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## Chamber kicks off annual holiday toy drive

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Now that Halloween is over and the candy corns and cobwebs have been eaten and swept under the rug, it's now time to start getting in the holly jolly festive season. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is certainly in the spirit as they kicked off their fifth annual toy drive yesterday. Every year the Chamber hosts a toy drive in hopes of helping aid different local non-profit organizations by giving underprivileged children gifts on Christmas. The nonprofits that the Chamber are assisting this year are CASA, Cossacks Motorcycle Club, and The Salvation Army.



ValVerde

"We are here to help those agencies out who help others," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director, who has also been a part of the toy drive since the first one. "The community has always come together in the past with their donations and we've always had really good turnout for the toy drive."

The toy drive started on Nov. 1, and will continue through until Dec. 15. Donations can be dropped off at the Chamber located at 215 W. Third St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The people of

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## 29 Dairy Queens closing, local stores not on the list

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Twenty-nine Dairy Queens, including some fairly close to Big Spring, are closing; but the franchise owner of Big Spring's Dairy Queen says the local restaurant is in no danger.

The closures come after the DQs' franchise owner, Vasari LLC in Coleman, Texas, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Prior to the closures, Vasari owned more than 70 Dairy Queen

locations. The company's website currently claims "53 locations in Texas and New Mexico."

Some of the stores closing are uncomfortably close to Big Spring, including Dairy Queens in Post, Merkel, Denver City, and Seagraves, Texas, and Hobbs, N.M.; while others are in larger markets including Carrollton and Waco.

Local stores, including the Dairy Queen's Big Spring and Coahoma locations, are safe, however, says a

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## CVB seeks spring volunteers



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

With Phase One of the Historic Spring Restoration Project nearing completion, the City of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to monitor the spring area for litter, vandalism, and maintenance issues; and possibly to talk to visitors about the spring and the project. The volunteer program, named "Citizens Helping In Protecting our Spring" (C.H.I.P.S.), will be loosely organized and volunteers can serve when they desire, according to CVB Coordinator Hayley Herrera. The grand opening of the renovated spring area will be Nov. 16.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring is looking for a few good men and women...to watch over our Historic Spring.

With the grand opening of the newly renovated spring area in Comanche Trail Park about two weeks away, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking vol-

unteers for "Citizens Helping In Protecting our Spring," or C.H.I.P.S.

"It's basically going to be a volunteer group for the spring. We'll start as soon as the spring opens," said CVB Coordinator Hayley Herrera. "It's really just having people who love the area, want to be a part of the area, want to spend time out here, pick up trash when there's trash out

here, let our offices know if there's maintenance issues that they notice, you know, any weeding that needs to be done or whatever. And if they're comfortable, they are more than welcome to answer questions about the spring restoration or the spring area."

Herrera said the city is counting on a human presence at the spring cutting down on vandal-

ism and other illicit activity.

"We figured, we'll have cameras out at the spring area, but there's really nothing better than having people out there in that area," she said. "Kind of populate it, to keep people from doing things we don't want them doing out here."

Organization of

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## Astros win 1st World Series crown, top Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7

By **BEN WALKER**  
 AP Baseball Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — From laughing-stock to lift off.

George Springer and the Houston Astros rocketed to the top of the baseball galaxy Wednesday night, winning the first World Series championship in franchise history by romping past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7.

Playing for a city still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, and wearing an H Strong logo on their jerseys, the Astros brought home the

prize that had eluded them since they started out in 1962 as the Colt .45s.

"I always believed that we could make it," All-Star slugger Jose Altuve said. "We did this for them."

For a Series that was shaping up as an October classic, Game 7 quickly became a November clunker as Houston scored five runs in the first two innings off Yu Darvish. Hardly the excitement fans felt during the Cubs' 10-inning thriller in Cleveland last fall.

Well, except for everyone wearing bright orange. Back in Hous-

ton, a huge crowd filled Minute Maid Park to cheer as fans watched on the big video board, and the train whistle wailed when it was over.

"We're coming home a champion, Houston," Springer said after accepting the World Series MVP trophy named this year for Willie Mays.

Star shortstop Carlos Correa turned the party into a proposal. After doing a TV interview, he got down on one knee and asked girlfriend Daniella Rodriguez, a former Miss

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## City plans lane closures

Special to the Herald

Big Spring drivers will notice some lane closures in town starting Monday, due to a City of Big Spring sewer line replacement project.

