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The YMCA is getting a facelift with the help of the Howard County Sheriffs Office Workforce program Wednesday. The inmate program started by Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker is the backbone to many events and projects in the area.

Murphys family of the year

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

Every year for the past 20 years, the Samaritan Counseling Center asks community leaders, church leaders, past honorees and others for nominations to honor families, "Who are not perfect, but whose life trajectory reflects the values and traits Samaritan Counseling Center strives to espouse and teach every day."

Based on the nomination forms and returned information, families in the four counties that have SCC offices; Ector, Andrews, Midland and Howard, a committee decides who best meets the criteria.

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Workforce helps inmates do good while doing time

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

Credit should always be given where credit is due. No one deserves that more than the five men who work without pay or any guaranteed time off their sentence to keep Big Spring and its surrounding areas humming along. Often erroneously misidentified with the Federal Correctional Institute, these five men work for the Howard County Sheriff's Workforce.

"They do everything around town," said HCSW Sgt. John Spence who laments that they don't get the credit they deserve for all the hard work they do.

"If it's non-profit it's usually them that has done the work," Spence said. "All of the schools, city or county, they do it all."

Sites and organizations that the inmates have worked on include Isaiah 58, the Chalet, the Municipal Auditorium, the Little League ball fields, Funtastic Fourth, the construction of the Big Spring ISD bus barn, the entrance at the Senior Center, Hangar 25, the YMCA, the Big Spring Rodeo, the 118th District Court, set up for the Big Spring Prom and the stock shows.

"There aren't always enough volunteers to do all the work, so they call us," Spence explained

and said that the crew is booked into 2015.

The HC Sheriff's Workforce is a program geared toward helping rehabilitate individuals who have a history of drug and alcohol related charges. "They are guys who usually have families in Howard County," said Spence who went on to explain that by being in this program they can be closer to their families who might have to otherwise travel to see them.

Created by Sheriff Stan Parker in an effort to give back to the community, the program is pop-

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Diane and Murray Murphy

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Ebola death renews questions about care

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**
Associated Press

DALLAS — The death of the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States renewed questions about his medical care and whether Thomas Eric Duncan's life could have been extended or saved if the Texas hospital where he first sought help had taken him in sooner.

Duncan died in Dallas on Wednesday, a little more than a week after his illness exposed gaps in the nation's defenses against the disease and set off a scramble to track down anyone exposed to him.

The 42-year-old Liberian man had been kept in isolation since Sept. 28 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, where

There is no way to know whether any specific treatment or step might have saved Duncan's life. At the time of his death, he was taking an experimental antiviral drug.

a fevered Duncan first showed up days earlier and told the staff he had been in West Africa. Doctors initially sent him home. He returned after his condition worsened.

Dr. Phil Smith is the director of the biocontainment center at the Nebraska Medical Center, where an NBC News freelance cameraman is being treated for Ebola. He said getting early treatment is key to survival.

When a patient reaches the point of needing dialysis and respiratory help, as Duncan did this week, there may be little doctors can do.

"At that point, any kind of intervention, whether it is an antiviral drug or convalescent plasma, is less likely to work," said Smith, an infectious disease specialist.

Duncan carried the deadly virus with him from his home in Liberia, though he showed

no symptoms when he left for the United States. He arrived in Dallas on Sept. 20 and fell ill several days later.

Of the six Ebola patients treated so far in the U.S., Duncan was the only one not cared for in one of the special hospital units set up to deal with highly dangerous germs. That's because health officials knew the others had Ebola at the time they decided where the patients should go, whereas Duncan sought care at Texas Health Presbyterian hospital on his own.

Health officials also have said that any hospital with isolation capabilities can treat Ebola patients, but

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- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 21, of 501 S. State St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CHARLENE ELIZABETH STORIE, 34, of 1101 Marijo Ave., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JUAN BELMONTES ROMERO, 48, of 2504 March Circle, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- DANIEL MARRUJO, 43, of 511 N. Concho, Roby, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- TARENCE ANTHONY BRYANT, 25, of 700 W. 18th St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JESSE REY NUNEZ, 19, of 801 W. FM 700 no. 30, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- KIEF INMAN BLACK, 20, of 120 Hooser Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for use or possession of illegal smoking material.
- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 29, of 710 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for assault causes bodily injury family member, assault causes bodily injury and driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of N. Service Rd. and Marvin.
- THEFT was reported at the 1600 block of S. Gregg, the 200 block of S. Goliad and the 1800 block of Mittel.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 600 block of E. FM 700, the intersection of Birdwell Ln. and FM 700 and the intersection of 16th St. and Scurry.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1800 block of Benton.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.
- PURSUIT was reported at Kentucky and Tucson.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1300 block of Tucson.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

- Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 at the time of this report.
- JOHNNY LEE RIOS was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for assault causes bodily injury family member, assault causes bodily injury family member, fail to appear, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- DYLAN THOMAS was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief greater than \$50 but less than \$500.
- JIMMY RAY MELCHOR was booked by HCSO for sentencing for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.
- ALLISON REDDING was booked by HCSO for sentencing for theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. and forgery.
- JUAN ROMERO was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- TARENCE ANTHONY BRYANT was booked by BSPD on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JESSE REY NUNEZ JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- DANIEL MARRUJO was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property more than \$20 but less than \$500 by check.

Take Note

An account has been set up at Western Bank in Coahoma to accept donations for the rebuilding of Sand Springs Baptist Church.

The Big Spring Symphony Kick Off is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Hotel Settles. A musical program will follow the dinner. Tickets are \$25. For more information call Joan Beil at 267-8514.

Flu season is on its way and veterans are encouraged to get their annual flu vaccination. West Texas VA Health Care System will be giving flu shots from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily in the Outpatient Clinic lobby through Friday and again from Oct. 14-17.

Veterans are encouraged to bring their VA identification card with them to receive their vaccination.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your primary care team or you may call 264-4824 for assistance.

The Howard County Republican Club will meet on Monday, Oct. 13 at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College. This is the regular monthly meeting and guests are always welcome to attend. Special speaker for the meeting is Robert Fitzgibbons, who is running as the Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Early voting begins Oct. 20 at the Howard County Courthouse.

United Way Dine Out Days sponsor this week is Papa Chons, located at 310 Owens. Dine Out Day sponsors provide a portion of their profits for the week, to the United Way campaign. Stop in this week and enjoy some great food while supporting a good cause.

Healthy Woman Breast Cancer Awareness Event is

scheduled for Oct. 23. There will be an informational portion at 11:30 a.m. in the Sr. Circle Room with Radiology Director Sims Kendall speaking. This will serve as the Lunch n Learn meeting. The second half of the event will include informational stations with handouts from the American Cancer Society and local support groups and resources. There will also be a live cake auction, with proceeds benefiting the local Relay For Life. To RSVP or for more information, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

The annual Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 47 Forget-Me-Not Drive will be held Oct. 17-18, at Walmart. Money contributed to the annual fund-raiser stays in the area to help local military veterans.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild will give away an all inclusive cancer quilt on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. The quilt measures 9 feet, 7 inches long and 9 feet, 5 inches wide. The event will be hosted by the Heritage Museum and tickets are \$1. All proceeds from tickets sold will go to "Gift of Hope." The quilt will be on display at the museum Oct. 1-28. Cancer squares are being accepted to make into comfort/lap quilts, quilts you make, crochet and knitted afghans. The blankets and quilts will be placed under the Guild Christmas Tree at the Heritage Museum during the Tree of Lights. The quilts and afghans will be donated to the chemotherapy patients

at the Allison Cancer Center. For more information, call Jeanne at 556-6403.

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

The Chalet Resale Shop, located at 115 E. Second St., is closed until Oct. 14 for renovations. Donations can still be dropped off at the store from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Saturday, but the store will be closed for shopping.

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

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

The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

Victim Services is a

non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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.

Obituaries

Tammie Lee Daughtery

Tammie Lee Daughtery, 53, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 08, 2014 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Chapel.

