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Sen. Kel Seliger recieves TML Legislator of the Year award

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — The Texas Municipal League announced Wednesday that State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) has received a TML Legislator of the Year Award.

Sen. Seliger was lauded by TML for working to promote and protect municipal authority.

Seliger also consistently advocated on behalf of municipal authority



Seliger

throughout the session when numerous attempts were made to erode local control, TML officials said.

“Sen. Seliger understands that taxpayers’ best recourse for change is at the local level. Instead of consolidating power at the state level, Sen. Seliger understands that decisions are best left

locally,” said Bennett Sandlin, TML executive eirector.

Seliger was elected to the Texas Senate in 2004 after serving four terms as Mayor of Amarillo and as a member of the Amarillo City Commission and the Amarillo Civil Service Commission.

He currently serves as the chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee and also serves on the Senate Committees on Education,

Finance, Business and Commerce, and Natural Resources and Economic Development.

The award was presented to Seliger Wednesday during the TML Annual Conference in San Antonio.

The Texas Municipal League is a voluntary association of 1,146 member cities. It was established in 1913 for the purposes of serving the needs and advocating the interests of Texas cities.



The Big Spring Police Department Honor Guard leads the way during the 2014 Big Spring High School Homecoming Parade. This year’s parade begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Let’s have a parade!

Procession kicks off BSHS homecoming festivities Friday

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Forty-two entries have signed up to participate in the Big Spring High School 2015 Homecoming Parade Friday.

The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Donley St. and 11th Place. The procession will continue down 11th Place in front of the high school and turn right on South Goliad where it will head north to East 8th then turn right and continue east on 8th St to Owens where the parade will turn right and head south. Parade participants will continue on Owens until 10th St. where it will turn right and head west. The parade will end at the ball hall parking lot.

The float lineup is as follows: Police Honor Guard and Car.

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Police were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 700 block of Scurry Street Wednesday afternoon. No injuries were reported.

SSA office to re-open

By JULIE BASS
 Staff Writer

After months of renovations, the Social Security Administration office in Big Spring will be open for business again Monday.

“I am so excited to get to say that we are returning to our office,” said Farah Schultz-Lasckey, media relations for the Social Security Administration office. “It has taken a long time and we are ready.”

The SSA office was closed for repairs after a vehicle wrecked into the building causing major structural

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Obituaries

Lavelle Mikolacjyck



Lavelle Mikolacjyck, 78, died Sept. 18, 2015. She was born in Big Spring, Texas and recently lived in Orange County, Calif. with her family.

Lavelle worked 20 years for the Military Base Exchange in Biloxi. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Costa Mesa, Calif. and was very active. Lavelle enjoyed socializing with her friends at the Fountain Valley Senior Center,

playing Bingo and Bunco. Her hobbies included sewing, gardening and crafts. Lavelle also loved to play board games, which included Scrabble and Yahtzee, with her family.

Lavelle was a widow and her husband, Retired Staff Sergeant Stephen Mikolacjyck passed away in 1990.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cynthia Lundy and Deborah Davis. Immediate family members include, son-in-law, Warren Davis, Jr.; grandson, Warren Davis III and his fiancée, Therese Dimaano; granddaughter, Amanda Thorne and husband Bryan Thorne; and two great-grandchildren, Forrest Lundy and Baylee Thorne.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, all at the Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi, Miss. Burial will follow at Southern Memorial Park in Biloxi.

Paid obituary

Castle Campbell



Castle Berry Campbell, 86, died peacefully at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, N.Y., Friday, Aug. 7, 2015. Close friend. Beloved uncle. We miss him. Blessed with an easy smile and outgoing personality, Castle never met a stranger, nor forgot those who became friends.

He was born in Big Spring, Texas, the son of James Campbell and the former Lula Mae Castle.

A graduate of Big Spring High School, he attended Abilene Christian College (now ACU) in Abilene, Texas, then moved to Dallas where he worked as a film booker for RKO Pictures.

By the late 1950s, Castle was working in New York City as an airline ticketing agent. That began a long and varied travel career which culminated at Loew's Hotels, where he worked in travel agency sales.

During the Loew's years, he traveled almost constantly — domestically and abroad. Budapest, Cairo, Lisbon, Bangkok, Hamburg and Taipei were some of the cities he visited and explored. Castle never tired of traveling and used his vacations to do even more. France was always a favorite and the source of many anecdotes, including the time he fell asleep on a sunny afternoon in a cow pasture surrounded by the magnificent Cirque de Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. Another special travel moment was a motor launch cruise in New Zealand's spectacular Milford Sound. In recognition of his travel experience and industry credentials, Castle was elected a member of SKAL, the international travel fraternity.

Castle liked the theater, movies, mystery novels, Masterpiece Theater series and was a fanatical fan of "Keeping Up Appearances." Then there was ballroom dancing. Just ask SKAL or ASTA members who was the last guy to leave the dance floor at their dinner dances?

After retiring from Loew's, Castle served as a volunteer docent at Carnegie Hall for 20+ years and continued to travel.

Castle was preceded in death by a brother, Woodrow Campbell; a sister, Dorothea Evans; nephews, Warren Evans and Jim Pat Campbell; and a much beloved first cousin, Janice Dunagan.

He is survived by Malcolm Crawford, his long-time friend who patiently cared for him during the final months; a niece, Judy Schoen of Terrell, Texas; two nephews, Roger Evans of Oslo, Norway and Joe Keith Campbell of Tulsa, Okla.; plus several cousins and a host of great-nieces and nephews.

Castle adopted New York as his home, but never forgot his Texas roots. He loved his family and friends, never forgot them and kept up with what they were doing until his demise.

Interment services will be held at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. A reception and lunch will follow at the Hotel Settles.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, Carnegie Hall, or the New York Public Library.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Please share your remembrances of Castle online at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Audie Baker

Audie Baker, 88, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elwin Collom, pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born March 2, 1927, to Ethel and Charlie Turner. She lived most of her life in Howard

County. She was a homemaker and also worked at the Wagon Wheel for 25 years. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She enjoyed fishing and cooking. She is survived by five sons, Alvin Baker and

his wife, Edith, of Coahoma, Robert Baker of Big Spring, Nathan Baker and his wife, Trina, of Big Spring, Jimmy Baker and his wife, Susie, of Lubbock, and Jesse Baker and his wife, Connie, of Big Spring; two daughters, Glenda Bray of Big Spring and Susie Roach and her husband, Jerry, of Big Spring; one brother, Dub Turner and his wife, Hazel; one sister, Myrtle Cline of Norman, Okla.; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Baker; one daughter, Alice Rueda; one grandson; two brothers, Ocie Turner and Johnny Turner; one sister, Nova Turner; and one son-in-law, Speck Bray.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ROBERT WAYNE CARROLL, 60, of 600 W. I-20 119 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIMBERLY ALCANTARARIOS, 33, of 4009 Vicky was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• NESTOR RIVERA MORALES, 36, of 1501 W. 5th St. was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order — goes to or near residence/employment/school.

• TERRY JOE CONWAY, 54, of 2001 Morrison Dr. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass — habitation/shelter.

• CODY ALAN WINGO, 27, of 1700 Purdue Ave. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 26, of 1733 Purdue was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20 and the 500 block of Vikki Road in Coahoma.

• THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 3300 E. FM 700.

