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Inpatient services out at local VA

Herald Staff Report

The West Texas VA Health Care System announced Friday it will no longer provide acute inpatient services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

VA officials cited "a declining need" as the reason for dropping inpatient services.

Instead, officials said in a news release, veterans who need inpatient care will obtain the care from other VA hospitals or from community health partners.

According to the news release, "Veterans are encouraged to contact their health care providers and primary care teams for urgent care that could require hospitalization."

"We will continue to focus on quality health care to all veterans within our area, focusing on becoming a rural health model facility with emphasis on outpatient services," said Andrew Welch, interim director of the West Texas VAHCS.

Officials said the declining need for inpatient beds is largely attributed to changes in how health care is delivered with greater emphasis on prevention of illnesses and procedures being conducted on an outpatient basis.

Home telehealth programs and additional transportation programs will be expanded to assist veterans who live a great distance from the facility in Big Spring, officials said.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

New York-based comedians Barbara Perez and Mike Motz are on a year-long tour of all 50 states, collecting material for "Project Highway," a reality TV show they are pitching to the networks. The duo were in Big Spring Friday.

NY comedians make stop here in 50-state tour

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Barbara Perez and Mike Motz are a couple of New Yorkers attempting to laugh their way across the United States.

Perez and Motz, New York City-based comedians, passed through Big Spring this week on their latest leg of a 12-month, 50-state tour of the United States. They performed Friday night at Sugar's Bar on E. Intestate 20.

Touring comedians are not exactly a new concept, but Perez' and Motz' approach to their cross-country trek certainly is — they are taping their experiences as part of "Project Highway," a reality TV show they're pitching to various networks.

Billed as "part comedy, part social experiment, all real," the show will include not only material from the duo's act but their interactions with people they meet along the way. They began their trek in Colorado in September and Texas is the seventh state they've visited so far.

The New Yorkers are specifi-

cally visiting smaller communities like Big Spring during their project.

"We're trying to promote that old feeling of America — we're trying to reconnect with America the old-fashioned way, by getting out and shaking hands and meeting people," Perez said. "It's been an amazing experience so far."

For self-admitted urbanite Motz, the project has been an eye-opening experience into how the other half lives, so to speak.

"I'm the guy who's really from the big city — I grew up just outside New York City," he said. "I'd never been out west (and) it's a lot different than how it has been popularized in the media. The people have been unbelievably open and generous and nice. It's amazing how genuine and giving people have been."

The tour has turned out to be as spontaneous as their comedy act — a sponsor who agreed to underwrite the project pulled out at the last minute, leaving the duo to basically fend for themselves

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STEERS TRIUMPH!

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Wiseman's future as JP questioned

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Running for the position of Howard County Judge may cost Kathryn Wiseman her job as justice of the peace.

County commissioners will hold a special meeting at 1 p.m. Monday, at which time they will meet in closed session to determine whether Wiseman must resign her position as JP of Precinct 1, Place 2.

Wiseman announced recently she will oppose County Judge Mark Barr

in the upcoming county elections.

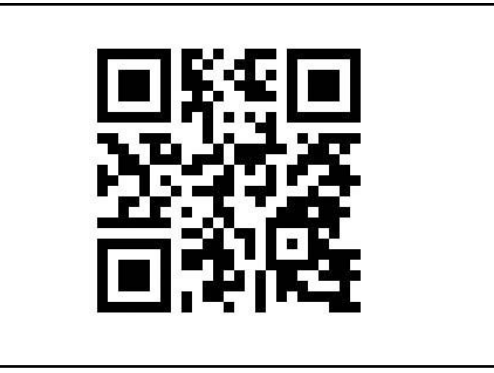
The state election code appears to indicate such action will cost Wiseman her JP post — if an elected official declares for another office with more than a year and month remaining in their current term, they must resign their held office.

After commissioners conclude their discussions, they will reconvene in open session and possibly take action. No other items are on Monday's agenda.

Neither Barr or Wiseman were available for comment Friday.

Monday's meeting will be held on the third floor of the county courthouse.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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Obituaries

Stephanie Shae Powell



Stephanie Shae Powell, 40, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at Spring Tabernacle Ministries located at 1209 Wright Street with Mona Lue Tonn officiating.

She was born Dec. 24, 1972, in Big Spring to Rozanne (Rotenberry) and Clifton Carlton. She married Alan Powell in April 1992.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by two daughters: Caton Powell of Big Spring and Mackenzie Powell of Granbury, Texas; one grandson; mother and step-father: Rozanne Miller and husband Darrell of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her father.

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

Elvira 'Vira' Hilario



Elvira "Vira" Hilario, 78, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 8, 1935, in Big Spring to Isabel and Francisco Mata. She married Jose M. Hilario, Sr., in 1948, and he preceded her in death in 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Elvira is survived by her children: Jose Hilario and his wife Teresa of San Antonio, Texas, Guadalupe Hilario, Isabel Garza, Christina Deleon and her husband Robert, all of Big Spring, Frank Hilario and his wife Dora of Midland, Texas, Elma Doporto and the late Florentino Doporto of Arlington, Texas, Carlos Hilario of Big Spring, Gilbert Hilario and his wife Amelia of San Antonio, Irma Martinez and her husband Richard, and Maria Elena Carrasco and her husband Manuel of Big Spring, Alfredo Hilario and his wife Elida of Lamesa, Texas, Alonzo Hilario, and Elsa Hilario of Big Spring, Arturo Hilario of Lamesa, Texas, Manuel Hilario and his wife Norma, Alma Hilario and Nick Hilario Ornelas, all of Big Spring; Elvira's Brothers: Carlos Mata of Modesto, California, Robert Mata, Tony Mata, and Ricky Mata, all of Big Spring; Elvira's Sisters: Maria Mancha of Midland, Texas, Juana Munoz, Lupe Rodriguez, and Lilly Mata, all of Big Spring; 63 grandkids, 128 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Gilbert Hilario; one brother: Jose Angel Mata; five grandkids, Jeanette Hilario, Nickolas Ornelas, Mario Mier, Sonny Montanez, and Jayden Martinez; and her loving dog, King Hilario.

Our darling mother and grandmother, a woman of extreme strength, courage, and love who was beautiful, soft and now peaceful and free as a dove. Someone on who our admiration was built around, for her womanhood, wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

We will forever hold you in our hearts in which we have truly learned the most from. We will always respect all you went through in your hardships and distinguished ways, your ability to hold yourself with such dignity and pride in all your days. Your beauty shines in us all, who were lucky to be a part of your devoted family.

We will carry you in our eyes, minds, and hearts. You are taking a little part of us with you as you follow your angels who will guide you to your precious place. May you look down on us with pride on what you brought into this world.

As you enter your new heavenly home, may you rest in peace, for which you truly deserve. You will be remembered for your love and honor. We love you ALWAYS and FOREVER. May God be with you and R.I.P.

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

Paid obituary

Felix Anguiano



Felix Anguiano, 48, of Big Spring died Thursday Nov. 14, 2013, at his residence. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born Nov. 20, 1964, to Elena and Juan Anguiano in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of the community.

He worked as a custodian and was active in helping with Special

Olympics. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Leigh Ann Garza-Anguiano of Big Spring; one daughter, Sol-mia Edmondson of Big Spring; mother, Elena Anguiano of Big Spring; one sister, Letticia Anguiano and two brothers, Carlos Anguiano and Martin Anguiano all of Big Spring.

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

Support Groups

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

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

• **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. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• **Reformers Unanimous International** is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

• **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• **Special Parents for Special Children** support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

Police blotter

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

• **JOSHUA B. VALENZUELA**, 27, of 4405 Connolly, was arrested Friday on charges of deadly conduct discharge firearm, unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises and theft of firearm.

• **NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS**, 27, of 1518 Tucson, was arrested Friday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection.

• **JO ANN HIRZEL - FRANKS**, 22, of 1805 Alabama, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• **NATHANIEL DEVON LANG**, 19, of 703 Lorilla, was arrested Friday on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

• **ARMANDO AVINA**, 31, of 304 East 13th Street, was arrested Friday on a warrant for harassment.

• **SONYA MARISSA MORIN**, 29, of 1601 West Leatherwood was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported at the 800 block of West 4th Street.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 1500 block of Tucson.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported at Elm Street.

• **THEFT** was reported at the 3600 block of Bethell Drive, the 2000 block of South Gregg and the 2300 block of Goliad.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at the 2300 block of Wasson and the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

Take Note

• The **KoKo LoCo Arts & Crafts Bazaar** is this weekend - Saturday, from 9 to 5 and Sunday, 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. 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 Olga Godina who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.

• **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

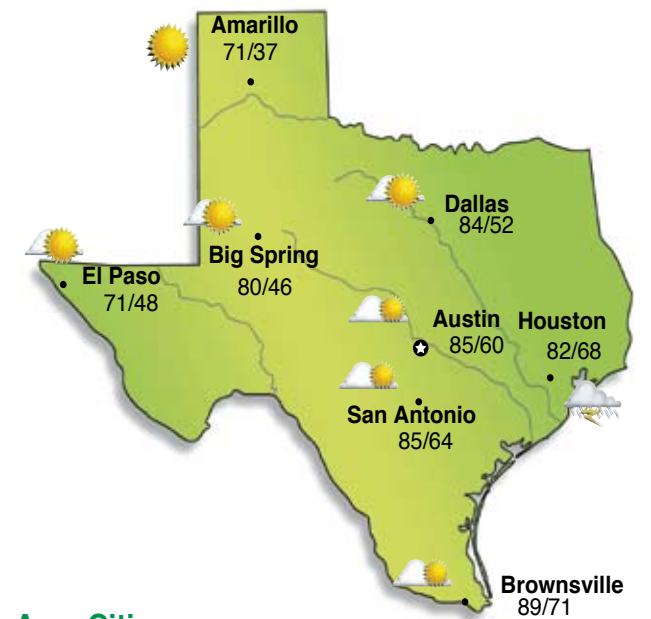
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 11/17	Mon 11/18	Tue 11/19
80/46	71/49	68/53
Plentiful sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High around 80F. Winds W at 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM
Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunset: 5:44 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	48	mst sunny	Kingsville	89	70	pt sunny
Amarillo	71	37	sunny	Livingston	83	62	t-storm
Austin	85	60	pt sunny	Longview	81	52	pt sunny
Beaumont	81	68	t-storm	Lubbock	76	40	sunny
Brownsville	89	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	61	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	50	mst sunny	Midland	78	48	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	83	70	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	83	52	mst sunny	Rosenberg	82	69	t-storm
Dallas	84	52	mst sunny	San Antonio	85	64	pt sunny
Del Rio	85	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	85	60	pt sunny
El Paso	71	48	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	50	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	80	52	mst sunny	Sweetwater	81	47	mst sunny
Gainesville	81	47	mst sunny	Tyler	82	53	pt sunny
Greenville	82	48	mst sunny	Weatherford	83	48	mst sunny
Houston	82	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	79	45	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	61	rain	Minneapolis	48	27	rain
Boston	60	54	cloudy	New York	63	59	cloudy
Chicago	64	38	t-storm	Phoenix	72	52	sunny
Dallas	84	52	mst sunny	San Francisco	63	50	sunny
Denver	52	32	mst sunny	Seattle	47	41	rain
Houston	82	68	t-storm	St. Louis	71	41	t-storm
Los Angeles	65	52	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	63	cloudy
Miami	84	72	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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Sun 11/17	Mon 11/18	Tue 11/19
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• **Adopt a Military Hero**, Howard County's Christmas 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 adoptmilitaryhero@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.