According to a press release issued by the city Thursday morning, the work will close all but one lane of traffic on Gregg Street from Southwest Third Street to Father Delaney Street. City officials expect the lanes will be reopened by Tuesday depending on how the job progresses. The City of Big Spring regrets any inconvenience related to the construction and requests your patience during the project.

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# ASTROS

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Texas USA, to marry him.

"Yes?" he said, putting a ring on her finger as she cried.

Altuve, one of four holdovers from a club that lost an embarrassing 111 times in 2013 after switching from the NL to the AL, and this collection of young stars silenced Dodger Stadium from the get-go, taking a 5-0 lead in the second inning.

Altuve was in perfect position for the final out, a grounder by Corey Seager to the 5-foot-6 second baseman.

"I caught the last out for the Houston Astros to become a world champion. It was a groundball to me, I threw to first, and I think it was the happiest moment of my life in baseball," Altuve said.

The Astros streamed from the dugout and bullpen to go wild, tossing their gloves in the air. A thousand or so fans crowded behind the first base dugout, chanting "Houston! Houston!"

Later, some little Astros kids ran around the outfield grass dressed in Halloween outfits. Their dads, meanwhile, were putting on championship hats and shirts.

At last, they had completed the ascent some predicted after a rebuilding club purged payroll and stripped down to bare bones a few years back.

Famously, now, there was the Sports Illustrated cover in 2014 — after Houston had lost more than 100 games for three straight seasons — that proclaimed: "Your 2017 World Series Champs" and featured a picture of Springer in a bright Astros jersey.

On the other side, ace Clayton Ker-

shaw and several Dodgers leaned against the dugout railing, watching the Astros celebrate. Los Angeles led the majors with 104 wins and a \$240 million payroll, and rallied to win Game 6, yet it didn't pay off for part-owner Magic Johnson and his team.

"Obviously, this one hurts," manager Dave Roberts said. "And like I told the guys, when you put everything, every ounce of your being into something and you come up short, it hurts. And it's supposed to hurt."

Normally a starter, Charlie Morton finished up with four stellar innings of relief for the win.

"We held down a really tough lineup," Morton said. "For my teammates, for the city of Houston, it's just unbelievable."

Springer led off the evening with a double against Darvish, and soon it was 2-0.

Springer hit his fifth homer — tying the Series mark set by Reggie Jackson (1977) and matched by Chase Utley (2009) — when he connected for a record fourth game in a row, making it a five-run lead.

That was plenty for Houston manager A.J. Hinch. He pulled starter Lance McCullers Jr. soon after the curveballer crazily plunked his fourth batter of the game, and began a parade of four relievers that held the lead.

Throughout the postseason, Hinch and the unconventional Astros overcame a shaky bullpen by using starters in relief.

"I knew yesterday I didn't have much," said McCullers, the Game 3 winner. "I knew I didn't have much to give other than to gut it out as long as I could."

In a dramatic Series marked by blown leads and late rallies, when

Houston twice outlasted the Dodgers in extra innings, McCullers did enough.

Forever known for their space-age Astrodome, outlandish rainbow jerseys and a handful of heart-breaking playoff losses for stars like Nolan Ryan, Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, these Astros will be remembered as champions, finally, in their 56th season.

The club that wears a star on its hat also filled out the Texas trophy case. Teams from the Lone Star State had won most every major crown — the Super Bowl, NBA and NHL titles, championships in college football, and men's and women's hoops — except the World Series.

Built on the skills of homegrown All-Stars Dallas Keuchel and more, helped by veteran offseason acquisitions such as Brian McCann and 40-year-old Carlos Beltran, who won his first ring, and boosted by the slick trade for ace Justin Verlander, general manager Jeff Luhnow oversaw the team's resurgence.

Houston won 101 times this year to take the AL West, then won Games 6 and 7 at home in the AL Championship Series against the New York Yankees. The Astros joined the 1985 Royals as the only clubs to win a pair of Game 7s in the same year.

When it was over, Bagwell and Biggio posed for pictures together with the World Series trophy.

For the Dodgers, the quest to win a Series for the first time since 1988 fell short. Kershaw provided four shutout innings of relief for Los Angeles, but it was too late. What the Dodgers really needed was a better starter than Darvish, someone more like the lefty who tossed out a ceremonial first ball:

the great Sandy Koufax.

Acquired from Texas on July 31 for these big games, Darvish lasted 1 2/3 innings in both his World Series starts — the two shortest of his career.

