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Water rates could go down for some

BY STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Not everybody's water bills are going to increase — some will even go down a bit. The Big Spring City Council Thursday unanimously approved new water usage rates that will offer a little bit of re-

lief to low -and fixed-income households. The city is passing along a recent 6 percent increase from the Colorado River Municipal Water District to customers, but not everybody will see that increase reflected in their monthly bills.

City officials have long used a four-tier billing formula which followed a simple theory — the more water you use, the more money you'll pay. "Now, we've created another tier," said City Human Resources Director John Medina. "People on fixed in-

comes who use less than 2,000 gallons a month will pay \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons used." That averages out to a \$3 decrease in monthly water bills for those customers, Finance Director Donald Moore said. The 6 percent increase will effect customers who have

higher water usage; they will pay 75 cents more for each 1,000 gallons used, Medina said. The new rates, which are expected to take effect in October, are still less than those
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Secure your Christmas cards for lights festival

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Now taking orders for gigantic Christmas cards. Festival of Lights organizers are encouraging businesses and community organizations to start placing their orders now for the large Christmas greeting card displays that dot the FoL annual lighting event.



"The cost is \$350 or \$200 for a renewal," said Pat Simmons, FoL committee member. Simmons added those who purchase a card can place their logo or other information on the sign and have final approval of the overall look before the card is made. "We will not take any orders after Nov. 1 because we need to order them and get them in," she said.

This year will mark the 18th anniversary of the festival which turns Comanche Trail Park in a lighted Christmas wonderland for about two weeks, using hundreds of displays and around \$1 million lights. Getting such a large project going requires a number of volunteers. "Anyone can adopt a spot," Simmons said. "Last year we had 38 adopt a spots. They can be schools, businesses, organizations, families. The group will be responsible for setting up the decorations, making sure the lights work and everything is working well

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HERALD Photos/Lyndel Moody
Kris Pool, a U.S. Marine from Odessa who served tours in Iraq, gives a moving speech honoring not only the fallen victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks but also those who have fallen since in the war on terror during the 9/11 Memorial at the Spring Town Plaza held Thursday night. The event was presented by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47 and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and drew a large crowd to the mall. The event also honored nine local men who gave their lives for their county in the Iraqi and Afghanistan conflicts. They are Steven Evard, Big Spring Police Officer who was serving as a contractor; PFC Clayton Hensen, U.S. Army; PFC Kristian Menchaca, U.S. Army; PFC Chad Metcalf; U.S. Marine Corp; SPC Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army; Staff Sgt. Clinton



Newman, U.S. Army; Cpt. Ellery Ray Wallace, U.S. Army; SPC Braden Long, U.S. Army; and Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army. Above, a Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Color Guard participates during the ceremonial folding of the flag while Ed Meiser of the DAV Chapter 47 reads the significance of the ceremony.

ESCALATING STUDENT BASE

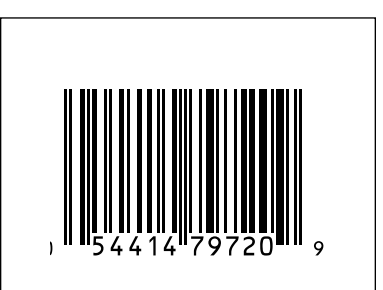
BSISD enrollment up 147 students from a year ago

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring schools are feeling growing pains. Superintendent Chris Wigington informed board members Thursday night that district enrollment is up 147 students compared to this time last year. Washington Elementary has the distinct honor for the second year in a row of having the largest student population of all the elementary schools with more than 600 enrolled, according to numbers given out by Wigington. Moss Elementary has the least with 470. The other two elementary schools
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Interest shown in restarting Rainbow Girls

Herald Staff Report
 An ice cream sundae social will be held Sunday as part of a recruitment drive to restart the Big Spring Assembly No. 60, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. The group went inactive several years ago, but Jimmy Ruth, marshal of the Order of the Big Spring Eastern Stars Chapter 60, said at least four to five girls have shown interest reactivating the group. At least seven girls between the ages of 12 to 18 years old are needed. The ice cream sundae social is set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Staked Plains Masonic
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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70/54 Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 73F.	66/61 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s.	77/65 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	84/66 A few thunderstorms possible.	78/65 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:50 PM



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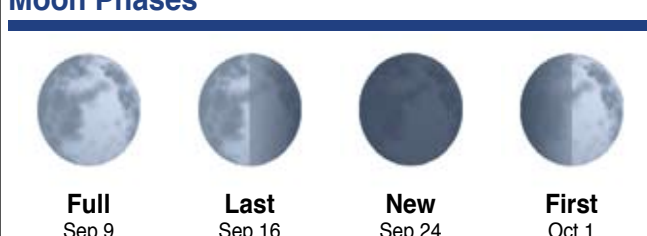
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	57	t-storm	Kingsville	90	74	t-storm
Amarillo	55	46	rain	Livingston	90	71	t-storm
Austin	93	68	t-storm	Longview	84	65	t-storm
Beaumont	89	72	t-storm	Lubbock	61	50	rain
Brownsville	88	76	t-storm	Lufkin	92	69	t-storm
Brownwood	78	62	t-storm	Midland	70	54	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	75	t-storm	Raymondville	90	76	t-storm
Corsicana	84	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	92	73	t-storm
Dallas	75	63	t-storm	San Antonio	95	70	mst sunny
Del Rio	96	69	mst sunny	San Marcos	95	68	mst sunny
El Paso	84	60	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	74	64	t-storm
Fort Stockton	81	55	t-storm	Sweetwater	68	54	t-storm
Gainesville	68	57	rain	Tyler	84	65	t-storm
Greenville	72	62	t-storm	Weatherford	70	60	t-storm
Houston	91	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	66	56	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	62	49	mst sunny
Boston	67	56	rain	New York	71	57	rain
Chicago	61	45	sunny	Phoenix	100	74	sunny
Dallas	75	63	t-storm	San Francisco	75	58	pt sunny
Denver	77	51	sunny	Seattle	75	54	sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	St. Louis	65	47	sunny
Los Angeles	91	71	sunny	Washington, DC	73	56	rain
Miami	86	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 9/13	Sun 9/14	Mon 9/15	Tue 9/16	Wed 9/17
4	7	9	7	7
Moderate	High	Very High	High	High

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

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Bill Tune



Bill Tune, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Saturday in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church from 1 p.m. until service time.

Bill was born June 15, 1926, in O'Donnell, Texas and married Mary Jo Box, Sept. 13, 1947, in Stanton, Texas.

Bill served in the South Pacific in United States Navy during World War II. He served as Howard

Obituaries

County Commissioner for four years and then as Howard County Judge from 1972 to 1980. Later, he served as the bailiff for the 118th District Court.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Tune; daughter, Linda Conway; and son, Tommy Tune and wife, Donna, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Larry Bob Conway; two grandsons, Ehren Tune and Larry Don Harp; his parents, Thomas and Beulah (Damron) Tune; three brothers and two sisters.

The family suggest memorials be made to the ETLD Memorial Scholarship at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1229.

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

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Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- EDDIE GLENN OVERTON, 22, of 7503 N. Service Rd., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for criminal mischief \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- BRYAN DEANDRE POLK, 24, of 8828 S. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., was arrested Thursday on 3 warrants from another agency.
- CHRISTOPHER SHAWN MINOR, 39, of 985 Murfreesboro Rd., apt. B-18, Nashville, Tenn., was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- EDDIE GLENN OVERTON, 22, of 7503 N. Service Rd., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- FRANCISCO LUCIANO HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1308 Madison, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for graffiti -

worship/burial/public monument/school.

- DENNY RAY WANNER, 38, of 617 Caylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- SUZANNE MICHELLE MURPHY, 50, of 105 Central, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- ABANDONED VEHICLE was reported at Price.
- THEFT reported at CR 34 and N. Highway 87, the 2500 block of Fairchild, the 800 block of Gail Highway, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, the 3700 block of Caroline St., Moore School Rd. and the 2600 block of Gregg.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2700 block of Wasson.
- INTOXICATED DRIVER reported at the 1100 block of Settles.

Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

- Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 at the time of this report.
- MICHAEL SCOTT JACKMAN was booked by HCSO to begin sentence on a warrant for injury to a child.
- FRANCISCO LUCIANO HERNANDEZ was booked by HCSO on a warrant for graffiti.
- DENNY RAY WANNER was booked by HCSO on a charge for theft of property.
- BRYAN DEANDRE POLK was booked by BSPD on bond forfeitures for charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, resisting arrest and driving while intoxicated.
- SUZANNE MURPHY was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- CHRISTOPHER SHAWN MINOR was booked by BSPD on a

charge of burglary of a building.

- ADRIAN DELATORRE was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of W. 16th St. No transport.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Austin. One patient transported to SMMC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2-14
Big Spring Art Association's 60th Anniversary Show and Celebration:
Heritage Museum.
Contact: **432-267-8255**

Sept. 19-20
16th of September Festival:
Heart of the City Park
Contact: **Michael Dutchover 432-413-5695**

Sept. 25-27
Howard County Fair:
Howard County Fairgrounds
Contact: **Janeice Barnes 432-268-3117**

Oct. 4-5
West Texas Disc Golf Championship:
Comanche Trail Park
Contact: **Greg Brooks 432-528-5076**

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Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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

- 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 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- 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.

- SteppingStone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Noon — Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (next to Sears).