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Members of the Allegro Chorale perform Friday night in the First Presbyterian Church chapel. The group is under the direction of Dr. Cory Alexander of UTPB.

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Calif. boy with leukemia wows crowds as 'Batkid'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 5-year-old Northern California boy who has battled leukemia for years became a darling of social media and attracted thousands of fans at home and around the country — including the president — as he took on the persona of his favorite superhero.

Dressed in Batman's signature cape and mask, Miles Scott faced foe after foe around San Francisco on Friday, drawing huge crowds and fulfilling his greatest wish in the process.

The White House sent out a tweet encouraging Batkid to "Go get 'em!" and in a video recording, President Barack Obama said, "Way to go, Miles! Way to save Gotham!"

Batkid was called into service by Police Chief Greg Suhr and spent the day zooming from one

"crime scene" to the next. Accompanied by an adult Batman impersonator, Batkid rescued a damsel in distress from cable car tracks, captured the Riddler as he robbed a bank, and saved the San Francisco Giants mascot — Lou Seal — from the Penguin's clutches.

Miles was able to fulfill his wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the city and volunteers who stepped forward to help.

Batkid had a police escort worthy of a dignitary as he sped around the city in a black Lamborghini with Batman decals, with officers blocking traffic and riding alongside him on motorcycles.

He was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 18 months old. He ended chemotherapy treatments in June and is now in remission.

Obamas, Clintons to visit JFK gravesite

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will visit John F. Kennedy's gravesite and honor two of Kennedy's lasting initiatives as the nation observes the 50th anniversary of his assassination in the coming week.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, will be accompanied by former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, at a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Also that day, Obama will be joined by scores of prominent Americans who have received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in paying tribute to Kennedy's legacy.

Kennedy established the modern version of the medal, the highest award the U.S. bestows on civilians, in the months before his death. He was killed two weeks before he planned to honor the inaugural

group of recipients, and it fell to President Lyndon Johnson to preside over the ceremony at the White House on the day Kennedy's family was moving out.

Since then more than 500 have received the medal.

Obama will present the award Wednesday to the 2013 recipients, including Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, the late astronaut Sally Ride, women's rights activist Gloria Steinem, baseball Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, country music singer Loretta Lynn and 10 others.

On Wednesday evening, Obama plans a speech on Kennedy's legacy of service with a dinner at the Smithsonian American History Museum attended by current and past recipients of the medal, including baseball's Hank Aaron, astronaut Buzz Aldrin, singer Aretha Franklin, economist Alan Greenspan, activ-

ist Jesse Jackson and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kennedy's grandson, Jack Schlossberg, is to introduce Obama at the dinner. Other Kennedy members plan to attend, including Robert Kennedy's daughter Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and former diplomat Jean Kennedy Smith, a former medal winner and John Kennedy's last surviving sibling.

Friday marks 50 years to the day since Kennedy was killed by a gunman in Dallas. Obama will meet privately at the White House that day with leaders and volunteers from the Peace Corps program Kennedy established.

Details of Obama's plans were provided by the White House to The Associated Press.

The Clintons' presence at the eternal flame where Kennedy is buried is sure to spark speculation about whether Obama has a favorite in

the 2016 race to succeed him.

For Hillary Clinton, his former secretary of state, her every move is examined for signs of whether she'll run. Vice President Joe Biden, another potential candidate, plans to be at the medal ceremony and dinner but will not be at the grave.

President Harry Truman established an early version of the Medal of Freedom in 1945 to recognize those whose actions overseas advanced the national security of the United States or its allies, but it also could be bestowed by other top U.S. officials.

By executive order in February 1963, Kennedy made bestowing the Medal of Freedom a presidential privilege and expanded its scope to honor contributions to world peace, culture and other public interests.

According to the

White House, Kennedy announced the inaugural list of 31 awardees on July 4, 1963, selecting opera singers, diplomats, academics and civic leaders. The medal design was finalized in the fall, and a ceremony was scheduled for Dec. 6. On Nov. 21, the day before the assassination, Kennedy's special assistant forwarded a request to have the Marine String Orchestra play at the awards reception.

Johnson decided to move forward with the lunchtime ceremony in the State Dining Room and surprised the dignitaries in attendance by adding Kennedy and the recently deceased Pope John XXIII as posthumous recipients.

"In the shattering sequence of events that began 14 days ago, we encountered in its full horror man's capacity for hatred and destruction," Johnson said at the ceremony. "There

is little we do not know of evil, but it is time to turn once more to the pursuits of honor and excellence and of achievement that have always marked the true direction of the American people."

Jacqueline Kennedy declined Johnson's plans to also award a medal to her.

TOUR

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as they cross the country.

"We decided we'd just do this on our own," Perez said. "Basically, we go from show to show for our expenses."

"It keeps us open to the spontaneity of what comes our way," Motz

added.

While they say reaction to the project has been overwhelmingly positive, there have been a few rough spots in the road.

"In one town in New Mexico, they basically threatened us with severe bodily harm," Perez said. "So we packed up and left right way. Some towns have been very open to (the proj-

ect), and others basically want nothing to do with us."

The duo say Big Spring has fallen into the "open" side of the equation.

"We are absolutely loving Big Spring," Perez said. "The people here have just been unbelievably friendly."

Perez and Motz act as their own camera crew,

filming and editing their experiences as they go. Fifteen-minute "teasers" of their proposed show will be shown on the internet at www.projecthighway.net, Perez said.

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J.D. "Jake" Hyden, 84, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Stephanie Shea Powell, 40, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. today at Spring Tabernacle.

Felix Anguiano, 48, died Thursday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Elvira Hilario, 78, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Tricia Tompkins, 41, of Big Spring, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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DAILY PRAYER

Teach us again, oh Lord, to look before we leap.

Amen

A love affair with a house

Our house sits on the edge of a canyon. Just beyond is a mountain, the home of Scenic Mountain State Park. The house is situated such that at the summer equinox, a stream of sunlight comes down our entrance walkway and sends a shaft of light exactly in the center of the front door. In the fall, the bright gold of sunset drifts through the trees, creating dark shadows on the green grass.

It truly has a magical feel to it. We moved into the house on Nov. 2, 1971, and it has always been special to us. We are the second owners of the house. Dr. Milton Talbot, who was our pediatrician, commissioned the house, which was completed in 1960.

Milton was president of the Big Spring Little Theater, and I was involved with that group. Occasionally, he would have a theater board meeting in his house. The first time I was in the house I couldn't believe a place like this existed in Big Spring. I fell instantly in love with it. I was a bachelor then, fairly new in town and wasn't making much money.

The house was designed by Harwell Harris, who Frank Lloyd Wright called "the only other great architect besides myself." Harris put the front door as close to the center of the house as possible, utilizing a long walkway to the entrance door, often with a garden or lily pond beside it. Other design elements in Harris's homes are floor to ceiling sliding glass doors in all the rooms, wide overhanging eaves all around the house, indirect lighting throughout the house and built in furniture.

Years passed. I got married, became a father and got busy with my career. The Talbots moved to Austin and the house stood vacant for a year. Apparently nobody wanted a California-style house with a Japanese garden. In 1971, my wife and I were considering building a house. We looked at land east of town where a friend had seven acres of land for sale.

I put a check in my pocket and we went there to buy it. But we learned that the land had a gas line running beneath it and we decided not to buy the property. Instead, we went straight to the realtor's office and made a down payment on the Talbot house.

It was a big financial move for us and we worked hard to get the house paid for in five years.

Our two sons grew up playing in the canyon. It has two

caves, Lemon Cave and Rabbit Ears, which provided many adventures for young boys. They would leave in the morning and come back only for meals.

Our deck hovers dramatically over the drop-off of land. The sliding glass doors bring the outside in and the house is perfectly adapted to its setting.

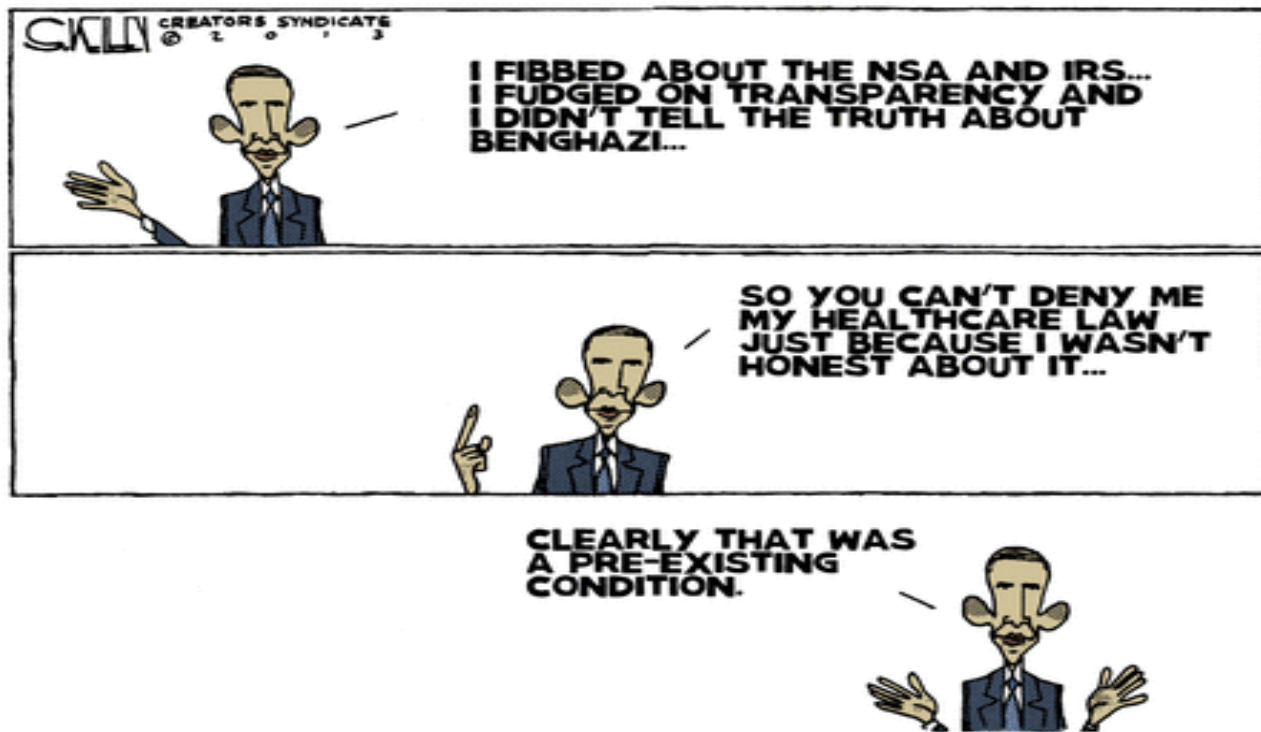
It sits below street level and juniper cedar lines the driveway. Oak, pecan and elm trees surround the house. A lacebark elm sits in a tree well off the dining room. Its graceful leaves and branches add much to the view at mealtimes.

Since 70 percent of the outside walls are glass doors, there is a constantly changing show of light and shadow.

