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First United Methodist Church is preparing for the 35th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree. Along with various local choirs, community members are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 1-3 and 5, and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 in Garrett Hall. Dress rehearsal will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, followed by evening performances at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8. Tickets are necessary for the evening performances and are free at the church office, located at 400 Scurry St.

## Help sought in packing boxes for 'military heroes'

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops, is calling on volunteers to help wrap-up its annual drive to send gifts to deployed military personnel.  
 "We have everything set up

like an assembly line," said Debbie Burrow, program coordinator. "We've already prepackaged boxes. We know what order they need to be packed in for it all to go there. Then they are sealed up and the post office picks them up on Friday."  
 "It's important that we send these and it's hard to do it by ourselves, so we need the public to help us pack them," she said. "It takes an hour and hour and half. It's not a long time to pack them it just takes months to get it to this point."  
 Volunteers are asked to meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, to pack more

than 500 boxes before they are sent out to deployed military personal. Burrow said they hope to get all the boxes to military troops before Christmas but that will depend on where some of the destination points are.  
 "Our object is the send these out early enough for everyone to get it by Christmas but last year some of them did not get it until after Christmas," she said.  
 For the past couple of months, the group has been gathering names, addresses and donations from the community.  
 "We do about 500 boxes,"

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## PD investigates home invasions

*One victim shot in leg*

**By BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor

Big Spring police officers are investigating a pair of home invasion robberies that left one man hospitalized with a gunshot wound to his right leg.

Police responded to the report of an aggravated robbery at 12:39 a.m. Tuesday at 1504 Tucson.

"Upon arrival, the complainant advised she had left her home for a few minutes around 12:23 a.m. When she returned, her 14-year-old son advised her three armed males had forced their way into the residence," said Det. Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD information officer.

The woman related to police that the intruders pointed a handgun at her son's head and demanded money and jewelry. Everett said the men then ransacked the house but fled out the door empty handed. The suspects were wearing dark hoodies and dark bandanas covering their faces, according to the victim.

Then, at 3:06 a.m., police responded to 904 Rosemont

in reference to a gunshot victim.

"When they arrived, officers learned that a similar home invasion had just happened there," said Everett. "Two males burst into the home, both armed with handguns. Both were wearing hoodies. One suspect was black, the other hispanic."

Everett said a female victim advised that the black male held a gun to her head while the hispanic male went further into the house where her fiancé was.

"She heard three to four shots and then the hispanic male came back with the victim's lock box, containing her jewelry," Everett said.

The suspects fled on foot.

According to police, the female victim found her fiancé in the kitchen with a gunshot wound to his right leg. He was identified as 30-year-old Oscar Cordova. He was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room. The wound is not thought to be life-threatening.

Everett said the investigation is continuing.

## Phillips named assistant superintendent at BSSH

**Special to the Herald**

Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Lorie Dunnam named Traci Phillips as the hospital's new assistant superintendent.

Phillips assumed the role Nov. 1 — a position previously held by Dunnam, who was named the hospital's superintendent Sept. 1 upon the retirement of longtime superintendent Ed

Moughon. Phillips previously served as Big Spring State Hospital clinical programs director and has extensive experience managing human resource and legal issues.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Howard Payne University and a master of science in clinical exercise physiology from Texas Tech University.

Prior to her arrival at Big Spring State Hospital, she served as director of human resources of Covenant Health in Lubbock.



Phillips

## Court lets Texas abortion law stay for now

**CHRIS TOMLINSON**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A third of Texas' abortion clinics will stay closed after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to intervene in an ongoing legal dispute over a tough new law that

Planned Parenthood claims unconstitutionally restricts women's rights.

At least 12 Texas abortion clinics have been closed since October, after a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals allowed the law requir-

ing doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital to take effect.

No more than 20 clinics were able to meet the new standard, and some women must travel hundreds of miles to obtain an abortion. All

of the facilities that remain open are in metropolitan areas, with none in the Rio Grande Valley along the border with Mexico.

The Supreme Court's decision Tuesday isn't the final say on the restriction. But it means that the law will re-

main in effect while Planned Parenthood's lawsuit challenging it continues. The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals plans to have a hearing in January on the lawsuit.

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## Obituaries

### Eva Sue Anderson

Eva Sue "Susie" Anderson, 88, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, in Perris, Calif. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Susie was born Aug. 27, 1925, in Potisi, Texas, and married Wilford Edward "Pete" Anderson Aug. 12, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas. They were married for 39 years. Pete preceded her in death in 1981.

Susie started playing golf in her 50's and also started bowling in leagues. She continued bowling in two leagues a week at the age of 85. After her husband Pete passed away, she started making porcelain dolls.

Susie taught Sunday School, led Bible studies and was always involved in church activities.

Survivors include three children, Donnie Anderson and wife, Linda of Foothill Ranch, Calif., Ron Anderson and wife, Suzanne of Tyler, Texas, and Debra Szczawinski and husband, Ski of Murrieta, Calif.; a sister Betty Findley; a brother, Charles Simmons; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Sarah Anne Simmons; father, Guy Simmons; step-mother, Ethel Simmons; and three brothers, Randal Simmons, Jerry Simmons and Jimmy Simmons.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Pico De Loro, 620 North Perris Blvd., Perris, Calif. 92571.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Charles "Charlie" Thompson

Charles "Charlie" Thompson, 73, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday Nov. 17, 2013, at his residence.

The family will receive friends Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Danny Wright officiating.

Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Dec.14, 1939, in Carlsbad, N.M., to Louise and James B. "Jay" Thompson.

He married Carolyn Gring March 29, 1958, in Kermit. They came to Big Spring in 1972 from Kermit.

He was a chemical engineer and worked for Cabot from 1961 to 1975 in Kermit, Pampa, Texas, Louisiana and Big Spring.

From 1975 to 2010 he was owner and operator of T&T Electric. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Thompson of Big Spring; one son, Jeff Thompson of Coahoma, Texas; one daughter, Lisa Duggan of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Jennifer Hernando and husband Richard of Australia, Rabecca Earhart and Austin Pace of Houston, Texas, Kyle Earhart of Midland, Texas, and Haley Pace of Big Spring; two great-grandchildren, Shalynn Hernando and Kaydee Hernando, both of Australia; one sister Barbara Bailey and husband Warren of Clyde, Texas; a number of nieces and nephews and one great-niece and namesake Charley June Thompson.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by two daughters Diana Thompson and Kimberly Aiken and one sister Nina Fowler.

Pallbearers are Kyle Earhart, Gary Earhart, Keith Bailey, Brent Thompson, James Thompson and Curtis Duggan. Honorary Pallbearers are Ikie Rupard, Hank Brooks, Jim Diller, Ben Stout and Jerry Etheredge.

The family suggests Memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 South Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Eric Kelly

Eric Kelly, 26, of Dallas, Texas, was called Home by our Heavenly Father, Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at the funeral home.

Eric was born Dec. 21, 1986, in Midland. He graduated from Big Spring High School, and then Howard College with an associate's degree.

His courage and unwavering faith allowed him to "fight the good fight, finish the race and keep his faith" throughout his life. Eric faced each new challenge with a positive attitude and a smile on his face.

Eric made a lasting impression on everyone he met and was a "bright spot" in the lives of those who cared for him over the years. He was known for his sense of humor, his compassion towards others, and his kind and gentle spirit.

Eric loved to learn and sought to gain new knowledge whenever possible. He enjoyed working with numbers and was pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting, with dreams of becoming a CEO for a major corporation in the future. He also enjoyed sports, trivia/game shows, reading, and photography.

We love and miss you Eric! We were very blessed to have you in our lives for 26 years; you will remain in our hearts forever. This is not goodbye. . . it is so long until we are reunited in Heaven.

Survivors include his mother, Cynthia A. Kelly of Dallas; one sister, Lyndsey Kelly of Stanton, Texas; one brother, Joshua Kelly of Dallas; a brother-in-law, Stephen Sisson of Stanton; niece, Isabelle Sisson of Stanton; uncle, Jerry Peacock and wife, Candace of Highland Village, Texas; uncle, Donny Peacock and wife, Keri of Mansfield, Texas; grandparents Larry and Frances Peacock of Caddo Mills, Texas; grandmother, Julie Kelly of Ashland, Ky.; cousins, Justyn Peacock and wife, Nicole of Mesa, Ariz., Heather Peacock of Dallas, and Nicholas Peacock of Dallas; and great aunt, Mary Wilson of Abilene, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Martha Peacock; great-grandparents, Roy and Helen Palmer, and T.D. and Edna Peacock; and an uncle, Gene Wilson.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

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*Paid Obituary*

### Elvira Gandar

Elvira Gandar, 73, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday Nov. 17, 2013 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be Thursday 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 20, 1940, in Big Spring to Flora and Jesus Loya and was a lifetime resident of the community. She worked as a cook for Big Spring State Hospital and later for Big Spring Independent School District for

19 years. She won numerous ribbons for pies and cooking in the Howard County Fairs. She was also a Dallas Cowboy fan. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and was a Guadalupe and a Cursillista.

