-record 17 regular-season games. Several of Denver’s weaknesses were exposed by Indianapolis, including some issues with an offensive line that has been decimated by injuries. Denver was third in the AP Pro32.

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“I think we will do well at regionals,” Roberson said. “If we run like we did today, we can win there, too.” Zamora acknowledged the tough field of opponents and hopes to carry the momentum into the regional meet. “I should have finished way better,” he said. “We will have to keep working hard. I want to say congrats to all the teams out here. Greenwood really challenged up. It was a really good race.” Big Spring’s Elijah Esparza, Matthew Jiminez and Dennis Torres took the top three spots in the junior varsity boys race.

**District 4-3A results**  
**Varsity Girls:** Faith Roberson, 2, 12:25.06; Karina Alvarado, 4, 12:36.70; Hannah Alsbrooks, 9, 13:12.13; Kaitlyn Matthews, 11, 13:29.79; Dyrshae Vanderbilt, 22, 15:04.16; Rikki Salgado, 23, 15:04.24; Valerie

Goodblanket, 16:16.42.  
**Varsity Boys:** Diego Rodriguez, 2, 16:10; Jose Vargas, 4, 16:31.07; Ian Gonzales, 5, 16:37.79; Izzak Zamora, 9, 17:01.38; Raul Romo, 10, 17:26.80; Richard Martinez, 14, 17:49.30; Ryan Lopez, 15, 17:51.32.  
**Junior Varsity Girls:** Autumn Minter, 6, 16:55.29.  
**Junior Varsity Boys:** Elijah Esparza, 1, 17:30.27; Matthew Jiminez, 2, 18:00.73; Dennis Torres, 3, 18:13.22; Aron Rios, 5, 18:31.83; Alejandro Rodriguez, 6, 18:44.89.  
**Junior High Girls (7th):** Chloe Bustamante, 1, 13:30.98; Jasmine Alvarado, 7, 14:31.12; Cierra Hutchenson, 13, 14:59.15; Alysya Cordova, 20, 16:29.17.

**Junior High Girls (8th):** Samantha Solis, 1, 13:27.37; Hope Arguello, 10, 15:11.43; Keana Pena, 20, 18:08.44.  
**Junior High Boys (8th):** Eric Stinson, 2, 12:04.46; Juan Lugo, 5, 12:36.08.

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