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At top, sorting and hanging fine art entries is Howard County Fair volunteer Kelly Paige. The fair begins tonight at 6 p.m. and continues until Saturday at 10 p.m. At right, businessman and owner of IThink 219, Ramon Holguin, fills out registration cards for his photography entries for the Fine Arts competition of the fair. In addition to various activities and contests, the Crabtree Carnival will be in full swing next door to the fair barns.

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Fair's on!

Doors open for 3-day annual event tonight

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The first night of the 2014 Howard County Fair will feature rides and royalty — and quite a few other things as well.

The fair opens its yearly run today from 5-10 p.m. and runs through Saturday next to the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Admission is \$6 per person.

The event will have something for both the young and old — for the younger set, the carnival midway is open each night, and a petting zoo and pony rides will be featured each night as well, while tonight features a domino tournament and cooking demonstration, both scheduled for 6 p.m.

Music at the main tent will have a gospel flavor, featuring music from the First Church of the Nazarene and Bob and Marla Rainwater and Spring Creek Fellowship Tributary.

Tonight's main attraction, however, will be the crowning of the fair queen, which be-

gins at 5:30 p.m. under the entertainment tent. Contestants should arrive by 4:30 p.m. The attire for the contest will be some type of dress, including evening gown, prom dress or a Sunday church dress.

Contestants will be graded by the judging panel on poise, personality and response to questions asked by the emcee. The winner and first runner-up will receive scholarships from Howard College. In addition, numerous prizes have been donated by local businesses.

Tonight's fair schedule includes:

- 5 p.m. — Fair and carnival opens.
- 5-10 p.m. — Petting zoo and pony rides.
- 5:30 p.m. — Fair queen contest.
- 6 p.m. — Cooking demonstration and domino tournament.
- 6-9 p.m. — Gospel Night music.
- 10 p.m. — Gates close.

Sepulveda steps down at Northside

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Northside Community Center (NCC) Director Linda Sepulveda is stepping down in her role effective Friday, citing health reasons for her decision to leave after serving for the past four years.

"Linda has done a wonderful job and is a wonderful person to work with," said Sylvia Miramontes, president of the NCC board. "We are going to miss her, but we know Linda has future adventures to look forward to."

The NCC is a non-profit organization that provides services to community residents to help them improve their quality of life. The center provides guidance in such areas as time management, preparation of financial budgets, use of community resources, establishing career goals and education. Sepulveda has served in the role since 2010.

"It's been a wonderful experience," Sepulveda said. "I've



Sepulveda

grown working in a place that is difficult to see some of the stuff people go through."

Before moving to Big Spring, Sepulveda served as a teacher in El Paso and said she was used to working with poverty-stricken students on a daily basis.

"When I came here, I saw the actual numbers people have to live on, and I hope that never happens to me," Sepulveda said. "I hope I never have to be in their shoes, but you never know. We've been very fortunate to have gotten assistance from different sources to help us with our work here."

According to Miramontes, the board has no plans at this time to replace Sepulveda. NCC Administrative Assistant Virginia Natividad will oversee daily operations for the time being with Miramontes taking a more active role in the day-to-day activities, she said.

Sepulveda said she plans to move near family members.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

Tancredi to speak at agriculture meal

Tickets are available now

Herald Staff Report

Anthony Tancredi, CEO of Allenberg Cotton Co. and the global head of the Louis Dreyfus Cotton Platform, will be the guest speaker for the 23rd Annual Ag Appreciation Day.

Tancredi began his cotton career when he joined Allenberg in August of 1985 after graduating with honors from Carleton College. Spending many years as the head global physical cotton trader, he was responsible for expanding the company into various key international markets and still oversees the imple-

mentation of strategic global trading game plans.

Tancredi is a member of Louis Dreyfus Commodities Executive Group and is on various boards, committees and charities inside and outside of the cotton industry. When not involved in cotton activity, he can be found receiving instructions from his wife or one of his three children.

This year's luncheon is set for Thursday, Oct. 9, and is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Obituaries

Dorothy 'Dottie' Leffler



Dorothy "Dottie" Leffler, 69, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Carroll Kohl officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. following the service.

Dorothy was born Sept. 26, 1944, to Anna and George Acton in Cascade, Idaho. She came to Big Spring in 1981 from Missouri. She married Jimmy Leffler Nov. 22, 1981 in Big Spring.

She graduated from U.T.P.B. and worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 19 years. She and her husband Jimmy owned and operated J&D's Garage. Dorothy was a member of the National Guard and a member of Alive in Christ Lutheran Church.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Jimmy Leffler of Big Spring; one daughter; Trisha Yarbar and husband Dwain of Sterling City; three sons, Bo Leffler and wife Silvia and David Blevins, all of Houston, and Todd Wombell and wife Susie of California; three sisters, Rosie Acton of Oregon, Lois Daly of Kansas and Mary Litchfield of Tennessee; five grandchildren, Porsha Bryant, Keisha Yarbar, Justyn Blevins, Adrienne Moreno, Heather Wombell and Brandon Wombell; great-grandchildren, Brayden Bryant, Brynlee Bryant, Dorian Deanda, Kilea Deanda, Moriah Deanda and Daylon Deanda; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Jamie Moreno, and one brother, Leslie Acton.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Ste A, Big Spring, TX 79720 or Relay For Life, c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th Street, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Maria Heredia Olivarez



Maria Heredia Olivarez, 70, died Aug. 31, 2014, at her residence in Lamesa. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Big Spring. A meal will be offered in the church hall after the service.

She was born Jan. 15, 1944, in Knott and married Francisco Olivarez.

She is survived by a son, Francisco Olivarez and wife Belinda of Big Spring; three daughters, Helen Martinez and husband Pete of Midland, Gloria Ramirez and

husband Julian of Big Spring and Linda Olivarez and Cary Loya of Lamesa; two brothers, Elias Daniel Heredia of Big Spring and Henry Gutierrez of Lovington, N.M.; eight sisters, Augustina Robles of Lubbock, Catalina Boyles of Odessa, Paula Heredia of Big Spring, Rosa Nieto of Big Spring, Margie Gonzales of San Antonio, Mary Ann Bradley of San Antonio, La Sarah Heredia of Big Spring and Gloria Garza of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francisco Olivarez; and her parents, Ildefonso and Margarita Heredia.

Services under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home, Lamesa.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOHN JAY FLORES, 21, of 703 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- SCOTT K. MURPHY, 39, of 1210 W. 2nd St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for disregard stop sign and wrong, altered, obscured registration insignia.

- THEFT was reported at the

300 block of Golf Course Rd., the 700 block of E. Eleventh Pl., the 1600 block of Main and the 1400 block of Nolan.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1800 block of Centerpoint Rd. and the 1500 block of E. 4th St.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard

County Jail reported having 80 at the time of this report.

- SCOTT MURPHY was booked by BSPD on warrants for funning a stop sign and wrong, altered, obscured registration insignia.

- ASHLEY WARD was booked by HCSO on a parole violation.

- ROBERT HAROLD KLOEPFER was booked by DPS on a charge of accident involving damage to vehicle greater than or equal to \$200.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

sibly (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.

- Stepping Stone 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 (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the

second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon

to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Stepping Stone 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.

Take Note

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a

rehab meeting.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage

foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem.

Jerry McElreath

Jerry McElreath, 66, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

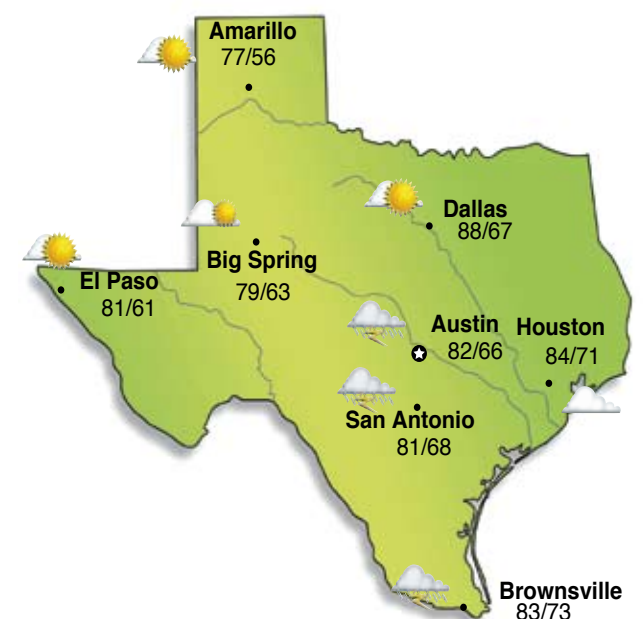
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27	Sun 9/28	Mon 9/29	Tue 9/30
79/63 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible.	80/62 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	82/64 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	86/67 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	88/69 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
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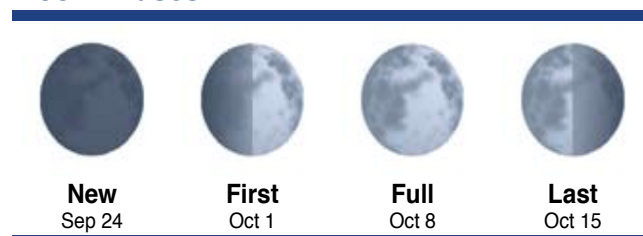
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	63	t-storm	Kingsville	83	71	t-storm
Amarillo	77	56	mst sunny	Livingston	86	67	pt sunny
Austin	82	66	t-storm	Longview	88	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	86	68	pt sunny	Lubbock	77	59	mst sunny
Brownsville	83	73	t-storm	Lufkin	87	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	63	t-storm	Midland	79	62	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	83	72	t-storm	Raymondville	83	72	t-storm
Corsicana	88	66	pt sunny	Rosenberg	84	69	cloudy
Dallas	88	67	mst sunny	San Antonio	81	68	t-storm
Del Rio	82	68	t-storm	San Marcos	84	67	t-storm
El Paso	81	61	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	65	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	81	61	mst sunny	Sweetwater	79	62	t-storm
Gainesville	85	63	mst sunny	Tyler	87	68	pt sunny
Greenville	87	65	mst sunny	Weatherford	87	64	pt sunny
Houston	84	71	cloudy	Wichita Falls	86	63	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	63	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	64	mst sunny
Boston	72	55	pt sunny	New York	76	60	pt sunny
Chicago	77	56	sunny	Phoenix	98	76	sunny
Dallas	88	67	mst sunny	San Francisco	69	60	rain
Denver	86	58	sunny	Seattle	70	56	rain
Houston	84	71	cloudy	St. Louis	84	63	mst sunny
Los Angeles	87	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	79	60	mst sunny
Miami	85	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

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Getting ready for the Howard County Fair. Sara Thixton, standing, holds a prize jar of Mamie Lee Dodd's pickle relish she is registering in the pickling competition as proxy for the long-time resident and local historian. The fair begins tonight at 6 and continues through Saturday. Below, Sandra Smith of Lubbock, owner of Sandra's Boutique, sorts her fashion items to display in her fair booth.

