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Janna Lassiter debones a turkey at the Salvation Army kitchen Tuesday afternoon. The Salvation Army will hold its annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at its headquarters, located at 811 W. Fifth.

Why I'm thankful

Students in Nikki Martinez's fourth grade English/language arts class at Washington Elementary School were asked what they were thankful for on this holiday. Here are the top 10 results as voted on by the entire class.

Why I'm thankful

I am thankful for my family, because they take care of me. They would never ditch me or say they didn't love me. They



would never say they didn't love me with all their hearts.

When I come back from college, and I have nowhere to stay, my family will be standing at the door waiting

for me.

I have the best family ever. Sometimes I wish I could trade them in, but I can't! Usually, they can be annoying, but I get over it. We always end up saying sorry and forgiving each other.

When I'm down, they are always there to comfort me. I would never ever trade them in. When I get scared at night, they come and comfort me. When I was a baby, they would take care of me. They would wake up in the middle of the night, just for me.

I just want them to know I love them the way they love me. P.S. I love, if I haven't told you enough!

—Genevieve Bedinger

I am thankful for the doctor and chiropractors that helped my mom recover from a car wreck.

My mom worked for a place where you go to people's houses and help them out. At that time, my mom had been helping our uncle. He had also been in a wreck, and he got hurt!



So one day a driver was driving them to his chiropractor and an 18-wheeler smashed them. My mom had fainted! When the car stopped rolling she was barely waking up. When she tried to get up, she couldn't because all the back seats were piled on her. She panicked! Yet, nothing was wrong with her. She had just twisted her neck.

I was relieved and happy. The doctors assigned her a chiropractor. She would go

every day until she got better! After that, she went to court and they gave her money.

I know it's a little late, but thank you doctors and chiropractors. Every day you took the time and helped my mom. Thank you so much!

—Angelina Viera

I'm thankful for the soldiers, because they served us. For that, I want to say thank you in my own words. So thank you, soldiers, for serving for us and letting us be free.

Also, letting the ones that didn't think boys and girls should go to the same school. You helped make this happen. I will always love the soldiers that served us.

They believe in us, and they try their best to live and die for us. They always believe in us. So even if they are far away they still love us. I'm thankful for you!

—Kennedy Osborne

I'm thankful for my mom because she gives me food, clothes, shoes and takes me to places.

I'm thankful for my teacher, Mrs. Martinez, because she loves me, she teaches me and she helps me like when I'm hurt.

Even when I don't know a problem, she helps me. Also, I'm

thankful for the Army because they fight for our country. They save us from getting hurt. I'm thankful for them.

What I'm really thankful for is God, because he made us to survive and be respectful. He is the nicest person in the whole wide world.

—Skylyn Rivera

I am thankful for the people I have met over the year. Like teachers. It was hard for me to make new friends, but now I am in 4th grade I have lots of friends.

Another thing I am thankful for, is my family because they love me. They are there when I need them.

While I was growing up, they would say, "I love you." They would say, "I will always be there."

See **THANKFUL**, Page 3A

Big Spring man indicted for accepting pot delivery

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

For many, FedEx packages bring joy. For one local man, however, it brought criminal charges.

Dontae Renell Carr, 33, of Big Spring faces felony marijuana possession charges after he was one

of 24 people indicted during this week's session of the Howard County Grand Jury.

District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said Carr was the alleged recipient of a FedEx package containing almost a pound of marijuana. The shipment was intercepted in Abilene and authorities allowed the package to be delivered, at which time they arrested Carr.

If convicted of the offense, Carr could be sentenced to up to two years in a state

jail facility.

Others indicted by the grand jury include:

- Amanda Jean Almazan, 38, 1507A Sycamore, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).

- Lauren Elizabeth Burt, 26, Coahoma, debit card abuse (state jail felony).

- Travis Troy Callaway, 27, 119 Hooser Road, two counts, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).

See **INDICTED**, Page 3A



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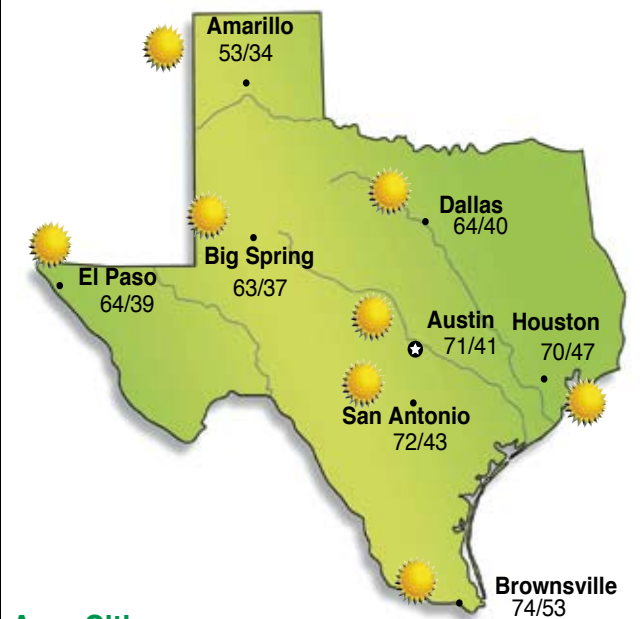
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30	Mon 12/1
63/37 Sunny. High 63F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	67/42 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	71/45 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	74/46 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	75/38 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	38	sunny	Kingsville	75	45	sunny
Amarillo	53	34	sunny	Livingston	68	41	sunny
Austin	71	41	sunny	Longview	65	35	sunny
Beaumont	69	41	sunny	Lubbock	59	32	sunny
Brownsville	74	53	sunny	Lufkin	68	40	sunny
Brownwood	65	37	sunny	Midland	64	37	sunny
Corpus Christi	72	48	sunny	Raymondville	74	50	sunny
Corsicana	65	37	sunny	Rosenberg	70	42	sunny
Dallas	64	40	sunny	San Antonio	72	43	sunny
Del Rio	71	40	sunny	San Marcos	71	43	sunny
El Paso	64	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	64	37	sunny
Fort Stockton	68	39	sunny	Sweetwater	61	39	sunny
Gainesville	62	34	sunny	Tyler	64	37	sunny
Greenville	64	35	sunny	Weatherford	64	38	sunny
Houston	70	47	sunny	Wichita Falls	62	34	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	36	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	5	snow
Boston	42	31	mixed	New York	44	34	mixed
Chicago	33	23	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	55	sunny
Dallas	64	40	sunny	San Francisco	69	54	mst sunny
Denver	54	36	sunny	Seattle	56	53	rain
Houston	70	47	sunny	St. Louis	38	30	snow
Los Angeles	83	60	sunny	Washington, DC	42	34	mixed
Miami	79	56	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30	Mon 12/1
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Take Note

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual toy drive through Dec. 8. The chamber is accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-18 at 215 W. Third. The toys collected will assist CASA, Cossacks Motorcycle Club Permian Basin Chapter, the Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle. For more information, call 432-263-7641.

• Family Faith Center, 810 E. 11th, will hold a shoe giveaway for area children in grades pre-K through 12th from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. For more information, contact the church at 267-6001.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of 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. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of 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 and a background check, 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 432-263-9669.

• 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 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 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group

or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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THANKFUL

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The real thing I am thankful for is my mom. If my mom did not have me, I would not be here writing this letter. I love being with my family, and they love being with me!
They always say to me that they will not go against me. The best thing that I love about them...is that they love me for who I am. This is my life!
—Cecelia Lopez

One thing I'm thankful for is to have my daddy. Many people don't have dads. They're either out in war or they don't live with their families.

My dad left to train for his job. He left to go to Seminole, and I cried. Although two days later he couldn't take it and came back. I didn't want him to give up his dream just because I was being a big baby! He told me that he couldn't take it.

So when I see kids without their dads I try to be friends with them, because one way or another I know what they're going through. I can be a comforting friend and tell them it's OK.

I am so happy my daddy is with me and I am happy I get to see him every night before I go to sleep. Some kids don't get to do that. Even if I don't get pretty stuff it's OK. I have my dad!

I can't imagine my life without my dad. I'm already a daddy's little girl. Dad and I do everything together. I'll cry if he leaves again, seriously.

My mom said I'm a baby and that's true. I am not afraid to mention it at all. Those are reasons why I'm thankful for my daddy!

—Catirina Hernandez

I'm thankful for my family, because I who would care for you if you were ill? Who will pack your lunch? Who will care for you if you were lost? What would you do if you didn't have a family? Your family cares for you, care for them please.

If you appreciate your family, help them do work. Like fix a pipe, help clean dishes, or cook. Think, one time your family risked their life to save you. Think about who helped you on your homework, or gave you enough food to eat. Think about were you would be without your family. Think about who loves you. These are the reasons I'm thankful for my family.

—Salvador Juarez

I am thankful for teachers. I am thankful for them, because without them we would not pass tests, be educated, or even go to collage. I am especially thankful for my fourth grade teachers. They

helped me write better, higher level words, and

they helped me divide, multiply, and understand fractions. If it weren't for teachers, no one would be smart.

Besides, teachers are sweet, loving and caring. They make me feel safe. Especially Mrs. Martinez! She is so kind to everybody in fourth grade. That's what I call a great teacher!

Also, teachers let children learn with fun activities! Not just boring worksheets. They want us to have fun while we learn! Especially the most beautiful teacher in the world, Mrs. Martinez!

That's what I'm thankful for, teachers!

—Emma Miracle

I love my parents. I am thankful for my parents. They give me what I need, and sometimes what I want.

I always have breakfast and dinner. Even if I don't like it, it's there. I should be thankful. I also have shelter. I have pretty much all I could ask for.

In winter they take me shopping. They make sure I get a cozy jacket. I also get a hat and mittens. They also pay for me to go to school. They pay for my entertainment too.

There is so much they give me. I couldn't ask for any thing more. I could even say they're the best parents ever. I might have to do some things for them but, I'm fine with that.

They are the best parents in the galaxy. I bet it's hard being a parent.

—Cheyanne Horton

I am thankful that I believe in God. He helps me and he loves me. He will not let anybody hurt me. He will be there for me and he forgives me. If I am bad he forgives me. I love God and He Loves me. He Loves evrybody.

—Diane Rodriguez

Shooting kills teen

ATLANTA, Texas (AP) — A teenage girl has been fatally shot at a Northeast Texas house and police arrested a teenage boy on a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

Atlanta police Lt. Allen Williams on Wednesday declined to release names or ages of the minors, who are not related.

Williams says the boy remains in juvenile custody at a detention center in Longview.

Police in Atlanta, about 165 miles northeast of Dallas, received a 911 call Tuesday afternoon about a shooting at a home. Police arrived to find

the girl shot. She was pronounced dead at a hospital. Officers detained the boy.

Teen charged with shooting East Texas mail carrier

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — An East Texas youth has been charged with shooting a postal worker in the leg as she delivered mail.

Lufkin police say 17-year-old Jaylon Wortham surrendered on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury against a government employee.

Police say Wortham denies targeting the carrier and says he used an air rifle to shoot at a bird or a squirrel.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Gregg and N.W. Second streets shortly before noon Wednesday. No injury information was available at press time.

