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## Rail line project heading down the tracks

City council OKs \$493,000 EDC expenditure at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Big Spring's Economic Development Corp. is going into the rail business — in a manner of speaking.  
 The local city council capped more than a year of

EDC planning and negotiation Tuesday by giving formal approval to a \$493,000 rail line construction project at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.  
 The agreement between EDC and the city will expand the rail line at the airpark

and is part of an overall plan by the corporation to enhance rail service in the area.  
 Western Container will be the initial beneficiary of the plan, as additional rail lines will allow the company, which makes plastic bottles for Coca-Cola products, to ex-

pand its storage of production materials and significantly reduce its expenses.  
 "With this added ability to bring raw materials by rail, it will lower Western Container's operating costs," said Terry Wegman, executive director of EDC. "When you

look at from that perspective, it makes them more viable in Coca-Cola's eyes ... and hopefully more secure in Big Spring."  
 Wegman sees additional economic benefits for the See **RAIL**, Page 3

## Veritas awarded oil exploration at local airport

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 There might be oil out there that runs through them.  
 Big Spring City Council gave its blessing Tuesday to an agreement which will allow oil and gas exploration at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.  
 The council authorized City Manager Todd Darden to negotiate with representatives of Veritas Energy Partners (headquartered in San Antonio and Midland) on a contract which would allow the firm to explore 1,500 acres of the airpark for oil and gas.  
 The agreement includes production clauses in case the company would want to commence drilling operations.  
 Veritas beat out another firm for the nego-

tiation rights, Darden said.  
 Once a contract is finalized between Veritas and the city, the business will have the right to explore for oil and gas on basically all of the former Webb Air Force Base on property still owned by the city.  
 This excludes concerns such as SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) and the Federal Correctional Institution from the agreement, Darden said.  
 Nor will pilots have to dodge drilling rigs as they take off from or land at the airport. Both Darden and Airport Director Jim Little said any exploration activity must conform to Federal Aviation Agency

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## REGIONALS BOUND!



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/www.claxtonphotography.com  
**Kelsie Guinn hits the ball over the net in a hard-fought win over Monahans on Tuesday. With the victory, the Lady Steers advance to the Regional Tournament in Snyder. See Page 8.**

## Filing begins; two contested races already

**By BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor  
 Filing has just begun and Howard County already has two contested races for the March Primaries.  
 All of those who have filed have done so with the Republican Party.  
 County Judge Mark Barr, who is seeking another term, will have an opponent in Kathryn Wiseman. Wiseman currently serves as Precinct 1, Place 2 Peace

Justice. That's another office that will be up for election in March.  
 In the other contested race, Connie Raye Shaw and Sally Grant are both seeking the Precinct 2 Peace Justice seat, currently held by Linda Halfman. Halfman was appointed to the post following Judge Quail Dobbs' retirement earlier this year.  
 Incumbents filed for See **RACES**, Page 3

## Former clerk seeks to replace former JP Dobbs

*Editor's Note: Candidates are invited to contact the Herald if they wish to have an article written about them.*



**By BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor  
 Longtime peace justice clerk Connie Shaw filed Tuesday with the Republican Party to run for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.  
 She is seeking to replace Linda Halfman, named earlier this year to take over for Quail Dobbs, who retired because of health issues.  
 She was one of seven individuals — some of them incumbents — who filed for county or district offices in the Republican Party.  
 "Quail is a very respected man in the community. He will be missed," said Shaw. "It would be an honor to serve the community

and try to do as good of a job as he has done."  
 In fact, Shaw has previously served as a clerk for Dobbs. She began her career working for Howard County peace justices Jack Buchanan, then Marilyn Carson and Kathryn Wiseman. She then transferred to Coahoma and worked as Dobbs' clerk. She gave up the clerk's job about five years ago when she and husband Mike (retired, Department of Public Safety) began traveling.  
 "When I found out Judge Dobbs was retiring, I decided to seek the position," she said. "There is a lot I have to learn, but I have the See **SHAW**, Page 3

## Security check: Commissioners agree to make courtrooms more safe

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Howard County will be beefing up security in its courtrooms.  
 County commissioners agreed to take steps to improve security in the district, county and justice

of the peace courtrooms during their regular meeting Tuesday morning.  
 Without going into specifics, County Sheriff Stan Parker told commissioners "some issues" regarding security had been relayed to him from the respective judges.  
 The district court has a full-time bailiff and the other courts usually have a security presence on hand or available on short notice, but Parker said there are steps that can be made to make the courtrooms even safer.  
 "We've had some issues in the courtrooms," Parker

said. "During certain proceedings, we have to have people over there all the time."  
 Many of the steps approved by commissioners Tuesday are electronic in nature — things like improved security cameras and "panic buttons" (devices which summon law enforcement personnel) — and will be relatively inexpensive — County Judge Mark Barr said the added cost will be less than \$5,000 to county taxpayers.  
 Parker agreed that drastic measures are not needed.  
 "We just need to upgrade it," he said. "We just need a have a little more courtroom security."  
 Also Tuesday, commissioners learned that the railroad crossing on Salem Road will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic

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## Obituaries

### Marchie Elevenie Settles

Marchie Elevenie Settles, 88, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring with Bishop Carl Condray, officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be the grandsons and great grandsons, Burr Lea Settles III, Mark Settles, Tristen Settles, Tanner Settles, Brayden Settles, Luke Settles and Hendon Settles.

Marchie was born March 11, 1925, in Saint Jo, Texas, to Charles Wesley Dunford Oliver and Willie Bernice James, and married Burr Lea Settles Nov. 7, 1947, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1999.

She worked as a presser at a variety of dry cleaners in Big Spring, but worked at Gregg Street Cleaners on a regular basis. Prior to this, she worked in Oklahoma in an airplane manufacturing company during World War II.

Survivors include one daughter, Marcia Green and husband Rennon of Temple; two sons, Burr Lea Settles Jr. and wife Sharon of Big Spring, and William Rowan Settles of Wichita, Kan.; five grandchildren, Burr Lea Settles III and wife Kelli of Big Spring, Mark Settles and wife Melanie of Forsan, Shawn Settles and partner Cynthia of San Antonio, Cara Mia Green of Temple and Amelia Settles of Austin; and six great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles Wesley Dunford Oliver and Willie James Oliver and one brother Edwin Perkins Oliver.

The family would like to thank the Staff of Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and of Compass Hospice for the care given to their mother.

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*

### Paul Ray Graves

Paul Ray Graves, 72, of Mountain Home, Ark., died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Mountain Home. Mr. Graves was born Sept. 27, 1941, in DeQueen, Ark., to Jesse and Diane (Sutton) Graves.

Paul graduated from Coahoma High School and attended college in Colorado on a track scholarship. His career included district manager for Furr's Supermarkets and owner of several dry cleaners. He was of the Christian Faith.

Mr. Graves was preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Paula Merrill and husband Mike of Odessa, Texas; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, twin sister, Pauline White and husband Don of Henderson, Texas, and Shirley Edwards and husband Don of Midland, Texas; and one brother, Dale Graves and wife Ethylene of Cement, Okla.

There will be a private celebration of Paul's life Saturday afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, a special memorial has been established at Hospice of the Ozark's in Mountain Home, Ark. (hospiceoftheozarks.org)

### Louise Booth

Louise Booth, 89, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

### J.B. Hardeman

J.B. Hardeman, 93, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Support Groups

#### WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

- TIMOTHY JOHN RODRIGUEZ, 23, of 1606 South Main was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for assault family violence causing bodily injury.
- LEONA JENE RADASA, 32, of 1425 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft less than \$50 shoplifting.
- CHRISTOPHER MALORY MCPHERSON, 17, of 100 Hooser Road was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported at the 100 block of Davis Road, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 2000 block of South Gregg and the 2600 block of South Gregg and the 1800 block of South Gregg.
- THEFT OF FIREARM was reported at the 1200 block of South Monticello.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1800 block of Hamilton.

## Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHRISTOPHER MALLORY MCPHERSON was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- LEONA JEAN RADASA was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL call was reported at the 1600 block of Oreole. No transport.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Bluebird. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- TRAUMA call reported at the intersection of County Road 19 and County Road 40. No transport.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 1400 block of Mount Vernon. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 1600 block of Bluebird. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Johnson Street. No transport.

## Take Note

• Big Spring ISD will dismiss all classes at 3 p.m. on Friday.

• The KoKo LoCo Arts & Crafts Bazaar is this weekend - Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 5 and Sunday, Nov. 17, from 11 to 5. We have lots of great vendors with wonderful hand crafted goodies. The event is at Kokopelli's and admission is free.

• 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.

• A fund for funeral expenses has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for the family of Olga Godina, who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.

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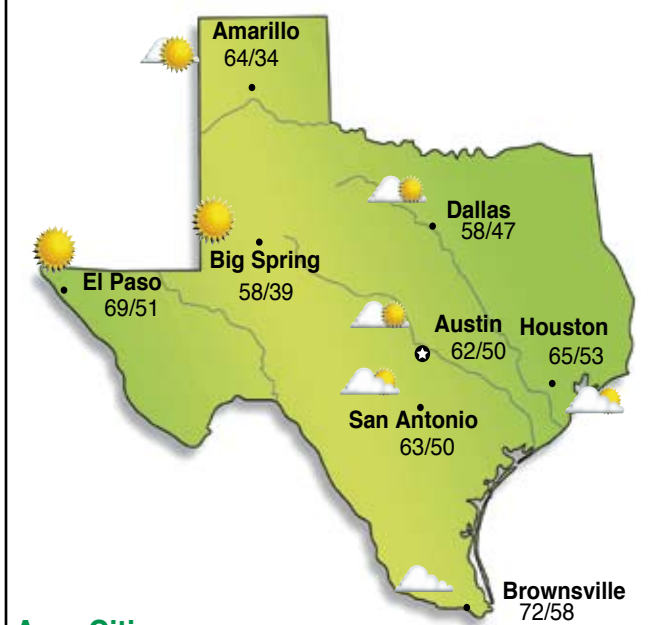
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 11/14	Fri 11/15	Sat 11/16
 <b>58/39</b> Mainly sunny. High 58F. Winds light and variable.	 <b>67/42</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>78/54</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	45	pt sunny	Kingsville	70	54	cloudy
Amarillo	64	34	mst sunny	Livingston	63	46	cloudy
Austin	62	50	pt sunny	Longview	58	43	pt sunny
Beaumont	64	51	cloudy	Lubbock	66	38	mst sunny
Brownsville	72	58	cloudy	Lufkin	62	45	pt sunny
Brownwood	62	44	pt sunny	Midland	57	40	sunny
Corpus Christi	68	57	cloudy	Raymondville	69	55	cloudy
Corsicana	58	45	pt sunny	Rosenberg	65	54	cloudy
Dallas	58	47	pt sunny	San Antonio	63	50	cloudy
Del Rio	65	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	63	49	cloudy
El Paso	69	51	sunny	Sulphur Springs	57	43	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	74	50	mst sunny	Sweetwater	56	36	sunny
Gainesville	56	43	pt sunny	Tyler	59	45	pt sunny
Greenville	56	43	pt sunny	Weatherford	58	43	cloudy
Houston	65	53	cloudy	Wichita Falls	60	41	cloudy

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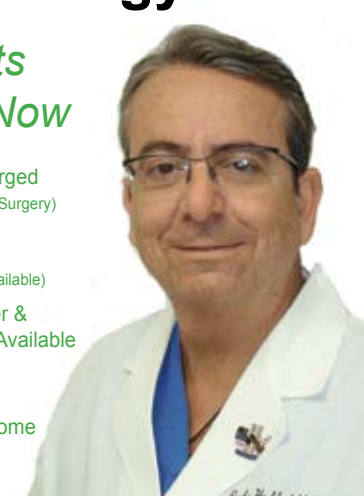
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**RAIL**

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city beyond providing a helping hand to Western Container.

"We've been approached by two companies that will require rail access in that area. This will help lay the groundwork for that," he said. "One company has pretty much committed to coming here, while the other has expressed strong interest."

The rail line construction, which will begin "as soon as possible," is the first phase of a \$1.5 million plan to expand rail lines in the airpark, Wegman said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



Local artist Sue Bagwell explains the techniques she uses to students David Gomea, Ethan Lee and Mallory Smith during a Tuesday demonstration at Howard College. Bagwell, a member of the Caboose Watercolor Society, will be part of a group exhibit Feb. 3 through March 31, 2014, at the Howard College Hall Center for the Arts. Other members include, Carole Berry, Estelle Howard, Linda Rupard, Kay Smith and Leada Wood.

HERALD photos/Andrea Medlin

**RACES**

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another term in other possible races. Donna Wright is seeking another term as county clerk; Colleen Barton will run for another term as district clerk; and John Cline

will ask voters for another term as precinct 4 commissioner.

Other offices up for election include precinct 2 commissioner, held by Donnie Baker; county treasurer, held by Teresa Thomas; county surveyor, held by Mike McBrayer; and district attorney, held by Hardy Wilkerson.

Residents may also wish to file for party precinct chairperson or party county chairperson.

Current Republican County Chairman Ron Farquhar has told the Herald he will not seek re-election.

"We're definitely looking for applicants," said Farquhar.

County Elections Admin-

istrator Sandra Bloom said this is a good way and a good time for people to get interested in making a difference.

"With people being so dissatisfied with how the parties are conducting themselves, this is a good time to get involved," said Bloom. "We need to raise awareness and get people who are concerned

involved in the process. One of those ways is to file for precinct or county chairman."

To file for office, contact Democratic County Chairman Walter Shipman (432-264-6660) or Republican County Chairman Farquhar (432-528-4869).

Filing continues through Dec. 9.

**VERITAS**

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regulations concerning flight safety.

No firm timetable has been set for the company to start exploration work, Darden added.

In other business Tuesday, the council approved:

- An application to the Texas Department of Agriculture which, if approved, would result in the city being awarded a \$750,000 grant for the creation and retention of jobs in low-to-moderate income areas. Darden said the city would target the northwest

portion of Big Spring with the grant money.

The city should know by late April or May if it will receive the grant, he added.

- Authorized a remapping of a 73-acre area of Kentwood Addition, which would pave the way for the city to annex the property.
- Approved first reading of a

resolution annexing property in the area of Parkway and Willard streets. The property has been zoned for single family housing units.

- Accepted the city's investment policy and the quarterly investment report.
- Approved an emergency resolution suspending the Nov. 22 effective date of At-

mos Energy's proposed rate increase. The action gives the city a 90-day window to negotiate further with the gas company in hopes of agreeing on a new rate, Darden said.

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**COUNTY**

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during the first two weeks of December.

Brian Klinksiek, head of the county's road

and bridge department, said the crossing will be closed to allow Union Pacific workers time to expand a railway siding in the area.

Klinksiek anticipates the crossing to be closed no more than two

weeks.

In other business, commissioners:

- Appointed Melinda Hernandez to another two-year term on the 911 Communications District board of directors.

ports and purchase requests.

- Canvassed results from the recent state constitutional amendment election.
- Approved bids for road widening material.
- Approved routine monthly financial re-

ports and purchase requests.

