

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Keep Big Spring Beautiful President Peggy Hopper speaks during Tuesday's city council meeting.

Advocates: Banning bags 'first step' in fighting litter

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring city officials have talked about their desires for a cleaner city for years. If Tuesday's city council meeting was any indication, they're more than willing to replace talk with action.

The council reacted very favorably to a request from Keep Big Spring Beautiful for an ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags within the city limits. While formal action on the request is months away, it's clear a majority of the council favors the action.

In a presentation to the council, KBSB President Peggy Hopper laid out the case for banning "We don't want to be known as the town where our city flower is the plastic bag."

> Peggy Hopper Keep Big Spring Beautiful president

the plastic bags, which are used extensively by many businesses in town.

"We have a beautiful city, with many nice areas which are rich in history," Hopper said. "We have so many things going for us, but another thing we have going is that we have a lot of trash."

While KBSB and other volunteer groups have collected thousands of pounds of trash in the past year, Hopper said more was needed to curb the influx of trash in this community.

"Our efforts are not enough; this city needs to do something else," she said. "One of the things we've pinpointed ... is an ordinance having to do with plastic bags."

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Romeo, with a redneck twist

BSHS drama department to stage farcical take on Shakespeare classic

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Oh Romeo! Where the heck are you?

The first production of the year for the Big Spring High

school theater program this year. "This is my first year, so I wanted to do something I felt the community would enjoy, that is fun and something the students could get behind." This particular play is a good way to start off the year for the department, Prettyman said.



School theater department — "Evening of Culture, Faith Country II" by Mark Landon Smith — is not going to be a work of Shakespeare, but then, it's not supposed to be.

"It's about a group of rednecks who are trying to put on the play "Romeo and Juliet" but they don't know anything about theater, so pretty much anything that can go wrong, does." said BSHS theater teacher Chelsea Prettyman, who takes over the high "What is great about this show is it's not supposed to be a good performance of Romeo and Juliet," she said. "Everything is supposed to look thrown together but the play is still fun and engaging."

Even though some of the Shakespearean words can be

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Big Spring High School theater department will hold its first production of the year "Evening of Culture, Faith Country II" by Mark Landon Smith this weekend. Cast members are pictured back, left, Scott Cantrell, Corbin Stevens, Taylor Jones, Matthew Wood; front, left Savannah Alaskin, Amber Monks, Michelle Phipps, and Tylar Hale.

Nowcen Safe Stops

Today

• Forsan Baptist Church's annual Trunk or Treat festival.

Friday

• 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Call 432-268-8387 for more information.

• 3-6:30 p.m. – Noah's Pet Store, 2101 Scurry St.

• 5:30-6:30 p.m. — St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church Trunk or Treat, 10th and Goliad.

• 5 p.m. — Staked Plains Masonic Lodge safe stop, corner of Main and Second streets.

• 5:30-8:30 p.m. — Baptist Temple Trunk or Treat, corner of 11th and Goliad.

5:30-9 p.m. — Sequia Tubing

Testers, 4014 Parkway St., candy and cupcakes.

• 6-8 p.m. — First United Methodist Church Trunks for Treats. Call 432-267-6394 for information.

• 6-8 p.m. — Holy Trinity Catholic Youth Trunk or Treat, 1009 Hearn.

6-8 p.m. — Hillcrest Baptist Church Trunk or Treat, 2000 W. FM 700.

• 6-8 p.m. — Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship Trunk or Treat, 309 S. Benton.

6-8 p.m. — Howard College, at Turner Hall across from the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• 6-8 p.m. — VA Medical Center safe stop, 300 Veterans Blvd. (main entrance)

Ordinance aims to help new construction blend in

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring city planners want this community to grow, but they also want new construction to "blend in" as much as possible.

During their Tuesday meeting, city council members approved an amendment to local zoning ordinances in an effort to eliminate potential eyesores with new development.

City Planner Roxanne Johnston said the amendment, which would allow city officials to conduct an "urban design review" before allowing new construction of building in excess of 10,000 square feet, roughly the footprint of City Hall.

"This will help us ensure development is in accord with its surrounding area," Johnston said.

Big Spring City Manager

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Obituaries

Don Statham



Don Statham, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, and Pastor Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship,

officiating. Burial with Military Honors will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Don was born Jan. 20, 1943, in Odessa, Texas, to Dorothy and Floyd Statham. He married B. J. Kimzey in 1976, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was employed by Sharp Image for the last 14 years. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring except for 14 years in Midland. He returned to Big Spring in 2012. He was a Baptist.

Don is survived by his wife, B. J. Statham of Big Spring; two daughters, Lesa McBride and her husband Dewayne of Dawson, and Cara Hamblin of Big Spring; one son, Chad Statham and his wife Jill of Plano; one granddaughter, Aeryn Hamblin of Big Spring; and one sister, Eva Watkins of Big Spring.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Robby Hankins, Roger Dixon, Patrick Nichols, Terry Watkins, Jerry Watkins, Gary Watkins, Joel Place, and Howard Osburn. Honorary pallbearers will be Vince Hatfield, Bruce Hatfield, Mike Evans, David Waldrop, Raymond Hall, James Kinman, and Kit Kraus.

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

Paid obituary

Frank M. Vela Jr.



Frank M. Vela Jr., 78, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 at his residence. Graveside services were 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Frank was born March 18, 1936, in Big Spring and married Jane Olguin, Oc. 10, 1957.

He was an appliance repairman who used his skills to help those in need.

Frank is survived by his wife, Jane Vela of Big Spring; three sons, Robert Vela and Adam Vela, both of Big Spring, and Edward Vela and wife, Kimberly of Frisco, Texas; two daughters, Lucy Morelion of Big Spring, and Linda Gonzales and husband, Jesse of Abilene, Texas; 13 grandsons; and one sister, Virginia Duron of Big Spring,

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francisco M. and Andrea (Madrid) Vela; two brothers, Eugene Vela and Ramon Vela; and one sister, Lola Rodriguez.

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

Sherry Smith McMurray, 68, died Monday, Oct.

27, 2014, at her home at Lake Leon, in Eastland County, Texas. Services will be held at Lake Leon Baptist Church, 2601 F.M. 2214, Lake Leon Wednesday Oct. 29, 2014.

Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. with viewing and visitation from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.. Funeral service is 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Followed by burial at Staff Cemetery. Services provided by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Sherry was born in Grand Saline, Texas, on Sept. 5, 1946, to Leo Garland Smith and Argere Pauline Ringener. She graduated from Van High School, worked building electronics for a number of years, and then concentrated on her calling, working with developmentally disabled children at Abilene ISD and Lewisville ISD, before retiring to Lake Leon.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Argere.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Don R. (Butch) McMurray; sons, Scott Lee and Shelley McMurray, of Corinth, Texas, and Darren Todd McMurray and Christina Bynum, of Lewisville, Texas. She also leaves her Dad, Leo and step-mother Viola Smith, of Lindale, Tx.; sister, Linda G. Hardwick, Van, Tx; brother, Phil and Dana Smith, of Lindale, Tx.; sisters-in-Law, Norma and Preston Yarbrough, Barbara Ringener, and Janet Lilley, all of Eastland, Tx., numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and family members in Howard County

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to www.debbiesdream.org.

Joe Martinez

Joe Martinez, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oc. 28, 2014, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Support Groups

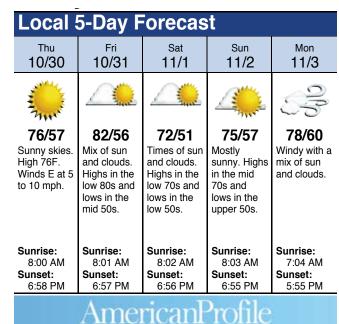
THURSDAY

 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.