I take many pictures of the house because I see new angles and views daily. "Ranch House," an architectural publication, did an article on the house.

I feel so lucky to be living in a home that we love. The Talbots loved it, too, and their children often inquire about it or come by to see it.

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Some musings in November

It is, by many measures, the most delicious season. The general populace — both serious diners and others in the amateur ranks—dream of Thanksgiving dinners. They waken salivating, comforted by assurances that within hours — or certainly days — aromas wafting from ovens are announcement enough that turkeys and other holiday fare will soon be served.

For the sports-minded, the November scene is likewise heralded, and for the hardcore fan, it is might near as sacred. It is the "put up or shut up" time for contenders, and "wait'll next year" cries for pretenders.

And it is a month — like all the rest, really — when our minds must make room for unexpected news, sports or otherwise. Much of it makes us weep, or at the very least, shake our heads in disbelief...

Who could have dreamed, pray tell, that "bullying," a topic painted vividly in bold type and big headlines — would rear its angry noggin in professional football locker rooms?

NFL brass will try to extinguish this ugly fire as quickly as Red Adair took on oil rig blow-outs. Some of 'em mutter that their plates are full. They really don't have time to handle media hordes clamoring for more details about locker room shenanigans AND football head injuries.

The late Abe Lemons—colorful collegiate basketball coach for

almost a half-century known as much for his gentle humor as he was for coaching—would have had a field day coining one-liners. Some of 'em apply to sports; all of 'em can help us keep life in perspective.

The NFL brouhaha reminds us that Lemons had the rare ability to keep life well-ordered. Those who knew him best say World War II experiences helped him greatly in the arrangement of his priorities. The jagged edges of war helped him remember that games are indeed just games. We could hope that something short of war would serve the same purposes today.

Lemons opined one day that if he were allowed to add two staff positions, he probably wouldn't add more coaches. He figured better hires would be a hairdresser and a psychologist.

What would he suggest today? Maybe tattoo artist, jeweler or interpreter? The philosophical mentor's comments are worth researching. He compared coaching and medicine, saying that when a coach finishes last in the league race, he's called "an idiot." And when a guy finishes last in medical school, he's called "doctor."

Baylor University faithful are still pinching themselves, just to make sure football fortunes introduced by Coach Art Briles are real.

Even the most ardent are in various shock stages that the Bears are now 8-0, and one of four undefeated major college teams in the country. One fan bragged — of all things — of gratefulness for Daylight Savings Time. "It gave us an additional hour to brag," he joked.

Earlier this month, my 101-year-old Uncle Mort provided a sage comment about Baylor football. "For at least a century, the Bears have been much involved in 'bell-ringing' on the football field. What the Bears are trying to get used to now is being the clapper."

Coaches remind fans to get over games completed, won or lost, and to "press on" to the next game on the schedule.

Baylor fans won't soon forget the Bears' dominance of Oklahoma. One crowd that the sun still came up in the Sooner State the next day, but it was an hour late. And the wind did a mild sweep across the plain, but missed its cue, arriving before the rain.

The groan of one disappointed OU fan is worth repeating: "I was so disgusted that when it was obvious on TV that things were only going to get worse in the second half, I changed channels to watch Billy Graham."

Through it all, thousands of people — far in excess of the number of seats in old Baylor Stadium — will one day tell their grandchildren stories about the game. "I was there," they'll claim.

In lean years up the way, they'll boast about how good things were "when Art Briles was here."

That's what they said about another coaching legend, Grant Teaff. He, like Briles, proved that Baylor University can sometimes be the clapper in gridiron bell-ringing.

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Letters to the Editor

Switching parties

TO THE EDITOR:
On the front page of the Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, edition of the Big Spring Herald, I read the following: "All of those who have filed (for public office) have done so with the Republican Party. County Judge Mark Barr, who is seeking another term, will have an opponent in Kathryn Wiseman." Although the impact of this statement was subtle, it is no less significant!

Democrat Judge Mark Barr is now filing to run for re-election as a Republican? This information was confirmed to me by the acting Howard County Republican Party Chairman Ron Farquhar and Howard County elections administrator Saundra Bloom. Indeed, Howard County Judge Mark Barr is "switching parties."

Having been acquainted with Judge Barr over several decades, I have known him and his family by reputation to be supporters of the Democratic Party. He ran for

election and re-election as a Democrat for county judge in 2006 and 2010. So, why the change at this time to the Republican Party? Does he now profess the platform of the Republican Party, or is this a matter of political expediency?

I would hope that the Herald along with other news media in Big Spring would ask these questions of the Howard County judge. I look forward to reading the judge's comments about his political party change. If he does honestly support the platform of the Republican Party, those of us in Howard County who have faithfully worked for conservative candidates with conservative values welcome him.

SUZANNE HANEY

Social imbeciles

TO THE EDITOR:
I write to present some observations that are serious concerns, the increasing stupidity of drivers. I cannot believe the increase in the number of them.

Going to Midland

twice in the past two months, I saw this twice: In the left passing lane, a pickup truck was behind a car, and when each car pulled into the right lane, the pickup truck bumped the rear bumper of the car as he went on around the car in the left lane.

Then, two days ago, a pickup truck followed meso closely in the exit ramp off the loop to Gregg Street that I could not see but his windshield in my rear window.

The yesterday, driving back from Colorado City, this takes the cake: Two 18-wheelers passed me in the left lane, and a pickup truck was behind the second 18-wheeler. He was following the 18-wheeler so closely that the entire front hood of the pickup truck was under the rear of the 18-wheeler's trailer.

As a social worker, I have seen to hundreds of inservices to maintain my license, and one



of the inservices was presented by a Ph.D professor in criminology at Texas Tech.

"Nothing works," she said, "on preventing crime."

It has been my conclusion before, and her presentation affirmed my opinion.

I have a wonderful lady

friend who has been all over the world on tours. There is one country to which toured, Singapore, and learned there is almost no crime in that country. Jaywalkers are taken straight to prison.

I suggest in my letter that there is a new breed increasing on our

streets and highways. They are incapable of good judgement and endanger our lives. Our law enforcement, our legislators and our public mindset is incapable of dealing with this new breed of social imbeciles.

ORAND CARROLL
BIG SPRING

Sudoku Answer on Page 5C

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Head-in-the-Sand Approach

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A J 8 6
♥ 9 8 7 5 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 3
WEST
♠ 10 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 2
♦ J
♣ A J 9 6
EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ 6 4
♦ K 10 9 8 7
♣ Q 8 5 2
SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 4
♥ J
♦ A 6 5 4 3
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Dble Pass Pass
Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.
When you play in a doubled contract, you sometimes have to decide how far to go to try to make your bid, and how far to go to try to minimize the loss.
Here is a sad case where the declarer, in a reckless display of total obliviousness, lost control of the hand and took a bad beating as a result.
West made a takeout double of the opening diamond bid, and East not unreasonably elected to leave the double in. West led the king of hearts and shifted to the jack of diamonds.
Declarer covered the jack with dummy's queen and took East's king

with the ace. South promptly returned a diamond, hoping to dispose of the adverse trumps so that he could cash his spade tricks.
The idea of drawing trumps was greeted with enthusiastic approval by East, who proceeded to extract them all. West, in the meantime, discarded three spades and a heart.
East then made the fine play of shifting to the queen of clubs, trapping South's king. The defenders thereupon collected four clubs and three hearts to bring about a six-trick defeat, which came to a tidy 1,700 points.
Of course, penalties of this magnitude are almost always traceable to malfeasance in office, and this hand is no exception. Aside from the fact that a spade contract by North-South would have been far superior, the matter of declarer's line of play at one diamond doubled left a great deal to be desired.
The fact that East had left the double in made it a virtual certainty that he had started with five trumps. Warned by the bidding what to expect, South should have gone all out to minimize the damage.
After winning the ace of diamonds, he should have started cashing his spades instead of leading a trump. By playing this way, he could have assured scoring five tricks to hold himself to a modest set. As it was, though, all he scored was the ace of trumps.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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The GEO Group and the staff of the Big Spring Correctional Center would like to thank the participants of the Veteran's Day 5K Run/Walk who showed their support on November 11, 2013 for the men and women of our Armed Services and The Wounded Warriors Project. In the words of President Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it onto our children in the bloodstream; it must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same."

The GEO Group and Big Spring Correctional Center are truly blessed to be part of a community so supportive of those who have served this great Nation and those who have been injured answering the call of duty. We were overwhelmed at the interest and support from the community and sponsors while organizing this event. On behalf of The GEO Group and the Big Spring Correctional Center, I thank you for making this a successful event and we hope to make this an annual event every Veteran's Day.

In closing, Congressman Neugebauer was once quoted as saying, "While only one day of the year is solely dedicated to honoring our veterans, Americans must never forget the sacrifices that many of our fellow countrymen have made to defend our country and protect our freedoms."

In addition to the Big Spring Correctional Center staff/volunteers, we would like to recognize and thank the following sponsors and Agencies:

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► Odds and Ends

Montana baby born on 11-12-13 at 14:15

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Nicollette Brynn Anders was born just in time.

Little Nicollette came into the world at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday at Community Medical Center in Missoula, Mont., meaning she was born on 11-12-13 at 14:15 in military time.

Proud dad Mark Anders tells the Missoulian (<http://bit.ly/1bAaZpO>) that's just when she showed up.

The doctors induced labor Tuesday morning, and mom Amanda Anders says they were aware of the potential 11-12-13 birthdate, but didn't realize they might possibly have the 14:15 until about 10 minutes before Nicollette was born.

Nicollette weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Wedding rings swapped for Chiefs tickets

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A longtime Kansas City Chiefs fan says he swapped six game tickets for a wedding ring set advertised on Craigslist.

The buyer, 49-year-old Kansas City resident Rusty Jones, said he first learned of the ring offer last week through a story in The Kansas City Star. He contacted the seller, who wanted to swap the rings and surprise a loved one with tickets to the Dec. 1 game at Arrowhead Stadium, The Kansas City Star reported Friday.

The tickets are a hot commodity as the Chiefs have started the season 9-0, and the December home game against Denver could have playoff implications.

A season ticket holder since 1993, Jones said he and his girlfriend had started talking about engagement rings a month ago. He had tickets to offer, though not the club-level seats the seller was seeking. Nonetheless, his offer worked: Four tickets to the Broncos game and two tickets to the Nov. 24 Chargers game, all in section 123 near the end zone.

Jones said the seller lost his contact information and ended up reposting the Craigslist ad. He reached out again and made a deal.

The rings, which the newspaper said were from the seller's previous marriage, were appraised at \$2,800.

The seller has asked to remain anonymous to avoid spoiling the surprise.

Chicago mayor, comic engage over deep-dish diss

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's mayor has delivered a message to comedian Jon Stewart: Don't diss his city's

prized pizza.

Stewart denounced Chicago deep-dish pizza on "The Daily Show" this week as "an above-ground marinara swimming pool for rats."

His feigned tirade began during a Wednesday segment about hard feelings over North America's tallest building, a title heading to New York from Chicago.

The diss didn't sit well with pie-loving Chicagoans.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office sent an anchovy-covered "real pizza" to "The Daily Show" with a note that said: "Jon, Deep Dish With Dead Fish. Love, Rahm."

Stewart's staff wasn't impressed. A video clip on the show's Twitter page shows a dog sniffing the pizza before walking away.