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Take Note

- The Big Spring High School homecoming parade is set for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3. If you would like to enter a float, call the BSHS main office at 432-264-3641. Parade entries are due Sept. 24.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.
- All entrances to Comanche Trail Park will be closed between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday for a high school cross country meet.
- Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Howard College Cactus Room Sept. 15, at 11:30 a.m. for their regular monthly meeting. The program will be "Education in Howard County."
Speakers will be Coahoma ISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs, Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson and Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend and join our local unit. For more information contact Bo Fryar at 399-4510.
- Howard County 4-H will have a kick off event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College campus.
There will be food, fun and games. Come see what we are all about. Any questions, call 432-264-2236.
- Red Mesa Grill is the site for this week's United Way Dine Out Days event. Each restaurant which participates in Dine Out Days makes a contribution to the United Way.
- Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild will give away an all inclusive cancer quilt on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. The quilt measures 9 feet, 7 inches long and 9 feet, 5 inches wide. The event will be hosted by the Heritage Museum and tickets are \$1. All proceeds from tickets sold will go to "Gift of Hope." The quilt will be on display at the Big Spring Senior Center from Aug. 26-29 and at the museum Oct. 1-28.
Cancer squares are being accepted to make into comfort/lap quilts, quilts you make, crochet and

knitted afghans. The blankets and quilts will be placed under the Guild Christmas Tree at the Heritage Museum during the Tree of Lights. The quilts and afghans will be donated to the chemotherapy patients at the Allison Cancer Center. For more information, call Jeanne at 556-6403.

- The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Monday in the Cactus Room of Howard College's student union building. For more information, contact Bo Fryar at 270-8513.
- Are you just surviving? We can help you go from surviving to living. Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps at 1208 Frasier in Big Spring wants to help you go from surviving to living. We offer free job skills classes, free Bible study classes, free life skills classes. Our next session is Sept. 15 through Dec. 12. We are accepting applications now. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

• Spring Town Plaza will be the home of a pink recycling bin starting Thursday. American Recyclers take pride in assisting the community by donating to non-profit charities. The charity for Big Spring is Susan G. Komen — hence the pink bins.

• The Howard County Fair Quilt is on display at Prosperity Bank. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Compass Bank, Prosperity Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. The Howard County Fair will be taking entries on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. Entries include agriculture products, art and photography, baked goods, canned goods and creative arts.

• The Howard County Association board invites all elementary school children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to attend the Howard County Fair without charge Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These hours are available only for this age-level student and are not during the regular hours of the fair. To schedule a time for your class to visit, contact Gale Pittman or Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201, 432-935-1604 or uway@bigspringtx.com.

• Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the

book sale to be held Oct. 17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

• The Cross Roads Young Marines are now taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.

• Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

CARDS

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during those two weeks." The annual event drew nearly 20,000 visitors from 34 states and 12 countries to the park in 2013 for that two-week period.

For more information or to order a Christmas greeting card or to adopt a spot, call Simmons at 432-213-5444.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at citydesk@big-springherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

RATES

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in other West Texas communities, Moore

said. In other business Thursday, the council approved:
• The city's budget and tax rate for the coming fiscal year. People liv-

ing in an average-priced home in Big Spring will pay \$38 more in city taxes this year, Moore said. Long-standing partial homestead exemptions, plus those for elderly

and disabled taxpayers, will continue.
• A routine airport maintenance program agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. Under the

program, the city will receive up to \$100,000 in matching grant money to help pay for airport maintenance projects.
• Pay schedules for police and fire depart-

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

STUDENTS

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— Goliad and Marcy — have close to 600 students on the books. That growth spurt once again places George Bancroft, who is in charge of employee recruitment for the Big Spring Independent

School District, on the never ending road to hire more classroom teachers.
"We need to hire three new ones (instructors) — a kindergarten, second and third grade teacher, and we need a sixth grade math teacher at the intermediate school," Bancroft told trustees.

More student growth also means BSISD will apply to the Texas Education Agency for classroom waivers to exceed the 22 student to 1 teacher ratio limit, Wigington said.
"We've beat the bushes trying to find teachers," Wigington said with a laugh. The district will be

eyeing the possibility of transferring students from one campus to another to help balance out the enrollment growth but plans to hold off on all transfers until an equability system can be established, Wigington said.
"We are taking our time to make sure how we can do it in a fair way," he added. In-house and personnel items, along with

an update by Heidi Wagner, director of school improvement, regarding the district improvement plan to increase academic performance, took up the rest of the meeting.

Contact Lyndel Moody

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RAINBOW

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Building, 210 S. Main. Enter through the glass door and go left through the other glass door. Take the elevator to the second floor. Crafts and activities will be available. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Rainbow is a nonprofit organization that strives to give girls the tools, training and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright and is sponsored by the Order of the Big Spring Easter Star Chapter 60. The group encourages volunteering for different charities, working to improve public speaking and teaches several

other life skills. For more information, call Howard Stewart, chairman of Assembly No. 60, at 432-935-0582, email at hvstewart@gmail.com or visit www.gorainbow.org.

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Tommie Freeman, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be held today at 3 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us be receptive to new thoughts and ideas, dear Lord, while keeping you close to our breasts. — Amen

The measles have returned

No, it's not a rock group. You're lucky if you can't remember. It's a disease that was gone, and now it's back. So, by the way, is whooping cough, another dreaded childhood disease that had been effectively wiped out.

Every child is supposed to be immunized before they start kindergarten. Children with medical issues, such as a weakened immune system, are entitled to medical exemptions. These children, along with family members who cannot be vaccinated, depend on the rest of the community to protect them. According to accepted public health standards, “herd immunity” requires that 92 percent of the students in the classroom be vaccinated. By vaccinating our own children, we protect them — and those children who cannot be vaccinated and might face the worst outcomes if they were to fall sick.

While all states require certain vaccinations, parents who claim that vaccinations are against their “personal beliefs” are entitled to exemptions. The number of parents seeking such exemptions has doubled in the past seven years, and, according to an analysis by the Los Angeles Times, the rates — and dangers — are actually greatest in private schools and many of the wealthiest public school districts.

In the Santa Monica-Malibu

(Calif.) Unified School District, for example, the exemption rate is nearly 15 percent. In the Montecito district in Santa Barbara, more than 27 percent of the parents are claiming it is against their personal beliefs to vaccinate. Among private schools in California, nearly 25 percent of the kindergartens are reporting vaccination rates that put them below the 92 percent rate. In some cases, literally half of the students aren't getting vaccinated. Ten percent of the public school kindergartens surveyed reported that “herd immunity” no longer protects their students.

Parents who don't vaccinate their otherwise healthy children claim that they are protecting their children's health.

I have yet to find a reputable doctor or public health expert who agrees. Measles and pertussis are potentially serious illnesses, even for healthy children. And they can be deadly for children and family members who cannot be vaccinated, already have compromised immune systems or are being treated for cancers — in short, for people who depend on the community to keep them safe.

Not vaccinating your child is both dangerous and selfish.

This is not a religious issue, at least not for the overwhelming majority of California residents who opt out of vaccination. The most dangerous schools in the state are schools populated by parents who think they know better than public health officials and, in making that mistake, are exposing not only their own children, but also their

most vulnerable classmates and family members, as well as teachers and staff, to potentially deadly threats.

A few years ago, it was very “fashionable” to believe that vaccinations caused autism. I say “fashionable” because there was never one ounce of scientific proof establishing any such connection, and yet you could turn on your television and see the topic being debated as if it were one about which reasonable authorities could disagree. Reasonable authorities could not disagree. The so-called studies suggesting a link to autism were thoroughly and totally discredited. And yet the trend continues.

The number of measles cases in America reached a 20-year high last year. A preventable disease is back. California is facing a whooping cough epidemic this year.

Of course, parents should be able to raise their children as they please. I'm not one who thinks we need the state to tell us what our kids can eat for lunch or what size sodas they can buy. But vaccinations are another matter. Personal choice should not extend to exposing children to unacceptable and unnecessary risks — particularly when those being exposed are the most vulnerable among us, who have no choice.

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Hispanic time portals on the road

As you drive west on I-10 across Texas, you can see Mexico from your left windows. Sometimes the highway gets so close to the Mexican border that you can clearly see the landscape on the other side of the Rio Grande.

But if you take an offramp a few miles before you get to El Paso, you not only can get much closer to Mexico but also can travel back in time and relive West Texas' rich Hispanic history.

On “El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro,” the Royal Road of the Interior, established by Spanish explorers more than three centuries ago, you'll be crossing time portals back to the days when Spanish settlers and Native Americans built the first Spanish missions and communities in present-day Texas and established some of the oldest continuously active parishes in the United States.

A 9-mile stretch of El Camino Real is also known as the El Paso Mission Trail because that's where you'll find two Spanish missions — Ysleta and Socorro — established in 1682 and completed around 1690-91 “largely by Tigua, Piro, and Manso Indians, under instruction from the Franciscan priests who evangelized them,” according to a sign that greets you there.

The sign, headlined “The Faith on the Frontier,” notes that the Spanish explorers of the 16th and 17th centuries “were fired by three ambitions” — seeking material wealth, Christianizing the natives and colonizing the North American frontier. But it also notes, “North of the Rio Grande, the Spanish were far more successful at evangelizing for their faith than at discovering material riches.”