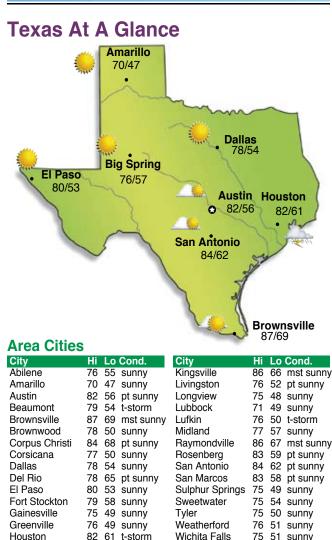
• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin 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.



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Denver	70	40	sunny	Seattle	60	52	pt sunny
Houston	82	61	t-storm	St. Louis	60	42	sunny
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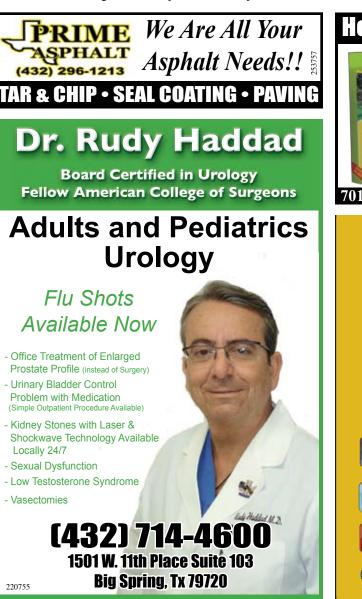
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Take Note

• Friends of the Library of Howard County is continuing its annual book sale until the end of October. The books are located in the basement of the library and can be viewed during normal library hours.

· Howard County's Adopt a Military Hero program needs military deployment addresses (APO) for anyone who will be deployed this Christmas. Send the information to 1606 E. Third or enter APO address at hcadoptamilitaryhero.weebly.com. For



more information, call Debbie Burrow at 432-270-8554.

• The Big Spring High School Speech & Debate team will be hosting its 14th Annual Speech & Debate Tournament on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Judges are needed to make the tournament run smoothly. Anyone interested in judging should call Jennifer Adams at 432-264-3641, Ext. 1444.

• Sign up for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree is from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Monday to Friday through Oct. 30. Bring a picture identificaton, birth certificates for children

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13 and under or a food stamp letter, rent receipt, gas, water and electric bill and proof of income.

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

• 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.

• 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.

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

• CLORISSA MENDEZ, 22, of 1305 Elm St., was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.

• JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 46, of 1100 W. Second St., was arrested on a charge of violation protective order-goes to or near residence/employment/school.

• WADE WESLEY ADAMS, 34, of 236 McLemore, Alvin, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon Street and in the 2100 block of south Gregg Street.

DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Avenue.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was

reported in the 1400 block of Stadium Avenue.

• BURLGARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported in the 3600 block of E. 11th Place, in the 800 block of east16th Street and in the 810 block of west Eighth St.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Comanche Park Road, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, in the 8300 block of North Service Road, and in the 4100 block of Dixon.

UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 200 block of Grant Avenue.

• BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 3200 block of Fordham Avenue and in the 4200 block of Parkway Drive.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of NW Eighth Street and in the 200 block of west FM 700.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

 JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 48, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of violate bond/ protective order.

 JARBON TAYLOR HALE, 31, was booked on a Lubbock County warrant for theft of property, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

• WADE WESLEY ADAMS, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CLAYTON LEE CHAP-PELL, 17, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for MTRP/ possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.

• DIDGET LAGRITA ED-WARDS, 47, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery government/national institution/money/ security.

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

TUESDAY

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of east 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

Suspect in 7 Indiana slavings due in court again

CROWN POINT, Ind. (AP) - A 43-year-old former Marine who police in Indiana say has confessed to killing seven women is scheduled to appear in court again after refusing to even acknowledge his name at an earlier hearing.

Darren Vann, a convicted sex offender from Gary, will appear Wednesday before Lake Superior Court Judge Diane Boswell to face murder charges and other counts in the strangulation deaths of 19-yearold Afrikka Hardy and 35-year-old Anith Jones.

Hardy's body was found Oct. 17 in a Hammond motel.

Jones' body was found a day later in an abandoned house in Gary, Ind.

study the ramifications

BAGS

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Several cities across the country have already taken steps to do away with plastic bags and California recently became the first state to ban their use. Closer to home, Hopper said Kermit and Fort Stockton have passed ordinances banning the bags.

She noted three major reasons for the ban – plastic bags are not biodegradable, mean-

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measured in years; they are easily caught in the wind and deposited all over town; and they pose a real threat to wildlife. But the major reason she kept coming back to is that the discarded bags are a major eye-

ing they have a shelf life

"We don't want to be known as the town where our city flower is the plastic bag," she said for emphasis.

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Hopper conceded the discussed ban would only eliminate part of

this town's litter problem. In effect, she said an effort to change the public's outlook about trash — through education, increased enforcement of anti-litter laws and encouraging personal responsibility was needed.

That theme struck a chord with Mayor Larry McLellan.

"I do believe the problem is with the consumer, not the plastic bag," he said. "Until we can get citizens to take pride in their community,

this will always be an enormous problem for us to tackle."

But council members also conceded that banning plastic bags would be a good place to start.

"I think this is a step we need to look at." **Council Member Justin** Myers said. "The city needs to show it is serious about getting rid of trash."

Myers' colleague, Raul Benavides, concurred.

"I think this would be a very important first step," he said. "We have

to change the mindset of this community and that's not going to happen overnight. I think we need to hit people where it counts — in their pocketbooks."

District 4 councilman Bobby McDonald agreed more was needed than a simple ban on bags, he believes the community is up to the challenge."

"I believe we have enough innovation in our minds that we can make this city clean," he said.

will City officials

Alaksin; Faye, Taylor Jones; Bubba, Corbin Stevens; and Luther, Scott Cantrell.

"The students have been working hard, and I think we are going to have a good show,' Prettyman added.

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

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to mess them up," she

Eight students were cast from an open audition which drew 35. Each of those eight showed some natural spark of comedic timing.

ing this production."

thing you can necessarily teach," she said. "You can get it with practice, but I can't teach it to you. It's usually someing and intuition."

for 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m Sunday at the high school auditorium. Admission if \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children

Cast members are Mildred, Michelle Phipps; Delbert, Matthew Wood; Violet, Amber Monks; Naomi, Tylar Hale; Savannah Ruthann,

other cities, so she does cials can request design not anticipate the new requirement hindering new construction. "This isn't going to scare anyone away,' she said.

Martha May Patterson.

of a ban for the next several months before coming back to the council with recommendations.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Simon T. Correa, Jr., 60, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

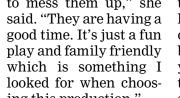
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Larry Rose, 58, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Leslie B. Clemons, 82, died Sunday, October 19, 2014. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Joe Martinez, 57, died Tuesday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Continued from Page 1 a little difficult for the actors at times, Prettyman said, they seem to be connecting with the

play. "Some of the Shakespearean words are really hard to remember, but luckily they get



"That is not some-

thing you have an instinct for and then the more you do comedy the more you become familiar and comfortable with it. That was something I looked for in the audition to see if they had that comedic timPerformances are set

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Todd Darden said there is currently no regulations concerning what new construction would look like.

"Right now, you can build whatever you want as long as you meet the minimum zoning standards of the subdivision," he said. With the new requirement, however, city offi-

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landscaping layouts, plans or samples of building material before issuing construction permits to developers. "It will be nice to know what material (developers) will be using," Johnston said. "What we're trying to do is

avoid eyesores – and this review applies to signage, as well."

Johnston said the review is standard permitting practice in

other business In Tuesday, the council approved:

• A resolution petitioning the Texas Department of Transportation to rename portions of the planned Highway 87 reliever route in honor of William Crooker and

 A rezoning of slightly more than 16 acres of land near Scenic Mountain Medical Center from single-family to multi-family usage.

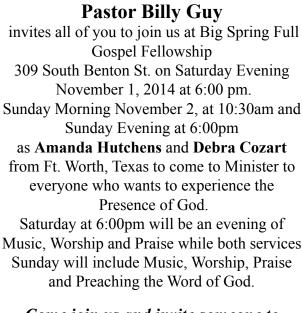
• Moving the next council meeting from Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day) to Nov. 18.