She is survived by two sons: George Gandar and Arnold Gandar and wife Priscilla, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Grace Granados and husband Henry and Cecilia Granados and husband John, all of Big Spring; one brother, Jesse Loya and wife Lupe of Big Spring; two sisters, Linda Paradez and Flora Viera, both of Big Spring; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Arnoldo Gandar Oct. 7, 2003; one brother Ramon Loya; two sisters, Elidia Loya and Maria Hernandez and one grandson, Christopher Arenivaz

Pallbearers will be Benito Paredez, Jerry Paredez, Jerry Palomo, Jonathan Granados, Sammy Loya, and Oscar Madrid. Honorary Pallbearers are Los Crusistallas.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Patricia Smith

Patricia "Patti" Smith, 53, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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

#### THURSDAY

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

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- 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.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

## Take Note

- A fund has been set up Western Bank, 607 South Scurry, for the Ean Cook family who lost their house and belongings in a fire Sunday. The account is in name of Charlene Cook, Ean's mother. Donations of clothing, food and living supplies will be greatly appreciated. To donate supplies call 816-5013 or 816-7810.

- 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 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- 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,

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## State briefs

### Dallas County pays \$350K to mother of 2 slain boys

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County commissioners have approved a \$350,000 settlement after a constable followed policy and did not chase a man before he drowned his two sons.

The Dallas Morning News reports Tuesday's agreement avoids a trial over the lawsuit by Kametra Sampson. A jury in May sentenced her ex-boyfriend, Naim Rasool Muhammad, to death over the 2011 slayings.

Muhammad was convicted of capital murder in the deaths of his sons, 5-year-old Naim and 3-year-old Elijah. Authorities say he forced the boys and their mother into a car and drove away. Sampson jumped out and alerted a county constable, who called police.

Muhammad drowned the boys in a creek.

The constable wasn't allowed to engage in a high-speed chase under department policy. Commissioners are working to create a uniform pursuit policy.

### Missing Flower Mound police officer found unharmed

FLOWER MOUND, Texas (AP) — A Dallas-area police officer who was declared missing after competing in a marathon in San Antonio has been found unharmed in North Texas.

San Antonio police say Flower Mound police Sgt. Jeremy Varnell was located Wednesday morning in Lantana, about 10 miles northwest of Flower Mound.

Officer Roger Zuniga says there's no sign of criminal activity in the disappearance of Varnell, who was last seen Sunday night after the marathon. His family filed a missing person's report with San Antonio police on Monday.

Zuniga says Varnell's family was notified that he's been located. San Antonio police had no additional details.

Flower Mound police didn't immediately provide information on the case.

Varnell has been with the Flower Mound police force for 19 years.

### Lafayette bank robbery suspect arrested in Texas

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — A suspect wanted for a Lafayette, La., bank robbery has been arrested in Texas.

Authorities say 20-year-old Tre Lamar Bookard was arrested Monday during a traffic stop near El Paso.

Bookard was wanted on a charge of simple robbery.

Police say Bookard allegedly entered a bank on Nov. 8 and gave the teller a note demanding cash. The teller turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect fled the scene by unknown means.

The robbery remains under investigation. It was unclear whether Bookard has an attorney.

### Convicted child molester in Texas gets 870 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A convicted child molester in South Texas who tried to bribe the victim to get her to drop the case has been sentenced to 870 years in prison.

A judge in San Antonio on Tuesday sentenced Melvin Robert Martin to seven 50-year terms, 25 20-year terms and two 10-year terms in prison. The sentences will be served concurrently.

Jurors in October convicted the 37-year-old Martin of aggravated sexual assault of a child, sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child by contact and indecency with a child by exposure. The victim, who was 8 years old when the abuse started, was molested numerous times between 2000 and 2009.

Prosecutors say Martin was in jail when he called relatives of the victim and offered \$10,000 to get her to recant.

### Dallas-area man pleads guilty to 5 bank robberies

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area man has pleaded guilty to five armed bank robberies this year and confessed to more than a dozen other holdups since 2010.

Prosecutors in Dallas say 59-year-old Luis de la Garza of Farmers Branch faces a maximum 25 years in prison per count. Sentencing is set for February.

De la Garza pleaded guilty to bank robberies in Dallas, Grand Prairie, Farmers Branch, Arlington and Garland since March. Investigators say he wore a mesh mask, a cap and gloves.

and used a BB gun pistol in each holdup.

De la Garza, in Tuesday's plea deal, acknowledges he committed 13 other bank robberies and two at-

tempted holdups in North Texas since April 2010.

### Austin-area flooding damage tab tops \$14M

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Late October flooding in Central Texas has left behind more than \$14 million in damage as officials continue to assess the cost of cleanup.

Emergency management officials on Tuesday updated Travis County commissioners. The Austin American-Statesman (<http://bit.ly/17MaDrW>) reports the damage is not expected to be near the \$35 million threshold for local governments to get federal disaster help.

Emergency management coordinator Pete Baldwin says the \$14.4 million in Travis County damage is a preliminary figure. The estimate includes damage in Austin and Pflugerville, as well as uninsured and underinsured homes and businesses.

Baldwin says many homeowners may be eligible for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

At least six deaths have been blamed on last month's storms and flooding in Central Texas.

### Evolution again at issue as Texas mulls new books

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is bracing for another clash over how to teach evolution and climate change as the board of education approves new science textbooks.

A final public hearing on proposed books is Wednesday, with a vote by the board's 10 Republicans and five Democrats coming Thursday.

That will determine textbooks approved for use statewide for at least eight years, beginning September 2014. School districts are no longer required to use books approved by the board, but most still do.

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Edith "Tink" Harrell, 90, died Saturday. The family will receive friends today from 1 to 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Royal Daniel Padden, Sr., 55, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Patricia "Patti" Smith, 53, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clarence Hays, 82, died August 1, 2013 in Florida. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

## LAW

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second-most populous state, and an average of 80,000 abortions are performed there each year.

The Supreme Court's decision came in an appeal of a decision from a 5th Circuit panel that said Texas could enforce the law at least until the panel can hold a hearing in January. The 5th Circuit's ruling came after U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel blocked the provision, saying it served no medical purpose and created an illegal barrier for women seeking an abortion.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in a sharply divided 5-4 opinion that abortion clinics had failed to prove that the 5th Cir-

cuit acted improperly. Writing for the minority, Justice Stephen Breyer said the better course would have been to block the law at least until the three-judge appeals panel issued its final ruling because some women will be unable to obtain abortions.

The five justices and three appeals court judges who sided with Texas are all Republican appointees. The four dissenting justices are Democratic appointees. Yeakel, who initially blocked the provision, is a Republican appointee.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry praised the Supreme Court action.

"This is good news both for the unborn and for the women of Texas, who are now better protected from shoddy abortion providers op-

erating in dangerous conditions. As always, Texas will continue doing everything we can to protect the culture of life in our state," Perry said.

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said the groups will continue the legal fight.

"This law is blocking women in Texas from getting a safe and legal medical procedure that has been their constitutionally protected right for 40 years. This is outrageous and unacceptable — and also demonstrates why we need stronger federal protections for women's health. Your rights and your ability to make your own medical decisions should not depend on your ZIP code," Richards said.

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The Texas law on admitting privileges was part of a package of abortion restrictions that the GOP-controlled Legislature passed over the summer. The restrictions, which are among the toughest in the nation, gained notoriety when Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis launched a nearly 13-hour filibuster against them in June.

Although several conservative states in recent months have approved broad abortion limits, the Texas ones were particularly divisive because of the number of clinics affected and the distance

some women would have to travel to get an abortion.

The other states that are enforcing laws on admitting privileges are Tennessee and Utah. Courts have temporarily halted similar laws in Alabama, Kansas, Mississippi, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

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she said. "Actually this year, we are doing 505 boxes because we had some come in at the last minute, and I'm not about to turn them down. Each box costs us

about \$50 plus the postage is \$14.85. We have everything we need right now. We just need people to come pack those boxes."

