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Cheryl Joy, receptionist at Heritage Museum, looks at some of the exhibits of the museum's Christmas Tree Forest display, which debuts at 10 a.m. Saturday. Also Saturday, the museum will host its second annual Cup Cake Wars, which concludes at 3 p.m. with judging and public sampling of the entries.

HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin



Saturday at Heritage Museum...

Cup cakes will do battle; spruced-up trees to watch

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

It was so much fun last year that they've decided to do it



The Heritage Museum is hosting its second annual Cup Cake Wars this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon during the Christmas Tree Forest

open house. The cupcakes will be judged on taste and decoration with any theme for Christmas, however this year's Christmas will be based on "Glitz, Glitter and Glamour 1930s Style."

Each participant will need to bring a dozen completed cupcakes to the Museum at 510 Scurry between 10 a.m. and noon. Judging will then take place by a team of four

judges at 1 p.m. The winner will be announced at 3 and guests can sample all of the cupcakes at that time. The winner must be present during the announcement.

The winner will have their photograph taken as they accept a \$500 check sponsored by H-E-B. The winner will be obligated to make 100 cupcakes from the winning recipe and bring them to the Museum on Dec. 7 by 3 p.m. for the annual Christmas parade watch.

For more information, call the museum at 267-8255 or email heritagemus@gmail.

Bridge debris expected to be cleared today

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Traffic at the site of a collapsed overpass bridge on Interstate 20 could resume normal operations sooner than originally anticipated, transportation officials said.

The FM 2566 overpass bridge collapsed onto the westbound lane of the interstate at mile marker 170 after it was struck by an 18-wheeler late Tuesday. No major injuries were reported, but the collapse forced traffic in both directions to be rerouted.

Darah Waldrip, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Abilene office, said officials originally feared it would take up to two weeks to remove debris from the site and reopen normal traffic operations, but that estimate has been updated. "TxDOT now has a contractor at the site of the incident and debris removal has started," Waldrip said. "Now that work is under way, it appears that traffic on the main lanes of I-20 will be restored sooner than originally estimated."

TxDOT officials said this morning that work has proceeded much more quickly than anticipated and normal traffic operations could resume sometime today.

In the meantime, eastbound traffic has been diverted to the interstate frontage road around the overpass. Westbound traffic has been detoured to State Highway 176 (Andrews Highway), then routed to FM 2599 and back to the interstate.

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Get your boots on for Nix and Flores

REAGAN

Staff Writer

Calling all Western Swing fans — they're about to be stompin' at the Stampede again.

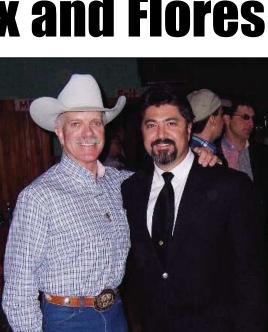
A family celebration not like any other will take place Saturday when Jody Nix and other aficionados Western Swing music perform at the famed Big Spring dance hall.

Dubbed a celebration of the family's 67 years in the music

business, performances will include Nix's own West Texas Cowboys, along with Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Doors open at 8 p.m., with

the dance lasting from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person. The event, which in recent

years has featured past and present members of the band, has become a Howard County mainstay since Nix's family began the tradition some six decades ago. "The tradition started with



Jody Nix, left, and Bobby Flores will play at the Stampede this weekend.

> my dad, Hoyle, and my uncle, Ben, right here on Nov. 11, 1946. They both had long careers and left a legacy and trail of music I've kept alive, and I plan to keep alive as long as I can," said Jody.

> "I started doing this in November of 1996 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of when this all started, and we've just kept it going through the years. We had several reunions of the former West Texas Cowboys, and it finally got to where so many of

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Obituaries

Varnell D, Pierce



Varnell D, Pierce, 86, of Winters, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Big Spring, Texas.

He was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Winters to Johnnie L. and Dessie Mae Bowen Pierce. He attended school in Winters and later served in the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division and served in occupied Japan. He married Alma Lou Tatum on January 4, 1948, in Winters.

He worked for Halliburton for 34 years, serving in various capacities and retired after 34 years as a field supervisor. Varnell and his wife lived in Big Spring, Kermit and Monahans, Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Winters. He enjoyed being with his family and loved to fish and hunt. He was a task master when it came to his job and he was a loving and devoted husband and father. He adored his three grandchildren, Justin

Pierce of Odessa, Texas, Sandra Gainey Dunbar and husband Rick of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Paige Gainey of Lubbock, Texas.

Survivors include his wife Alma Pierce, currently of Big Spring; one son, Terrell Pierce and LaNell Webb of Odessa; a daughter Brenda Pierce Gainey and husband Ronnie of Big Spring; one sister, Nadine Kute; and sisters-in -law Annie Bell Pierce Lo-

Jack Pierce and Vollie Dee Pierce.

Visitation will be Thursday Nov. 7, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and services will be Thursday Nov. 7, 2013, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Winters with burial following in Northview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Pallbearers are Tommy Kute, Timmy Kute, B.J. Kute and Alton Pierce.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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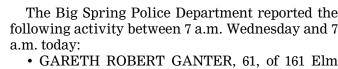
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7:08 AM



Oak, Brownwood, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of open burning. DUSTIN GENE REEL, 33, of 8701 Moss Lake Road, was arrested Thursday on charges of delivery

of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams and resisting arrest, search or transport. • AHMED JAHI THOMAS, 33, of 800 West Marcy

11, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection. JOSE ORTEGA JR., 21, of 1111 East 14th Street,

was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license invalid. FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR., 37, of 606

Northwest 8th Street, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200

 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1800 block of Goliad.

 ASSAULT was reported at the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1500 block of Bluebird Street.

THEFT was reported at the 200 block of West

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 167 mile

marker of East Interstate Highway 20.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 173 mile marker of North Service Road.

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.

GARETH ROBERT GANTER was booked by

BSPD on a charge of open fire. • FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR., was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation

on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance. DUSTIN GENE REEL was booked by BSPD on

a charge of delivery of a controlled substance and resisting arrest, search or transport. AHMAD JAHI THOMAS was booked by BSPD

on a charge of fail to display or expired motor vehicle inspection. JOSE ORTEGA JR., was booked by BSPD on a

charge of driving while license invalid. KATHERINE SELIM FAULKNER was booked

by DPSM on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.