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, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

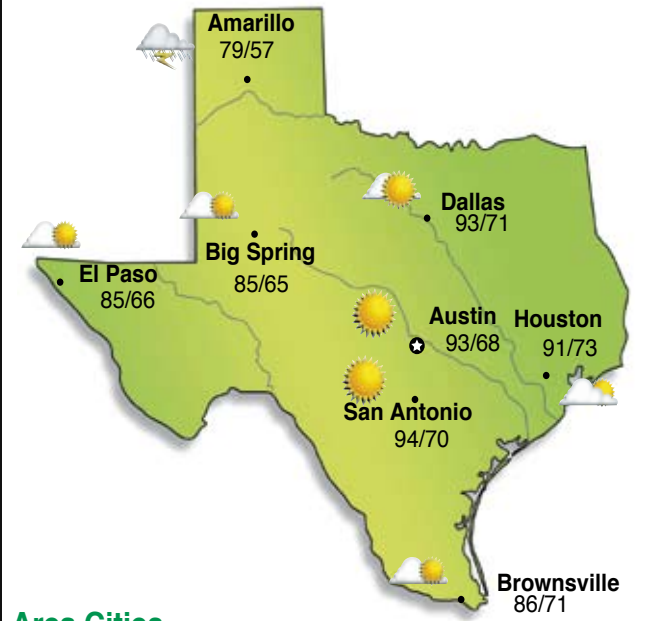
• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/25	Sat 9/26	Sun 9/27	Mon 9/28	Tue 9/29
85/65 Partly cloudy skies. High around 85F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	84/62 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	83/61 Partly cloudy. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	85/61 Mainly sunny. High in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/62 Sunny. High in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 7:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:34 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	67	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	79	57	t-storm	Livingston	90	69	cloudy
Austin	93	68	sunny	Longview	91	66	cloudy
Beaumont	89	68	pt sunny	Lubbock	84	61	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	67	cloudy
Brownwood	91	64	mst sunny	Midland	88	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	74	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	71	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	69	cloudy	Rosenberg	90	70	pt sunny
Dallas	93	71	mst sunny	San Antonio	94	70	sunny
Del Rio	94	69	mst sunny	San Marcos	94	69	mst sunny
El Paso	85	66	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	65	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	88	64	pt sunny	Sweetwater	89	66	pt sunny
Gainesville	90	66	pt sunny	Tyler	91	68	cloudy
Greenville	91	65	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	67	mst sunny
Houston	91	73	cloudy	Wichita Falls	88	66	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	60	rain	Minneapolis	69	60	rain
Boston	70	56	sunny	New York	80	62	sunny
Chicago	76	58	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	76	sunny
Dallas	93	71	mst sunny	San Francisco	79	58	pt sunny
Denver	84	51	sunny	Seattle	75	55	cloudy
Houston	91	73	cloudy	St. Louis	85	61	pt sunny
Los Angeles	91	69	sunny	Washington, DC	81	63	pt sunny
Miami	85	75	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 9/25	Sat 9/26	Sun 9/27	Mon 9/28	Tue 9/29
8	8	8	8	8
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Correction

Howard County Deputy James Obenchan was inadvertently left off the list of Sheriff's Deputies in the 2015 Hometown Heros special edition. The Herald regrets the error.

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Take note

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Sept. 28-29; Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• The Howard College Music pro-

gram is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano.

To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate

one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• 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.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big

Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday 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 271-2176.

• 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.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

News in brief

Saudi Arabia's civil defense directorate says at least 220 people dead in hajj stampede

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — At least 220 people were killed and hundreds injured in a stampede Thursday at the annual hajj pilgrimage, Saudi authorities said.

The crush happened in Mina, a large valley about five kilometers (three miles) from the holy city of Mecca. Mina houses more than 160,000 tents where pilgrims spend the night during the pilgrimage.

The Saudi civil defense directorate said at least 450 other pilgrims were injured in the stampede.

Photos released by the directorate on its official Twitter account showed rescue workers in orange and yellow vests helping the wounded onto stretchers and loading them onto ambulances near some of the white tents.

Some 2 million people are taking part in this year's hajj pilgrimage, which began Tuesday.

Pope prepares for historic address at US Capitol, and dysfunctional Congress pauses to listen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh from enrapturing crowds all over Washington, Pope Francis is bringing his resonant message of humility and hope to Capitol Hill as he becomes the first pontiff in history to speak to a joint meeting of Congress.

Lawmakers of all political backgrounds and religious affiliations have thrilled to the pope's arrival, pledging to pause from the bickering and dysfunction that normally divide them and hear him out Thursday morning. Tens of thousands of spectators will be watching from the West Lawn of the Capitol and many more on TV from around the world as the pope addresses a House chamber packed with Supreme Court justices, Cabinet officials, diplomats, lawmakers and their guests.

After the sergeant at arms announces him by belabored "Mr. Speaker, the pope of the Holy See," Francis will enter the chamber and climb to the dais where the president delivers the annual State of the Union address and monarchs and heads of state have addressed Congress. Behind him will sit Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, the first and second in line to the

presidency, both Catholics.

Ahead of Francis' remarks lawmakers of both parties have busily sought political advantage from his stances, with Democrats in particular delighting in his support for action to overhaul immigration laws and combat global warming and income inequality. One House Republican back-bencher announced plans to boycott the speech over Francis' activist position on climate change, which the pontiff renewed alongside President Barack Obama on Wednesday.

But Boehner, a Republican and a former altar boy who invited the pope to speak after trying unsuccessfully to lure the two previous pontiffs to the Capitol, has dismissed concerns that the politically engaged Francis will stir the controversies of the day.

Democrats to filibuster stopgap funding measure over GOP effort to defund Planned Parenthood

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is preparing to vote on legislation that would keep the government open beyond next Wednesday's deadline at a price Democrats are certain to reject — stripping taxpayer money from Planned Parenthood.

The stopgap spending bill is widely expected to fail Thursday. The next steps aren't set in stone, although Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has promised there won't be a government shutdown. That suggests he would soon press ahead with a stopgap measure that's free of the Planned Parenthood dispute.

Some of Capitol Hill's most ardent conservatives are unafraid of extending the battle over Planned Parenthood, even if it would result in a partial government shutdown. GOP leaders, on the other hand, are motivated chiefly by a desire to avoid another shutdown like the 2013 episode that hurt the party politically, and McConnell appears to enjoy support from a majority of the Republican rank and file.

"I'd rather it defund Planned Parenthood, but if the votes aren't there I don't see the point of having a standoff," said Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., chairman of the Senate GOP's campaign committee.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who is using his rivalry with GOP leaders in Washington to help define his

presidential campaign, responded in an editorial essay in Politico that simply the threat of a shutdown is sending "Republican leadership running for the hills."

Dealers, owners feel frustrated and betrayed by Volkswagen emissions scandal, seek answers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Rand bought his Volkswagen Passat last year for its clean emissions and high gas mileage. He liked the car so much he convinced his son and a friend to buy one, too.

Now, as Volkswagen comes clean about rigging diesel emissions to pass U.S. tests, Rand is desperately trying to sell the fully loaded model with white leather seats for \$10,000 below what he paid. His sole bite has been from a man who offered \$7,500 on speculation that he could resell it in Mexico.

"Volkswagen was somebody that you could rely on for cutting-edge products and quality and all those things and now you find out that they're not above lying just flat out," said Rand, who plans to join a class-action lawsuit against VW. "That's probably about as bad a thing as a company can do is lie to your face when you're buying a \$35,000 car."

Rand's anger at the world's top-selling car company was echoed Wednesday by private dealers, auto wholesalers and owners across the U.S. as fallout from the smog test trickery mounted.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency first disclosed Friday that stealth software makes VW's 2009-2015 model cars powered by 2.0-liter diesel engines run cleaner during emissions tests than in actual driving. On Wednesday, Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn resigned.

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damage in March. The building was unstable and deemed hazardous.

After almost six months of renovations and repairs, the building is sound and ready to resume operations, officials said.

"The inspector has

been there and we are going to re-open on Monday," said Lasckey.

The SSA is located at 2006 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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YMCA Flag - Saints
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Andrus, Beltre power Rangers past Athletics

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Elvis Andrus continues to tinker with his swing and its been paying dividends since the all-star break.

Andrus and Adrian Beltre each hit three-run homers in support of Colby Lewis' six strong and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 10-3 Wednesday night to take a three-game lead in the AL West Division.

Rougned Odor also homered, Mitch Moreland, Shin-Soo Choo, Will Venable drove in runs and Prince Fielder ended an 0-for-20 streak as the Rangers magic number fell to eight.

Andrus was hitting .236 a few days before the break and that's when he began working with his swing.