"This pain is going to stay in me for a while," the four-time All-Star said through a translator.

After Springer lined a leadoff double, Alex Bregman hit a bouncer that first baseman Cody Bellinger threw past Darvish for an error, allowing a run to score. Bregman aggressively stole third and scored on Altuve's grounder, and it was 2-0 after eight pitches.

A double by Marwin Gonzalez helped set up perhaps McCullers' biggest contribution, a slow grounder for his first pro RBI. Springer followed with a no-doubt, two-run drive into the left-center field bleachers.

That was the Series-most 25th homer in a Major League Baseball season that set a record for home runs. It was easily enough for the Astros to offset pinch-hitter Andre Ethier's RBI single in the Los Angeles sixth.

Only once have the Dodgers clinched a crown at home, that coming in 1963 when Koufax outpitched Yankees star Whitey Ford to finish a sweep. They've never won Game 7 of the Fall Classic at their own park, dating more than a century ago to their days on the streets of Brooklyn as the Trolley Dodgers.

As pockets of Houston fans got louder and louder in the later innings, the crowd at Dodger Stadium was left to repeat the sad, but hopeful cry that used to echo in Brooklyn: Wait till next year.

Just 106 days until pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

# SPRING

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C.H.I.P.S. will be very loosely structured, Herrera said.

"I probably will never turn someone down if they want to do it. Actually, I will never turn someone down if they want to do it. We can have as many people do it as sign up," she said. "I'm not going to schedule people. I'm going to let them pick when they want to come out here, according to when they have the most availability. If they want to come out here on a Saturday or a Sunday, or after work, whatever they want to do. We don't want to force anyone to come out here and hang out for six hours at a time. It's just more of when you have the chance and when you want to."

The CVB will provide volunteers with information about the spring and the restoration project, as well as identification showing they're affiliated with the C.H.I.P.S. program.

"When they contact me, I'll give them information about the project, history about the project, kind of a breakdown of any important questions that people might ask, so that way they'll have information if they feel comfortable talking to people. They don't have to if that's not something they want to do," she said. "We'll start off with nametags. If the program grows and looks like something that will keep growing, we'll probably look at getting some T-shirts or something."

Herrera said she'd like to have some volunteers at the grand opening ceremony, scheduled for Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

"If they contact me before the grand opening, and want to be out at the spring grand opening, I would love to have some C.H.I.P.S. volunteers out on the day of the opening," she said.

For more information about the C.H.I.P.S. program or to volunteer, contact the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-263-8235.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

# 3 killed in Colorado Walmart shooting; police name suspect

**By P. SOLOMON**  
**BANDA**  
Associated Press

THORNTON, Colo. (AP) — A manhunt is underway in Colorado as authorities search for a suspect who walked into a suburban Walmart and immediately opened fire with a handgun, killing two men and a woman Wednesday night.

Thornton police said Thursday that they are searching for Scott Ostrem, 47. Ostrem fled in a car before officers arrived. Authorities used security video to help identify the suspect.

The shooting appears random and there are no indications that it

was an act of terror, Thornton police spokesman Victor Avila said Wednesday night.

The motive was unknown, Avila said.

Two men died inside the Walmart, which is about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of Denver in a busy shopping center. The woman died later at a hospital.

Authorities did not immediately release any other information about the victims.

Aaron Stephens, 44, was in the self-checkout line when he heard a single shot followed by two more bursts of gunfire before people started running for the exits.

"The employees started screaming. Customers were screaming. They were running like crazy, and I ran out too because I didn't want to get killed," he said.

Guadalupe Perez was inside the store with her young son when she heard what she thought was a balloon popping. A Walmart employee told her someone was shooting, and then Perez saw people running away yelling, "Let's go. Let's go. Leave the groceries."

"You see all these things in the news and you go through it, it's scary," she said. "But thank God we're OK

and nothing happened to us."

Investigators, including special agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, were reviewing security video and interviewing witnesses.

Ragan Dickens, a Walmart spokesman, said the company is working with investigators.

# DQ

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spokesperson for The Richeson Group. The Richeson Group owns the local Dairy Queen stores, and 60 other Dairy Queens in Texas.

"That was not an across-the-board Dairy Queen situation," said the spokesperson. "This is limited to one franchise owner."

Asked if local Dairy

Queens are subject to the same economic situation that caused the closure of the Vasari restaurants, the spokesperson said, "No."

Dairy Queen in Big Spring is located at 1009 Lamesa Highway, while the Coahoma restaurant is at 108 N.W. Broadway.