HERALD photos/Andrea Medlin



Suspect captured, student still missing

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A man charged with abducting a missing University of Virginia sophomore has been captured in Texas and is awaiting extradition — but there is still no sign of the student, authorities said.

On Thursday morning, Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., 32, appeared briefly before a Galveston County judge via a video link from jail to hear the charges against him. In Texas, he's charged with being a fugitive from justice and with giving false information to an officer, in addition to a count of abduction with intent to defile in Virginia. Judge Mark Henry set bond at \$1,500 on the false information charge but held Matthew without bond on the fugitive count.

Matthew — in a dark green jumpsuit, with his hands cuffed — signed several papers and told Henry that before his arrest in Texas he was not out on bond on any other charges.

Matthew asked the judge a few short questions and expressed concern that his clothes were taken from him when he was booked into the Galveston County jail. "I should be able to have some kind of clothing," he said.

Henry told him that his jumpsuit was sufficient clothing and that his personal items would be returned later.

After the appearance, Henry said he expected Matthew would be extradited to Virginia within a day or two.

Matthew was arrested Wednesday afternoon on a beach in the sparsely populated community of Gilchrist by Galveston County Sheriff's authorities, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said.

Texas grandma located in theater, baby in car

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas woman has been accused of going to a movie and leaving her 5-month-old granddaughter in a locked car in the parking lot.

Tyler police say the baby was rescued unharmed Wednesday night. Smith County jail records show 39-year-old Felicia Green of

Tyler was being held Thursday on a child endangerment charge.

Police responded to a call about a child in a vehicle.

Firefighters unlocked the car and removed the baby, who allegedly was alone for about an hour. Temperatures were in the mid-70s.

Carmike Cinemas personnel

helped locate Green, who had been baby-sitting, in a theater. No attorney was listed for the grandmother, who's held without bond.

The baby was released to another relative.

Police didn't immediately say who summoned help or what movie Green was watching.

AG

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"The Chamber is excited to announce that this year's event will once again be held in the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College Campus," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director. "All area farmers and producers will be guests of honor at the 23rd Annual Ag Appreciation Day."

During the lunch, the Ag Producer of the Year Award and the Ag Business of the Year award will be announced.

The day will begin with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Ag Complex, provided by Franklin & Son Tire; tours of area farms will begin at 8 a.m. The luncheon will be held back at the Broughton Complex provided by the Howard County 4H Adult Leaders.

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; Crop Production Services

with Ronnie Wood; Lone Star Bank with Bruce Griffith; South Plains Implement Co. with Nate Avey; and State National Bank with Justin Myers.

All area producers and farmers can attend the luncheon for free and all others wanting

to attend can purchase a ticket for \$15, which will include the lunch, guest speaker and program.

The deadline to purchase tickets and reserve a spot is Tuesday, Oct. 2, for more information, call the chamber office at 432-263-7641.

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Student bullies trump 1st Amendment

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us patience, oh Lord, to make peace with others in times of arrogance and stupidity.
Amen

Well, the wild and crazy 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is at it again, this time ruling that in a conflict between bullies and the First Amendment, bullies win.

The court let stand a previous ruling by a three-judge panel of the court that school officials of Live Oak High School can prohibit American students from wearing to school clothing featuring the American flag because of threats made against the American students. You read that right: not threats made by the American students but threats directed at them by others.

Admittedly, it's hard to surprise sane people anymore with all the wrongheaded things going on in this country, but this just won't do. It's one thing to insist, for example, that English be the official language; it's one thing to forbid American students from heckling Mexican students for celebrating Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican holiday. But it's altogether another thing for the school administration — and then the courts — to prevent peaceful American students from wearing flag apparel because it might provoke some rowdy students who don't approve of American students demonstrating and displaying their patriotism.

What country are we living in again? It's sometimes hard to be sure. It's as if the politically correct American left is so disdainful of America that it won't even stand up for free speech when the speakers are American patriots.

I would warn readers that if these mind-frazzled leftists keep going, they're going to have a revolt on their hands by the silent majority, but if that were going to occur, wouldn't it have already happened? I do believe that patri-

ots still constitute the majority, but I don't know how many of us have any fight left in us. After being treated to the left's brow-beating for decades now, some seem to have lost their spirit and become resigned to the fate of an abused majority. It's very sad, actually.

During the 2009 Cinco de Mayo celebration at Live Oak, school officials ordered the students to turn their shirts inside out or go home, apparently because Latino students at the school couldn't be blamed if they became incensed at the flag shirts and resorted to violence to express their outrage.

The American students at one point hung an American flag and began chanting "USA," and that was simply too provocative for Latino students, who responded with profane language, accusing the American students of racism. "F— them white boys. Let's f— them up," one of them supposedly said.

A year later, during the 2010 Cinco de Mayo celebration, Mexican students confronted three American students wearing American flag shirts again.

"Why are you wearing that? Do you not like Mexicans?" one asked.

Why didn't school officials go after the troublemakers instead of taking the easy and cowardly path of punishing the peaceful students? Why didn't they act like adults, let alone proud Americans, and threaten disciplinary action against the wrongdoers?

Instead, they rewarded their thuggish behavior and incentivized further acts of bullying. The court, by approving this horrendous school decision, has now set a precedent — short-lived, I hope — that if you want to shut down people's speech, the best way to do it is to act unlawfully yourself. Can you believe I'm writing these words? Can you believe you're reading them?

You know how the left is always warning that conservative speech can lead to violence? You know, if we say things they don't

agree with or if conservative talk show hosts show a little passion in their voice, this could lead to violence? As preposterous as that is, this ruling is even worse. Here, that dreaded violence the left is willing to suppress speech for is actually being used to suppress speech. So if leftists don't like your speech, they'll suppress it to prevent violence. Or they'll use violence in other cases to suppress it. This thinking would be comical if it weren't so destructive to liberty in this country.

If free speech is this easily thwarted — especially what is arguably political speech, deserving of the highest protection — what can we expect in future rulings by crazy courts?

Who could possibly guess? What is undeniable, though, is that leftists are quite creative and imaginative when it comes to rationalizing excuses to shut down the voices of their political opponents. Will they next tell us that Christians can't cite particular scriptural passages in certain venues if those passages might offend others to the point of provoking them to violence? Don't you dare laugh, unless you can tell us how such a scenario differs, substantively, from the 9th Circuit case.

Will responsible liberals express their objection to this outrage, or will they simply nod their heads in tacit approval because the ends of shutting down conservatives justify any means?

I know we can count on a few intellectually honest liberals to join us in voicing our disgust at this, but probably just a few.

These liberals sure are lucky that conservatives, the people they are targeting, are the nonviolent ones and not like the people they jump to protect, even to the point of shredding the Constitution.

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Do 'real men' hit women?

It was the day I learned the difference between sympathy and empathy.

The phone rang on my desk. It was a woman I had written about. Her husband had beaten her for years. She divorced him; she took him back; she remarried him. The beatings continued. She would leave, and he would go after her. When she fled to her mother's house, he followed her and broke all the bones on the left side of her face.

For that, he was arrested and convicted of battery. He was sentenced to 90 days, but got out in a week. She got some plastic surgery.

He kept beating her, usually with his fists, sometimes with his work shoes. They had two children. Sometimes when she fled with them, he would follow and beg for forgiveness. She would return with the kids. And he would beat her again.

She had come to my office. She was young and soft-spoken. She had been a schoolteacher and now worked for a large firm. She was not stupid or weak.

"Why did you stay with him?" I asked. "People are going to read this and wonder why you took him back after he beat you again and again."

"I felt," she said, and then she paused. "I felt I was the only one who understood him. I felt I was the only one who could help him. I wanted the family to succeed. I wanted things to work."

She had grown up watching "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" and "Father Knows Best." Ozzie never punched Harriet in the face. Jim never beat Margaret over the head with a shoe.

She knew these shows were not real. She knew they were idealized versions of the American home. But that's the version she wanted. And when she couldn't get it, she felt shame. She felt guilt. She felt

it was at least partially her fault.

In one respect, she had been lucky. She came to work so battered and bruised one day that her supervisor called the company's lawyer, and they found her and her children a place to stay and explained her legal options.

She was talking to me because she wanted to help other women. I was sympathetic. The empathy would come soon.

She didn't want her real name used, and I said that was OK, but I said her husband certainly would recognize himself in the story. She would take the risk, she said, and besides, her husband's behavior had become so violent and erratic that he had been confined to a mental institution.

I wrote the column. The day it appeared, the phone rang. It was the woman. Her husband had escaped from the institution. He had been a weapons instructor in the military, had gone home and picked up his gun.

"He's coming either for you or me," she said.

When I hung up, I started getting these pangs in my stomach.

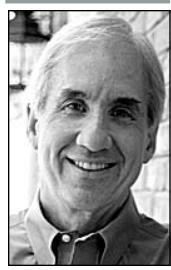
It was the empathy starting. My phone buzzed almost immediately. It was the receptionist at my paper. She said there was a man who wanted to see me. Her voice was taut and distressed.

I told her to smile at the man, put down the phone and get inside the newsroom fast. She did. When she was inside my office, she described the guy to me. It was the husband.

I called a friend at the police department. "Yeah, there's a bulletin out on the guy," he said. "Armed and dangerous. So don't try to interview him or anything."

"I don't want to interview him!" I yelled into the phone. "I want you to come and get him! Now! Fast!"

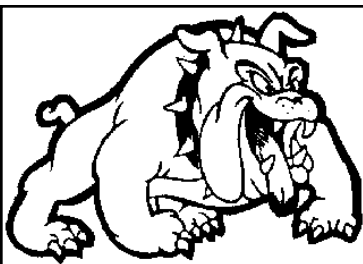
The police came, but the guy had fled. Eventually, he went back to the mental institution. But for the rest of the day and quite a few days after, I asked myself what it must be like to live with such a person. I tried to imagine the terror of it.