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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Danny Smith, Sr., 66, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Vincent Baptist Church with burial at the Vincent Cemetery with Military Honors.

**SHAW**

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basic understanding of how the office is run. I wouldn't be going in totally blind. I feel like when the clerk is out, either for sickness, clerk school or whatever reason, I'd be able to fill in instead of hiring a clerk and save the county some money."

Shaw is a Howard County native who graduated from Coahoma High School in 1972. She is a Baptist. She and Mike have three children.

Shaw was the first to file for a number of positions up in the March primaries. Filing pretty much got underway Tuesday morning.

"The first day, by calendar, was actually Saturday, then we were closed Monday for Veteran's Day, and so today (Tuesday) was really the first opportunity for anyone to pick up

a packet at our office," said Sandra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator.

Here's a list of seats up for election, and the current office holders.

County Judge: Mark Barr.

Precinct 2 Commissioner: Donnie Baker.

Precinct 4 Commissioner: John Cline.

County Clerk: Colleen Barton.

District Clerk: Donna Wright.

County Treasurer: Teresa Thomas.

Precinct 1, Place 2 Peace Justice: Kathryn Wiseman.

Precinct 2 Peace Justice: Linda Halfman.

County Surveyor: Mike McBrayer.

District Attorney: Hardy Wilkerson.

Filing continues through the close of business on Dec. 9.

Would-be candidates should file with their county chairman —

Walter Shipman, Democratic Party (432-264-6660) or Ron Farquhar, Republican Party (432-528-4869) — and pick up

a packet at the election administrator's office. Contact Bloom (432-264-2273) for more information on the process.

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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Why Texas needs a Farm Bill now

This fall, Congress has an important opportunity to create jobs and grow the economy by passing a long-term, comprehensive Food, Farm and Jobs Bill. The Farm Bill impacts every American, every day by providing a wide range of programs that strengthen our nation.

The Farm Bill is crucial to maintaining a strong agriculture sector and an abundant food supply that benefits all Americans. Over the past two years, producers have faced a multitude of disasters – from drought, to flooding, to blizzards. These events demonstrate how important the safety net is to keeping producers going strong. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, the Farm Service Agency provided nearly \$1.3 billion in disaster assistance to Texas farmers and ranchers using Farm Bill programs.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would provide a strong crop insurance program, reauthorize the now-expired disaster assistance programs, and provide retroactive assistance for livestock producers. By reforming the safety net to eliminate the direct payment program – which pays producers whether or not they are in need of assistance – the Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would also save billions of dollars in the next decade.

In addition, it would allow USDA to continue export promotion efforts that have led to the best five-year period in agricultural trade in American history, and provide FSA with the tools to extend additional farm credit in Texas.

The Farm Bill is also a job creation bill that would empower USDA to partner with rural communities to grow, expand and support new businesses.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would help Main Street businesses grow and hire more, strengthen infrastructure in our small towns and provide new opportunities in biobased product manufacturing and renewable energy. In Texas, USDA has funded 118 projects since 2009 to help farmers, ranchers and rural businesses save energy through the Rural Energy for America Program. This and many other efforts could continue with a new Farm Bill.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would make important investments in nutrition programs that provide critical assistance to vulnerable Americans, including children, seniors, people with disabilities who are unable to work, and returning veterans. It would enable USDA to continue our work with more than 500,000 producers and landowners to conserve the soil and water. It would undertake new strategies to improve agricultural research, and it would ensure a safe food supply.

All of these efforts strengthen our nation. A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would continue the job growth we've seen in recent years and help grow the rural economy. That's why President Obama has identified passage of a new Farm Bill as one of his top three legislative priorities this fall.

This is a prime opportunity to give America's farmers, ranchers and producers the certainty they need about the next five years of U.S. farm policy, while investing in the rural communities that stand at the heart of our values. The Farm Bill has stood as a model of bipartisan consensus for decades and it is high time that both Democrats and Republicans come to a compromise on this new Farm Bill. It is our hope that Senate and House conferees will reach a consensus quickly and move a Farm Bill forward as soon as possible.

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## Passionate, unrelenting, unapologetic

With all the hoopla about issues and problems plaguing The Affordable Health Care Act, better known as Obamacare, I can't help but revisit the never-ending soap opera that is our elected official's choices of how best to run our country, especially



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as it applies to spending our tax dollars. It just never ceases to amaze me that these men and women who tell us how much they care about us when they are wooing our vote seem to be transported into a reality Twilight Zone once they get to Washington. I guess they just start rubbing shoulders with experienced political elitists and forget the folks back home that had confidence in them to make wise and beneficial decisions once they got elected. I'm sure for the democracy hating socialists there is some politically correct way they would try to address this, but it sure appears to me that many are playing politics more than being real representatives of the people.

It's not that I expect Washington to be a place of righteousness. There has always been, and I guess there always will be, chicanery in high-level politics. But a little integrity now and then would be a welcome change to what we are sadly becoming accustomed to seeing on display in the Capitol city.

Actually, the definition of "politics" is relatively unimposing; 1. the science or art of political government. 2. the practice or profession of conducting political affairs. The definition of "playing politics", however, is a rather poignant portrait of many of today's elected representatives. It reads as follows: 1. to engage in political intrigue, take advantage of a political situation or issue, resort to partisan politics, etc.; exploit a political system or political relationships. 2. to deal with people in an opportunistic, manipulative, or devious way, as for job

advancement.

The fact is that arrogance and self-interest is eyeball deep in our government, evidenced by how many decisions they make that affect us but exempt them, and by the continuous flow of stupid ways they spend our money. Never mind that we are incomprehensibly buried in debt, and outspending our income by a mind-boggling margin every single day, they just keep doing it again and again. Anyone that claims that there is not a lot of stuff that can be cut out of the federal budget is lying to you. The crazy spending that this administration seems to flourish on is going to get us into a massive amount of trouble eventually. Already, on a per capita basis, the U.S. national debt is worse than the national debts of Greece, Italy, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. We have accumulated the biggest debt in the history of the world, over 17 trillion dollars, and we are adding to it at a rate of more than 150 million dollars an hour. Yet while honest hard-working Americans deal with so many critically important issues regarding the stability of our financial future, here's what they are doing with our tax dollars.

The National Institutes of Health recently awarded \$1.5 million to a Boston hospital to study why many lesbians are overweight and most gay men are not. The feds calling this a significant public health issue. NASA will spend close to \$1 million researching a quote, "Mars Menu"; recipes for food that could someday be served on the planet Mars. I agree with Bill O'Reilly who said about that, "Here is a bulletin. Whoever allotted that money is already living on Mars."

The United States agency for National Development is funding a four year project that will improve the economic competitiveness of Morocco. That's Morocco, the country in North Africa and the key part of this project is training Moroccans to design pottery. The cost to the American people is \$27 million. Why can't the Moroccan government teach their own people to design pottery? I'll tell you why. Because we'll send them \$27 million, that's why.

## Benghazi hoax begets more hoaxes

No lie. CBS News Chairman Jeff Fager told The New York Times that the segment was "as big a mistake as there has been" on the 45-year-old news staple. Given that "60 Minutes II" had to retract a 2004 report on the National Guard service of President George W. Bush, to the chagrin of anchorman Dan Rather, Fager essentially admitted to epic failure.

When the story ran, I remember wondering why "60 Minutes" granted anonymity to Davies, who claimed to have seen Stevens' body on the night of the attack. Surely, after the piece ran, I thought, his name would get out — as it did within days. "60 Minutes" disclosed that the private British security contractor was using a nom de plume, Sgt. Morgan Jones, but it didn't reveal (until later) that the book's publisher is an imprint of Simon & Schuster, a unit of CBS.