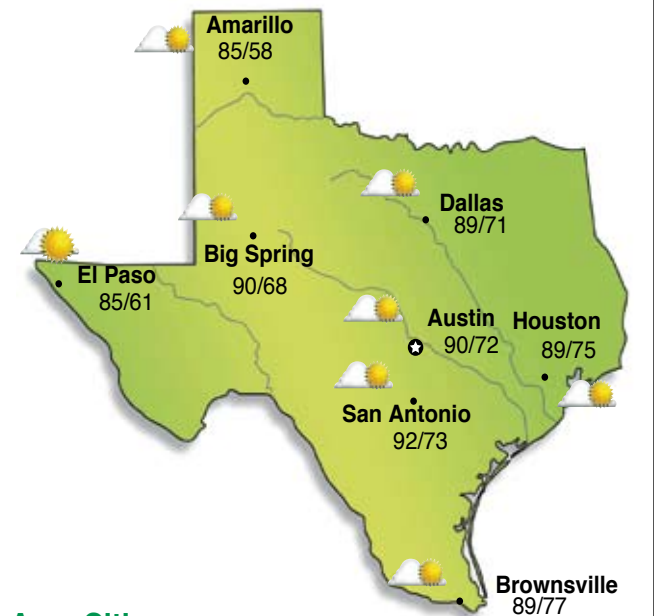
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 10/10	Sat 10/11	Sun 10/12	Mon 10/13	Tue 10/14
90/68	90/56	75/59	90/59	78/53
Partly cloudy skies. High around 90F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	71	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	58	pt sunny	Livingston	87	73	pt sunny
Austin	90	72	pt sunny	Longview	88	70	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	72	t-storm	Lubbock	87	63	mst sunny
Brownsville	89	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	68	pt sunny	Midland	90	68	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	88	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	89	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	73	pt sunny
Dallas	89	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	92	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	74	mst sunny	San Marcos	92	73	pt sunny
El Paso	85	61	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	71	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	94	66	mst sunny	Sweetwater	89	69	pt sunny
Gainesville	88	70	mst sunny	Tyler	88	70	pt sunny
Greenville	87	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	91	70	mst sunny
Houston	89	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	71	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	54	33	sunny
Boston	64	47	sunny	New York	68	51	mst sunny
Chicago	59	40	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	63	t-storm
Dallas	89	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	70	57	pt sunny
Denver	57	45	rain	Seattle	70	52	mst sunny
Houston	89	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	67	55	t-storm
Los Angeles	78	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	73	58	mst sunny
Miami	85	77	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Fri 10/10	Sat 10/11	Sun 10/12	Mon 10/13	Tue 10/14
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US-led airstrikes pound Islamic State group in Syrian border town as militants press offensive

MURSITPINAR, Turkey (AP) — The U.S.-led coalition pounded positions of the Islamic State group in the Syrian border town of Kobani on Thursday in some of the most intensive strikes in the air campaign so far, a Kurdish official and an activist group said.

But despite the airstrikes overnight and into the morning, the Islamic State fighters managed to capture a police station in the east of the town, said the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The militants now control more than third of the strategic border town, added the Observatory, a group that tracks Syria's civil war through a network of activists on the ground.

The fighting over Kobani has brought Syria's civil war yet again to Turkey's doorstep and allies have tried to press Ankara to take a more robust role in the U.S.-led coalition to fight the Islamic State group. There has also been criticism that Turkey has stood by idly with its tanks parked just across the frontier from the Syrian Kurdish town.

Responding to such criticism, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Thursday that it was unrealistic to expect Turkey to launch a ground war against the Islamic State group on its own.

Spasm of violence in Kashmir worst in years as India and Pakistan trade shells and blame

DHAMALA HAKIMWALA, Pakistan (AP) — Iram Shazadi was making breakfast for her family when bullets started whizzing through her dusty Pakistani village just a half-kilometer (quarter-mile) from the Indian-controlled area of disputed Kashmir.

Then a mortar shell fired by Indian forces slammed into her home, killing her two young sons and her husband's mother in the worst spasm of violence in the tense Himalayan region in years. So far, 19 people — 11 on the Pakistani side, eight on the Indian — have died over the past week. Dozens have been injured, and tens of thousands have fled their homes.

"I lost my whole world," Shazadi said Wednesday while recovering from injuries at a military hospital. She sat crying next to her 6-year-old son, who narrowly escaped the blast.

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Duncan's death is sure to renew attention on the hospital's response.

There is no way to know whether any specific treatment or step might have saved Duncan's life. At the time of his death, he was taking an experimental antiviral drug.

He died "despite maximal interventions," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The earlier someone is diagnosed, the more likely they will be to survive."

Pastor George Mason of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas was present when county officials told Louise Troh, the woman Duncan had been staying with, of his death.

"She expressed all the what-ifs," including whether the initial delay in admitting Duncan made a difference, Mason said.

Others in Dallas are still being monitored as health officials try to contain the virus that has ravaged West Africa, with about 3,800 people reported dead. The disease can be spread only through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an already sick person.

Health officials have identified 10 people, including seven health workers, who had direct contact with Duncan while he was contagious. Another 38 people also may have come into contact with him. The four people living in the Dallas apartment where Duncan stayed were moved to another home and are in isolation.

Officials have said everyone who had potential contact with Duncan is being monitored for 21 days, the maximum incubation period for the disease, which can cause vomiting, diarrhea, bleeding and in later stages, damage to vital organs.

Also Wednesday, a sheriff's deputy who

went into the apartment where Duncan had stayed was hospitalized "out of an abundance of caution" after falling ill, authorities said.

Federal and state health officials say there's no indication the deputy had any direct contact with Thomas Eric Duncan.

Duncan's illness has stoked anxiety in some parts of Dallas. Several residents of the neighborhood where Duncan got sick told city officials they had been sent home from work. Some community volunteers shunned a nearby after-school program. And the hospital acknowledged that some patients were staying away out of fear of Ebola.

Duncan went to the emergency room of Texas Health Presbyterian in Dallas on Sept. 25, but was sent home. By Sept. 28, his condition had worsened and an ambulance took him back to the hospital.

Duncan's family visited the hospital earlier this week and got a glimpse of Duncan using a camera system. But relatives said Tuesday that they declined to view him again because the first time had been too upsetting.

"What we saw was very painful. It didn't look good," Duncan's nephew, Josephus Weeks, said Tuesday.

The hospital has changed its explanation several times about when Duncan arrived and what he said about his travel history. The hospital has said the staff did not initially suspect Ebola, even though Duncan told them on his first visit that that he came from West Africa.

His body was to be cremated and his remains returned to the family. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that bodies of Ebola victims not be embalmed and instead suggests they be cremated or promptly buried in a hermetically sealed casket.

WORK

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ular but not just anyone can join. Screening for the program is stringent and no one with violence in their history is accepted.

"These are men who want to work and to be outside instead of sitting in their cells all

day," Spence explained. "They have to commit to changing their lives," he continued. "That includes spiritual change."

Working outside and using the skills they have not only benefit them but the communities they work in as well. Sometimes discoveries are made that may have been lost forever.

The Howard County Sheriff's Workforce inmates discovered the child's grave in the Auto/Phillips cemetery in Knott. The discovery was relayed to the Howard County Historical Commission who, through research, discovered who the child was.

The inmates cleaned the area and installed

the sidewalk and fence and are also working on the cemetery on Salem Rd. They also maintain the Coahoma cemetery.

Building the sidewalk was done "the old fashioned way," said Spence. "They hauled 250 bags of concrete to the (Auto/Phillips) cemetery," he said. "The water had to be hauled in too because there's no water, no

electricity or anything out there."

Recognition for each of the five men (names or photos) in a media publication isn't possible, but giving them credit for the work they do through the organization they work for, the Howard County Sheriff's Workforce, is.

Parker has seen a positive influence from the

program, both for the inmates and the community.

"We are glad we can do it, it's a service we provide free of charge for the community," Parker said. "It's a good program and we enjoy it."

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 ext. 232.

FAMILY

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This year's winners from Howard County are Murray and Diane Murphy.

In a press release provided by the Samaritan Counseling Center the Murphys are described as retired educators who continue to contribute to Big Spring and the school system. As retirees, they are probably busier and more involved now than they were while working. They are prime examples of humility combined with servanthood, traits and qualities learned as followers of Jesus Christ.

They love God, the church and the mission of God in the world. Murray serves as the laity leader of the United Methodist annual conference in our area. But if you speak with them, you will note how their eyes light up with intensity and drive when you mention mission work.

For several years in a row, Murray and Diane have led mission trips to Central America. Puentes de Esperanzas seeks to aid families in the Matagalpa area of Nicaragua with food,

education and the Gospel message of Jesus.

They have given countless hours to education ministries at First United Methodist in Big Spring. If a pastor needs a confidante, they are there.

If a pastor needs a volunteer, their hands go up first. If a pastor or friend needs a friend, prayer partner or plate of food, they are the first to help. Most importantly, they serve with humility, doing all they can to avoid the limelight.

They have been able to pass these attitudes and values to their blended family, who share and reflect the very best of what they learned.

Each nominee is asked to complete a questionnaire in a program published by the organization.

• **Who are your family role models?**

Many blended families in our church, including Paul and Ann Townsend and a couple

in Colorado City, Mike and Melinda Alexander who have shared our joys and concerns.

• **How did you and your spouse meet?**

We met in Lamesa.

• **What was your first date?**

Chinese Food and Dancing

• **How many children did you think you would have?**

We did not think about having more; We were already had four!

• **What questions did your family ask when they discovered you were chosen to be Family of the Year?**

Wow! That is great. What do we wear? Do we have to talk?

• **What is your family's favorite activity to do together?**

Water/beach activities such as snorkeling

and swimming and also Snow Skiing. Now we camp when we can and EAT together

• **What is the least favorite chore?**

Taking all of our children on long trips to see distant relatives.

• **Do you have any funny family travel stories?**

We loved snow skiing together. Murray taught our children all to ski at a young age. We were a sight to see on the ski slope, like a covey of quail, Murray in front and Diane in the back.

• **Can you tell us one challenge your family met and overcame together?**

Blending our family with four children within three years of each other. Raising them, meeting their needs and still keep our sanity (all of us).

• **What does family mean to you?**

There are many parts of a blended family. Murray and Diane agreed before our marriage that our relationship was first after God. We worshiped together as a family. We knew our children would grow up and live their own lives but we would be together till the end. We have built our relationship on the faith we have in God. It has been our hope that our children and their

families put God first in their lives and then their marriages as well.