The trail also takes you to San Elizario and its Historic District, some 17 miles southeast of El Paso, a community that evolved around the Presidio San Elizario, a Spanish fort built in 1789 to protect the nearby missions and Spain's northern frontier. The presidio's chapel, destroyed

by a flood in 1829 and rebuilt in 1882, still is the focal point of the district, where there are historic homes, museums and shops for tourists to visit and where the chapel presides over the Spanish-style Veterans Memorial Plaza, which has the look and feel of a colonial plazita in Latin America.

And there is a reason for that. When the missions were founded, they were part of New Spain. And before the Rio Grande was established as the U.S.-Mexico border, this section of the old Camino Real had also been part of Mexico and the Republic of Texas.

But for more than 200 years, ever since Spanish explorer Juan de Onate's 1598 expedition into present-day New Mexico, it was a major trade and supply route from Mexico City to Santa Fe — some 1,500 miles. When they crossed the Rio Grande — in the area where Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, now borders El Paso — Onate's men were the ones who named the area El Paso del Rio del Norte, or The Pass Across the River of the North.

But El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, designated a National Historic Trail in 2000, was once the longest road in North America — and remains the oldest!

San Elizario is now a city of some 14,000 residents in El Paso County. Many of them still feel strong ties to their Native American and Hispanic heritage. Curiously, “Elizario” is a corruption of the original name given to the presidio — San Elceario, after San Elcear, the French patron saint of soldiers.

At missions Ysleta and Socorro, you learn they were established by missionary Francisco de Ayeta and Antonio de Otermin, the Spanish governor of New Mexico, as temporary camps to give refuge to Spanish settlers and Native Americans who had fled south from northern New Mexico after the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

That's when Pueblo Indians rebelled against Spanish colonizers, as a result of the years of mistreatment they had endured under Spanish rule, killing some 400 Spaniards and driving 2,000 others out of New Mexico.

At the El Paso missions, you

learn that they got their original very long names, ending with the words “del sur” (of the south), because they were named after the missions from which the Pueblos had fled in northern New Mexico.

“The mission was established after the most sweeping retreat by colonists and soldiers from Indians in the history of North America, the great Pueblo Revolt of 1680,” the Ysleta signs explain.

“The clash of cultures was a struggle over which ways of life (religion, economics, politics and many cultural traditions) should prevail. The conflict finally led to open rebellion by natives of what is now northern New Mexico and the expulsion of the Spanish.”

Although many Spanish settlers had passed through the El Paso area on their way to northern New Mexico, they did not settle in this area until they retreated. Some Native Americans who already had adopted Spanish customs and embraced Christianity also fled south with the Spanish, but there are different interpretations on whether they did so willingly.

At Ysleta, you learn that “Spanish records show that during the escape south, some Christian Indians joined Governor Antonio de Otermin in flight to the Pass of the North,” but you also learn that “history as recorded by Tigua oral tradition maintains that Indians were forced to accompany Otermin.” And yet another sign at Socorro calls the Pueblo Revolt a “massacre” from which Piro Indian refugees fled.

“In any case,” a mission sign concludes, “on October 12, 1680, Father Juan de Zavaleta held the first Catholic Mass on soil that eventually became part of the State of Texas.” That Mass was reportedly attended by Otermin, 150 Spanish soldiers and colonists, and more than 300 Native Americans.

Ravaged by storms and fires over the years, these three churches have been repaired, reconstructed and restored many times. All three are still active parishes, administered by

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SUSAN ESTRICH



MIGUEL PEREZ

New to Big Spring? So is Living Waters

Herald Staff Report

Pastor Craig Wascom calls it "an unchanging message for an ever-changing world."

"We are all saved by grace and grace alone, but we look for ways to deliver that message that are relevant to today," said Wascom, who will open the doors to Living Waters this Sunday. Living Waters is located at the former Assembly of God Church on the corner of Fourth Street and Lancaster in Big Spring.

Everyone is invited to the 11 a.m. service, of course, but Pastor Wascom hopes especially to attract two groups of



Wascom

people to the church. "We aren't trying to recruit anyone currently going to another church," he said. "Basically we are seeking people who have just moved to town and people who are already here and not going to church."

"We waited purposely for Sept. 14 because we wanted people who just moved here to get their kids enrolled in school and to get settled in," he said. "We all know how difficult it can be to move to a new place and try to fit in when you don't know anyone. That's why we are taking the approach that everyone who comes to our church is new. We'll grow and get to know each other together."

"The second group we are trying to attract is those who, for whatever reason, are not

attending church," Wascom added.

Knowing that some people only have Sunday off from work, the 11 o'clock start time will give them an opportunity to sleep later in the morning, the pastor said. There is a special children's church at the same time and a nursery is available.

"We've spent a lot of time building our youth ministry and our children's ministry. We try to make it as upbeat and fun as possible," the pastor related.

Some other facts about the church include:

- Dress and atmosphere are casual. "We have a non-judgmental atmosphere. We accept people wherever they are in their walk in life."
- Modern, more "reader-friendly" translations of the

Bible are used.

• Keeping up with the times. "We use a worship style and a music style for today, like people would normally listen to on radio stations."

• An opportunity to get involved quickly. "Because we are new and growing, the opportunities for involvement are endless."

Living Waters already has a vibrant youth group. They meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

"My son says we grew a church out of a bunch of kids who got together in the basement," said Wascom with a laugh. "And he's partly right."

Wascom has been an ordained minister for 20 years. He and April, his wife of 28 years, have two sons, 16-year-old Gabriel and 22-year-old John, who resides in Dallas.

Wascom has ministered in Louisiana, Arkansas, Colorado, Utah and other parts of Texas.

He received his bachelor's degree at Pacific Coast Bible College in Sacramento, Calif., his masters from Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Okla., and is working on his doctorate at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

"My messages are geared to be relevant to what is going on today. We try to keep it fresh. We do that through music, drama, video," said Wascom. "Our message is what it has always been — but we take a current-day approach."

To meet Pastor Wascom and witness what Living Waters is all about, attend Sunday morning's service.

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Our youth are studying different Bible stories, activities and crafts. The adult class will begin a six-week study titled "Death, Salvation & the End Times." The youth will begin studying "120 Bible Stories."

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Matthew 18:21-35.

Our Wednesday night Bible study will begin again next week, Sept. 17.

A meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Classes begin at 6:30.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Forsan Baptist Church

We will continue our message series called "Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John" this Sunday with a message from John 6:16-21. It is titled, "Willing Reception."

Sunday evenings we are still doing an inquiry study based on open questions addressed through Scripture. On Wednesdays we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through Genesis, but will soon begin a new study called, "How On Earth Did We Get Here?"

We will have our men's breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café this Saturday morning. Join us for food and fellowship.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth and even an adult Bible study.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m.

Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Christian Church

In 1991 the alternative group R.E.M came out with the song "Losing My Religion." This Sunday our pastor, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will offer a hopeful word for those who are experiencing a crisis of faith. Using the Apostle Paul's crisis of faith found in Acts 9, as well as the character Rev. Jim Casy from John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" (1939), Dr. McIntosh's sermon will focus on how a crisis of faith can lead us to a deeper faith in God. Throughout the month of September, Dr. McIntosh is using Steinbeck's great moral novel and scripture to explore issues of faith, relationships, and moral actions in his sermon messages.

For those who haven't read "The Grapes of Wrath," there will be a special screening of the John Ford movie of the novel this Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Nominated for seven academy awards, and winning two Oscars for Best Director (John Ford) and Best Supporting Actress (Jane Darwell), the movie features Henry Fonda as Tom Joad and tells the story of the Joad family's forced migration to California during the Great Depression.

Finally, we've added three new voices to our choir this month and we are still hoping for a few more. Our new music staff is Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thiebeault. They are making our choir experience fun and challenging. Choir rehearsal happens on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. We believe anyone can sing and invite you to come join our joyful raucous!

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Children's Music Program begins at 4:15.

The youth group will meet at 6 p.m. with a meal before the program and bell choir.

The Rev. Holstedt introduced Caroline Morgan as our communications coordinator, who will be working on our newsletter, website, FaceBook page and a brochure for our church. She is working with the Membership Committee to help improve communications within our congregation and between our church and the community.

We are pleased to have three students from Howard College join our Chancel Choir.

Presbyterian Women, which usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, will meet this month on the third Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. Helen Glass will lead the first lesson of the study "Reconciling Paul," based on Second Corinthians, authored by Elizabeth Henson-Hasty. We will finalize plans for the meal to be served for the Oct. 4 meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery here at our church.

The Session has its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the church library.

Katie Grimes is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Ushers for the month are David and Susan Wilson, Janie Conley and Kim Brown. Lector is Mark Morgan.

The lectionary for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Sound the Trumpet" by Henry Purcell as the offertory anthem.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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Worship — 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Class — 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class and Devo — 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. The 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m.

This Sunday, First United Methodist Church is pleased to welcome Bishop Earl Bledsoe to the pulpit. A native of Levelland and a graduate of West Texas A&M University, Bishop Bledsoe received his theological education from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

He went on to serve churches in the Houston area before being elected Bishop in 2008. Following his election, Bishop Bledsoe was assigned to the Dallas area. In 2012, he assigned to the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Episcopal Area.