INDICTED

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- Orlando Castelan Jr., 32, 1020 Ridgeroad, forgery (enhanced to third degree felony).

- Brittany Castillo, 22, 1905 Wasson No. 62, forgery (third degree felony).

- Johnnie Lee Ezell, 45, 1304 Tucson, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (enhanced to second degree felony).

- Cruzalena Galaviz, securing execution of a document by deception (state jail felony).

- Lynette Marshall Gosha, 50, 1406 Stadium, forgery (state jail felony).

- Aaron Jamal Hall, 19, 1002 E. 16th, debit card

abuse (state jail felony).

- Benjamin Allen Hallford, 19, 10 Kenley Lane, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

- Kolt Evan Harp, 25, Hallsville, theft of service (state jail felony).

- Devyne Elyse Jackman, 25, 2505 Larry, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

- Billie Jean James, 18, 610 E. 17th, two counts, debit card abuse (state jail felony).

- Mark Anthony Lopez, 24, 314 N.E. Eighth, evading arrest with a prior conviction (enhanced to third degree felony).

- Darryl Lee Miller, 39, 710 Pine, injury to a child (enhanced to second degree felony).

- Kerry Cecil O'Melia, San Antonio, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (enhanced to third degree felony).

- Jay Frank Olivas, 24, 2001 N. Salem Road, failure to register as a sex offender (third degree felony).

- Robert Dwite Schaaf, 30, Odessa, two counts, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

- Jonetta Fastoria Tate, 40, 4200 Parkway, driving while intoxicated/third or more offense (third degree felony).

- Zachary Ray Williams, 32, 4113 Muir,

burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Anthony Joseph Yanez, 23, 1408 Oriole, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (state jail felony).

- Douglas Ray Yeager, 56, Midland, theft over \$1,500/less than \$2,000 (state jail felony).

- Clyde Joseph Young, 27, 907 E. 14th, theft by deception over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

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

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Donna McIntosh, 78, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

John Wentz, 77, died Monday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Contact the Herald at 263-7331

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Opinion

Thanks and giving, all at once

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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We have so much to be thankful for

Today, as most of us gather with family, let us be most thankful.

Thankful for friends, for blessings, for our health, our spouses, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers. Thankful for good food, the fall season, the West Texas sky. There are so many things for us to enjoy.

Let us remember that no matter how difficult things seem to be, we always manage. We can always find someone less fortunate, more needy.

We're thankful for the material things — turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce and that special fruit salad. And of course, we have to mention football, another holiday tradition.

But we're also thankful for things not-so-material — a warm hug, a grandmother's kiss, a smile by a longtime friend.

As you sit over dinner with your family, or a restaurant with your spouse, or just a simple sandwich with no company but your own, remember to give thanks. Remember why we are so thankful — likely because of all the wonderful experiences we've had, and because somewhere along the way, others reached out and touched our lives and made things better. And let's remember that we can always reach out our hand to others who may need a little help or an encouraging word.

From our family at the Herald, we wish we could all understand the true meaning of Thanksgiving and experience the warmth and joy of sharing our wealth with others.

Enjoy the spirit, and above all, have a very happy Thanksgiving.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us take time today, oh Lord, to reach out and help someone who may be struggling.

Amen

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays.

A chance to be grateful instead of focusing on gift-giving and gift-receiving. Family, friends, bountiful feasts and football are at the forefront of our minds rather than cocktail parties and gifts. Think of it as a time to pause and give thanks before the whirlwind of December.

Thanksgiving began in 1621. The pilgrims invited the Wampanoag Native Americans to join them in celebration of the fall harvest. The Native Americans traveled for several days, created their own camp and stayed with the pilgrims for three days of feasting and celebration. This first Thanksgiving sounds similar to our tradition of family members invading the home of others in their family for days on end.

The holiday received official status in 1789, with George Washington's first presidential proclamation, which designated the 26th day of November next, to be set aside for thanksgiving. "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God and to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor," he wrote.

In 1863, President Abraham

Lincoln declared a day of Thanksgiving after the Union victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg, acknowledging "The gracious gifts of the Most High God" and noting that it "seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People." Lincoln invited his fellow citizens to observe "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the Heavens."

After being observed at various times between the third and fourth weeks in November, Thanksgiving was given a permanent date in 1941 when President Roosevelt signed legislation declaring it on the 4th Thursday in November.

Possibly before the Thanksgiving meal we might pause for a few moments to say thanks for all the blessings that we have been given in life, which, at least for me, include the following:

- Living in a country where you can express your opinion, even if no one else agrees with you
- Being able to vote
- A warm home on a cold night
- Pets who love you no matter what
- Parents who find the time to participate in their children's schools
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- People you do not know, who will smile and assist you when

you are in need

- People you know, who will still smile and assist you when you are in need
- Being healthy and active
- Family to share the holidays with
- Friends who go out of their way for you
- Foot massages
- Hot chocolate
- Feeling grace when you do not expect it
- Watching my children change and grow
- Changes in life, without which you would be bored
- Laughing so hard that you cry
- Reading a book so touching that you cry
- Watching children experience joy by simply being alive
- Occasionally being able to experience that same joy yourself
- Friends who celebrate milestones with you
- Bright sunshine on a cold day

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful; it also provides an opportunity to give to others who might need additional help or support. Giving can come in the form of time, money or talents. This Thanksgiving, take the opportunity to not only give thanks, but also to give to those in need, thereby giving them a reason to be grateful as well.

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President Obama on Thanksgiving

When "Fox & Friends" highlighted my column, titled "Neutering Religious Holidays," liberals came out of the woodwork to try to defend President Barack Obama's record. So I decided to do a little research and see just how spiritual his past Thanksgiving addresses have been and compare them with the thoughts of our founding president, George Washington.

In 2013, Obama's Thanksgiving address didn't give a single mention of the Pilgrims, their Christian devotion or thanks to God. He did, however, share his gratitude for the Native Americans and their "generosity during that first Thanksgiving." He gave a litany of "we give thanks" lines, but none of them included faith.

In 2012, Obama didn't make a single reference to the Pilgrims, their faith, their God or his God, either. Instead, he explained that Thanksgiving is a non-spiritual day for his family and most Americans: "For us, like so many of you, this is a day full of family and friends, food and football. It's a day to fight the overwhelming urge to take a nap — at least until after dinner. But most of all, it's a time to give thanks, for each other and for the incredible bounty we enjoy."

He made a single generic reference to our religious choice, but in a twisted progressive reinterpretation of Thanksgiving's purpose: "Today we give thanks for blessings that are all too rare in this world — the ability to spend time with the ones we love, to say what we want, to worship as we please, to know that there are brave men and women defending our freedom around the globe, and to look our children in the eye and to tell them that here in America, no dream is too big if they're willing to work for it."

Obama declared that "Thanksgiving is a chance to put it all in perspective," but that refocus didn't include God or faith. Rather, it was just "to remember that, despite our differences, we are — and always will be — Americans first and foremost."

Going back to 2011, I finally found a reference to the "first Thanksgiving" in Obama's Thanksgiving address, but it was

not exactly our traditional religious picture of the Pilgrims. In fact, it had nothing to do with the Pilgrims giving thanks to their Christian God for their survival and harvest. Rather, he said, "The very first Thanksgiving was a celebration of community during a time of great hardship." He said the Pilgrims "had faith that tomorrow would be better than today," but there was no mention of their faith in God. (Sounds as if Obama's indoctrination as a community coordinator was successful under the tutelage of Bill Ayers and Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals.")

In 2010, in a 700-word Thanksgiving address, the president didn't give a single reference to any aspect of Thanksgiving's religious history, its religious purpose or gratitude in God, either, save the tip of his hat to "the God-given bounty of America." Yet he didn't forget to include the same old progressive driveline for Americans to consider our country's journey "since that first Thanksgiving."

In 2009, Obama started his reign with a Thanksgiving address that excluded any reference to a Pilgrim or Thanksgiving's real history and any gratitude to God, though he did conclude with the words "God bless you."

For five years, the president has flunked Thanksgiving Day remembrance and proclamation. Will he do so again in 2014?

Friends, what am I missing? If it were up to President Obama and his liberal minions across this land, Thanksgiving would turn into nothing more than a day of gratitude for things like his Affordable Care Act. We can't allow that to happen.

We must continue to explain to our children and our children's children about the religiously steeped history of Thanksgiving. We must tell them about the devoted Christian faith of the Pilgrims and how they crossed the Atlantic clutching their Geneva Bibles.

They trusted in God and Jesus despite facing horrendous hardships and loss of life. They learned to "give thanks in everything" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), and the Almighty rewarded their perseverance and faith.

And along with all that believing history, we must remind our posterity what I said last week: Let us never forget there was once a time in the U.S. when people and even presidents weren't afraid to stand for traditional

values and encourage others to do the same.

If Obama is looking for a Thanksgiving address this Thursday to model, then I recommend he look no further than Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. I dare him to cite them even in part.

In fact, I'd call on all Americans to read one or both of their speeches in their entirety before they bow their heads in thanks for the Thanksgiving meal. You can easily find them through an Internet search.

Washington was the first president to issue a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, and his action wasn't alone. In 1789, the first year of his presidency, Congress passed a resolution that asked Washington to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God."

So on Oct. 3, 1789, President Washington gave a 450-word religious proclamation, which contains, from beginning to end, nothing but a list of blessings for which the nation should be thankful to exclusively God.

Among those bountiful blessings is this partial list from Washington: "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor ... now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be — That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks ... and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions."

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The cast of "The Magic Well," a production of the Forsan Junior High School one-act play, earned second place at the district UIL contest.

Forsan Jr. High earns 2nd in District UIL One-Act

Herald Staff Report

Megan Knoernschild and John Tant led the Forsan Junior High School one-act cast to a second place finish at Region 1, District 8-2 contest.

The contest was held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Miles High School. Also participating were junior high schools from Christoval, Irion County, Miles and Ozona. The Christoval cast place first.

Earning individual

awards from Forsan were Knoernschild and Tant, who both were named to the all-star cast. Brant Gartman and Evan Roberts earned a spot on the honorable mention all-star cast. Kaylee Morgan was given the outstanding technical award.

The students performed "The Magic Well" by Herman Ammann

Other members of the winning production were: Sara Tarbet, Pay-

ton Beauchamp, Brennen East, Ashtyn Pearson, Mikayla Arzate, Ty Freeman, William Cole, Jonathon Gabehart, Price Tarbet, Nelson Wylie, Jaidyn Brown, Kenzie Soles, Macey Evans, Montie Munsell, Sam Raney, Ryan Buske, Mallory Ezell, Brenner Gartman, Kacie Henson, Rylee Evans, Jacki Torbik, and Dora Hickam

The play was directed by Jim Rhodes and Misty Moellendorf.



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The Forsan Junior High School one-act play casts holds their second place District UIL trophy up.

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Second Six-Weeks

"A" honor roll

First grade: Lahela Aguilar, Braydin Cuellar, K'Lyn Gillespie, Cali Howard, Katharina Janzen, Viviana Martinez, Delila Miller, Gavin Morales, Carlos Plata, Kaseen Rodgers, Evan Segundo, Jesus Tarin and Ryan Turner.