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OPINION

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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nybody who knows me, even casually, knows I love my country. I am a patriot. I still love the bumper sticker that says, "America-Love It or Leave It". I am totally supportive of this wonderful country and thank God every day that I am one of

the privileged few who call it home. However, there are so many enemies of America that it defies our imagination and the intense hatred of the USA has

increased globally in recent years to frightening levels. Make no mistake about this, friend, there are millions

of people on this planet that hate America and all she stands for, and wish nothing more than for her total and complete demise.

In perilous times like these, our nation and her leaders should be united and focused on preservation of liberty, human rights, fiscal stability, justice for all, and many other foundational building blocks of our democracy. Instead we are divided and apathetic toward the lack of integrity and accountability in our governmental hierarchy, and partisan politics are leading us to inevitable chaos of unthinkable proportion.

So, why in the midst of so much turmoil and insecurity is our government being foolish and acting more irresponsibly than possibly ever in history? And perhaps the more pertinent question is why are supposedly intelligent American voters not totally and completely outraged about the immeasurable level of idiotic behavior of many in the halls of our political regime?

What has me stirred is the annual Wastebook report by Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma for 2014. This exposure of government spending outrages many because they don't want their foolish and oftentimes unethical actions to be known to you and me, the voters. Interested in just a few of the hundreds of wasteful uses of your tax dollars by those arrogant politicians who live in a fantasy world where they can have everything their way and we taxpayers will just write them a blank check to cover their idiocy?

the White House. Waves of unaccompanied minors and others pouring across our nation's borders. The Russian Red Army on the move, marching into peaceful democratic nations, Iraq in turmoil pumping millions of dollars a day into the Jihadist activities of Islamic terrorists. Our nation's heroes being killed, not by enemy combatants, but by the very Veteran's health system set up to care for them. And there is that government health care website that still doesn't work."

He goes on to say, "Instead of working together to solve these challenges, the politicians are more focused on getting re-elected than conducting the business they were elected to address in the first place. Nearly every major, minor and routine decision facing the nation was punted to next year when Congress abruptly adjourned on Sept. 18 to hit the campaign trail."

The problem is not just what Washington isn't doing, but what it is doing.

"Only someone with too much of someone else's money and not enough accountability for how it was being spent could come up with some of the zany projects the government paid for this year," Coburn said in the report.

Many Wastebook projects sound ridiculous on the surface but could hold real value for the American people. Others are just plain ridiculous.

Knowing some of you may already be ready to string me up for daring to allude to anything remotely negative about this administration, I invite you to ponder these few examples of how your favorite politicians spent your money in 2014.

Swedish massages for rabbits (\$387,000): The National Institutes of Health paid for a two-year study that involved giving rabbits daily post-exercise rub downs from a "mechanical device that simulates the long, flowing strokes used in Swedish massages." The goal was to measure the impact on recovery from workouts.

A "Tower to Nowhere" forced upon NASA (\$350 million to date): Republican lawmakers from Mississippi successfully pushed through an earmark requiring the National Aeronautic and Space Administration to complete work on a 300-foot tower that the agency has no use for. The structure, located at a space center in Mississippi, is designed to test rocket engines that were part of a George W.

Now's not the time for foolishness Bush-era space program that President Obama canceled in 2010. NASA doesn't plan to develop any new rockets that could be tested in the "Tower of Pork' or "Tower to Nowhere," as the structure is known.

Synchronized swimming for sea monkeys (\$307,500): Three federal agencies supported a study measuring the swirl creat ed by the collective movements of sea monkeys, a tiny variety of brine shrimp. The researchers found that the creatures, along with other swimming plankton, could "potentially influence the circulation of water in oceans." The National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research and the U.S.-Israel **Binational Science Founda** tion contributed \$307,524 to the project, but sea-monkey kits can be purchased online for as little as \$12.

How about \$19 million for bureaucratic vacations, charging booze and personal trips on the taxpayer's "company credit card"?

I'm not sure about you, but I've often wondered how mountain lions would react if put on a treadmill. In a study funded with an \$856,000 National Science Foundation grant, three captive mountain lions were taught to use a treadmill. It took eight months of training before the cats were "comfortable on the treadmill." The treadmill study found "mountain lions do not have the aerobic capacity for sustained, high-energy activity. Now we know and it only cost us almost a million dollars of our hard earned money to learn it.

Are you familiar with the word "hangry"? It's a term applied to a study of how many times spouses in anger stab a voodoo doll representing their spouse when they are hungry. Those tests revealed what may already be obvious to many couples: a spouse with low blood sugar was an angrier one, and stuck more pins in the doll. That magnificent bit of knowledge cost you and me \$331,000.00

The list is extensive and details \$25 billion in government waste and all I can say is "Heav en help us all".

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



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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for cool breezes and sunny skies.

Here is a quote from the introduction of his report: "Ebola in America. Security breaches at

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Pelosi looking past Dems' grim present

e don't agonize. We organize," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi chimed after an editorial board meeting with the San Francisco Chron-

icle on Monday. 2014 is probably not her favorite year. In 2010, the Democrats lost the House, and she lost the speakership. Polling suggests Democrats will lose more seats in November. Pelosi has become the other face of the Democratic Party, second only to the unpopular President Barack Obama. Republicans raise money by dangling her name in front

of donors. She even mused about leaving Washington. Someday.

Now even the rare Democrat is moving away from the party leader.

"I am not Nancy Pelosi," Democrat Gwen Graham, the daughter of former Florida Gov. Bob Graham, declared.

She is challenging Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Fla. At a recent debate, Graham chastised her fellow Democrats for playing up the so-called GOP "war on women" and faulted Pelosi for pushing through the Affordable Care Act without Republican

Even if Democrats lose seats, expect Pelosi to hang on to her leadership position.

After all, she has raised more than \$400 million for fellow Democrats during her dozen years as their leader.

This year, her office boasts, she raised more than one-third of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's haul. It is a testament to Madam Leader's discipline that she can raise all that cash and nonetheless denounce the GOP for its ties to "big money."

This year, Capitol Hill staffers named Pelosi the "most partisan" House member in an informal survey by Washingtonian.

Be it noted, last year Pelosi told USA Today that Obama is "one of the most practically nonpartisan presidents" she's ever seen.

When I asked her whether she is polarizing, Pelosi answered, "I think they're trying to make me a polarizing figure. I think the president has really assumed that role in this election. I don't think they're paying much attention to me, but if they were, it's just a demonstration of the bankruptcy of their ideas."

All she really cares about, Pelosi asserted, is the Affordable Care Act.

It was vintage Pelosi.

"My being speaker is the least important thing to me," she said. And: "I don't know why we all sit around and talk about these things." At 74, Pelosi has begun

to hint at retirement — maybe after the big Democratic wins she foresees in 2016. "If we were to win and I didn't have to worry about these things anymore," she told the Chronicle, "I'm back in the city." She meant San Francisco, where she is seen as a moderate, not Washington.

But then, Pelosi has to talk about 2016 because there's not much upbeat she can say about 2014. The DCCC has yanked money intended for Democratic hopefuls to bolster the sagging campaigns of endangered incumbents.

The New York Times forecasts a 68 percent chance of the GOP's winning the Senate. The Real-ClearPolitics poll average lists Obama's disapproval rating at 53 percent.

The Dems' "war on women" mantra isn't working. The only thing the Democrats have going for them is the public's distaste for the Republican Party which, to paraphrase Pelosi, demonstrates the bankruptcy of their ideas.

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Amen votes.



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News in brief

Analysts: IS ignores al-Qaida's call to reunite to fight West, but their feud has tapered off

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida is using U.S.-led coalition airstrikes in Syria as a reason to extend olive branches to the renegade Islamic State group, saying the two should stop feuding and join forces to attack Western targets — a reunification that intelligence analysts say would allow al-Qaida to capitalize on the younger group's ruthless advance across the region.