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2014 Coahoma High Football Hero and Sweetheart crowned



Courtesy Photo/Candy Parrish

Joe Melendez was crowned football hero and Anna Harrison was the football sweetheart at homecoming festivities in Coahoma Friday night.

Tips for raising money-wise kids



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

(Family Features) Kids are never too young to learn the skills of saving, budgeting, and other basics for becoming a money-wise individual.

In fact, T. Rowe Price's 2014 Parents, Kids & Money survey found that 60 percent of kids whose parents frequently talk to them about budgeting feel they are smart about money, as opposed to just 34 percent of kids whose parents do not.

Financial experts agree that the sooner parents start imparting key money concepts, the more effective they will be in raising financially responsible adults. While it may seem like an involved topic, it's as simple as starting a conversation.

"There is a clear correlation between talking with kids about financial topics and their habits," said Judith Ward, a senior financial planner with T. Rowe Price. "Parents can invest in their kids by talking to them weekly about money matters."

The survey also found that parents are having more financial conversations with boys rather

than girls.

"Boys and girls should have the same opportunities to learn about money matters at home so they can grow into financially savvy adults," Ms. Ward says. "By talking to kids of either gender about things like saving for college, parents can help kids get involved and excited about their future."

Tips for starting money conversations

First, learn to engage in frequent money conversations with your kids. While you can sit down to discuss in a formal manner, casual dialog may be more effective and memorable. From trips to the grocery store to a visit to your neighborhood bank, there are plenty of real-world situations where you can teach your kids about spending, saving, and other money concepts.

Ms. Ward offers these tips to help parents initiate conversation:

- When discussing weekend plans: When your kids plan for weekend fun with friends, ask them how much the

activities will cost. Find out if they have budgeted for these expenses and if they are saving for any other upcoming events.

- When talking about their future: Ask your child what they wish to be when they grow up. This is a great opportunity to talk about what kind of college degree may be required for the profession, how much getting the degree can cost, and the need to save for it in advance.

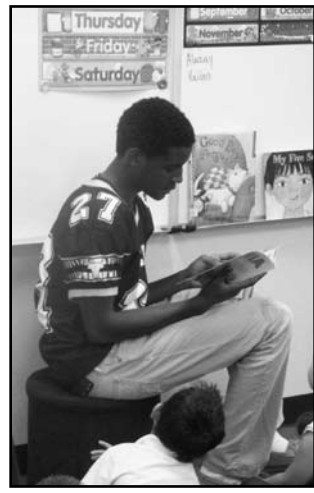
- When talking about extracurricular activities: When talking about extra activities like soccer, dance, karate, piano lessons and others, talk with your kids about the cost of each. Help them understand that all of these add up to a lot of money, so they can help you save by only doing the ones they really enjoy.

Use these simple tips to help integrate money conversations into your daily lives - your kids will thank you later. For more information, visit www.MoneyConfidentKids.com.



Steer Pride Corner

By George Bancroft, BSISD community relations coordinator



Marcy Elementary

Students at Marcy Elementary got a surprise from the Steers' varsity football team.

Several players made a visit to the school and read to the students. Mrs. Karvonen's Kindergarten students were riveted by No. 27's performance. Ms. Berringer's class got a lesson in how to make the horns sign from a couple more players.

Go Steers!



Big Spring Intermediate School

Big Spring Intermediate School held its first pep rally of the year and announced its elected members of the 2014-2015 student council. The pep rally was a reward for the students' hard work and commendable citizenship during the first three weeks of school. The varsity cheerleaders and the high school band's drum line showed up to help honor the students.

Pictured at top are student council members: front row, from left, Anastasia Rodriguez, Sarah Wood, Providence Dickson, Sadie Garcia, Luke Thibeault, Jayden Tubb, Daniel Blount

Top, left, Quemarin Lewis, X'Zavier Knox, Melissa Zebreski, Bradie Leuschner, Olivia Bancroft, Alyssa White, Gage Davidson, Ransom Colette.



Sudoku Answer on Page 3A

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

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East-West vulnerable.

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♥ 8 6 5

♦ K 10 8

♣ A 7

WEST

♠ K

♥ 4 2

♦ Q 6 4

♣ J 10 8 6 5 3 2

EAST

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♥ A K Q J 9 3

♦ 9 7 5 2

♣ K Q 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 2

♥ 10 7

♦ A J 3

♣ 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♠ 4♥

4♠

Opening lead — four of hearts.

There is a substantial amount of guesswork in the play of the cards, but frequently it can be avoided by careful play.

Take this case where West led a heart against South's four-spade contract. East cashed two high hearts and continued the suit. When declarer ruffed with the queen, West overruffed with the king.

West then returned a club to dummy's ace. South, having lost the first three tricks, now had to guess

the location of the queen of diamonds to make the contract. He reasoned that since East had entered the bidding at the four level, he was more likely to have the queen. Declarer therefore cashed the king of diamonds and led a diamond to the jack, but when West produced the queen, the contract went down one.

South was undoubtedly unlucky that West had the king of spades, and also that West had the queen of diamonds when the indications were that East had it.

But bad luck notwithstanding, South should have made the contract. He subjected himself to a diamond guess that he could have avoided. He had a sure thing available, and no lie of the cards could have defeated him had he exercised proper care.

At trick three, South should ruff East's heart lead with the ace of spades! It is true that this hands the defense a trump trick without a struggle, but there is nevertheless a method to this madness.

South then leads a club to the ace, ruffs a club and plays a trump, not caring one iota which defender wins the trick. Whichever one does will either have to return a diamond, eliminating the guess for the queen, or lead another suit, presenting declarer with a ruff-and-discard.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Tannehill says he plans to start against Raiders

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill plans to take the first snap on offense Sunday for the Dolphins against the Oakland Raiders, at least temporarily putting an end to questions about Miami's quarterback situation.

Head coach Joe Philbin hasn't said Tannehill would be the starter but the third-year quarterback insisted that where the stands has been made clear to him. He has taken all of the snaps with the first team.

"I've been preparing to play Oakland in London and to go out there and

win," said Tannehill, who has completed just 56.5 percent of his passes and ranks 29th in the NFL in passer rating at 74.1. "I'm taking the first snap of the game and playing the game."

Philbin's approach has created a distraction in the locker room, and Tannehill said that was an issue and was not a good feeling for him. But Tannehill said he understood Philbin's handling of the situation, and remains confident in his abilities and the potential of Miami's offense.

"Obviously, it doesn't feel good. It creates a

bunch of stir and a bunch of distraction in the locker room, mostly from the outside coming in," Tannehill said. "Just guys having to deal with the distraction of it, it's not a good feeling but he's been clear with me and I know where I stand. I don't know how it first came to me. I think I received some texts from basically everyone I've ever known offering me support, which is a good thing I guess, and then coach came to me."

Backup quarterback Matt Moore confirmed that nothing has changed with his role and that

he has not taken a snap with the first team since training camp.

"I've taken zero reps. Ryan's prepared the same way he prepared the same way I always do," said Moore, who is the highest paid backup quarterback in the league and won six games as a starter for Miami in 2011. "We showed up on Tuesday and everything was the same. Obviously, I did get a couple of text messages from friends who read things and it caught me off guard but nothing was said in here."

The quarterbacks' lockers are near each other and they are together in the position meetings and on the practice field. Moore didn't notice any difference in Tannehill's demeanor this week.

With the Dolphins trying to avoid going into the bye week at 1-3, Tannehill understands the importance of this game with Oakland and he feels like he has the full support of his teammates. He spoke confidently about the running game and the offensive line, while saying he wished Philbin had handled it differently.

"Does it feel good to deal with all the distractions that have been created because of the situation? No," Tannehill said. "That's Tannehill. You face distractions. You face adversity in life and you have to be able to handle it."

"You have to be able to fight through it and become a better player because of it. We're going about our normal week. It's all this stuff on the outside that seems like the world's collapsing. I think the guys are confident, not in their abilities but in mine."

Bonilla powers Texas to victory

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lisalberto Bonilla did something on Wednesday night that no Texas Rangers pitcher had ever done.

The rookie right-hander pitched six scoreless innings in a 5-1 victory over the Houston Astros to become the first Ranger to win his first three career starts.

"Wow! That's amazing," Texas' manager Tim Lincecum said.

Bonilla's wins all have come during a stretch when the Rangers have won 11 of 12 games, including their last four.

Their sweep of Houston was the Astros' third loss in a row and seventh in nine games.

Bonilla (3-0), promoted Sept. 2 from Triple-A Round Rock, allowed four hits and struck out seven in six scoreless innings.

Rookie Phil Klein struck out the side in the ninth inning. Rowned Odor and Ryan Rua, hit home runs against veteran Jose Veras to break the game open with four runs in the seventh inning.

"You look at Rua's at-bats leading up to that, and the last thing you think is he's going to hit a three-run homer," Bogar said.

Odor also doubled to end a nine-pitch at bat in the first inning and walked on seven pitches in the fourth.



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BSHS Lady Steers X-C squad ...

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' cross country team will be competing in the Lubbock Invitational this Saturday at the Mae Simmons Park. Members of the BSJS include Karina Alvarado, Samantha Solis, Hannah Alsobrooks, Kaitlyn Mathews, Hope Arguello. JV runners Loree Dello and Samantha Rodriguez will also be competing.

BSJHS to host tournaments this weekend

The Big Spring Junior High School volleyball teams will treat the residents of the Crossroads to plenty of volleyball action this weekend. The school will be hosting seventh- and eighth-grade tournaments on Saturday.

The BSJHS eighth graders will get the action started in

the in the west gym beginning at 9 a.m. when they face off with Hawley in the first round of play. The winner of the BSJHS-Hawley game will advance to face Levelland in the semifinals at 2 p.m.

In other first-round games, Snyder will face Monahans starting at 10 a.m., while

Sweetwater will play Cornerstone at 11 a.m.

Like their eighth-grade counterparts, the Lady Steers' seventh graders will begin tournament play at 9 a.m. against Hawley. The seventh grade tournament will be held in the east gym.

The winner of the BSJHS-

Hawley contest will advance to play Levelland in the second round.

Levelland drew a bye in the first round of play.

The seventh- and eighth-grade championship games will be played at 6 p.m. Both consolation finals will be at 4 p.m.

Claiborne back at practice after walking out over demotion

(AP) — Morris Claiborne is backing up Orlando Scandrick and preparing to play plenty of snaps against New Orleans, just as he did in several games last year.