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

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Midway Road and Cameron Road. One patient transported via AirEvac.

 MEDICAL call was reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to Scenic Moun-

tain Medical Center (SMMC). TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 172.

TRAUMA was reported at the 1000 block of Sta-

dium. One patient transported to SMMC.

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He was preceded in death by Willie Ray Pierce,

Paid obituary

Ruby Langford Fowler, Ruby Langford Fowler, 85, passed away peacefully Oct. 10,

> McPherson officiating. Ruby was born Oct. 2, 1928, in Sterling City, Texas, to Jesse J. Langford and Samantha Davis Langford, both deceased. Brother Marvin Langford also predeaces

2013. A memorial service will be

1 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Bap-

tist Church, with the Rev. Herb

her. Ruby is survived by a daughter, Linda Fowler Davis; sons, Woodie Fowler and wife Bonnie, and James Kenneth (Ken) Fowler and wife Cherish; sister, Lee Fulton, and husband, Richard; grandchildren, Natalie Davis Mueller and husband Bryan; Lesley Davis Harrison and hus-

band Chad; Kirk Fowler, Katelyn Fowler and Jor-

dann Fowler; great-grandchildren, Korey Fowler, Nicholas Mueller, Bennett Mueller and William Harrison; niece Cynthia Nielson; and nephew Randall Fulton. Ruby was employed for many years at Bob Brock

Ford as bookkeeper/office manager. She was organist at Crestview Baptist Church and in later years, pianist at Calvary Baptist Church. The family extends a special thank you to the

staffs of Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center, Susan; Crossroads Hospice, Barnaby; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; and Calvary Baptist Church, Reverend Herb McPherson and all church members. The family requests any memorial tributes for Ruby to be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 S. Main St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Judy Price Belcher Judy Price Belcher, 63, of Big



Spring, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in a Lubbock, Texas, hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends

from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 30, 1949, in Rotan, Texas and married Elmer Belcher July 15, 1987, in Coahoma. He preceded her in death Jan. 5,

She grew up in Roby and was a longtime resident of Big Spring. Judy worked for Hofacket Trucking beginning in 1976 until graduating from Howard College's LVN program and obtaining licensure in 1986. She worked for Hall-Bennett Hospital as a floor nurse from 1986 through 1987. She began working at the Big Spring State Hospital as an LVN on the Adolescent Unit in 1987 and retired in 2012 as the utilization review specialist in the Quality Management Department after 25 years of service. She was an avid reader, loved collecting antiques and watching westerns especially John Wayne movies. She was a Christian.

Survivors include three daughters, Heather Jennings and husband, Mike, Catrina Aguilar and husband, Herman, and Megan Beck and husband,

James, all of Big Spring; one brother, John Price and wife JoNell of Rotan; one sister, Dessie Price of Roby; and eight grandchildren, Miranda Jennings, Stacy Jennings, Julia Aguilar, Nicholas Aguilar, Justin Beck, Trinity Beck, Asa Belcher and Robert Beck, all of Big Spring,

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Eunice Price; one brother, J.D. Price; and one sister and kindred spirit, Ruby "Sissy" Price.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, Texas. 75284-1125.

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

Paid obituary

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8

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

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group,

meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship,

located in the College Park Shopping Center. Cel-

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Support Groups

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. un-

MONDAY

til 8 p.m.

- 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-

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- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be selling tickets to win one of two Christmas wreaths to benefit United Way. Tickets are \$5 a piece or five for \$20 and are available at the CASA office located at 310 Scurry, 263-4162 or at the Midland location, 1611 West Texas Avenue, 683-1114. The drawing will be held Nov. 21, at the Empty Bowls luncheon to be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.
- The City of Big Spring will close all offices, including the landfill and sanitation Monday in observance of Veterans Day. There will be no sanitation pickup on Monday, but emergency services (police, fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations. Emergency Utilities Department will also be in operation and can be contacted at 264-2392.
- A fund for funeral expenses has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Olga Godina who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.
- Spring of Siloam and the Northside Community Center will be having an indoor garage and bake sale to benefit United Way of Big Spring and Howard County from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at 1208 Frazier St.
- Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions is honoring International Credit Union Day by holding a food drive for Isaiah 58. International Credit Union Day was on Oct. 17, and this year's theme was "Credit Unions Unite For Good: A Better Way." The community is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to any one of the local credit unions by Nov. 15 to help make this food drive a success. The collection will be delivered to Isaiah 58 on Nov. 18.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you For more infornation, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- · Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christ-



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Big Spring Police Department, the Department of Public Safety and emergency crews were on scene at a collision shortly after 9 a.m. today, involving a Lennox utility vehicle at the intersection of North Highway 87 and Leatherwood. No injuries were reported according to police.

mas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptamilitaryhero@ sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City,

Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from MYERS & SMITH 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per

> & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

FUNERAL HOME

Gilbert Cisneros, 78 died Saturday. Funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Graveside services with Military Honors will be 3 p.m. Friday at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Olga Godina, 54, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Shirley Muse, 54, died

Services are Sunday. pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Langford Fowler, 85, died Thursday, October 2013. Memorial Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church.

BRIDGE

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them had gotten older

and couldn't come any-

more, so we had to let

that go. But we've had

Bobby (Flores) join us

and keep the tradition

Hoyle and Ben Nix

shared a long career

in the music business,

starting out at at place

called Yell's Inn on the

west side of Big Spring,

owned by a

friend, Elliot Yell.

to

Jody,

family

according

NIX

"Drivers should follow the posted signs and use extreme caution in the area," Waldrip said.

No timetable has been set for repairing the overpass, but that project is expected to take several months before it is completed, Waldrip noted.

recorded it the first

time in 1949 on Talent

Records out of Dallas

Texas," Jody said. "It

has been recorded nu-

merous times by big

name entertainers such

as Mel Tillis, Asleep At

The Wheel and George

Strait. The West Texas

Cowboys will long be

remembered as one of

the finest dance bands

ever to play anywhere

in West Texas and they

had a following like no

other. They also worked

with the great Bob Wills

many times at the Stam-

pede and many other

As the band grew

more popular and be-

gan playing other towns

including the likes

of Stanton, where the

Stanton Stomp was held

on Wednesday and Sat-

urday nights, as well as

Brownfield, San Angelo,

Snyder, Colorado City

and all points in be-

tween — they built the

Stampede in 1954, which

would go on to become

another family legacy

and a West Texas land-

"Hoyle wrote 'Big

Balls In Cowtown' and

Abilene,

Sweetwater,

mark.