Along with the three other families from their respective counties, the Murphys were honored at the annual Family of the Year event hosted by the Samaritan Counseling Center.

For more information on the organization go to samaritanccwtx.org

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Picture: (L-R) Aaron Gibson, Sul Ross President Dr. Bill Kibler, Bernie Richard, Brad and Greg Gibson.

Sons honors long-time Grady educators with endowed scholarship at Sul Ross

Special to the Herald

GRADY — The three Gibson boys have established a scholarship endowment in honor of their parents and long time educators Richard and Bernie Gibson at Sul Ross State University in Alpine Texas.

Brad, Aaron and Greg Gibson have established the Richard and Bernadine Gibson Endowment and Scholarship Fund. The endowment will provide annual scholarships to qualifying students majoring in education. First preference will be given to students who graduated from high schools or reside in Reeves, Andrews and Martin counties.

Richard Gibson, a native of Toyah, and Bernadine Gibson, who grew up in Andrews, both received B.S. degrees in education from Sul Ross in 1971. Richard received a M.S. degree in 1978 and M.Ed. in 1982; and Bernadine received a M.Ed. in 1984. Together they have taught 76 years in Fort Hancock, Sierra Blanca and Grady.

Richard Gibson retired after 36 years as a teacher, coach and administrator, while Bernadine continues to teach kindergarten in Grady. The couple lives in Lenorah.

Eligible recipients of

the scholarship, established by the Gibsons in honor of their parents' work in education are: fully admitted freshmen or current students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher, in good disciplinary standing and achieving satisfactory academic progress.

If there are no qualified Reeves, Andrews or Martin County students, preference will be given to any qualifying undergraduate education students. Scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years provided that eligibility criteria continue to be met and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is maintained. The donors wish to provide annual scholarship awards of \$1,000 per student. Awards of less than \$1,000 are permitted if the scholarship, combined with other financial aid, exceeds annual estimated cost of attendance for an individual student.

Scholarship selections will be recommended to the University Scholarship Committee by the Chair of the Department of Education, as approved by the Dean of Professional Studies.

Brad Gibson, Midland, has 18 years' experience as a teacher and administrator and received a M.Ed. (2003) from Sul Ross. He currently serves as director of Accountability and School Improvement with Region 18 ESC.

Aaron Gibson, Andrews, is a pharmacist, former assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy and is the owner/operator of the Prescription Shop, Andrews.

Greg Gibson, a Denton County resident, worked as a retail pharmacist at Target and presently works at DaVita Rx as a clinical pharmacist.

This is a remarkable way to honor not only the legacy of one's parents, but also the institution where their career journey began," Sul Ross President Dr. Bill Kibler said. "We are extremely grateful to the Gibsons for their support and confidence in the educational opportunities Sul Ross continues to provide."

Donations to the Richard and Bernadine Gibson Scholarship Endowment may be sent to Sul Ross State University, Office of Advancement, Box C-100, Alpine, Texas 79832 or made online at www.sulross.edu/giving

Endowments at Sul Ross presently exceed \$18 million with well over 200 individual scholarships.

Steer Pride Corner

Submitted by George Bancroft, BSISD community relations coordinator

Big Spring Intermediate



Ms. Andrews has been hard at work with the 6th grade students at Big Spring Intermediate teaching the first year band students the basic notes. When Ms. Andrews asked for volunteers to play a solo, all hands went up. Go Steers!



Wal-Mart donated spirals to be used in math. Students needed the spirals to take notes as they are required per their new math adoption.

Good Character leaders...



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At Coahoma Elementary, character is a big deal. Students at Coahoma Elementary are learning a character rap and earning beads and tags for character chains by showing good character every day. The students pictured are the first to earn their initial beads for their chain by learning and reciting the character rap. They are Barrett Howe, Keiston Harrison, Logan Saverance, Bri Lynn Hobdy, Neveah Kerby, McCray Jacobs, Tucker Brasher-Wegner, Braiden Boaz, Kylie Moran, Krystal Lopez, Isabella Cox, and Netalie Roberts.

3rd-graders face high-stakes reading targets

BY JULIE CARR SMYTH

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The games, ice cream and play rehearsals that 9-year-old Joshua Rowell experienced during summer school this year weren't just for fun.

Joshua, like thousands of Ohio third-graders, had missed a state literacy target on a standardized test. He faced being held back in third grade unless his reading skills improved.

As fellow summer school students at Clinton Elementary School rehearsed a play, "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf," Joshua said activities like playing word games, making recipes and practicing play scripts helped, but he also had to work on reading at home.

"Because of my homework, I would have to read 80 or 60 minutes," he said.

Across the nation, the 8- and 9-year-olds in third grade are increasingly feeling the pressure.

Since the idea was pioneered in Florida in 2002, automatic retention for unsatisfactory third-grade reading scores has spread to at least nine states, according to the Tallahassee, Florida-based Foundation for Excellence in Education, which tracks the movement.

In 10 other states, third-grade

retention laws have certain caveats, such as giving parents a final say or requiring reading intervention before students can be held back.

The concept is based on education literature that describes third grade as a critical juncture for students, a moment in their education when they shift from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." Reading, in other words, moves from being a subject to be studied to become a tool to be employed. It's also popular among state lawmakers who believe the current education system allows for "social promotion," wherein students are passed to the next grade for social reasons even though they haven't attained educational targets.

Education officials tout the idea has been adopted where myriad benefits, as they face critics who say holding back third-graders is hard on kids and families and adds to the costs of education.

"This will have a positive effect on our whole state," the Florida Department of Education says in online guidance to parents. "It will

reduce the need for remedial education in middle and high school and may lower dropout rates and juvenile delinquency."

In Ohio, where the Third Grade Reading Guarantee went into effect this year, more than 12,000 third-graders faced retention after the first round of reading scores were calculated in June.

But there was good news for 25,000 other third-graders who initially had missed the reading target; they now had passed. Many had signed up for summer school as a precaution, Clinton Elementary school principal Kathy Leffler said.

Third-grade teacher David Wilson, who taught the past two summers, said he's witnessed heightened anxiety during both the regular school year and in summer school since the retention requirement was put in place.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3A

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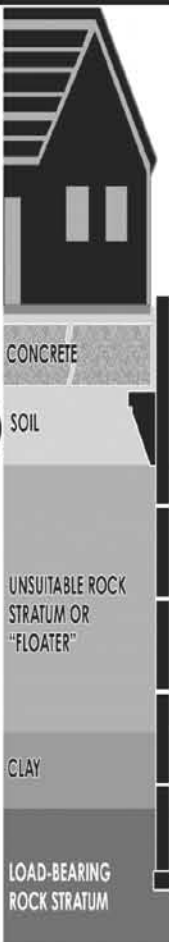
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Astral Break
Time

Sandwiched between
yesterday's supercharged
full warrior moon and
tomorrow's
entrance of
Mercury
retrograde
into Libra,
this is the
moment to
catch your
breath, get a
drink, shake
and stretch
it all out
before going
for the next
mile. Don't
miss the break, or you'll
get tired tomorrow when
it's time to dig in again.



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ARIES (March 21-April
19). There's someone you
miss terribly. How can
you see this happy force
in your life more often? It
will take planning, and
now is a good time to sort
out the details so you can
soon make it happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Deal gently with
those who can't seem to
get it right. Children and
pets will make a mess.
Friends will be less than
helpful; clients will be
tardy. You will be sweet
about it all because
ultimately these are petty
grievances.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You're like a hot-air
balloon today. You won't
be able to rise any higher
until you cast off the
sandbags of negativity.
These bags come in many
forms including
expectation, resentment
and doubt.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). If you have to police
the actions of others, it
will be an endless and
draining task. Inspire
them to change, or teach
them to do the right thing
so you don't have to put
so much effort into
keeping the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Sometimes when you get
discouraged, you don't
want the social media
smiley-face version of a
pick-me-up from distant
people. You want your
real friends to come over
and work it through with
you. Reach out and invite
them to do that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Love is coming into
your life in more than
one form in the weeks

ahead. When you accept
friendship warmly, this
opens you up to different
kinds of love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). What you most want
may be the very thing
you can't have -- or,
rather, you could have it,
but you know deep down
it won't be good for you
or anyone else. This is
one time when it's best to
resist temptation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Unhappy
relationships of all kinds
can be healed, but you
sometimes wonder
whether it would be
better to cut your losses
and move on. Either way,
there are happier
horizons ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Some of the
complications that have
developed and the extras
around you are
unnecessary. Make your
way back to a simpler
time. Embrace the
ordinary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). You'll get a
cosmic wink today in the
form of a joke that only
you, and perhaps a very
small circle of others,
would understand. In
other words, the universe
and you will share the
same sense of humor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Assertive and
positive is usually the
way to go, and nine times
out of 10 this method will
work for you. It does
require planning on your
behalf. Think of the
potential problems so you
can cut them off at the
pass.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). You don't always get
to choose where you
adventure, and you don't
always need to, either.
Right now you just know
that you don't want to
stay where you are, and
that's enough to start
something interesting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Oct. 9). Some things are
better in theory. Others
are more fantastic than
you ever could have
theorized. This year,
you're not afraid to test
things out and see where
they lead. This will make
you some money in
December and send you
on an entirely new
trajectory in February.
May begins an exciting
new partnership. Taurus

and Aries people adore
you. Your lucky numbers
are: 20, 1, 14, 38 and 7.

**ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS:** "I am a
Taurus who is at a really
frustrating point in my
career. I slogged away for
many years trying to get
somewhere in the
entertainment field, and I
created many cool
situations and learned a
lot from them. When I
finally did have a project
'green lit,' I experienced
some success with a
partner I had been
working with for many
years. But here's the
problem. My partner, a
Gemini, went on to
bigger and better things.
I still haven't moved on. I
have much to be thankful
for, but somewhere deep
inside I completely resent
my partner for doing
better than me and for
leaving me in the dust."

Of course you have to
forgive your partner --
not in person, but in your
heart. And more
importantly, forgive
yourself for comparing
your talent to others and
finding it lacking. Your
partner has different
skills. Gemini has the gift
of gab, and I'm guessing
your partner is probably
a master networker. But
your skills are equally
bankable, which you've
already proved once.
Your Taurus
superstrength is white-
knuckled tenacity. Use it
to stubbornly hang on to
your dreams instead of
harbor an unproductive
grudge.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: An
acquaintance of mine (I'll
call her "Minnie") drops
by our home once a week
and stays for several
hours. If we offer her a
beer, she
protests a
little bit, but
then says,
"Well, OK,"
and then
asks what
kind of wine
or liquor we
have. She
somehow
makes it
seem as
though she
is doing us a
favor by
accepting
what we
offer and
then lets us
know about the better
alcohol she is accustomed
to.

Our neighbor told us
that Minnie does the
same thing at her place,
always promising to
bring something special
to reciprocate, but she
never does. The neighbor
laughs it off, but we feel
like suckers. Minnie
talks about cutting back
on alcohol to lose weight,
but it's obvious she'll
drink if it's free.

Other than not
answering the door when
Minnie shows up, is there
a way to confront her
without making her
belligerent? We see each
other and don't want hard
feelings. -- Tired of
Sponger

Dear Tired: If you
don't want Minnie
drinking your booze, stop
offering it to her. You can
open the door and be
polite and friendly but
not ask whether she'd
like a beer. If she says
she's thirsty, offer her a
cool glass of water. You
don't have to confront her
at all or create any hard
feelings. You simply need
to be less
accommodating. We
suspect after a few such

dry visits, she will spend
less time knocking on
your door.

Dear Annie: As the
holidays approach, so
does gift
giving. This
is one of my
favorite
holiday
traditions. I
am not well
off by any
means, and
my gifts
usually
consist of
thoughtful
homemade
items. I love
seeing the
recipients
open the gifts,
watching
their surprise
and delight, and knowing
they feel special because I
have put so much
thought into
personalizing their
present.

Here's the dilemma:
Many of my family
members are well off, yet
I rarely receive gifts from
them. I get flimsy excuses
instead. I normally say
"OK" and brush it off, but
after years of this
dismissive behavior, I am
not sure I can continue to
keep giving, giving,
giving, especially when it
is difficult for me
financially.

I don't give presents
with the expectation that
I will get something in
return, but once in a
while, I would certainly
appreciate feeling the
same way my recipients
do when opening a gift.
I'd like to know what
that's like.

Should I stop giving my
homemade items to
stingy family members
and sell them instead? --
Torn in Pennsylvania

Dear Torn: Are you
certain your family
members truly enjoy
these presents? Not
everyone appreciates a
homemade item, and you

may be misinterpreting
their response. Even so,
they should reciprocate
in some way for your
generosity. You certainly
ought to stop giving them
personalized gifts that
you cannot afford. Either
bake some cookies, or use
your creativity for a
holiday card and stop
giving gifts altogether.
The choice is yours.

Dear Annie: I read the
letter from "Frustrated
Mom," whose daughter is
overweight. In my teens,
I was 15 pounds
overweight, and my
mother harped on my
eating constantly. But I
showed her! By the time I
was 67, I was 200 pounds
overweight. I had high
blood pressure, high
cholesterol and could
barely walk.

Sixteen months ago, I
had gastric bypass
surgery and have lost 162
pounds. My surgeon said,
"You are a success story."
Never again can I enjoy
the sinfully rich food I
used to, but my
cholesterol, blood
pressure and arthritis are
under control.

I think of food all day.
Not because I want it so
badly, but because I have
to plan my day around it.
My stomach is the size of
an egg, but I'm healthier,
happier, have a new
wardrobe and love it
when people say I look
fabulous. I will live to see
my grandkids marry. --
Blessed in California

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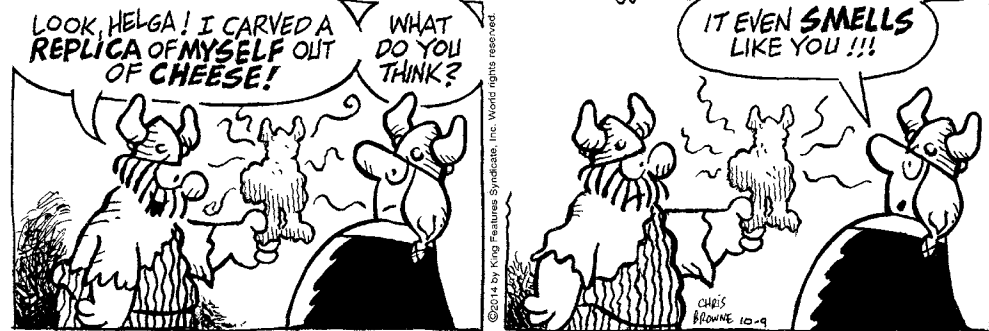
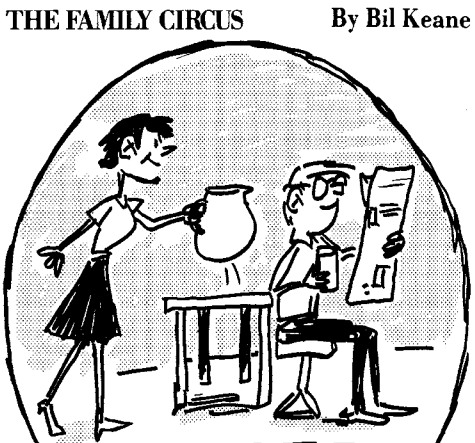
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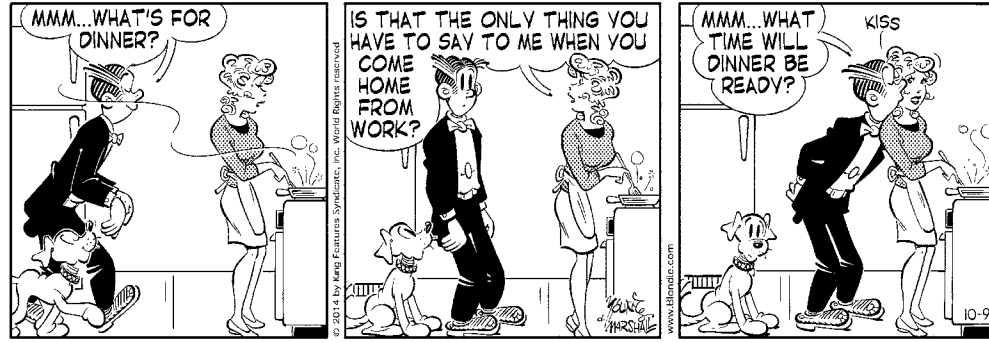
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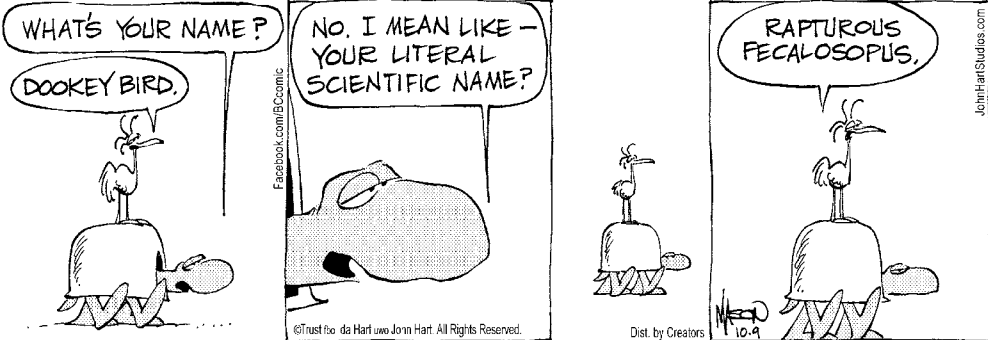
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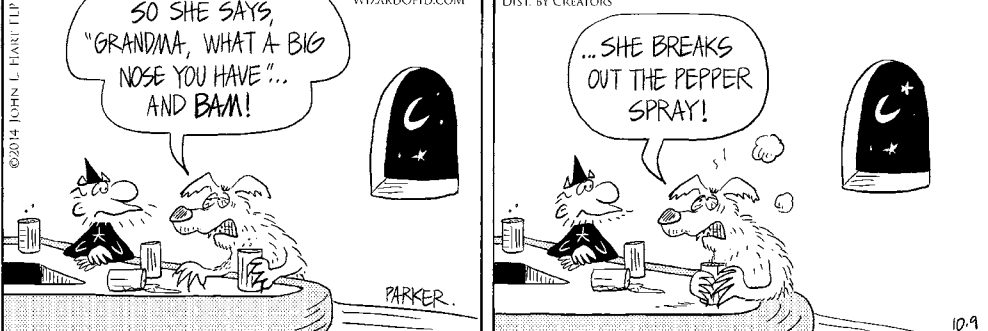
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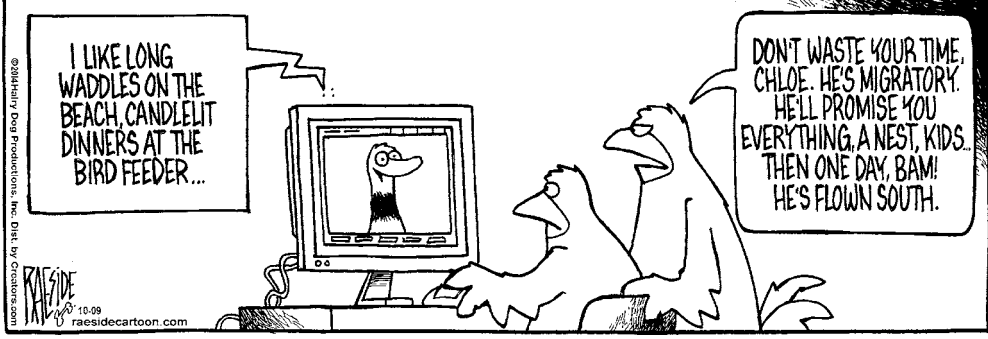
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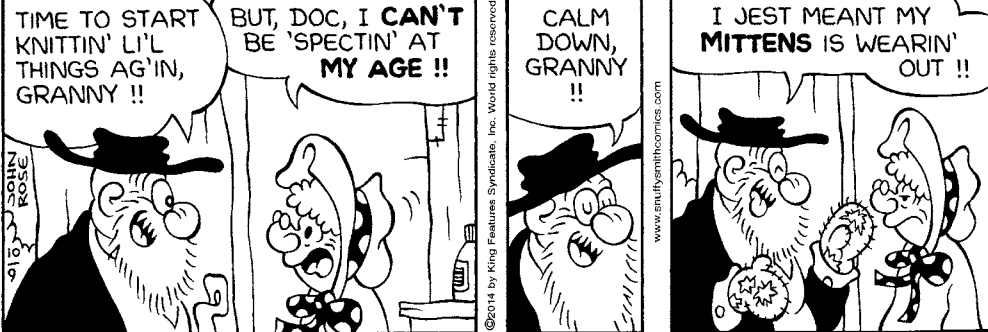
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2014. There are 83 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 9, 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument. On this date: In 1514, Mary Tudor, the 18-year-old sister of Henry VIII, became Queen consort of France upon her marriage to 52-year-old King Louis XII, who died less than three months later. In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in the Italian village of Le Roncole. (Some sources say Verdi was actually born on Oct. 10.) In 1914, the Belgian city of Antwerp fell to German forces during World War I. In 1934, King Alexander I of Yugoslavia was assassinated in Marseille, France, by a Macedonian gunman. In 1940, rock and roll legend John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England. In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York. In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy. (He