Second grade: Chole Deanda, Joseph Friesen, Chole Gillespie, Madison Hataway, Wyatt Herm, Mason Rodriguez, Chayson Vitte, Taylor Wall and Nathaniel Ybarra.

Third grade: Karlo Arelano, Wiley Gaskins, Maria Janzen, Erynn Kelley, J'Lyn Ybarra and Jeremiah Ybarra.

Fourth grade: Trandon Edmondson, Zack Grumbles, Landon Kelley, Katharina Klassen and Bianca Plata.

Fifth grade: Landry Morrow, Madlyn Nichols and Lakyn Sandlin.

Sixth grade: Karlos Arelano, Nancy Rempel and Riley Webb.

Seventh grade: Bryce

Hamlin.

10th grade: Trevor Blagrove, Reagan Hamlin and Lisa Rempel.

11th grade: Adara Aguirre, Melissa Briseno, Nicholas Cisneros, Kelsey Reed, Susie Rempel, Dylan Segundo and Dylan Tindol.

12th grade: Colten Hughes, Elizabeth Martinez and Sergio Plata.

"A & B" honor roll

First grade: Skye Baraza, Leonard Guzman, Kevin King, Pete Klassen, Stetson Sharp, Marana Vidana, Hannah Wilde-Jones and Jordyn Ybarra.

Second grade: Ramiro Arriaga, Jacob Christopher, Luis Gonzalez, Giovanni Guerra, Kasey Hogue, Blue McMorris, Cyrus McMorris, Gabriella Rios and Anelia Tarin.

Third grade: Cyanne Compton, Tyler Grove, Bill Huffman, David Klassen and Aleigha Webb-Hilburn.

Fourth grade: Trayven Archuleta, Johnny Brown, Zane Clare, Jaden Flentge, Johan Janzen,

Katharina Neufeld, Maria Neufeld, Benny Rempel, Aaron Rushing and Heinrich Wall.

Fifth grade: Savannah Cantrell, Gabriella Cisneros, Nellie Friesen, Johan Neufeld, Alexandra Plata, Aiden Walker, Johan Wall and Emilee Wilde.

Sixth grade: Tristan Reed, Malachi Walker and Jeb Worthy.

Seventh grade: Alejandra Martinez and Cody Staggs.

Eighth grade: Ryston Archuleta, Alexis Gonzalez and Landon Morrow.

Ninth grade: Mattie Grumbles and Noah Wigington.

10th grade: Laynah Archuleta, Nina Clare, Eric Garcia, Yajaira Gonzalez, Leyna Kennedy, Kailey Tindol and Samantha Ybarra.

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Eggnog: Once-a-year things must be the very best



BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Eggnog is a funny thing. We crave it for one month a year, then never think about it again.

And when we do crave it, we love to pretend that this sinfully rich drinkable dessert (basically, it's melted ice cream in a glass) is a perfectly reasonable and festive little pre-dinner aperitif. The more honest among us glug it down without pretense. After all, life is short; we should eat dessert first.

Technically, eggnog is cooked custard cream. The French — in a nod to the English passion for it, *Ài* call it *creme anglaise*. The English themselves call it *custard*. By any name, it is the base of most ice creams.

In fact, if you felt lazy, you could just pull that pint of premium vanilla ice cream out of the freezer, let it defrost in the refrigerator, add

some booze and a sprinkle of nutmeg, and pass it off as your very own custom-made eggnog. Even easier, you can buy eggnog by the carton at the supermarket. But I promise that the version you make from scratch at home will be the best you've ever had.

A great eggnog requires few ingredients — milk and/or cream, sugar, vanilla, eggs, nutmeg and (if you like) bourbon, brandy or rum. Many recipes say the eggs should be raw, but I don't recommend it. Not only is it safer to cook the eggs, it also ensures the eggnog develops a thick, rich texture.

You start by beating together the eggs and sugar. Hot milk then is added, but only a bit. This step is called *tempering*. By mixing a little hot milk into the eggs, you raise their temperature enough to be able to cook them without scrambling

them. If you added all of the hot milk at once, you'd end up with unappealing chunks of cooked egg in your nog.

Once everything is combined, turn off the phone, tune out the kids and concentrate on stirring the custard while it heats until it reaches the proper thickness. There's a chance that the mixture can curdle if you become distracted during this process and allow the custard to get too hot.

Ideally, you're using a wooden spoon. Your goal is to be able to coat the spoon, run your finger through the custard on the spoon's backside and leave a path that doesn't quickly disappear. That's when you'll know it's done. At that point the custard has reached 160

F, the temp at which the eggs are considered safe. As extra insurance against curdling, I have added cornstarch to the custard; this will stabilize the mixture. But if you prefer, you can leave the cornstarch out.

And by the way, if you do rush and scramble your eggs, just throw the custard into a blender. This will help smooth out the texture, though the finished product won't be as smooth as a never-scrambled version.

If you want your eggnog to have a lighter texture, you can whip the heavy cream before it is added (I explain how below). If you're looking to make a seriously extravagant eggnog, you might add some finely chopped white chocolate to the hot custard. You're welcome to use dark chocolate instead, but the finished drink doesn't look as classically eggnog-y. Either way, don't forget

to coat the rim of the glass with crushed peppermint. It's the perfect counterpoint to the drink itself.

And if, heaven forbid, you're overtaken by the spirit of Scrooge and decide to make your eggnog less rich, just use fewer yolks (a modest complement of six will thicken it all up quite nicely), replace the cream with more whole milk, or — sacrilege! — swap in lower-fat milk for all of the prescribed dairy.

Finally, if you somehow drink too much nog — low-fat or full-fat — and end up falling asleep before the main course, what the heck. Your dreams will surely be sweet.

EGGNOG TRIPLE PLAY

Start to finish: 25 minutes, plus chilling
Servings: 10

4 cups whole milk
1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
12 large egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 cups heavy cream
3/4 cup bourbon, brandy or rum
Freshly grated nutmeg, to garnish

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the milk and vanilla bean. Bring just to a boil, then let stand off the heat for 10 minutes. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the milk and discard the pod.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the egg yolks, sugar and cornstarch until light and lemon colored, about 2 minutes. With the mixer on, slowly add about half the milk in a stream. Add the egg mixture to the remaining milk in the saucepan. Set the pan over

moderately low heat. Stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, heat until the mixture coats a spoon when you run your finger through it and registers 160 F, 15 to 20 minutes.

Quickly strain the custard through a mesh strainer into a clean bowl. Stir in the cream and bourbon, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until well chilled.

To serve, ladle into cups and top each portion with freshly grated nutmeg.

Nutrition information per serving: 400 calories; 240 calories from fat (60 percent of total calories); 26 g fat (15 g saturated); 0.5 g trans fats; 335 mg cholesterol; 19 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 17 g sugar; 11 g protein; 140 mg sodium.

LIGHT AND AIRY VARIATION

Do not add the cream before chilling the eggnog. After the eggnog has chilled, in a large bowl use an electric mixer to beat the cream until it forms soft peaks. Stir a quarter of the eggnog into the whipped cream, then fold the cream mixture back into the eggnog, gently but thoroughly. Ladle into cups and top each portion with freshly grated nutmeg.

WHITE CHOCOLATE-PEPPERMINT VARIATION

Add 8 ounces of finely chopped white chocolate to the hot strained custard. Let the eggnog stand for 5 minutes, then whisk until smooth. Add the cream and bourbon, then chill as directed.

In a saucepan, combine 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup water and cook over low heat, stirring, until the sugar is melted. Transfer to a small shallow bowl and let cool. In a food processor, pulse 12 candy canes until they are finely crushed. Transfer a heaping tablespoon of the crushed candy canes to a small plate.

Working with 1 serving glass at a time, dip the rim of each glass in the sugar syrup, letting the excess drip off, then into the crushed candy canes, making sure the edge of the rim is coated well. Discard the peppermint on the plate each time and add a fresh tablespoon (the candy gets wet after dipping and will not stick properly to the next glass). Let the crushed candy canes dry on the side of the glass for 5 minutes before adding the eggnog.

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See Spot relax: Pet massage gaining popularity



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BY TERRY TANG

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Spa treatments don't stop with people. You won't see any aromatherapy candles around, but animals get massages, too, and it's become a regular service that many pet owners value as more than just glorified petting.

"People call me because their dogs are having problems," said Shelah Barr, a San Francisco dog massage therapist. "The work I do is important for animals so they have a high quality of life."

Practitioners say massage can be a preventive measure for younger animals and rehabilitative for older ones by boosting flexibility, circulation and immunity. As its popularity continues to grow, primarily among dog and horse owners, so does the debate about regulation. Some veterinarians argue that pet massage is a form of veterinary medicine that requires a license, but whether therapists need one varies by state. The issue has sparked a lawsuit in Arizona, where three practitioners are suing the state veterinarian licensing board.

Pet owners spent \$4.4 billion last year on "other services," a category that includes grooming, training and services such as massage, according to the American Pet Products Association, which tracks national spending trends in the pet industry. That is a 6.1 percent jump from 2012. Massage sessions can

last 30-40 minutes, and therapists travel to homes, hotels and even an owner's workplace, said Barr, who has been practicing in San Francisco since 2006.

"There are a couple of tech companies I go to. They have a quiet office I can go into and work on the animal," said Barr, who typically sees about 15 pets a week.

The treatments don't necessarily mean incense burning around a massage table. Barr is guided by what the dog desires, which sometimes means the pet chews on a bone the whole time.

Grace Granatelli, an animal masseuse in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale, said she would play new-age music or "spa sounds," which help relax dogs.

In her sessions, Granatelli would have the dog lie down on the floor or its bed and start by massaging its neck. She would then move to other areas, including legs and hips. But it's not crucial that the dog lie down or sit still.

"There are times where the dog is either very distracted or anxious or isn't quite receptive," Granatelli said. "So I just do the best I can doing the strokes while they're standing — i whatever I can do to get the strokes in and get some relaxation in their muscles."

That was until Granatelli became one of three animal massage practitioners who received cease-and-desist letters from the Arizona State Veterinary Medical

Examining Board earlier this year. The trio has sued the board, arguing that the statute is overly broad in defining veterinary medicine. They aren't practicing while the lawsuit moves through the courts.

The board says "I was doing more than just pampering dogs and that was breaking laws," Granatelli said.

The American Veterinary Medical Association classifies animal massage as a form of veterinary care that should require a license. It is up to each state's veterinary licensing board whether to categorize it that way.

"We do consider them veterinary procedures, and we feel the same standards should be used because a lot of harm can come from them," association assistant director Adrian Hochstadt said.

Carol Forrest, a former client of Granatelli's, said her Dachshunds, Maxie and Lucy, got regular massages for five years. The two, who have since passed away, were able to relax after a massage despite dealing with issues such as arthritis. Forrest said she truly believes massage benefits dogs as much as people.

"It's like if you go to one regularly that you like, they get to know you and you get a better treatment out of it," she said. "The same goes for the dogs ... versus going to the vet — my dogs aren't relaxed at the vet."