Analysts are closely watching al-Qaida's repeated overtures, and while a full reconciliation is not expected soon — if ever — there is evidence the two groups have curtailed their infighting and are cooperating on the Syrian battlefield, according to activists on the ground, U.S. officials and experts who monitor jihadi messages.

Al-Qaida is saying, "Let's just have a truce in Syria," said Tom Joscelyn, who tracks terror groups for the Long War Journal. "That is what's underway now. ... What we have seen is that local commanders are entering into local truces. There are definitely areas where the two groups are not fighting."

The Islamic State group has seized about a third of Iraq and Syrian territory and is terrorizing civilians to impose a strict interpretation of Islamic law. Their advances led to airstrikes by the United States and a coalition of Western and Persian Gulf nations in both Iraq and Syria.

After rocket explosion, space company to recover debris, look for what caused it

ATLANTIC, Va. (AP) — The owners of a commercial supply ship that exploded moments after liftoff promised to find the cause of the failed delivery mission to the International Space Station and warned residents to not touch any debris they might stumble across from the craft, which was carrying hazardous materials.

Crews planned to hit the ground at daybreak Wednesday to search for pieces of Orbital Sciences Corp.'s Antares rocket and Cygnus cargo module, which blew up Tuesday night just moments after lifting off from NASA's launch complex at Wallops Island, Virginia, said Bill Wrobel, director of the facility. The cargo ship was carrying 5,000 pounds of experiments and equipment for NASA, as well as prepackaged meals and freeze-dried Maryland crabcakes for a Baltimore-born astronaut who's been in orbit for five months. All of the lost materials will be replaced and flown to the 260-milehigh space station, NASA space station program manager Mike Suffredini said. He said astronauts at the station currently have enough supplies to last until spring.

The accident could draw scrutiny to the space agency's growing reliance on private U.S. companies in the postshuttle era. NASA is paying billions of dollars to Virginia-based Orbital Sciences and the California-based SpaceX company to make station deliveries, and it's counting on SpaceX and Boeing to start flying U.S. astronauts to the orbiting lab as early as 2017. It was the fourth Cygnus bound for the orbiting lab; the first flew just over a year ago. SpaceX is scheduled to launch another Dragon supply ship from Cape Canaveral, Florida, in December.

Biden the tiebreaker: What happens if the Senate between Dems, GOP is tied after midterms?

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the stuff of a campaign manager's dream: The sitting vice president, in the midst of his own run for president, dashes across Pennsylvania Avenue and bursts into the Senate to cast the deciding vote on make-or-break legislation, saving the day for his party while C-SPAN cameras capture the moment.

For Joe Biden, it could become a reality — in the event of a deadlocked Senate after the midterm elections.

If the Senate splits evenly between Democrats and Republicans, the vice president's role as the 101st senator would instantly be elevated. That in turn would raise Biden's own profile heading into 2016, when Biden has said he may run for president again. It could even help him try to rival the rock-star status that Democrats have already bestowed upon Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"It makes Joe Biden suddenly a hugely relevant Washington figure," said Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University. "It shows he's a power player."

Where's the czar? Federal Ebola response raises questions about White House coordination

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's commander in the fight against Ebola was expected to operate below the public radar. But did that mean invisible?

Ron Klain has barely been seen, and a week before midterm elections, Obama is pressing to dispel criticism that the government can't manage the Ebola crisis. The White House's behind-the scenes coordination of the Ebola response is being severely tested, while the Pentagon and states like New York and New Jersey take public steps that are far firmer than federal guidelines. That's creating the appearance of a crazy quilt of Ebola measures.

"The CDC is behind on this," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Tuesday. "Governors ultimately have responsibility to protect the public health of people within their borders."

The politics of Ebola: Tricky balancing act for Christie, Cuomo could have ramifications

NEW YORK (AP) — Two ambitious governors — one Republican, one Democrat — known for their no-nonsense, take-charge style in a calamity have set off a furor with their aggressive handling of the Ebola crisis, and how it plays out could shape their political futures.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie won praise for their decisive response to Superstorm Sandy two years ago, and their reaction to Ebola seemed rooted in the same philosophy: They would take bold steps to reassure a jittery public with a display of bipartisan cooperation.

But their style this time has proved far more divisive.

"This is a big moment, and a lot of people are watching carefully," said William Eimicke, professor of public affairs at Columbia University. "It's about balance and judgment, and voters will remember if this was handled well or not."

The two men hurriedly put together a mandatory, three-week quarantine plan for health care workers returning from Ebola-stricken West Africa that has come under fire from the White House, medical groups and some quarters of the media, even as the new guidelines were emulated by other states and seemed to influence the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which tightened its recommendations.

Zambian President Michael Sata dies after an illness; Cabinet plots political transition

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — Zambian leader Michael Sata, a longtime opposition leader who was finally elected president in 2011, died after an illness, the Zambian government said Wednesday. The Cabinet held a meeting to discuss a political transition, which would include elections within 90 days in the southern African nation.

Sata died shortly after 11 p.m. on Tuesday at London's King Edward VII hospital, where he was being treated, Cabinet secretary Roland Msiska said in a statement.

Sata's wife, Christine Kaseba, and his son, Mulenga Sata, were at the 77-year-old president's side when he died, Msiska said. Mulenga Sata is the mayor of the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

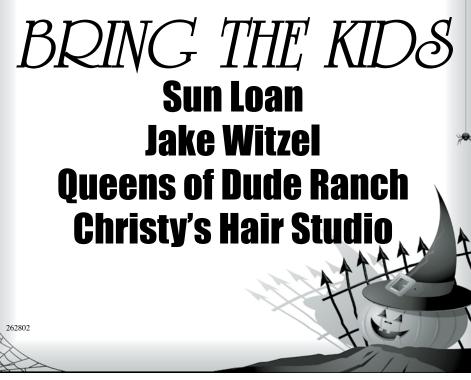
The Cabinet discussed plans for a political handover, a Zambian official said.

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The Cat Sitter's

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Check this out: What's at the library

o you remember when a sure-fire, get rich scheme was raising emus? Nowadays, you can see emus running wild in some areas where

owners have just released them or perhaps they have escaped from corrals. Donna Andrews is a mystery

writer

whose



Hollis McCright

mystery titles (and stories) are bird-themed. Her latest is, OK, wait for it, "The Good, the Bad and Emus" (M AND D).

Meg Langslow's longlost paternal grandfather Dr. Blake was just re-united with his family when he saw Meg's picture in the paper and recognized as the spitting image of his long lost love Cordelia. But Cordelia has been dead for a vear and a cousin is convinced it was murder, so Meg and local private eye investigator Stanley Denton are tasked with finding out if it is so.

Emus come into the picture as background cover as Dr. Blake will start a rescue group for feral emus. This is a zany mystery series, much like the Hannah Swenson series by Joanna Fluke and we have several of the Donna Andrews mysteries on the shelves to check out.

This is the only one we have in the Dixie Hemingway series (we may have order more) but it was an enjoyable mystery with cats (we are "owned" by six!). "The Cat Sitters' Nine Lives" by Blaize and John Clement starts out like this: While driving along the beachside road that runs through the center of her hometown Dixie witnesses a terrible head-on collision.

Ever the heroine, she springs into action and pulls one of the drivers from his car just before it explodes in flames. A little shaken but none the worse for wear, Dixie proceeds to her local bookstore where she meets Cosmo, a fluffy, orange tomcat, and Mr. Hoskins, the store's kind but strangely befuddled owner.

The next day the driver whose life she saved claims that he is Dixie's husband. Meanwhile, both Cosmo and Mr. Hoskins have disappeared without a trace, and a mysterious phone call from a new client lures her to a crumbling, abandoned mansion on the outskirts of town.

Soon Dixie finds herself locked in a riddle of deception, revenge, murder, and mystery. This is the ninth book in the series; I will try to get at least the first couple in the series to have on the shelves.

Joe Pickett fans: C.J. Box has a collection of stories from "Joe Pickett County" for you to enjoy. Stories in "Shots Fired" (F BOX C) don't all feature Joe, but you will recognize some of the characters from some of his books.