"We worked on this for a year," Logan told reporters. After other news outlets reported that Davies had told

the FBI in three separate interviews that he was not at the mission on the night of the attack, "60 Minutes" issued a correction. Logan confessed to being "misled."

Liberal watchdog group Media Matters is exultant. Its chairman, Hillary Clinton ally David Brock, dismisses conservative criticism of the administration's actions surrounding the attack as the "Benghazi hoax."

The irony is that the real hoax was the fictional story planted by the Obama administration. Then-U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice suggested that the attack began as a protest against an anti-Islam video and that the protest was "hijacked" by "individual clusters of extremists."

Rice told that phony story even though the administration had to have been aware of warnings that al-Qaida had targeted the mission.

As Green Beret Lt. Col. Andy Wood — his real name — told "60 Minutes," al-Qaida had posted on the Internet its intent to attack the Red Cross, the British mission and the U.S. mission. He had warned Washington: "They made good on two out of the three promises. It was a matter of time till

The National Science Foundation has allocated more than a half million dollars to create a video game called "Prom Week." This game will give players a chance to relive their high school prom. Why is a National Science Foundation doing this? Quote, "Because it will give Americans a new and powerful mode of personal expression."

Now, before you throw me under the bus for being anti-American, I'll guarantee you that every drop of blood that flows through my veins is red, white and blue. In fact, I am a passionate, unrelenting and unapologetic American who loves his country deeply.

I was inadvertently exposed to a TV broadcast this past Monday that infuriated me. With my own eyes and ears I was subjected to a popular television personality who made an absolute mockery of Veteran's Day on her program and then arrogantly declared, with great fanfare and celebration, that since it was the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in her 11<sup>th</sup> season, she was granting herself a wish. Then with great fanfare and celebration, she declared it to be cat week. As an American, I was sickened and disgusted. And before any of you try to put a spin on it in her defense, I remind you that I saw it and heard it myself as it was televised, so don't waste your time trying to persuade me she was just kidding around.

I say to her, and any and all American citizens who are living high on our freedoms and bounty, if you hate America and what she stands for there are plenty of other countries you can defect to. It's time for God-fearing, true liberty loving Americans to stop letting people abuse our flag, our freedoms and our principles. This is the United States of America and we are still "one Nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

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

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they captured the third one."

After the attacks, President Barack Obama pledged that "those who attack our people will find no escape from justice."

Sadly, the administration is not so eager for justice that it wants survivors to tell the American people what happened and why.

After the discredited Logan story ran, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., threatened to block confirmation votes on Obama nominees unless the administration allowed survivors to testify before Congress.

So far, the most definitive statement has come from Clinton, who was the secretary of state at the time of the attacks. She told Congress: "With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest, or was it because of guys out for a walk one night who decided they'd go kill some Americans? What difference, at this point, does it make?"

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# News in brief

## Rice warehouse looted in typhoon-hit Philippines

TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP) — Thousands of people stormed a rice warehouse on an island devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, authorities said Wednesday, highlighting the urgent need to get water, food and medical supplies into an increasingly desperate region.

Five days after one of the strongest tropical storms on record leveled tens of thousands of houses in the central Philippines, relief operations were only starting to pick up pace, with two more airports in the region reopening, allowing for more aid flights.

But minimal food and water was reaching people in the devastated city of Tacloban, on Leyte island, which bore the brunt of the storm, and outlying regions due to a lack of trucks and blocked roads.

"There's a bit of a logjam to be absolutely honest getting stuff in here," said Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"You've had quite a lot of security coming in over the last couple of days, less so other things. So then it gets here and then we're going to have a real challenge with logistics in terms of getting things out of here, into town, out of town, into the other areas," he said from the airport in Tacloban.

## New guidelines urge wider use of cholesterol-lowering drugs to reduce heart attacks, strokes

For decades, if you asked your doctor what your odds were of suffering a heart attack, the answer would turn on a number: your cholesterol level.

Now the nation's first new heart disease prevention guidelines in a decade take a very different approach, focusing more broadly on risk and moving away from specific targets for cholesterol.

The guidance offers doctors a new formula for estimating risk that includes age, gender, race and factors such as whether someone smokes.

And for the first time, the guidelines take aim at preventing strokes, not just heart attacks. Partly because of that, they set a lower threshold for using medicines to reduce risk. They recommend using statin drugs such as Lipitor and Zocor, and identify four groups of people they help the most.

The end result: Twice as many Americans — one-third of all adults — would be told to consider taking statins, which lower cholesterol but also reduce heart risks in other ways.

## 1.2 million acres of prairies vanish, undermining Obama's green energy goal

ROSCOE, S.D. (AP) — Robert Malsam nearly went broke in the 1980s when corn was cheap. So now that prices are high and he can finally make a profit, he's not about to apologize for ripping up prairie land to plant corn.

Across the Dakotas and Nebraska, more than 1 million acres of the Great Plains are giving way to cornfields as farmers transform the wild expanse that once served as the backdrop for American pioneers.

This expansion of the Corn Belt is fueled in part by America's green energy policy, which requires oil companies to blend billions of gallons of corn ethanol into their gasoline. In 2010, fuel became the No. 1 use for corn in America, a title it held in 2011 and 2012 and narrowly lost this year. That helps keep prices high.

"It's not hard to do the math there as to what's profitable to have," Malsam said. "I think an ethanol plant is a farmer's friend."

What the green-energy program has made profitable, however, is far from green. A policy intended to reduce global warming is encouraging a farming practice that actually could worsen it.

## Smithsonian unveils 3D scanning, printing initiative to take artifacts to beyond museum walls

WASHINGTON (AP) — With most of its 137 million objects kept behind the scenes or in a faraway museum, the Smithsonian Institution is launching a new 3D scanning and printing initiative to make more of its massive collection accessible to schools, researchers and the public worldwide.

A small team has begun creating 3D models of some key objects that represent the breadth of the collection at the world's largest museum complex. Some of the first 3D scans include the Wright brothers' first airplane, Amelia Earhart's flight suit, casts of President Abraham Lincoln's face during the Civil War and a Revolutionary War gunboat. Less familiar objects include a former slave's horn, a missionary's gun from the 1800s and a woolly mammoth fossil from the Ice Age. They are pieces of history some people may hear about but rarely see or touch.

Now the Smithsonian is launching a new 3D viewer online Wednesday to give people a closer look at artifacts in their own homes. The data can also be downloaded, recreated with a 3D printer and used to help illustrate lessons in history, art and science in schools. While some schools might acquire 3D printers for about \$1,000, other users may examine the models on their computers.

Smithsonian digitization director Gunter Waibel said museums are working to redefine their relationship with audiences to become more interactive.

"Historically, museums have just tried to push data out. It's been a one-way street," he said. "Now museums are really rethinking their relationship with their audience, and they're trying to empower their audiences to help them along whatever learning journey they're on."

## Cold War veterans keep secrets of deep-diving Navy submarine, now destined for museum

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — It could dive deeper than any other submarine, and when it reached the ocean floor, the one-of-a-kind Navy vessel could roll on wheels with lights illuminating the depths outside its windows.

The nuclear-powered NR-1, launched in Groton in 1969, was one of the most secretive vessels in the U.S. undersea force. It was taken out of service in

2008 and disassembled. Now the Navy has collected pieces of it for an exhibit at a submarine museum in Groton, where it was based for the duration of its service life.

It was known primarily as a research vessel, but it also carried out a range of military missions that remain under wraps even today. Veterans who served aboard the tiny sub during the Cold War say that it was one of the most fascinating assignments of their careers — but that not even their wives know all the details.