She asked motorists to be patient while TxDOT crews cleared the area.

"We understand that this is an inconvenience to travelers," she said. "But the safety of the traveling public is TxDOT's

> on the upcoming dance, contact Nix at 432-267-

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places in the area."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331

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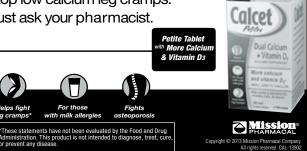
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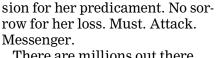
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The White House fable factory

ow that true horror stories of Obamacare's wrecking ball are finally reaching the public, the White House doesn't like "anecdotes." Live by tale-telling; die by tale-telling.

On Tuesday, White House press secretary Jay Carney huffed that stage-

four gallbladder cancer survivor Edie Littlefield Sundby's personal account in The Wall Street Journal of seeing her health insurance plan canceled and her access to doctors cut off was "sensational." Not a shred of compas-



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There are millions out there like Sundby who are using Facebook, Twitter, Twitchy. com and a new website called MyCancellation.com to share their plights. White House flacks and hacks are working overtime to "debunk" their experiences. bash insurance companies and deride individual market consumers losing their plans as stupid dupes whose stories don't

Here's the thing. This Alinskysteeped administration has relied on an endless stream of sensationalized, phony personal dramas to sell Obamacare. Last month, Organizing for Action (previously Obama for America) promoted the "success story" of Chad Henderson, a supposedly random young person who miraculously enrolled in Obamacare while everyone else in America experienced major tech meltdowns and sticker shock.

Turned out Lying Chad was actually an OFA volunteer who hadn't really enrolled in Obamacare yet because he was "joking." No matter. Yesterday, Obama appeared before OFA to solicit even more stories from the group to help propagandize Obamacare. A refresher course on the White House Fable Factory's greatest hits:

—Stanley Ann Dunham.

Obama cited his mom's deathbed fight with her insurer several times over the years to support the Obamacare ban on preexisting condition exclusions by insurers. During a 2008 debate, he shared her plight: "For my mother to die of cancer at the age of 53 and have to spend the last months of her life in the hospital room arguing with insurance companies because they're saying that this may be a pre-existing condition and they don't have to pay her treatment, there's something fundamentally wrong about that." But New York Times reporter Janny Scott discovered that Dunham's health insurer had in fact reimbursed her medical expenses with nary an objection. The actual coverage dispute centered on a separate disability insurance policy.

-Otto Raddatz. In 2009, Obama publicized the plight of this Illinois cancer patient, who supposedly died after he was dropped from his Fortis/Assurant Health insurance plan when his insurer discovered an unreported gallstone the patient hadn't known about.

The truth? He got the treatment he needed in 2005 and lived for nearly four more years.

—Robin Beaton. Also in 2009. Obama claimed Beaton, a breast cancer patient, lost her insurance after "she forgot to declare a case of acne." In fact, she failed to disclose a previous heart condition and did not list her weight accurately, but had her insurance restored anyway after intense public lobbying.

-John Brodniak. A 23-yearold unemployed Oregon sawmill worker, Brodniak's health woes were spotlighted by New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof as a textbook argument for Obamacare. Brodniak reportedly was diagnosed with cavernous hemangioma, a neurological condition, and was allegedly turned away by emergency room doctors. Kristof called the case "monstrous" and decried opponents of the Democrats' health care proposals as heartless murderers. The truth? Brodniak not only had coverage through Oregon's Medicaid program, but was also a neurology patient at the prestigious Oregon Health and Science University in Portland (a safety-net institution that accepts all Medicaid patients). Kristof never retracted the legend.

-Marcelas Owens. An 11-yearold boy from Seattle, Owens took a coveted spot next to the president in March 2010 when Obamacare was signed into law. Marcelas' 27-year-old mother, Tiffany Owens, died of pulmonary hypertension. The family said the single mother of three lost her job as a fast-food manager and lost her insurance. She died in 2007 after receiving emergency care and treatment throughout her illness. Progressive groups (for whom Marcelas relatives worked) dubbed Marcelas an "insurance abuse survivor." But there wasn't a shred of evidence that any insurer had "abused" the boy or his mom. Further, Washington State already offered a plethora of existing government assistance programs to laid-off and unemployed workers like Marcelas' mom. The family and its public relations agents never explained why she didn't enroll.

—Natoma Canfield. The White House made the Ohio cancer patient a poster child for Obamacare in 2010 after she wrote a letter complaining about skyrocketing premiums and the prospect of losing her home. After Obama gave Canfield a shout-out at a health care rally in Strongsville, Ohio, and promised to control costs, officials at the renowned Cleveland Clinic, which is treating her, made clear that they would "not put a lien on her home" and that she was eligible for a wide variety of state aid and private charity care.

Phony manufactured tales built Obamacare. Real stories of Obamacare wreckage will bring it down.

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bout the Obamacare website rollout: So-rry. Yes, it's a mess. Tears of apology have flooded the streets of Washington, raising the Potomac to

dangerous levels. But the federal health plan's

website will be fixed. (The state exchanges seem to have it right.) **Once Americans** can get inside the doors, most should appreciate their options. To use real estate parlance, Obamacare is not currently a "drive-



FROMA HARROP

Between now and then, though, expect continued histrionics as only Washington can do them. Republicans frame the program as a disaster, and Democrats are into a defensive crouch, as they are wont to do. But when the situation resolves itself, most Americans will forget what they were mad about.

Some non-website concerns do deserve a respectful explanation right away. It is true that a small percentage of people are seeing their private policies canceled. This does not affect the great majority — those covered by their employer, in Medicare or Medicaid, or with a high-quality private plan. Some may have to pay more for better coverage or possibly not. They'd know if the damn HealthCare.gov site

Critics are correct that the president was — how shall we

put it? — inaccurate in assuring the public that the Affordable Care Act would not affect people happy with their current private coverage. Point is, policies are being canceled because they don't offer the basic coverage required under the new law. And more to the point, many who bought these policies are being cheated and don't know it.