An Emanuel spokeswoman noted that the pizzas in question actually were made in New York.

Man charged with driving BMW down 'Rocky' steps

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police have charged a 20-year-old man with reckless endangerment for allegedly driving his car down the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps made famous by the movie "Rocky."

Police say 20-year-old Emin Faki told them the brakes on the car failed and he couldn't stop it. Police had the BMW checked out and filed the criminal charge.

The Oct. 24 stunt was recorded by onlookers who posted videos online.

KYW-TV reports that Faki surrendered Thursday. Online court records show he was arraigned early Friday and applied for a public defender, though one hasn't been assigned.

A judge ordered Faki to appear for a preliminary hearing Dec. 18 — and to stay away from the museum in the meantime.

Cops: Pa. man stole backhoe, drove miles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Pennsylvania man has been jailed on charges he stole a \$125,000 backhoe from a suburban construction site then drove it about 30 miles to a scrapyards in Philadelphia where he intended to sell it.

Police estimate it would have taken 33-year-old William Michael Pusey about 2½ hours to make the trip to Philadelphia from Shainline Excavat-



Courtesy photo

Kenichi Ito holds the world's record running on his arms and legs.

ing of Phoenixville, where the backhoe was stolen Sunday.

State police say the backhoe's owner was able to locate it because of a global-positioning device in it. Police say Pusey was arrested in Philadelphia where he had heard someone wanted to buy a backhoe.

Court records don't list an attorney for Pusey, of Columbia, who has been returned to the Lancaster County Prison because he faces an outstanding unrelated arrest warrant for theft there.

Man runs on arms and legs to new record

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese man who runs on his arms and legs broke his own Guinness world record for the 100-meter dash on Thursday.

Kenichi Ito finished in 16.87 seconds, shaving more than half a second off his 2012 run of 17.47 seconds.

The 30-year-old Japanese has been training for a decade. He studies how primates move through books, videos

and zoo visits, and even tries to move on all fours in his everyday life.

Ito hopes racing on four limbs will one day become an official track and field event.

Carlos Martinez, an official adjudicator for Guinness World Records, was on hand to witness the attempt and announced afterward that Ito had set a record.

Span could be named Lisa Simpson Bridge

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The TriMet transit agency is giving Portlanders a chance to name the new car-free bridge over the Willamette River.

Submissions are being accepted on the TriMet website until Dec. 1.

KGW reports some suggestions so far are to name the span after street musician "Working" Kirk Reeves who died about a year ago; or Abigail Scott Duniway, who fought for the right of women in Oregon to vote; or cartoon character Lisa Simpson.

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REVENUES

Local and Intermediate Sources	\$10,228,105
State Program Revenues	866,461
Federal Program Revenues	265,020
Total Revenues	11,359,586

EXPENDITURES

Current:	
Instruction	3,333,157
Instruction Resources & Media Services	52,700
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	53,475
School Leadership	419,190
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	123,951
Health Services	46,931
Student Transportation	321,455
Food Services	469,215
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	425,602
General Administration	407,539
Plant Maintenance & Operations	694,632
Security & Monitoring Services	17,748
Data Processing Services	298,711
Community Services	7,714
Debt Service:	
Principal On Long-Term Debt	335,000
Interest On Long-Term Debt	68,786
Bond Issuance Cost & Fees	322,116
Capital Outlay:	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,811,261
Intergovernmental:	
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	2,496,625
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	94,076
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	6,000
Other Intergovernmental Charges	82,607
Total Expenditures	11,888,491
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues over(Under) Expenditures	(528,905)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):

Refunding Bonds Issued	2,285,000
Capital related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	22,660,000
Transfers In	106,534
Premium or Discount on issuance of Bonds	1,656,181
Transfers Out (Use)	(106,534)
Payment of Bond Refunding Escrow Agent (Use)	(2,484,010)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	24,117,171

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Chapter 313 PILOT Revenue	841,585
Chapter 313 Tax Credit Payment	(233,771)
Net Change in Fund Balance	24,196,080
Fund Balance - Sept 1 (Beginning)	6,857,905
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(20,244)
Fund Balance - Aug 31 (Ending)	\$31,033,741

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GOP sees health care law as big 2014 opportunity

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON — In his West Virginia district, the TV ads attacking Democratic Rep. Nick Rahall over the calamitous startup of President Barack Obama's health care law have already begun.

The 19-term veteran, a perennial target in a GOP-shifting state, is among many in the president's party who have recited to constituents Obama's assurance that they could keep insurance coverage they liked under the 2010 overhaul. That has proved untrue for several million Americans, igniting a public uproar that has forced Obama to reverse himself on part of the law and sent many Democrats scrambling into political self-preservation mode ahead of next year's midterm elections.

On Friday, Rahall was among 39 Democrats who, despite an Obama veto threat, voted for a GOP measure that would let insurers continue selling policies to individuals that fall short of the health care law's requirements. It was approved 261-157.

"I'm concerned about my integrity with voters who have returned me here 38 years. They know me enough to know I wouldn't purposely mislead them," Rahall said this week. "They have that confidence in me, and I want them to continue to have that confidence in me."

Republicans are emboldened by Obama's reversal and the Democrats' scramble for cover. They are already compiling lists of dozens of Senate and House Democrats like Rahall who, in video clips and written statements, have parroted Obama's pledge that voters' existing coverage would not be annulled.

"There's nothing more damaging than when your word is devalued

and people think they were misled," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., who heads the National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, the House GOP's campaign arm. "And especially damaging is when it actually affects you and your family. So in terms of degree of impact, this is off the Richter scale."

Top Democrats, who need to gain 17 seats to retake the House majority, scoff that next November's elections are far off. They say by then, the health care law will be to their advantage because it will be working well.

Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., who leads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said his party will focus the campaign on the economy, Democratic efforts to fix it and the GOP's preference for cutting Medicare and granting tax breaks to the wealthy.

The Republican emphasis on the health care law's problems "from a partisan perspective gins up the Republican base. But it alienates independent and moderate voters," said Israel, who said those voters "are more interested in solutions."

Other Democrats agree that plenty can change in a year but concede that the issue poses problems.

Martin Frost, a former Texas Democratic congressman who headed the House Democratic campaign committee, said many people still may lose their coverage because state officials have ample power over insurers. And he said the Obama administration cannot allow additional foul-ups.

"If I were still in Congress, I'd be concerned," Frost said.

Sensing an edge, the GOP plans to cut commercials featuring Democrats' promises that people could keep their health insurance.

They are already emailing press releases to reporters attacking Democrats on the issue.

"With Obamacare proving to be a total disaster — from the botched website to the broken promises — it's no surprise that Barber is now desperate to hide his support," said one GOP release distributed in the district of freshman Rep. Ron Barber, D-Ariz.

Republicans are aiming similar attacks against Democrats challenging GOP incumbents, urging reporters to ask them their views on the health care law.

America Rising, a GOP political action committee that compiles research on opposition candidates, is collecting video of Democrats' comments on the law. And some conservative groups are already running television spots, with Americans for Prosperity airing ads attacking Rahall and Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., while defending Rep. Dan Benishek, R-Mich., for opposing the law.

"It forces thousands to lose the plans they love and the doctors they know," says the 30-second spot running on television and radio in Rahall's West Virginia district.

Barber, the Arizona Democrat, also voted for the Republican bill. He said he believes that eventually, people will be able to keep the plans they want and the government's troubled health care website will be fixed.

"If that gets resolved satisfactorily, I think it will be less of an issue than it is today. That's why you have to take the long view," said Barber.

Though Democrats opposed the House GOP bill 153-39, Friday's vote underscored the pressure they feel over canceled policies.

The health care law let insurers cancel some

existing coverage that lacked the improved features now required. More than 4 million policyholders have received termination letters from their carriers, according to an Associated Press tally.

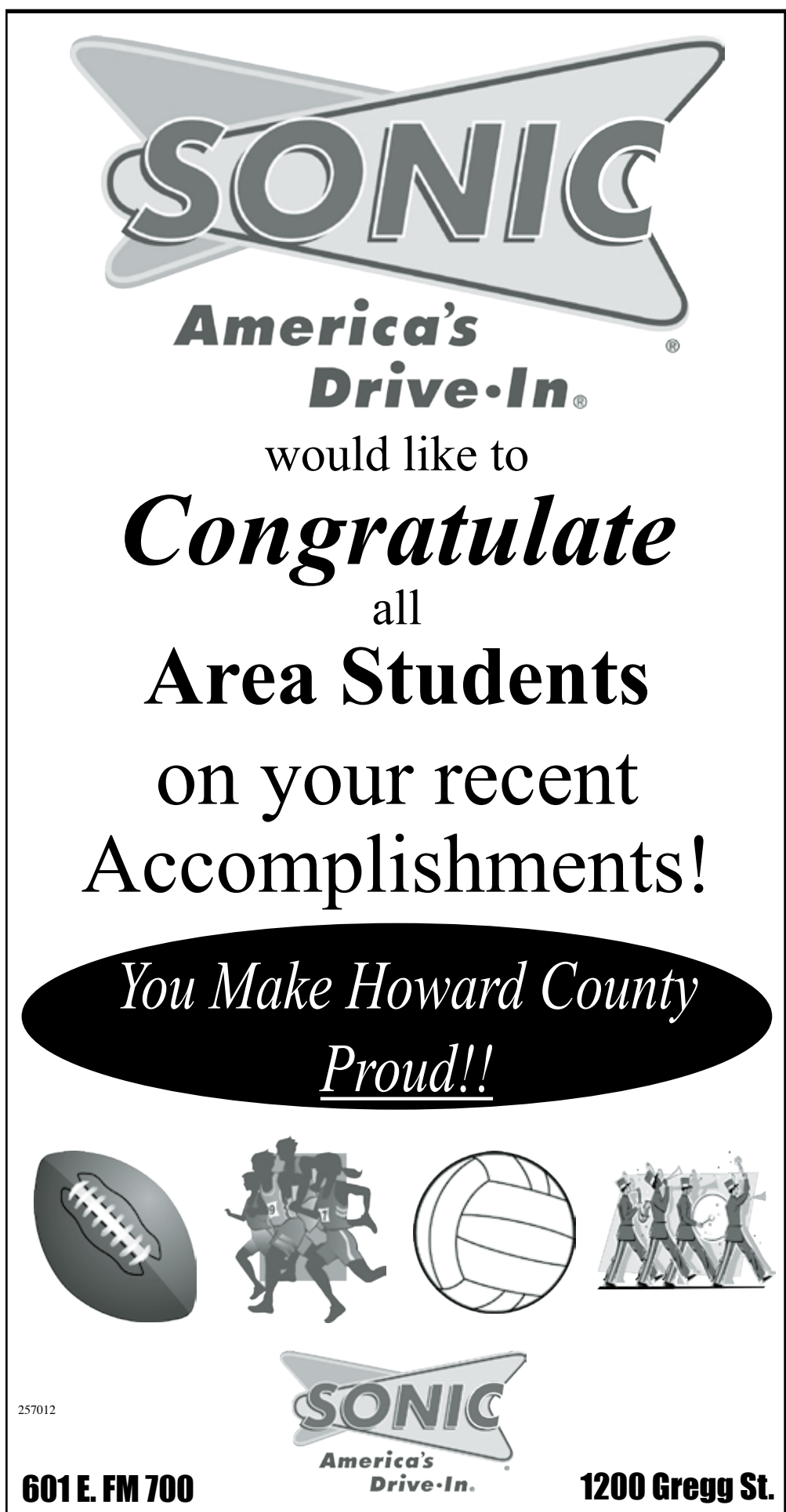
Feeling public heat, Obama on Thursday took administrative ac-

tion to let insurers continue current plans for a year.