Toby Warson, who served as commander from 1970-73, said he once led the sub on a hazardous military oper-

ation in the Mediterranean. The mission, code-named "Raccoon Hook," earned him a distinguished service medal, he said, but he has had to keep the details to himself.

"I finally had to quit wearing the ribbon because when I walked into the officers' club, everyone asked how I got it, and I couldn't tell them," said Warson, who lives in Camas, Wash. "They thought I was being cute. I wasn't being cute. I just didn't want to go to jail."

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# Why not check this out? At the library

I've been roamin' the stacks, as they say in the library world; pulling out and reading book flaps, reading random pages, and almost was held captive in the Texas history section. Titles about the Big Bend, Texas Rangers, mid-18th century



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Texas, Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine, all were pulling at me, calling "Pick me! Pick me! No, I'm the one you want!" After I finally dragged myself out, I have chosen a few books to write about this week, as our new books have sort of trickled to a very few. And I did resist the Texas books, as I couldn't decide which one to choose!

"The Pirates Lafitte: The Treacherous Worlds of the Corsairs of the Gulf" (976.305 DAV W) by William C. Davis, does, however, refer to Texas, as one of the Lafittes had a base at Galveston. He aptly relates how Pierre was the mastermind of the Lafitte brothers' operations, and that the brothers worked closely together for most of their lives, including the Galveston period. Their true story, based on archival documents, letters and contemporary newspapers, paints a compelling portrait of enigmatic men on the edge of the new frontier of the Louisiana Purchase, seeking to make their mark on the world. While lengthy at 720 pages, the print is large and the book portion is only 500 pages; the rest is book notes and bibliography which is

very interesting. Davis, director of programs for the Civil War Center at Virginia Tech, is most well-known for his numerous books about the Civil War.

Christmas is fast approaching and sometimes a new pet is a gift under the tree. Something you might consider before finding that cute dog or cat, is reading "Ain't Misbehavin': The Ground-breaking Program for Happy Well-Behaved Pets and Their People" (636.708 WRI J) by John C. Wright. Yes, your dog/cat looks so innocent, just before they do something evil. Wright can (he says) stop the behavior before it begins, keep it from becoming a habit or put an end to the most ingrained bad behavior and keep them from coming back.

Brett Lott, in her book "A Song I Knew by Heart" (F LOT B), takes her story from the Book of Ruth in the Bible. During a cold Massachusetts night, a man's car skids on black ice, leaving a mother childless and her daughter-in-law a widow. Naomi and Ruth are now bound together as widows with only each other for comfort. As Naomi watches Ruth struggle with her grief, she decides to leave Massachusetts for her childhood home in coastal South Carolina. When she tells Ruth of her plans, Ruth tells her that she will go too, just as in the Bible story. But how will they be welcomed? Contact has only been by annual Christmas cards, but when open arms and love envelope them, a fragile peace begins to build. Yet Naomi's dark soul secret still shadows her; can she find peace? Time can only tell. Do check out Brett's other books; she

has several more on the shelves for you to read.

The First Cavalry Division came under surprise attack in Sadr City on April 4, 2004, now known as "Black Sunday." On the home front, more than 7,000 miles away, their families awaited the news for 48 hellish hours —expecting the worst. ABC News' chief correspondent Martha Raddatz shares remarkable tales of heroism, hope and heartbreak in her book "The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family" (956.704 RAD M).

"The Autobiography of God" (F LES J) by Julius Lester is a rather unusual book to me. The title is what caught my eye; I knew of course that it was fiction (duh!) and wondered if it was a satire. But after read-

ing the book flap, it has made me curious to read Lester's book. In a review from Booklist, by Hazel Rochman, who can give a much better review than I, here it is: Was God at Auschwitz? Whose side is God on? The child of Holocaust survivors, Rebecca is both rabbi and therapist, and she knows that God is not all powerful, all good, or always right. When her congregation at a Vermont college acquires a Torah salvaged from a Polish community that was liquidated by the Nazis, the dead Jews talk to her, and a black

Jewish angel brings her God's autobiography. She reads it, the first ever to do so, and when God visits her, she is shocked to discover his identity and his desperate need. Many readers will also be shocked and angry. But Lester, who describes his spiritual conversion in Lovesong: Becoming a Jew (1985), blends the magic realism and fierce spiritual debate with a gripping contemporary story of murder and suicide on campus. In true Yiddish style, he writes with the irony and intensity and sometimes dark comedy

(What should Rebecca wear for her date with God?) that dramatize the Jewish belief that good and evil coexist in people and in God.

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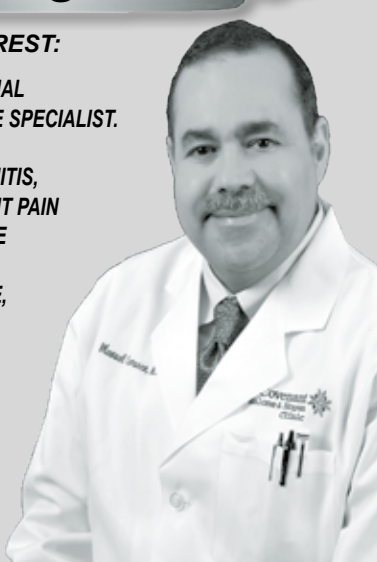
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**Neptune Goes Direct**  
The repercussions of Neptune's about-face won't be as dramatic as Mercury's recent change. We observe the outer planets as moving slowly, and their patterns resonate over the long term. In the weeks to come, you may find yourself more willing to share those dreams, fantasies and big goals that you would normally keep to yourself.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As you think about what would be novel and fun, you'll create the kind of moments that people will look back on and say, "Remember when we..." This is a gift beyond anything material you could give.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Like bearing audio witness to a neighbor's incessantly barking dog, you'll be

pry to a situation that necessitates a (possibly unpleasant) confrontation to resolve. You're up to it, though, and your involvement will bring solutions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your energy will be high, and that could cause you to look for extra things to do. Try to stick to your main purpose, though, because if you apply yourself, you'll make such gains that you'll be able to take a long break later in the week.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Understanding your brain's quirky logic will help you realize that your problem isn't entirely your fault. Your brain just has developed some strange ways to keep you away from pain and steer you toward pleasure.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Envy is not such a bad thing to feel. When you've lost motivation toward a goal, a source of envy may be just the thing to renew your energy reserves. If it works, use it!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you allow yourself the liberty, you'll spend the whole day doing only what you want to do. It goes against everything in your work ethic, and yet if the "you" inside is sick from neglect, who will be left to do the work?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Plan as you will, this day is not as set as you think it is. An unexpected curve will force you to turn with it or fly off the road when there is no more of it. You'll have a lot of fun with this.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your daring is not required to do your work, and yet you'll miss out greatly if you don't apply it. You'll come to a place in a project where not taking the chance will be a greater risk than taking it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would be hard-pressed to separate what you're doing out of conditioning from what you're doing out of a true desire to express your soul. But if it seems to help people around

you, it's good enough.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Regarding that someone you used to admire because he or she was older, smarter and wiser: You may now get the sense that you've caught up in spite of your difference in years.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Again you'll be plagued by the desire for perfection. Shun it! The imperfection you deliver with your whole heart is worth so much more than a mindful and flawless contribution.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be part of a contest of sorts. The prizes are status-oriented only, and that's enough to fill your belly with a burning fire to win — or if you can't win, to do your very best.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 13). It's a rediscovery process this year, as you explore who you are outside of relationships and change who you are inside of them. December brings the tools you need to complete an impressive job. February brings acclaim. You'll appreciate the inheritance you receive in June. It may not be financial, but it's valuable. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 39, 11 and 15.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have a twin sister who recently lost 80 pounds, is doing great at work and has a new boyfriend. This success cycle seems to have skipped me. How could it? We were born on the same day! What gives? My personal opinion is that in the prenatal split that created two babies, she somehow got all the willpower, and I got all the sensitivity, which is a nice way of saying that I got all the crazy. We are both Pisces."