Fall is in full swing at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Bill Ivins continues to teach Bible Study at Noon on Wednesdays in Garrett Hall. A meal is served for a nominal charge. Serving begins at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday nights are filled with a full complement of activities for all ages. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall, with classes and ministry activities at 6. This fall, adult electives include "The Five Love Languages," led by Joan Pierce, Class 101 of the "Discipleship Pathway," led by Ann McClarty and Jim Anderson.

Later in the fall, "Financial Peace University" and "Non-Intimidating Ways to Share Your Faith" will be added to the adult elective lineup.

Pastor Ivins also leads a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Church Parlor.

Adult Choir rehearsals are from 7 p.m. to 8:30

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Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the rains he sends are an expression of his grace. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring.
(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Psalm 1, Part 1

What God's person does not do

Happiness. Everyone wants to be happy, in whatever way they view happiness. Many become upset when they feel they have been deprived of happiness, claiming that it is their "right" to be happy.



GREG SURLES

The Declaration of Independence states that everyone has been given certain undeniable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But how do most people in our society, and in the world, attempt to pursue happiness? They focus on the physical and material aspects of life, hoping to

find true happiness, and if they do find it to some degree, it is usually fleeting at best.

In Psalm 1, we see the person whom God through inspiration describes as blessed. In the original language, the word gives the sense of happiness or blessedness. In the fullest sense, we could liken this to being content or blissful. The verbal root of the word involves the idea "to be straight;" figuratively it meant "to go forward, guide, or lead." So the person who is called blessed by God is one whose moral compass is set to God's word and who moves forward along the path shown by His word (Ps 119:105; Pro 6:23; 13:9).

Next, we are told what God's person, that blessed person, does not do. Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. Notice the verbs are all in the negative: walks not, nor stands, nor sits.

In today's culture, people don't like to be told what they cannot do. Parents are even told by "psychologists" that telling their children no is detrimental to their emotional development.

Well, if one wants to find true contentment and blessedness according to God's word, then there are definite activities which are prohibited. Notice, also, the progressive nature of the verse. One begins to flirt with temptation and sin just by walking along beside it. The prophet Amos warned God's people then, Can two

walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3). Once someone becomes comfortable as they "pass by" sin, they will find themselves occasionally stopping and standing, maybe not actively participating but still condoning the sinful behavior. But after someone's conscience has been beaten down and their heart hardened, they will be sitting right in the midst of the scoffers, those who not only don't care about God and His word but who openly ridicule God and anyone who claims to follow Him. 1Cor 15:33 says Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Greg Surles is the pastor at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. He can be reached at 267-2132.

Did you ever wonder?
The Covenant

Let's examine the covenant God made with Abram. In that time if a man had accumulated possessions there was always someone else who wanted to take it away from him. Even if he was not an aggressive man, he had to be strong and forceful to defend what was his. Many times two kings, whose armies were about equal, would agree not to fight each other. They might not be exactly friends, but they respected the prowess of the other king enough to make a truce between them.



EUNICE FILLER

To solemnize this vow not to attack each other they made a covenant. Certain animals were slaughtered and cut in half, and after each man had voiced his vow, he walked between the halves. Usually, each vow was something like, "If I break this covenant, may I die a torturous, humiliating death at the hands of my enemy!"

Now understand that a sacrificial animal always represented a human being. The slaughter was not brutal; the animal was simply killed with as much mercy as possible. Remember, too, that many of the idols people worshipped at that time required human sacrifices. Abram's God did not!

God had Abram prepare animals for a covenant between Him and Abram. When Abram had everything ready, he had to sit down and wait...because everything is done in God's timing, not in ours. Gen 15:11 says that while Abram waited, birds of prey descended upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

This is a big clue for us. 'Birds of prey' is often used as symbolism for doubt. Hasn't this happened to you? While you wait for something expected, your mind races... grasping for reasons for the delay. We seldom relax and wait with confidence. Doubt dredges up everything we could have possibly done wrong... every reason the other person might have to delay his coming. Just so, doubt might have descended upon Abram, but notice that 'Abram drove them away!' He did not allow himself to doubt his God!

Then it says that as the sun was beginning to set, God caused a deep sleep to fall on Abram. And behold - a dread! Great darkness fell upon him. This is the same wording used to describe the darkness at creation. It doesn't speak of the darkness of night, but of thick darkness without any light mixed in. God spoke a promise to Abram...a prophesy, which you should read and study for yourself. (Gen 15:13-16, 18-21)

Then a smoky furnace and a torch of fire passed between the pieces. In the great darkness, with Abram in a deep sleep, only God Himself walked between the pieces to solemnize His vow to Abram. Sages say that, knowing that mere human beings would not be able to keep the covenant, God alone made the covenant with Abram and his descendants. God made the responsibility His alone to be Abram's God forever.

Have you claimed Him for your God?

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? fillereunice@yahoo.com.

CHURCH NEWS

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p.m. each Wednesday in the Music Suite upstairs. The adult Celebration Choir is under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

As we look ahead to October, the congregation is encouraged to remember two important dates. This year, the Lord's Acre is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18. People are encouraged to begin bringing items for the silent auction as well as the live auction to the church in preparation for the Lord's Acre.

The other date to remember is Trunks for Treats on Friday, Oct. 31. Members are encouraged to make plans to participate that night. For those unable to get out that night, consider donating candy.

For more information on any activity, visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Adults meet for Bible study at the church on Wednesday nights at 6. Children and youth will meet for activities. Home Groups will also be meeting.

Current Connection Groups will continue throughout the next few months with the addition of one group learning about marriage called "What Did You Expect?" This class is a blessing for those who are newly married, those married a long time, those planning to get married soon or anyone who plans to get married in the future.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior K through Junior High this coming year. Applications are now being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit http://bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy has started a preschool. To start, it will be a two-day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months thru 4 years old. Times are 8-3:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more info, go to www.bscapreschool.org.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Sunday services include Connection Groups at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. If you would like any further information regarding services, any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship is a non-denominational church that meets at the College Park Shopping

Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Meeting at 809 Scurry, Saturday morning from 10 until 11.

You really missed it! The folks from Woodforest bank are great. Those in attendance at the "Manage Your Money" class on Thursday evening had no idea how much they were going to learn about what they will be able to do. Some want to buy a house for their children; some want to get a better car; one young man even wanted to get a bicycle. With the help of their instructors, they are learning how to make small dreams come true, then greater goals. There is no charge, and the public is invited. We have nine more classes scheduled. Don't miss out. Come and learn each Thursday evening at 6 for nine more weeks.

We will use the same meeting room we use at 809 Scurry for our weekly Sabbath Bible study class.

However, we do want also to make our regular invitation to come on Saturday morning at 10 and enjoy our studies from the Bible. Does God care what you think? If you read your bible you will find out that He is very much concerned about what you believe.

Remember, what man says is unimportant; what God says is vital.

Bob and Marla Rainwater, moderators. 432-264-9937.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

We are excited about our expanded fall schedule which now offers two opportunities to worship each Sunday: 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse continues the fall sermon series on Stewardship: Managing Your Resources for God. Wednesday evenings, we gather for Bible study at 6.

Also, each Wednesday, you are invited to a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center of First

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sudoku

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

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	2	3		1	8	9		
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠A1072 ♥5♦AKJ74 ♣632
2. ♠AKJ6 ♥6♦AQJ743 ♣Q5
3. ♠KQJ3 ♥—♦KJ952 ♣AK74
4. ♠K1093 ♥Q7♦AQJ43 ♣A5

1. Two diamonds. The only possible choices are two diamonds or two notrump. The more encouraging bid would be two notrump, but this direct step toward game would tend to imply some extra values. Your hand is a real minimum, containing only 12 high-card points, and you've not yet identified it as such, since you could have made the very same first two bids with a much better hand.

In view of the two forcing bids partner has already made, it is unlikely that he will pass two diamonds, but if he did, a game contract would probably prove to be unsound.

2. Three diamonds. Here you have well above a minimum opening bid, and you must show this in one way or another. You have the high-card values for a jump to three notrump, but such a bid would indi-

cate a relatively balanced hand, which you don't have. The three-diamond bid implies a 6-4 distribution as well as extra values, and might pave the way for a possible slam in diamonds. You might still wind up at three notrump, if that is what partner bids next, but at least he will know what to expect if he chooses that contract.

3. Four clubs. The value of a hand rises and falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, when you started bidding, the prospect of a game or slam was excellent, but when partner responded with one heart, the value of your hand dropped appreciably.

When he next bids two clubs, however, your original values are not only restored, but also increased. Slam is now a definite possibility, though you should not undertake it on your own. Partner will know from your jump in clubs that you have an excellent hand with good trump support and a probable void in hearts. He will thus be in a good position to appraise his values, discounting whatever strength he might have in the heart suit.

4. Three notrump. With 16 high-card points and a hand well-suited for notrump play, this is the obvious choice. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which might be passed.

Tomorrow: Avoiding a difficult guess.

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News in brief

Just 100 yards away: Escaped killer of 3 Ohio high school students captured near prison

LIMA, Ohio (AP) — A teenager convicted of killing three Ohio high school students has been captured after escaping from prison, and two prisoners who fled with him are also back in custody.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction says State Highway Patrol troopers found 19-year-old T.J. Lane at 1:20 a.m. Friday, hiding by a church about 100 yards away.

Authorities say the convicted Chardon High School shooter and two other prisoners had scrambled over a fence hours earlier at a state prison in Lima (LY'-muh), about 80 miles south of Toledo.

One was quickly captured. Troopers then found Lane.