For reasons he wouldn't fully explain, the third-year Dallas cornerback had a much harder time accepting that plan this time around.

Claiborne returned to practice Wednesday a day after walking out on the

team upon hearing that he was being replaced as a starter by Scandrick.

The former top-10 pick skipped meetings and a short walk-through practice Tuesday before returning to the facility about eight hours later to meet with coach Jason Garrett, who said Claiborne would be disciplined but wouldn't reveal how.

Claiborne said he left the facility because he

was angry over how the lineup change was "presented to me," not because he was being demoted. But he wouldn't offer more details.

"I was ready for whatever fines or anything came with that," said Claiborne, who said he hasn't been told how he will be punished. "I felt like if I stayed, who knows what would have happened. I felt like the best thing for me to do was to leave."

'Together We Care' tourney set for Sept. 27

The "Together We Care" Ragball Tournament is planned to be held at the Mitchell County Sports Complex Saturday, September 27th. The tourney is raising money for a good cause, as all proceeds benefit Christmas

in Action, a charity that performs housing renovations and repairs for the needy.

Registration will be held early Saturday morning from 7 to 8 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person and a maximum of 15 people will be allowed

per team.

Play is limited to the first 17 teams to sign up, so come early and get registered.

For more information, contact Kristina Guerra at 325-728-2162, ext. 4307 or Amy Rodriguez at 325-728-2162, ext. 4122.



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Spirited nation ...

Bruiser and the Coahoma cheerleaders stir of some enthusiasm at the Bulldogs' recent game against Miles. Coahoma will attempt to become the first Crossroads team to reach 5-0 on Friday when they travel to Iraan.

SECC gold tourney set for Oct. 10

The TDCJ Wallace/Ware complex employees will hold their 12th annual State Employee Charitable Campaign golf tournament on Friday, October 10th at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Christmas in Action and the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start planned for 9 a.m. The format is a four-man team scramble.

Cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fee, cart, lunch and two Mulligans. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

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Jupiter and Uranus Do Standup

Jupiter and Uranus form a lucky alignment for humor lovers everywhere. It's like a cosmic standup comedy show, and we can all benefit from visiting the lighter side of life. It will be easier to see how most of our problems are not unique to us. In fact, so much of what ails us is universal, and so we may as well find a way to laugh together about it.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). While it's entirely possible to say something different from what you are thinking, your communication will probably turn out better if you think something different first and then think that through before you speak again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are several good ways to let off emotional tension. Telling a friend is one way, but that could backfire. Writing in a diary is a good way, although maybe you should write it in code.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Doing unto others as you would have them do to you only works when you both have the same preferences. The golden rule is good, but the platinum rule is better. Find out how they prefer to be treated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be trusted with a seemingly small task -- this is a test. In truth, there are no small tasks. Do your very best at this critical juncture, and you'll be richly rewarded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you slip up once or twice, don't let that stop you from following the original plan. If you slip up constantly, however, it might not be the right plan for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll say goodbye to a fantasy and come to accept that there really is no happily ever after -- only a happy today over and over for as long as you decide to be happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your purse strings are too loose, and money is in danger of falling out wherever you trod.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unexpected happenings this morning may cause you to fall behind, but don't let that worry you. Tend to what's really important: the people you love. You'll make up for lost time later in the afternoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life will contradict itself to such a degree that you'll wonder what you really know about it. That's the exciting starting place for a whole new worldview, one that helps you effectively address the present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You need your travels to take you new places, or you'll quickly get bored. What if you let your curiosity (instead of your sense of duty) dictate the next leg of your journey?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No pining for the past allowed today. Honestly, you're better off for the way it all turned out.

Anyway, you don't need to turn back the clock; you just need to change its battery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25). You'll have a partner for your

adventuring over the next six weeks, but when the new year begins, there's something you must do alone -- and you'll rock it! October shows you applying recently acquired skills and making good money. December brings a new agreement. February ends a competition. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 1, 44, 38 and 50.

ASTROLOGY 101: WHAT ARE GEMINI PEOPLE LIKE? The first air sign of the zodiac is highly intellectual, quick witted and full of fantastic energy. Gemini is playful and mischievous, unbound to convention. There's a delightful bit of whimsy that goes with this sign. They are apt to change midcourse, play devil's advocate or employ any number of problem-solving techniques for the simple pleasure of the exercise. Gemini just loves to think, to bring new life to old ideas, to originate and to contribute to the body of human knowledge. But the thing Gemini is really proficient at is communication. This sign can relate to people of all walks of life and get their message across. They have an ease with conversation whether it's small talk about the weather or high-minded

intellectual debate. Gemini senses when others are not tracking with their line of reason and can change their conversation to subjects on which they can form a real connection. It's not only humans that Gemini communicates with, either. The sign of the twins will often make a bond with animals, too. Their natural friendliness allows them to relate in a variety of "languages" in order to understand another being's world and to also be understood.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Catherine Zeta Jones shares a September 25th birthday with her husband, Michael Douglas. Both are ruled by a Libra sun, and that's where the similarities in their natal charts end. Jones has a passionate and fiery Aries moon, and Douglas has a calculating and determined Capricorn moon. Jones has Venus in Virgo, foretelling a certain practicality in matters of love that responds well to Douglas' Mercury in Virgo.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for four years. We were high school sweethearts. We were both briefly married to other people before reuniting, and my husband has a child from his first marriage. My husband was raised by his grandparents, but when he was a teenager, he was introduced to his father and moved in with Dad, his new wife and their child. They had a close relationship, but it seems over now.

It has been six months since we have seen or heard from my in-laws, even though they live in the same city. They often visit their other son, who lives a mile away, but they never come to see us. They say we are welcome anytime, but never phone, text or invite us to family gatherings. My husband works out of town a lot, and I feel awkward showing up at their home without him.

Also a little disturbing is that they remain close with my husband's ex-wife, which is great for my stepson. But if they can put so much effort into having a relationship with her (and her boyfriend), why not their own son?

Should we address this issue or let it be? -- Feeling Ousted by In-Laws

Dear Ousted: The issue should be addressed, but not by you. Your husband should speak up and ask his parents what's going on. It could be that the ex-wife has asked them to limit contact as a condition of seeing their grandson. Or perhaps your

mother-in-law is closer to her biological child than she is to your husband and leaves it to Dad to keep in touch -- and Dad is not particularly good at it. If so, it may help for you to make the greater effort to cozy up to your mother-in-law and develop a friendlier relationship. But as always in such cases, there's only so much you can do without some effort from the other side.

Dear Annie: I am part of a ladies book club. Each of us is responsible on a rotating basis for the meal and facilitating the discussion. We have a lot of fun and have read some very interesting books.

The problem is that two of the members take turns hosting at the same house. This house is absolutely filthy and seems to get worse every time. The bathrooms smell like urine, there is no hand soap, the furniture is covered in dust and dog hair, and the trashcans are overflowing. Because they both host there, we are forced to endure the conditions twice as often. We no longer want to attend meetings there.

The ladies in our club are not snobs, but the rest of us make some effort to offer a comfortable environment for our meetings. We don't want to make dishonest excuses, and we don't want to hurt their feelings by telling them, but we also don't want to eat food prepared in filth. What can we do? -- Southern Bookworm

Dear Bookworm: Because you aren't willing to tell them you are uncomfortable eating in that house, we suggest you have every meeting at the same neutral location -- perhaps a restaurant or coffee shop. Some bookstores and libraries allow you to host such events, and you can check out other locations, as well. Meals do not have to be served. It may not be as intimate, but it solves the problem.

Dear Annie: I think "Salem, Ore.," had a wonderful idea to stop giving them Christmas gifts. When my grandparents became advanced in years, I could see that they didn't need anything, but I still wanted to give them gifts. I found the perfect solution. I'd bake them Christmas cookies after Thanksgiving but before Christmas. That way, they could enjoy the festive season and have treats when visitors came. They were very grateful and would return the empty container, which I'd refill the following year. -- Nancy

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5:PM	News ABC	P. Luche Notic.	Two Men CBS	News CBS	Tele Noticias	News CBS	Seinfeld	Yohanah	Charlie Rose	ChiPs	Airplane Repo	MacGraves	Scorpion King	Castle (DVS)	The Real	Liv-Mad.	Around	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	La Gata	Big Bang	News CBS	Caso Cer-rado	News CBS	Seinfeld	Rik	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	To Be An-nounced	Movie: First Blood, Brian Dennehy	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Set It Off, Vivica A. Fox	Austin Jessie	SportsCenter	Football
7:PM	Grey's Anatomy	Mi Corazon Es Tuyo	Bones (DVS)	Kickoff NFL Football: Giants at Redskins	Reina de Corazones	The Biggest Loser	Big Bang	Rocks	Parks	Griffith	Just Seen	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Hop, Kaley Cuoco	E:60	E:60	College Football: Texas Tech at Oklahoma State.	
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9:PM	Away-Murder	La Malquerida	Mod Fam	Titulares	En Otra Piel (SS)	Tonight Show	Big Bang	McGee	Charlie Rose	Cheers	Perry Mason	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Rambo III, Marc de Jonge	Good	Baseball	SportsCenter	
10:PM	News	Impacto	Cleveland	CBS 7 News at 10	Tele	News	Conan	Justice	Office	Called	T. Smiley	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Any Given Sunday, Dennis Quaid	Good	Baseball	SportsCenter	
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"OOOH, MY FOOT'S ASLEEP!"
"I'LL GO GET MY TRUMPET!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



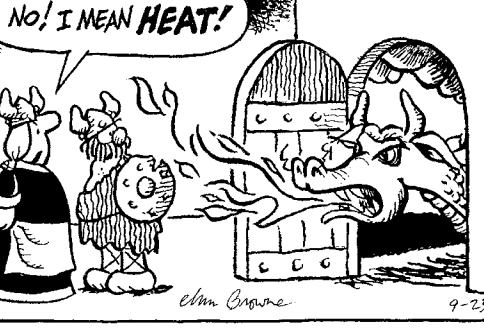
"Remember — I was little once just like YOU."

HAGAR



"HAGAR! YOU LEFT THE DOOR OPEN AND LET THE HEAT IN!"
"DON'T YOU MEAN LET THE COLD IN?"

BLONDIE



"NO! I MEAN HEAT!"