Just because your sister and you share much of the same natal chart information doesn't mean you'll have the same destiny or degree of success. Success comes in many forms, and destiny doesn't happen on its own. It requires your participation.

Fear not, dear Pisces, as you are not completely without willpower. It's just that because of your sensitivity, you use a lot of your willpower prematurely, and then when you need it, there is none left. Sensitive people like you are more likely to be stressed by things other people don't even notice. And stress is the main predator of willpower. So before you beat yourself up, look at your life and determine how you might eliminate some of the main stressors in your current situation.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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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.

	8			5	6	4	9
		6					7
	3		7				
	7	4		2			
1		3		8		5	2 4
8			5	3	1		
				5	2		3
	2	1	8	3			
				9		6	1

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Sylvia Strikes Again**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 8  
♥ K J 7  
♦ 9 8 7 6 5  
♣ J 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 7 5 3  
♥ 6 5 4  
♦ K J 10 4  
♣ Q

**EAST**  
♠ 6 4 2  
♥ Q 10 9 8 3 2  
♦ Q  
♣ A 10 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 9  
♥ A  
♦ A 3 2  
♣ K 8 7 6 5 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass - 1 ♦ 1 ♥  
2 ♣ 2 ♥ 3 ♣ Pass  
5 ♣

Opening lead — six of hearts.  
Personally, I never accepted the notion held by most members of the club that Sylvia's triumphs were all a matter of luck.

While it is true that some people seem to be born under a lucky star, so that everything they touch turns to gold even when they don't know what they're doing, I always felt that Sylvia did not fall into this category.

However, the majority of the membership contended that Sylvia didn't even know what time of day it

was when it came to bridge, and they couldn't conceive that Sylvia ever consciously performed the amazing feats occasionally reported here.

In support of that contention, they might cite this example where Sylvia was declarer at five clubs. West led a heart, and Sylvia took East's eight with the ace. She then played a spade to the ace and returned a low club to her king, catching West's queen.

The situation at this point looked grim. East had two sure trump tricks, and then there was the matter of her two irritating diamond losers. True, she could discard one of them on the king of hearts, but the other one would inevitably constitute the setting trick.

But Sylvia, with indomitable spirit, carried on. She cashed the spade king and ruffed the jack in dummy. Then she led a diamond to her ace, forgetting in the excitement of the moment to discard a diamond on the king of hearts. She was heard to gasp at this juncture, but it was too late to retract the play.

When Sylvia next led a trump, East scored the A-10, but he then had to return a heart to dummy's K-J, allowing Sylvia to shed the 3-2 of diamonds and so make the contract. Now would you call this just dumb luck?

Tomorrow: A built-in booby trap.



# Big Spring tops Monahans, advances to regional tourney

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Not only are the Lady Steers headed to the regional volleyball tournament, they overcame a huge obstacle by the name of Monahans to get there.

Big Spring (29-13) started off strong. Unwilling to let rival Monahans steal this season, the Lady Steers took the first set 25-20 and turned in an even stronger performance in the second set, winning 25-15.

Just when BSHS looked as if it was

going to wrap up the match in three straight sets, a controversial call went against Big Spring and Monahans rallied after being two points away from elimination to win 23-25.

With the momentum on the Lady Loboes' side of the court, they capitalized, winning the third set handily, 19-25 as the Lady Steers found themselves in familiar territory — mired in a dogfight with Monahans.

Making the proper adjustments and keeping cool in the face of adversity, BSHS took the fifth set 15-8.

"The girls worked very hard on the adjustments for this match and it paid

off," Head Coach Lynn Osborne said. "I'm so proud of the way the girls fought for this match and the courage they showed. It was a complete team effort."

Now back in the 3A semifinal, the Lady Steers' first opponent will be Springtown (32-8), which they will meet Friday at 3 p.m. at the Coliseum on the campus of Western Texas College in Snyder. A win would put BSHS in the regional championship game Saturday at 3 p.m.

**Individual stats**

**Setters:** Morgan Seaton, 25 assists,

11 kills, 6 blocks, 4 digs, 1 ace; Kinsey Wash, 22 assists, 7 digs, 1 ace.

**Offense:** Kelsie Guinn, 12 kills, 4 blocks, 1 assist, 1 dig; Erin Pollard, 13 kills, 2 digs, 1 block; Tulsi Patel, 6 kills, 1 dig, 1 block.

**Defense:** Julianna Rodriguez, 15 digs, 4 aces, 2 kills, 1 assist; Stevi Ward, 25 digs, 5 kills, 2 assists; Ebony Zavala, 22 digs, 7 kills, 1 block.

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**The Lady Steers (29-13) pose for a team shot after defeating rival Monahans in five sets Tuesday in Midland. BSHS will be headed to the region I-3A tournament in Snyder on Friday.**

## Sports Calendar

**TODAY**

**Women's Basketball**  
• Howard College at Cisco College, 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

**Women's Basketball**  
• Big Spring (ninth only) at Abilene Tournament (through Friday), TBA.

**FRIDAY**

**Football**  
• Big Spring vs. Fabens, Pecos, 7:30 p.m.  
• Forsan vs. Windthorst, Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.  
• Stanton vs. Cisco, Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.  
• Grady vs. Whiteface, Ropesville, 7:30 p.m.

**Swimming**

• Big Spring at Odessa Invitational (through Saturday), Permian High School, 11 a.m.

**Men's Basketball**

• God's Academy at Howard College, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 7 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

• Lamesa at Big Spring, JV, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity, 6 p.m.  
• Coahoma at Rotan, 6 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

## Crossroads area basketball roundup

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**BIG SPRING** — Diamonique Mayes led the Lady Steers to 19 as BSHS improved to 2-0 on the season after defeating Odessa High 61-28 Tuesday at Steer Gym. Next up for Big Spring will be a visit from Lamesa on Friday. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Stats: Autumn Minter, 6; Shawntee Lacy, 9; Alexis Cansino, 2; Dyrshae Vanderbilt, 11; Stephanie Diaz, 2; Diamonique Mayes, 19; Jackie Castillo, 7.

**COAHOMA** — The Bulldogettes beat Reagan County 37-32 Tuesday, bringing their season record to 2-1 after a 13-5 fourth

quarter put CHS on top. The Bulldogettes will be headed to Rotan on Friday at 6 p.m.

Stats: Julia Castilaw, 17; Savannah Neff, 8; Lauren Simer, 6; Kyla Clanton, 4; Coley Rinard, 2.

**ABILENE** — Howard College men (5-0) cruised past Weatherford College Monday, winning 89-50 as the Hawks prepare for their first game within the confines of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. New HC Head Coach Scott Raines seems to have picked up right where former Coach Mark Adams left off.

The Hawks will perform in front of a home crowd Friday against God's Academy at 7

p.m. and then again Saturday as they take on Richland College at 3 p.m. before going back on the road.

**FORSAN** — The Lady Buffaloes earned its first win of the season with a 55-37 game against Grady Tuesday after a strong first frame gave them a comfortable lead over the Lady Wildcats. Mary-Ashley McDaniel led FHS with a game-high 18 points. Maria Ortiz added 10.

The Lady Buffs will host Midland Christian on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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## Scandal, losses have Dolphins fans fed up

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins fans are venting on Twitter and complaining on radio about the team owner, the coach, the general manager and even the backup left guard.

A harassment scandal and a loss to a winless team can have that effect.