We speak of the cheap minimed insurance plans that, Consumer Reports writes, "may be worse than none at all." They are often issued by big-name insurance companies, leaving buyers the impression that they have serious coverage.

Sure, Fox News can dredge up lots of "victims" to insist they were happy with their substandard coverage.

That's because they haven't had a medical crisis yet.

Consumer Reports offers the example of Judith Goss of Macomb, Mich. The 48-year-old was calmly going through life with a \$65-a-month policy from Cigna's Starbridge plan. Then she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Goss found herself facing a \$30,000 hospital bill, with medical "coverage" limiting payments to \$1,000 a year for outpatient treatment and \$2,000 for hospital care. Frightened by the cost, the former Talbots saleswoman put off treatment until after her tumor had tripled in size.

So what was Goss getting for her \$780-a-year premiums? If she'd had no insurance, at least she'd have known she wasn't covered for cancer. Depending on income, someone in her position might now qualify for

subsidies to bring the premiums for good coverage way down. And yes, under Obamacare, an insurer can't turn anyone away because of a pre-existing condi-

On to the other complaint: Obamacare makes those with decent incomes help the worseoff obtain health coverage. Not a terrible thing, in this opinion, but also not the full story. We who pay full freight have already been subsidizing the uninsured who show up at hospitals for "free" care. Now most everyone will have insurance.

And even the wealthy may come out ahead, as the reforms force some sanity into our ludicrously wasteful health care system. For those in fine health or with high incomes, one can envision the money saved from the efficiencies eventually exceeding the cost of the subsidies

Foes and even some friends of the reforms are calling those compelled to pay more for coverage or subsidize others "losers" in Obamacare.

"Loser today, winner tomorrow" may not be the most inspired rallying call. And the breakdown of the federal website sure hasn't helped the education process.

But all shall be repaired. Once the reality sinks in, eyes will

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Daily Prayer

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Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

Big Spring High School

NHS induction

On Monday, Big Spring High School held their annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Inducted were: seniors, Meagan Graves, Bilhah Guillory, Catherine Harris, Alexander

Hughes, Alexis Johnson, Shawnteeonia Lacy, Summer Trevino and Tyler Wigington and juniors, Charlie Boling, Tyler Bryan, Elena Clark, Tiffany Enriquez, Taylor Holloway, Kattlin Long, Mariah McIntosh, Marcela Norman, Ashley Smith, Tobyn Tannehill and Stevi Ward. The program was conducted by current officers Garrett Miller, Kelsie Guinn, Josh Morgan, Kinsey Wash and Ryane Colette under the leadership of advisors Lana Piercefield, Peggy Skiles and Cheryl Tannehill.



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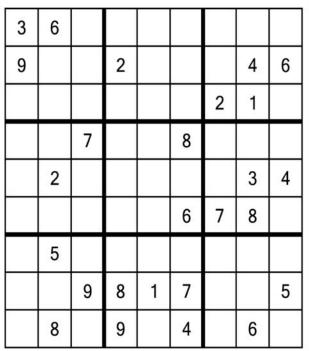
Adams nominated for statewide honor

In other news from the high school, one of our teachers, Jennifer Adams has been nominated for

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Washington Elementary hosts Technology Night

The third to fifth grade teachers hosted a Technology Night this past week. eachers showcased the "Flip my Classroom" program. Parents and students were also shown how to log on and use the technology programs - Reflex Math and Study Island. According to Study Island's website, "Study Island, an Edmentum product, helps students in kindergarten through 12th grade master state-specific, grade-level academic standards in a fun and engaging manner. We provide standardsbased instructional, practice, assessment, and productivity tools that improve the performance of educators and students via our web-based plat-

Study Island combines rigorous content that is highly customized to specific state standards in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies with interactive features and games that engage students and reinforce and reward learning achievement. Study Island's programs enable educators to track student performance in realtime to address individual learning gaps, while allowing administrators to monitor student progress and measure teacher effectiveness.

All elementary campuses are currently using both Reflex Math and Study Island. Encourage your child to utilize the programs from home. If your child does not know how to access the programs, please contact their teacher.

Marcy October Student

of the Month Winners

Four lucky students were drawn to receive a prize from our 27 students of the month. Each of the following students received a basketball or soccer ball: Eric Aguilar, Marisela Rivera, Lillian Franco and Hailey Zarraga.

All 27 students were invited at 1:30 p.m. to have an ice cream party in the cafeteria.

Our Principal of the Day winner was Jonathan Hilario, 5th grade, Mrs. Whitehead's class. Jonathan also received a basketball and was able to have lunch with Mr. Fleckenstein, our assistant principal, and two friends in the conference room, which consisted of chili dogs and all the fixings. Congratulations to all of our winners. Marcy is very proud of you!

Melissa Miller is a educational diagnostician at Big Spring High School

Washington Elemenatary names student, teacher of the month

Fifth grader Maddie Miller was named Student of the Month at Washington Elementary School.

Teachers Ashley Garza and Mona Green shared the title of Teacher of the Month.

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School News

Mmm marshmallows...

Happenings at Coahoma Elementary School



Serena Dobbs, right, and Nicolas Lopez take an interesting (and tasty) approach to learning multiplication, using marshmallows, toothpicks and Fruit Loops. They are students in Mrs. Amy Clark's third grade math class at Coahoma Elementary.

> To submit a school news item, e-mail to citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Ragdoll is a female Lab mix. She is 8^{1/2} years old.



By Steve Becker

only an unusual lead will stop the

slam, the gain is enormous when the

double is successful. Thus, in the

present case, if East's double induces a spade lead that East ruffs, and this

is followed by a diamond return and another ruff, East-West wind up plus

500 instead of being on the wrong

East's double clearly requests a

spade lead. A diamond or club lead

would be normal on the bidding, so

the double bars either of these leads.

West did lead a spade - the three

which East ruffed, but East, faced

with a difficult choice of returns,

shifted to a club. As a result, South

Oddly enough, the principal cul-

prit in the misdefense was actually West, not East. West should reason

that East might not know what to

return after trumping the first trick.