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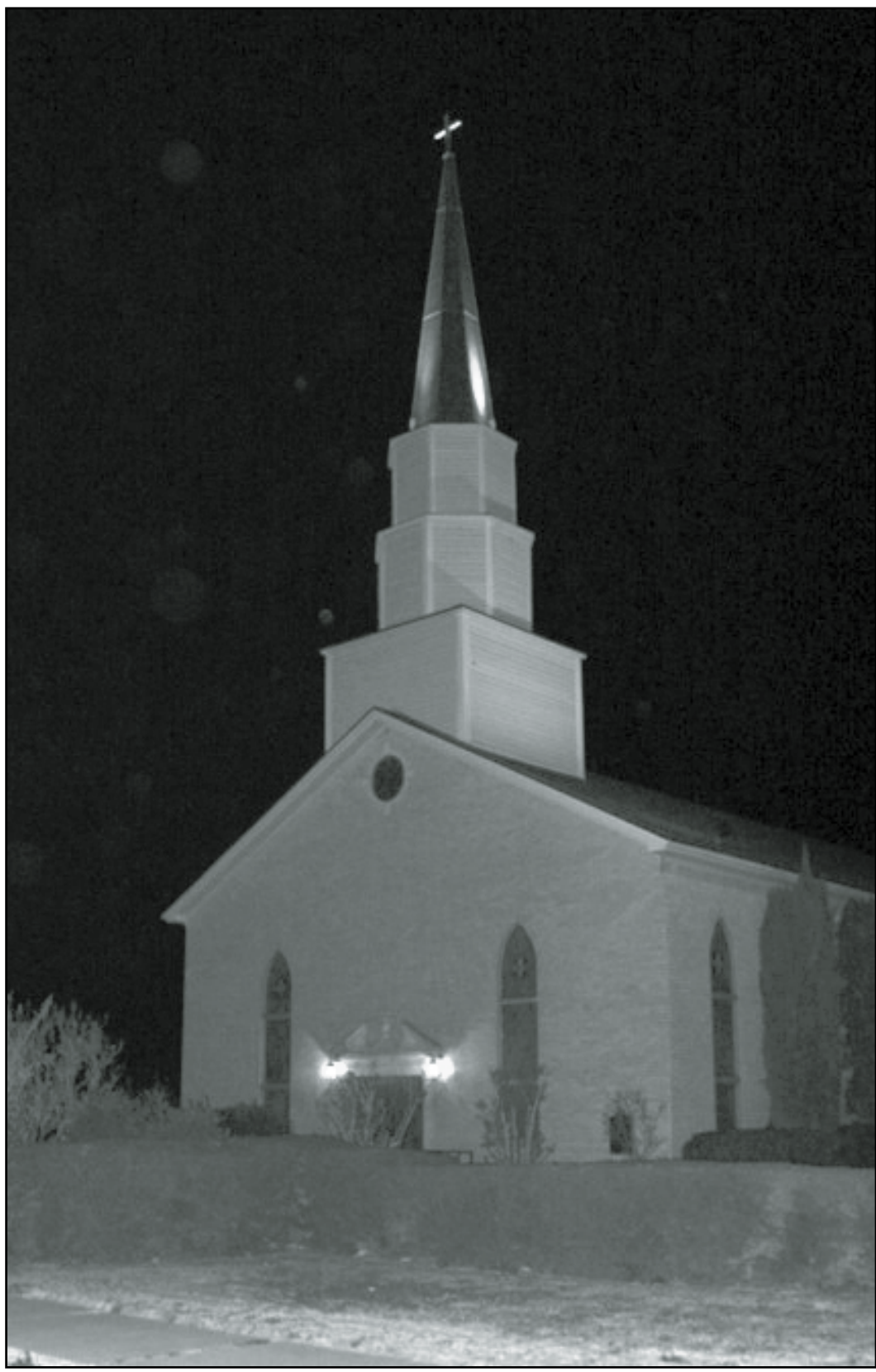
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Members of First Christian Church gathered outside the church Nov. 20 for a brief ceremony, ending with lighting of the steeple.

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Thanksgiving Moon

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Aquarius moon, we're reminded that this holiday is as much about mercy and compassion as it is about gratitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Spending time with loved ones is a pleasure even though you're very busy through it all. Few will help out more than you. You'll apply your strength and stamina and pull off huge feats.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Fate proves to be a thoughtful friend, bringing you surprise gifts. Nightfall will be especially nice. There's a romantic theme pulling you into the evening

hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are so interested in what others are all about that you may not even notice how interested they are in you. Your insouciance about the matter makes you all the more irresistible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Family dynamics are fascinating -- more so when the family you are observing is not your own. There will be 10 sides to every story and very little agreement between the different versions. That's what makes things so interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't go on wondering; just ask. Assumptions lead to unnecessary problems. But if you communicate well, you'll have a beautiful day and contribute significantly to other people's happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you ask for what you prefer (instead of declaring what you don't like), you will be given all kinds of sweet offerings. Everything you learn from others helps

you to be more fully you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The food is important, but you're focused on what really matters: togetherness, the people you care about and the many blessings that fill your grateful heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be with the ones who like to hear what you're thinking and will enjoy creating a dialogue. Go easy. Most of this sharing is just opinion, and those can always change if you're not holding on to them too tightly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind needs food, too. A muse will surface unexpectedly as your nearest and dearest inspire you with just the right mental nutrition to set your wheels in motion again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A sweet, laid-back mood prevails. The bottom line is, people want to be around you. You'll field an over-the-top offer from someone trying a little too hard to capture your attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not always easy to catch people up with what you've been doing. With so many creative outlets, you may feel that you're progressing too slowly across the board. Stop the worry. The only one pressuring you is you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being with people you've known for a long time makes you realize how much you've changed. Your entire self-concept is different. Because you see yourself in a new light, they will, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27). You have more to do this year, and somehow this brings out the superhuman in you. December shows you with a prize. Partnerships evolve into a new arrangement in January that is invigorating to all. Your personal life settles into a happy groove once a work issue clears up in February. Capricorn and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40 37, 25, 20 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an 85-year-old Pisces, and I

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Readers: Today is Thanksgiving. If you know someone who is alone today, please invite him or her to share your Thanksgiving dinner and help make the occasion truly special.

Today we'd like to run a piece that has appeared in this space several times. It was written by Judy Vekasy, a registered nurse and director of activities in a nursing home in Savannah, Tenn. Here it is:

In this season of thanksgiving and just plain giving, I have some suggestions for those who need something to be thankful for or those who

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Can you sing? Good.

Help me with the words and I'll sing along.

Can you tell me about your job? I was a nurse once myself.

Can you listen? Wonderful. I'm starved for conversation.

Can you bake a sponge

cake or zucchini bread or angel biscuits or make fudge? They aren't on the nursing home menu, but I remember how good they were and I would like to taste them again.

Do you play checkers or dominoes or rummy? Fine, so do I, but there is never anyone who has the time. They are understaffed around here, you know.

Do you play the violin or the flute or the piano? My hearing is poor, but I can hear any kind of music. Even if I fall asleep, you'll know I enjoyed it.

Once we were somebodies, just like you. We were farmers and farmers' wives and teachers, nurses, beauticians, stockbrokers and electricians, bankers and sheriffs and maybe a few outlaws, too. We're not all senile -- just old and needing more help

than our families can give us. This home, whatever its name, is "home" to us, and you're an invited guest. Please come. The welcome mat is always out and not just on Thanksgiving. I hope you will keep this and read it again in January, February, and every other month of the year. We'll still be here, and our needs will be the same.

Dear Readers: To cap off the day, we would like to print one of our favorite poems for Thanksgiving. It first appeared in the Ann Landers column more than 40 years ago, and readers still request it.

Thanksgiving Prayer (author unknown)

We come to this table today, O Lord, humble and thankful and glad.

We thank Thee first for

the great miracle of life, for the exaltation of being human, for the capacity to love.

We thank Thee for joys both great and simple -- For wonder, dreams and hope; For the newness of each day;

For laughter and song and a merry heart; For compassion waiting within to be kindled; For the forbearance of friends and the smile of a stranger;

For the arching of the earth and trees and heavens and the fruit of all three; For the wisdom of the old;

For the courage of the young; For the promise of the child;

For the strength that comes when needed; For this family united here today.

Of those to whom much

is given, much is required. May we and our children remember this. Amen.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Hot Potato

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q 5 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 7 2
♥ 4 3
♦ A J 10 9 8 6
♣ —

EAST
♠ 9 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 7 3
♣ A 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ J 10 8 7

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1♠ Dble Pass
1 NT 2♦ 3♦ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Here is a remarkable hand from a match between France and Italy in 1967. It features brilliant defense by Italian star Giorgio Belladonna, who sat West.

Belladonna, from time immemorial an aggressive bidder, opened with one spade, after which the French North-South pair reached three notrump on the bidding shown. Belladonna made his first good

move when he led a diamond instead of a spade. Declarer won with dummy's queen and returned the three of clubs. East could have settled declarer's hash then and there had he grabbed the ace and returned a diamond. But East played low, and declarer won with the jack as Belladonna discarded the queen of spades!

South realized he would surely go down if he persisted with clubs, so he shifted his attention to hearts, cashing the A-K-Q-J. Belladonna had to make two discards and threw a diamond and the deuce of spades.

Declarer's only chance for a ninth trick was to endplay West. So he cashed the A-K of spades, planning to put Belladonna on lead with a third spade and force him to concede a diamond to the king.

But on the A-K of spades Belladonna dropped the J-10, retaining the seven. When declarer then exited with a spade, East won with the nine and returned a diamond to put the contract down one.

At the other table, the Italian North-South pair also got to three notrump, but when West chose the queen of spades as his opening lead, declarer had no difficulty making 10 tricks after forcing out the ace of clubs.

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 3A

sudoku

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

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

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7:PM	Thank You, America!	Mi Corazón Es Tuyo	Big Bang	Ent Cause for Paws: Dog Spectacular	Big Bang (3:31) Mom Two Men McCar	Pelicula: Avatar, Sigourney Weaver (SS)	Football NFL Football: Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers.	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Upd 1st Fruits	Griffith Griffith	Last Frontier	Cops	Transporter		Movie: The Little Richard Story, Carl Lumbly	Jessie	College Basketball: Orlando Classic	College Football: LSU at Texas A&M.	
8:PM	Away-Murder	La Malquerida (SS)	Mod Fam	Elementary			Big Bang Big Bang	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Ultimate Restor	Heroes Gilligan	Last Frontier	Movie: The Lost World: Jurassic Park, Pete Postlethwaite	Cops	Transporter		Movie: The Little Richard Story, Carl Lumbly	Austin Liv-Mad.	College Basketball: Orlando Classic	
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DENNIS THE MENACE

11-27

"WHAT IS EVERYONE THANKFUL FOR TODAY?"

"I'M THANKFUL DINNER'S AT NOON AN' KICK-OFF'S AT TWO!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

11-27

"I'm not very hungry, Mommy. How 'bout I skip dinner and just watch a little TV."

HAGAR

11-27

"IS THIS WHAT I DESERVE?!"