"I'm not really trying to hit the ball hard," Andrus said. "I'm not trying to hit for more power, but I feel like I'm driving the ball and trusting my hands to be on time. I'm still developing my swing."

Andrus set a career high with his seventh home run. He has 41 extra-base hits, two shy of his career best three years ago. Andrus also has 59 RBIs on the year, eight away from his best.

Since his low just before the break, Andrus, who hit the first 3-run homer of his career, is hitting .288 and anchors a thriving lower half of the batting order.

"When he's working, he has a lot of confidence," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "There are times he is too aggressive early in the count. The big thing is he's seeing the ball well right now and swinging the bat well."

Josh Reddick and Eric Sogard homered and Carson Blair drove in a run for the A's, who lost their fourth straight. Reddick committed two errors in the same game for the first time in his career. Sogard ended a 457-at bat homerless streak.

"You don't see very often a one-



Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre, right, is congratulated by Delino DeShields, left, and Shin-Soo Choo (17) after hitting a three-run home run off Oakland Athletics' Felix Doubront during the fifth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, in Oakland, Calif.

AP photo

ror night let alone a two-error night," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "There are times in your career that's going to happen but he went up his next at-bat and tried to get a good solid at-bat and hit the ball out of the ballpark."

Lewis (17-8) became the Rangers' first 17-game winner since Scott Feldman won 17 in 2009. He's already set a career high for wins. Lewis walked Brett Lawrie leading off the third, ending a streak of 66 consecutive plate appearances without issuing a free pass. He gave up two runs on five hits, walking two and striking out three.

"I can't say enough about what this team has done for me," Lewis said. "Elvis has come up with a huge 3-run homer and I was able to get comfortable. It seems the longer the season goes, the more fun it gets."

Felix Doubront (3-3), who started

"When he's [Andrus] patient, he has a lot of confidence," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "There are times he is too aggressive early in the count. The big thing is he's seeing the ball well right now and swinging the bat well."

in the fifth, which was the A's 41st triple, setting an Oakland record (41 in 1968).

TRAINER'S ROOM:

Rangers: OF Josh Hamilton tested his sore left knee, offering live pitching

the season with the Toronto Blue Jays, lasted 4 2-3 innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits. He walked two and struck out four.

Billy Burns tripled with two outs

the A's 41st triple, setting an Oakland record (41 in 1968).

TRAINER'S ROOM:

Rangers: OF Josh Hamilton tested his sore left knee, offering live pitching

and running the bases. "He moved pretty good on the bases," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "We'll see how he feels." Hamilton hasn't been in a game since Aug. 15. He did pinch hit a couple of times.

Athletics: C Stephen Vogt started at first base, his first appearance on the field since taking a hard foul tip to his groin area more than two weeks ago. Vogt has been a DH and PH. He could catch again on Friday.

UP NEXT:

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels (4-1, 3.73) starts Thursday's series finale. He's riding a four-game winning streak over his last seven starts. He'll be making his debut in Oakland.

Athletics: RHP Chris Bassitt (1-6, 2.82) makes his first start in nearly month after recovering from a strained shoulder. His run support average as a starter is 2.15.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	87	65	.572	—
New York	83	68	.550	3½
Baltimore	75	76	.497	11½
Tampa Bay	74	78	.487	13
Boston	72	79	.477	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	88	63	.583	—
Minnesota	78	73	.517	10
Cleveland	74	76	.493	13½
Chicago	72	80	.474	16½
Detroit	71	81	.467	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	82	69	.543	—
Houston	80	73	.523	3
Los Angeles	78	74	.513	4½
Seattle	74	78	.487	8½
Oakland	64	88	.421	18½

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 11, Baltimore 2
Toronto 5, Cleveland 3, 10
innings

N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 1

Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5
Seattle 7, Houston 5

L.A. Angels 6, Oakland 2

Texas 8, San Diego 6

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Angels 6, Houston 5
Baltimore 4, Washington 3
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 2
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 2
Kansas City 4, Seattle 3, 10
innings

Texas 10, Oakland 3

Thursday's Games

Texas (Hamels 4-1) at Oakland (Bassitt 1-6), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (T.Wilson 2-2) at Washington (Roark 4-6), 4:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Sined 12-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 10-6) at Boston (Miley 11-10), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Co.Anderson 5-3) at Minnesota (Gibson 10-10), 8:10 p.m.

Seattle (Paxton 3-4) at Kansas City (Cueto 2-6), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Rondon 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-9),

7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Odorico 8-8) at Toronto (Dickey 10-11), 7:07 p.m.

Minnesota (Pelfrey 6-10) at Detroit (Boyd 1-5), 7:08 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 10-7) at Boston (R.Hill 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 13-11) at Kansas City (Volquez 13-8), 8:10 p.m.

Texas (Gallardo 12-11) at Houston (Kazmir 7-10), 8:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Leake 10-9) at Oakland (S.Gray 13-7), 10:05 p.m.

Seattle (Undecided) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 6-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	67	.559	—
Washington	78	73	.517	6½
Miami	65	87	.428	20
Atlanta	62	91	.405	23½
Philadelphia	57	95	.375	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-St. Louis	96	56	.632	—
z-Pittsburgh	92	60	.605	4
Chicago	89	63	.586	7
Milwaukee	64	88	.421	32
Cincinnati	63	88	.417	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	65	.570	—
San Francisco	79	72	.523	7
Arizona	73	79	.480	13½
San Diego	71	81	.467	15½
Colorado	63	89	.414	23½

z-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games

Arizona 6, Colorado 4, 1st game
Miami 7, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 14, N.Y. Mets 8
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 4
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 8, Washington 5
Arizona 5, Colorado 3, 2nd game

L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1

Texas 8, San Diego 6

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 4, Washington 3
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 4, Philadelphia 3, 11
innings
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 2

Pittsburgh 13, Colorado 7

L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 1
San Diego 5, San Francisco 4

Thursday's Games

Arizona (Corbin 6-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-7), 3:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Locke 8-11) at Colorado (Bettis 3-10), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (T.Wilson 2-2) at Washington (Roark 4-6), 4:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Asher 0-4) at Miami (Cosart 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Jungmann 9-6) at St. Louis (Wacha 16-6), 7:15 p.m.

San Francisco (Bumgarner 18-8) at San Diego (Kennedy 8-15), 9:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (G.Cole 17-8) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 10-11), 2:20 p.m.

Philadelphia (Schhoff 1-3) at Washington (Zimmermann 13-8), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Weber 0-1) at Miami (Fernandez 5-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 8-7) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 9-11), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Bolsinger 6-4) at Colorado (Hale 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (A.Pena 2-0) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 14-7), 8:15 p.m.

San Francisco (Leake 10-9) at Oakland (S.Gray 13-7), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Hellickson 9-10) at San Diego (C.Kelly 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHPs Ryan Cook and Noe Ramirez from Pawtucket (IL). Selected the contracts of OF/1B Allen Craig and C Sandy Leon from Pawtucket.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated OF Alex Gordon from the 15-day DL. Activated OF Jonny Gomes. Recalled INF Christian Colon, INF Chesler Cuthbert and C Francisco Pena from Omaha (PCL) and OF Terrance Gore from Northwest

Arkansas (LTX). Selected the contracts of LHP Scott Alexander and RHP Miguel Almonte from Omaha (PCL). Transferred LHP Jason Vargas to the 60-day DL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled INF Danny Santana, 1B Kennys Vargas, RHP A.J. Achter and RHP Michael Tonkin from Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of C Eric Fryer from Rochester. Sent LHP Jason Wheeler outright to Chattanooga (SL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Caleb Cotham, INFs Jose Pirela and Rob Refsnyder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contracts of RHP Andrew Bailey, OF Rico Noel, C Austin Romine and James Pazos from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Activated INF/OF Dustin Ackley from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Domingo German from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and transferred him to the 60-day DL. Designated OF Tyler Austin and INF Cole Figueroa for assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled INF Munenori Kawasaki, LHP Arron Loup, OF Dalton Pompey and RHP Ryan Tepera. Selected the contract of LHP Jeff Francis from Buffalo (IL). Designated LHP Colt Hynes for assignment.