was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.) In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was killed by the Bolivian army a day after he was captured. In 1974, businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving about 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, died in Frankfurt, West Germany. (At his request, he was buried in Jerusalem.)

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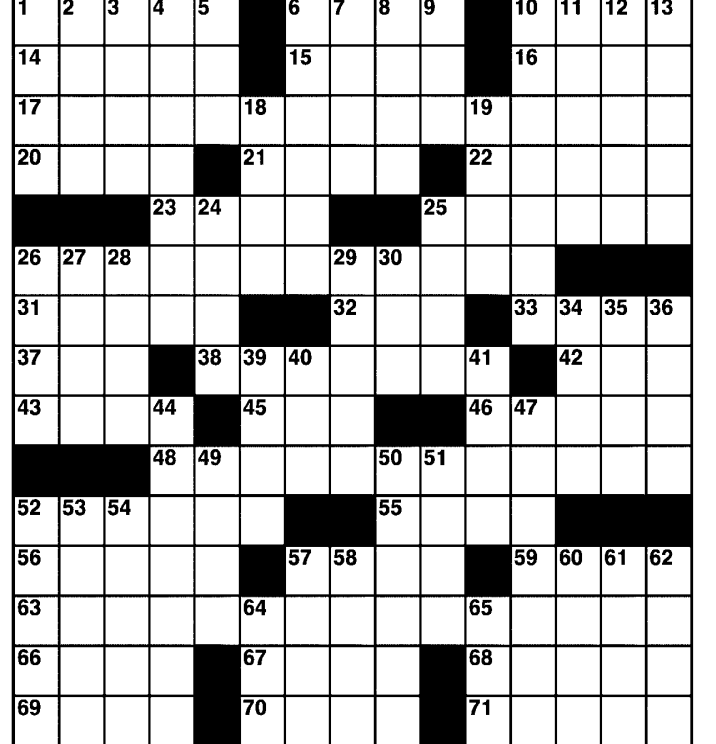
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Newsday Crossword

HERE'S THE PITCH by Michael Dewey Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Religious leader
- 6 Syrian Republic
- 10 Phone software
- 14 Battle of the Atlantic participant
- 15 Instinctive feeling
- 16 Retire for the day
- 17 Statistician's graph
- 20 Project oneself
- 21 List cropper
- 22 Rest atop
- 23 Taj Mahal locale
- 25 Greet silently
- 26 Appetizer cookbook entry
- 31 Rathskeller serving
- 32 Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer
- 33 Filches
- 37 Indy Jones quest
- 38 Pasternak hero
- 42 "Cool" amount
- 43 Cuban cash
- 45 Hoppy brew
- 46 17-syllable verse
- 48 Half-dose facilitator
- 52 Don't like at all
- 55 Barrel of laughs
- 56 Essential acids
- 57 Gofer
- 59 Abbr. for "in the same place"
- 63 Farcical film genre
- 66 Source of pressure, perhaps
- 67 Viking Ship
- 68 Washington portraitist
- 69 Hungers
- 70 Mule caribou
- 71 Voiced disdain
- DOWN
- 1 July birthstone
- 2 Busy as
- 3 Cotton pod
- 4 Sentimental songs
- 5 Part of TGIF
- 6 Blockbuster film of 2009
- 7 Morning TV host
- 8 Genesis brother
- 9 Ocean bottom
- 10 Trembling
- 11 Blender button
- 12 Swing around
- 13 One who knows Gregg
- 18 Hamburg title
- 19 Thunder sound
- 24 Jazz sax
- 25 Hockey position
- 26 Equal exchange
- 27 Enticement
- 28 Rubs the wrong way
- 29 Tolkien characters
- 30 Petraeus once headed it
- 34 Don't include
- 35 Messenger's transportation
- 36 Speak ill of
- 39 Gatekeeper's cry
- 40 Not really oneself
- 41 Midwest swing state
- 44 Initial acts
- 47 Intermittently
- 49 "pronounce you..."
- 50 Literary intro
- 51 Ford car, on registrations
- 52 Gravelly voiced
- 53 Whom Brits call a presenter
- 54 Warning sound
- 57 Ancient history
- 58 Singer Fitzgerald
- 60 Schnozz
- 61 Useless, as chatter
- 62 Changed colors
- 64 AL East team
- 65 Select, with "for"



Area bands shine in marching contests



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma band members practice earlier this summer.



performance earned a Division 1 rating from judges in the Concho Classic Festival. The drum majors this year - Kelli Schaedel and Heather Goodger - also earned Outstanding Drum Majors awards in the Class 3A division.

"I believe the students performed well for it being this early in the season," said John Landin, Coahoma High band director. "I am looking forward to see how we do in our next competition. The kids are working hard and improving every day."

Forsan also walked away with a few more honors earning best color guard, woodwinds and percussion in class 1 to 4A. The 110-member 2A band is performing "Mysteries of the Nile" themed show featuring "Hall of the Pharaohs," "The Sphinx," "Cleopatra," and "The Great Pyramid." Featured artists include a dance solo by Jillian Jones and a trombone solo by Travis Ballard. The band is under the leadership of drum majors Hannah Minchew and Kelia Smoot.

Big Spring and Forsan will compete on Oct. 18 for regional UIL marching contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Hoping for a chance at a state contest bid, Harris and the Big Spring High band are perfecting a Latin-themed program which includes 'Echano,' 'Perfidia,' and 'Sun Cat.'

Both Forsan and Coahoma fall into an off-state year and will end their marching season

at Region UIL contests.

Landin and crew are not wasting anytime jumping back into action Monday at the Wiley Big Country Festival and then on to Region UIL contest on Oct. 18.

The 58-member band is performing a Latin show which includes "El Torro March," "Sway,"

and "El Cumbanchero."