He should therefore lead the nine of spades initially rather than the three

side of a vulnerable slam.

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always is conventional. In effect, it asks partner to make an unusual lead that will probably set the slam. There is ample justification for this convention. Ordinarily, when a

Opening lead - three of spades.

little to be gained by doubling. But if a double by the player not

on lead is reserved for cases where

pair undertakes a slam, they either make it or go down one, and there is

When a player not on lead douas a suit-preference signal to East, bles a slam voluntarily reached by asking for the higher-ranking of the the opponents, the double nearly

two remaining side suits to be returned. With this cue to guide him, East would have had a much easier time finding the winning defense. Of course, West can solve the problem even more easily in the actual deal by cashing the diamond ace before leading a spade, but while this stratagem would defeat the slam,

made the slam.

it would cost the defenders an extra 300 points. Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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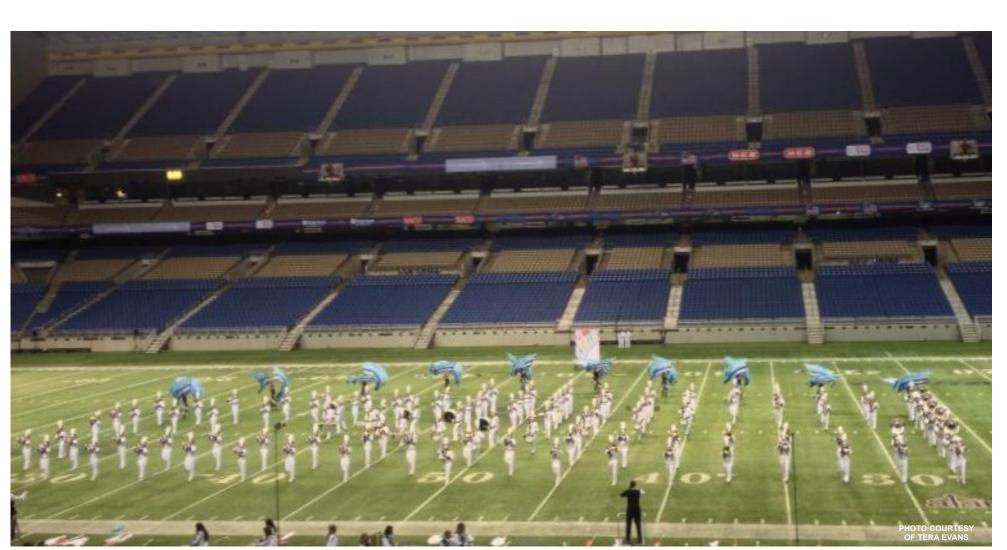
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). To some people, all of that thinking that you do looks like you just sitting quietly. But make no mistake, thinking is labor. Today it will be taxing labor, too, but by the day's end, you'll have sorted out a big problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Accomplishments will happen because of one person's will. An entire company of people wouldn't be able to do what you alone do today and with great intention and focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel like your performance is being scrutinized. Celebrate the awesome and the awful of it. If you were perfect on the first try, the fun of learning, growing and improving would be lost.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Doctors don't heal wounds; rather, they do what they can to support the body's natural healing abilities. Nonphysical wounds work in the same way. In a supportive environment, they gradually mend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're afraid that if you forgive someone, he or she will keep perpetuating the wrong behavior. You may be right about this. To avoid a codependent relationship, you'll have to spell out the boundaries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mastery is about apportioning your attention intelligently. You will give prolonged focus to a practice every day so that later you can execute the task with minimal effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having the same opinion as a large number of other people doesn't make your opinion right or wrong. It only reduces the chances that you'll be persecuted

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can learn about what it means to be courageous through stories of courageous acts. But you can only learn about your own courage by finding it inside yourself and using it when the moment arises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The day is mostly filled with positives, but it's peppered with a few frustrations. Just when vou start to think your life is hard, someone with a truly difficult circumstance helps you get perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Originality will count in a big way. Don't blend in; fit in instead. Be like a puzzle piece, providing the parts that are lacking or lacking the parts that are provided.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Until you find someone to listen to you or some other way to unload your thoughts, your mind may feel a bit like a drawer crammed with strange accumulated items from your past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get more than your fair share of feedback, and most of it good. But you won't learn much from positive comments, so keep digging and asking what you could do better. © 2013

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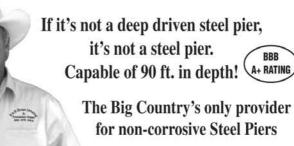
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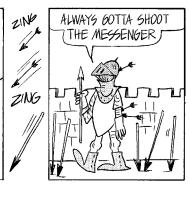


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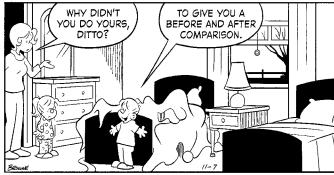






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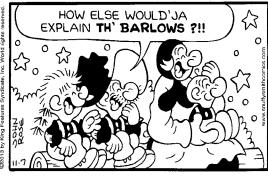




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54 days left in the year. Today's Highlight History:

On Nov. 7, 1972, President Richard Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat

George McGovern. On this date:

In 1811, U.S. forces led by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison defeated warriors from Tecumseh's Confederacy in the Battle of Tippecanoe. In 1861, former U.S. President

John Tyler was elected to the House Confederate Representatives (however, Tyler died before he could take his seat). In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln

replaced replace Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac with Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside.

In 1912 black box

ed in Chicago for allegedly violating the Mann Act with a white woman, Belle Schreiber. (Johnson was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison; he fled the U.S., later returning

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress. In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik

Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1940, Washington state's

original Tacoma Narrows

Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm. In 1944. President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprece-

dented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey. In 1962, Republican Richard Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Former first

lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, died

in New York City.

In 1963, the all-star comedy "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" had its world premiere in Hollywood. In 1973, Congress overrode

President Richard Nixon's veto

of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval. In 1980, actor Steve McQueen

died in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, at age 50. In 1992, former Czechoslovak

leader Alexander Dubcek (DOOB'-chek), whose failed attempt to loosen the Communist grip on his country became known as the "Prague Spring," died at age 70.