National League

NAMED LOGAN WHITE senior advisor to the general manager/director of player personnel, Shaun Cole coordinator of player development and Tim Holt pro scout. Promoted Pete DeYoung to director of professional scouting, Ryley Westman to coordinator of instruction, Josh Emmerick to West Coast regional supervisor and Chris Kelly to an amateur cross-checker.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Promoted Calvin Booth to director of player personnel and named Bryan Gates assistant coach.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed RB Kerwynn Williams to the practice squad.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed S Jonathan Meeks from the practice squad. Signed QB Dustin Vaughan to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Released WR Kendrick Ings from the practice squad. Signed WR Kaelin Clay to the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB Daryl Richardson to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Carlton Littlejohn.

Indoor Football League

SPOKANE SHOCK — Signed LB Michael Reynolds, DL Ronnell Lewis and DL Ben Perry.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Tyler Blackwood to Barrie, OHL; D Josh Jacobs to Sarnia, OHL; D Ryan Rehill to Kamloops, OHL; D Colton White and F Blake Speers to Sault Ste. Marie, OHL; F Brandon Baddock to Edmonton, WHL and F Connor Chatham to Flint, OHL. Released F Alexandre Goulet.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Named George McPhee as special adviser to the general manager.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned D Calle Anderson, D Kodie Curran, G Cedrick Desjardins, D Troy Donnay, F Chris McCarthy, F Chad Nehring, F Josh Nicholls, D Samuel Noreau, G Mackenzie Skapski, F Michael St. Croix, F Nick Tamasky and D Petr Zamorsky to Hartford (AHL). Assigned F Ryan Groppe to Seattle (WHL), G Brandon Halverson to Sault Ste. Marie (OHL), F Keegan Iverson to Portland (WHL), D Ryan Mantha to Niagara (OHL), F Brad Morrison to Prince George (WHL) and D

Sergey Zborovskiy to Regina (WHL). Released G Jacob Smith from his tryout agreement.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Released D Vince Dunn.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Released D Kevin Gibson and G Philippe Cadorette from their tryout agreements. Assigned F Anthony Cirelli to Oshawa (OHL), F Cristiano DiGiacinto to Windsor (OHL), F Bokondji Imama to Saint John (QMJHL), F Mathieu Joseph, to Saint John (QMJHL), D Matt Spencer to Peterborough (OHL), F Mitchell Stephens to Saginaw (OHL), D Ben Thomas to Calgary (WHL) and F Dennis Yan to Shawinigan (QMJHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Assigned Fs Frederik Gauthier, Josh Leivo, Brendan Leipsic and Casey Reilly to minor league camp. Reassigned to D Travis Dermott Eerie (OHL), D Andrew Nielsen to Lethbridge (WHL) and F Dmytro Timashov to Quebec (QMJHL).

COLLEGE

FLORIDA — Suspended QB Treon Harris and CB Jalen Tabor one game for an undisclosed violation of University Athletic Association policy.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Suspended Clint Powyer's crew chief Billy Scott for the next three races, fined him \$75,000 and placed him on probation for six months for not having parts properly installed on its Toyota in the opening inspection at Chicagoland Speedway. Docked Clint Powyer 25 driver points.

SAINTE AUGUSTINE'S

Suspended QB Dorothy Neal was appointed senior woman administrator.

SAINT LEO

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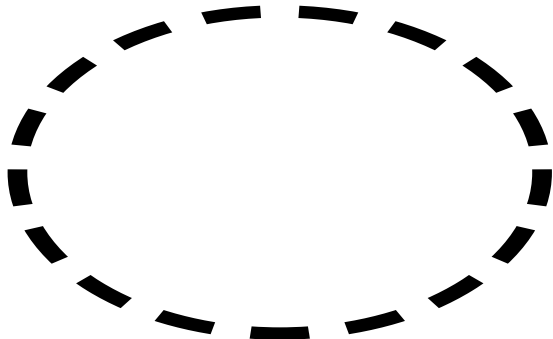
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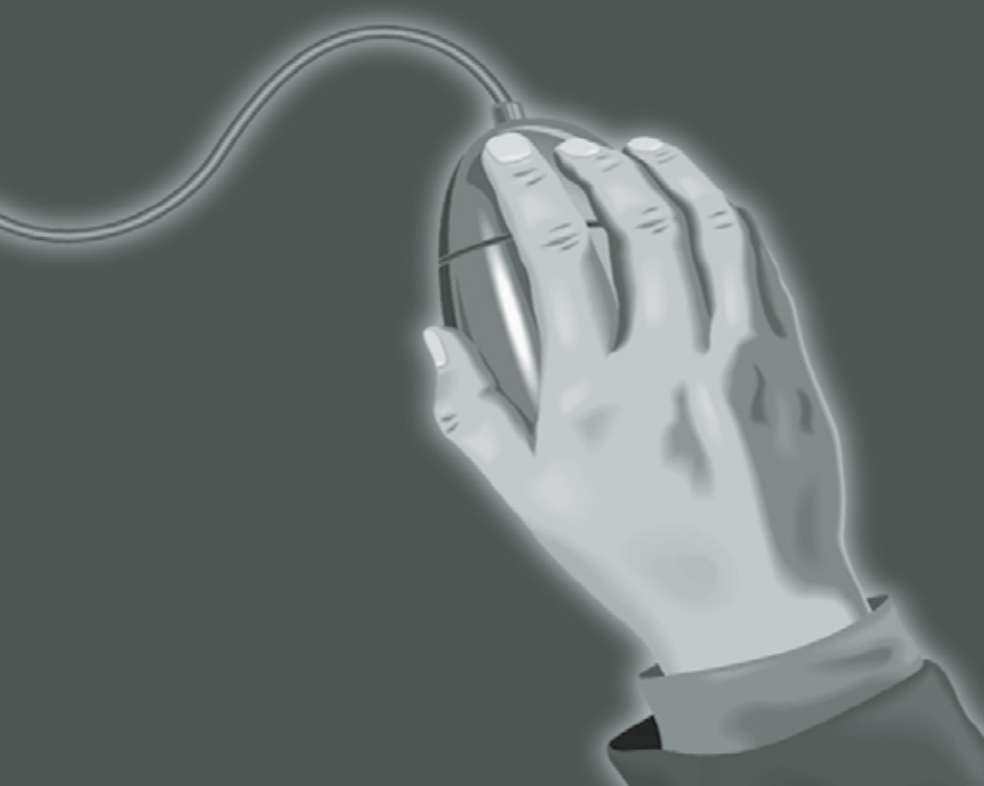
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Pluto Goes Direct

The subconscious mind is always working, sorting, absorbing and creating, but our awareness of its workings ebbs and swells according to our readiness and need. A mental swirl and change in awareness accompany the end of this Pluto retrograde. Some will erect stronger barriers to subconscious thought; others will open the gates.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not in the mood for a lecture about listening to your heart, making empowered choices, yada, yada, and so let's get to the point. Just say no. Why vacillate and waste everyone's time, especially yours? A fast no is best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you compete with a partner, you'll either lose for winning, or lose for losing. Take your competitive spirit

elsewhere, however, and you'll enjoy a good game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Saying the right thing at the right time is child's play for you. Here's the real challenge: Can you say nothing in the moment that tempts you to state the juicy truth of the matter? You can! (But it takes superhuman good taste.)