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for the many times you have blessed us.

Amen

# Politics hasn't changed all that much

Yesterday marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the most famous speeches ever given, The Gettysburg Address which, as everyone knows, was given by President Abraham Lincoln. Through the years, history professors and American citizens have been fascinated by the speech itself, as well as the myths and mysteries that have kept it more alive than most political speeches in history. For example, some people think that President Lincoln took little time to prepare the speech, an assumption based on decades of rumors and folklore. And there are some other more legitimate disputes, such as the exact location of where the speech was given. Did he write the speech on the back of an envelope? Were the words “under God” omitted from the original speech? Exactly where was the address given? Was Lincoln the real “speechmaker” that day or was it technically famed orator Edward Everett? Many believe Everett was the featured speaker of the day and he did speak for about two hours before Lincoln made his brief “dedicatory remarks.” One thing is certain, Everett certainly liked Lincoln’s speech and he told him, “I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes.” Pro-Union newspapers praised it.

But Democrats quickly criticized the speech, since they were Lincoln’s avowed opponents north of the Mason-Dixon Line. A correspondent for the Times of London called the speech “dull and commonplace.” The Chicago Times claimed Lincoln insulted the fallen soldiers the ceremony was supposed to honor. Another critic, a Harrisburg newspaper, had harsher comments (and just apologized for them last week as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary approached).

Since so much has been in the news about Lincoln lately, I thought I would share some news I find interesting about the political climate at the time he served our country that has nothing to do with the Gettysburg Address. As everyone knows, he was assassinated. On April 15, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died from his assassin’s wounds. But if John Wilkes Booth’s plot were entirely successful, a little-known senator may have been thrust into the White House.

Booth’s full plot included killing Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson, and Secretary of State William Seward. General Ulysses Grant was another possible target. But only two attacks took place on April 14, 1865, with Seward surviving an assassination attempt and Lincoln suffering from Booth’s single gunshot.

According to the rules of presidential succession in 1865, only Vice President Johnson, and not Seward or Grant, was in line to replace Lincoln if he died. If Johnson had died, an acting president would be appointed until a special election could be held to elect a new president, not a vice president. The acting president would have been the president pro tempore of the Senate, Lafayette Sabine Foster of Connecticut.

Back in 1865, Booth had convinced George Atzerodt, an acquaintance, to kill Johnson by setting a trap at the Kirkwood House hotel where the vice president lived. However, Atzerodt lost his nerve and didn’t attempt to kill the vice president, even though he had a rented room above Johnson’s and a loaded gun was found in the room. If Atzerodt or another assailant had succeeded, Senator Foster would have been acting president until March 4, 1866. And if Foster wasn’t available, Speaker of the House Schuyler Colfax would have been next, and last, in line to succeed Lincoln and Johnson.

A special election would have taken place in November 1865, with the Electoral College convening in December 1865, and the presidential inauguration being held on March 4, 1866, with the new president serving out Lincoln’s term. If Seward had died, that power may have devolved on the assistant secretary of state, who could perform the duties as an acting secretary of state until a new president named a replacement who received Senate confirmation.

The assistant secretary of state on April 15, 1865, was Frederick W. Seward, the son of William Seward. Frederick Seward was also seriously injured defending his father during Powell’s assassination attempt. He would recover after Powell pistol-whipped him.

From what we know about

Lafayette Sabine Foster, he was a conservative Republican who was named as the president pro tempore of the Senate about a month before Lincoln’s death. Foster only remained in the Senate for another two years, failing in a re-election attempt.

According to his obituary, Foster was “a prominent figure in congressional life, as a clear and forcible debater upon great public questions, and as an unsurpassed presiding officer in the Senate, that he was most widely known and will be best remembered.”

“He was no seeker after popularity, certainly he never descended to any truckling arts to secure it, and probably to some extent he lost favor by the high tone of both his character and bearing, and by the selectness of his friendships,” the obituary said.

A New York Times article from 1875 sheds some more light on Foster’s loss of his Senate seat. The Republicans picked another nominee at a caucus in 1866, and Foster signaled his agreement to run as a rival candidate supported by Connecticut’s Democrats. Foster dropped out at the last moment to accept a judge’s position in the state.

And what would have happened in the special presidential election of November 1865? The Republican Party was already split between its Radical and Moderate wings. General Grant may have run for president as a compromise candidate, but other prominent Republicans included Seward, Colfax, Thaddeus Stevens, and Benjamin Wade. The Democrats were also divided and had been badly beaten in the 1864 presidential campaign. Interestingly, the former Confederate states wouldn’t have been involved, since they weren’t readmitted to the union.

Benjamin Wade replaced Foster as Senate president pro tempore in 1867 and nearly became acting president in 1868, when President Johnson avoided removal from office by one vote in a Senate trial. So, pondering all the confusion, posturing, and wrangling of that era, you realize politics really hasn’t changed all that much in 150 years.

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

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# Secondhand smoke gets in your eyes

Berkeley, Calif., City Councilman Jesse Arreguin has recommended that the city ban smoking in single-family homes. Councilwoman Susan Wengraf, who supports an ordinance to ban smoking in multiunit dwellings, is appalled.

“The whole point is to protect people who live in multiunit buildings from secondhand smoke,” Wengraf said. Locals have told her they find the notion of a ban in single-family homes scary. “I hope he wakes up and pulls it,” she said.

Actually, I think Wengraf should want Arreguin’s recommendation to stick around. After all, his proposal makes the multiunit ordinance seem reasonable.

Arreguin aide Anthony Sanchez tells me that the recommendation is really just a “footnote,” “a non-actionable topic of future consideration.”

Or call it the next logical step. Berkeley already has banned smoking outdoors — in commercial districts, in parks and at bus stops, where nonsmokers are free to walk away from smokers or ask them to move. With that

ordinance on top of California laws banning smoking in the workplace, at restaurants and in bars, have advocates of nonsmokers’ rights determined that their work is done? Never!

The job is never done in the nanny state. Hence the Berkeley proposal, hardly the first in the Bay Area, to ban smoking in multiunit dwellings. Wengraf tells me that smoke can get into ventilation systems and spread through a building.

But what if it doesn’t? What if you live in a building where secondhand smoke doesn’t leach? There is no burden of proof that your smoke bothers others. If you smoke in an apartment, you’re guilty.

Enter Arreguin, who fears that the multiunit ordinance would fall “disproportionately and unfairly on the backs of tenants.” It’s not fair. So if the city is going to tell renters what they can do in their own lodgings, he writes, it should pass a ban “in any dwelling (including single-family dwellings).” In deference to the secondhand smoke rationale, Arreguin suggests that the ban apply if a minor lives in the home, “a non-smoking elder (62 or older) is present” or any other “non-smoking lodger is present.”

Walter Olson of the libertarian Cato Institute compares the Berkeley nanny ordinance to secondhand smoke itself: “They

are seeping under our doors now to get into places where they’re not wanted.”

He faults “ever more ambitious smoking bans” that rework the definition of private space. “Now they’re really just saying it doesn’t matter if you have the consent of everyone in the room.” Olson savored Arreguin’s suggestion that 62-year-olds cannot consent to being near a smoker.

When I asked Cynthia Hallett of the Berkeley-based Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights whether she supports the Arreguin recommendation, she answered, “Right now, the policy trend is really for multiunit housing.”

The left always likes to say that the government shouldn’t tell people what they can and cannot do in their own bedrooms. Yet here is progressive Berkeley about to pass a law that tells people they cannot smoke in their own bedrooms.

Of course, there is an exemption for medical marijuana. City Hall wouldn’t dare to tell pot smokers not to exhale. After all, they have rights.

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EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS



# Why not check this out? At the library

Since there are not many new books arriving at the library this week, Hollis has asked me to write a column about other things concerning the library. So first, how about considering becoming a "Friend" of the library? Statewide, Friends of the Library are groups of citizens whose main objective is the promotion and support of the

their local library. Formed in 1947, the group has a long history of assisting libraries. The Friends of the Library organizations, along with other organizations, were



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responsible for influencing the passage of House Bill 676 in 1940, which provided for the establishment of county libraries in Texas. Since then, Friends groups have promoted their local libraries, supported library services and programs, arranged for volunteer help, sought gifts, endorsements and memorials and provided direct financial assistance

for items needed but not provided for in the budget.