He took the blame for the confusion, saying, "That's on me," not congressional Democrats. House Democratic leaders told reporters later that day that they had nothing to apologize for.

Even so, most House Democrats felt Obama's action was not enough and demanded a vote on a Democratic proposal.


"They want to be on record," said Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa. "Members are not judged by administrative fixes. Members are judged by their voting records."



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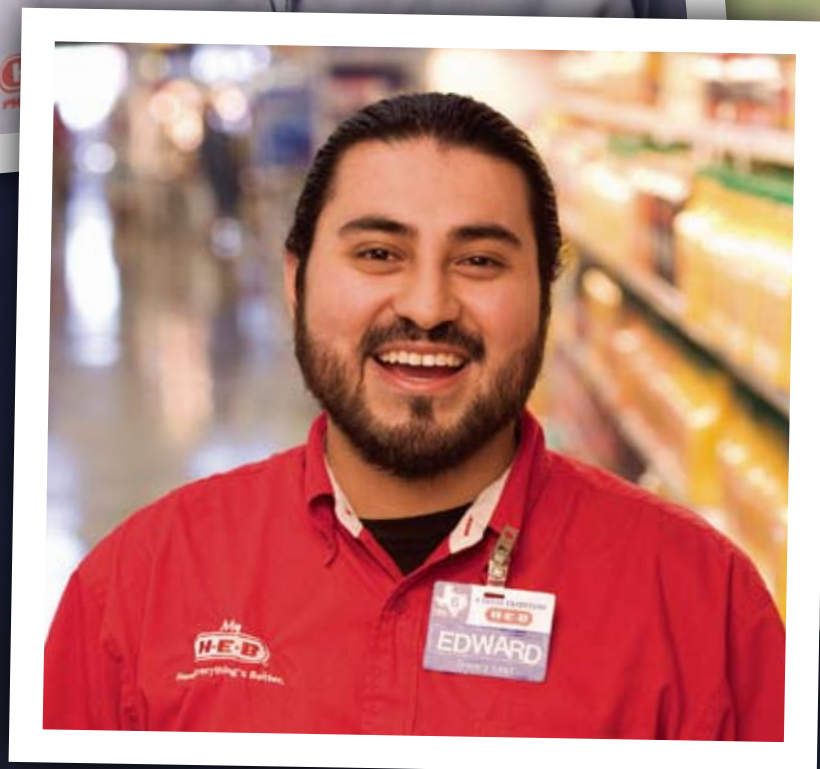
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Bi-district champs!

Steers decimate Fabens 61-21, advance to area round

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

PECOS — In a display of sheer domination, Big Spring (8-3) defeated Fabens (4-7) 61-21 at Eagle Stadium Friday, earning the bi-district championship for the first time since 2009.

There were no pivotal moments which served as turning points in momentum — the Steers simply

dominated in all phases of the game from the opening kickoff, amassing more than 650 yards of total offense while keeping the Wildcats stymied with smothering defense.

After losing 31-0 to Monahans in the final week of the regular season and missing out on a district title, Head Coach Phillip Ritchey said the defeat may have been what the Steers needed prior to the postseason.

“I think a lot of it was, Monahans got our attention,” Ritchey explained. “We didn’t play well, for whatever reason. I don’t know if we thought we could just walk out there and win, but we played like a different team (Friday).”

Tobyn Tannehill connected with Tate Kennedy for three of Big Spring’s six first half touchdowns. Tannehill ran one into the end zone from 16

yards on a keeper, Matt Yanez caught a 14-yard pass for another score and Hunter Hill burned the Wildcats for an 86-yard touchdown run to take a 41-0 lead by halftime.

Fabens only breached the Steers’ 20-yard line once in the first half, while BSHS wasn’t forced to punt it away until midway through the

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/www.claxtonphotography.com

Victorious Steers (8-3) reach for a piece of the bi-district trophy Friday after advancing to the area round with a 61-21 win over Fabens.



Lady Steers rally past Springtown, will face Wylie for regional title

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SNYDER — The Lady Steers (30-13) rallied Friday at the Coliseum after falling in the first two sets to top Springtown (32-8) 22-25, 19-25, 25-17, 25-16, 15-13, claiming the regional semifinal championship in the process.

The win also set up a chance at redemption against District 4-3A rival Wylie (32-9), which is back No. 4 in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. A win would crown Big Spring the regional champions and set up a state title run.

Wylie defeated Big Spring in both outings during district play, but the Lady Steers have been peaking. They avenged a pair of losses to Monahans in the area round to reach the regional tournament.

Big Spring was led by Morgan Seaton, who contributed 23 assists, 15 kills and 13 digs. Julianna Rodriguez recorded 23 digs and Erin Pollard added

16 kills in the comeback win. Results from Saturday’s regional championship game will be printed in Monday’s edition of the *Herald*.

Individual stats

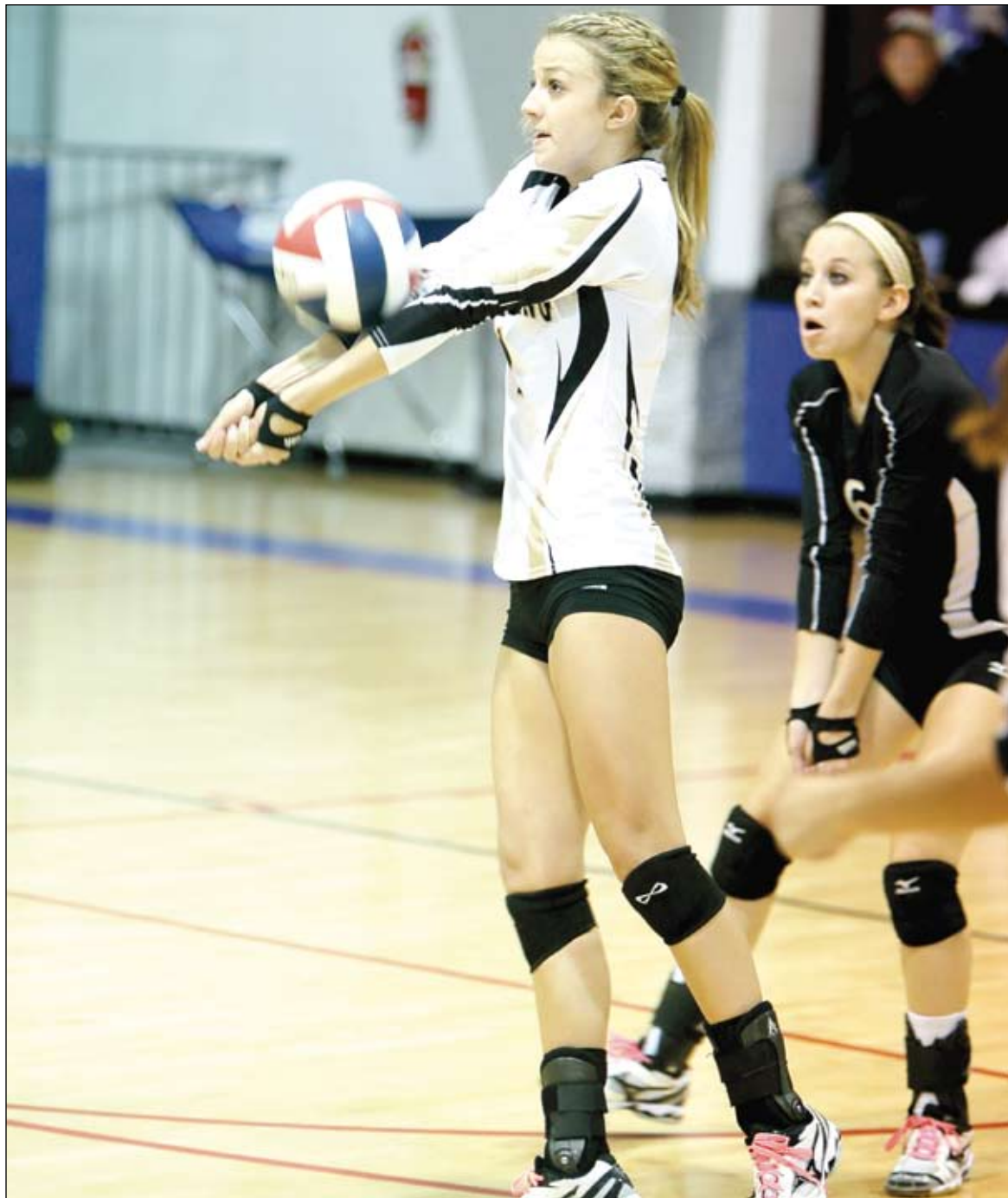
Setters: M. Seaton, 23 assists, 15 kills, 13 digs, 4 blocks, 2 aces; Kinsey Wash, 23 assists, 6 digs.

Defense: J. Rodriguez, 23 digs, 3 aces, 2 assists; Stevi Ward, 12 digs, 8 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace.

Offense: E. Pollard, 16 kills, 3 digs, 1 block, 1 assist; Ebony Zavala, 11 kills, 15 digs, 2 blocks, 1 ace; Kelsie Guinn, 7 kills, 4 blocks, 1 dig.

Other: Tulsi Patel, 3 assists, 2 digs, 1 block; Emilie Smith, 2 assists, 1 dig.

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Big Spring’s Stevi Ward passes the ball to a teammate while Julianna Rodriguez backs her up during last week’s game against Monahans. The Lady Steers defeated Springtown Friday to advance to the regional championship match against No. 4 Wylie.



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Forsan falls to Windthorst 20-14

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — It was a hard-fought game, but Forsan (4-7) lost to Windthorst (5-5) 20-14 Friday, ending the Buffaloes' up-and-down season in the bi-district round of the postseason.

The Buffs played well for much of the game, out-gaining Windthorst by more than 100 total yards and led 14-7 at the start of the fourth quarter.

It wasn't a lack of offensive or defensive skill which slowed Forsan down, but errors coming at inopportune times, according to FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips.

"We outplayed them for three quarters, the turnovers and penalties hurt us," he said. "We had better stats, but the penalties definitely hurt us. You can't make those kinds of mistakes in the playoffs. The kids did play very hard."

Among those playing hard was Kade Fannin,

who hauled in a 30-yard pass from Jesse Cervantes. Walker Park was good for a two-point conversion and the reliable Trevor Williams rounded out the Buff's offense with two field goals.

A late score by Windthorst capped the game.

Phillips will be losing valuable seniors such as Fannin and the recently named 'Built Ford Tough Player of the Week', Kolby Self, as well as several others who have started on varsity in recent years.

"A lot of our senior guys are two-year and three-year starters," Phillips said. "One or two started as freshmen. They've helped turn this program around. They've been a huge part of our success. It's a very well-rounded class. They've shown great leadership and have a good work ethic — and they're talented. We're definitely going to miss them."

Boding well for Forsan next year is the amount of playing time underclassmen saw during a midseason stretch marred with injuries.