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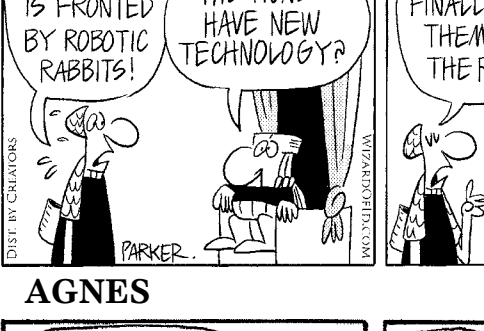
"WHAT'S THIS?"
"A SMOKEY PEARL!"
"HOW BEAUTIFUL! WHERE ARE THEY FROM?"
"A VERY SPECIAL KIND OF CLAM."

WIZARD OF ID



"HEY, TOOTS, YOU WANT I SHOULD FILL MY OWN DRINK, OR WHAT?"

AGNES



"SIRE, THE HUN ARMY IS FRONTED BY ROBOTIC RABBITS!"
"THE HUNS HAVE NEW TECHNOLOGY?"
"YES, BUT WE'VE FINALLY GOT THEM ON THE RUN!"
"SO THEY'VE GOT A RECEDING HARELINE?"
"HA-HA"

HI AND LOIS



"I SAID YOU COULD HAVE ONE COOKIE A DAY."
"I KNOW."
"THEN WHY DO YOU TAKE MORE?"
"BECAUSE I'M A LYIN', CHEATIN', NO-GOOD COOKIE THIEF!"

THE OTHER COAST



"LOOK AT THAT TREE GROWING OUT OF A ROCK FACE."
"IT TAKES GUTS AND DETERMINATION TO GROW IN SUCH A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT."
"I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE ALL THE GOOD SPOTS WERE TAKEN."

SNUFFY SMITH



"I TOOK YOUR ADVICE, MR. LUKEY, AN' GAVE UP ON WOMEN!!"
"I DON'T RECKYLECT TELLIN' YA T'DO THAT, JUGHAID!!"
"YA DIDN'T--BUT I L'ARNT FROM YORE 'XAMPLE!!"

BETLE BAILEY



"HI! IS THERE ANYTHING WORTH SEEING ON THIS PLANET?"
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET MISS BUXLEY?"

BLONDIE



"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOUR IDEA ABOUT MOVING TO A BIGGER HOUSE?"
"WE DECIDED WE'D RATHER STAY HERE."
"YOU WANTED TO STAY CLOSE TO ME, RIGHT?"
"IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU... WE DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF YOU."
"SO THEY'RE STAYING NEXT DOOR? THAT MUST MAKE YOU HAPPY."
"I'M NOT HAPPY AT ALL!!"

This Date In History

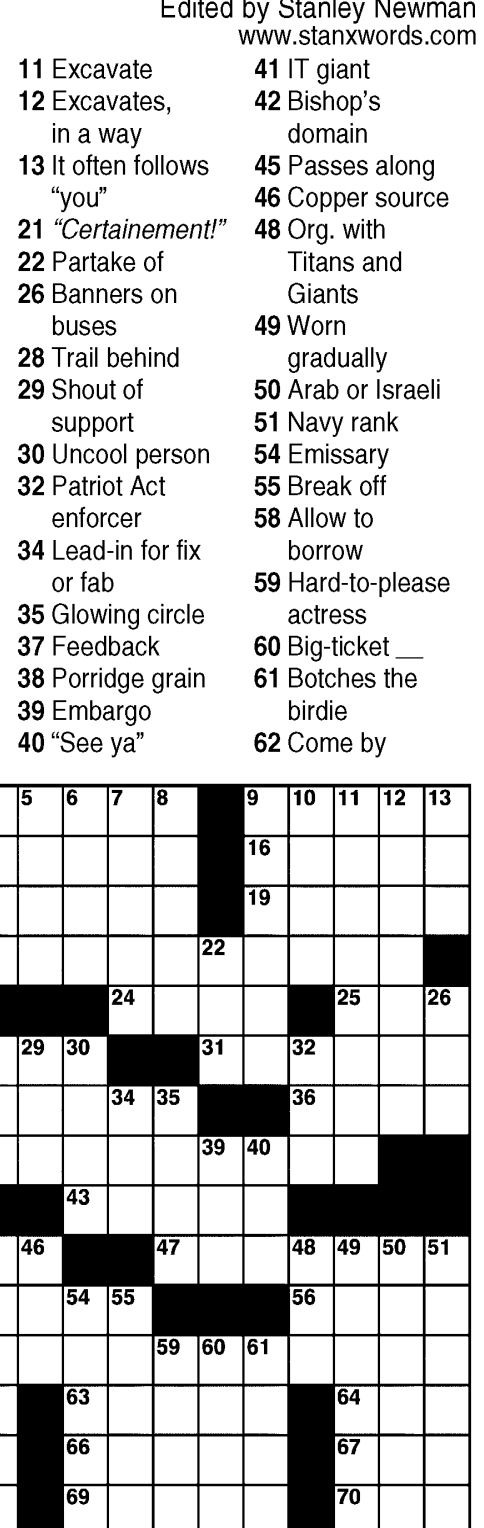
Today is Thursday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2014. There are 97 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.) On this date: In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean. In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, Publick Occurrences, published its first and last edition in Boston. In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.) In 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette. (A male companion was arrested and later fined \$2 for "abusing" the officer.) In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colorado, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY'). In 1932, the Spanish region of Catalonia received a Charter of Autonomy (however, the Charter was revoked by Francisco Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War).

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Newsday Crossword

WE'VE BEEN FRAMED

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hotel freebie
 - 4 Inner turmoil
 - 9 Minestrone ingredient
 - 14 To the ___ (fully)
 - 15 Annual stocking suffer
 - 16 Bring upon oneself
 - 17 HS support grp.
 - 18 Trades jobs
 - 19 Durable building material
 - 20 Document framed in 1787
 - 23 Swan Lake attire
 - 24 100 Sonoran centavos
 - 25 ___ soup (heavy fog)
 - 27 Frat letter
 - 31 Wrap up
 - 33 First Hebrew letter
 - 36 Playful smooch
 - 37 Toon framed in a 1988 film
 - 41 Something to think about
 - 43 Dilly-dally
 - 44 Small eatery
 - 47 Unity of thought
 - 52 Unkempt hair
 - 53 Long stretches
 - 56 Without plans
 - 57 Something framed by physicians
 - 62 Birthplace of Columbus
 - 63 Musical set in Argentina
- DOWN**
- 11 Excavate
 - 12 Excavates, in a way
 - 13 It often follows "you"
 - 21 "Certainment!"
 - 22 Partake of
 - 26 Banners on buses
 - 28 Trail behind
 - 29 Shout of support
 - 30 Uncool person
 - 32 Patriot Act enforcer
 - 34 Lead-in for fix or fab
 - 35 Glowing circle
 - 37 Feedback
 - 38 Porridge grain
 - 39 Embargo
 - 40 "See ya"
 - 41 IT giant
 - 42 Bishop's domain
 - 45 Passes along
 - 46 Copper source
 - 48 Org. with Titans and Giants
 - 49 Worn gradually
 - 50 Arab or Israeli
 - 51 Navy rank
 - 54 Emissary
 - 55 Break off
 - 58 Allow to borrow
 - 59 Hard-to-please actress
 - 60 Big-ticket ___
 - 61 Botches the birdie
 - 62 Come by



Kershaw, Dodgers win NL West title with win over Giants

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hyun-Jin Ryu unleashed a full bottle of bubbly over the head of A.J. Ellis. "It never gets old," the catcher said. "I love how cold it is."

The post-game party was in full swing shortly after the Los Angeles Dodgers won the NL West title with a 9-1 victory over the second-place San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night.

Clayton Kershaw wore a huge grin and a soaked championship T-shirt as he made his way around the saturated clubhouse, singled out for repeated soakings by his jubilant teammates.

The probable NL Cy Young Award winner and MVP candidate tied a career high with his 21st victory and lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.77 in his last

start of the regular season. "You can't take lightly what we did," Kershaw said. "You got to celebrate accomplishments and that's what we did. It's really fun to celebrate with these guys."

The left-hander allowed one run and eight hits in eight innings, struck out 11 and walked none, having won his final seven starts. He is trying to be-

come the first player to lead the major leagues in ERA in four consecutive seasons. "It's been a magical year for Kershaw," said teammate Carl Crawford, who was 2 for 2 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

Kershaw (21-3) didn't pitch lights out — getting called for a balk and wild pitch — and he committed a throwing error in

the seventh but he did a little bit of everything, including hitting and fielding to ensure the Dodgers celebrated in front of their longtime rivals. "He probably wasn't at his best, but him at 80 percent is pretty good," Giants starter Tim Lincecum said. "It's better than most people."

"MVP" chants directed at Kershaw from the sell-out crowd of 53,387 broke

out throughout the game, but grew loudest after he retired the side in the eighth, striking out two. "It's cool," Kershaw said of the chants. "These fans obviously want a World Series."

"We want to win a world championship but the first step in that is winning your division," said manager Don Mattingly, his brown hair matted.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Baltimore	95	63	.601	—
New York	81	77	.513	14
Toronto	81	77	.513	14
Tampa Bay	76	82	.481	19
Boston	69	89	.437	26
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	88	70	.557	—
Kansas City	86	72	.544	2
Cleveland	83	76	.522	5½
Chicago	72	86	.456	16
Minnesota	68	90	.430	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	98	61	.616	—
Oakland	86	72	.544	11½
Seattle	83	75	.525	14½
Houston	69	90	.434	29
Texas	65	93	.411	32½
x-clinched division				
Wednesday's Games				
Baltimore 9, N.Y. Yankees 5				
Detroit 6, ChiSox 1				
Minnesota 2, Arizona 1				
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 4				
Toronto 1, Seattle 0				
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 4				
Boston 11, Tampa Bay 3				
Texas 5, Houston 1				
Thursday's Games				
Seattle (Wilhelmsen 3-2) at Toronto (Da.Norris 0-0), 4:07 p.m.				
Baltimore (Gausman 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 11-9), 7:05 p.m.				