Locally, a citizens group was responsible for the initiation of the Howard County Library in 1943. In 1947, this citizens group became the local Friends of the Library. Since then, the Friends of the Library have purchased and maintained the photocopying machines for public use. The video program established by the Friends offers free to the public a wide variety of videos for adults and children, including instructional, classic and popular selections. The original microfilm/microfiche reader/printer supplies were also provided by the Friends. The Friends have purchased computers, printers, scanners and computer furniture for the library. The Friends provide financial support for the Summer Reading Program. In the children's section of the library, the Friends have provided furniture, wall murals and other decorations.

The Friends of the Library sponsor the annual book sale every September to raise funds with the proceeds supporting the library projects and activities. This event requires a significant amount of hours to prepare, organize and host.

Additionally, who are Friends? Friends are those citizens who believe that any community is a better place in which to live if that community has a library that provides for its needs. They believe in the value of books and reading. They regard a library as an impartial, reliable information center; they look upon it as a dynamic agency for the education of children, young adults and adults. In short, each Friend believes that a modern, well-supported library is a basic necessity in a progressive community. Friends of the Library bring together people who are willing to work for the development of the library resources within a community, and who will speak up for library services whenever and wherever their efforts are needed.

Anyone interested in working for better libraries can become a



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Friends of the Library provides many items to the library each year that are not included in the budget.

member. Yearly membership is \$5. Lifetime membership is \$1000. Contributions are tax-deductible. Those interested in becoming a Friend of the Library please call the library for more information. The library number is 432-264-2260.

Second, still on the subject of the Friends of the Library, the Friends' annual book sale has ended, but on the main floor of the library there is a section of wall with around 300 books on display for sale the year round. Bargains are waiting for those needing good books to read or for those needing Christmas gifts for book lovers.

Next, on our library website, <http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/howard-county>, we have some new links that should be of interest to many. For instance, if you are in need of creating a resume, we have a link to a resume builder. This easy online resume builder lets you create professional-quality resumes in three quick and easy steps. Basically, you choose an occupation, you supply information that is requested and the resume builder then compiles that information into a professional-looking resume format. It is impressive how the data you input is converted instantly to a resume that, otherwise, might have taken hours to create. Check it out.

Then, in the TexShare Database these new links exist:

For history buffs, there are two new sites — The American West, which offers manuscripts, maps, rare printed sources and documents of the Westward expansion and tales of frontier life. And, American Indian Histories and Cultures, where a wide range of historical and cultural materials from the earliest contacts with Europeans right up to the late 20th century can be researched.

Do-it-yourself enthusiasts will like the Do-It-Yourself Reference Centers. One center contains how-to

instructions on hobbies such as arts and crafts, collecting, needlecrafts, scrapbooking, kids crafts and model building to name a few. Another site provides full-text articles and images for home improvement and repair projects like decorating, electrical, plumbing, remodeling, woodworking and maintenance. The third reference center supplies small engine maintenance and repair guides for all terrain vehicles, generators, boat motors, motorcycles, outdoor power equipment, tractors, etc.

And last, a reminder about some other valuable links also within the TexShare Database:

Heritage Quest, a must site for genealogists, which allows for such things as census searches from 1790 to 1940, book searches of more than 28,000 family and local histories, and searches on more than 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles from 1800-2009.

EBSCO Student Research Center for students in grades 6-12 and EBSCO Kids Search Center for primary and middle school students providing resources to aid students with their schoolwork.

To access the TexShare Database, a TexShare ID and password are required. Please call the library, and we will be glad to provide this information to you.

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 through Saturday, Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holidays. The library will re-open Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

Normal operating hours for the library are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 to 2. The Internet/video room closes at 5:30 during the weekdays and at 1:30 on Saturdays. You may reach us at 264-2260. Our fax number is 432-264-2263. Our website is <http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/howard-county>.

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

- LATONYA KAY CUBIT, 32, of 600 Interstate Highway 20 no. 123, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams and two warrants from another agency.
- MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ, 23, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- DEREK TARVER MOFFETT, 34, of 616 Jill Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JUDY ANN MATA, 45, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to report a felony.
- VICTORIA MAE ALEXANDRIA HANNA-BASS, 1403 Oil Mill Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft greater than \$50 shoplifting, evading arrest/detention, possession of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram and possession of drug paraphernalia
- DUSTIN GENE REEL, 33, of 8701 Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 47, of 801 E. Second St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY, 46, of 904 S. Aylesford, was arrested Tuesday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JONATHAN ANTHONY HICKMAN, 38, of 1810 Settles was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault family violence causing bodily injury and criminal mischief \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- FELICIA DAWN MILLER, 22, of 202 Texas Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK HOLLIS RYERSON, 26, of 801 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- JAMES CLARK, 36, of Tucmado, N.M., was

arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 500 block of Westover, 400 S. Gregg, the intersection of FM 700 and Virginia
- THEFT was reported at the 1200 block of Eleventh Place
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 2200 block of S. Gregg.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1800 block of Settles.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported at the 1500 block of Avion.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 3400 block of Interstate Highway 20.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- LATONYA CUBIT was booked by BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams, bail jumping and fail to appear and aggressive assault with a deadly weapon.
- MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- DEREK TARVER MOFFETT was booked on a charge of injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily harm.
- VICTORIA HANNABASS was booked by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50, evading arrest detention, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JUDY ANN MATA was booked by BSPD on a charge of fail to report a felony with serious bodily injury or death results.
- DUSTIN GENE REEL was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia..

• DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram and hindering officers discharging official duties.

- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- JONATHAN A. HICKMAN was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and assault causes bodily injury family member.
- FELICIA DAWN MILLER was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK HOLLIS RYERSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- JAMES LOGAN CLARK was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

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

- TRAUMA reported at the 900 block of Rosemont. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Avenue C. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the 1500 block of E. Marcy. No Transport.
- TRAUMA reported at the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Oriole. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 13

## 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.

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

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## ► World briefs

## Iran's supreme leader: Sanctions can't force unwanted concessions from Tehran at nuclear talks

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's supreme leader says pressure from economic sanctions will never force the country into unwelcome concessions as nuclear negotiators resumed talks with world powers.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also blasted U.S. government policies, including threats of military action, but said Iran has "no animosity" toward the American people and seeks "friendly" relations.

Wednesday's message appeared tailored in part for Khamenei's hard-line audience as he spoke to members of the paramilitary Basij force, which is controlled by the powerful Revolutionary Guard.

Khamenei's remarks also reflect Iran's internal divisions over the nuclear talks and outreach to the U.S. by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani, who has the backing of Khamenei.

Talks resume later Wednesday in Geneva over a possible nuclear deal that could lift some sanctions in exchange for curbs on Iran's nuclear program.

ing. The campaign included protests that compared abortion to the Holocaust and displayed pictures of aborted fetuses.

A coalition of groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico and Planned Parenthood, called the results a huge victory for Albuquerque women and families.

"Albuquerque families sent a powerful message today—they do not want the government interfering in their private medical decisions," Micaela Cadena with the Respect ABQ Women campaign said in a statement. "Dangerous, unconstitutional laws like the one we rejected today have no place in Albuquerque, no place in New Mexico, no place anywhere in our nation."

NARAL Pro-Choice America President Ilyse Hogue said, "We hope today's resounding defeat of this abortion ban sends a clear message to the extreme forces around the country now trying to impose their agenda on cities around this country."

## Albuquerque voters reject late-term abortion ban

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — In a closely watched, first-of-its kind municipal election, voters in New Mexico's largest city have soundly defeated a ban on late-term abortions.

Voters on Tuesday rejected the measure 55 percent to 45 percent following an emotional and graphic campaign that brought in national groups and hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising.

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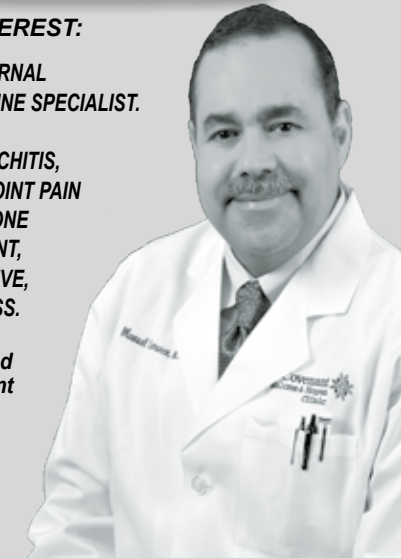
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By Steve Becker

## Card-Reading

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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♠42  
♥AKQ98  
♦763  
♣A83

WEST

♠J5  
♥10543  
♦J1098  
♣Q64

EAST

♠98763  
♥J6  
♦A542  
♣105

SOUTH

♠AKQ10  
♥72  
♦KQ  
♣KJ972

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass

Opening lead jack of diamonds.