Last year, Coahoma earned a slot at area contest under Landin's leadership, who was in his first year to helm the Coahoma band. Forsan just miss another state title placing second in a very close contest. The band fell one collective point behind Shiner

High School. It was a heartbreaker for the Forsan band members, who placed first in the prelims held earlier during the day.

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At top, Forsan band members play during a recent football game. Middle and left, Big Spring band members march during the homecoming parade Friday —courtesy and Herald photos



BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Results from last Saturday's marching festivals were definitely something for Howard County schools to trumpet about.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high schools strutted away with strong showings in their individual contests as the schools iron out their UIL marching contest programs.

Big Spring and Forsan earned second and fifth place respectively at the West Texas Tournament of Bands at Grande Stadium in Midland out of 17 participating contestants. Rounding

out the top five finishers were Midland High, first, Odessa High, 2, and Abilene High, 4.

"It was a great day for our kids," said Jim Rhodes, Forsan High band director. "We got to march against some tough competition and held our own pretty well. We received constructive criticism from the judges, got a video of our performance, and our football players got to march for the first time. I told the kids how proud I was of them many times for performing like champions."

In San Angelo, the Coahoma High band's outstanding

exam in August, along with the option of taking one of three alternate assessments. Third-graders who are held back also may take the reading test again mid-year.

Joshua Rowell's mother, Char, said he thrived in summer school and got a score of accelerated on the August test. He's now in fourth grade.

Charlton said, "We're trying very hard not to stigmatize the student, which is very important to us and to families and educators."

He said districts are embracing the concept. "We've seen lots of creativity like before- and after-school programs, bringing in senior citizens to help the children, using peer tutors," he said.

The expansion of retention laws comes as a recent Dartmouth University study contradicts the widely-held notion that students stop learning to read in third grade.

Associate Professor of Education Donna Coch said her research looked at the elasticity of the brain when it comes to reading by comparing third-graders to college students. Her study found that third-graders' brains had not yet fully developed the processors that allowed the college students to see strings of letters and symbols as words.

"These third-grade reading guarantees are implicitly buying into the idea of a fourth-grade shift," she said. "Our data suggests there is no fourth-grade shift."

HIGH STAKES

Continues from 4A

"I had one student who was throwing up every day" in the days leading up to the reading test, he said.

Alicia Priest, vice president of the Oklahoma Education Association, said her state's retention law was revamped last year to give families and teachers more say in whether a child stays in third grade or moves on.

"That snapshot of that child's reading on that one day in April was determining whether they should advance to the next grade," she said. "We believe you should look at the whole child: What are the other factors that might have impacted that test, their abilities in other subjects, the social issues involved if they're held back?"

The Foundation for Educational Excellence says any stress from adding retention requirements ultimately will be trumped by long-term benefits. The center says the vast majority of high school dropouts did not meet third-grade reading requirements.

Ohio Department of Education spokesman John Charlton said the state is providing additional opportunities for third-graders to earn a promotion score in reading. Beyond the end-of-year test, there was a follow-up

Zombie apocalypse



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Zombies invaded the Big Spring High School annual homecoming parade Friday in the form of some creative high school students.



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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football in The Crossroads Area

Buffs look for quick start to 3-2A race vs. Anthony

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Forsan High School head coach Jason Phillips was encouraged by his team's played in the second half on Friday night in their 28-20 win over Wink. He's just hoping that success equates a better start this week.

"We weren't really clicking on either side of the ball in the first half," said Phillips. We made a few adjustments and the kids really responded."

The second-half surge sends Forsan into Friday's District 3-2A opener against Anthony with plenty of momentum. The team has won its last five games, outscoring its opponents by a huge margin

The Buffaloes will need to continue its offensive ways.

"We don't know a lot about Anthony, but we need to keep playing like we did in the second half," he said.

In Anthony, Forsan will be facing a Wildcats team that has struggled this fall. Anthony comes into the contest at 0-6, including a 55-0 loss to

San Elizario last week.

Anthony opened the 2014 season with back-to-back losses to a pair of New Mexico programs, losing to Mesilla Valley Christian (20-7) and Hatch Valley (59-0). Following losses to Tornillo (42-6) and Van Horn (40-8), they also dropped a 47-6 decision

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Jesse Cervantes and the Forsan offensive unit will try and continue their high-scoring ways this Friday when they face Anthony. The Buffaloes have outscored their last five opponents by a 184-48 clip.

Courtesy photo/Shaun McVicars

DISTRICT 3-4A OPENER

'We're all 0-0'

Big Spring looking to bounce back against Tigers

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Phillip Ritchey could hardly hide his unhappiness following last week's loss to the Andrews Mustangs. After three weeks of seeing improvement from his team's defense, the team relapsed a bit.

The fact that the Steers gave up 43 points and more than 450 total yards to the Mustangs weighed hard on him and his coaching staff.

The Steers, as a whole, have to do better - from top to bottom

"We don't get to go recruit players or anything like that, or have a draft," said Ritchey. "The players we have are the players we have. We have to coach them and make them better. I am proud of the effort they gave, but we have to get better. Football is a fundamental game ... It is about blocking and tackling and, to be honest, we need to do a better job of that."

Big Spring will get its chance to bounce back from its first loss of the season on Friday when they meet long-time rival Snyder. The Steers, now 4-1, are scheduled to kick off Week 6 of the 2014 season beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium in Snyder.

The contest will serve as the District 3-4A opener for both teams.

Even though Ritchey wasn't happy about the loss, he didn't dismiss the idea that the setback could be a blessing in disguise with district beginning. It forces the team to refocus its efforts after a 4-0 start had landed them a spot at No. 8 in the Class 4A state polls.

"This isn't the end of the world," he said. "It might be a good thing because it lets us know we aren't an unbeatable team. We have to play well every night or this can happen. Sometimes you can learn more about your team from a loss than a win. What we have to do is learn from this and then put it in the past. Whether we won or lost, we're going to have to forget about it and get ready for Snyder and district."

"That is still the case," he added. In Snyder, Big Spring will be facing one of its biggest rivals. The two teams have played each other since 1928 and, with the exception of a 23-year stretch

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Big Spring senior Hunter Hill carries the ball into the end zone during the Steers' 43-42 with Andrews on Friday. Big Spring, now 4-1 for the year, will open District 3-4A play on Friday in Snyder.

Courtesy photo/Shaun McVicars

'Dogs to open 3-3A race at home

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

You probably won't find too many coaches happier to get District 3-3A play under way than Bulldogs head coach Trey Gardner.

A week of rest after having played five straight weeks, has Gardner feeling excited about his team's chances.

"We're anxious to get back in the swing of things after taking last week off. We feel we got a shot at this thing, we just have to register some wins."

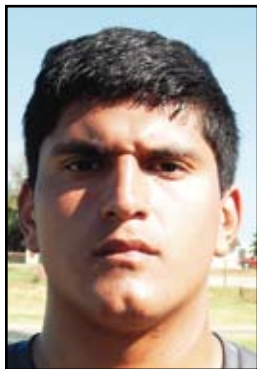
The Bulldogs first chance to get a win will come on Friday night when they host a struggling Ballinger team in the district opener. The two teams are slated to get things under way at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.

Facing a red-hot Coahoma squad in the 3-3A opener may not be what the doctor ordered for Ballinger. The team has struggled offensively during a 1-4

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Braxton Iden



Joseph Melendez

Mustangs seek second win in 6-A opener

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Sands High School Mustangs will look to kick off District 6-A, Division II play on a high note on Friday when they travel to Loop.

Sands heads into the contest sporting a 1-5 record. Loop is 2-4.

The Mustangs, one of the youngest teams in the region as they start up to five underclassmen on many nights, will be looking to snap a 3-game slide that includes a 66-20 loss to Klondike last week.

Several other area six-man teams will also be in action on Friday, including No. 8-ranked Grady. The Wildcats, 3-2 overall, will travel to Garden City to face the Bearkats, 4-2, in the final non-district matchup for both squads.

Third-ranked Borden County, 5-0, will travel to Water Valley for a non-district bout.

Big Spring tumbles to 15th in latest 4A rankings

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

How much is a one-point loss worth in Texas high school football? According to the latest Associated Press rankings, it is worth about seven places in the state rankings.

Big Spring, coming off a narrow loss to Andrews, slipped seven places in the new Class 4A state rankings, which were released on Monday. Heading into Week 6, the Steers are ranked No. 15.

Unbeaten Navasota held onto the No. 1 ranking for a third week. The team

collected 20 of the 24 first-place ballots cast this week. Argyle and Gilmer, ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, split the remaining four votes.

Stephenville, the preseason No. 1, fell to sixth in the latest poll.

Stephenville will travel to Big Spring in two weeks.