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	92	64	.590	—
Atlanta	77	81	.487	16
New York	76	81	.484	16½
Miami	75	82	.478	17½
Philadelphia	72	86	.456	21
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	88	71	.553	—
x-Pittsburgh	86	72	.544	1½
Milwaukee	81	77	.513	6½
Cincinnati	73	85	.462	14½
Chicago	71	88	.447	17
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	91	68	.572	—
San Francisco	85	73	.538	5½
San Diego	76	82	.481	14½
Colorado	66	93	.415	25
Arizona	63	96	.396	28
z-clinched playoff berth				

Saturday, Sept. 27				
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.				
B.C. at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.				
National Football League				
American Conference				
East				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	2	1	.667	62 52
New England	2	1	.667	64 49
N.Y. Jets	1	1	.500	43 45
Miami	1	2	.333	58 83
South				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Houston	2	1	.667	64 50
Indianapolis	1	2	.333	95 78
Tennessee	1	2	.333	43 69
Jacksonville	0	3	.000	44 119
North				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Cincinnati	3	0	1.000	80 33
Baltimore	2	1	.667	65 50
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	73 72
Cleveland	1	2	.333	74 77
West				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Denver	2	1	.667	75 67
San Diego	2	1	.667	69 49
Kansas City	1	2	.333	61 65
Oakland	0	3	.000	37 65
National Conference				
East				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Philadelphia	3	0	1.000	101 78
Dallas	2	1	.667	77 69
N.Y. Giants	1	2	.333	58 77
Washington	1	2	.333	81 64
South				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Atlanta	2	1	.667	103 72
Carolina	2	1	.667	63 58
New Orleans	1	2	.333	78 72
Tampa Bay	0	3	.000	45 95
North				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Detroit	2	1	.667	61 45
Chicago	1	1	.500	48 43
Minnesota	1	2	.333	50 56
Green Bay	1	2	.333	54 79
West				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Arizona	3	0	1.000	66 45
Seattle	2	1	.667	83 66
St. Louis	1	2	.333	56 85
San Fran.	1	2	.333	62 68
Thursday's Game				
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:25 p.m.				

Sunday, Sep. 28				
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.				
Buffalo at Houston, 1 p.m.				
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.				
Carolina at Baltimore, 1 p.m.				
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.				
Miami vs. Oakland at London, 4:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.				
Atlanta at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.				
New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
Monday, Sep. 29				
New England at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.				
TRANSACTIONS				
American League				
Detroit Tigers — Reinstated RHP Anibal Sanchez from the 15-day DL.				
Oakland Athletics — Extended their player development contract with Beloit (MWL) through the 2016 season.				
Basketball				
National Basketball Association				
Los Angeles Lakers — Signed G Ronnie Price.				
Miami Heat — Named Phil Weber coach of Sioux Falls (NBADL). Reassigned Octavio De La Grana to player development coach for Sioux Falls and director of minor league operations.				
Phoenix Suns — Agreed to terms with G Eric Bledsoe on a five-year contract.				
Sacramento Kings — Released G Scotty Hopson.				
Football				
National Football League				
Arizona Cardinals — Released RB Jalen Parmele. Signed DT Bruce Gaston from Miami's practice squad. Re-signed P Drew Butler to the practice squad. Released DT				

Christian Tupou from the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed LB Josh Byrnes from Baltimore's practice squad and DB Josh Vitoriano to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed TE Chase Ford and OL Austin Wentworth from the practice squad and QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson and TE Ryan Otten to the practice squad. Placed QB Matt Cassel and G Brandon Fusco on injured reserve.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB LeQuan Lewis from the practice squad. Signed CB Marcus Williams to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed S Tyvon Branch on injured reserve. Claimed S Brandian Ross off waivers from Miami.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed DE T.J. Fatinikun, LB Shayne Skov and FB Ian Thompson to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Traded DE Brandon Boudreaux and 2015 and 2016 fourth-round draft picks to Saskatchewan for 2015 and 2016 third-round draft picks and a negotiation-list player.

COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named J.D. Powell director of men's basketball operations.

FELICIAN — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Roger Stephens. Promoted men's assistant soccer coach Erik Kotynski men's interim soccer coach.

HOLY CROSS — Agreed to terms with women's basketball coach Bill Gibbons on a four-year contract extension.

LIMESTONE — Named Karl Reed assistant wrestling coach.

NJIT — Named Dino Presley men's assistant basketball coach and Jared Czech director of basketball operations.

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FRIDAY 7:00pm - 10:00pm

SATURDAY 10:00am - 10:00pm

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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football in The Crossroads Area

Big Spring climbs into top 10 in Class 4A

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Phillip Ritchey has long said his ultimate goal is to have the Big Spring football program – and students, as a whole – mentioned as among the best in the state. He can rest a little easier this week because the Steers are right where he wants them to be.

Big Spring, fresh off an impressive 41-14 rout of Class 5A Hereford, made its debut in the Associated Press top 10 rankings for Class 4A. The team's victory helped it climb two spots in the most recent poll, which was released on Monday.

Ritchey credited the team's work ethic for the Steers' success.

"These guys love representing Big Spring High School,"

he said. "They want to do their best."

The Steers received 14 points in the AP's statewide poll. The team had been rated No. 12 the week before.

The Week 4 poll also showed another major change that sent ripples through Big Spring and the entire Texas high school football landscape. Stephenville no longer sat on top.

The Yellow Jackets, a mem-

ber of the District 3-4A race with Big Spring, slipped to No. 6 in the poll following its stunning 50-39 loss to Lubbock Cooper on national television last Thursday. Stephenville, now 3-1, received just one of the 25 first-place votes cast in the poll.

Replacing Stephenville atop the Class 4A poll is Navasota.

The team received 18 first-place votes and rolled up 240 total points – 18 more than

second-ranked Argyle.

Gilmer, West Orange-Stark and Kennedale rounded out the top five in the poll.

Allen top the 6A rankings, receiving 21 of the 25 first-place ballots.

Perennial state powerledo was voted the top team in Class 5A, while Cisco and Refugio topped the 3A and 2A rankings, respectively.

Ira is the No. 1-ranked team in Class A.

NO. 10 BIG SPRING VS. NO. 8 GRAHAM

BATTLE OF THE CATTLE

Steers' defense looking for more respect

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When the Big Spring High School Steers walked off the field at Memorial Stadium last week, the defensive players weren't in any mood to celebrate the team's 41-14 rout of Hereford.

The win only took a little of the sting Garrett Wigington and the Big Spring defense had been hit with over the first month of the 2014 football season. Being considered a "bad" squad just isn't something they have enjoyed.

"We're tired of hearing how bad we are," said Wigington, a senior who mans the middle linebacker spot for the Steers' defensive squad. "We're young, but we aren't as bad as people think."

Wigington and the BSHS defense proved just that against Hereford, the second Class 5A program utilizing a spread offensive attack they have faced this season. The Steers limited Hereford to just 197 total yards. And, to further prove the unit is coming together, they even contributed to the final score by returning an interception for a score.

The Steers' success on the defensive side is the result of two things, Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey said – a focus on the fundamentals of tackling and a not so subtle challenge to every member of the squad by Steers' defensive coordinator

John Wright and the fellow coaches during the open week.

"They came out ready to play," said Ritchey, following Big Spring's win. "We played a lot more physical and more disciplined. What we saw here were some young men growing up in front of our eyes."

Big Spring's defensive effort was a dramatic improvement from their first two outings. In Game 1 against Ker-ville Tivy, the Steers gave up more than 600 total yards – including 494 passing– to the Antlers' spread attack. A week later, against Monahans, they gave up more than 300 yards ... although, in all fairness, they did bow up late in the contest to preserve a 33-32 win.

"We picked up our motivation," said linebacker Triston Deleon. "We were challenged to step up our game, and I think as a group we are going to do that. We know what we have to."

Wigington agreed, saying the Steers' domination of Hereford was more a reflection

See DEFENSE on Page 2B

Hello, I'm ...

Friday's showdown between the Big Spring Steers and the Graham Steers will mark the first time the two Texas powerhouses have ever played despite both team shaving played football for more than a century.

Big Spring initially began playing high school football in 1909. The team has posted 440 victories in its 105-year run.

Graham began playing football in 1913 and has won 531 games, including 14 in both 2013 and 2009.

The two schools are among just three programs in the state to use "Steers" as a mascot name. Robert Lee also uses the name.



BSHS excited about game with Graham

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Most high school teams across the state would be awed with the prospects of facing Graham.

After all, Graham is ranked No. 8 in the latest Clas 4A state football poll. And, the game is going to be played at Newton Field in front of a loud GHS fanbase.

The Big Spring High School Steers aren't like most teams. In fact, the former district rival of legendary programs such as Odessa Permian and Midland Lee isn't nervous at all.

In fact, according to BSHS Head football coach Phillip Ritchey, the team relishes the chance to butt heads with the state's elite.

"We're looking forward to playing them," said Ritchey, who has guided the Steers to a 3-0 start. "It is a sign of the times that we are able to play with teams like that. Everyone knows about Big Spring football, and we know we're going to get every-

one's best shot."

"This is right where we want

to be," he added. "It is no secret that we want to be one of the teams people talk about."

Plenty of people are talking about the Steers over the past few weeks, especially for its ability to reel off points – and wins – in dramatic fashion. The Steers are among West Texas' top offensive powers thus far, having averaged more than 40 points in each of their three outings.

Big Spring will be looking give its offense its biggest test to date on Friday when they face off with a big Graham defense. Through its first four games, Graham has allowed just 78 total points – with a majority of that coming last week in a 35-27 loss to No.2-ranked Argyle.

"This is going to be a good test for us," Ritchey said.

Foremost in the BSHS arsenal is the Steers' rushing attack. Unlike most spread-style teams, Big Spring's offensive scheme is set up by the legs of quarterback Tobyn Tannehill, Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander. As a group, they have combined for almost 1,000 (990, to be exact) yards rushing in three games.

Tannehill, one of the state's fastest sprinters, spearheads the BSHS running game. In the Steers' three wins, he has rushed for 590 yards and four touchdowns on jusy 48 carries.

If you do the math, he is averaging more than 10 yards every

See GAME on Page 2B

Buffaloes look to find groove against Miles

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Make no mistake about it, Forsan High School head coach Jason Phillips is probably the unhappiest 3-1 coach in the state right now.

Don't get him wrong, he's elated to be 3-1 at this point in the season.

but he knows his team still isn't hitting on all cylinders. The Buffaloes, he feels, can be a lot better.

He's hoping the Buffaloes will be able to hit stride this Friday when the team hits the road for a showdown with the

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Courtesy photo/Shawn McVicar

Garrett Kligora and the FHS offense has outscoored its last three opponents by a 106-7 margin while trying to get in sync. Forsan plays Miles on Friday.