"NO... I WENT EASY ON YOU"

BLONDIE

11-27

"HONEY! THE WIMAUMA FLORIDA CLOGGERS ARE SPELLING OUT THE WORD 'YAMS'!"

"I'M KINDA BUSY, DEAR!"

"WHEN IS DADDY GOING TO PUT THE BIRDS IN, MOM?"

"HE LIKES TO WAIT 'TIL SANTA CLOSES OUT THE PARADE..."

"THANKSGIVING IS THE ONE DAY I'M ESPECIALLY GLAD I WAS BORN A BUMSTEAD!"

BC

11-27

"WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?"

"IT'S A HARVEST HOLIDAY."

"SO, WHAT DID WE HARVEST THIS YEAR?"

"METABISULFITE AND XANTHAN GUM."

WIZARD OF ID

11-27

"THAT WAS A WONDERFUL TURKEY, DEAR."

"CAN'T WE AT LEAST FINISH DESSERT?"

AGNES

11-27

"BAD NEWS, GRANDMA... THE FINE GRACKLE I CAPTURED AND FATTENED FOR OUR FESTIVE FEAST HAS ESCAPED."

"ALAS, WE WILL HAVE NO SMOKING BIRD CARCASS AS A SYMBOL OF OUR THANKFULNESS FOR DIVINE PROVIDENCE."

"TA-DAH! I HAD COUPONS FOR TURKEY HOT POCKETS."

"GOD IS GOOD!"

HI AND LOIS

11-27

"WHAT ARE WE ALL MOST THANKFUL FOR?"

LOVE

HUMOR

HAPPINESS

FAMILY

"YOU'RE WELCOME."

THE OTHER COAST

11-27

MOBILE DOG GROOMER

SNUFFY SMITH

11-27

"HAPPINESS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF MAKIN' GOOD CHOICES, JUGHAID!!"

"LIKE WHAT, AUNT LO?"

"LIKE NOT HAVIN' THAT SECOND PIECE'A PUNKIN PIE!!"

"OOOOOOOOHHH!! MOAN!! GROAN!! UGH!! OOOH!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

11-27

"LOOK! NOW HE'S EATING HIS BREAKFAST IN THE OFFICE!"

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?"

"HE LIKES HIS BACON CRISPY!"

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2014. There are 34 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 27, 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade, billed as a "Christmas Parade", took place in New York. On this date: In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston. In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C. In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened. In 1939, the play "Key Largo," by Maxwell Anderson, opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theater in New York. In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy at Toulon (too-LOHN') scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops. In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65. In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant. In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest. In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned. In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

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Answer to previous puzzle

OKED	IRISH	SAAB
ROPE	TASTE	ANNA
CHIT	SILLY	PUTTY
ALCAPONE	DUTIES	
IAN	BANE	
FUNNY	MONEY	RIPA
ABE	PERON	ENDED
NORMA	AVG	METED
GAVEL	TEG	AVE
STEM	JOLLY	ROGER
OVER	NIA	
ARARAT	CHALK	SUP
COMIC	STRIP	LOSE
RITZ	EVILS	EDEN
ELSE	TABLE	YARN

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ACROSS

- 1 Variety
- 5 Left in a hurry
- 8 Transpire
- 14 Meal for the humbled
- 15 \$5 bill, informally
- 16 Old Testament prophet
- 17 Paddy product
- 18 Formal wear, for short
- 19 Foreign-trade diplomat
- 20 Eurasian capital
- 23 Pen holder, perhaps
- 24 Bad behavior
- 25 Super Bowl stats
- 28 Earth-friendly prefix
- 29 Spending limit
- 31 Decant
- 34 /s_ (they are: Fr.)
- 36 List heading
- 38 Piquant
- 39 '50s college student fad
- 42 Reclusive Garbo
- 44 Den furniture
- 45 Two-part
- 48 Shape of a Louvre entrance
- 50 Kind of camera: Abbr.
- 52 Day before a holiday
- 53 Ready to proceed
- 54 Cloth scrap
- 56 Flipped out
- 58 Popeye declaration
- 61 Where Microsoft trades
- 64 Evergreen tree
- 65 Allude to

DOWN

- 1 Predicaments
- 2 Long South American river
- 3 Weekend college event
- 4 Change slightly
- 5 Rapping sounds
- 6 Touch upon
- 7 Central point
- 8 Emphatic refusal
- 9 Shampoo additive
- 10 Scented like cones
- 11 Nightwear, for short
- 12 _ de toilette
- 13 Icemen's org.
- 21 DVR button
- 22 Wastes of money
- 25 Leaving speechless
- 26 Used a trowel
- 27 Farm pen
- 30 Summit meeting site of '45
- 32 Commando weapon
- 33 Pomegranate part
- 35 "See ya!"
- 37 Small band
- 40 Zodiac animal
- 41 Dwindle
- 42 Some AMA members
- 43 Cereal grain
- 46 Person with wings
- 47 "Get lost!"
- 49 People from Kirkuk
- 51 Become inedible
- 55 Baseball great Tony
- 57 Moore health-care documentary
- 58 Object of devotion
- 59 Noah Webster alma mater
- 60 Queen of Olympus
- 61 Miami-to-Orlando dir.
- 62 Sound of a sigh
- 63 Health club

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Los Angeles making quiet bid for Olympics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Glamour, celebrities, perfect weather. A revitalized and growing downtown. Iconic venues and political support. With these virtues, Los Angeles looks like an ideal fit to host the 2024 Olympics.

And then, there is history. Whether the city's long past with the Olympics will help or hurt is a topic the U.S. Olympic Committee must reconcile as it decides whether to give Los Angeles a shot at hosting its third Summer Games.

The 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles are widely credited with saving the Games as we know them — turning a profit after a series of tragic, money-losing and morale-sapping Olympics in Munich, Montreal and Moscow.

But the International Olympic Committee had been to London three times and will stage its second Olympics in Tokyo in 2020. Will it want an-

other repeat four years later, or seek something new, the way it did for the 2016 Olympics, which were awarded to Rio de Janeiro?

Los Angeles has made some inroads since it tried, and failed, to become America's candidate for 2016. (Chicago won, then got eliminated first in the international voting.) It will host the U.S. Olympic marathon trials in February 2016, and next year it will stage the Special Olympics World Summer Games, which include 7,000 intellectually challenged athletes competing in 25 sports.

From Mayor Eric Garcetti on down, there is widespread political support for the idea of hosting another Olympics.

This time around, the mayor's office is overseeing a possible bid while maintaining a low profile, honoring the USOC's attempt to keep the vetting process hush-hush.

Casey Wasserman, the

40-year-old grandson of the late studio chief Lew Wasserman and owner of a sports and media company, is quietly working with Garcetti on the bid.

Politics is another sport in the Olympic world, and Los Angeles has an edge there, too.

IOC members Anita De-Frantz, the senior American in the IOC ranks, and Jim Easton live here.

More former Olympians live in the region than anywhere else, too.

Here are some things to look for with Los Angeles' bid:

GLITZ AND DIVERSITY:

The bid tells a story of this glamorous city's reinvention in recent years. Its downtown has become a hipster haven, with housing, restaurants and entertainment that didn't exist at the turn of the century. It boasts a diversity of people and languages. Technology and creativity abound

in a city imbued with optimism that anything is possible, whether it's stardom or reinvention.

VENUES:

The proposal calls for four main clusters that include such iconic, sun-splashed locations as the Hollywood sign, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Santa Monica beach and Riviera Country Club. The downtown Los Angeles cluster would contain 12 venues hosting 19 events, including the glamour sports of track and field, gymnastics and swimming. The athletes village and the media and broadcast centers could potentially be located here. The main stadium would be an expanded Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the centerpiece of the '32 and '84 Games.

HOW IT'S FUNDED:

Good question. The mayor's office has declined to reveal a proposed budget or much of

anything else at this stage. However, the city boasts an enviable track record of hosting two Olympics with little public assistance. The 1984 Games, which turned a struggling franchise into the multibillion-dollar business it has become today, produced a revenue surplus that was used to fund amateur sports in the city.

LOGISTICS:

The city has invested hugely in public transportation since 1984, with a new cross-town light-rail line, new car-pool lanes on Interstate 405 on the traffic-choked westside, and a renovation of Los Angeles International Airport. Already under construction is a surface line to the city's westside and a subway extension through Beverly Hills recently broke ground. Designated lanes for Olympic transit could lessen the traffic crunch, which proved nonexistent in 1984.

Source: Redskins to start McCoy over RG3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Move over, RG3. It's Colt vs. the Colts.

The Washington Redskins plan to start Colt McCoy over Robert Griffin III on Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts, according to a person familiar with the decision, the latest development in a stun-

ning slide for the 2012 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because coach Jay Gruden had yet to announce the news to his team. He planned to do so Wednesday morning. The Redskins canceled

Griffin's regular weekly news conference.

The Redskins are 0-3 since Griffin returned from an ankle injury and have scored only one touchdown in each of the last two games. The former No. 2 overall draft pick seemed poised to revolutionize the quarterback posi-

tion with his arm and legs when he led Washington to the playoffs two years ago, but he is 4-14 as a starter since the start of the 2013 season and has struggled in an attempt to transform into a traditional pocket-passer.

Gruden has been candid about Griffin's development and was particularly brutal a week ago, citing "fundamental flaws" after an abysmal performance in a 20-point loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Griffin played a little better in a 17-13 defeat against the San Francisco 49ers, but Gruden afterward hinted that a change was possible,

saying that Griffin's 106 yards passing "is unheard of this day and age with the receivers we have, and we have to figure out something."

Griffin has now been benched twice when healthy in his young career. He was shut down for the final three games last year as the season spiraled to a 3-13 finish under then-coach Mike Shanahan.

Griffin has also suffered two major leg injuries — a torn ACL in his right knee as a rookie and a dislocated left ankle this year. The injuries have played a part in Griffin's desire to become a pass-first quarterback, rather than the

dual-threat player who rushed for 815 yards as a rookie.

The ankle problem caused Griffin to miss six games and hindered his work with first-year coach Gruden, but there had already been signs in training camp that he was having trouble with basics such as footwork and downfield reads. Drills ran more crisply with backups Kirk Cousins and McCoy.

Cousins took over after Griffin was hurt in the first quarter of the Week 2 game against the Jacksonville Jaguars and led a 41-10 victory, but he lost his next four starts and proved to be turnover-prone.

TCU-Texas highlight Big 12 play

(AP) — Things to watch in Week 14 of the Big 12 Conference season, a holiday week version:

GAME OF THE WEEK: No. 6 TCU at Texas, on Thanksgiving night. This will be the 1,200th game in Horned Frogs history, but only the second time since 1928 they've played on Thanksgiving Day. The last time was two years ago at Texas, when Big 12 newcomer TCU beat Texas for its 600th victory. The Horned Frogs (9-1) are now playoff contenders — still No. 5 in the College Football Playoff rankings — and looking to win a Big 12 title. Bowl-bound Texas (6-5) goes into its regular-season finale with a three-game winning streak for first-year coach Charlie Strong.