I must say that I am glad I don't live up in the high country like him and some of his characters do; it is much too cold for me. Don't forget to check out the Joe Pickett mysteries we have in the collection.

Now for books from two of my favorite mystery writers, Margaret Maron and Bill Crider.

"Designated Daughters" (M MAR M) by Margaret Maron features Judge Deborah Knott and her husband Deputy Sheriff Dwight Bryant.

When Judge Deborah Knott is summoned to her ailing Aunt Rachel's bedside, she assumes the worst. Thankfully when she arrives at the hospice center she learns that Rachel hasn't passed; in fact, the dying woman is awake.

Surrounded by her children, her extended family, and what seems like half of Colleton County, a semi-conscious Rachel breaks weeks of pained silence with snippets of stories as randomly pieced together as a well-worn patchwork quilt.

But the Knott family's joy quickly gives way to shock: less than an hour later, Aunt Rachel is found dead in her bed, smothered with a pillow. Soon Deborah and Dwight realize that the key to solving this case is hidden in Rachel's mysterious final words. Her mixed-up memories harbored a dark secret-a secret that someone close to them is determined to bury

forever. From Bill Crider (he lives in Alvin,

> Texas ... I wonder if he knows Nolan Ryan?) comes

rom comes ce mys- Sherrgaret iff Dan crider. Rhodes of ugh- Blacklin by County, fea- up in the

panhandle of Texas The local community college and an antique dealer team up to have a workshop for artists. One local man, Burt Collins, isn't fond of the art, and he isn't fond of having

the artists

in town.

Sheriff Dan Rhodes is called to the antique store because Collins has been accused of vandalizing some paintings.

When Rhodes arrives, two men are restraining Collins.

But before Rhodes can take Collins into custody, a near riot breaks out. Rhodes gets the situation under control with the help of college math instructor and wannabe cop Seepy Benton.

Later that day, Rho-

des has to help the county animal control officer round up some runaway donkeys, and that evening there's a robbery at a local convenience store.

AUTHORS OF THE DIXIE HEMINGWAY MYSTERIES

After looking into the robbery, Rhodes goes by to see Collins and talk to him about the vandalism.

Collins isn't talking because he's been killed; his head bashed in with a bust of Dale Earnhardt Jr. Rhodes is faced with other problems, too — a naked woman in a roadside park and a gang of meth-cookers. It seems as if a sheriff's work is never done.

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Royals force Game 7 with rout of Giants

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Madison Bumgarner is ready to pitch in for Game 7.

The biggest World Series ace of all plans to be in the bullpen Wednesday night, just in case the San Francisco Giants need him against the Kansas City Royals for an out or two.

Or possibly a few more.

Asked how many pitches he could throw in relief, MadBum tossed out a playful estimate: "I said maybe 200."

From the outset Tuesday night in Game 6, there was little doubt this Series was headed to the limit.

The Royals turned bloops, bouncers and a botched grounder into a blowout, scoring seven runs in the second inning. Rookie Yordano Ventura, pitching with the initials of late St. Louis outfielder Oscar Taveras on his cap, cruised to a 10-0 rout.

Now, a true treat for everyone: A winner-takeall matchup, with Jeremy Guthrie pitching for the Royals against Tim Hudson — at 39, Hudson will be the oldest Game 7 starter ever.

"I mean, Game 7s are always special," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "As kids, what I fall back on is when I was 10 years old, hitting rocks in the backyard, trying to hit it over the fence for a home run."

"I never one time Giants in the offseason thought, 'OK, bases loadfor this chance. For all ed, two out, bottom of his success elsewhere, the ninth, Game 5 of the he had never reached the World Series, you know? World Series. Never. It was always two Neither had hardly any outs, bottom of the ninth, of the Royals, playing Game 7 of the World Sewith other teams. ries, you know?" "I don't there is any San Francisco outfieldbutterflies. I think tonight proved that. We're er Hunter Pence echoed all made for this. We're that. a championship team," "A Game 7 in the World Kansas City reliever Tim Series is a gift for everyone. It's pretty special. Collins said. "We've been waiting It's like incredibly enterfor this a long time. The taining for fans, incredcity has been waiting for ibly entertaining for the world and the game of this a long time. We're baseball," Pence said. not nervous. We're a tough team. With our Even Jake Peavy, who had a chance to clinch backs against the wall, the Giants' third title we came out and proved in five years but didn't we're ready," he said. make it through the sec-The wild card in this fiond inning, could apprenal game is Bumgarner. ciate what was on deck. By winning the opener "Who doesn't want a and then pitching a shut-Game 7?" Peavy said. out in Game 5, heestab-"That being said, we lished himself as an Ocwanted to get it done totober great. How else to describe a pitcher who's night. I wanted to get it 4-0 with an 0.29 ERA in done." Instead, someone else four World Series starts.

might become a baseball immortal.

Maybe someone hits a home run to end Game 7, the way Bill Mazeroski did in 1960. Or there's a tremendous pitching performance, like the 10-inning shutout Jack Morris threw in 1991. Or a surprise ending, the way Arizona stunned Mariano Rivera in 2001. Recent history favors

Kansas City. Home teams have won nine straight Game 7s in the Series since Pittsburgh's victory at Baltimore in 1979, including Kansas City's 11-0 romp past St. Louis at this very same stadium in 1985.

The Giants have lost all four times the World Series went the distance. In 2002, Barry Bonds & Co. lost at the Angels.

"For both teams winning the wild-card game ... all the different series just to get to this point and to get to Game 7, it's been one remarkable ride for guys in this locker room and guys in their locker room," Giants designated hitter Michael Morse said.

"To come down to Game 7 is amazing," he said. "It just tells you what kind of teams these are. It's been a battle every game. Why not go to Game 7?"

Said Hudson: "I can't wait to get out there tomorrow and have some fun."

Hudson, in fact, signed as a free agent with the



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com) Big Spring's Erin Pollard soars into the air for one of her team-high 19 kills on Tuesday in the Lady Steers' 3-2 loss to Sweetwater in their District 2-4A finale. Big Spring finished the regular season at 19-19 and will advance to the bi-district round of the playoffs to face the No. 3 seed from District 1-4A.

Sweetwater spoils Lady Steers' district title hopes with upset

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers went into Tuesday's regular season finale hoping to extend the regular season by one game by forcing a District 2-4A playoff game.

Sweetwater helped them avoid

The Lady Mustangs spoiled the Lady Steers hopes of forcing a one-game playoff with Levelland to determine the district championship by rallying from an early deficit to claim a stunning 3-2 victory in the best-of-five series.

With the loss, Big Spring finished second in the final district standings with an 8-2 record. More importantly, they will advance to the bi-district playoffs as the No. 2 seed.

Big Spring got off to a quick start again the Lady Mustangs.

District 2-4A Volleyball Standings									
	Dist.	Season							
x-Levelland	9-1	26-11							
y-Big Spring	8-2	19-19							
y-Sweetwater	7-3	22-12							
y-Snyder		15-16							
Lamesa	2-8	11-19							
Lubbock Estacado	0-10	3-30							
x-district champion									
y-clinched playoff sp	ot								
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Levelland def. Snyder 25-12, 25-23, 21-25, 25-14; Sweetwater def. Big Spring 23-25, 16-25, 25-17, 25-22, 15-10; Lamesa def. Lubbock Estacado 19-25, 24-26, 25-20, 26-24, 15-7

Backed by a three quick service points from Stevi Ward, the Lady Steers looked as if they would breeze past Sweetwater, Big Spring pounded out wins of 25-23 and 25-16 to move with a Game 3 win of forcing a playoff.

Unfortunately for the BSHS girls, Sweetwater didn't go down.

The lady Mustangs posted wins of 25-17 and 25-22 in the ensuing two games to knot the score at 2-2.

Sweetweter closed out the stunning upet with a 15-10 run in the final frame.