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have superpowers of recollection. Your imagination provides the booster that fuels your journey to a pleasant past moment. This journey will impact your decisions going forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your resistance to an idea could be a sign that the idea is one to explore further. You wouldn't have such a strong reaction if there weren't something to dispel or embrace in this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel an urgent need to do more than you have done in the past. Perhaps this is because someone needs proof that you care. More likely it has to do with

gathering evidence of improvement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's nice that someone cares enough to present things to you in a positive light. However, right now you want the straight story. The one who can cut to the chase -- or even better, the capture -- will win your vote.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't concern yourself with the secret thoughts of another. You'll never really know. Also, it doesn't matter as much as you fear. Thoughts are like tumbleweeds drifting by. Another moment, and they're gone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A problem shared should be a problem halved, not a problem doubled. Much depends on with whom you're sharing it. If you team with someone prone to drama, you'll get what you signed up for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No experience on the matter? No worries. Your very loosely related experiences will be close enough. The important thing is that

you have the confidence to confront things head-on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so observant. Who needs to know what you've observed? Not everyone. Be strategic. There are things that people around you aren't quite ready for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a good chance the situation at hand isn't as complicated as you're making it. There are challenges out there, but this isn't one of them. Solve it fast, and a much more worthy endeavor will present itself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 24). You'll celebrate happy news in the next six weeks and be on the receiving end of lovely attention all through this season. You'll decide on a new and very effective way of navigating your love life. Stellar invites come in November. In January, a new goal will ring you like a bell, and you'll work until it's finished in May. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 45, 28,

4 and 15.

PLUTO DIRECT: Pluto comes out of his retrograde with a question: Why do we believe what we believe? It is easy to say "because it's true," and yet it is often that the overly simplistic claim can't be proved, at least not by mere mortals with such a limited understanding of the nature of reality, let alone truth. Still, we do our best. More often, we believe not because something has been proved true, but because it is helpful and useful to believe it.

The weeks ahead invite us to examine even the most fundamental of our beliefs. This starts by tuning in to the mental playlist. Certain thoughts are louder than others. It's important to note that much of our mental chatter doesn't originate with us, but can be given to us by influential people and/or society at large. Pluto is in Capricorn, and so the power structures that govern our particular place in the world will strongly play into our inner dialogue.

Does what you're

hearing inside seem reasonable? Is it making rational sense? Messages that sound primitive and excessively emotional shouldn't be disregarded -- they need special attention. Call for reinforcements to help sort them out.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pedro Almodovar emerged from an impoverished youth to become one of his generations most successful and internationally known Spanish filmmakers. His latest film, "Silencio," is a study of a woman on the brink of madness -- a favorite theme for the Libran auteur whose moon and Venus in Scorpio come with a magnetic pull to the underlying motives of human behavior.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I was severely abused, physically and emotionally, when I was growing up, mostly by my mother and older sister. After many years of therapy, I have turned my life around and finally am able to feel like a worthwhile person.

The trouble is, my older sister continues to be verbally abusive every time we get together, which, fortunately, is not too often. I recently bit the bullet and tried again, getting together with her and my two other sisters. Sure enough, "Betty" took the opportunity to taunt and yell at me, and ended up swinging her fists at me. This resulted in a PTSD episode for me.

I've finally decided to have nothing further to do with Betty, but it leaves me with feelings of guilt, since she is my sister. Am I justified in cutting off our relationship? -- Tired of Being Abused

Dear Tired: Yes. Your abusive mother obviously left Betty with some anger issues of her own, but being related to someone doesn't mean you have to put up with abuse. Ever. You were wise to get therapy so that you could improve your life. It might help to ask your therapist to

work on developing coping strategies for situations that could be triggers for you. Overcoming abuse can be an ongoing process.

Dear Annie: My 22-year-old son frequently has his buddies drop over for a visit. Sometimes I'm a captive audience to their conversations. These guys (and sometimes gals) don't seem to understand that they should show some respect in their conversation due to the age difference between us.

I realize that they frequently use vulgar language when in the company of their peers, but am I out of line asking them to curtail their potty mouths in my presence?

Not only does it annoy and sometimes embarrass me, but also it makes them sound like illiterate heathens. I guess they're not out to impress. -- Annoyed Mother

Dear Annoyed: Some parents would find it flattering that their children's friends feel comfortable enough around them to speak freely. But you are right that it is also disrespectful, treating you as though your sensitivities don't matter. It is OK for you to

say, "Your language is making me blush. I would appreciate it if you would keep it under control." Or you can speak to your son and ask him to tell his friends that they need to be more careful in your presence.

But you also do not need to be in the room when they are visiting. If your son lives with you, then he should be able to invite his friends over without his mother listening to the conversation. In fact, their vulgar language may be their way of getting you to leave the room. Unless you are willing to tell your son that his friends are not welcome, we suggest you absent

yourself as much as possible, even if it means taking a long walk or going out to a movie. It also might be time to encourage your son to find a place of his own.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Reducing the Luck Factor

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 10 9
♣ K J 6 5

WEST
♠ A 7
♥ K J 10 9 7 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 7 4

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

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ A
♦ K J 8 7 5 4 2
♣ A 9 3

The bidding:
West North East South
2♥ Pass 3♥ 4♦
Pass 5♦
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

It is surely correct to take a finesse in a suit if doing so offers the only chance of escaping a loser in that suit. But many finesses do not fall into this category. Some of them can be avoided by adopting a line of play designed to reduce or eliminate the risk ordinarily associated with a finesse.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against five diamonds. South wins and sees that he must inevitably lose tricks to the two miss-

ing aces. Since he also has a potential club loser, he should devote all his energy to escaping it.

The most obvious way to deal with this problem is to try a club finesse. After winning the first heart and losing a trump to East's ace, South ruffs the heart return, draws one more trump and plays the ace and another club, finessing the jack. In the actual case, East wins, and South goes down one.

But the most obvious approach is not always the best approach. Here, there is a far better line of play available that offers an additional chance of success, and declarer should try it before resorting to the straightforward finesse.

Instead of attacking clubs at trick five, South should lead the six of spades toward dummy, hoping West started with the singleton or doubleton ace. West has no choice but to follow low, and dummy's queen wins. Declarer then returns a spade, losing to West's ace.