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# DRIVE

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Howard County are encouraged to donate new unwrapped toys for children ages of two to 18.

"The Chamber will also be accepting monetary donations and we will go out and do the shopping," said ValVerde. "The Chamber hopes that everyone, businesses and people alike, come together and are able to donate and spread some Christmas

joy to those families with children who need it most."

The Chamber's toy drive mission is to help out local organizations, who are always in the spirit of giving back, no matter the time of year.

"You don't have to spend an arm and a leg on a toy. Anything from an action figure, a Barbie, toy car, paint sets, will brighten any child's day on Christmas. We just ask to make sure its new and unwrapped," said ValVerde. "And please remember

we do have older kids who have outgrown toys, but items such as perfume, cologne, make-up, will do. Really anything that an older child will be interested in."

The Big Spring Area Chamber is located at 215 W. Third Street in Big Spring.

"We are simple," said ValVerde. "We want to help those who help others." For more questions or more information about the toy drive, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

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## Girl adopted from India and found dead in Texas drain buried

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — A 3-year-old girl who was adopted from India and who was found dead in a suburban Dallas storm drain last month has been laid to rest.

The family of Sherin Mathews issued a statement saying she was buried Tuesday as part of a private ceremony.

An attorney for Sherin's mother, Sini Mathews, wasn't available Wednesday to comment.

The toddler's father, Wesley Mathews, is jailed on a charge of injuring a child.

Authorities say he initially told investigators that Sherin disappeared before dawn on Oct. 7 after he made her stand outside as punishment for not drinking her milk.

They say he later changed his story and said she choked to death on milk and that he got rid of her body in the storm drain not far from their home.

## Temporary dump in storm-ravaged southeast Texas city closed

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — A makeshift dumping ground used to sort moldy debris from buildings flooded after Hurricane Harvey in Texas has been closed after a weeks-long campaign by the neighborhood's predominantly elderly black homeowners complaining of potential health risks.

City of Port Arthur spokeswoman Risa Carpenter says the site was closed Sunday as contractors finished their first sweep of ruined furniture and appliances left curbside in the Gulf Coast city.

About 80 percent of the city's homes were left flooded by the storm.

Carpenter says air and soil tests show the site is safe.

The city kept the site operating even after local environmental activists and residents formed a human blockade to keep dump trucks from entering.

One local activist says concerns remain about the long-term effects of "living next to a two-story pile of toxic debris."

## Officials who failed to oversee Texas juveniles disciplined

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County juvenile services official has fired and demoted two supervisors whose poor oversight led to a sex scandal at one of the county's juvenile detention centers.

Terry Smith, the Juvenile Department's executive director, fired the Lyle B. Medlock Youth Treatment Center's program manager and demoted the center's detention manager on Tuesday.

Officials say five boys locked up for sex offenses engaged in sexual acts with each other on at least two occasions between November 2016 and April 2017 while unsupervised at the center.

The boys were sleeping on mattresses on a multipurpose room floor at the time because of understaffing.

Smith tells The Dallas Morning News that she plans hand out more discipline soon.

Smith says she's also increased training and conducts more unannounced rounds herself.

## Newspaper sues Austin over city manager candidates secrecy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Austin newspaper has sued the city after officials denied disclosing the identities of finalists for city manager following a public records request.

The Austin American-Statesman filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Travis County District Court, seeking the disclosure of the candidates' names.

The city denied the newspaper's Texas Public Information Act request last week.

The city wrote to the state attorney general that revealing the names would undermine the search for the best candidate.

Texas has laws protecting the identities of candidates for school superintendent or chief executive of a higher learning institution. But no such laws apply to government officials.

The city manager position has been vacant for more than a year since former City Manager Marc Ott left the position. Elaine Hart has filled in the role temporarily.

## Feb. 1 execution date for Texas man who killed daughters

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — An execution date has been set for a Dallas man convicted of fatally shooting his two young daughters more than 16 years ago while their mother listened helplessly over the phone.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says the agency has received court documents setting John Battaglia for lethal injection Feb. 1.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled in September that the 62-year-old Battaglia is competent to be executed.

The appeals court had halted Battaglia's scheduled December 2016 execution to review his competency after his attorney had appealed a lower court judge's ruling that Battaglia was mentally competent.

Battaglia was convicted of capital murder for the May 2001 deaths of his 6- and 9-year-old daughters at his Dallas apartment.