Big Spring Steers 2014 statistics

2014 RESULTS

Big Spring 58, Kerrville Tivy 56
Big Spring 33, Monahans 32
Big Spring 41, Hereford 14
Big Spring 27, Graham 21
Andrews 43, Big Spring 42

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Big Spring	40	67	27	34	-	201
Opponent	20	57	20	36	-	165

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds	Avg	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	95	858	9.0	15
Hunter Hill (Sr)	55	310	5.6	5
Preston Alexander	49	297	6.1	6
Totals	199	1465	7.4	16

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	56	100	3	866	12
Hunter Hill	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	56	101	3	866	12

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD
Matt Yanez	30	385	12.8	2
Dee Parker	14	259	18.5	4
Nathan Schneider	1	2	2.0	0
Allen Ryle	1	13	13.0	0
Hunter Hill	13	309	23.8	5
Garrett Wigington	4	49	12.3	1
Preston Alexander	4	30	7.5	0
Totals	67	1047	15.6	12

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	10	0	0	0	60
Preston Alexander	5	0	0	0	36
Dee Parker	4	0	0	0	24
Tobyn Tannehill	6	14	0	0	49
Garrett Wigington	1	0	0	1	10
Dylan Marquez	1	0	0	0	6
Matt Yanez	3	0	0	0	18
Totals	30	14	0	1	201

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
Manuel Galvan	1	1	0.3	0
Totals	4	56	14.0	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	S	A	TOT	AVG	TFL
Dylan Marquez	4	10	14	4.7	0
Tobyn Tannehill	4	1	5	1.0	0
Dee Parker	0	1	1	0.2	0
Andrew Paredez	1	2	3	1.0	0
Josh Valle	2	1	3	1.5	0
Allen Chancy	0	1	1	1.0	0
Victor Paniagua	2	2	4	1.3	0
Manuel Galvan	18	24	42	8.4	1.0
Nathan Schneider	5	24	29	7.3	1.0
Jonathan Gonzalez	0	4	4	2.0	0
Lorenzo Jones	15	26	41	8.2	1.0
Kalief Washington	5	4	9	3.0	1.0
Allen Ryle	11	23	34	6.8	3.0
Hunter Hill	0	1	1	0.2	0
Garrett Wigington	17	34	51	10.2	6.0
Alex Johnson	10	24	34	6.8	7.0
Steven Henry	4	16	18	3.6	4.0
Triston Deleon	4	26	30	6.0	4.0
Luc Lewis	5	5	10	2.5	0
Nick Sotelo	0	1	1	1.0	0
Brycen Kiker	0	1	1	1.0	0
Marc Kriesen	1	1	2	1.0	0
Nick Conner	0	3	3	1.5	0
Luis Casillas	3	2	5	2.5	0
Anthony Godwin	11	4	15	3.8	1.0

BUFFS

Continued from Page 1B to New Mexico's Lordsburg.

For the year, Anthony has been outscored by a staggering 263-27 margin.

The Wildcats' defensive struggles could get dramatically worse against a FHS offense that has rolled up huge numbers since being held scoreless in their 6-2 loss to Coahoma in the season opener. Over the last five games, the Buffaloes have outscored their opponents by a 184-48 clip.

Forsan is led by the efforts of quarterback Jesse Cervantes and running back Walker Park. Cervantes has rushed for 370 yards on 86 carries this season. He has also completed 31 of his 66 passing attempts for 562 yards and five TDs.

Park had rolled up a team-high 374 yards on 67 carries.

Garrett Kligora has also rushed for more than 100 yards this fall.



Courtesy photo/Candy Parrish

Coahoma running back Joseph Melendez will lead the Bulldogs into their District 3-3A opener on Friday against Ballinger. Coahoma is 4-1 overall.

COAHOMA

Continued from Page 1B start to the year. Through the team's first five games, the Bearcats have scored 95 points - with 34 of those coming last week in a 35-34 loss to Crane.

Ballinger has been held to less than two TDs in three of their five outings.

A team having trouble finding the end zone probably won't relish facing a CHS defense that is among the best in West Texas. Coahoma has allowed its opponents just 45 points this fall, including three to less than a touchdown.

The Coahoma offense should also find life easy in the opener for both squads. Braxton Iden and the CHS offense will be facing a Ballinger team that has given up more than 31 points per game.

As a team, the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents by a 117-45 margin en route to getting off to their best start in a decade.

STEERS

Continued from Page 1B spanning the 1930's and 1940's, have face off 57 times. Big Spring holds a slim 31-25-1 advantage in the all-time series, including a 42-14 romp last year that ended a three-year losing streak to the Tigers.

The Tigers head into Friday's matchup with some momentum. Snyder defeated Shallowater, 34-27, in double overtime last Friday. The Tigers, under first-year head coach James Polk, are 2-4 overall.

"They're for real," said Ritchey. "They're going to be hungry. This is a chance for them to start over because right now we're all 0-0."

The Tigers won't have any easy time keeping pace with Tobyn Tannehill and the Steers' high-octane offense. The team rolled up more than 500 total yards against Andrews, and actually gave the team an opportunity to snatch a win by driving to the AHS 6 late in the fourth.

Tannehill is the straw that stirs the Steers' offense. The senior has accounted for more than 400 of the Steers' offensive output last week, throwing for 273 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for 165 more.

Big Spring is far from a one-headed monster. Running backs Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander are rushing/receiv-

ing threats that have accounted for more than 10 TDs this fall behind a senior-laden offensive line.

Michael Yanez has also blossomed into a major threat for the Steers. A week ago, he caught nine passes for 128 yards and a touchdown.

For the year, Yanez leads the BSHS receiving corps in receptions and yards, racking up 30 catches for 385 yards.

Defensively, the Tigers have struggled to keep opponents off the scoreboard. Through their first six outings, Snyder has allowed 190 points, including more than 28 three times.

As a team, Snyder is allowing 33 points per game this season.

Offensively, Snyder is led by quarterback Kodi Maxfield. The SHS standout has rolled up more than 1,500 total yards in the Tigers' six games. For the year, he has completed 75 of his 146 passes for 1,046 yards and six touchdowns. He has also rushed for 507 yards.

Maxfield has three solid receivers to throw to. Taylor Munkres leads the SHS receiving corps with 19 receptions for 344 yards. Abram Smith has 20 catches for 321 yards, while Jose Juarvez has caught 17 passes for 175 yards.

Ben Barrera gives the Tigers' offensive option. He has ran for 377 yards and a team-leading six TDs this fall.

Texas High School Football 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 (17)	(6-0)	233	1
2. DeSoto (7)	(5-0)	222	2
3. Southlake Carroll	(5-0)	155	3
4. Euless Trinity	(6-0)	146	4
5. Pearland	(6-0)	128	5
6. Manvel	(5-0)	108	6
7. Dallas Skyline	(5-0)	98	7
8. Cibolo Steele	(5-1)	66	8
9. SA Northside Brennan	(6-0)	53	10
10. Denton Guyer	(4-1)	41	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Katy 20. 12, Cedar Hill 14. 12, Cypress Fairbanks 14. 14, Hewitt Midway 8. 15, McAllen 7. 16, The Woodlands 4. 17, Lake Travis 2. 18, Amarillo 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (15)	(4-1)	228	1
2. Fort Bend Elkins (8)	(5-0)	200	2
3. Temple	(4-1)	165	3
4. Mansfield Timberview (1)	(4-1)	155	4
5. Tyler	(4-1)	146	5
6. Richmond Foster	(5-0)	113	7
7. Fort Bend Ridge Point	(5-0)	69	10
8. Georgetown	(4-1)	59	8
9. CC Flour Bluff	(6-0)	35	NR
10. Lufkin	(3-2)	32	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Ennis 21. 12, West Mesquite 20. 13, Richmond George Ranch 16. 14, Cedar Park 14. 15, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 12. 16, Houston King 8. 17, EP Del Valle 6. 18, Mesquite Poteet 5. 18, Port Neches-Groves 5. 20, Lancaster 4. 21, Crosby 3. 22, Longview 2. 23, Boerne Champion 1. 23, Rockwall-Heath 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (20)	(5-0)	235	1
2. Argyle (2)	(5-0)	211	2
3. Gilmer (2)	(5-0)	199	3
4. Kennedale	(5-0)	141	4
5. La Grange	(6-0)	130	6
6. Stephenville	(4-1)	124	5
7. La Marque	(5-1)	76	9
8. Van	(5-0)	64	10
9. Gladewater	(4-1)	35	NR

10. Atlanta	(5-0)	31	NR
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Others receiving votes: 11, La Vernia 20. 12, Port Isabel 13. 13, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 11. 14, West Orange-Stark 9. **15, Big Spring 6.** 16, Sweetwater 5. 17, Celina 4. 18, Andrews 3. 19, Graham 2. 20, El Campo 1

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (22)	(5-0)	236	1
2. Franklin (1)	(5-0)	211	2
3. Rockdale	(5-0)	176	3
4. Corrigan-Camden (1)	(5-0)	150	4
5. Wall	(5-1)	145	5
6. Kirbyville	(5-0)	113	6
7. Teague	(5-0)	101	7
8. Malakoff	(5-0)	78	8
9. Waskom	(4-1)	67	9
10. Blanco	(5-0)	22	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Eastland 7. 12, Arp 3. 12, East Bernard 3. 14, Coleman 2. 14, Newton 2. 16, Shallowater 1. 16, Spearman 1. 16, Buna 1. 16, East Chambers 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (19)	(5-0)	232	1
2. Mat (5)	(5-0)	218	2
3. Canadian	(5-0)	168	3
4. Bremond	(6-0)	155	4
5. Albany	(5-0)	128	5
6. Mason	(6-0)	123	6
7. Shiner	(5-0)	100	7
8. Crawford	(5-0)	70	8
9. Alto	(4-0)	57	9
10. Stratford	(4-0)	26	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Iraan 14. 12, Seagraves 13. 13, Abernathy 7. 14, Tenaha 4. 15, Shelbyville 2. 15, Hamlin 2. 17, Centerville 1.