West cannot afford a heart return, which would yield a ruff-and-discard, so he has to lead a club. If he leads low, dummy plays low, and East's queen is trapped. If he returns the ten instead, dummy plays the jack, and again South's club loser vanishes regardless of what East does.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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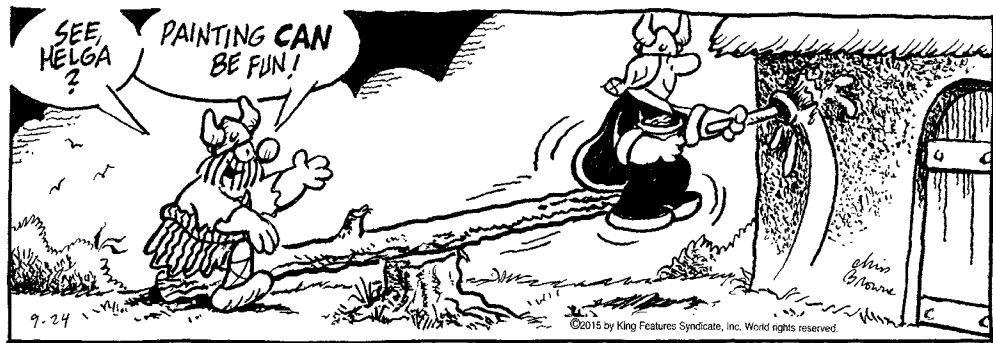
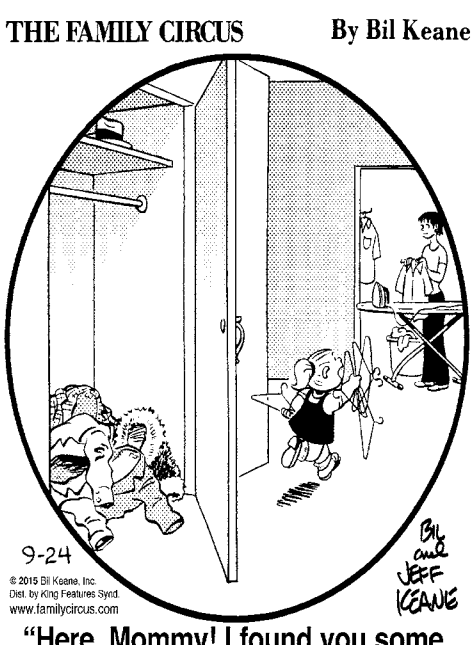
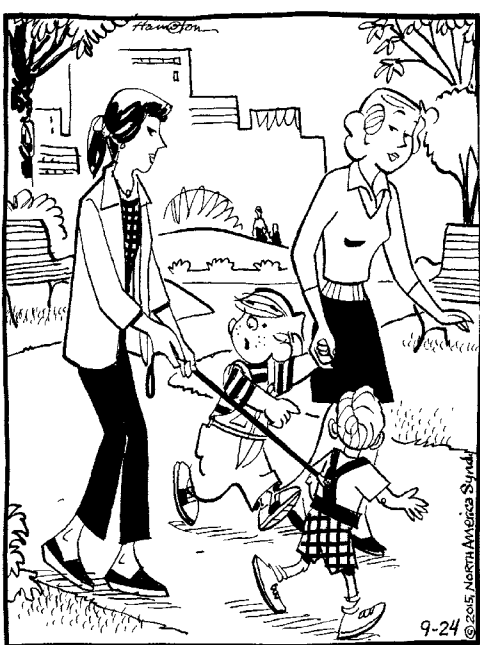
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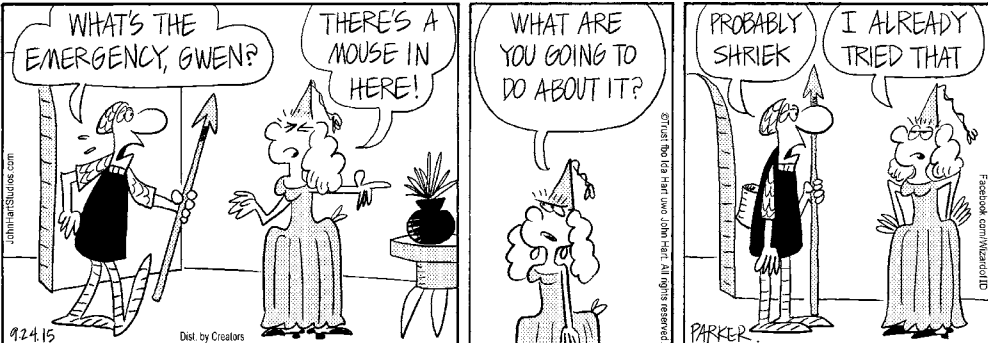
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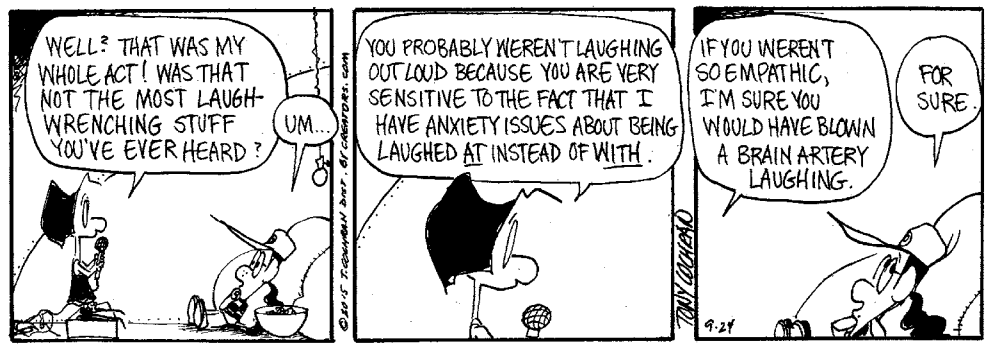
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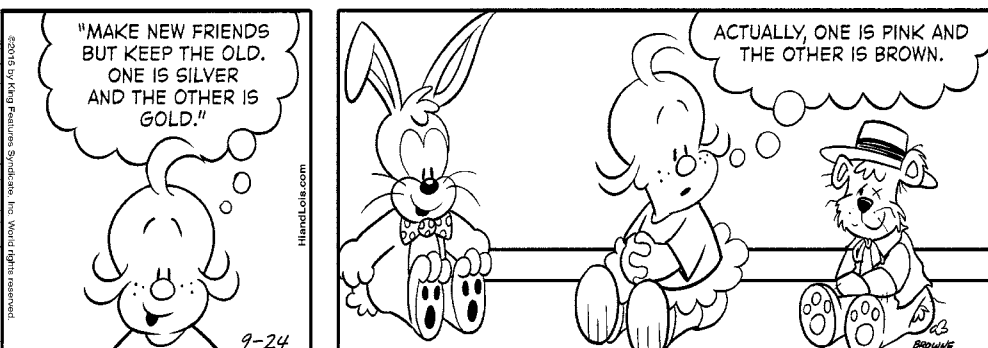
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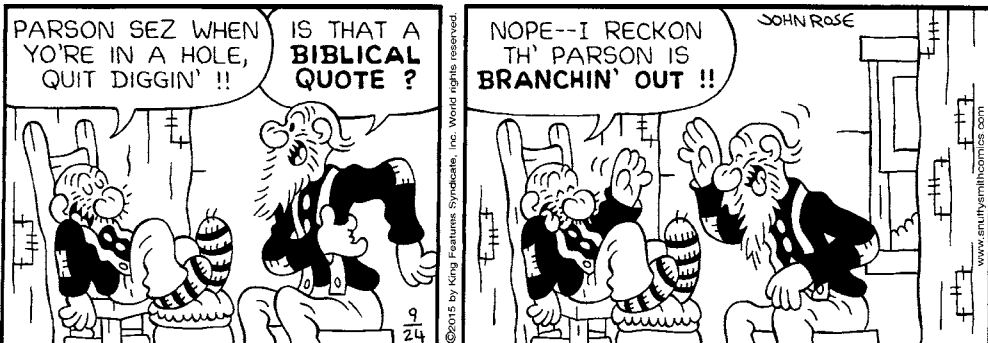
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On this date:
In 1789, President George Washington signed a Judiciary Act establishing America's federal court system and creating the post of attorney general.
In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.
In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.
In 1934, Babe Ruth made his farewell appearance as a player with the New York Yankees in a game against the Boston Red Sox. (The Sox won, 5-0.)
In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio propagandist "Axis Sally," pleaded not guilty in Washington D.C. to charges of treason. (Gillars, later convicted,

ended up serving 12 years in prison.)
In 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.
In 1957, the Los Angeles-bound Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0.
In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Virginia. "The Howdy Doody Show" ended a nearly 13-year run with its final telecast on NBC.
In 1976, former hostage Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Jimmy Carter.)
In 1988, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson won the men's 100-meter dash at the Seoul (sohl) Summer Olympics. Ai but he was disqualified three days later for using anabolic steroids. Members of the eastern Massachusetts Episcopal diocese elected Barbara C. Harris the first female bishop in the church's history.
In 1991, kidnappers in Lebanon freed British hostage Jack Mann after holding him captive for more than two years. Children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel (GY'-zul), better known as "Dr. Seuss," died in La Jolla, California, at age 87.
In 1995, Israel and the PLO agreed to sign a pact at the White House ending nearly three decades of Israeli occupation of West Bank cities. Eric Borel, a 16-year-old in Cuers, France, shot and killed 12 people before taking his own life, a day after he'd killed three family members.
Ten years ago: Hurricane Rita struck eastern Texas and the Louisiana coast, causing more flooding in New Orleans.
Five years ago: Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg pledged \$100 million over the next five years to Newark, New Jersey, schools a week before the release of the biographical movie "The Social Network." Gennady Yanayev, 73, a leader of the abortive 1991 coup who had briefly declared himself Soviet president, died in Moscow.
Thought for Today:
"Do not weep; do not wax indignant. Understand."
Baruch Spinoza, Dutch philosopher (1632-1677).