BEST MATCHUP: Art Briles vs. Kliff Kingsbury. Both coaches like big-play offenses. They were once at Texas Tech together, when Briles was the running backs coach from 2000-02 while Kingsbury was the starting quarterback. Kingsbury's second season at his alma mater will end with a losing record, so this is the closest the Red Raiders (4-7) get to a bowl game. Briles has Baylor (9-1) in contention for another Big 12 title and a playoff spot. Baylor is the Big 12 leader with 345 yards passing per game and 30 TDs, while Tech averages 328 yards with a league-high 34 TDs. In the last three meetings in the Dallas Cowboys' climate-controlled stadium, the teams have combined to average nearly 101 points and 1,145 total yards.

LONG SHOT: Sunflower Showdown upset. No. 11 Kansas State is a four-touchdown favorite against in-state rival Kansas. Under coach Bill Snyder, the Wildcats are 10-1 at home against Kansas — the lone loss coming in Snyder's debut season in 1989. Since the inception of the Big 12, K-State has a 14-4 series lead, with the Jayhawks' wins all coming in a five-year span (2004-08). K-State won the last four by an average margin of nearly 37 points.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: While Texas Tech and Kansas (3-8) finish up, Texas and West Virginia will have bowl games after their regular-season finales. ... Big 12 home teams are 19-18 in conference play this season. ... Baylor WR Corey Coleman has averaged 40.3 yards on his 11 career TD catches. He also has the nation's longest active streak with TD catches in seven consecutive games. ... Iowa State, which hosts West Virginia, is coming off its best non-overtime offensive game in six years.

The Cyclones had 599 total yards against Texas Tech, but are still looking for their first conference victory this season.

IMPACT PLAYER: West Virginia WR Kevin White is the Big 12 leader with 98 catches for 1,270 yards, and his nine TD catches are tied with Coleman for the league lead. White's 8.9 catches per game and 115 yards per game both rank in the top five among FBS players.

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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football in The Crossroads Area

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Big Spring's Hunter Hill scrambles for a gain during the Steers' bi-district playoff game against Gainesville. Hill will try and lead the Steers to a second win over Stephenville this season on Friday. The last time the two teams played, the senior rushed for a career-high 301 yards and six touchdowns.

Steers ready for 'battle of the titans' with Stephenville

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey isn't one of those coaches that tries to downplay the importance of a big game to his players. The simple truth is his players don't need to be told games are important ... they already know.

And, make no mistake about it, this week's game is the most important game the Steers will face all year.

Big Spring's postseason hopes of finally clearing a "regional quarterfinal hurdle" and earning the team's first trip to the Region I championship game in more than a decade hang in the balance of their showdown against rival Stephenville. This year's game will also go a long way in helping the Steers erase

BS on verge of its third 10-win season

The Big Spring Steers can reach a historic milestone with a win over the Stephenville Yellow Jackets on Friday. A victory would enable Big Spring to reach the 10-win plateau for only the third time in the school's history.

The Steers, now 9-2, can match the best run in BSHS history with a win, matching the 2009 and 1989 teams, who went 10-3.

the memories of a loss to Stephenville in the third round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

"I think it is going to be a battle of Titans," said Ritchey, who has guided Big Spring to

back-to-back appearances in the regional quarterfinals. "This is what it is all about. We know what is on the line."

"In the past, we haven't been able to get over that quarterfinal hump, but maybe this is the year," he said. "They're a good team, and we feel we are a good team, too. I think this is going to be an awesome experience for our young men."

It could also be a historic experience for the Steers. A win would send Big Spring into the regional championship game for the first time in more than a decade.

To get there, however, Big Spring will need to overcome one of its newest rivals - and one of the state's most storied programs in the Stephenville Yellow Jackets

The Steers, who suffered a loss to Stephenville in the

See STEERS on Page 3B



Photo courtesy/Phil Riddle

Stephenville running back Kaegun Williams runs for yardage against Estacado in the Jackets' 69-60 win last week. Williams rushed for 195 yards and 2 TDs in his last game against Big Spring.



Photo courtesy/Kim Ware

The Sands Mustangs will face off with the Loraine Bulldogs on Saturday in Robert Lee in the state quarterfinals. The winner will advance to face either Follett or Groom in the semifinals next week.

Mustangs looking to light up Loraine defense in quarterfinals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

At the midway point of the 2014 season, not many people gave the Mustangs a snowball's chance in Hades of reaching the state quarterfinals. Or even making the playoffs, for that matter.

Head coach Steve Keith

didn't stress, however. He told his team, once the team got into, district play, and some of its injured players got healthy, they could be among the state's best.

On Saturday, the Mustangs can continue to prove Keith right on all accounts by squaring off against longtime rival Lo-

raine in the third round of the Class A six-man Division II state playoffs. The two teams are scheduled to play at 6:30 p.m. in Robert Lee.

Sands, which recovered from a brutal early schedule loaded with Division I teams, rolls into the

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Big Spring Steers 2014 statistics

2014 RESULTS

Big Spring 58, Kerrville Tivy 56	1-0
Big Spring 33, Monahans 32	2-0
Big Spring 41, Hereford 14	3-0
Big Spring 27, Graham 21	3-0
Andrews 43, Big Spring 42	4-1
Big Spring 49, Snyder 6	5-1 (1-0)
Big Spring 64, Stephenville 57	6-1 (2-0)
Abilene Wylie 49, Big Spring 6	6-2 (2-1)
Big Spring 46, Brownwood 41	7-2 (3-1)
Big Spring 35, Gainesville 17 (bi-district)	8-2
Big Spring 48, Andrews 34 (area)	9-2

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Big Spring	114	129	82	94	-	449
Opponent	69	108	73	79	-	369

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds	Avg	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	194	1547	8.0	11
Fabien Garcia	4	10	2.5	0
Allen Chancey	1	3	3.0	0
Michael Zambrano	1	1	1.0	0
Hunter Hill	117	995	8.5	16
Preston Alexander	100	643	6.4	16
Matt Yanez	1	9	9.0	0
Totals	418	3208	7.7	43

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD
Tobyn Tannehill	109	208	5	1765	19
Hunter Hill	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	110	209	5	1765	19

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD
Dee Parker	20	345	17.3	4
Nathan Schneider	1	2	2.0	2
Allen Ryle	1	13	2.2	13
Hunter Hill	22	477	21.7	8
Garrett Wigington	18	244	13.6	3
Preston Alexander	4	30	7.5	0
Matt Yanez	43	654	15.2	4
Totals	109	1765	16.2	19

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds	Avg	Long
Tobyn Tannehill	7	177	25.2	46
Totals	7	177	25.2	46

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Hunter Hill	26	0	0	0	144
Preston Alexander	16	0	0	0	102
Dee Parker	4	0	0	0	24
Tobyn Tannehill	11	41	0	1	107
Garrett Wigington	3	0	0	2	22
Dylan Marquez	1	0	0	0	6
Matt Yanez	5	0	0	1	32
Nathan Schneider	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	66	41	0	5	439

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds	Avg	TD
Lorenzo Jones	1	12	12.0	0
Dylan Marquez	1	33	33.0	1
Garrett Wigington	2	17	8.5	0
Manuel Galvan	3	33	11.0	0
Allen Ryle	3	5	2.5	0
Totals	10	116	10.3	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

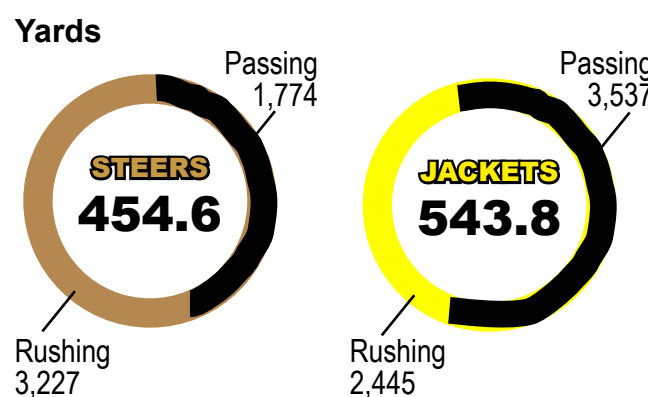
Player	S	A	TOT	AVG	TFL
Dylan Marquez	8	30	38	5.4	-
Tobyn Tannehill	5	3	8	1.1	1.0
Fabian Garcia	2	4	6	3.0	1.0
Dee Parker	0	1	1	0.1	-
Andrew Paredes	2	2	4	1.3	-
Josh Valle	3	7	10	1.7	-
Allen Chancey	2	6	8	2.0	-
Victor Paniagua	7	15	13	2.2	-
Manuel Galvan	27	53	80	8.9	4.0
Nathan Schneider	14	37	51	6.4	6.0
Jonathan Gonzalez	0	6	6	1.5	-
Lorenzo Jones	17	30	47	7.8	1.0
Ivan Castillo	0	2	2	1.0	-
Kalief Washington	14	12	26	3.7	2.0
Allen Ryle	23	43	66	7.3	3.0
Hunter Hill	0	2	2	0.2	-
Garrett Wigington	28	77	105	11.7	14.0
Alex Johnson	15	54	69	7.7	11.0
Steven Henry	4	18	20	3.3	5.0
Colin Sutton	0	1	1	1.0	-
Triston DeLeon	9	58	67	7.4	7.0
Oden Yanez	1	5	6	3.0	2.0
Nick Sotelo	0	1	1	1.0	-
Brycen Kiker	1	3	4	2.0	-
Marc Kriesen	1	1	2	1.0	-
Colin Woodard	1	4	4	1.3	-
Nick Conner	0	3	3	1.5	-
Luis Casillas	5	6	11	2.2	-
Anthony Godwin	19	14	33	4.1	1.0

BY THE NUMBERS

Big Spring vs. Stephenville

A look at how the Big Spring Steers and Stephenville Yellow Jackets statistics match up.

Points scored		Points Allowed	
STEERS	JACKETS	STEERS	JACKETS
40.8	46.3	33.5	31.1



How we got here ... The following is a look at week-by-week results for Big Spring and Stephenville

Big Spring Steers (9-2)			Stephenville Jackets (8-3)		
Aug. 30	Kerrville Tivy	58-56 W	Aug. 29	So. Anchorage	43-0 W
Sept. 5	Monahans	33-32 W	Sept. 5	Gatesville	49-6 W
Sept. 19	Hereford	41-14 W	Sept. 12	Everman	36-21 W
Sept. 26	Graham	27-20 W	Sept. 19	Lubbock Cooper	50-39 L
Oct. 3	Andrews	43-42 L	Sept. 26	Alvarado	55-20 W
Oct. 10	Snyder	49-6 W	Oct. 10	Brownwood	40-21 W
Oct. 24	Stephenville	64-57 W	Oct. 17	Snyder	49-16 W
Oct. 31	Wylie	49-6 L	Oct. 24	Big Spring	64-57 L
Nov. 7	Brownwood	46-41 W	Nov. 7	Wylie	21-7 L
Nov. 14	Gainesville	35-17 W	Nov. 14	Decatur	66-64 W
Nov. 21	Andrews	48-34 W	Nov. 21	Lubb. Estacado	69-60 W
Nov. 28	Stephenville	?-? ?	Nov. 28	Big Spring	?-? ?