Sophomore Jesse Cervantes took the reins at QB and finished out the season, giving the young gunslinger a great opportunity to improve for 2014. Walker and Ian Park emerged as explosive players who can fill just about any role.

"We've played a lot of sophomores and juniors this year," Phillips added. "That experience will definitely help us next year."

This year was the third consecutive season Forsan made it to the playoffs, only to lose in the first round. The Buffs didn't have an easy schedule. Two of its four district opponents — Stamford and Anson — are state-ranked teams and three of its six predistrict affairs came against Class 2A programs.

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Crossroads hoops roundup

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Howard College Men

In the first home game of the year for the Howard College men, the Hawks stomped God's Academy 108-69. Now 6-0, the still undefeated Hawks played another home game Saturday against Richland College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Results will be reported in Monday's Herald.

Howard College Women

The Lady Hawks picked up a 47-42 road win over Ranger College Friday. Howard College (6-2) will be making the trek to Victoria when it resumes play next Saturday.

Big Spring

The Lady Steers edged a scrappy Lamesa 33-30 Friday, improving their record to 3-0 on the season.

Returning star Dyrshae Vanderbilt led BSHS with 17 points. Autumn Minter added 5, Diamonique Mayes chipped in 4, Martha Lewis had 3 and Shawntee Lacy and Alexis Cansino each put up two.

The Lady Steers will be on the road Tuesday as they take on Andrews at 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma

The Bulldogettes are looking good at 3-1. The most recent win came against Rotan Friday, as Coahoma bullied the Lady Yellowjackets, 52-24.

Savannah Neff recorded a game-high 24 points, while teammate Julia Castilaw put up 14. Kyla Clanton contributed 8 and Rylie Jacobs, McClayne Holgersen and Alexis Jackson each registered 2.

Coahoma will host Miles on Tuesday.

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Cowboys preaching calmness after pre-bye week blowout

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The last time the Dallas Cowboys were embarrassed on national television on a Sunday night, the head coach was gone the next day.

Jason Garrett will make it through the bye week after a 49-17 loss to New Orleans, preaching the importance of not overreacting to by far his worst game in two-plus years since he was the midseason replacement for Wade Phillips.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is stressing the same thing, leaning on the biggest difference between the two debacles. Three years ago, the Cowboys were a one-win team after a 45-7 loss to Green Bay. This time they have to remind themselves they are 5-5 and tied for the NFC East lead with Philadelphia, the opponent in the season finale.

So Garrett will be on the same sideline where he made his debut in 2010 when the Cowboys visit the New York Giants on Nov. 24, perhaps with an uptick in the urgency in a season

viewed as playoffs-or-bust for Garrett, despite Jones' claims to the contrary.

"Has this been a perfect season up to this point? Absolutely not," Garrett said. "We understand that. Had to deal with some different adversities, had some really good things happen for our team, and we're in the situation that we've earned through 10 weeks of the season. And it's all in front of us and we've got to take advantage of it."

It won't be easy.

The defense is worse than last season even though Jones fired defensive coordinator Rob Ryan and replaced him with Monte Kiffin, hoping a simpler scheme would more easily absorb a heavy dose of injuries.

It hasn't happened. The Cowboys have been decimated on the defensive line this season the same way they were at linebacker a year ago, and they've given up the first two 600-yard games in franchise history the past three weeks.

Drew Brees picked apart Kiffin's zone scheme, while a New Orleans defense revitalized under Ryan led to one of the worst games of Tony Romo's career: just 10 completions for 128 yards. After the game, Jones questioned whether he had done the right thing dumping Ryan and bringing in Kiffin.

"You look at yourself, our whole staff, starting with me," Kiffin said.

Kiffin has to start by finding a middle linebacker to replace Sean Lee for at least one game, perhaps more, after he strained a hamstring early against New Orleans. The Cowboys looked hopeless without him, most notably when the Saints rolled to a touchdown in eight running plays after they had quit throwing because they were so far ahead.

The most likely fill-in is Ernie Sims, an eight-year veteran brought in last year when Lee was lost for the season to a toe injury.

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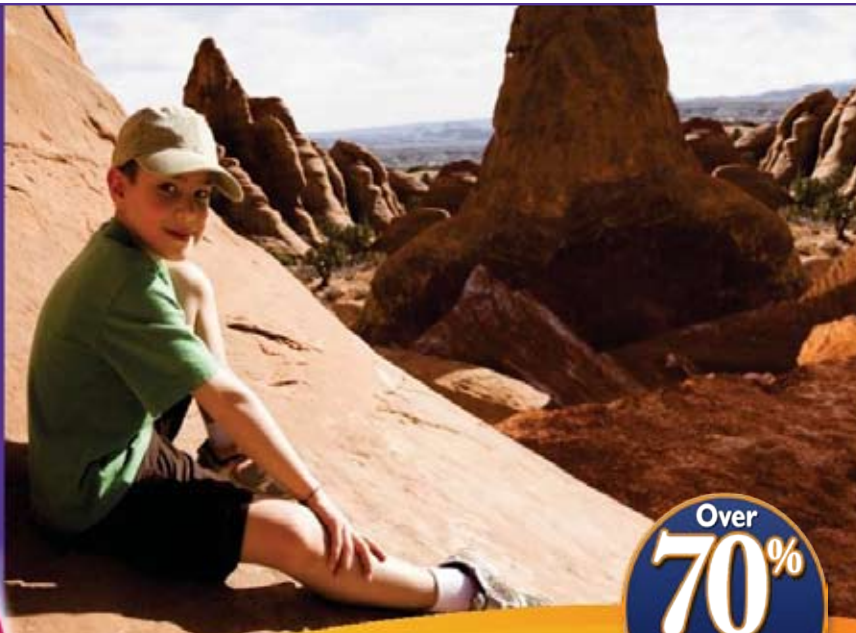
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Several Big Spring players gang up on a Fabens ball carrier to take him down during Friday's 61-21 bi-district win in Pecos. BSHS (8-3) will play either Andrews or Borger in the area round next.

CHAMPS

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third stanza.
Devin Roberson got in on the action after hauling in a 28-yard pass extend the Steers' lead to 48-0.
Fabens did manage to score three TDs of its own — but not until the bulk of Big Spring's starters were standing on the sideline.
"It was good to get those kids some experience on the varsity team," Ritchey said of his decision to pull the starters. "They've worked hard in junior varsity or as a backup on varsity. It gives you a chance to get your starters out and there's

less likelihood of an injury."
Preston Alexander added an 88-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, Hill ran one in from 72 yards with 1:35 left in the game and took a knee before the Steers hoisted a playoff trophy after a four-year drought.
The huge win propelled BSHS to the area round, where the winner of a matchup between Andrews and Borger awaits. The Steers defeated Andrews 61-48 in a predistrict bout and Borger has recorded a 3-7 record.
But anything can happen in the playoffs and Ritchey is focused on keeping his team hun-

"We're going to have to feed off that momentum," Ritchey said. "It's a one-game season now. Football is a game of momentum. We will have to feed off of that week-to-week."
Defenses are often unsung, especially when an offense puts

more than 60 points on the board, but Ritchey cites his D-line as the reason for the Steers' early onslaught.
"You have to give credit to our whole defense," Ritchey added. "They took Fabens out of the game early. That was our plan — to knock

those guys out early. They did an excellent job."
Details regarding the area round will be printed in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.
Individual statistics
Passing: T. Tannehill, 11-16, 242 yards.

Rushing: H. Hill, 9-213; P. Alexander, 11-159, T. Tannehill, 6-50.
Receiving: T. Kennedy, 5-161; D. Roberson, 5-65.
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Rikki and Casey Roberts

Rikki Roberts and Casey Roberts, both of Coahoma, Texas, exchanged wedding vows Aug. 17, 2013, at the The Courtyard in Big Spring.

A reception followed. Rikki attends Howard College and is an employee at BASA Resources Inc.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Deborah Gilbert of Coahoma.

Casey is employed by JWL Well Services and is the son of Troy and Jamie Roberts of Stanton, Texas.

Bridesmaids included Wendy Andersen, Sharada Jones, Keveen Gilbert, Jessica Goodger and Cassidy Haggard.

Groomsmen included Brandon Sanders, Tanner Potter, Travis Roberts, Jalin Gilbert and Kolby Fields.

The couple honeymooned in Fredricksberg, Texas.

Jeannie and James Dunlap

Jeannie Nicole Guzman and James McClean Dunlap, both of Dallas, Texas, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 28, 2013.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Lori Carrillo of Cedar Hill, Texas and Henry Guzman, Jr. of Big Spring, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Elvira Marin and Henry Guzman Sr. and Dora Perches, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Nikki Hamilton and the late Darrell Dunlap.

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6. Trace a 5-inch circle on the back of green cardstock. Cut a petaled flower, using the circle shape as a guide.

Using the green flower as a template, cut two more 5-inch flowers from recycled paper. Attach these to each other with adhesive dots, ruffling, wrinkling and distressing the edges.

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Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, animal crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Sloppy Joe or beef and bean

burrito, broccoli with ranch dressing, garden salad, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, mini corn dogs, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fajitas or turkey and cheese wrap, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken spaghetti or popcorn chicken, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, grape PB&J Uncrustable, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, baja fish sticks or hamburger or

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Monday: Breakfast, apple cinnamon muffin, buttered toast, cereal, chilled apricots, dry cereal variety, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken tenders or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, romaine garden salad with fat free ranch dressing, chilled apricots or seasonal fresh fruit, whole grain roll and apple crisp.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled pears, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, hot ham and cheese on whole grain bun, vegetable beef soup, baked classic chips, Asian sweet and sour chicken, steamed white rice,

egg roll, glazed carrots, Oriental blend vegetables, romaine garden salad with fat free ranch dressing, chilled pineapple tidbits, seasonal fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggstravagant and tater tots, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, cinnamon apple sauce, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Big Daddy whole grain home-style pizza, cheese and pepperoni or Hawaiian, Italian meatball sub, seasonal green beans, orange sweet potatoes, romaine garden salad with fat free ranch dressing, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast on a bun, sausage/egg patty/cheese/whole grain bun, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled strawberries, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Thanks-

giving Dinner, roasted turkey with cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned green beans, candied yams, mixed fruit, apple cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken and sausage gumbo, steamed white rice and crackers, barbecue chicken on whole grain hamburger bun, Baked Lays chips, corn on the cob, steamed broccoli, romaine garden salad with fat

free ranch, chilled tropical fruit or fresh whole fruit.

ed potatoes, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheddar omelet wrap, juice and milk. Lunch, country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese wrap, tortilla chips, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles and sausage, juice and milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices

and breadsticks. Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, bacon, juice and milk. Lunch, hamburger, sweet potato fries, coleslaw and sliced peaches.

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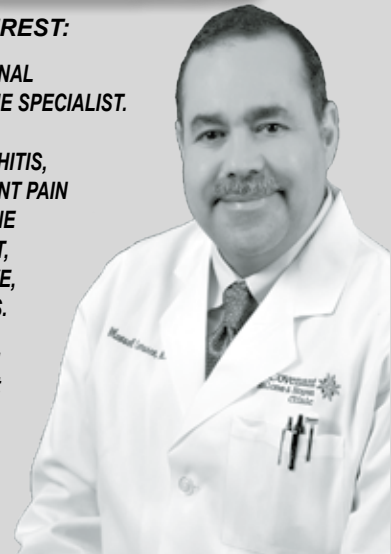
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While some areas of Texas have received adequate rains, many reservoirs — including those in West Texas — are extremely low.