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PET TALK

Pets that don't need a Halloween costume



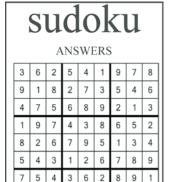
s vou maneuver through the aisles of elaborate costumes at your nearest Halloween store, you are bound to come across various costumes for your furry friend.

A pumpkin for your pug, a hat for your black cat, or a hot dog for your Dachshund—there are numerous Halloween costumes that include your pets in the spooky fun. Some pets, however, don't need a strangelooking costume to get into the Halloween spirit; they were simply born with one.

Jordan Gentry, a Veterinary Resident Instructor in zoology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, said that he has worked with multiple odd looking animals during his vear of residency.

"We see many unique and exotic pets on the A&M Zoological Medicine Service; even some relatively common animals have some bizarre physical features," said Gentry. "One animal we have treated at A&M is a pet tamandua, a type of anteater from South America with

a long tube-like mouth, long sticky tongue, prehensile tail, and big



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they have a very unique odor similar to (but not as strong as) that of a

Another type of bizarre-looking animal that Gentry has worked with, the brown pelican, is a breed of protected birds in Texas with some very unique features of their own.

Gentry explained that the tamand-

ua's claws are so massive that they must walk on the side of their foot to

avoid puncturing their footpads, and

"They have short legs with huge webbed feet, a squat round body, and a long face," said Gentry. "The skin under the neck is thin and stretches to hold several gallons of water when the birds grab fish to eat."

Gentry has come across many of these exotic birds at the Wildlife Center of Texas and greatly enjoys working with them.

Some of the more common, but still unique, animals that have become increasingly popular to own as pets are hermit crabs, potbellied pigs, and Petauristini, or flying squirrels.

All of these animals are easily adaptable to different home environments, and with the right treatment and care, can make a great addition to your family. An animal that has been the star in many scary movies and Animal Planet documentaries, the piranha, has also intrigued many exotic pet owners.

Though only recommended to experts due to their aggressive attitude and razor sharp teeth, these car-

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nivorous fish can certainly make for an interesting pet. Keep in mind, though, that piranhas are legal in

only very few areas, and Texas is not one of them.

"There are even more strange animals out there than what we have seen at A&M Zoological Medicine Service," said Gentry. "Pangolin, for instance, are one of the oddest looking animals you may ever see."

These exotic animals are very similar in appearance to the tamandua, but are covered in hard scales made of keratin instead of a thick hair coat. Made from the same material as fingernails, these tough scales provide very effective armor when the animal curls into a ball.

"No other mammal has such unique scales for protection," said Gentry. "In addition to being unique, pangolins have proven to be difficult to care for and very few people have ever had the chance to see one."

If you would rather stick to owning a dog, but are in search of a breed with some unique features, a Puli could be just the pet you're looking for. This breed of dreadlock-like coated dogs is full of life and can be a wonderful addition to your family, as long as you don't mind the extra coat attention.

Similar to the Puli is the Komondor, another loving dog with a mop-like coat. Both of these uniquely coated canines are family friendly and can bring immense joy and laughter to your household. The "kitchen mop" Halloween costume would never go out of style for this

Whether you're an exotic animal fanatic or simply more comfortable owning a tabby cat, these exotic animals are always fun to admire from at home or afar; especially on Halloween.

"As for pet Halloween costumes, I might dress up my dog," said Gentry, "but my exotic pets don't need a costume!"

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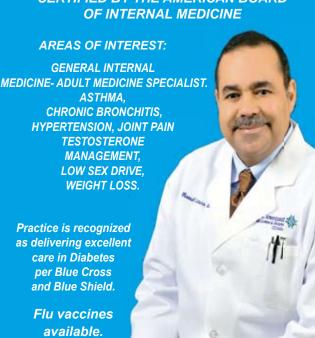
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High School Football In Howard County

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BSHS to play for 1st district title since 1990

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

In what could be the biggest game at Memorial Stadium since 1990 — the last time the Steers won a district championship — Big Spring (7-2) faces an old nemesis in Monahans (6-3) in the final week of the regular season. At least a share of the District 4-3A title will be on the line.

Three teams — Wylie, Monahans and Big Spring — have posted 3-1 district records and are vying for the top spot.

A win and the Steers — after waiting 23 years — have a chance to taste victory once again.

And if they lose?

Well, it won't have as profound of a negative implication as a win would a positive.

Big Spring will still be guaranteed a postseason berth after running roughshod over Snyder, Sweetwater and Greenwood and barely losing to Wylie on a last minute field goal attempt after rallying back from a first-half deficit.

The last obstacle in the Steers' way to a long-awaited title will be the Loboes, who have also locked up a playoff appearance and pulled off a stunning 25-7 win over Wylie to throw the district into a threeway tie.

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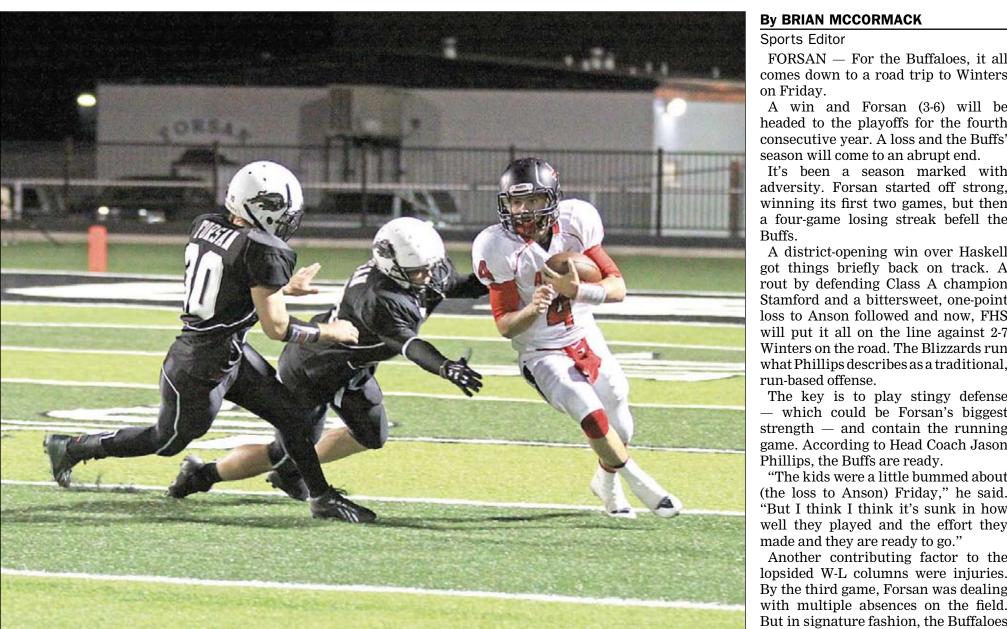
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Big Spring junior running back Hunter Hill fights his way into the end zone for a touchdown during last week's 54-22