It isn't difficult to make six clubs on this deal if you peek at the opposing cards. You simply lead the jack of clubs from your hand at some point and let it ride if West follows low.

But that is far from the normal thing to do. Percentage-wise, it is much better to lead a club to the ace and finesse the jack on the way back. This would fail in the actual deal,

and declarer, having already lost a diamond on the first trick, would be down one.

However, when the deal was played many years ago by all-time great Waldemar von Zedtwitz, he made the slam. Never one to simply settle for the obvious play, von Zedtwitz decided to postpone tackling trumps until he could gain more information about the opposing distribution.

After winning East's diamond return at trick two, he cashed the A-K of spades, noting with interest the fall of West's jack. This was the opening von Zedtwitz was looking for, and he exploited it to the hilt.

At trick five, he continued with the queen of spades, on which West discarded a diamond. Convinced that West would have trumped the queen if he had worthless clubs, and also that West would probably have trumped with the ten if he had it, von Zedtwitz placed West with the queen of clubs.

Accordingly, he next led the jack of clubs, and it was curtains for the defense. In practice, West ducked the jack, von Zedtwitz played low from dummy, and the slam was home. It would not have helped West to cover the jack. Either way, the queen was a goner.

Tomorrow: Keeping in touch.

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# Lady Steers improve to 4-0

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

### Big Spring

**ANDREWS** — The Lady Steers are still undefeated at 4-0. Their most recent victim was Andrews, which Big Spring outscored 19-2 in the fourth quarter put the game out of reach.

Led by Dyrshae Vanderbilt's 14 points, BSHS again relied on defense to shut its opponent down.

"Our press in the fourth quarter got us the turnovers we needed to put it away," said Head Coach Mike Warren. "For three quarters it was a pretty close game."

Warren is confident in his team's defense, but he said there's a few things it can improve upon offensively.

"Defensively, we're right where we want to be," he added. "We're a pretty good defensive team. Offensively, we need to take better care of the ball, we turn it over too much, but it's early in the season. That will improve with time. We need to improve our guard play. I believe our post play is

adequate. We have to limit turnovers and be more physical."

In the paint, Big Spring has been dominant, but it could use a boost in the outside shooting aspect. Warren expects three-point threat Julianna Rodriguez to fill that gap when she finishes up the volleyball season and joins the basketball squad.

"All of the teams we play run a zone defense on us," Warren said. "They must think our outside shooting is suspect. When we get Julianna back, our opponents won't be able to do that for too long."

Another home game has been added to the schedule. The Lady Steers will take on Coahoma Friday at 3 p.m. at Steer Gym before a stretch of away games. The traveling will begin Monday with a trip to Seminole.

**Individual stats:** Dyrshae Vanderbilt, 14; Alexis Cansino, 9; Syephanie Diaz, 7; Shawntee Lacy, 6; Autumn Minter, 5; Jackie Castillo, 2.

**COAHOMA** — The Bulldogettes

demolished Miles 63-21 Tuesday, as just about every CHS player registered points. Savannah Neff, Kyla Clanton and Kaeli Yager each scored in double digits to lead Coahoma to 4-1 on the season.

The Bulldogettes will test their mettle against 3A Big Spring on Friday at Steer Gym, with tipoff slated for 3 p.m.

**Individual stats:** Savannah Neff, 16; Kyla Clanton, 15; Kaeli Yager, 10; Laren Simer, 8; Julia Castilaw, 5; Coley Rinard, 4; Rylie Jacobs, 2; Alexis Jackson, 2; McClayne Holgerson, 1.

### Forsan

**WATER VALLEY** — Reagan Haggard put up 16 points and teammates Brittney Hergert and Rachel Haggard each chipped in 14 as the lady Buffaloes (2-1) took down Water Valley on the road Tuesday, 71-14.

FHS will host Midland Christian at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**Individual stats:** Reagan Haggard,

16; Rachel Haggard, 14; Brittney Hergert, 14; Ali Knight, 7; Mary-Ashley McDaniel, 7; Jahnia Willard, 5; Kendall Phillips, 5; Maria Ortiz, 2; Madi Roman, 1.

### BOYS

**COAHOMA** — The Bulldogs (1-1) played tough, but were bested by Miles 42-35 Tuesday, despite a 13-point contribution by sophomore Kyler Franks.

CHS will host O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

**Individual stats:** Kyler Franks, 13; Caige Miller, 8; Braxton Iden, 6; Devlin Ruiz, 2; Cam Crabtree, 2; Hayden Adamson, 1.

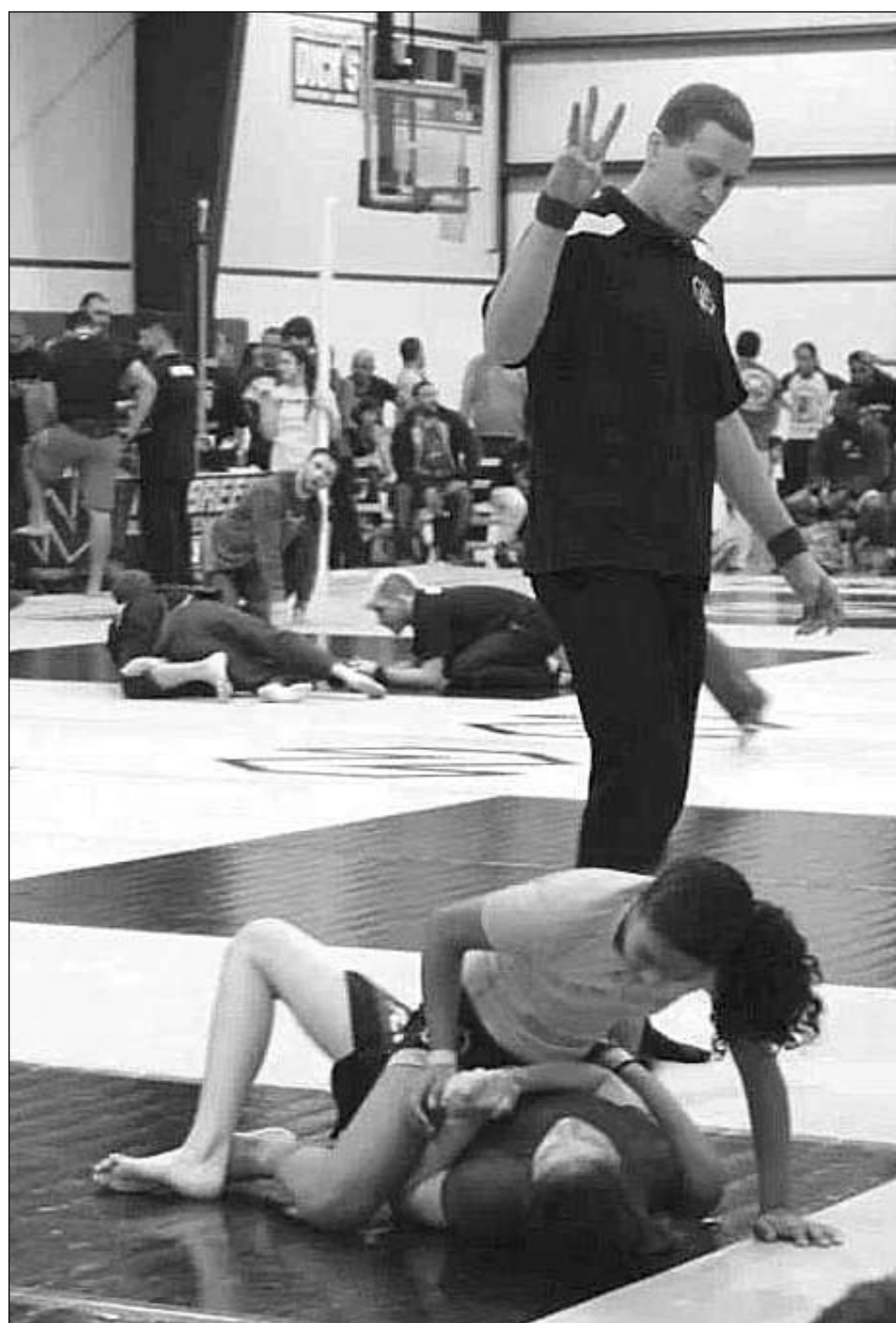
### Other scores:

- Seagraves defeated Stanton (3-2), 50-48.
- Grady (1-2) defeated Wink, 63-12.