Despite some rains, many reservoirs low

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION — Though many reservoir levels were recharged in the last few months, some remain at critical levels and may soon mean hard choices for municipalities, ac-

ording to a water specialist with the Texas Water Resources Institute and reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

While Central, East and even the Coastal Bend regions have seen

large improvements to reservoir levels, parts of the North Central, Far West, West Central, Southwest and Panhandle regions are still suffering water issues, said Allen Berthold, program specialist with the insti-

In some cases, the available water supply is measured in months, and severe usage restrictions are in place, Berthold said.

“When I talked to county commission-

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful presents the **Doing Your Part Award** to **Vicki and Howard Stewart, 6 Coachman Circle**. Vicki has lived in the residence since childhood, and she and Howard made significant changes to the landscaping due to recent drought conditions. The central part of the yard features a rock garden with desert plants, including *esperanza* and decorative pots. Pictured from left are City Councilman Bobby McDonald; the Stewarts; Jan Hansen, KBSB president; and Tammy DePauw and Sandra Rhodes-Bartlett, committee co-chairmen.

Energy Watch



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Based on this strategist's translation of the press release from last week's Federal Open Market Committee (Fed) monetary policy meeting, our central bankers remain somewhat uncertain over just why the trillions of dollars pumped into the economy over the last few years have not resulted in more growth and job creation. It appears they believe fiscal policy in Washington has been a main culprit.

For instance, consider the recent, very partial government “shutdown.” According to a number of published reports, only about 17 percent of the government was actually shut down. The cost, as calculated by Standard & Poor's, was approximately \$24 billion. That is in the context of a \$16 trillion economy, so in percentage terms, the cost was equal to 0.0015 percent of the total economic output of goods and services in the United States over the last year. That's right, less than two one-thousandths of one percent. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that is an unbelievably small number. “Miniscule” would be putting it mildly.

But you can already hear the complaining. The blame game is moving into a higher gear. In many of our elected officials' opinion, the shutdown is the main reason why the economy is not up and running at a better pace. The Fed clearly believes that fiscal policy and the recent partial shutdown have created a meaningful headwind in a sluggish recovery. And for a number of publicly traded companies, the shutdown provides the perfect excuse for any stumbles or less-than-stellar performance in the current quarter. Expect the government shutdown to be a topic on quite a few earnings calls when fourth-quarter results are reported.

But confidence on a business and consumer level has been negatively affected, at least temporarily, by the wrangling in Washington. And the Fed has responded properly, in this strategist's opinion, by not altering the pace of the current quantitative easing (QE) bond-buying program. The stock market has crept higher in recent months in the face of less-than-desirable economic news. Bad news has been good for the market, while good news has been bad. Investors are taking every economic report and turning it into a question of what it might mean for the Fed's QE policy.

It appears the Fed, the government, and numerous public companies will be using the recent partial shutdown and fiscal policy in coming months as scapegoats for ineffective strategies and business shortfalls. In my opinion, smart investors should take what's bound to be coming with a grain of salt.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Nov. 6 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office at 432-684-7335. Additional information is available upon request. The material contained herein has been prepared from sources and data we believe to be reliable, but we make no guarantee as to its accuracy or completeness.

Conservation program apps accepted

Special to the Herald

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at the USDA Service Center, 302 West IH 20, Suite 101, Big Spring.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP and WHIP funding for 2014 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after January 17, 2014. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract appli-

cation for 2014 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

“EQIP is a valuable tool to help Howard County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations,” said Spurgin.

“WHIP helps landowners restore and improve fish and wildlife habitats, and benefit at-risk species,” he added. “This funding will give landowners across the state the opportunity to address wild-

life concerns in Texas.”

EQIP and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2014 funding allocation is Jan. 17, 2014. Contracts are offered periodically, depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegeta-

and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. WHIP applications must address traditional natural resource issues such as water quantity, water quality, grazing lands, forest health, soil management, emerging natural resource issues and climate change.

Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded more than 4,500 EQIP contracts with \$91 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 3.6 million acres across the entire state. Additionally,

NRCS funded 200 WHIP contracts with \$7.1 million to improve wildlife habitat on over 380,000 acres in Texas.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 432-267-1871, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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District Court Filings
State of Texas vs Calvin Dean Brown, forfeiture
Jennifer Chandler vs Michael Chandler, stalking protective order.
Amarillo National Bank vs Dallas Castaneda, debt/contract
Alexandrea Dyana Pantoja - Simpson vs James Robert Simpson, divorce
Steven Blake Freedman vs Amy Sandeers Freedman, divorce
Wilma Jean Walker Sherrord vs Leslie Sherrord, divorce
Tracey Menges vs Eugene Bryant and Dorothy Bryant, injury

Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation vs Coby Dale Wood dba Cherokee Construction Company, debt

Criminal Records
State Of Texas vs Glen Allen Daniels - probated judgement - driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$457.10 court costs.
State of Texas vs Joanna Rose Ramirez - probated judgement - deferred adjudication - theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court cost and 12 month probation.
State of Texas vs Emmett Wayne Rash - probated judgment - driving while intoxicated second offense, \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$457.10 court costs.
State of Texas vs Bryan D. Hernandez - probated judgment - deferred adjudication - theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs and 12 month probation.
State of Texas vs Julian Jay Torres - probated judgment - terroristic threat, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$332 court costs.
State of Texas vs Melissa Ann rose - probated judgment - criminal mischief impair/interrupt public service, \$100 fine, 180 days in jail and \$332 court costs.
State of Texas vs Robert Coleman Hunt II - judgment and sentence - driving while intoxicated second offense, no fine, \$457.10 court costs and 30 days in jail.
State of Texas vs Alicia Fay Larocque - probated judgment - deferred adjudication - theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500, \$200 fine, \$332 court costs and 12 month probation.
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RAIN

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ers in the Wichita Falls area last week, I was told some cities had approximately 180 days of water left at current usage levels," he said.

The commissioner's court planned to supplement reservoir levels with wells, but the overall effect on long-term supplies will be minimal, Berthold said.

On Nov. 9, the city entered stage 4 drought restrictions, which included a "total ban on outdoor watering and an internal audit of business water usage," Berthold said.

According to the Texas Water Development Board, overall, monitored reservoir levels were about 62 percent full as of Nov. 13. But the average is skewed by reservoirs generally being in fair to good shape east of U.S. Interstate 35. Many reservoirs in West Texas re-

main critically low. The O.C Fisher Reservoir near San Angelo was only 3.4 percent full on Nov. 13; the Twin Buttes Reservoir, empty; Millers Creek Reservoir in North Central Texas, 17.4 percent full; and Abilene Reservoir, 6.3 percent full.

Other reports had J.B. Thomas at 1.69 percent, E.V. Spence at 4.46 percent and O.H. Ivie at 14.6 percent.

Dallas and Fort Worth

have seen some relief in recent months, Berthold said. Long range planning by the North Texas Municipal Water District water conservation and new supply systems are hoped to offset losses from the drought and the quarantine of Lake Texoma because of zebra mussel infestation.

For cities and rural towns not so fortunate to have a plan and funding in place, some help may be in sight,

Berthold said, as Texas voters approved Proposition 6, which allowed the transfer of money from a rainy day fund. The plan proposes to reduce borrowing costs for municipalities to build and enhance water projects.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your loved ones may not give you the kind of props you want, but maybe they support you in quieter ways by accepting you for who you are and letting you do your thing. If not, seek a better support system now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are easy pickins and cheap thrills everywhere, but you'll pass them up to play for higher stakes. Winning without challenge doesn't feel like winning to you, so what's the point?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Focusing on one small loss will make you frustrated. But that frustration will transform you.

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when you take into consideration all of the different kinds of losses people go through. You're truly lucky.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're open to trying new things, but don't sign up for subscriptions or repeating obligations. Leave yourself leeway. You're at your best when you feel free to do as you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your feelings guide you toward learning something you need to know. If you don't chase your feelings around, you'll still learn something, but not the kind of something that makes your soul sing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today will build a good case for ignorance and bliss. Do not seek statistics. If you think something is impossible, it will be. That's why you're better off not knowing the odds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The power surge you'll get today gives you a short-term advantage. Use it while you can, and be strategic about it. Where can you apply this energy to make the most difference?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe your attention span is shorter than usual, or maybe there's too much out there that doesn't warrant or hold your attention. But the result is that you keep it

moving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll apply your Centaurean talent for archery to a new time-sensitive goal. It will be like you're moving in fast motion. Remember what Groucho Marx liked to say: "Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unfortunately, you won't be able to do what you want to do and what "they" want you to do at the same time. So who gets to go first? Be careful, because the answer to this question sets up a pattern.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In order for your idea to develop, you'll need to involve a few capitalists and angels. Talk about your needs and wants because there will be people around today who will be able to help you with them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You haven't had the proper amount of time to rest and heal yet. Relax. It will be hard to get yourself to buckle down and work if you feel cheated out of your leisure.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). Happiness is making a difference in people's lives while creating a good living for yourself. In the next six weeks, you'll abandon good ideas for better ideas, and money from

new sources trickles in starting mid-December. Assemble a support team in February — cooperative efforts will bring good fortune. Gemini and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 38, 12 and 40.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The week starts off under a full Taurus moon. Knowing what you want out of life won't be a problem. Wanting what's good for you, now that's another story. It might help to see wanting as a process. The full moon highlights our various appetites and cravings, so take note of everything that seems appealing. You can always narrow down your choices and set appropriate goals later when things have calmed down.

The final days of Scorpio have a profound feeling to them, so don't be surprised if you're more emotional than usual now through Thursday. Plunging emotional depths, soul searching, assigning meaning to things and coming to terms with the truth (which hardly ever is exactly what we want it to be) were part of the journey over the past few weeks, and these last days are for wrapping up loose ends and processing lingering feelings. On Wednesday, buckle

yourself in emotionally because this ride is about to accelerate. The sun enters the realm of fire sign Sagittarius on Thursday. This is the part of the sky in which everything seems to happen at once. Sagittarius falls under Jupiter's rule. The big planet of abundance (and excess) and the jolly planet's motto is, "The more the merrier."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Reid Perry is one-third of The Band Perry, which is comprised of three siblings whose rootsy music has earned them quadruple platinum success with hits including "If I Die Young." The middle-child bassist was born when the sun, Mercury and Pluto were all in magnetic Scorpio. His natal Pisces moon is the moon of old souls and sensitive artists, but with Mars in Aries, you can be sure he has an impulsive side, too!