'Dogs set to face Iraan in battle of unbeatens

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When the Coahoma High School Bulldogs step onto the field on Friday night in Iraan, they will find themselves in a familiar situation, For the third time in four weeks, they'll be facing off against an unbeaten

team. CHS fans are hoping the Bulldogs can continue another pleasant situation by handing a third team its first loss.

The Bulldogs will face unbeaten Iraan in Week 5. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in at

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DEFENSE

Continued from Page 1B of the team's renewed dedication to tackling, taking better angles and a young squad getting used to playing together. "We going to get better," he said. "We're ready to start hearing positive things about the defense.

The Steers can certainly make positive comments mandatory with a solid showing on Friday against Graham. The Steers, according to Ritchey, are the most complete team Big Spring has faced this season. "It is going to be a big test for us," said Ritchey. "We don't have time to celebrate the win over Hereford. We have to go back to work and get ready for a really good football team."

Make no mistake about it, a really good defensive showing would go a long way in quieting the critics.

"We know what we have to do," said DeLeon. "We're going in with our heads up. We'll go all in. We've played better every week, and I think we'll continue to get better."

In Graham, the Steers will be facing an offense that is similar to their own. Graham is capable of scoring points in bunches. Through their first four games, Graham has averaged more than 30 points per outing. In their only loss (to Argyle last Friday), the team still put up 27.

Graham's offense is led by quarterback Landry Turner. The junior had amassed more than 600 all-purpose yards, including 611 through the air. A week ago, he passed for 154 yards against Argyle.

For the year, Turner has completed 45 of his 76 passing attempts.

Turner is joining in the GHS backfield by running backs Nick Martin and Hagan Hughes. Martin is the team's top rusher, averaging better than 100 yards per game this season. Overall he had rushed for 457 yards and five touchdowns.

Hughes, though used less often, is a threat. He has rolled up 118 yards and three TDs on 19 carries.

Turner's top weapon in the GHS receiving corps is Todd Parker. For the year, he has caught 14 passes for 191 yards.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring senior Matt Yanez fields a kickoff during the Steers' 41-14 rout of Hereford last Friday. The BSHS special teams squads have given the Steers' offense good field position over the first third of the season.

JH teams to host Monahans

The Big Spring Junior High School football teams will return to action tonight when they host Monahans at Memorial Stadium. The BSJHS seventh grade B team, will lead off the day's action at 4:30 p.m.

Big Spring Steers 2014 statistics

2014 RESULTS

Big Spring 58, Kerrville Tivy 56
Big Spring 33, Monahans 32
Big Spring 41, Hereford 14

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Big Spring	19	33	20	27	-	136
Opponent	7	35	14	14	-	102

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds	Avg	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	48	590	12.3	4
Hunter Hill	28	190	6.8	3
Preston Alexander	32	210	6.6	5
Totals	108	990	9.2	12

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	30	51	0	425	6
Hunter Hill	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	52	0	141.6	6

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD
Dee Parker	11	201	18.3	3
Nathan Schneider	1	2	2.0	0
Allen Ryle	1	13	13.0	0
Hunter Hill	8	177	22.1	3
Garrett Wigington	1	10	10.0	0
Preston Alexander	4	30	7.5	0
Matt Yanez	15	173	11.5	0
Totals	41	606	14.8	6

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds	Avg	Long
Tobyn Tannehill	3	63	21.0	39
Totals	3	63	21.0	39

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Hunter Hill	6	0	0	0	36
Preston Alexander	5	0	0	0	30
Dee Parker	3	0	0	0	18
Tobyn Tannehill	4	10	0	0	34
Garrett Wigington	0	0	0	1	2
Dylan Marquez	1	0	0	0	6
Matt Yanez	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	21	10	0	1	136

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds	Avg	TD
Lorenzo Jones	1	12	12.0	0
Dylan Marquez	1	33	33.0	1
Garrett Wigington	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	3	55	18.3	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	S	A	TOT	AVG	TFL
Dylan Marquez	2	6	9	3.0	0
Tobyn Tannehill	3	0	3	1.5	0
Dee Parker	0	1	1	0.5	0
Andrew Paredes	1	1	2	1.0	0
Victor Paniagua	2	1	3	1.0	0
Josh Valle	2	1	3	1.0	0
Manuel Galvan	11	11	22	7.3	0
Nathan Schneider	2	21	23	7.7	1.0
J. Gonzalez	2	2	2	2.0	0
Lorenzo Jones	12	11	23	7.7	0
Kalief Washington	4	0	4	2.0	0
Allen Ryle	8	10	18	6.0	2.0
Garrett Wigington	13	14	27	9.0	1.0
Alex Johnson	4	13	17	5.7	2.0
Steven Henry	3	9	10	3.3	3.0
Triston DeLeon	2	16	19	6.3	2.0
Luc Lewis	4	2	6	2.0	0
B. Kiker	1	0	1	1.0	0
N. Conner	1	0	1	1.0	0
L. Casillas (Sr)	2	2	4	4.0	0
Anthony Godwin	5	1	6	2.0	1.0
Totals	83	122	205	29.5	7.0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE STATISTICS

OFFENSE				
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	TPG
990	330.0	425	212.5	438.3
DEFENSE				
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	TPG
548	180.2	696	232.0	414.6

State rankings

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll. The Class A poll results and rankings are courtesy www.sixmanfootball.com.

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (21)	(4-0)	246	1
2. DeSoto (4)	(4-0)	228	2
3. Euless Trinity	(4-0)	163	3
4. Southlake Carroll	(3-0)	147	5
5. Pearland	(4-0)	129	6
6. Manvel	(3-0)	102	7
7. Cibola Steele	(3-1)	99	4
8. Dallas Skyline	(3-0)	85	8
9. Denton Guyer	(2-1)	50	9
10. Katy	(3-1)	44	10

Others receiving votes: 11, SA Northside Brennan 42. 12, Cedar Hill 14. 13, Abilene 8. 13, Hewitt Midway 8. 15, Cypress Fairbanks 3. 15, The Woodlands 3. 17, Austin Westlake 2. 18, Amarillo 1. 18, Lake Travis 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (15)	(2-1)	234	1
2. Lufkin (2)	(2-1)	188	3
3. Georgetown (4)	(4-0)	176	4
4. Fort Bend Elkins (2)	(3-0)	160	5
5. Temple	(2-1)	134	6
6. Timberview (1)	(3-1)	100	8
7. Tyler	(2-1)	86	7
8. Lancaster	(3-1)	61	9
9. West Mesquite	(3-0)	50	10
10. Richmond Foster	(4-0)	38	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Rockwall-Heath 25. 12, CC Flour Bluff 18. 13, Whitehouse 17. 14, Cedar Park 14. 14, Ennis (1) 14. 16, Fort Bend Ridge Point 13. 16, Georgetown East View 13. 18, Richmond George Ranch 9. 19, Houston King 7. 20, Longview 4. 20, Canyon Randall 4. 22, Crosby 3. 23, Lubbock Cooper 2. 23, Austin Vandegrift 2. 25, Port Neches-Groves 1. 25, EP Del Valle 1. 25, Canyon 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (18)	(4-0)	240	2
2. Argyle (4)	(4-0)	222	3
3. Gilmer (2)	(4-0)	200	5
4. West Orange-Stark	(4-0)	165	6
5. Kennedale	(4-0)	117	7
6. Stephenville (1)	(3-1)	108	1
7. La Grange	(4-0)	98	8
8. Graham	(3-1)	90	4
9. La Marque	(3-1)	44	10
10. Big Spring	(4-0)	14	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Van 11. 12, Gladewater 9. 12, Atlanta 9. 12, La Vernia 9. 15, Port Isabel 7. 15, Robinson 7. 17, Celina 6. 17, Fairfield 6. 17, Tatum 6. 20, Giddings 5. 21, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 1. 21, Liberty Hill 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (22)	(3-0)	237	1
2. Franklin	(4-0)	205	2
3. Rockdale	(3-0)	175	3
4. Wall	(3-1)	150	4
5. Corrigan-Camden (2)	(4-0)	145	5
6. Kirbyville	(3-0)	111	6
7. Teague	(4-0)	96	7
8. Malakoff	(4-0)	69	9
9. Waskom	(2-1)	63	8
10. Grandview	(4-0)	26	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Blanco 9. 12, East Bernard 7. 13, Arp 6. 14, Eastland 4. 15, Denver City 3. 15, Jarrell 3. 15, Shallowater 3. 15, White Oak 3. 19, Sonora 2. 20, Spearman 1. 20, Cameron Yoe 1. 20, East Chambers 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (16)	(3-0)	227	1
2. Mart (6)	(4-0)	217	2
3. Tenaha (2)	(4-0)	189	3
4. Canadian	(4-0)	153	4
5. Bremond	(4-0)	131	5
6. Albany	(4-0)	102	6
7. Shiner	(4-0)	97	7
8. Mason	(4-0)	95	8
9. Crawford	(4-0)	48	9
10. Stratford	(3-0)	16	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Iraan 11. 12, Seagraves 9. 12, Abernathy 9. 14, Falls City 6. 15, Alto 5. 16, Hamlin 2. 16, Muenster 2. 18, Centerville 1.

Class 1A

School	Total
1. Ira	4-0
2. Crowell	4-0
3. Blum	4-0
4. Borden County	4-0
5. Happy	4-0
6. Abbott	2-1
7. Strawn	4-0
8. Knox City	3-1
9. Water Valley	2-2
10. Grady	2-1

GAME

Continued from Page 1B time he tucks the ball and scrambles.

Hill and Alexander have proven to be just as big of threats on the ground. Hill has rushed for 190 yard and three TDs, while splitting time as a receiver. Alexander, who handles the bulk of the inside and short-yardage running chores has rolled up 210 yards and a team-leading five TDs on 32 attempts.

Don't be fooled into thing the Steers can throw the ball around the field. Tannehill has passed for 425 yards and six TDs - three apiece to Dee Parker and Hill.

Parker and Matt Yanez led the BSHS receiving corps. Parker has caught 11 passes for a team-best 201 yards. Yanez leads the team in receptions with 15 for 173 yards.

"We have got a lot of playmakers on this team," said Ritchey.

"For us as coaches, we just have to get them the ball and let the good things happen."