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**Karen Tibbs Wilson and Casie Green Fillingim, both of whom were on the 1977 volleyball team — the last to make it to the state tournament — share words of wisdom with the 2013 Lady Steers, who will make their debut at state Friday against Decatur in Garland.**



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Students at Warlord MMA of Big Spring recently competed in the North American Grappling Association's Newbreed tournament in Dallas. (Left) A.J. Hilario (3rd place, No Gi) Mekhi Castillo (1st place Gi), Mikayla Castillo (1st place Gi, 3rd place No Gi), Angel Torres and Rylie Pirraglia (2nd place No Gi) pose with their hardware after the tourney. (Right) Mikayla Castillo gets into a full mount before defeating her opponent.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There will be those who have no way of relating to your troubles — great! Seeing your trouble through their eyes will reveal the underlying absurdity of problems that, after all is said and done, prove

Tomorrow's Horoscope

unimportant.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There are high and low moments in every experience. Today you'll recognize the high moment and, while you're there, have the presence of mind to grab a souvenir. You'll be glad you did!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There are times when it's prudent to count the costs, but right now you're just not in the mood. You care about the quality of what you're doing, and you'll do whatever is necessary to make it the very best.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your methods of leadership are so subtle that people may not even realize you're controlling a group dynamic. That's because you strive to inspire others, not to dominate them.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Most dogs rather enjoy their leashes: indicators that they are about to go out for some fresh air and adventure. Cats like you

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't condone bad behavior, but you do recognize that it's usually a product of personal pain. You believe in the goodness at the core of most people, and by seeing it, you help them find it in themselves.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have an excellent sense of where you'd like to wind up today. So why be in a hurry to get there? Savor each step that leads to your destination, and let the fullness of the day embrace you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you love something, you empower it to some degree. This is true even if your love comes from a great distance. It's still true if you love in secret and no one knows but you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll hear

good news about a friend and be one of the few people big-hearted enough to actually be happy about this — instead of just acting happy because it's what's expected.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your hard work makes it possible for you to experience the kind of heaven that touches to Earth when a project is finished or a child finally falls asleep.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An upcoming social situation may have you worried, but you can relax. You don't need to try to be anything. You will be surprised at how witty and charming you are when you don't try.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll dive into the work that is laid before you and involve yourself deeply. The deeper you go the more you like it. This feeling of being completely useful is sublime.

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Annie's Mailbox



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**Dear Annie:** When I married my husband, he was divorced with a college-aged daughter. For some reason or other, she did not complete her degree. After college, "Connie" got a job and her own apartment. She became pregnant by a co-worker and had a son. Her dad and I were very disappointed. Later, Connie moved to another state and had two more children with the same man, but no marriage. Her dad and I supported her and paid her rent whenever she needed it. He advised her on the difficulties and disadvantages of raising children without marriage, but she didn't listen. She moved back home three years before her father died. Her mother died two years later.

My 57-year-old stepdaughter now lives in

her mother's house. Connie is on dialysis and lives on her disability income. I cook, clean and take her to the doctor. I also help with the bills.

The problem is, I am now 70 and ready to retire and return to spend time with my immediate family. My widowed sister has invited me to live with her. How long am I obligated to support Connie physically and financially? Should I remain here and put my life on hold? — *Had Enough*

**Dear Had Enough:** That's up to you. You are the only parent Connie has, and you've stayed relatively close to her through the years. Some parents would sacrifice their personal happiness to care for a child, but others reach the point where they become resentful and feel taken advantage of. Can Connie manage without you? Could you look into available resources in her area for home health care, housekeeping and cooking, and perhaps contribute to the cost? Her children are adults now. It's time they took over the responsibilities you've been handling. Talk to them.

**Dear Annie:** I have been going to the same hairdresser for the past 12 years. Lately, I have

received some pretty bad haircuts, and I've noticed that the salon is not as clean as it used to be. There is often hair from previous customers on the chair and the floor.

I feel a strong connection to my hairdresser, and we've developed a friendship over the years, but I just can't take another bad hairdo. I'm thinking of going somewhere else, but I don't know how to do it. Should I just stop calling for appointments, or must I "break up" with her directly? — *Can Hairly Leave Sally?*

**Dear Hairly:** After 12 years, your hairdresser deserves to know why you aren't returning. Is it possible the salon is having financial difficulties? Might she be ill and unable to do the work she used to? Inquire about her well-being, and then tell her what's been bothering you. Give her the opportunity to improve the situation before telling her you feel it is necessary to take your business elsewhere.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Dog-Free Wedding," whose relative wants to bring her self-trained, poorly behaved "service" dog to the wedding.

I have had a seeing-eye dog for 30 years. My dogs are trained at The Seeing Eye in Morristown, N.J.

Those of us who use legitimate service dogs, guide dogs, hearing or other therapy dogs are confronting a huge issue: people who train their own dogs and those who get service dog equipment off of the Internet. They dress up their pets as service dogs and bring them into public places.

"Dog-Free" has every right to refuse this person and her ill-behaved dog who was not professionally trained. If this relative has a legitimate disability and needs a dog, she should investigate the proper channels. Otherwise, she is jeopardizing the rights and privileges for which those of us with legitimately trained dogs have fought for more than 80 years. — *New Germany, Nova Scotia*

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Dear Margo

*Hug-Me-Not*

**Dear Hug:** I'm with you, and I'm not even Asian. In the same way that people say brown is the new black, I think hugging is the new handshake. (I am not talking about hugging within families, but we will get to that in a minute.)

I have had people I barely knew hug me, and the inappropriate familiarity always makes me rigid with unease. (I remember a workman in my mother's apartment said to her, "May I hug you?" And she said, "No.") In general, people ought to dial it back a little and save a hug for when it means something.

As for your situation, I think it would be fine for you to "teach" your boyfriend's family how to show affection your way.

There is no reason they can't do the little bow, especially if you tell them it is a part of your tradition that you particularly like. —

*Margo, comfortably*

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL?

**Dear Margo:** I'm presently being faced with a situation I feel could jeopardize my relationship with my best friend, "Luella," and my fiancé, "Igor."

Igor and Luella's husband, "Sam," work at the same company together. That is how I was introduced to Igor. My guy has stated on several occasions that Sam is going to leave Luella. He lies to her about when he gets off work and what he is doing, and with whom.

Igor finally had to tell Sam that he could no longer tell Igor what he's up to unless he wanted it relayed to me. My relationship with Luella goes back 14 years. What is the best way (if any) to tell my friend what is going on? — *Hating the Drama*

**Dear Hate:** This is a common dilemma, with no real consensus. Some

believe that "time reveals all," and because people often get mad at the messenger, it's better not to be the bearer of bad news.

I probably am in favor of alerting your close friend that she's being played for a fool and her husband is a louse. Especially since you say Sam is preparing to leave this woman — he is not just stepping out on her — offering a heads-up would at least afford her the pleasure, if that's the word, of dumping him first.

If watching your friend's back could jeopardize the relationship, then maybe it's not all you thought it was. Good luck. — *Margo, delicately*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. To learn more about Margo Howard or to read features by other writers, visit [creators.com](http://creators.com).

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When a Hug Brings an Ugh

**Dear Margo:** I have a problem that I hope you may be able to help me with. I don't want to be someone who perpetuates any stereotypes or creates new ones, but the fact remains that most (not all) Asians are uncomfortable with the physical contact Westerners are used to.

I'm talking about our different ways of greeting. I mean we just bow when we greet one another. We don't hug and kiss as American and French people do. Although I myself was born in America, my parents were not, and I have grown up with their customs. I just feel like I'm being hug-raped whenever I have to put up with it.



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It wasn't much of a predicament because I've only had to endure this discomfort very occasionally, but the problem now is my boyfriend's family. Although they're Asian, too, they've been in America generations longer than my own family, so they hug whenever they see each other — and now me.

To make matters worse, it's a big family, and when I'm invited to a gathering (which is often . . . they celebrate everything), I have to hug as many as 8-10 times in an hour. I feel uncomfortable and have a hard time keeping myself from grimacing.