Already staggered by a scandal that prompted an NFL investigation, the Dolphins must now try to bounce back from their worst loss of the season.

Rather than taking out their frustrations of recent days on the hapless Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Dolphins came out flat Monday night, dug a 15-0 hole and lost 22-19.

The loss left the Dolphins at 4-5, with the five defeats coming in the past six games. Fed-up fans took the latest

loss hard, and many said owner Stephen Ross should fire everyone, himself included.

"I'm happy fans are passionate," second-year coach Joe Philbin said Tuesday. "We have a loyal fan base. We all want the same thing. We want to have a team that is consistently competing for championships and represents the organization the right way on and off the field."

With the harassment case involving offensive linemen Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito likely to remain unresolved for at least a couple of weeks, Philbin will try to salvage the season beginning Sunday at home against San Diego.

Philbin, now 11-14 at Miami, won a vote of confidence before Monday's game from Ross,

but that could change depending on the findings of Ted Wells, the NFL special investigator.

Wells will meet this week with Martin, who is with his family in Los Angeles and receiving counseling for emotional issues.

Ross also plans to meet with Martin. That meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but at the NFL's request it has been postponed until after Wells gets together with Martin.

The second-year pro suddenly left the team two weeks ago, and his attorney has alleged Martin was harassed daily by teammates, including Incognito, who has been suspended.

On Monday, Ross announced the

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## Nowitzki passes Jerry West, Mavs top Wizards 105-95

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki passed Jerry West on the NBA scoring list from a familiar spot: behind the 3-point line.

Nowitzki had 19 points, including consecutive shots from long range in the third quarter to move up to 16th in career scoring, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Washington Wizards 105-95 Tuesday night.

The 7-foot German will go down as the best-shooting big man in league history whenever he retires, so it was fitting that the 35-year-old was 26 feet from the basket when he supplanted the man whose silhouette serves the NBA logo.

"Jerry is the man," said Nowitzki, who finished the night with 25,197 points and now goes after Reggie Miller for 15th at 25,279 points. "He is the logo and that says it all. It has been a great ride."

Trevor Ariza led the Wizards with 27 points, including five 3-pointers. He also had seven rebounds and four steals.

Monta Ellis started slowly from the field before scoring 10 in the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks improve to 4-0 at home this season. Ellis matched Nowitzki with 19.

The Nowitzki was struggling from the field before a loose ball bounced to him above the key. The 11-time All-Star and 2007 MVP grabbed it, turned and hit a shot to get within a point of West's record.

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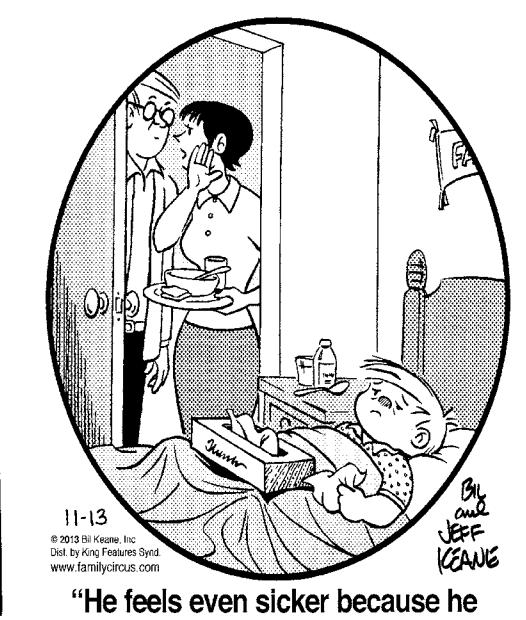
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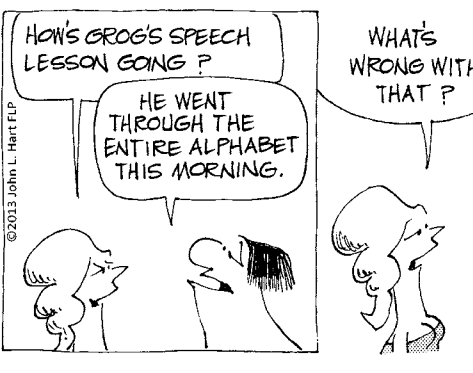
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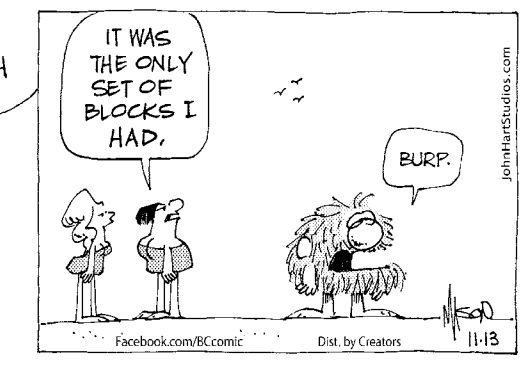
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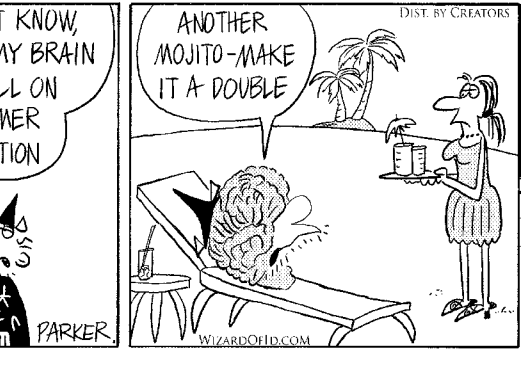
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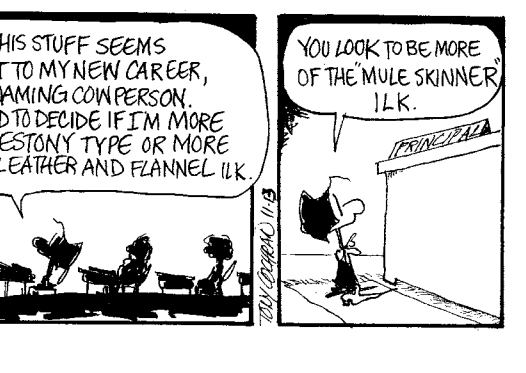
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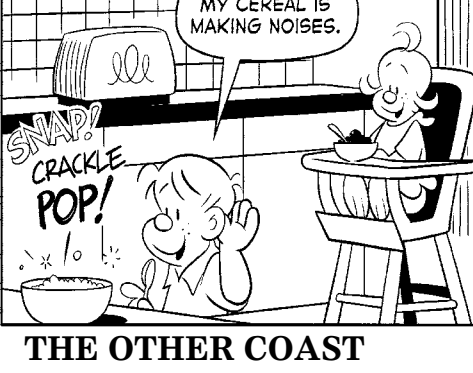
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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2013. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, designed by Maya Lin, was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1312, England's King Edward III was born at Windsor Castle.

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, Jean-Baptiste Leroy: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1849, voters in California ratified the state's original constitution.

In 1909, 259 men and boys were killed when fire erupt-

ed inside a coal mine in Cherry, Ill.

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between lower Manhattan and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1937, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, formed exclusively for radio broadcasting, made its debut.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee

Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

Thought for Today: "As you live, believe in life. Always human beings will live and profess to greater, broader and fuller life. The only possible death is to lose belief in this truth simply because the great end comes slowly, because time is long." -Ai W.E.B. Du Bois, American author and reformer (1868-1963).