Answer to previous puzzle

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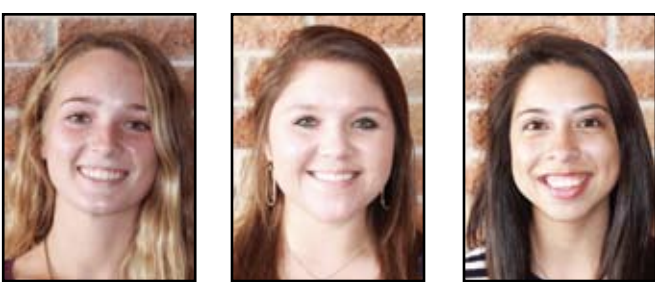
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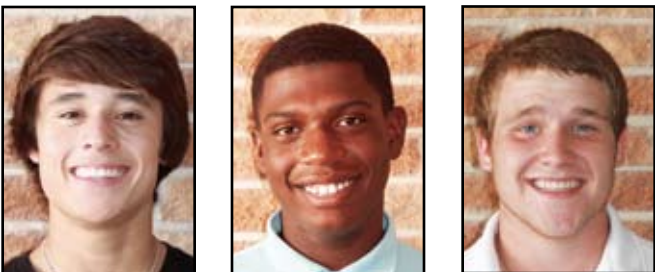


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Homecoming King and Queen to be announced Friday at the varsity football game



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It's homecoming in Big Spring. On Tuesday, the annual community pep rally and bonfire was held at the old Anderson Kindergarten School. Friday, the festivities heats beginning with the Big Spring High School parade at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity football game kicks off at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

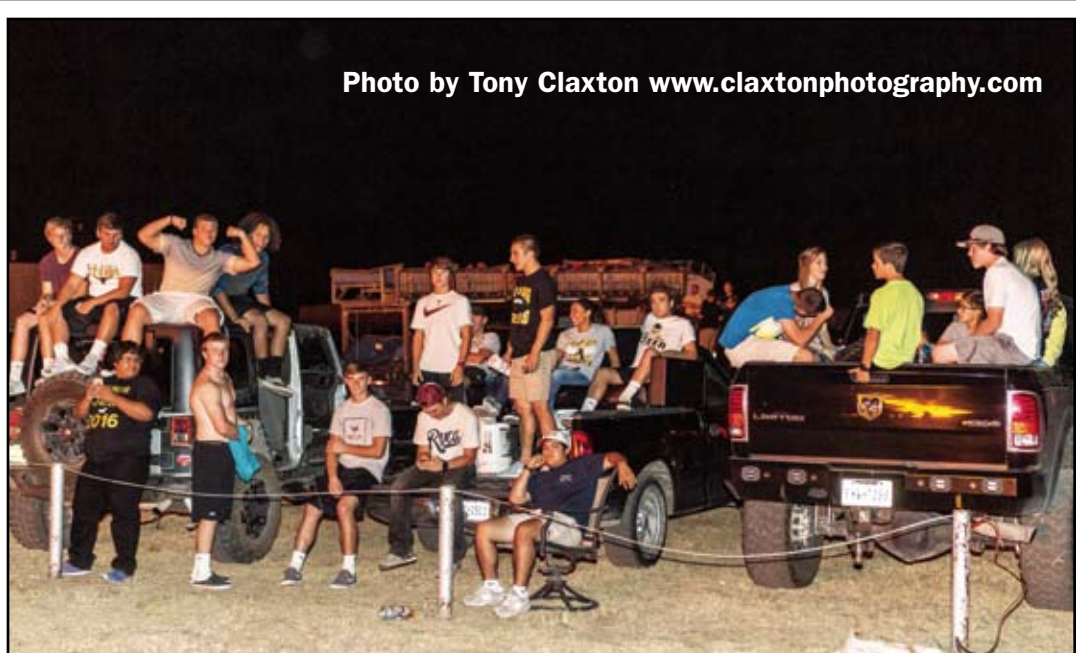
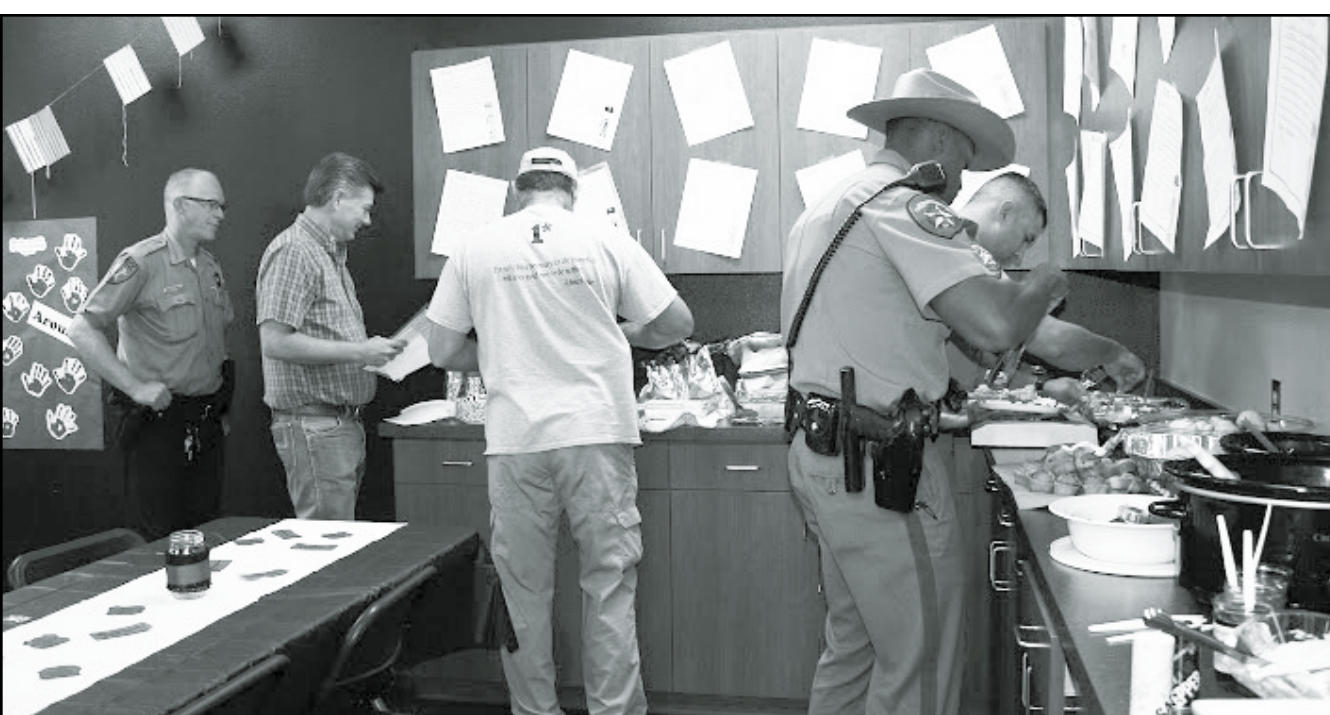


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Buffs Back the Blue

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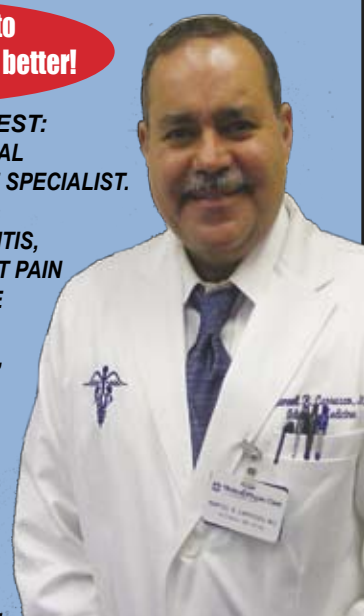
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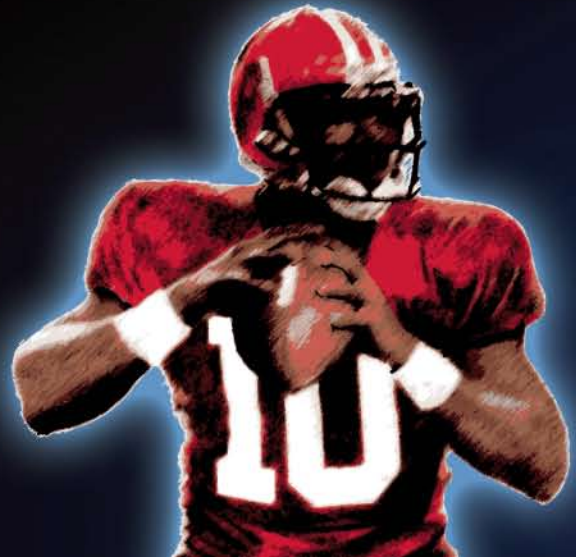
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High School Football In Howard County



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Big Spring's Daniel Luna stretches to pull in an interception against Hereford.