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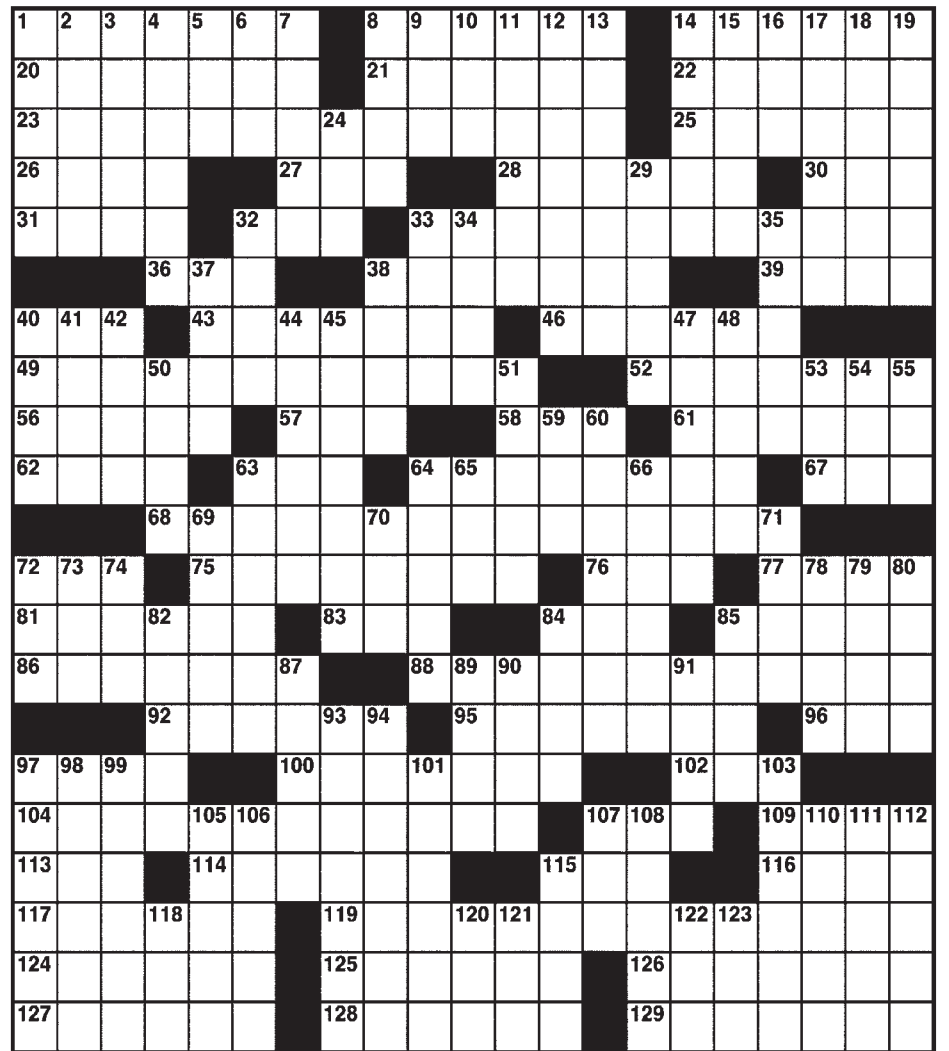
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- 14 Dives with tanks
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- 26 Remove creases from
- 27 Operated
- 28 Take a breath
- 30 Aviv
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- 32 Follow closely
- 33 KGB, e.g.
- 36 Hotel amenity
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- 62 Novelist Morrison
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- 72 PD call
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- 81 Without delay
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- 5 Boot part
- 6 Paired with
- 7 Fashionably dated
- 8 Brown songbird
- 9 #5 baby girl name in 2012
- 10 In "Iodine"
- 11 Irrigation device
- 12 Betray
- 13 "Now, you listen . . ."
- 14 Hair holder
- 15 Brief role
- 16 French article
- 17 Monopoly avenue
- 18 Per person
- 19 Shut tight
- 24 Dustcloth
- 29 On a cruise
- 32 Issue a challenge to
- 33 Blew the whistle
- 34 So
- 35 Make a comparison
- 37 Free food, for Google staffers
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- 40 S&L client
- 41 Equestrian sport
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- 44 Sage's offering
- 45 Testified about
- 47 Locker art
- 48 Justice since '06
- 50 10th-century explorer
- 51 Requisites
- 53 Field judge
- 54 Bismuthite, e.g.
- 55 Where Sydney is cap.
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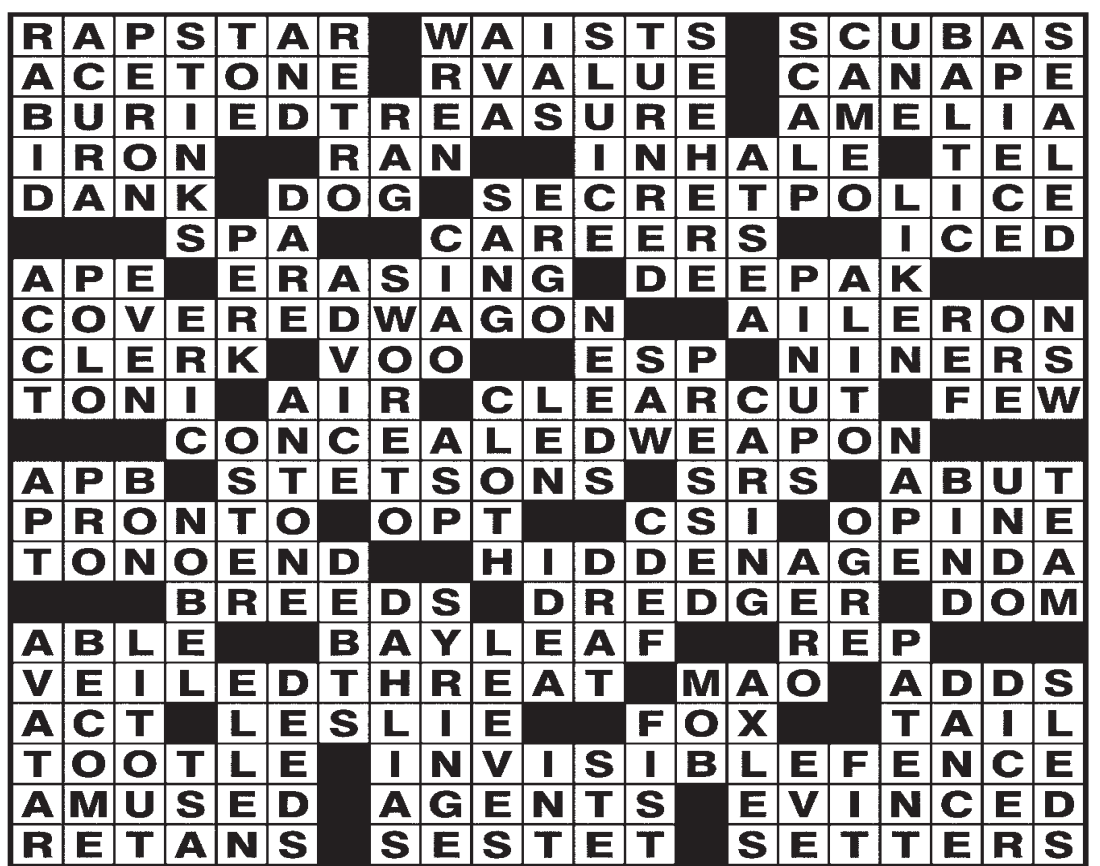
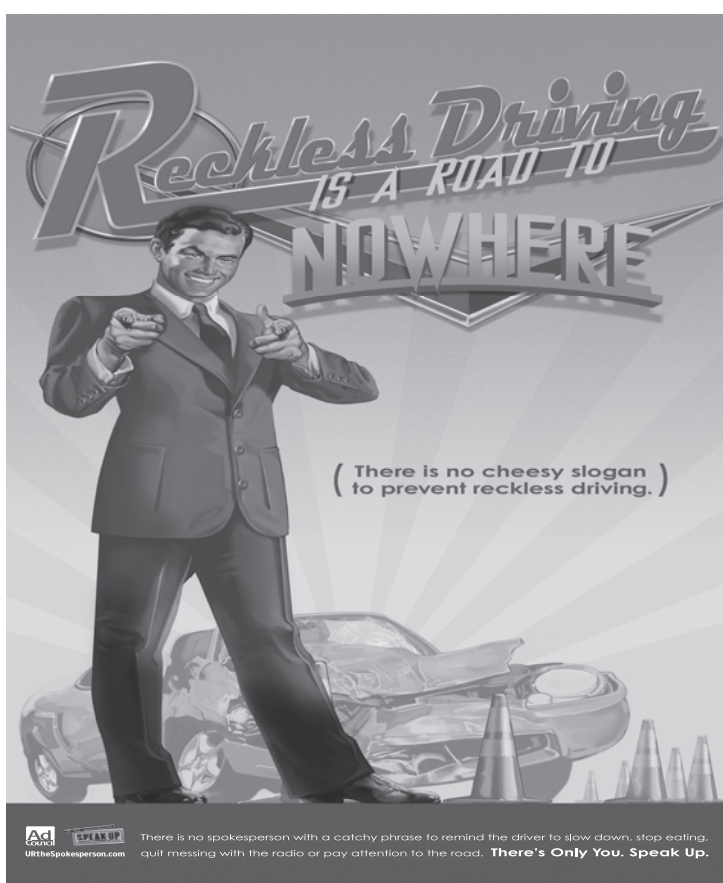
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► Club News

Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Howard College's Cactus Room.

Any person who is retired under the Teacher Retirement System is eligible to join the RTA.

This includes bus drivers, custodians, principals, school nurses, etc. After a Dutch treat lunch there will be a program and short business meeting.

The Retired Teachers Association is the only group that can approach the state legislators about matters of concern to state education retirees. Especially important is the effort to obtain better benefits and salary increases for retirees.

While the RTA enjoys having members at our meetings, if any individual is unable to attend, he/she is encouraged to join the RTA. In our state legislature numbers are extremely important. Legislators are impressed by the number of individuals in any organization or group that lobbies the members.

Recently the Legislature voted to give individuals who had retired after a certain date a salary increase, effective September 2013.

Meetings are timely, interesting, and brief. Any

interested citizen is welcome to visit and have a meal with us.

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR met a 11:30 a.m. Nov. 9, 2013, at the Big Spring Country Club with Regent Hollis McCright presiding. Hostess Sue Ann Damron decorated the tables in a red, white and blue theme honoring Veterans Day.

Regent McCright introduced speaker retired Major General Eddy Spurgin of the 36th Infantry Division Texas Army National Guard. Major General Spurgin gave a detailed military history of his one year deployment as Commander of the 36th stationed in Southern Iraq.

"Embedded In Iraq" was the topic of the speech.

The number one mission of the 36th Infantry Division was to train, aide and assist the Iraqi Security Forces which was successfully completed.

Major General Spurgin highly praised the American service men and women in his command for their courage and bravery.

Spurgin emphasized the courage of the wounded and their motivation by fellow service members and said that America is truly blessed by her ser-

vice members and veterans.

He asked that we remember our service men and women who continue to serve, especially those who serve in harm's way and to remember and honor our veterans.

Major General Spurgin told of Iraq relating to its people and the economy which is based on oil exports.

He told of the historic Biblical sites and that Christianity is among the religions there.

He compared the land terrain and the weather as being similar to that of far West Texas.

Major General Eddy Spurgin retired after 32 years of service to his country.

After lunch Regent McCright led members in the DAR ritual.

Clara Lewis passed out the U.S. flag lapel pins which were ordered by members at the last meeting.

The lapel pins benefit the Fisher House that provides service members and their families with comfortable lodging, food, local transportation, and other services in their time of need at no cost.

She presented a lapel pin to guest speaker Major General Spurgin.

The door prize was won

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by Katie Lara.

The Christmas party will be held Dec. 14, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Museum and members are to bring an exchange gift.

Eleven members and one guest attended the meeting.

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