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Answer to previous puzzle

LIPS	HIYA	PARIS
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**Newsday Crossword**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                      | 64 Ointment                | 10 Not yet paid               | 36 Tanning venue         |
| 1 Scorch                           | 65 Ultimatum               | 11 Look closely               | 38 Pay cash for          |
| 5 Card in a royal flush            | ender                      | 12 Befuddled state            | 43 Discontinue           |
| 9 Second-year students             | 66 Velocity                | 13 Smirnoff rival             | 46 Show flexibility      |
| 14 Pinocchio's polygraph           | 67 Ear cleaner             | 18 Meddles                    | 47 Stated a gripe        |
| 15 "Good heavens!"                 | 68 Ruckuses                | 19 Leave quickly, so to speak | 48 Sharpened             |
| 16 Change slightly                 | <b>DOWN</b>                | 23 Suffix for lemon           | 50 Eases off             |
| 17 Cheerily alert                  | 1 Closing Bell broadcaster | 24 Encouraging words          | 51 Cavernous             |
| 20 Timex competitor                | 2 Circle dance             | 25 49th state                 | 52 Doing nothing         |
| 21 Hepburn of My Fair Lady         | 3 With no warranty         | 26 Loud noise                 | 53 Boutique blowout      |
| 22 Hunters' org.                   | 4 Saskatchewan's capital   | 27 Had a bug                  | 55 Spanish surrealist    |
| 24 Be patient                      | 5 Scribble (down)          | 28 Sporty car, for short      | 56 Special interest grp. |
| 26 Sandlot equipment               | 6 "Gotcha!"                | 29 Incite to action           | 57 Many GPS lines        |
| 30 Grab-bag category: Abbr.        | 7 Erin Burnett employer    | 30 Yoga surface               | 59 Cookout, for short    |
| 34 Ad- (improvise)                 | 8 Down for the count       | 31 Bisected                   | 60 Scoundrel             |
| 35 "Bye!"                          | 9 Walk proudly             | 32 Girder material            | 61 Yale student          |
| 36 12/24 visitor                   |                            | 33 Felt concern               | 62 Music booster         |
| 37 Suspect's story                 |                            |                               |                          |
| 39 Many GPS lines                  |                            |                               |                          |
| 40 Say out loud                    |                            |                               |                          |
| 41 Second showing                  |                            |                               |                          |
| 42 Small keepsake                  |                            |                               |                          |
| 44 Really small                    |                            |                               |                          |
| 45 Whirlpool                       |                            |                               |                          |
| 46 Attention-getting, as lettering |                            |                               |                          |
| 48 Role model                      |                            |                               |                          |
| 49 Poor grade                      |                            |                               |                          |
| 50 Phonograph inventor             |                            |                               |                          |
| 54 Fragrant wood                   |                            |                               |                          |
| 58 Quaint inn                      |                            |                               |                          |
| 63 Beauty and the Beast girl       |                            |                               |                          |

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**MAVS**

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On Dallas' next possession, Gal Mekel passed to Nowitzki a few feet left of the previous spot, and Nowitzki pulled up and hit another from long range with 59.9 seconds left in the third.

That bucket gave him 16 points for the game and put him ahead of West, who scored 25,192 in 14 seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers from 1960-74. He went on to become their general manager and later a Memphis Grizzlies executive.

Nowitzki, who is in his 16th season, ended up 8 of 19 from the field with eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

"Yeah, I suppose it was (fitting), although Jerry West never shot a 3," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "If there had been a 3-point line back then, this milestone would have come later. He's going to pass more big names in the weeks and months to come."

Vince Carter scored 16, and

Samuel Dalembert led Dallas with 13 points in the first half and finished with 15. DeJuan Blair had nine points and 11 rebounds.

Marcin Gortat had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Washington.

The Wizards had their last lead early in the second quarter, but were down just 89-84 when Ellis hit a pull-up jumper and was fouled by Bradley Beal, who was held to nine points on 2-of-10 shooting two nights after scoring a career-high 34 in an overtime loss at Oklahoma City.

"That's the confusing part," Beal said. "We played so aggressively and so hard against OKC. It was like Game 7 of the finals or something. Then now, we come out tonight and not have that same mentality."

Ellis' bucket over Beal was his first shot of the fourth quarter after he had gone 3 of 10

through the first three.

Ellis missed the free throw, but the Wizards couldn't convert on three chances at the other end. After Nene lost the ball out of bounds trying to make a post move, Shawn Marion hit a runner to put Dallas back up by nine.

"He's going to keep attacking," Nowitzki said of Ellis. "All good scorers in this league are like that. He was phenomenal in the fourth quarter. He kept that cushion for us."

Nowitzki hit a runner to give the Mavericks their biggest lead at 71-56, but the Wizards went on an 18-6 run to

make it a game again. Ariza had 11 points during the run, including a 3-pointer and a dunk on consecutive possessions.

John Wall had assists on five straight buckets during the spurt and finished with 10. Wall and Nene scored 14 apiece.

Carter started a 16-2 Dallas run in the second quarter with a 3-pointer, and Ellis finished it with a nifty reverse layup to put the Mavericks up 49-38.

After the Wizards got within four, Jose Calderon made a 3-pointer and Carter hit another 3 at the shot clock buzz-

er to give Dallas a 59-49 lead in the final minute of the first half. Carter was 4 of 9 from long range.

The Mavericks scored seven points in one trip late in the first quarter to turn a 29-23 deficit into a 30-29 lead.

Former Howard College Hawk Jae Crowder was fouled on a driving bank shot and missed the free throw, but DeJuan Blair grabbed the rebound before hitting a shot and getting fouled. His missed free throw was tipped by Carter to Mekel, who passed back to Carter for a 3-pointer from the left wing.

**FANS**

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formation of two committees to examine the Dolphins' locker room culture. In recent days, players have been virtually unanimous in saying it doesn't need to be changed.

"I think it was more a situation between a couple of guys," linebacker Philip Wheeler said Tuesday. "I don't think it was a locker room situation."

"I've had a great time in this locker room so far," fourth-year defensive lineman Jared Odrick said, "and I think most people see it the same."

The case inspired a national debate about workplace bullying, attracting a throng of media again Tuesday. The team, however, declined to blame the case on its latest loss.

"Yes, we faced a lot of distractions," quarterback Ryan Tannehill said, "but leading up to this game, the last few days I've had a good feeling that the guys were ready to play."

A bigger factor might have been the absence of two starters in a line that was already lousy. At Tampa, the Dolphins netted a franchise record-low 2 yards in 14 carries.

That's 5.1 inches per carry. At that rate, they would need 71 carries to get a first down.

"Five inches?" offensive coordinator Mike Sherman said. "That's disheartening."

Nate Garner whiffed on several blocks filling in for Incognito at left guard, and no one on the line seemed to get any push downfield.

"Not a good job by us," right tackle Tyson Clabo said.

There are plenty of other issues. Run defense is supposedly the team's strength, but Miami allowed 140 yards on the ground against the injury-riddled Bucs, whose fourth-string running back scored the de-

cisive touchdown. The Dolphins have sunk to 25th in the league in run defense.

Tannehill played well but misfired on a long pass to an open Mike Wallace, who was targeted seven times and totaled 15 yards.

The \$60 million receiver still has only one touchdown this season. First-round pick Dion Jordan was also a non-factor again at linebacker, playing only nine snaps on defense.

While the scoreboard in Tampa argued otherwise, Tannehill said the harassment case unified the team. He predicted the Dolphins will yet bounce back.

"I feel like we've really come together over this adversity," he said. "This could've gone two ways: Guys could split up and take sides by dividing the locker room, or we could come together. ...

"Life is full of adversity. Not everyone deals with a situation like this, but you have to be able to face it. The old adage: As many times a horse knocks you off, you get back on. That's the mentality I have, and that's the mentality I think this team has, and we've just got to keep going."

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