I don't want to straight out tell them that I don't feel comfortable with hugging because I don't want to be seen as the strange girl who doesn't like to touch people, but is there any way I can discreetly let them know that I'm not the hugging type, or is it too late since I've gone along with it? —



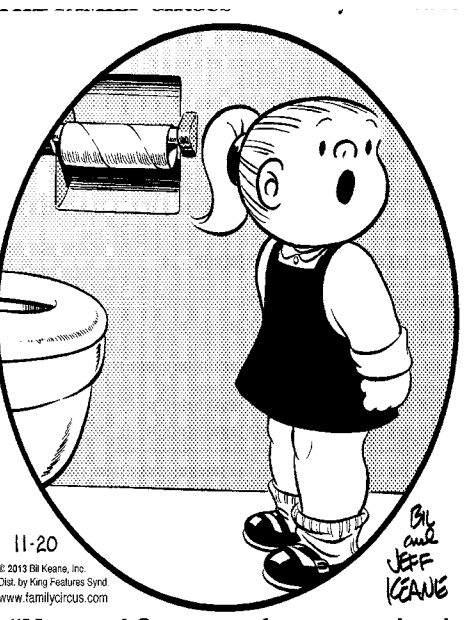
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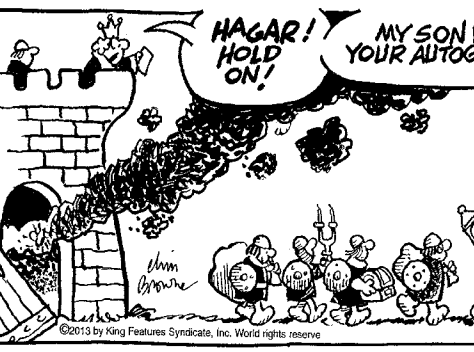
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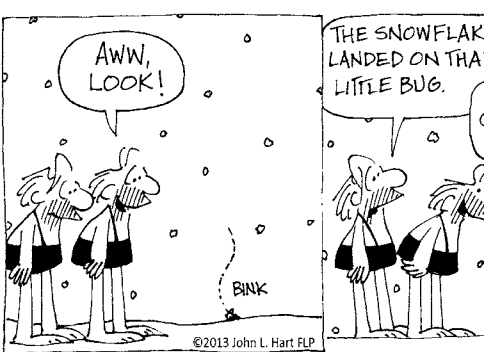
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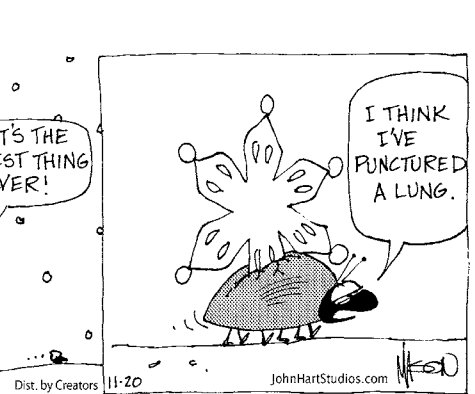


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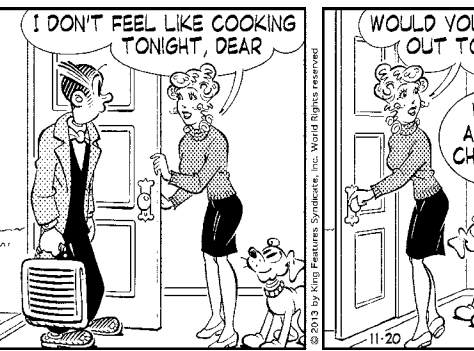


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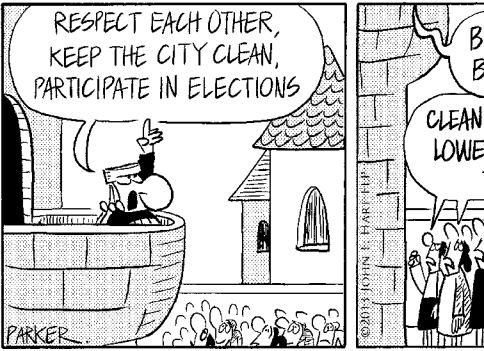
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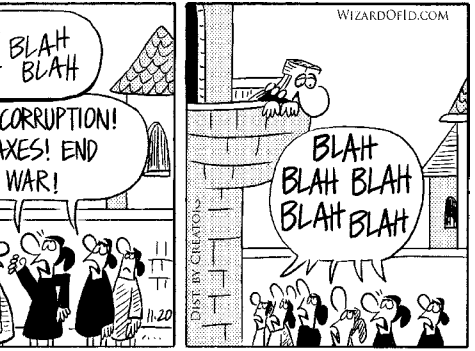


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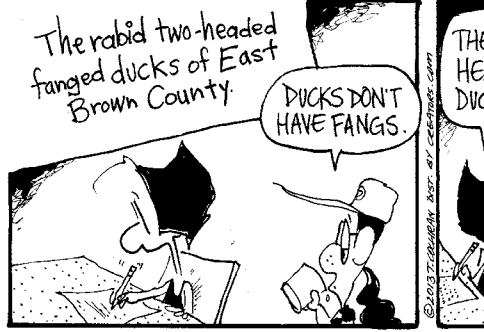


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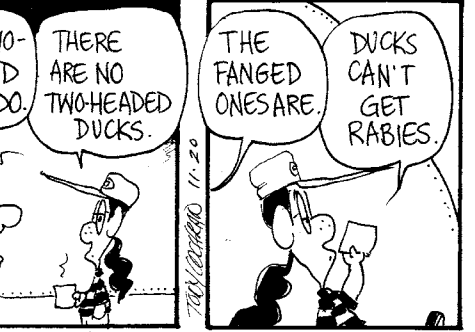


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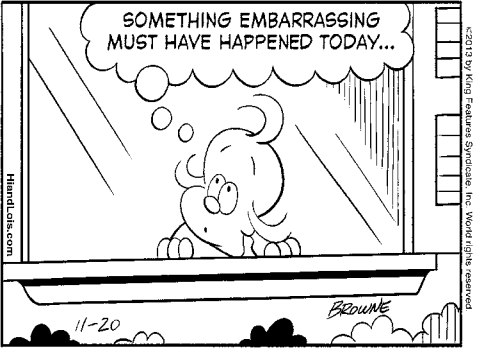


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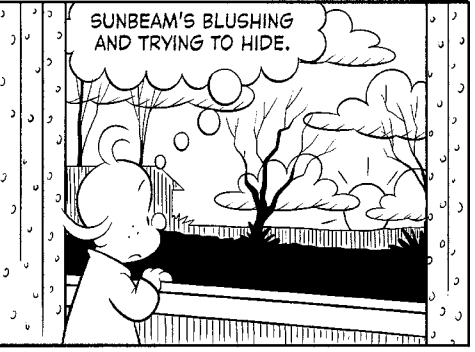


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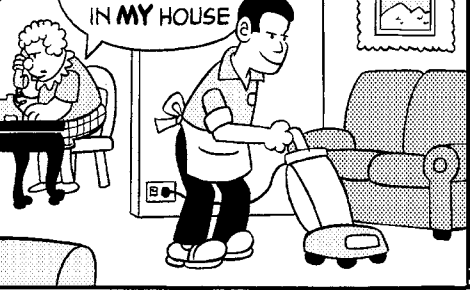


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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2013. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

On this date:

In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay; he was the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, revolution broke out in Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline,

Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, 22 out of 24 indicted Nazi officials went on trial (one in absentia) before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

In 1959, the United Nations issued its Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy held a news conference in which he announced the end of the naval quarantine of Cuba imposed during the missile crisis, and the signing of an executive order prohibiting discrimination in federal housing facilities.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1982, in one of college football's oddest finales, the University of California used five laterals to score a disputed winning touchdown on the last play of a game against Stanford, 25-20.

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  - 17 Like
  - 19 Rug rat
  - 20 Take up eagerly
  - 21 Freeloader
  - 23 Small dog, informally
  - 25 Sleek, in car lingo
  - 26 Sign after
  - 30 Unhealthy atmosphere
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  - 35 Hybrid utensil
  - 36 Employees' wear, for short
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  - 11 Where some theatergoers sit
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## Kobe practicing again with Lakers

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Kobe Bryant is back in practice with the Los Angeles Lakers, and even the five-time NBA champion gets a charge out of getting back to work.

Bryant participated in his second full workout with the Lakers at their training complex on Tuesday. He still isn't sure when he'll be back in uniform, but he's grateful to take the next step in his recovery from a torn Achilles tendon.