Sweetwater 3, Big Spring 2

KILLS: Erin Pollard 19, Leksey Yarbar 10, Alyssa Armentrout 8, Katie Wash 6, Emilie Smith 5, Addie Jimenez 3, August Alexander 1, Stevi Ward 1, Julianna Rodriguez 1.

DIGS: Julianna Rodriguez 25, Katie Wash 16, Emilie Smith 8, Erin Pollard 7, Addie Jimenez 5, Stevi Ward 5, Leksey Yarbar 4, Alyssa Armentrout 2, August Alexander 1.

ASSISTS: Emilie Smith 42, Leksey Yarbar 3, Erin Pollard 3, Katie Wash 3, Julianna Rodriguez 1, Stevi Ward 1.

BLOCKS: Leksey Yarbar 1, Erin Pollard 1, August Alexander 1, Emilie Smith

ACES: Erin Pollard 3, Julianna Rodriguez 3, Emilie Smith 1, Leksey Yarbar

Todd Gurley gets 4 game suspension

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) -The NCAA has ruled that Georgia star running back Todd Gurley must sit out until Nov. 15 for accepting more than \$3,000 for autographed memorabilia and other items over a two-year period.

He also must repay a portion of the money to a charity of his choice and complete 40 hours of community service.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Aaron Salazar outruns three Wylie defenders to the end zone during the seventh grade B team's 6-0 victory on Tuesday at Blankenship Field.

Salazar, BSJHS defense lift Steers to 6-0 victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

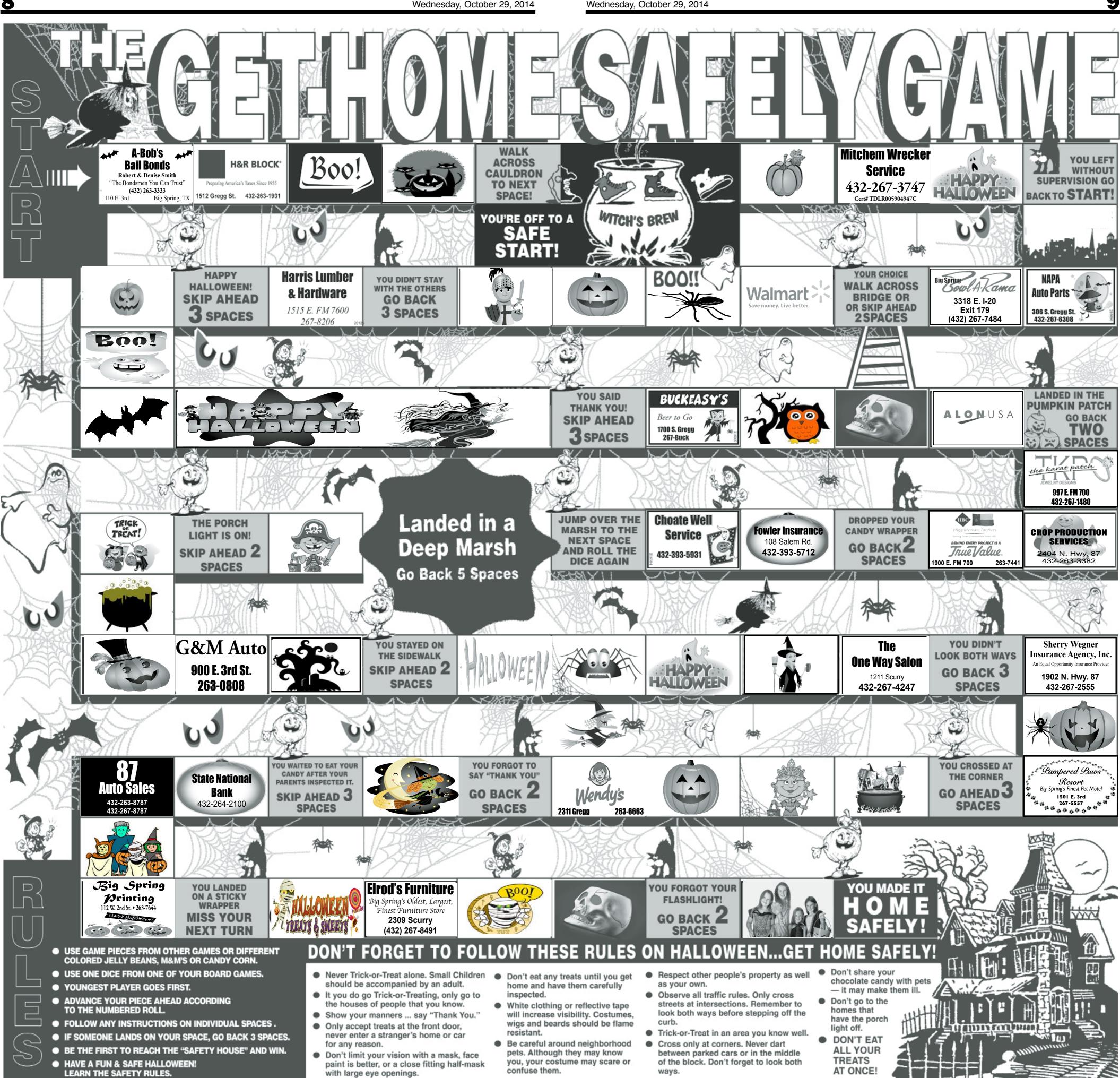
Angelo Olivas rushed for 115 yards and Aaron Salazar added 48 more on Tuesday afternoon and led the Big Spring Junior High School Steers ' 7B team to a thrilling 6-0 victory over the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs at Blankenship Field.

Big Spring put itself on top early in the contest by taking the opening kick and marching the length of the field for a go-ahead touchdown.

Olivas provided the bulk of the BSJHS offense in the drive. He reeled off back-to-back runs of 15 and three yards to move the ball to the Wylie 47. Moments later, he set up the game's only score by breaking off a 30-yard run to the Wylie 5.

Salazar took care of See BSJHS on Page 16

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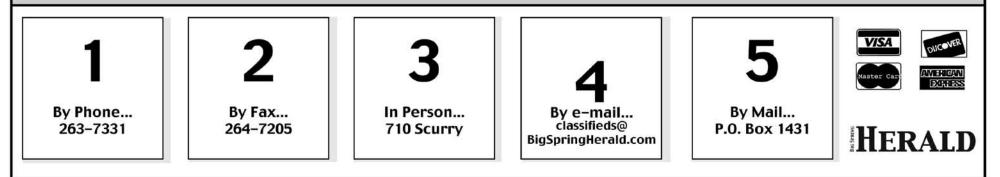
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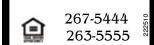


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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Industrious Moon

Riding on the momentum of the auspicious Neptune action of the past two days and

industrious Capricorn moon, this will be the most productive day of the week. Start with what

HOLIDAY interests MATHIS you, and you'll gain the energy

necessary to tackle what doesn't (but nevertheless must be done). Know your strengths and work from there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The wise man doesn't assume that his thoughts are true or that he has an accurate perception of reality. Every person filters experience differently. Be open to hearing other people's sides of your story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll realize that you've developed thick skin in exactly the area that is most helpful to you. You're alert to criticism and take it in calmly without emotion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the one who communicates best, so don't hesitate to take on the responsibility of making sure everyone is on the same page. When the whole team works together, the result will be successful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're drawn to romance, sentiment even, but not melodrama. The minute the story gets overly colorful and emotionally exaggerated. you start to doubt the storyteller -- and rightfully so. Trust those instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If vou've ever fallen prev to the "imposter

major ones. That's because you have a strong feeling about the direction you're going -you're just not sure what shirt to wear for the journey.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your prevailing attitude today is one of idealism. You will see life as good -- or if that's too hard, you'll look for all the ways life is better than it seems. There's the potential for a truly wonderful experience somewhere in this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A seemingly casual invitation is actually an important and pivotal entre into a new world. Prepare for this. Give some thought to how you can put your best foot forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). The book of Proverbs warns that pride goeth before a fall. You can avoid the fall today by carefully estimating the elements and humbly assessing your ability to navigate them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some easily put their trust in others and get into relationships quickly. Others take their time, ever careful and watchful along the way. You're somewhere in the middle, ready for minor social risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your best champion will be a person who has attempted a similar feat to the one you are attempting and failed many times. This person will cheer you on and help you avoid the traps along the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Idleness can be lazy, evil even, or it can be sacred. Much depends on the spirit of the approach. Note that sacred idleness can be more productive than action.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 29). Levity fills your

31, 16 and 2.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo with Virgo rising and a Virgo moon. This combined with some strong Pisces business in my chart has me overly sensitive and often anxious. To the outside eye, I may look like a high-functioning human and artist (I'm a poet and I write stories), but I often wish I were one of those shiny happy people who are laid-back and just go with the flow. How can I change?"