# American Airlines gets new operations center at DFW



In this Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 photo, American Airlines employee Jeanette Peoples work at the flight service duty manager desk at the airline's new state of the art hub command center, which is where the airline directs its ground traffic and manages operations at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine, Texas. Unlike the airline's previous command center, which offered a view of the airfield, this one relies on video cameras to provide the views employees' need.

By CONOR SHINE

The Dallas Morning News

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Before a plane can push back from the gate at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, dozens of tasks — from fueling to catering to loading bags and passengers — have to be completed within a tight window to ensure an on-time departure.

The Dallas Morning News reports at American Airlines, the job of conducting this symphony of pre-departure tasks falls on a group of about 85 workers at a time, who keep the airline's biggest hub and the 150,000 daily passengers it sees moving around the clock.

"What goes on in Dallas ripples throughout the system," said Joe Taney, American's senior vice president of hubs and gateway operations. "As Dallas goes, so goes the system."

After decades overseeing airport operations from a cramped control tower overlooking the Terminal A and Termi-

nal C ramps, American Airlines in October relocated these employees to a spacious, state-of-the-art facility inside Terminal A.

The new control center is a smaller, on-site branch of the Integrated Operations Center found at American's headquarters campus, which serves as the nervous system for the airline's global network. DFW is the first of Fort Worth-based American's 10 airport hubs to get an updated control center, although others could get a similar treatment in the coming years.

The airline recent showed off the new space at DFW Airport, which cost about \$10 million. The control center offers all the new-age office amenities one would expect: standing desks, a locker room and several conference rooms outfitted with the latest technologies.

But more importantly, it brings American Airlines employees, as well as its regional airline partners at Envoy

and contractors such as caterer LSG Sky Chefs into a single, more efficient and more collaborative 10,000-square-foot space.

Before, various functions were scattered across the airport, with the main control center housed in 1,500 square feet of space in the control tower that could fit just 22 people at a time.

The centerpiece of the new space is a wall with 22 55-inch television panels, which provide a real-time view of every gate American operates at DFW Airport, as well as the de-icing stations. Unlike the previous control tower, workers in the new space don't have a physical view of the airfield, although that won't really change the way they do their jobs, said Matt Eggers, managing director of the DFW hub control center.

Dozens of workers sat at their stations, each of which contained several computer monitors providing airport maps and detailed information on the status

of flights, down to how many passengers had boarded a specific plane and whether the bags had been loaded.

The employees use this information to help direct traffic on the ground, guiding arriving aircraft to open gates and helping make adjustments if a plane gets held up on the ground. They're also responsible for communicating and coordinating when something's missing or there's a change in operations.

The goal is to make sure arriving planes are unloaded, cleaned and boarded with passengers, known in industry lingo as a 'turn', as quickly and safely as possible.

"Any changes that happens within those ... gates, these are the folks that communicate that out and make decisions based on 'Hey you need to stop loading. You need more catering. You need more fueling,'" Eggers said. "Anything that has anything to do with the turn of that aircraft will be monitored."

## Trump picks Texas lieutenant governor's son for US attorney

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President Donald Trump has nominated for U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas an ex-state district judge whose father is Texas' tea party-backed lieutenant governor.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Ryan Patrick's territory would include Houston. He was a judge on the 177th District Court in America's fourth-largest city from 2012 until losing a re-election bid last year.

Patrick's father, Dan Patrick, oversees the Texas Senate and has been the state's top advo-

cate for many conservative priorities. Those included a failed "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people and a new anti-"sanctuary cities" law allowing police to enforce federal immigration policy.

Ryan Patrick also was assistant district attorney for Harris County

from 2006 to 2012.

His was one of several U.S. attorney nominations announced Wednesday by the White House.

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**Question:**

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**Answer:**  
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## Name That Country

South America has several countries. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

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Answers: 1) Argentina, 2) Brazil, 3) Chile, 4) Colombia, 5) Ecuador, 6) Uruguay, 7) Venezuela

## World Discoveries

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List 10 words that rhyme with "map."

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Some answers: cap, flap, gap, nap, rap, sap, strap, tap

Fact or Fiction?