Penalty yards	
STEERS	JACKETS
804	460

Fumbles/Lost	
STEERS	JACKETS
16/15	12/11

Total Touchdowns	
STEERS	JACKETS
65	72

PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

Tobyn Tannehill | **Jarrett Stidham**

PASSING YARDS

1,774	2,466
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RUSHING YARDS

1,529	783
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Hunter Hill | **Kaegun Williams**

RUSHING YARDS

1,032	1,361
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RECEIVING YARDS/TDS

486/8	1,036/11
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Matt Yanez | **Darian Brown**

RECEPTIONS

42	53
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STEERS

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third round last year, will face off with Stephenville beginning at 2 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The winner will advance to face either Graham or Wylie next week in the Region I finals.

Both teams head into Friday's showdown with a full head of steam. The Steers have won their last three games in impressive fashion. After finishing the season as the District 3-4A runner-up, Big Spring has rode a powerful three-pronged rushing attack to big-time wins over Brownwood, Gainesville and, perhaps the sweetest of all, Andrews.

With the run, Big Spring has improved to 9-2.

Stephenville is riding a wave of momentum, too. The Yellow Jackets finished the regular season as the third-place team (behind Abilene Wylie and Big Spring) in the District 3-4A race. Since their 21-7 loss to Wylie in their regular-season finale, Stephenville has reeled off a pair of nail-biting wins to reach the third round for the second straight year. In the bi-district round, the Yellow Jackets claimed a 66-64 win over Decatur on four overtimes. Last week, they posted a 69-60 win over Lubbock Estacado.

For Big Spring and Stephenville, the wins set up a rematch of an Oct. 24 showdown at Memorial Stadium that Big Spring won, 64-57.

"It should be a pretty exciting game again," said Big Spring quarterback Tobyn Tannehill. "Hopefully, it won't be as high scoring as that last one."

One thing fans will likely see plenty of is offense. Both Big Spring

and Stephenville are powered by talented quarterbacks who headline high-scoring offenses that are capable of striking at any time, and from anywhere on the field.

The Yellow Jackets, who are led by quarterback Jarrett Stidham, enter the game averaging more than 46 points per game. As a team, the Yellow Jackets have averaged 67.5 points in each of their two playoff wins - and scored more than 40 points eight times this fall.

Stidham, a senior who has already committed to Texas Tech, helped Stephenville survive a scare from Estacado last week. Only three weeks removed from surgery on a finger on hand, Stidham came into the area playoff game after the first series and promptly completed 18 of his 26 passing attempts for 318 yards and six touchdowns - spread out to five different receivers.

He also rushed 12 times for 193 yards and three TDs.

For the year, the SHS quarterback has completed 156 of his 218 attempts for 2,466 yards and 30 scores.

Stidham was injured early in the Yellow Jackets' loss to Big Spring on Oct. 24. Backup Anthony Chavarria replaced Stidham in the lineup and throw for nearly 400 yards against the Steer defense.

Chavarria, who started the Yellow Jackets' two playoff games, was 71-of-119 for 1,068 yards and 10 TDs in relief of Stidham.

Stephenville, which has amassed almost 6,000 total yards this season on offense, is far from a one-horse team. Joining Stidham in the backfield is running back Kaegun Williams. The SHS rusher gained more than 190 yards in

the Jackets' Oct. 24 loss to Big Spring.

For the year, Williams has rushed for 1,361 yards and 16 scores.

Williams also doubles as a receiving threat for Stephenville. He is the team's top receiver this season, having caught 60 passes for 1,036 yards.

Other key targets for Stidham are Darian Brown and Josh Nowell. Brown has 53 receptions for 778 yards and six TDs in the Jackets' first 11 games. Nowell has caught 44 passes for 695 yards and nine TDs. Ben Martin and Austin Stufflebean have also caught more than 30 passes this season and amassed seven TDs each.

For Stephenville, the offense is the positive side of the coin. Defensively, the Yellow Jackets have struggled to contain opposing teams.

Big Spring's defense will certainly get a chance to see how much it has improved in the past month against. Backed by the introduction of several new starters, the Steers have looked dramatically better on the defensive side of the ball in the last two weeks. Big Spring has held each of its two playoff opponents to less than 280 total yards.

The defense's new-found stamina could go a long way in determining Friday's matchup. Stephenville rolled up more than 600 total yards in their last meeting with Big Spring.

As a squad, the Jackets are allowing more than 30 points per game. In their two playoff games, Stephenville had surrendered 124 points.

That is welcome news to a Big Spring offense that is every bit as explosive as the Yellow Jackets'. The Steers have eclipsed the 40-point plateau in three of their last five games.

Tannehill is the straw

that stirs the Steers' offensive game. The senior standout is one of the state's top threats - rushing and passing. Last week against Andrews, Tannehill rushed and threw for more than 100 yards.

For the year, Tannehill has completed 109 of his 205 passing attempts for 1,774 yards. He has also rushed for a team-leading 1,529 yards and 11 TDs on 180 attempts.

Like Stidham, Tannehill doesn't have to carry the entire BSHS offense. Unlike Stephenville, Tannehill is flanked by not one, but two running backs that can take control of a game.

Senior Hunter Hill, who is as explosive as Tannehill, is one of the state's best dual-threat players. Despite splitting carries with Tannehill and sophomore running back Preston Alexander, Hill has enjoyed a stellar season. Through the Steers' first 11 games, he has rushed for 1,032 yards and a team-high 16 touchdowns on just 118 attempts. As a receiver, he has caught 23 passes for 486 yards and a team-best eight scores.

Hill was a major thorn in Stephenville's side in their earlier meeting. In Big Spring's win, Hill rushed for a career-best 301 yards and six touchdowns.

Alexander, who rushed for four touchdowns last week in the Steers' revenge win over Andrews, has rushed for 576 yards and 14 TDs this season on 87 carries.

When Tannehill needs clutch yards, the receiver he looks to most is senior Matt Yanez. A 5-foot-7 standout, Yanez is the Steers' top pass-catcher this fall, having hauled in 42 passes for 646 yards - much of which comes on crucial third-down plays.

Tannehill is the straw

SANDS

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game with a deceiving 6-6 record. After a 1-5 start, Sands went 3-1 in District 6-A action and earned the runner-up playoff berth. Once in the postseason, the Mustangs have hit stride, reeling off wins over Balmorhea and

Blackwell to earn the team's eighth trip to the quarterfinals since 1990.

In Loraine, the Mustangs will be facing a team that is a lot like themselves. The Bulldogs, 7-5 overall, struggled early in the year, losing four of their first six outings before rallying back to take the runner-up playoff honors in District 7

behind Blackwell.

Once in the playoffs, Loraine came alive. The Bulldogs defeated Blanket in the bi-district round and then dispatched District 6 champion Buena Vista, 51-47, last week.

The Bulldogs are led into the contest by junior spreadback Patrick Tillis, who has passes for 1,114 yards and 17

TDs and rushed for 2,665 yards and 49 scores.

Sands is keyed by the play of juniors Dayton Eddleman and Dyllan Tindol. The two have accounted for more than 60 TDs this season.

The winner of the Loraine-Sands game will play either Groom or Follett in the state semifinals.

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High School Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Happy 76, Lenorah Grady 50
Turkey Valley 66, Borden County 64-Region II

State Quarterfinals
Happy (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Littlefield

Region II
Regional
Ira 70, Garden City 22
Crowell 67, Water Valley 8

State Quarterfinals
Ira (12-0) vs. Crowell (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

Region III
Regional
Gordon 24, Zephyr 22
May 65, Santa Anna 20

State Quarterfinals
Gordon (11-1) vs. May (9-2), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

Region IV
Regional
Blum 70, Campbell 13
Abbott 49, Savoy 0

State Quarterfinals
Blum (10-1) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Follett 54, Whitharral 42
Groom 60, Southland 14

State Quarterfinals
Follett (11-1) vs. Groom (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Pampa

Region II
Regional
Ackery Sands 72, Blackwell 60
Lorraine 51, Imperial Buena Vista 47

State Quarterfinals
Ackery Sands (6-6) vs. Lorraine (7-5), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Robert Lee

Region III
Regional
Guthrie 36, Chillicothe 22
Throckmorton 70, Matador Motley County 22

State Quarterfinals
Guthrie (12-0) vs. Throckmorton (11-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Seymour

Region IV
Regional
Richland Springs 92, Mount Calm High School 45
Calvert 32, Jonesboro 26, OT

State Quarterfinals
Richland Springs (12-0) vs. Calvert (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Hico

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Canadian 59, Windthorst 13
Stratford 32, Ozona 24
Wellington 20, Stamford 7
Abernathy 52, Hawley 21

Regional
Canadian (11-0) vs. Stratford (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Wellington (8-4) vs. Abernathy (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Region II
Area
Crawford 57, Alvord 7
Hico 33, Wolfe City 6
Mart 77, Bells 6
Tolar 34, Quinlan Boles 14

Regional
Crawford (11-1) vs. Hico (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose
Mart (11-0) vs. Tolar (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Vernon's Newsom Stadium

Region III
Area
Gladewater Union Grove 14, Lovelady 7
Alto 65, Ore City 29
Centerville 69, San Augustine 36
Price Carlisle 27, Pineiland West Sabine 26

Regional
Gladewater Union Grove (11-0) vs. Alto (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carthage
Centerville (8-3) vs. Price Carlisle (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Region IV
Area
Thorndale 56, Ben Bolt 23
Refugio 58, Johnson City 0
Three Rivers 42, Holland 22
Mason 44, Shiner 20

Regional
Thorndale (9-2) vs. Refugio (11-0), 6 p.m. Friday, SA's Farris Stadium
Three Rivers (11-0) vs. Mason (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Quannah 42, Booker 12
Crosbyton 62, Sunray 34
Seagraves 47, Gruver 13
Farwell 26, Memphis 7

Regional
Quannah (9-3) vs. Crosbyton (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Seagraves (11-0) vs. Farwell (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II
Area
Santo 45, Iraan 28
Hamlin 51, Wink 20
Winters 26, Munday 13
Albany 38, Miles 6

Regional
Santo (11-1) vs. Hamlin (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Weatherford
Winters (10-1) vs. Albany (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Clyde

Region III
Area
Normangee 40, Lindsay 21
Tenaha 40, Hubbard 26
Iola 35, Muenster 21
Chilton 33, Timpson 7

Regional
Normangee (8-4) vs. Tenaha (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Bullard
Iola (10-0) vs. Chilton (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS

Region IV
Area
Bremond 48, Rocksprings 0
Louise 20, D'Hanis 6
Bruni 6, Burton 0
Falls City 34, La Pryor 12

Regional
Bremond (11-0) vs. Louise (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop
Bruni (9-2) vs. Falls City (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, CC Flour Bluff

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I
Bidistrict
Muleshoe 31, Kermit 7
Breckenridge 23, Clyde 16
Shallowater 42, Friona 6
Boyd 33, Brady 12
Wall 30, Ponder 7
Brownfield 35, Childress 28
Brock 57, Bangs 13
Denver City 28, Littlefield 27