It is possible that a person who is blessed with the talent of being present, content. spontaneous and joyful in the moment sometimes wouldn't think to create a different reality or method of escape and therefore wouldn't be compelled to write stories and poems the way you do. Driven high-achievers are often the ones who are the hardest on themselves. There are many impressively intelligent and creative people who are inwardly unsettled and challenged daily by the prospect of finding serenity. With every personality trait comes an upside and a downside. There is no benefit to wishing you were different. There are things you are better and worse at, but truly we are all equals in the universe. Stop comparing yourself, and get on with the business of figuring out how to help yourself succeed with the very special talents you have.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Scorpio artists aren't afraid to put their own spin on taboo subject matter, and Swedish pop star Tove Lo definitely fits this astral definition. The intensely dark "Habits" from her debut album Queen of the Clouds is climbing up the Billboard charts these days, coinciding nicely with her solar return. Tove Lo was born when Mercury, Venus and Pluto were also in ardent Scorpio. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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syndrome," you know how it feels to believe that someone is bound to find out that you don't really know what you're doing. Guess what? They don't, either, so go on and fake it together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's odd, but making minor decisions will take more time than making

heart as you go into your new year. Relationships improve in remarkable ways through the next three months. You'll focus on improving yourself, and another person has a transformation due to your influence. April brings a career leap. In June, you'll see an area

you've long dreamed

about. Cancer and Leo

people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 12,

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Sudoku Answer On Page 10

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Opening lead — five of spades. try the other. In deciding what to do in these cases, declarer's best bet is to rely on basic probabilities.

When dummy appears, he can count seven top tricks heart, two diamonds and two clubs

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There are two possibilities. He can cross to dummy with a diamond at trick two and take a heart finesse. If it succeeds, he can return to dummy with another diamond and repeat the finesse. Since East and West are equally likely to hold the heart king, the chance that this approach will succeed is an even 50 percent.

South's other option is to attempt to establish dunimy's diamonds. This can be accomplished, if the missing diamonds are divided 3-2, by allowing the defenders to win the first lead of the suit and later using his remaining diamond as an entry to dummy.

In trying to choose which method of play is more likely to succeed, it is obviously helpful for declarer to know that the chance of a 3-2 division is 68 percent.

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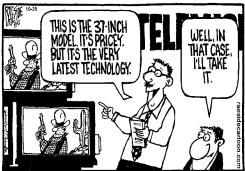
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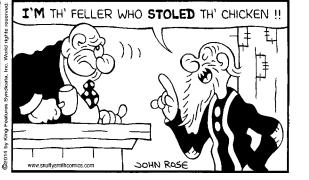


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Can We Afford an Israeli-Palestinian Peace?

Reaching a peace accord in the midst of today's Middle East turmoil could hand a victory to global jihad and a horror to the rest of the world.

Hamas. as well as terror groups ISIS, al Qaeda and Hizbollah, are waging a global jihad-seeking to conquer Arab lands, attack the West and establish an Islamist caliphate. Their numbers and conquests are growing. Though Israel recently repulsed Hamas militarily, the jihadi group's popularity among Palestinians has skyrocketed. Indeed, Hamas threatens to soon seize the Palestinian West Bank, as it did Gaza in 2007. Is this the time for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement?

What are the facts?

Israel, backed by the U.S., has made bold, groundbreaking land-for-peace offers to the Palestinians: In 2000 and in 2007 Israel offered about 95% of the land captured by Israel in 1967 and a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem. In 2005. Israel also unilaterally withdrew from Gaza, leaving it under Palestinian control. Despite these Israeli overtures,

producing more rockets for future attacks on Israel. There is also no question that Abbas-now serving the tenth year of a four-year term as president—is losing power over the corrupt Palestinian Authority. Under an agreement Abbas struck with Hamas in April 2014 to form a unity government, general elections are to be held in October 2014. While it's doubtful these elections will be

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TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Claimed IB Justin Smoak off waivers from Seattle

National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS Reinstated RHP Ross Ohlendorf from the 60-day DL and assigned him outright. Announced Ohlendorf refused his outright assignment and elected free agency. BASKETBALL

its third-year contract option on G Tim Hardaway Jr. FOOTBALL

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Zach Bauman to the practice squad. Released CB Anthony Gaitor

from the practice squad. ATLANTA FALCONS - Signed S Charles Godfrey. Waived S Sean Baker. BUFFALO BILLS - Placed S

Kenny Ladler on the injured reserve list. CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed

S Robert Lester from the practice squad and OT Mike Remmers from the St. Louis practice squad. Placed LB Chase Blackburn on injured reserve. Waived RB Darrin Reaves. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS-

Acquired LB Jonathan Casillas and a 2014 sixth-round draft pick from Tampa Bay for a 2014 fifth-round draft pick. Released OL Chris Barker. NEW YORK JETS - Released LB A.J. Edds. Signed CB Marcus

Williams from the practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS Traded S Mark Barron to St. Louis for a 2015 fourth- and sixth-round draft pick.

Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DE Leon Mackey to the practice roster.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS - Agree to terms with LB Cory Greenwood. Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS Agreed to terms with WR Brandon Thompkins

HOCKEY National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES - Announced D Corey Potter cleared waivers and was assigned to Adirondack (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES Activated C Eric Staal from injured reserve. Reassigned F Patrick Brown to Charlotte (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS Placed G Sergei Bobrovsky on injured reserve. Recalled G Anton Forsberg from Springfield (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned

C Stephen Weiss to Grand Rapids (AHL) for conditioning. Reassigned D Richard Nedomlel from Grand Rapids to Toledo (ECHL).

MINNESOTA WILD - Recalled D Stu Bickel and D Justin Falk from Iowa (AHL). Placed D Keith Ballard and D Christian Folin on injured reserve, retroactive to Oct. 21. NASHVILLE PREDATORS

Placed F Rich Clune on waivers. Assigned F Viktor Stalberg to Milwaukee on a conditionina assignment.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS Recalled RW Tom Wilson from Hershey (AHL). Reassigned RW Chris Brown to Hershey

COLLEGE CULVER-STOCKTON -Named

Pat Atwell athletics director. FORDHAM - Promoted Mary

Cunneen to associate director of athletics for facilities/event management and Joe Webber assistant director of athletics for equipment operations and purchasing.

IOWA — Announced freshman WR Derrick Willies is leaving the football program

OHIO STATE — Announced senior TB Rod Smith has left the football team for personal reasons.

BSJHS 8A girls down Snyder

The Big Spring Junior High School 8th grade A team claimed a thrilling 25-16, 15-25, 27-25 victory over the Snyder Lady Tigers in volleyball action on Monday afternoon.

Kamri Kemper led the Lady Steers on offense by serving up 16 points and with her setting.

Logan Terrazas and Kayleigh Penny also played well. The two combined for seven kills.

Lea Rivera, Alexis Starr, and Hallie Hyatt had an outstanding defensive game.

The BSJHS seventh grde A team suffered a 25-9, 26-24, 25-23 defeat.

"The team as a whole played with intensity to force a third set where they fell short," set BSJHS coach Tab Barbee.

TrinityGalloway,Brooklyn Durham and Amber Martinez were the top offensive players. Kynleigh Joy and Robyn Evans led the team on defense.

The seventh grade B team lost 25-18, 25-11.