Homecoming weekend brings tough test for surging Steers

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

After losing their season opener against a tough Kerville Tivy team, Big Spring (2-1) has won two games in a row.

A dominant running game and hard-nosed defense have been the calling cards of the young Steers, but that will be challenged by the Graham Steers (1-3) this Friday night.

Graham returns nine starters from their state semifinalists team last season, including senior quarterback Landry Turner, who will give the Steers' talented defense a difficult chal-

lenge.

"Their quarterback is the most dangerous we will face all year long because he can scramble and is a good passer," Steers head coach Phillip Ritchey said. "He's a nightmare to face for defenses."

In the last three seasons, Turner has thrown for 6,746 yards as a starting quarterback. He will be a handful for the defense and the major focal point of the game plan.

Last season, Turner hurt Big Spring against the three-man rush, which is forcing Big Spring to commit an extra man on the pass

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tasked with containing the elusive 5'11' quarterback, who may also be spied by linebacker Garrett Wigington.

"You need a spy on him and that player has to be a great athlete and open field tackle because he is shifty and elusive," Ritchey said.

Graham travels to Big Spring on a rare three game losing streak with losses to Brownwood, Abeline Wylie and Argyle. The first two of that threesome reside in Big Spring's district.

The Graham defense, which historically has been a strength, have not had sustained success this season. They have

struggled with surrendering big plays in the passing game, and have been unable to force turnovers. Graham had a record 12 takeaways at this point last season, but have just two thus far. Despite the unimpressive performances, Graham will still pose a true challenge for the maturing Big Spring offense.

"They are one of the best defensive teams we see all year and last year they were the best defense we saw," Ritchey said.

Graham runs a 3-3 stack, similar to several district foes, which will give Big Spring some

early preparation for district play. The young offensive line will have to be mindful of Graham's front seven that like to get pressure on the quarterback early.

Big Spring will look to establish the run early, and from there allow Wigington to attack the zone of Graham through the air. Wigington and wide receiver Daniel Luna could have another prolific passing night like they did against Monahans.

"They're a tough team, much better than their record shows and it'll take mistake free football to beat them," Ritchey said.



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Caelan Gutierrez (left), Cayman Chavez (middle) and Davian Moore (right) team up to bring down a Hereford ball carrier.



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Junior quarterback Kody Barber receives the snap during the Howard County Bowl against Forsan. Barber and the new spread offense head coach Fred Dietz has brought to Coahoma continue to improve every week. Their point total has increased every week since week one.

After offensive outburst, Coahoma looks to continue growth against Iraan

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

This Friday the Coahoma Bulldogs (3-1) will take on traditional powerhouse Iraan (4-0).

Last season, the Iraan Braves blitzed through the 5-2A DII district, but left the playoffs with an early round exit which created a lingering taste of dissatisfaction. This season Iraan is looking to be even more physical, which starts in the trenches for the Braves. Iraan returns four of five offensive lineman-- Wyatt Banner, Rolandon Olivo, Shellion Rodriguez and Steven Garlock-- and all three on the defensive front -- Banner, Canon Andrews and Daryel Lozoya.

“We need to expand and develop in the passing game, but it is a process,” Dietz said.

The Braves have a new quarterback in converted linebacker Clayton Kent, who filled in for departed two-year starting quarterback Jarret Doege, who moved to Lubbock in the spring. “He’s done a great job. He picked it up well in the spring and hasn’t missed a beat,” head coach Mark Kirchhoff said.

Kirchhoff and Lozoya are the keys in a virtually new-look Iraan offense, Wide receiver Kyle O’Bannon (19 catches, 402 yards and four touchdowns) is the only other returning offensive starter besides the four lineman.

The Braves run the veer on offense, which provides multiple challenges for a Coahoma defense use to facing spread offenses.

“We will have to play really good assignment football,” head coach Fred Dietz said. “We’ve got to start by stopping the dive in between the tackles where they’ve hurt a lot of people this year. If it gets pulled we have to rally to the football and our outside linebackers will have a tough task all night. It’s about trusting your teammates and executing tackles.”

The Coahoma offense, which has increased their point total after each week, will face a 4-2 man coverage defense, giving them an opportunity to expand the passing game.

“Obviously we will use the run because it’s our strength, but the man coverage allows us to put guys in space and make plays,” Dietz said.

The Coahoma offense runs through senior Kyler Franks and junior Kody Barber. The duo ran the ball 54 times for 476 yards and nine touchdowns behind an offensive line that is replacing five starters from last year. The prolific run game is impressive, but Dietz is still not satisfied with his offense as a whole.

“We need to expand and develop in the passing game, but it is a process,” Dietz said.

Coahoma has improved in the quick and short passing game, but a lot still remains in the vertical game. It’s a total offense problem, not just on one player or group.

“We need to get better at passing protection, our route running and anticipation at the quarterback position in the vertical set,” Dietz said.

Despite the lack of a true vertical threat on offense, Coahoma continues to score points and will look to match or beat the 66 points put up last week this Friday.



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Quarterback Jesse Cervantes plants his foot as he makes a cut up field against Stanton last Friday night. The Buffaloes lost 21-20 in a physical and evenly matched contest in Stanton. Cervantes had over 200 rushing yards on 22 carries.

Forsan looks to return to winning ways during homecoming week against Miles

Forsan vs. Miles

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Forsan Stadium

By Taylor Ellis

Sports Editor
After a 2-0 start and an explosive offense, the Forsan Buffaloes (2-2) are a much different team.

They've suffered injuries, which for a 2A school is especially crippling, and are struggling to find the end zone in recent weeks like an author with writer's block.

"We've been able to move the ball really well between the 20s, but we haven't finished drives," head coach Jason Phillips said.

This Friday the Buffaloes will look to find their early season magic against the Miles Bulldogs.

Miles lost a lot of size and talent to graduation last year, but they still have a dynamic dual-threat quarterback in 6'3" 200 lb Cody Kruger.

"He's the focal point of the offense, they put the ball in his hands to make plays," Phillips said. "The focus on defense is slowing him down because the offense goes through him."

Last season Kruger had 38 total touchdowns, mostly through the ground. He has the ability to pass, but can also take it up the middle

for a 70-yard run. He offers the same skill set as Forsan quarterback Jesse Cervantes, but with a more gifted physical skill set.

Kruger's favorite targets are Brett Hedden, a down field threat, and Cody Rathmell. Forsan will have their work cut out for them on defense stopping a team that has only been held to under 30 points once this season.

"We need to tackle much better than we have. Part of that is new guys playing more, but it comes down to effort and execution," Phillips said.

Execution will be a key aspect for Forsan's preparation leading up to their homecoming game. Turnovers and penalties have become common place, replacing touchdowns and takeaways. Forsan will have to find a way to overcome the injuries they've suffered to return to their efficient offense from earlier in the year.

Luckily for Forsan, Miles is quite similar to them in many ways.

"They have a dynamic dual-threat quarterback like Jesse. They also run a similar 4-3 scheme like we do so that will be good for our scout team in practice," Phillips said.

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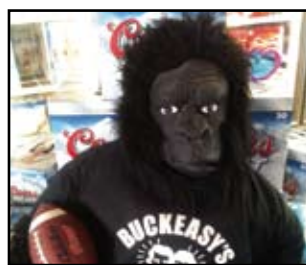
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