## European Capital Challenge

Every country in Europe has a capital city. Here are some questions about the cities. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) Athens is the capital of Greece. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) London, the capital of England, is home to the Eiffel Tower. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) Vienna Sausage is the capital of Austria. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Sweden is the capital of Stockholm. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Madrid is the capital of Spain. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Rome is the capital of Italy. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Brussels Sprout is the capital of Belgium. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Norway is the capital of Oslo. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) Paris, the capital of France, is home to Big Ben. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Berlin is the capital of Germany. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, London is the capital of England but it is not the home of the Eiffel Tower—Paris is, 3) Fiction, Vienna is the capital of Austria, 4) Fiction, Stockholm is the capital of Sweden, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, Brussels is the capital of Belgium, Oslo is the capital of Norway, 9) Fiction, Paris is the capital of France, but it is not the home of Big Ben—London is, 10) Fact



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Annie's Mailbox

Younger Brother Is a Mess

**Dear Annie:** I've spent years watching my youngest brother tear my family apart, and now I need to make it stop. Coming into high school, he was bratty, angsty and entitled, but he was also the baby of the family and, let's face it, a teenage boy. Fast-forward to four years later, and he is never sweet, never thankful and never kind. My parents both work multiple jobs to keep our family afloat and are nothing but kind and understanding. All they want

is their son back. But he is a nightmare, both in and out of the house. He won't keep a job. He won't do his schoolwork. He won't respect my parents. He takes money from my mom's wallet and has been caught with drugs and alcohol. None of their punishment has ever worked; he just refuses. I've struggled to keep my mouth shut over the years, because they're the parents, not me. They've even tried therapists and counselors, but that hasn't made a difference. Honestly, I don't think he is ill. I just think he is selfish. But now it's com-

ing to a breaking point: He turns 18 in a month, and his principal just called to say that if he makes one more mistake, he'll be expelled. How far can rock bottom be? My sister moved away because she can't handle it, but I can't watch my parents' hearts and spirits break any more. What can I do to fix this mess and keep my family sane? -- If He Only Had a Heart

**Dear If He Only Had a Heart:** The first thing you can do is to take that enormous burden off your shoulders. Though I commend your kindness and concern for your

brother's behavior, it is in no way your responsibility. The last thing your parents need is two unhappy children. Perhaps you could stage an intervention in which each of your family members writes your brother a letter saying how much he is loved but firmly laying out how he is hurting himself and the family. If drugs are the problem, he may break down and ask for help. Worst case is that he will have to hit bottom before seeking a help. But knowing that he has a loving family is a major plus.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to "Toddler Turbulence,"

who was bothered on a recent flight by a young child slamming his fold-up tray against the seatback over and over. I know how she feels. I am in a wheelchair, and people don't understand that when they bump into my chair when they walk by me or hit my chair with a drink cart -- even just tapping one of my wheels -- it shakes my entire chair and hurts me. I very kindly ask them to be more careful and not kick my wheels. On a plane, some just don't realize what they are doing to the person in front of them or behind them. I hope that next time, "Toddler Turbu-

lence" will say something to make future flights more enjoyable. -- Eileen From Pennsylvania

**Dear Eileen:** I'm printing your letter to encourage everyone to be conscientious on airplanes and especially careful not to bump anyone who is in a wheelchair.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Good partnership defense

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East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 10 6  
♥ A 4 2  
♦ J 6  
♣ Q J 8 7

**WEST**  
♠ A  
♥ J 10 6 3  
♦ Q 7 5 4  
♣ 10 9 5 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 8 4 2  
♥ K Q 8 5  
♦ 9  
♣ K 4 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♦ 1♠ 2♦ 3♠  
4♦ 4♠

Opening lead — four of diamonds. The subtleties of defense available to a pair in tunc with one another can sometimes convert impending defeat into victory. The messages exchanged need only be correctly interpreted for the optimal result to be achieved.

Consider this hand from a team match. At the first table, nothing much happened. South got to four spades on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond. East took the king and continued with the ace.

Declarer ruffed, led a trump to West's ace and eventually lost a club to the ace to make exactly four spades.

At the second table, the same contract was reached on similar bidding, but here the defense functioned more effectively, and South went down one.

West led the four of diamonds, just as at the first table, and East also won with the king. But at this table, East did not continue the suit. He realized that South almost surely had started with a singleton diamond.

So at trick two, he shifted to the ace of clubs. He was hoping to find West with the king of clubs, in which case a club continuation and a ruff would defeat the contract.

West didn't have the king and might have played the deuce on the ace to deny it, but he did have the ace of spades, a card his partner had no idea he had. Since East seemed interested in obtaining a club ruff, West played the nine on the ace, requesting another club lead.