To be sure, Graham will represent the Steers' biggest challenge through the first four weeks on the defensive side. Opposing offenses are averaging less than 20 points per outing against the Big Blue D, including just 11 per game against two of the Steers' District 3-4A stablemates.

Graham dealt Brownwood a 40-15 loss in Week 2, and then handed Abilene Wylie an 18-7 setback the following week.

Graham is led on the defensive side by linebacker Taylor Reddell and defensive end Dustin McWhorter. Reddell, a 6-foot, 205-pound junior, has racked up a team-high 30 tackles thus far this season.

McWhorter, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound senior has 27 tacles, including two sacks.

JV, freshman teams to play Graham at HSU

The Big Spring High School junior varsity and freshman games against Graham will have a college feel to them this evening. Mainly because the two games will be played on a college field - namely, Hardin Simons University's Shelton Stadium.

The BSHS freshman will kick off at 6 p.m., while the Big Spring junior varsity will play at 7:30 p.m.

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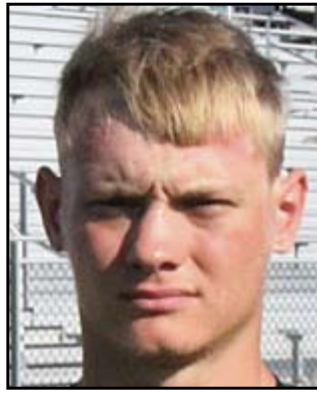
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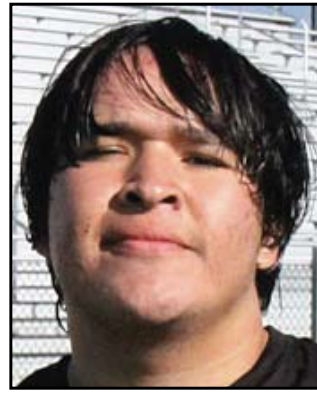
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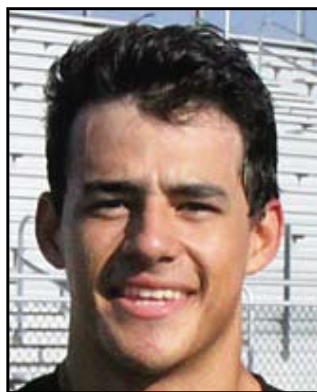
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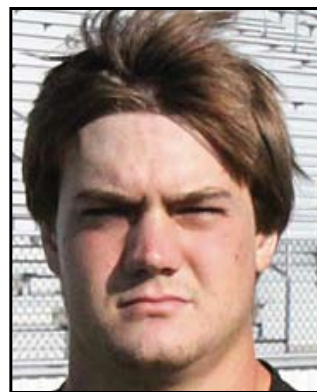
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Wildcats, Bearkats look to add to their win totals

The Garden City Bearkats and the Grady Wildcats will try and add to their win totals this Friday with a pair of key non-district matchups. Garden City, now 3-1 on the year, will square off against the Balmorhea Bears, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Balmorhea is coached by Vance Jones, who coached GCHS to back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010. Grady, 2-1 overall, will travel to Water Valley on Friday. The Wildcats are ranked 10th in the latest www.sixmanfootball.com poll

Offense is the name of the game for area football teams

There was a time when "Three yards and a cloud of dust" was the norm for football teams. To be sure, these aren't those times.

The introduction of the spread offense to the 11-man game has injected an offensive aspect to the high school (and college) game. Today, there are more teams in West Texas running the spread offense than not and, as a result, the total number of points being scored each week, is going up.

The increase in points is certainly a positive for the average fan. Watching you team score 30, 40, or even 50 points in a game is exciting.



TOMMY WELLS
Herald Sports Editor

Of course, this is all old news to six-man fans. They're used to high-octane offenses.

Here's my picks for this week.

Big Spring 35, Graham 33: The Steers get

a big-time win over a big-time opponent

Forsan 37, Miles 24: The Buffalo offenses continues to score ... a lot.

Coahoma 36, Iraan 35: Two good teams go head-to-head.

Seagraves 40, Stanton 12: The Eagles soar past Stanton.

Grady 48, Water Valley 44: The Wildcats improve to 3-1.

Ropes 52, Klondike 44: Ropes rallies for a win.

Garden City 45, Balmorhea 0: The Bearkats are rolling.

Sterling City 52, sands 20: The Mustangs run into a buzz saw.

Last week: 7-1, .875
Overall: 24-6, .800

FORSAN

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Miles Bulldogs.

"We haven't played our best yet," said Phillips. "The kids have played hard, obviously, but we still aren't playing as well as we can. We just haven't been able to hit on all cylinders yet."

"But we're getting better every week," he added.

The Buffaloes roll into their 7:30 p.m. showdown with Miles with a full head of steam. Forsan has won its last three games by double-digit margins, including a 17-6 win over Reagan County.

The Forsan defense has been one of the most dominant units in West Texas this season. The FHS defense has limited its four opponents to just

13 points - with more than half of that coming against Reagan County.

The Buffs will be facing another stiff challenge in Miles on Friday. The Bulldogs head into the game at 3-1 and feature a potent rushing attack that has rolled up more than 150 yards on the ground in three of their four outings.

Miles' only loss of the season came last Friday to Coahoma, 46-16.

"It's going to be a tough test for us, especially going down to their place,"

said Phillips.

The good news for Forsan is they have proven they can play well on the defensive side. The team held Coahoma to a mere six points, and has shut out two other teams.

While the FHS offense hasn't clicked the way Phillips would like, the Buffaloes have also shown they can score almost at will. Since their loss to Coahoma in Week 1, Forsan has outscored its opponents by a staggering 106-7 clip.

Area Standings

DISTRICT 3-4A			
	W	L	PF PA
Stephenville.....	3	1	167 77
Big Spring.....	2	0	132 102
Wylie.....	2	2	103 80
Snyder.....	1	3	117 138
Brownwood.....	1	3	80 98

Last week's Games
Big Spring at Graham; Hereford 14; Wylie 28, Birdville 12; Brownwood 29, Alvarado 15; Sweetwater 58, Snyder 40; Lubbock Cooper 50, Stephenville 39.

This week's Games
Forsan at Miles; Lordburg (N.M.) at Anthony; Van Horn at Christoval; Wink at McCamey; Ozona at Reagan County.

DISTRICT 4-1A, Div. I			
	W	L	PF PA
Klondike.....	4	0	221 103
Borden Co.....	3	0	204 73
O'Donnell.....	3	1	279 165
Grady.....	2	1	208 82

Last week's Games
Grady 56, Rankin 36; O'Donnell 66, Lubbock Home School 20; Klondike 52, Trent 6.

This week's Games
Grady at Water Valley; New Home at O'Donnell; Borden County at New Home; Klondike at Ropes.

DISTRICT 3-3A			
	W	L	PF PA
Coahoma.....	4	0	117 32
Coleman.....	4	0	181 48
Colorado City.....	3	1	133 80
Stanton.....	2	2	76 108
Post.....	2	2	125 68
Ballinger.....	1	3	61 124

Last week's Games
Coahoma 46, Miles 16; Abernathy 33, Stanton 7; Ballinger 13, Merkel 12; Coleman 41, Bangs 14; Colorado City 38, Clyde 14; Post 47, Floydada 6.

This week's Games
Seagraves at Stanton; Coahoma at Iraan; Coleman at Anson; Colorado City at Hawley; Crane at Ballinger; Post at Slaton.

DISTRICT 3-2A			
	W	L	PF PA
Forsan.....	3	1	109 12
Ozona.....	2	2	95 121
Anthony.....	0	4	21 161
Christoval.....	0	4	80 129
McCamey.....	0	4	42 151

Last week's Games
Forsan 17, Reagan County 6; Iraan 55, McCamey 14; Van Horn 40, Anthony 8; Junction 34; Christoval 27; Ozona 44, San Angelo Grape Creek 29.

DISTRICT 5-1A, Div. I
W L PF PA
Garden City.....3 1 225 100
Fort Davis.....3 1 170 94
Rankin.....2 2 187 229
Marfa.....2 2 157 147

Last week's Games
Grady 66, Rankin 36; Garden City 70, Highland 42; Grandfalls-Royalty 56, Marfa 22; Fort Davis 50, Sanderson 6.

DISTRICT 6-1A, Div. I			
	W	L	PF PA
Buena Vista.....	4	0	224 20
Grandfalls.....	4	1	243 112
Loop.....	2	2	196 212
Dawson.....	1	2	142 245
Sands.....	1	3	162 220

Last week's Games
Meadow 56, Dawson 8; Grandfalls-Royalty 54, Marfa 22; Buena Vista 64, El Paso Home School 7; Loop 70, Lorenzo 57.

This week's Games
Balmorhea at Garden City; Grandfalls-Royalty at Rankin; Fort Hancock at Marfa; Fort Davis at Buena Vista.

CHS

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Braves Stadium.

The Bulldogs, one of the biggest surprise stories in West Texas this fall, head into the showdown sporting a 4-0 record. The team knocked Miles from the ranks of the unbeaten last week with a convincing 46-16 romp on homecoming night in Coahoma.

With the win, Coahoma is responsible for handing Forsan (3-1), Reagan County (3-1) and Miles (3-1) their only losses.

Part of the Bulldogs' success hinges on the stellar play of their defense. Coahoma has allowed just 23 points in its first three games, including zero in a 6-2 win over rival Forsan in Week 1. The Buffaloes tallied their lone points via a safety.

During their impressive run, the CHS defense has squelched five drives inside their own 10.

"Our defense has done a good job of holding people," Gardner said. "They have made some pretty nice stands and have operated with a bend but don't break philosophy."

Iraan, Gardner feels, will give Coahoma its best test of the season. The Braves are 4-0 following a 55-14 rout of McCamey.

"They are by far the best team we will have step on the field with," he said. "We know we'll have our hands full."

So, too, will the Braves - on both sides of the ball. The CHS offense has one of the area's top rushing attacks, led by running backs Joe Melendez and Kyler Franks and quarterback Braxton Iden.

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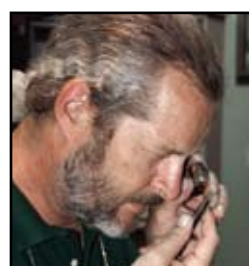
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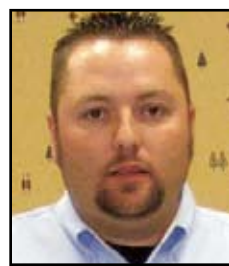
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