Bethany Saiz had seven consecutive service points and played great defense. Amaya Cobos and Sophie Dominguez contributed with good defensive play.

The BSJHS eighth grade B team lost 26-24, 25-16, 25-

Haley Crawford, McKenna Alsobrooks, Haiven Rushing, and Luxie Evans were the defensive players of the game. Aryssa Garcia and Emily Hendricks were the offensive leaders.

National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS — Exercised



so-called "moderate" Palestinians have rejected all offers held, it's highly likely that Hamas, if unchecked, will again and walked out of subsequent peace

negotiations. Of course, the Palestinian terror

group, Hamas flatly rejects even the idea of peace with Israel. Though Hamas won a majority in Palestinian parliamentary elections

in 2005, it violently conquered Gaza in 2007 and has since ruled the territory with an Islamist iron fist. Hamas jihadis have fired more than 14,000 rockets at Israeli civilians and started outright wars in 2008, 2012 and 2014. Hamas's charter implacably commits the group to "obliterate" the state of Israel, "fight Jews and kill them" and "raise the banner of Allah" over every inch of Muslim lands. Hamas's charter also specifically rejects "so-called peaceful solutions."

Today, the situation in the Middle East has deteriorated dramatically, with the burgeoning strength and brutality of Islamist terrorists from Hamas, ISIS, al Qaeda and Hizbollah. But the greatest obstacle to peace between Israel and the Palestinians is the continued belligerence of Hamas. Israel soundly defeated Hamas in the latest Gaza war, eliminating dozens of the group's terror tunnels, hundreds of its fighters and thousands of its rockets. Ironically, Hamas is viewed by the Palestinian people as heroic, and its support has soared to 87%, according to recent polls. Polls also indicate that Ismail Haniya, the Islamist group's former prime minister, would handily defeat all opponents, including 79-year-old Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, were elections to be held. What's more, Hamas brags that even after its devastating loss during the most recent war with Israel, it is already

Hamas threatens to soon seize analysts agree that the only thing the Palestinian West Bank, as it did Gaza in 2007.

the West Bank. Indeed most preventing Hamas's takeover of the West Bank is the security assistance Israel provides to the Palestinian Authority.

resort to violence to take control of

No nation on earth is more threatened by the Islamist jihad than Israel, which is now almost completely encircled by terrorists-ISIS and al Qaeda on Israel's Syria border, Hizbollah on its Lebanon border, and Hamas on its border with Gaza. Now Hamas threatens to seize the Palestinian West Bank, which would complete Israel's encirclement, as well as create a nightmare for Jordan and Egypt.

While recent U.S. and Israeli efforts to fashion a peace agreement with "moderate" Palestinian factions have been well intentioned, it's clear that Mahmoud Abbas has neither the authority nor a sincere wish to make a deal. Above all, Abbas refuses to acknowledge the right of Jews to have a state in Israel. Clearly, with Hamas on the threshold of taking control of the West Bank, any attempts to forge a peace with Abbas seem futile and frightening-for Israel, the U.S. and most Middle East nations. We know that Hamas can wreak havoc on Israel from Gaza even with relatively primitive missiles, but we can only imagine with horror the damage Hamas could cause if it were in control of territory on the edge of Israel's entire eastern flank, just yards from the holy city of Jerusalem, Israel's capital, and a few miles from Ben Gurion International Airport.

What's more, a peace deal with the Palestinians would be worthless were Hamas to take over. Rather this would represent a major new victory for global jihad.

New U.S. military actions against ISIS will be helpful in degrading that terror group's murderous capability. But the U.S. and Israel, as well as European and moderate Arab nations, must also support efforts of West Bank Palestinians to gain political integrity, develop economically and defeat Hamas. In any case, with the region's unprecedented instability and Hamas's ascendancy, this is not the time to press for a potentially disastrous Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement.



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Sports

Cowboys awaiting word on latest injury to Romo's back

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo's dramatic return from his latest back injury doesn't mean he is cleared to face the next opponent.

Coach Jason Garrett said Tuesday that Dallas was waiting on additional testing for an injury he says is unrelated to the herniated disk Romo sustained in Washington last December, when surgery kept him out of a season-ending loss to Philadelphia with a playoff berth on the line.

Romo hurt his back against the Redskins again Monday night, getting what Garrett called a contusion on a thirdquarter sack. X-rays were negative, and Romo took a pain injection before series of regulation and a failed possession in overtime of a 20-17 loss that snapped Dallas' six-game winning streak.

After saying on his radio show earlier in the day that he anticipated Romo being ready to face the Cardinals (6-1), Garrett was more evasive when he met with reporters. The coach said Romo "seemed good" when they spoke by phone, but he hadn't seen the quarterback before Romo went for a CT scan.

The Cowboys (6-2) were off Tuesday, and Romo has skipped the Wednesday practice every week during the regular season as part of his postsurgery routine. He had

returning for the final a procedure to remove a cyst from his back in April 2013 and missed all the offseason workouts last year.

> "We've just got to wait and see how he feels, obviously," Garrett said. "Because we played late last night, we'll be more abbreviated anyway, more of a jog throughtype mode.'

Garrett said it was a medical decision to allow Romo to return, but didn't discount the resolve of a quarterback who led a comeback victory over the Redskins while playing with the herniated disk and did the same thing against the 49ers in 2011 with cracked ribs and a punctured lung.

Romo didn't even come close to a rally this time. The last drive of regulation, starting at the Dallas 3, stalled after one first down. The game ended in the extra period on a fourand-out sequence when the Cowboys couldn't convert second-and-2 on three straight pass plays.

"He's been in this kind of situation before and played very well," Garrett said.

The Cowboys scored on both possessions Romo missed, with backup Brandon Weeden getting a boost on his first snap from Murray's 51-yard run to set up a field goal. Weeden then led an 80yard drive capped by a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten.

Parker helps Spurs edge Mavs, 101-100

— Tony Parker made a clutch shot in the fourth quarter. Manu Ginobili had a big game, and Tim Duncan contributed with a double-double.

San Antonio's efficient performance on opening night looked awfully familiar.

Parker made a goahead 3-pointer with 1:07 remaining, and the Spurs began their title defense with a thrilling 101-100 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday.

Parker finished with 23 points and Ginobili scored 20 for San Antonio, which shot 53 percent from the field. Tim Duncan had 14 points and 13

SAN ANTONIO (AP) rebounds for his 14th double-double in a season opener, the most by any player in NBA history, according to Elias Sports.

Dirk Nowitzki gave Dallas a 100-98 lead with a fadeaway jumper over Boris Diaw with 1:37 remaining, but Parker drained a 3-pointer 30 seconds later in front of the Mavericks' bench off a feed from Diaw. Parker was 4 for 4 from long range, matching a career high for 3s in a game.

"It was a great basketball game, you can't kick off the season with a better game than this for the fans there's no way," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

BSJHS

Continued from Page 7 the rest from there. He took a handoff from Fredrick Ausbie and outran three defenders to the corner of the end zone, gibing the Steers a 6-0 cushion with 3:46 left in the opening frame.

Salazar took the win out of the Bulldogs' sails seconds later. He recovered a short kick on the Steers' ensuing kickoff attempt.

Wylie held the ball just three offensive plays in the first quarter.

Salazar wasn't through creating havoc. He recovered a fumble midway through the second quarter.

Just how dominant were the Steers in the first half? Consider this, Wylie held the ball just seven plays in the initial half and gained just 17 total yards.

The Steers defense saved Big Spring late in the contest. After Wylie had opened the fourth quarter by recovering a fumble, the Bulldogs marched to the BSJHS 14. Othon Villalobos and Bryar Haggard helped the Steers defense bow its neck from there. Wylie managed just 1 yard offensively in its final four plays.

The Big Spring seventh grade A team had no trouble getting a win. The team rolled to an easy 36-6 rout of Wylie.

The eighth grade teams split their two games in Abilene. The BSJHS eighth grade B team won a 22-18 decision, while the eighth grade A team dropped a 34-30 decision.

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