Area
Muleshoe (8-3) vs. Breckenridge (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder
Shallowater (10-1) vs. Boyd (5-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Wall (10-1) vs. Brownfield (7-4), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Brock (10-1) vs. Denver City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II
Bidistrict
Pottsboro 44, Caddo Mills 13
Redwater 21, White Oak 18
Whitesboro 47, Sunnysvale 39
Winnsboro 28, Gladewater Sabine 17
New Boston 28, Jefferson 21
Pilot Point 50, Red Oak Life 27
Mineola 52, Pattonville Prairiland 14
Commerce 22, Farmersville 7

Area
Pottsboro (10-1) vs. Redwater (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Emory Rains HS
Whitesboro (3-8) vs. Winnsboro (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Greenville
New Boston (10-1) vs. Pilot Point (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Commerce
Mineola (8-3) vs. Commerce (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Roysie City

Region III
Bidistrict
Whitney 42, Lago Vista 14
Kirbyville 37, Elkhart 7
Rockdale 48, Comanche 18
Buna 34, Malakoff 24
Teague 76, Kountze 42
Cameron Yoe 41, Glen Rose 21
East Chambers 41, Palestine Westwood 10

Area
Whitney (10-1) vs. Kirbyville (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station HS
Rockdale (10-1) vs. Buna (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klein
Teague (11-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
East Chambers (10-1) vs. Little River Academy (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Region IV
Bidistrict
Altair Rice 35, Comfort 29
Mathis 38, Aransas Pass 28
Hempstead 32, Luling 0
Hallettsville 44, Lyford 6
Goliad 61, Santa Rosa 7
Edna 38, Universal City Randolph 22
San Diego 14, George West 6
Ingram Moore 51, Hitchcock 40

Area
Altair Rice (5-6) vs. Mathis (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sinton
Hempstead (9-2) vs. Hallettsville (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg
Goliad (10-1) vs. Edna (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
San Diego (9-2) vs. Ingram Moore (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pearsall

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Breckenridge 28, Muleshoe 7
Shallowater 49, Boyd 35
Wall 44, Brownfield 21
Brock 27, Denver City 26

Regional
Breckenridge (7-5) vs. Shallowater (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shallowater
Wall (11-1) vs. Brock (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Region II
Area
Pottsboro 38, Redwater 21
Whitesboro 35, Winnsboro 7
Pilot Point 35, New Boston 13
Mineola 42, Commerce 14

Regional
Pottsboro (11-1) vs. Whitesboro (4-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denison
Pilot Point (10-2) vs. Mineola (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Forney's Citi Bank Stadium

Region III
Area
Kirbyville 74, Whitney 48
Rockdale 55, Buna 28
Cameron Yoe 42, Teague 31
East Chambers 24, Little River Academy 14

Regional
Kirbyville (11-1) vs. Rockdale (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Cameron Yoe (8-4) vs. East Chambers (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, New Caney

Region IV
Area
Mathis 46, Altair Rice 16
Hallettsville 25, Hempstead 14
Edna 21, Goliad 14
Ingram Moore 22, San Diego 6

Regional
Mathis (9-3) vs. Hallettsville (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels Canyon
Edna (7-5) vs. Ingram Moore (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, New Braunfels Canyon

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Spearman 62, Alpine 36
Cisco 49, Post 7
Eastland 38, Coleman 28
Sonora 35, Idalou 14

Regional
Spearman (12-0) vs. Cisco (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship
Eastland (11-1) vs. Sonora (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Region II
Area
Gunter 35, Apr 28
Sadler S&S Consolidated 28, Elysian Fields 27, OT
Howe 50, Hughes Springs 32
Waskom 52, Leonard 32

Regional
Gunter (11-1) vs. Sadler S&S Consolidated (6-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denison
Howe (7-5) vs. Waskom (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Region III
Area
Crockett 48, Clifton 44
Rogers 40, Corrigan-Camden 14
Newton 56, Dublin 13
Franklin 51, Maypearl 13

Regional
Crockett (7-5) vs. Rogers (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station HS
Newton (9-3) vs. Franklin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine

Region IV
Area
East Bernard 50, Cotulla 0
Blanco 56, Taft 14
Odem 20, Karnes City 0
Van Vleck 42, Hebbornville 7

Regional
East Bernard (11-1) vs. Blanco (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings
Odem (11-1) vs. Van Vleck (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Stephenville 69, Lubbock Estacado 60
Big Spring 48, Andrews 34
Abilene Wylie 75, Lovelland 21
Graham 41, Seminole 13

Regional
Stephenville (8-3) vs. Big Spring (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Abilene Wylie (10-2) vs. Graham (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville ISD Complex

Region II
Area
Kennedale 30, Athens 26
Argyle 49, Kaufman 13
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 49, Carrollton Ranchview 36
Paris 28, Sanger 16

Regional
Kennedale (12-0) vs. Argyle (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (7-5) vs. Paris (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant

Region III
Area
Henderson 36, West Columbia 20
Jasper 21, Stafford 7
Navasota 49, Tyler Chapel Hill 28
El Campo 28, Carthage 21

Regional
Henderson (10-2) vs. Jasper (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin
Navasota (12-0) vs. El Campo (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

Region IV
Area
Rockport-Fulton 27, Fischer Canyon Lake 21, OT
Liberty Hill 45, Gonzales 27
Waco Robinson 31, La Vernia 28
Burnet 56, Kingsville King 27

Regional
Rockport-Fulton (9-3) vs. Liberty Hill (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium
Waco Robinson (8-4) vs. Burnet (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Baylor's McLane Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Vernon 52, Krum 14
Sweetwater 46, Bridgeport 14
Celina 43, Monahans 15
Iowa Park 52, Venus 14

Regional
Vernon (8-4) vs. Sweetwater (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Celina (10-2) vs. Iowa Park (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, FW Brewer

Region II
Area
Gilmer 80, Waco Connally 21
Gladewater 34, Fairfield 16
Atlanta 48, Cleveland Tarkington 26
Tatum 35, Coldspring-Oakhurst 12

Regional
Gilmer (12-0) vs. Gladewater (11-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium
Atlanta (11-1) vs. Tatum (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Longview's Pirate Stadium

Region III
Area
West Orange-Stark 34, Giddings 14
La Marque 19, Sweeny 7
La Grange 49, Orangefield 7
Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 20, Bellville 10

Regional
West Orange-Stark (10-2) vs. La Marque (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Baytown's Stallworth Stadium
La Grange (12-0) vs. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Region IV
Area
Cuero 42, Geronimo Navarro 20
Yoakum 44, Devine 27
Sinton 38, Hondo 9
Wimberley 21, Orange Grove 6

Regional
Cuero (10-2) vs. Yoakum (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
Sinton (9-3) vs. Wimberley (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Canyon Randall 49, EP Address 33
WF Rider 41, FW Arlington Heights 23
EP Del Valle 38, Amarillo Palo Duro 17
Aledo 49, Denton 17

Regional
Canyon Randall (11-1) vs. WF Rider (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
EP Del Valle (11-1) vs. Aledo (11-1), 3 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Region II
Area
McKinney North 50, West Mesquite 44
Mansfield Lake Ridge 37, Longview 35
Rockwall-Heath 44, Wylie 6
Tyler 44, Mansfield Summit 27

Regional
McKinney North (10-2) vs. Mansfield Lake Ridge (8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Kincaide Stadium
Rockwall-Heath (10-2) vs. Tyler (10-2), noon Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Region III
Area
Temple 47, Houston Stratford 35
Fort Bend Ridge Point 24, Houston King 3
Bryan 49, Magnolia West 34
Richmond George Ranch 35, Humble Kingwood Park 14

Regional
Temple (10-1) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center
Bryan (10-1) vs. Richmond George Ranch (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Waller

Region IV
Area
Austin LBJ 20, SA Alamo Heights 13
Victoria West 61, Edinburg Vela 45
Austin Vandegriff 42, Lockhart 13
CC Flour Bluff 48, Mission Memorial 14

Regional
Austin LBJ (10-2) vs. Victoria West (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium
Austin Vandegriff (10-2) vs. CC Flour Bluff (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Canutillo 27, San Angelo Lake View 10
Azle 45, Burleson 20
EP Eastlake 32, Lubbock Cooper 14
Everman 21, Wichita Falls 20

Regional
Canutillo (11-1) vs. Azle (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
EP Eastlake (9-3) vs. Everman (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Region II
Area
Frisco Heritage 43, Terrell 20
Dallas South Oak Cliff 55, Marshall 35
Lewisville The Colony 27, Mesquite Po-teet 24
Ennis 17, Mansfield Timberview 13

Regional
Frisco Heritage (10-2) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Cotton Bowl
Lewisville The Colony (9-3) vs. Ennis (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waxahachie

Region III
Area
Brenham 45, Elgin 42
Crosby 36, Port Lavaca Calhoun 14
Hutto 39, Waller 14
Angleton 32, Dayton 31, OT

Regional
Brenham (9-3) vs. Crosby (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Hutto (10-2) vs. Angleton (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Center

Region IV
Area
Cedar Park 49, Boerne-Champion 27
Mission Sharyland 28, CC Callen 0
Kerrville Tivy 35, Georgetown East View 17
Gregory-Portland 28, Roma 24

Regional
Cedar Park (9-3) vs. Mission Sharyland (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Heroes Stadium
Kerrville Tivy (9-3) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

BIG SPRING TEXANS BSYFL DII CHAMPIONS

The Big Spring Texans earned the 2014 BSYFL championship last Saturday by claiming an 8-0 win over the Big Spring Cowboys in the Division II finals. The Texans were coached by Brian Fontana, Keith Fontana and Mike Mendez. Other BSYFL champions crowned were: Pee Wee - Chiefs Division I - Coahoma Chiefs



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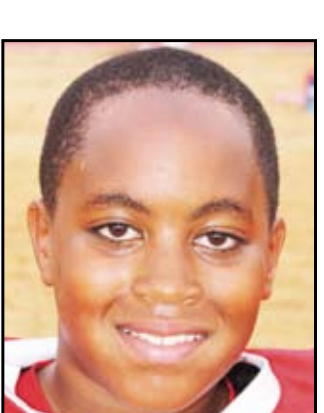
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BSHS cheer squad to hold camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleading squad will be holding its annual mini-cheer camp on Dec. 17-18 in the ATC.. Sign-ups are being taken through Dec. 12. The mini-cheer camp is open to girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. No preschoolers will be allowed. The cost for the camp is \$60 per child. As part of the event, each camper will receive a BSHS cheer camp T-shirt, as well as other items throughout the event. Campers will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance and also perform at the half of a Big Spring Steers' game. The camp will be held on Dec. 17-18, from 4-6 p.m., inside the ATC's Green room. The girls will then perform on Dec. 19 during the boy's basketball game. The game will start at 7:30 p.m., mini cheerleaders will perform around 8:15 p.m. Anyone having questions should email Ashley Phinney at: aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net or call BSHS and leave a message.

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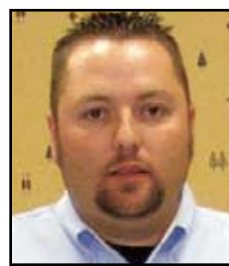
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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

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