"It's always a much greater appreciation for it," Bryant said, his forehead beaded with post-practice sweat. "You understand the mortality that comes with being on that doorstep. There's always a sense of enjoyment when you come back. ... Put the jersey on, you walk out in practice, and felt like it was '97 again and I was getting my first start as a pro."

Bryant isn't setting a return date, but acknowledged he could see himself returning to the Lakers later this month. Coach Mike D'Antoni said Bryant will return whenever he says he's ready, although the Lakers' next game against Golden State on Friday is very unlikely.

The fourth-leading scorer in NBA history

hasn't played since tearing his Achilles tendon in a game against Golden State in April. He did several weeks of conditioning work before returning to practice last Saturday for a brief workout.

Bryant did drills and 5-on-5 play with the Lakers on Tuesday. He says he's "pleasantly surprised" by how good he felt afterward.

"I just went out there and just played," Bryant said. "Just tried to do what I normally do and figure some things out about my game, what can I do and what can't I do at this stage. Just try to figure out the route."

Bryant says he could adjust his game and contribute something to the Lakers right now, but he wants to make sure he's ready to play for the long haul when he returns for his 18th NBA season.

"It's definitely something where you're kind of champing at the bit a little bit, but we've come so far," he said. "I want to make sure, we all do, when you step out there you're ready to go the long haul, and it's not something that continues on. ... You just have to get stronger, but I could adjust my game and play at a pretty high level right now."

Bryant's self-evaluation isn't about praising his strengths, such as his better-than-expected upper-body strength, but finding his weaknesses. He's also withholding judgment until

he figures out how his body responds Wednesday morning.

"You've got to be honest with yourself, and if you have those limitations, then you've got to figure out a way to be effective around those," Bryant said. "You can't be stubborn about that. If there are certain things that I used to do that I can't do now. I won't try to do them. I've got to figure out another way."

Bryant's teammates were uniformly impressed with his condition and mobility in his first workouts back from a serious injury. D'Antoni allows Bryant and trainer Gary Vitti to plot the superstar's comeback pace, and the coach didn't encourage his players to go easy on Bryant.

"They had better beat him up while they can, because when he gets better, they won't be able to," D'Antoni said. "I'm sure they'll take their shots early. ... He's going to be a little rusty. He's going to make mistakes. But if he feels good, and when he feels like, 'You know what? I can do this,' then that's what he should do, and he's the only one that can (say) that."

During his recovery, Bryant has spent plenty of time with Steve Nash, the 39-year-old point guard currently sidelined with the latest in a series of injuries.

Nash is out for at least another week with nerve root irritation, a back problem stemming from a broken leg last season.

Bryant and Nash intend to be back in the Lakers' lineup together soon. Los Angeles is off to a 5-7 start in Bryant's absence and with little help from Nash.

But Bryant is impressed by his younger teammates, particularly Jordan Hill. The energetic big man has been outstanding since joining the starting lineup four games ago, capped by his career highs of 24 points and 17 rebounds in a win over Detroit last Sunday.

"We've got a bunch of competitors," Bryant said. "We've got a bunch of guys that can step up and compete. That's the most important thing. We've got guys that are willing to do whatever it takes to win."

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# Levine testifies he didn't conspire against A-Rod

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees President Randy Levine testified at Alex Rodriguez's grievance hearing Tuesday and denied conspiring with Major League Baseball on the 211-game suspension given to the New York third baseman last summer.

On the 10th day of the hearing, which started in September, Levine was asked a series of questions by Rodriguez lawyer Joseph Tacopina, according to a person with knowledge of the proceeding. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the proceedings are confidential.

The person said Levine testified for 10-15 minutes and denied having any personal gain from Rodriguez's suspension or the Yankees falling under the luxury tax threshold; and of having an agreement to receive a commission of any money the team saved because of the ban. Levine also denied

discussing Rodriguez's discipline with Major League Baseball or Commissioner Bud Selig; and telling Rodriguez surgeon Dr. Bryan Kelly or anyone else that he wanted the player off the field, the person said.

The person also said Levine testified he may have jokingly used the phrase "is he off the juice?" when talking with Rodriguez about other players who weren't performing. Levine testified he had no exact recollection.

The hearing resumed Monday before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, who also heard the case from Sept. 30-Oct. 3 and Oct. 15-18.

Howard Gans, a lawyer for MLB, said in papers filed in federal court that Horowitz will hear the case daily through Nov. 26 rather than the original plan to recess after Friday and resume Dec. 16.

MLB said U.S. District Judge Edgardo Ramos in Manhattan issued an

order Tuesday compelling Michael Sitrick, head of the public relations firm Sitrick & Co., to comply with a Sept. 19 subpoena issued by Horowitz to appear at the arbitration and to provide documents. Sitrick & Co. worked on Rodriguez's behalf earlier this year.

In papers filed in New York Supreme Court on Oct. 29, MLB alleged Sitrick & Co. had provided records from Bosch to Yahoo Sports, which published a story Feb. 5 saying the name of 2011 NL MVP Ryan Braun appeared in records of Biogenesis of America, the Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

MLB said in the court papers it believed the documents had been "provided to Sitrick & Co. by Rodriguez or others acting on his behalf." Miami New Times had reported Jan. 29 that Rodriguez bought hu-

man growth hormone and other performance-enhancing substances from Biogenesis during 2009-12.

Sitrick's lawyers, who had the matter removed to federal court, did not respond to an email seeking comment on Ramos' order, which MLB said was read from the bench.

Braun agreed July 22 to a season-ending 65-game suspension. Rodriguez was suspended

on Aug. 5 for alleged violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract, and the players' union filed the grievance to overturn the penalty. It remains unclear whether Rodriguez will testify; he continued to play while contesting the penalty.

The three-time AL MVP said four years ago he used PEDs while with the Texas Rangers from 2001-03, but has denied using them

since. At the time of his suspension, MLB said the penalty was for "use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone over the course of multiple years" and for "engaging in a course of conduct intended to obstruct and frustrate the office of the commissioner's investigation."

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# Vonn crashes during prep for return to racing

DENVER (AP) — Reigning Olympic downhill champion Lindsey Vonn crashed Tuesday while training in Copper Mountain, Colo., ahead of her planned return to racing following major knee surgery.

U.S. Ski Team spokesman Tom Kelly said Vonn was taken down the hill on a sled, which he noted was "normal protocol" in such cases. Kelly said he was not sure whether Vonn hurt her surgically repaired right knee in the fall at the team's speed training center.

"We have no reason to believe it's anything significant right now," Kelly told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

A spokesman for Vonn, Lewis Kay, issued a statement saying the ski racer was not admitted to a hospital and instead went home to Vail to be evaluated by the doctor who performed her knee surgery. Kay didn't specify the nature of her injuries.

"We expect to have clarity on the situation in the next 24 hours," Kay said.

Vonn, a four-time overall World Cup champion, tore ligaments in her right knee in a high-speed accident at the world championships in February. She has been aiming to return to World Cup competition next week in Beaver Creek, Colo.

The Sochi Games are in February.

Tuesday's crash was first reported by Skiracing.com.

With Vonn feeling her knee was months ahead of schedule, she thought about pushing up her comeback to the season-opening giant slalom in Soelden, Austria, late last month. But she changed her mind, opting instead to continue to prepare.

Vonn recently said her super-G is "some of the best super-G I've ever skied, but my downhill still needs a little more time."

She's been taking practice runs in Copper Mountain, and posted on her Twitter account Monday: "Catching some air today in Downhill training."

She also recently said that she's reluctantly been wearing a protective knee brace under doctor's orders.

"It's in my best interest to play it safe," Vonn said. "I compromised and said that as long as I don't have to wear (the brace) for the Olympics, I'll be fine."

On her Facebook page, three-time Olympic medalist Julia Mancuso posted a picture of the two of them together and a caption that read: "Lets all send Lindsey Vonn our positivity and hope for the best! (after her little crash today)"

The 29-year-old Vonn attended the NFL game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos on Sunday night, hanging out on the sideline with boyfriend Tiger Woods.

Vonn needs just three more wins to match Austrian great Annemarie Moser-Proell's record of 62 World Cup race victories. And while Vonn insists her primary focus this season is being fully healthy for Sochi, she acknowledges that World Cup mark would hold special meaning.

"There are many Olympic champions, but to be the No. 1 winningest World Cup racer of all time, you're alone on that list. You're at the top," Vonn said.



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