Lt. Eric Caudill at the patrol's hub in Columbus says the third prisoner was found about three hours after Lane. Caudill didn't immediately have details about how or where.

AP tally: More than 5,000 dead in C. African Republic before UN peacekeeping mission comes

GUEN, Central African Republic (AP) — More than 5,000 people have died in sectarian violence in Central African Republic since December, according to an Associated Press tally, suggesting that a U.N. peacekeeping mission approved months ago is coming too late for thousands.

The AP found at least 5,186 people were killed in fighting between Muslims and Christians, based on a count of bodies and numbers gathered from survivors, priests, imams and aid workers in more than 50 of the hardest-hit communities. That's more than double the death toll of at least 2,000 cited by the United Nations in April, when it approved the mission. There has been no official count since.

U.N. peacekeepers prepare to take over from African forces on Monday, bringing about 2,000 extra troops to the country. It will fall short of the almost 7,000 more that were authorized in April, with the rest expected by early 2015. Yet violence in the Central African Republic has only spread since.

"The international community said it wanted to put a stop to the genocide that was in the making. But months later, the war has not stopped," said Joseph Bindoumi, president of the Central African Human Rights League. "On the contrary, it has gotten worse."

It has taken months simply to gather troops from different countries for the mission launch on Sept. 15, especially with poor infrastructure in landlocked terrain, said Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the U.N. Secretary-General.

White House confident in legal basis for expanded fight against Islamic State without Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a U.S. senator from Illinois running for the White House in 2007, Barack Obama sponsored a resolution to prohibit President George W. Bush's administration from taking

military action against Iran unless it was explicitly authorized by Congress. His idea died in committee.

Nearly seven years later, U.S. fighter jets and unmanned drones armed with missiles have conducted under Obama's orders more than 150 airstrikes against the Islamic State group over the past five weeks in Iraq even as the White House has yet to formally ask Congress for authorization for the expanding air campaign.

Obama said in his address to the nation Wednesday that he had authorized U.S. airstrikes inside Syria for the first time, along with expanded strikes in Iraq, as part of "a steady, relentless effort" to root out Islamic State extremists. He did not say how long he expected the fighting to last.

The White House says Bush-era congressional authorizations for the war on al-Qaida and the Iraq invasion give Obama the authority to expand the fighting in Syria and Iraq without new approval by Congress under the 1973 War Powers Act. That law, passed at the height of the Vietnam War, serves as a constitutional check on the president's power to declare war without congressional consent. It requires presidents to notify Congress within 48 hours of military action and limits the use of military forces to no more than 60 days unless Congress authorizes force or declares war.

Critics say the administration's tightly crafted legal strategy has short-circuited the congressional oversight that Obama once championed. They contend that the White House's use of old authorizations as grounds for the growing air war is, at best, a legal stretch.

Evidence growing that Hamas used residential areas as cover for firing rockets at Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Two weeks after the end of the Gaza war, there is growing evidence that Hamas militants used residential areas as cover for launching rockets at Israel, at least at times. Even Hamas now admits "mistakes" were made.

But Hamas says it had little choice in Gaza's crowded urban landscape, took safeguards to keep people away from the fighting, and that a heavy-handed Israeli response is to blame for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinian civilians.

"Gaza, from Beit Hanoun in the north to Rafah in the south, is one uninterrupted urban chain that Israel has turned into a war zone," said Ghazi Hamad, a senior Hamas official in Gaza.

Increasingly, the discussion is not about whether the Hamas rockets were fired from civilian areas, but exactly how close they were to the actual buildings.

"The Israelis kept saying rockets were fired from schools or hospitals when in fact they were fired 200 or 300 meters (yards) away. Still, there were some mistakes made and they were quickly dealt with," Hamad told The Associated Press, offering the first acknowledgment by a Hamas official that, in some cases, militants fired rockets from or near residential areas.

PEREZ

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the Catholic diocese and serving the descendants of the Hispanics and Native Americans who built the original churches centuries ago.

But they have to be kept in a constant state of renewal. "All of the churches are constructed of hand made, sun dried adobe bricks, covered with white stucco," a mission sign explains. "Occasionally the walls must be renovated as water permeates the stucco, deteriorating the adobe."

Another sign explains that "several generations of buildings have replaced, destroyed or deteriorated structures on or near these sites," that "they have been active places of public worship continuously since their origins" and that "as living reminders of the blend of cultures which commenced more than three hundred years ago, the churches deserve our respect and reverence."

When the Great Hispanic American History Tour followed El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, I found many reasons to pay respect and reverence to our Hispanic heritage. But frank-

ly, being so close to the Mexican border, which has been so controversial and the subject of this column for so many years, and staying away from covering current border events was excruciating.

But I was a man on a history mission, and the green Border Patrol trucks all over the area were not about to distract me. I actually pulled up next to one of them and, rather than ask about the immigrants crossing the border, asked for directions to a historic site. I couldn't believe myself!

Next week, the Great Hispanic American History Tour keeps exploring San Elizario and its claim to be the site of America's first Thanksgiving, celebrated by the Onate expedition in April 1598, some 23 years before the Pilgrims feasted at Plymouth Rock. But what about St. Augustine's thanksgiving Mass in 1565? Stay tuned.

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Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Our Ladies' Bible Study group meets Monday at 9:30 or Wednesday at 5:30. All area women are welcome to participate in the study "Children of the Day" by Beth Moore. Come in the north doors, turn left, and follow the signs to the meeting room. Bring a friend and be blessed.

Join us Sunday at 10:50 for morning worship service as we praise God for His unending love and mercy, and thank Him for the rainfall. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Who is Jesus?" which focuses on what Jesus says about Himself in John's Gospel. Sunday's message is "Light of the World," drawn from John 8:12.

Beginning at 9:30, Sunday school classes are available for all ages, and are a great way to make new friends while seeking the Lord through Bible study.

Evening worship begins at 6, and we will continue to explore the Old Testament with the sermon titled "Captain Noah" from Genesis 6:5-22.

All area children, grades K-6, are invited to AWANA Sunday evening at 5:30. There is no cost to attend this Bible-based program which is a wonderful time of songs, stories and games.

Also Sunday evening, local teens are encouraged to meet in the second floor Youth Department at 6 p.m. for "Saturate Youth" group. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini for details at 267-8223.

Sunday is the start of a week of prayer focusing on Texas Missions. God desires that everyone in Texas who comes from different countries and cultures have the opportunity to hear His life-giving message in their heart language. We believe the Father is allowing us to share the gospel throughout Texas by giving and praying with others around our great state. Join us in prayer, and in giving to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions.

Let us cook dinner for you each Wednesday evening, as we serve a meal from 5-6 in the Family Life Center. Following dinner, activities for adults, teens and children are held throughout the building; go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us for Nacho Grande Sept. 17.

This world we live in can be a dark and scary place, but when a person asks Jesus to live in their heart and be their Savior, they are never without light again, no matter how dark the path seems. (Isaiah 42:16c). If you want to hear more about The Divine Light-Source Jesus, call 267-8223 or stop by the church and we would be glad to listen and pray with you. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at FBC.

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Cowboys try to avoid 0-2 start against Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It's only Week 2, and the Dallas Cowboys already face a crucial road trip to Tennessee.

The Cowboys are coming off a 28-17 opening loss to San Francisco at home in which they turned over the ball four times in the first half, with Tony Romo intercepted three times. Now Dallas is trying to avoid its first 0-2 start since 2010. That season

the Cowboys started 1-7, and Jason Garrett was promoted to head coach for the second half of the schedule.

"It's going to be difficult, but we've got to go in there and do what we need to do and try to figure out a way to get a win," Romo said.

Garrett said they have a lot of respect for Tennessee after the Titans won 26-10 in Kansas City.

"Our focus is on ourselves

...," Garrett said.

The Titans (1-0) know there will be plenty of Cowboys fans in the stands at LP Field on Sunday, and they are on a mission under first-year coach Ken Whisenhunt to earn back their own fans. Titans left tackle Michael Roos remembers folks filling every seat, cheering so loudly the noise was deafening as the Titans stacked up win after win on their home turf.

"Hopefully fans can see this is a different kind of team," Roos said. "We've been working hard, and we need all the fans in the seats we can get. It's always been sold out, but it hasn't always been full. The Cowboys will have their fans just like they always do in any stadium in the NFL. ... I think the more fans we can get in there the better, and get back that home-field advantage we used to have."

The Titans haven't worn more than five home games in a season since their last playoff appearance. Now Whisenhunt, their third coach since then, wants to build off that opening win and make LP Field a special place to be.

"We have to establish a bond with our fans," Whisenhunt said. "We haven't done that yet. This team hasn't done it."

SCWID drops 2 at Odessa tournament

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

You have to give the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf volleyball team credit. They certainly have not sought out any weak sisters in their debut season.

In fact, they have taken the exact opposite path.

Fresh off a season-opening loss to nationally-ranked Western Texas, the Lady Rattlers ventured to Odessa over the weekend to compete in the Odessa College Volleyball Tournament. At the two-day tournament,

the Lady Rattlers suffered three tough losses to two more volleyball powers.

"We competed in a tough Odessa College tournament that featured some of the top ranked teams in the nation, including No. 1 Blinn College, No. 5 Tyler

Junior College and Odessa College, which was ranked No. 14 nationally," said SWCID head coach Derrick Jackson.