Buffs to battle Winters for playoff spot



The key is to play stingy defense which could be Forsan's biggest strength — and contain the running game. According to Head Coach Jason Phillips, the Buffs are ready.

FORSAN — For the Buffaloes, it all

A win and Forsan (3-6) will be

It's been a season marked with

A district-opening win over Haskell

"The kids were a little bummed about (the loss to Anson) Friday," he said. "But I think I think it's sunk in how well they played and the effort they made and they are ready to go."

Another contributing factor to the lopsided W-L columns were injuries. By the third game, Forsan was dealing with multiple absences on the field. But in signature fashion, the Buffaloes remained focused and made it through a mideseason stint marred with missed

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Forsan's J.T. Breyman and Kaleb Stanley (left) close in on Anson's quarterback during last week's 21-20 loss. The Buffaloes (3-6) will travel to Winters for the final regular season game against the Blizzards (2-7). A win and the Buffs will earn a postseason appearance.

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Bulldogs playing for pride in final

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Until last week, there was a chance the Bulldogs (1-8) could find a backdoor leading to the postseason, but after a heart-wrenching, 8-6 loss to Reagan County, all hopes the young Coahoma squad may have had were dashed.

The season isn't over, however, and as much one may wish to speculate about how well the team may do next year, CHS has a date with Alpine (5-4) before regular season record book is closed. Head Coach Trey Gardner said although

his kids aren't playing for a playoff spot, there's still one thing keeping them motivated — pride.

"We're focused on beating Alpine," he said bluntly. "We owe it to our seniors

to go out and try to win. We are trying to instill a lot of pride on the field. We expect to win."

The plan, Gardner said is to move the chains by exploiting a possible weakness in Alpine's run defense.

"We feel like if we can get things going, we can be successful with the running game. We're going to do the best we're capabale of doing. It's just like any other week — we're going to try to put the best product on the field we possibly can. We'll be without a tight end. Neither of our tight ends are suiting up. We'll have to roll some different people into that position." Next year — despite Garder's protesta-

tions he isn't thinking that far down the road — could be very promising for the now battle-tested Bulldogs.

Several impact players have emerged

which are expected to return, while a relatively small number are due to graduate.

Coahoma also played some highly competitive games.

Stanton was stymied by CHS for the better part of three quarters when the district foes met, less than five points total separated the Bulldogs in close losses to Reagan County and rival Forsan and Gardner's team again possessed a "never say die" attitude, even in the face of overwhelming

Its only win so far came against Ball-

Game time in Alpine is slated for 7:30

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Sports Calendar

TODAY Volleyball

 Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper, bi-district, Lamesa High School Gym, 7 p.m.

Women's Basket-

 Howard College at Lamar Community College, Lamar, Colorado, 5:30 p.m. (MST).

FRIDAY Football

Monahans at Big

- Spring, Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m. · Coahoma at Al-
- pine, 7:30 p.m. Forsan at Winters,
- 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Reagan
- County, 7:30 p.m. Rankin at Garden
- City, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Klondike,
- 7:30 p.m. Sands at Wellman-
- Union, 7:30 p.m. Women's Basket-
- Howard College at Dodge City Community College, Dodge City, Kansas, 2 p.m. Swimming
- Big Spring at Pecos Invitational (through Saturday), 11 a.m.

SATURDAY Cross County

 Forsan at UIL state meet, Round Rock, TBA.

Women's Basketball

- Roscoe at Coahoma, 2 p.m.
- Highland at For-

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Coahoma's Kyler Franks (22) carries the ball during last week's game against Reagan County. The Bulldogs (1-8) will close out the season with a trek to Alpine (5-4) on Friday. CHS missed the playoffs, but has shown a lot tenacity for being comprised of mostly underclassmen.

Crossroads gridiron roundup

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LENORAH — In the final game of the season, Grady (5-4) will travel to Lamesa to face Klondike (4-5). The Wildcats have lost their previous two-of-three games. With a 1-1 district record, they will have a final chance to assert their dominance over Cougars after an upset last week by Borden, which outscored

GARDEN CITY — Crusing toward a 9-1 regular season record, the Bearkats

have been virtually unstoppable. Garden City's only loss so far came courtesy of Ira. Now, Head Coach Matt Odom will lead his squad into battle against a team capable of handing it its second defeat — Rankin. The Red Devils present quite the challenge. They have yet to lose a game. STANTON — The Buffaloes are locked and loaded and ready for a showdown

with Reagan County (3-6). Stanton (5-4) got off to a great start but has stumbled, losing three straight district outings. But the teams SHS lost to - Crane, Sonora and Alpine — could give any opponent fits on any given day. A win over Coahoma and now, potential victory in Big Lake would be enough to propel the Buffs into the postseason despite the skid.

ACKERLY — Sands (6-3) started off with a bang, but ran into a buzzsaw when district play began. A rout by a Loop and a heartbreaking defeat by Dawson have put the Mustangs in a bit of a hole. They have a chance at redemption with a season-ending win over Wellman-Union, which has only notched one victory all season.

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Wade Phillips named Texans' intermin coach after Kubiak collapse

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans defensive coordinator Wade Phillips will be Houston's interim head coach with Gary Kubiak out indefinitely after suffering a mini-stroke this weekend.

Phillips, a former head coach for Dallas, took over after Kubiak was taken to the hospital and he ran Houston's practice on Monday. Offensive coordinator Rick Dennison likely will

take over the play-calling duties.