East happily obliged, and though he was temporarily disappointed when declarer showed up with the king, he got his club ruff a short time later when West won the spade ace and returned a club to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Full Moon Prep and Provisions

It is said that the least favorable time to go to the grocery store is when you're hungry. Ravenous people go off the list, act on impulse, are more susceptible to marketing and buy way too much. Tomorrow's full moon in Taurus, the sign of appetites, will be a bad shopping day. Avoid it by eating well and then shopping well today.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** With so much going on in your life, it may be challenging to pick out which is the most relevant thing to discuss with the different people with whom you'll interact. Make a shrewd choice. There will be a prize for getting it right.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** In order for someone to really understand you, they need a little context. Tell them where you're coming from so that they can have a glimpse of who you were before this time you're experiencing together.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Like Dorothy on the farm, you've the sneaking suspicion that there's something better out there for you. Are you willing to follow the yellow brick road knowing that it's going to lead you right back home?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The tension will rise. There's more to gain; there's more to lose. Then again, you never were in this for the easy glory. And there's nothing that beats the confidence you get from having walked through the fire.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The magic number will be, once

again, three. You'll need to try three times before you give up, include three examples to support your idea and work in groups of three wherever possible.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A longer story isn't a better story. Too much information can dilute your purpose. You'll be remembered and respected for keeping things short and to the point.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You've been pursuing a goal for a while, and today your work will take a major turn toward completion. This home stretch of a project or working dynamic is an excellent time to focus on the purpose and meaning of it all.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** As of now, you're probably still not sure what the best next step will be. Brainstorming with a pen and paper or conversing with trusted friends will be the ideal way to begin forming your plan.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Formalities will get in the way of forming bonds. Wherever possible, use an easy, natural manner of being. Forget the fussy extras that distract people from the main goal, which is to make a connection.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Dynamics aren't just for musicians. Your attempts to change

up the pace and volume at which you live your life will make things mighty interesting for you and yours.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to always be the same person.

Part of the fun of interacting with total strangers is that you can reinvent yourself

on the spot and they won't know the difference.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You'll be happy with some parts of what you're doing and disappointed with other parts.

This is a process. Take the best; chuck the worst; and rework whatever you can to make it better.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 2).

Your desire to maximize your potential will be answered by a teacher and a path to doing just that. You'll find new ways to express your feelings, work through your frustrations and make your joy contagious. There will be a favorable financial shift in 2018 after the spotlight swings to showcase your talent. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 28 and 35.

### ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"I'm a hurried mom, and I never have any time for myself. Do you have any tips for a Libra who seems to spend every waking minute either taking care of my real family or my work family? Sometimes I think my boss, a Cancer, is more of a baby than my baby!"

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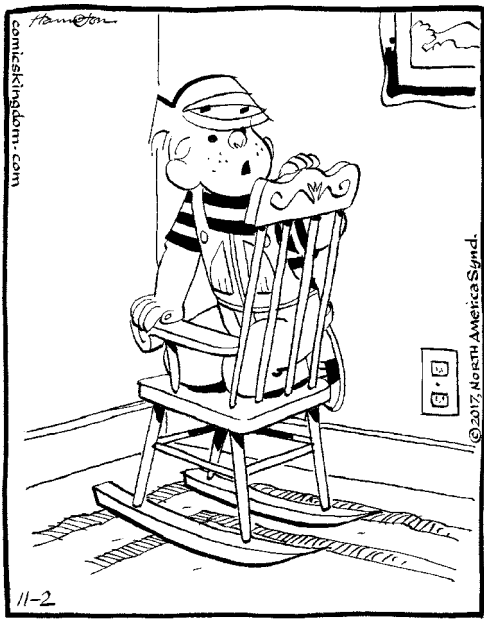
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8	9	7	4	1	3	6	2	9
6	2	9	5	8	1	3	7	4
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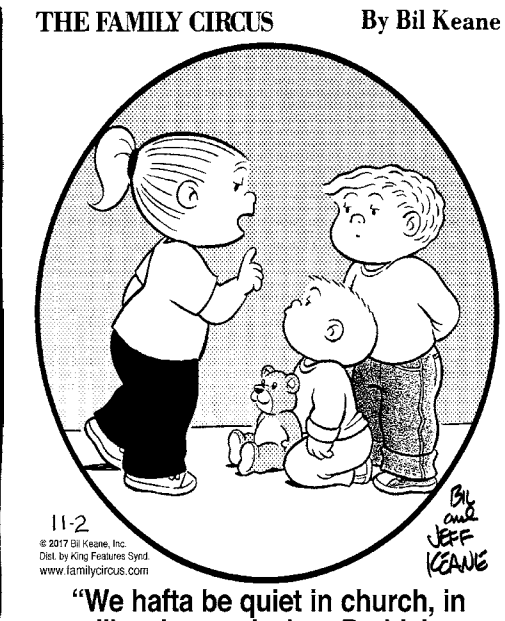
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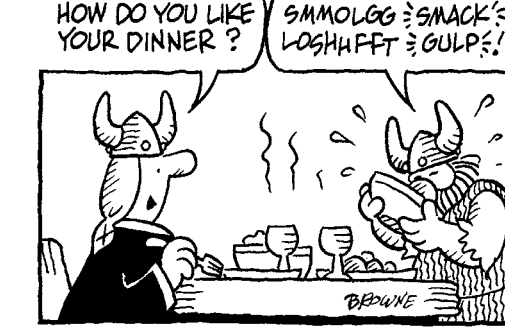
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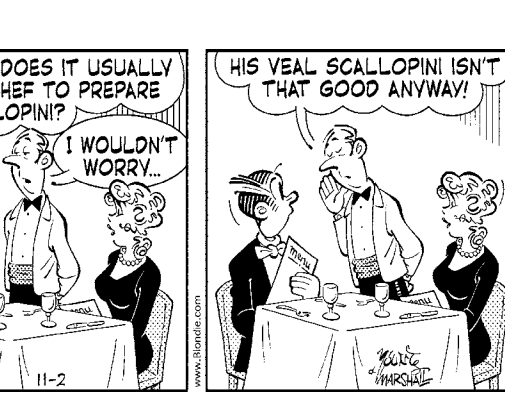