SWCID played its first match on Friday, opening against Coastal Bend College. The Lady Rattlers dropped the game, 3-0, falling 25-7, 25-9 and 25-12.

Following their loss to Coastal Bend, SWCID moved into a second-round matchup against Odessa. The Lady Wranglers pounded out a 25-4, 25-5, 25-9 victory

On Saturday, SWCID faced off with Tyler College and suffered a 25-4, 25-3, 25-11 setback.

"We are getting better with each contest," said Jackson.

Despite the 0-3 record at the tournament, the Lady Rattlers managed to turn more than a few heads. Two members of the SWCID team – Judy Lopez and Britney Breedlove – were named to the Odessa College all-tournament team.



South West Collegiate, 0-4 for the season, will play in the Western Texas College Volleyball Tournament in Snyder on Sept. 19-20.



Big Spring quarterback Riley Henson scrambles for a short gain during the Steers' 14-0 loss to Odessa Permian in junior varsity action at Memorial Stadium. BSHS running back Keenan Whites (15) assists on the play by preparing to block a would-be tackler.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Panthers outduel Steers JV, 14-0

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

You'll have to forgive the Big Spring High School Steers junior varsity defensive unit if they felt like they were left standing alone at the altar on their wedding day on Thursday evening at Memorial Stadium. Mainly because the other half of their union – the BSHS offense – didn't show up in a tough loss to Odessa Permian.

The Steers defense held Permian to just 220 points and allowed just two touchdowns in a 14-0 setback.

The Big Spring offense, although it did stage a pair of legitimate scoring threats, didn't have the same good fortune. The unit, thanks to a pair of costly turnovers, managed just 95 total yards all on the ground.

Despite the Steers' offensive strug-

gles, Big Spring controlled the game on the defensive side for much of the first half.

Permian, sporting a roster of more than 50 athletes, struggled to get its offense going under a relentless defensive push from Adrian Wilbert and Co. The Panthers managed a total of minus-15 yards on their first two possessions of the first quarter. Both Permian drives ended with punts.

Big Spring threatened to grab the upper hand later in the frame. After Permian's second punt, the Steers kicked off a 8-play march that took the BSHS offense to the Panthers' 27 before Riley Henson sprinted around the left side for a 6-yard gain to the PHS 22 on the final play of the first quarter.

Just seconds into the second peri-

od, Keenan Whites and Daniel Luna reeled off back-to-back runs that pushed the ball to the Permian 9.

Unfortunately for the Steers, the threat didn't go any further. The Panther defense managed to drag down Whites for a short loss on a fourth-down attempt on the ensuing play.

Permian didn't waste the momentum its defense had given it. The Panthers took over and marched 89 yards in 11 plays to grab a 7-0 advantage with 4:14 left in the opening half. Permian capped the possession by scoring on a 9-yard run.

The Panthers, who were flagged 10 times in the game for 70 yards, struck again on their next possession, reeling off a 5-play, 56-yard march that upped the PHS lead to 14-0 with just 47

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Abrego Memorial set for Sept. 13

The Chubby Abrego Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The tournament, which benefits area high school seniors, is played as a 4-person scramble.

The entry fee for the event is \$70 per person, and includes the price of the meal. A package of four mulligans can be purchased for \$20.

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Courtesy photo

Being loud and proud ... The Big Spring High School JV cheer squad performed on the sidelines at the Steers' game with Permian Thursday at Memorial Stadium.

Stanton suffers multiple fractures, cuts and dental damage from hit

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Miami Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton sustained multiple facial fractures, dental damage and cuts that needed stitches after being hit in the face by a pitch Thursday night.

Marlins manager

Mike Redmond said he expected Stanton, the major league RBI leader and a top candidate for the NL MVP award, was finished for the season.

The team said Stanton would return to Miami on Friday.

Stanton was hit under

the left eye by a fastball from Milwaukee's Mike Fiers in the fifth inning of a 4-2 loss. Stanton was driven off the field in an ambulance.

Stanton's father was at the game and came on the field while his son was treated.

Lady Hawks softball camp slated for Sat.

Area softball players will be in for a fall treat this Saturday when the Howard College holds a softball camp. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon.

The camp is open to players ranging in age from 5-12. Registra-

tion will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Foundation Field on the Howard College campus. Players can also register via the Internet at www.hchawk.com or Facebook.com/HCHawkAthletics.

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Taurus Moon Awakens Senses

Henry Miller wrote: "Our own physical body possesses a wisdom

which we who inhabit the body lack." Trust what your body is telling you. If it tastes bad, don't eat it. If it hurts, don't touch it. If there's a generally weird feeling coming off of it, don't get close to it. The Taurus moon suggests that your senses won't lie to you.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tune in because the people around you are giving off false social signals and may in fact need more help than is apparent. The one you think has it all together could be more lost than the one you feel you have to take care of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Dating experts suggest that doing something scary with a mate or a potential mate is one of the best ways to bond. You'll apply the theory tonight, seeking a mutual thrill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you ask and then several people rush to give you what you want at once, you know you're onto something big. Chances are, you've earned it, so work this dynamic for as long as it lasts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a new interest bubbling inside of you, but this one isn't a sure thing. It's an ember of possibility. Fan that tiny inner spark

Tomorrow's Horoscope

today because it won't catch fire unless you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no singular philosophy or method that you can follow to success and happiness today, but there are people who make you feel good about being in the human family, and it can't hurt to follow them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You recognize the rare and wonderful -- no one needs to point it out to you. You appreciate beauty in whatever form it comes to you, and today it will come to you in many forms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Question everything. It's not that "they" are trying to lie. It's just that there is so much room for interpretation. The more answers you get the better your interpretation will be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you have high expectations for yourself, it takes another person, one you greatly admire, to inspire you to reach greatness within a certain amount of time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Didn't know any better? In that case, it'll be easy to forgive yourself for not doing the right thing. Did know better but still chose wrong? There are deeper reasons. Dig for them. The "right thing" can be pretty complex.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While calculating today's risk, keep in mind that statistics are more bendable than facts. And in this age of recommendation, you will probably be better off taking the advice of a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's been said that this moment is the

only one you know you have for sure. But you are so open to the multidimensionality of your existence that to be sure about any moment may seem like arrogance to you today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mood is quite methodical and effective. You will practice, think and then practice again. This is the way to mastery. This is the way to greatness. Block out all distractions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 12). Love moves you to explore and take risks. Right off the bat, you'll be successful, but in October, more work and money will need to be applied to get the same results. You'll be awarded in November. Neighbors add to your good fortune in December. January brings respect and promotion within your family and community. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 27, 3, 44 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You're the kind of loyal friend who walks in when the others are walking out -- you'll make this much known.

TAURUS: In the absence of a good option, you don't have to choose the lesser of two evils. Choose nothing instead. **GEMINI:** It will be better to meet unprepared than to postpone things and risk never meeting.

CANCER: Do your research before you set up the date, and then go with your feelings. **LEO:** Your usually keen instincts are at risk of being clouded by the glamour and beauty of a certain someone. **VIRGO:** Someone is showing you love but not in the way you want to be loved.

Communicate! **LIBRA:** Sooner or later (sooner), relationships require sacrifice. By the end of the weekend you will have decided just how much is too much.

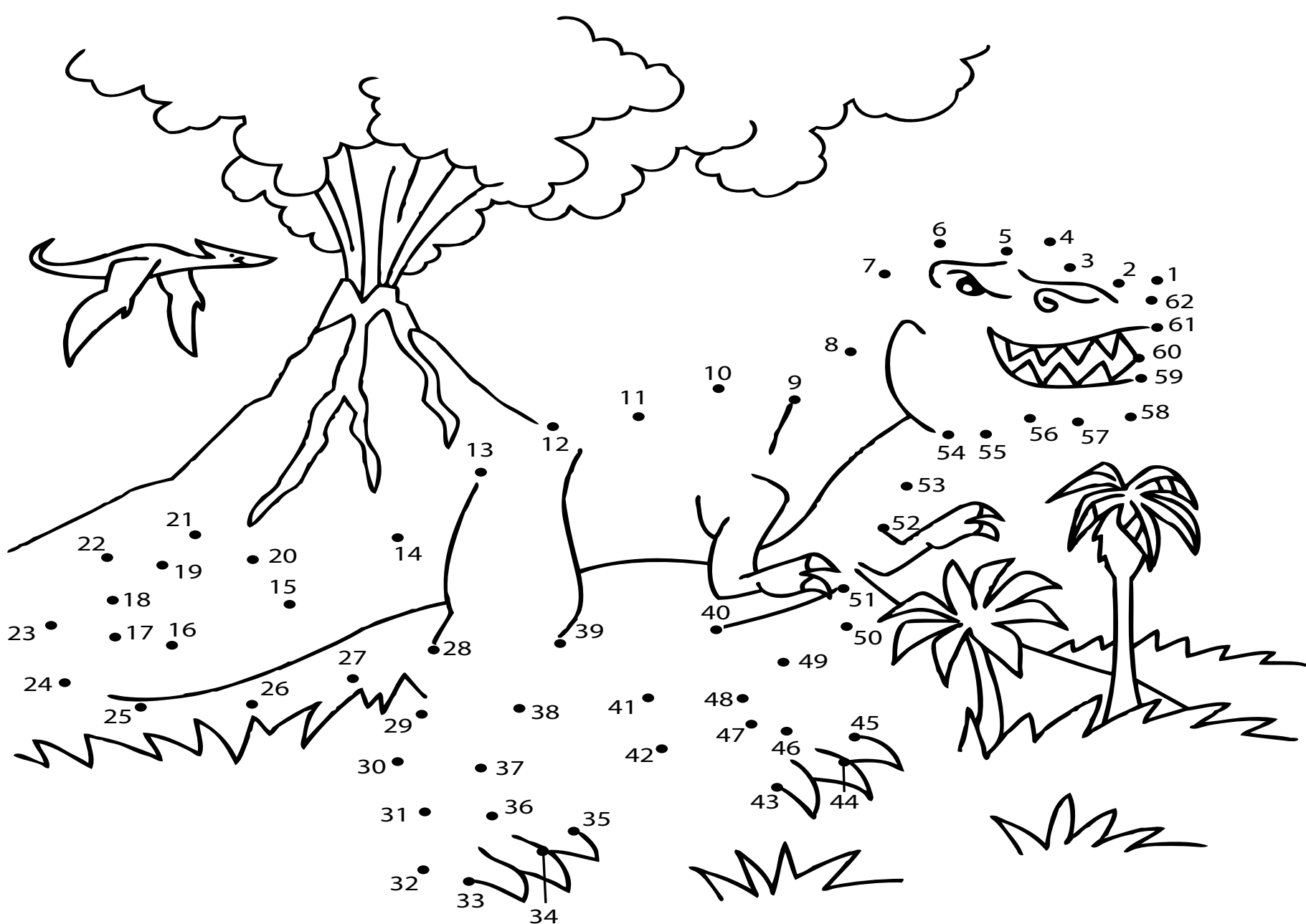
SCORPIO: You'll like how your tastes match up with those of another. This is something you can definitely build on. **SAGITTARIUS:** The past doesn't define your current relationship, which is a testament to how completely you were able to let go.