The team says Monday that the 52-year-old Kubiak suffered a transient ischemic attack at halftime of Sunday's loss to Indianapolis. He was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is expected to make a full recovery, but there is no timetable for his

return to the team. Houston, which has lost six straight games, plays at Arizona on Sunday.



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HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton Big Spring's Brandon Larson lays out a would-be Greenwood punter during last week's 54-22 win over the Rangers. The Steers will play for a share of the District 4-3A title Friday.

PLAYOFF

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"It's unbelievable, the mental toughness they've shown," Phillips said. "We've spent most of the year with starters on both sides of the ball on the sideline. The kids had a great attitude through the whole thing. They kept working hard. It says a lot about their character and 'never quit' attitude."

Senior leadership and the willingness of the underclassmen to play where they're needed and leave it all on the field has played a big role in keeping the Buffs

afloat.

"Our senior class isn't huge, but they're the backbone of the team," Phillips added. "Their leadership kept us together during that stretch. Our younger kids, at times we had four or five sophomores on on both sides along with some juniors. They've been thrust into the fire. They all stepped up and made big contributions."

Game time in Winters is set for 7:30 p.m. Fri-

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Head Coach Phillip Ritchey insists this week's game is being approached as he and his team would any other.

"We're treating it just like we've treated the rest of our games," he explained. "The kids know what's at stake, it was 1990 the last time Big Spring won a district championship. It will be a chance for them to leave a legacy. But we can't get ahead of ourselves. We have to play well. Monahans is a very good team. It's a playoff-caliber team. We can't expect for them to come here and we just roll over them. We will have to play well to beat them."

But the Steers have played well all season. Take away an early season, 38-3 loss to defending TAPPS 4A champion Midland Christian and the Steers have averaged 50 points per outing — a testament to their offensive prowess. Big Spring's inherent ability to keep opposing defenses off balance with the versatlity of a high-powered running and passing game has been one of the keys to success.

"It's been a huge advantage," Ritchey said. "To be capable of scoring points with the running game or going to the passing game and having a quarterback who can run them both has made a big difference. It's hard for a defense to prepare for us. We have a lot of weapons at our disposal."

The lengthy wait between title shots and postseason games has served to make the Steers' success that much more sweet. For Ritchey, more than personal vindication, he has enjoyed watching the players enjoy themselves.

"It's very rewarding," he said. "For me to see our kids' faces. We always tell them 'hard work pays off, hard work pays off'. They can finally see their hard work pay off. You can see a look of satisfaction on their faces that says its all been worth it."

As always, Ritchey hopes the Steer faithful turns out in droves. The weather is forecast to be fair and it will be the last chance to see BSHS play on home turf for another year. "The crowd support means a lot to the kids," he

added. "More than I think people realize. Nothing boosts their morale like seeing the stands packed with our cheering fans. It should be a great high school football game between two rivals." Kickoff at Memorial Stadium is scheduled for 7:30

p.m. Friday.

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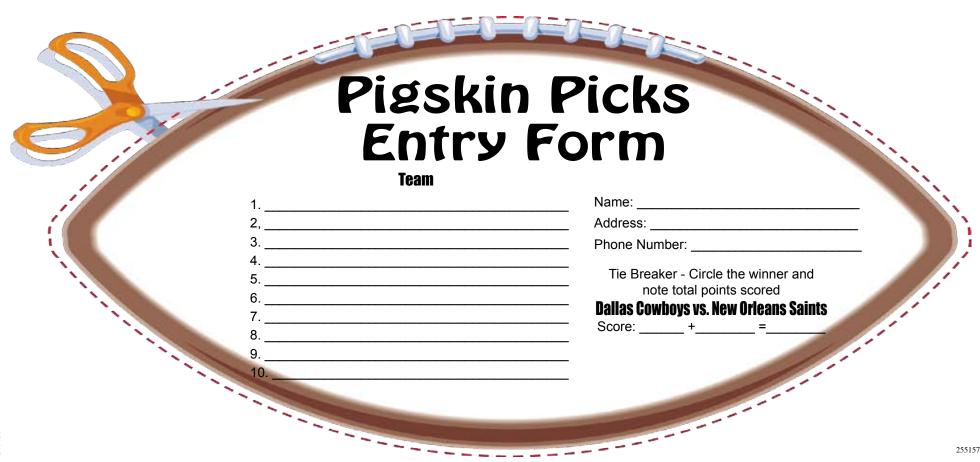
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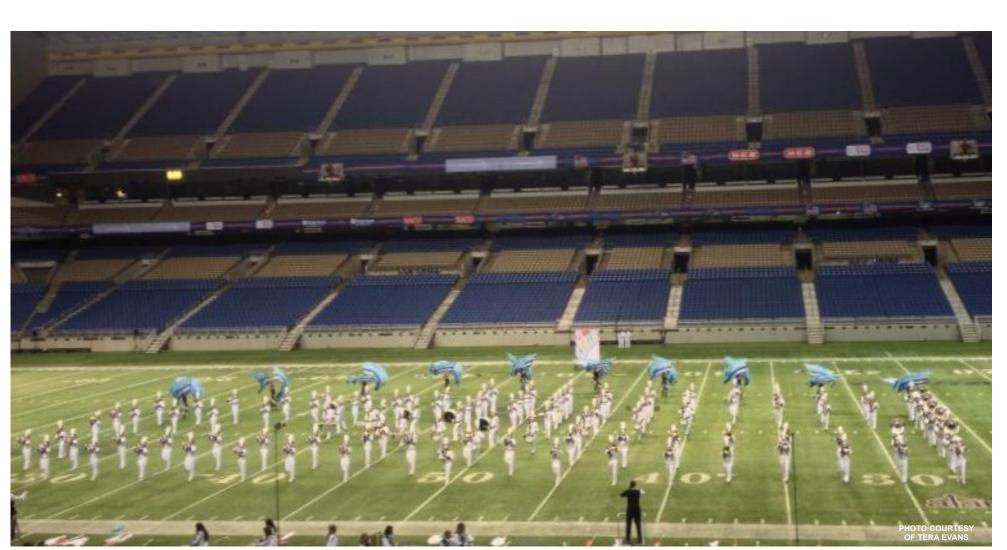
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