Class 1A

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

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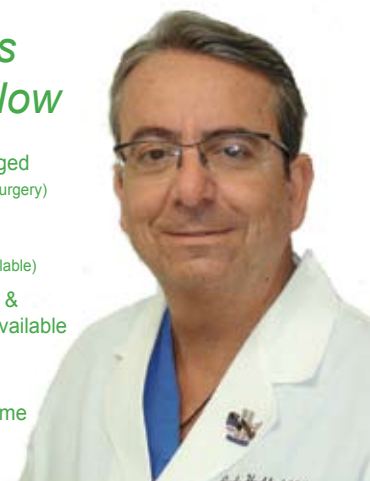
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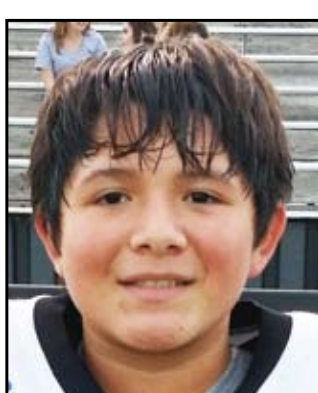
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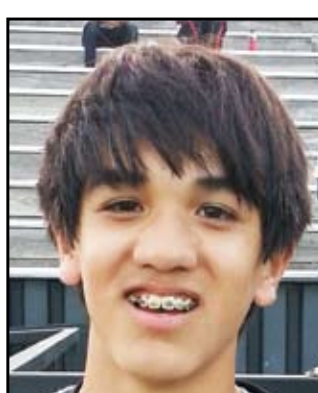
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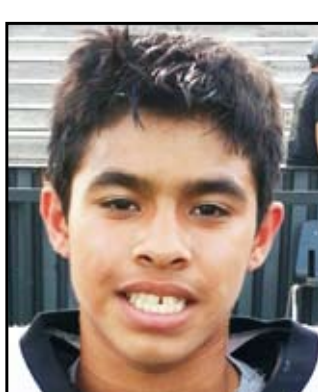
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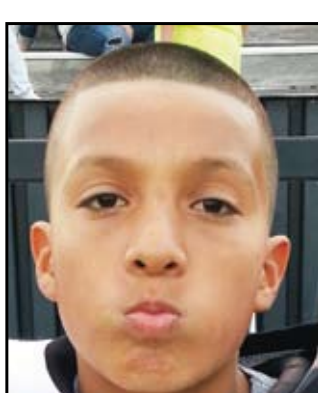
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Junior high teams to play games at Blankenship Field

With the arrival of district play, the Big Spring Junior High School teams will find themselves playing their games at their old home Blankenship Field on Tuesday nights. The BSJHS team eighth grade teams will play at Blankenship on Oct. 14 and Oct. 21. The seventh grade teams will play at Blankenship on Oct. 28. The seventh grade teams began the switch from Thursday games at Memorial Stadium to Tuesday matchups at Blankenship on Oct. 7

The 'real season' begins for area teams

For high school football fans, there are really three seasons rolled up into one neat package. There's the preseason, the start of the regular season and, best of all, there is the "real season," or better known as district play to us common folk.

The team that does the best in district play over the next month will advance to the playoffs. It is that simple ... and super exciting.

The "real season" begins on Friday for everyone in the area.

This is gonna be fun Anyway, here are my picks for this week:

Big Spring 52, Snyder 24: The Steers bounce back.

Forsan 54, Anthony 0: Long bus ride home for Anthony.

Coahoma 28, Post 12:



TOMMY WELLS
Herald Sports Editor

The Bulldogs have plenty of bite.

Garden City 62, Grady 60: Lots of offense in GC.

Borden County 54, Water Valley 30: The Coyotes keep howling.

Sands 44, Loop 42: The Mustangs get a win.

Last week: 5-2, .714 Overall: 29-8, .783

Area Standings

DISTRICT 3-4A

	W	L	PF	PA
Big Spring.....	4	1	201	165
Stephenville.....	4	1	222	97
Ab. Wylie.....	4	2	151	112
Brownwood.....	3	2	161	113
Snyder.....	2	4	171	191

Last week's Games

Andrews 43, Big Spring 42; Abilene Wylie 21, Vernon 13; Brownwood 30, Springtown 7; Snyder 34, Shallowater 27, 20T.

This week's Games

Big Spring at Snyder; Stephenville at Brownwood; Wylie is open.

DISTRICT 2-4A, Div. II

	W	L	PF	PA
Sweetwater.....	5	0	254	173
Ft. Stockton.....	3	2	158	127
Monahans.....	2	3	184	136
Greenwood.....	2	3	95	149
Lamesa.....	1	4	110	173
Pecos.....	1	4	87	121

Last week's Games

Fort Stockton 29, Mountain View 7.

This week's Games

Greenwood at Lamesa; Sweetwater at Fort Stockton; Monahans at Pecos.

DISTRICT 3-3A

	W	L	PF	PA
Coleman.....	5	0	231	62
Coahoma.....	4	1	117	45
Coahoma City.....	3	2	199	148
Post.....	3	2	152	87
Stanton.....	2	3	86	140
Ballinger.....	1	4	95	159

Last week's Games

All teams in the district were open.

This week's Games

Colorado City at Stanton; Ballinger at Coahoma; Post at Coleman.

DISTRICT 3-2A

	W	L	PF	PA
Forsan.....	5	1	186	54
Ozona.....	4	2	159	143
McCamey.....	2	4	110	182
Christoval.....	1	5	157	173
Anthony.....	0	6	27	263

Last week's Games

Forsan 28, Wink 20; San

Elizario 55, Anthony 0; Crane 35, Christoval 28; McCamey 21, Van Horn 12; Ozona 28, Eldorado 7..

This week's Games

Anthony at Forsan; McCamey at Christoval; Ozona is open.

DISTRICT 4-1A, Div. I

	W	L	PF	PA
Borden Co.....	5	0	324	139
Klondike.....	4	1	306	179
O'Donnell.....	4	2	384	245
Grady.....	3	2	340	170

Last week's Games

Grady 76, New Home 30; Borden County 84, Ropes 60; Klondike 66, Sands 20; O'Donnell 92, Loraine 50.

This week's Games

Grady at Garden City; Borden County at Water Valley; Motley County at Klondike; O'Donnell at Ira.

DISTRICT 5-1A, Div. I

	W	L	PF	PA
Garden City.....	4	2	345	204
Marfa.....	4	2	287	187
Rankin.....	3	2	253	277
Fort Davis.....	3	3	220	224

Last week's Games

Robert Lee 50, Garden City 40; Sierra Blanca, Fort Davis 28; Marfa 76, El Paso Faith Christian 34. Rankin was open.

This week's Games

Grady at Garden City; Rankin at Sterling City; Dell City at Fort Davis; El Paso Home School at Marfa.

DISTRICT 6-1A, Div. II

	W	L	PF	PA
Buena Vista.....	6	0	344	42
Grandfalls.....	4	2	291	178
Loop.....	2	4	230	344
Dawson.....	2	4	235	370
Sands.....	1	5	242	350

Last week's Games

Klondike 66, Sands 20; Buena Vista 52, Sanderson 0; Dawson 68, Westbrook 64; Southland 52, Loop 0.

This week's Games

Sands at Loop; Grandfalls-Royalty at Dawson; Buena Vista is open.



By Steve Becker

Inferences and Deductions

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 8 7
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ Q 9 7 3

WEST

♠ Q 10 5 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 2
♣ A K J 8 4

EAST

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ 10

SOUTH

♠ K 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 10 9 8
♣ 6 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦		

Opening lead — king of clubs.

There are lots of inferences a declarer can draw from the bidding and/or play of the cards, and those inferences often permit him to play a hand as though the opponents' cards were exposed.

Consider this case where West leads the king of clubs and continues with the ace and a low club, East ruffing dummy's nine and returning the eight of hearts.

Declarer goes up with the ace and must now find the right way to play the trumps to make the contract. He can play the A-K, hoping to catch the queen; he can play the ace, then continue with the jack and finesse; or he can lead a trump to the king and finesse on the way back.

Before South casts his ballot for one of these approaches, he should first try to assemble every clue that can help him make the right decision.

He knows for a certainty that West started with five clubs, and he can deduce from East's start bid and West's raise that East started with four hearts and West with three. South can also deduce that the missing spades are divided 4-4, because if either defender had five spades, he would have bid them.

By putting all these inferences and deductions together, South can conclude that West started with five clubs, three hearts, four spades and, hence, exactly one diamond.

He therefore plays a diamond to the king and finesses the jack on the way back. After drawing East's last trump, South crosses to dummy with a spade and discards a heart on the queen of clubs to make exactly three diamonds.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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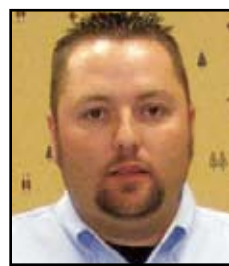
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Team

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