CAPRICORN: You need your space, so take it. The more direct you are about this the healthier a relationship will be. **AQUARIUS:** Endings are beginnings and vice versa. So enjoy the middling bit you're in. It has its merits. **PISCES:** If the expectations are unreasonable, release yourself of them. Ah, happiness!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Virgo sun winks at the Taurus moon and then slips into Gemini in Sunday's wee morning hours. Could all the change indicate a love triangle between the signs? Virgo and Taurus are two earth signs with obvious points of compatibility; whereas, Gemini is the wild card of the group, infusing it with fresh discussion and shiny new ideas.

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5 :PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Zola Lev.	Charlie Rose	CHiPs	Bering Sea Gold	Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift	Cops	Supernatural	CSI: Miami	Dog	Pardon	SportsCenter	
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	La Gata	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Big Bang	Israel	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Bering Sea Gold	Cops	Supernatural	TBA	Alvin and the Chipmunks	NASCAR	Racing	Football	
7 :PM	Wheel	Mi Corazón	Utopia	Oscar Pistorius	Reina de Corozones	Running Wild	Fam. Guy	Shepherd's Heart	Between	Griffith	Bering Sea Gold	Movie: Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	Cops	Movie: The Replacements, Orlando Jones (DVS)	Dog	WNBA	College Football: Baylor at Buffalo.		
8 :PM	Last Man Standing	Hasta el Fin	Kitchen Nightmares	Hawaii Five-0	En Otra Piel (SS)	Dateline NBC	Fam. Guy	Best of Light of the Southwest	James McNeill	Heroes	Bering Sea Gold	Bellator MMA Live	Movie: Why Did I Get Married?, Jill Scott	Wander	Gravity	3: Teams	TBA.		
9 :PM	(:01) 20/20	La Malquerida	Mod Fam	Blue Bloods	El Señor de los	Movie: Blades of Glory, Will Arnett (DVS)	Movie: Blades of Glory, Will Arnett (DVS)	Upd BAS	Charlie Rose	Cheers	Bering Sea Gold	Movie: Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	(:15) Cops	(:31) Leg-ends	ANT Farm	NHRA Drag Racing	SportsCenter		
10 :PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Tele	News	News	Game	Mani	Mani	Adam-12	Adam-12	Bering Sea Gold	Movie: Repo Men, Liev Schreiber	Wendy Williams	Austin	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	La Que No	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	En Otra Piel (SS)	Game	Mani	Mani	Mani	Mani	Adam-12	Adam-12	Bering Sea Gold	Movie: Repo Men, Liev Schreiber	Wendy Williams	Austin	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, September 12, the 255th day of 2014. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 12, 1914, during World War I, the First Battle of the Marne ended in an Allied victory against Germany.

On this date: In 1814, the Battle of North Point took place in Maryland during the War of 1812 as American forces slowed British troops advancing on Baltimore.

In 1846, Elizabeth Bar-

rett secretly married Robert Browning at St. Marybone Church in London.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten (soo-DAYT'-un) Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1944, the Second Quebec Conference opened with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in attendance.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier (boo-vee-AY') in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1954, the TV show "Lassie" made its debut on CBS.

In 1960, Democratic

presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sehl-AH'-see) was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

Answer to previous puzzle

GNASH	SKIM	ASAP
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Newsday Crossword

HOPE-FUL MESSAGE by David W. Cromer
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Contributes to
 - 6 Swedish export
 - 10 Harry Potter sidekick
 - 13 "The Waste Land" poet
 - 14 Metric prefix
 - 15 Photo archive source
 - 16 Start of a Bob Hope quip
 - 18 Paris' École ___ Beaux-Arts
 - 19 Managed
 - 20 Geneva's river
 - 21 Projector part
 - 22 Unalterable
 - 24 Granada gala
 - 26 Public relations effort
 - 28 Part 2 of quip
 - 31 Elbows et al.
 - 33 Important vessel
 - 34 Was sore
 - 35 "Toodles!"
 - 36 John who was knighted in 1998
 - 40 Board-game insert
 - 42 Colleague of Happy
 - 43 Part 3 of quip
 - 47 Fulfill completely
 - 48 Offer freely
 - 49 "Toodles!"
 - 51 Per-axle charge, perhaps
 - 52 Zodiac symbol
 - 54 Infuriation
 - 57 ___ Accepted (toothpaste phrase)
 - 58 End of quip
 - 61 USO show audience
 - 62 Contend verbally
 - 63 Idiomatic robbery victim

- DOWN**
- 1 One next in line
 - 2 First name of the First Lady of Song
 - 3 Aquarium attraction
 - 4 PBS documentary series
 - 5 Unbendable
 - 6 Provide an endorsement
 - 7 Tissue additive
 - 8 Secondary: Abbr.
 - 9 Prefix for hazard
 - 10 Least mannerly
 - 11 Not totally against
 - 12 Toyota rival
 - 14 Bucks
 - 17 Responds to heat
 - 21 Bar jargon
 - 23 Kept hidden
 - 24 Cone source
 - 25 Espionage gathering
 - 26 Sauna setting
 - 27 Campaign donor group
 - 29 Final word
 - 30 Soil mover
 - 32 Person never seen in Peanuts
 - 35 Take a chance
 - 37 Chew out
 - 38 Participate, with "in"
 - 39 Emmy-winning scientist
 - 41 Caustic cleaner
 - 42 Tempur-Pedic merger partner
 - 43 Press passes, for instance
 - 44 Gastronome
 - 45 Closing the show
 - 46 Proroach
 - 50 Arizona State site
 - 52 Stuffing ingredient
 - 53 One of California's Santas
 - 55 Marsh grass
 - 56 Jane Rochester, née ___
 - 58 Downy surface
 - 59 Miscalculate
 - 60 Poetic contraction

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Judge: Pistorius is guilty of culpable homicide

RETORIA, South Africa (AP) — A South African judge on Friday found Oscar Pistorius guilty of culpable homicide in the shooting death of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp and declared him not guilty of murder. Prosecutors said they were disappointed by the ruling but would decide on whether to appeal only after sentencing.

Judge Thokozile Masipa said there was not enough evidence to support the contention that Pistorius knew Steenkamp was behind a locked toilet door in his home when he shot through the door in the predawn hours of Valentine's Day last year. Masipa said prosecutors had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Pistorius intended to kill Steenkamp.

The killing by a national sports hero stunned South Africans, and reactions on the verdict were mixed.

"Well I think the ver-

dict is shocking to say the least," said Leonard Gray in Port Elizabeth, Steenkamp's home town. "I think there is clear evidence and indications that he committed murder in this case. ... I feel sorry for Reeva Steenkamp's family because they not going to get any closure because this guy is basically getting away with murder in my opinion."

However Shrina Padayachy, also in Port Eliza-

beth, called the judge's verdict "fair and just because it's the prosecution that must prove beyond a reasonable doubt and from what I gather and seen they haven't."

Free again after the judge extended his bail on the same terms, the double-amputee Olympian left the courtroom surrounded by police officers. He must return on Oct. 13 when his sentencing hearing will start, Judge Masipa said.

Holy Trinity 4-Man Golf Scramble set for Sept. 20

The Holy Trinity Benefit 4-Man Scramble will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

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Big Spring's Riley Henson scrambled away from a Permian rusher while throwing a pass on Thursday.

STEERS

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seconds left in the second quarter.

Big Spring regained the upper hand defensively in the second half. The Steers held Permian to just 51 yards of offense in the third quarter, and forced a fumble.

Wilbert came up with a key sack late in the third quarter that helped the BSHS defense put a halt to a late Panther drive.

Permian had its share of luck on defense in the third. The Panthers picked off a pair of BSHS passes in the frame.

Big Spring managed to stage its best offensive series of the season on its lone series in the fourth quarter. The Steers reeled off a 10-play series that chewed up more than 6:20 off the game clock.

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- McMullen County (20-2)
- Lindsay (21-3)
- Sterling City (17-4)
- Windthorst (16-10)
- Thrall (21-4)
- Abbott (15-4)
- Evadale (14-4)
- Gary (16-7)
- Avery (13-2)
- Milano (12-6)
- Avery (13-2)
- Brackett (13-5)

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- Gunter (23-4)
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- Denver City (15-3)
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- Shallowater (21-3)
- Peaster (19-5)
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- Melissa (16-6)
- Columbus (23-7)
- Fredericksburg (19-8)
- Lorena (18-6)
- Argyle (19-6)
- Paris North Lamar (19-6)
- Longview Spring Hill (20-5)
- College Station (14-9)
- Giddings (14-9)

Class 5A

- Frisco Centennial (24-2)
- Hallsville (22-1)
- Alamo Heights (25-5)
- Aledo (21-7)
- Dripping Springs (24-6)
- Wylie (18-5)
- Calallen (23-4)
- Lovejoy (8-7)
- Frisco (17-4)
- Ford (17-3)
- Waxahachie (19-8)
- Ford (17-3)
- Huntsville (16-3)
- Everman (21-5)
- Canyon Randall (17-8)

Class 6A

- Amarillo (26-6)
- Southlake Carroll (26-1)
- Austin Westlake (24-4)
- The Woodlands (21-2)
- Clear Creek (23-4)
- Midland (22-1)
- SA O'Connor (28-4)
- McAllen Rowe (23-3)
- SA Churchill (23-5)
- Eules Trinity (21-4)
- Katy Cinco Ranch (19-5)
- San Angelo Central (23-5)
- Pearland (25-6)
- Coppell (20-7)
- El Paso Franklin (20-9)
- Alvin (20-7)

WNBA FINALS (Best-of-5)
Eastern Conference
Phoenix 2, Chicago 0

Sunday, Sept. 7: Phoenix 83, Chicago 62
Tuesday, Sept. 9: Phoenix 97, Chicago 68
Friday, Sept. 12: Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sept. 14: Phoenix at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Sept. 17: Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

BASEBALL American League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	86	59	.593	—
Toronto	76	69	.524	10
New York	75	69	.521	10½
Tampa Bay	70	77	.476	17
Boston	64	83	.435	23

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	80	65	.552	—
Detroit	80	66	.548	½
Cleveland	76	69	.524	4
Chicago	66	80	.452	14½
Minnesota	62	84	.425	18½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	91	55	.623	—
Oakland	81	65	.555	10
Seattle	79	66	.545	11½
Houston	65	81	.445	26
Texas	54	92	.370	37

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 1, Oakland 0
Cleveland 2, Minnesota 0, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4
L.A. Angels 7, Texas 3
Boston 6, Kansas City 3

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 6-4) at Baltimore (Gausman 7-7), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Yankees (Mitchell 0-0) at Baltimore (B.Norris 12-8), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Tampa Bay (Karns 0-0) at Toronto (Happ 9-9), 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 7-4) at Detroit (D.Price 13-11), 7:08 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 10-10) at Texas (D.Holland 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Webster 3-3) at Kansas City (Ventura 12-9), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (P.Hughes 15-9) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-10), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 5-10) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 11-9), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hammel 2-5) at Seattle (Paxton 5-2), 10:10 p.m.

AL Wild Card Standings

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	81	65	.555	—
Detroit	80	66	.548	—
Seattle	79	66	.545	½
Cleveland	76	69	.524	3½
Toronto	76	69	.524	3½
New York	75	69	.521	4

National League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	83	62	.572	—
Atlanta	75	71	.514	8½
Miami	71	74	.490	12
New York	71	76	.483	13
Philadelphia	67	79	.459	16½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	80	67	.544	—
Pittsburgh	77	69	.527	2½
Milwaukee	76	71	.517	4
Cincinnati	70	77	.476	10
Chicago	64	82	.438	15½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	83	63	.568	—
San Francisco	81	65	.555	2
San Diego	67	78	.462	15½
Arizona	59	87	.404	24
Colorado	59	87	.404	24

NL Wild Card Standings

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Fran.	81	65	.555	—
Pittsburgh	77	69	.527	—
Milwaukee	76	71	.517	1½
Atlanta	75	71	.514	2
Miami	71	74	.490	5½

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 0
San Francisco 6, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 4, Miami 2

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Wada 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Cole 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (H.Alvarez 10-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-9) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 6-7), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 10-10) at Texas (D.Holland 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 5-5) at Milwaukee (Lohse 12-9), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 13-10) at St. Louis (Wainwright 17-9), 8:15 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 6-16) at Arizona (Nuno 0-5), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 14-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 17-9), 10:15 p.m.

Texas League Playoffs Championship (Best-of-5)

Midland 1, Tulsa 1
Tuesday, Sep. 9: Midland 5, Tulsa 1
Wednesday, Sep. 10: Tulsa 5, Midland 2
Friday, Sep. 12: Tulsa at Midland, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 13: Tulsa at

Midland, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sep. 14: Tulsa at Midland, 5 p.m.

Canadian Football League East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Toronto	3	7	6	235	262
Montreal	3	7	6	183	258
Hamilton	2	7	4	193	235
Ottawa	1	9	2	141	258

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	9	1	18	292	168
Saskatchewan	8	2	16	258	205
Edmonton	7	3	14	261	211
B.C.	6	4	12	219	187
Winnipeg	6	5	12	284	282

Friday's Games

Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Toronto at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.

National Football League American Conference East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Miami	1	0	1.000	33	20
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1.000	19	14
Buffalo	1	0	1.000	23	20
New England	0	1	.000	20	33

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	1	0	1.000	26	10
Houston	1	0	1.000	17	6
Jacksonville	0	1	.000	17	34
Indianapolis	0	1	.000	24	31

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	23	16
Baltimore	1	1	.500	42	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	36	53
Cleveland	0	1	.000	27	30

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	1	0	1.000	31	24
San Diego	0	1	.000	17	18
Oakland	0	1	.000	14	19
Kansas City	0	1	.000	10	26

National Conference East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	34	17
Washington	0	1	.000	6	17
Dallas	0	1	.000	17	28
N.Y. Giants	0	1	.000	14	35

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Carolina	1	0	1.000	20	14
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	37	34
New Orleans	0	1	.000	34	30
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	14	27

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	34	6
Detroit	1	0	1.000	35	14
Chicago	0	1	.000	20	23
Green Bay	0	1	.000	16	36

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	1.000	36	16
San Fran.	1	0	1.000	28	17
Arizona	1	0	1.000	18	17
St. Louis	0	1	.000	6	34

Thursday's Games

Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 6
Sunday, Sep. 14
Dallas at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
New England at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Washington, 1 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS Major League Baseball

MLB – Suspended Tampa Bay minor league RHP Lenny Linsky (Montgomery-SL) and free agent minor league RHP Aaron Gonzales 50 games each following a second positive test for a drug of abuse, a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

FOOTBALL National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS – Signed WR Chris Williams to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of LB DeDe Lattimore.

NEW YORK JETS – Waived CB Leon McFadden.
Canadian Football League
CFL – Fined Edmonton DB Patrick Watkins an undisclosed amount for making offensive and inappropriate comments directed towards an opponent during a Sept. 6 game against Calgary. Fined Winnipeg OL Steve Morley an undisclosed amount for punching an opponent during a Sept. 7 game against Saskatchewan. Fined Saskatchewan DB Paul Woldu an undisclosed amount for making avoidable physical contact with an on-field official during an Aug. 31 game against Winnipeg.

HOCKEY National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS – Signed F Sonny Milano to a three-year, entry-level contract.
MINNESOTA WILD – Signed RW Nino Niederreiter to a three-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS – Agreed to terms with F Ryan Malone and D John Moore on one-year contracts.

LACROSSE National Lacrosse League
MINNESOTA SWARM – Signed F Dean Hill, F Zach Palmer and D Ian Crawford to one-year contracts and T Sam Bradman to a two-year contract. Named Rory McDade assistant coach.
Major League Soccer
MLS – Extended the contract of commissioner Don Garber through December 2018.

COLLEGE
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN – Named Adam Ward associate head baseball coach and Jimmy Holton assistant baseball coach.
CULVER-STOCKTON – Announced the resignation of athletic director Greg McVey.
DELAWARE – Named Kevin Cataldo women's assistant cross country and track and field coach.



Courtesy photo

Looking for offense ...
Big Spring sophomore receiver Talar Christian lines up during the Steers' game with Permian on Thursday.

Big Spring slated host Harley Pep Rally on Sept. 19

Big Spring High School will hold its Harley Pep Rally on Friday, Sept. 19, at 3:15 p.m. Individual who have a bike and that would like to join in the fun are encouraged to meet at the Family Faith Church parking lot around 3 p.m.



4-H Kick Off

Food, fun, games

Please come join us for our annual 4-H Kick off on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 11am to 2pm. There will be food and games. Come check us out and see what we are all about. Any questions please call 432-264-2236.

We are located at 2411 Echols Drive at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex. Located at the back of the Howard College Campus by the softball field.



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