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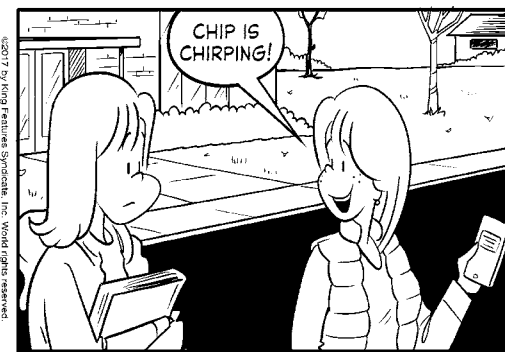
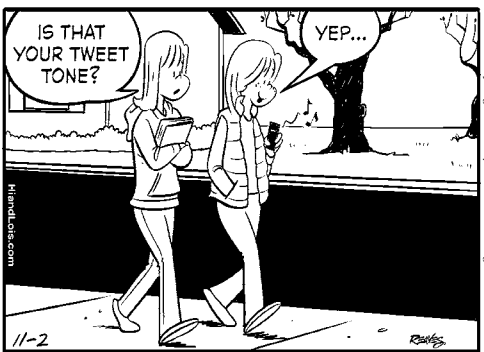
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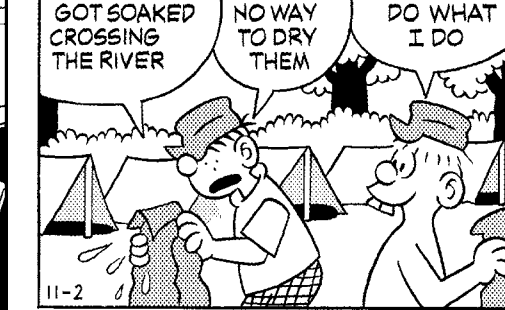
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**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2017. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Marion, Ohio.

In 1867, Harper's Bazaar magazine was first published under the title "Harper's Bazar."

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued a declaration expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1936, the British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1950, playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, died in Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England.

In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after holding him for 17 months.

In 1992, movie producer Hal Roach died in Los Angeles at age 100.

In 2000, American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei

Krikalev, became the first residents of the international space station.

Ten years ago: British college student Meredith Kercher, 21, was found slain in her bedroom in Perugia, Italy; her roommate, American Amanda Knox and Knox's Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito (rah-fy-EHL'-ay soh-LEH'-chee-toh), were later convicted of killing Kercher, but both were later exonerated. (Rudy Guede (GAY'-day), a petty criminal who was convicted separately in the case, remains imprisoned.)

Choreographer Igor Moiseyev, who transformed folk dance into a legitimate art, died in Moscow at age 101.

Five years ago: Four days before Election Day, President Barack Obama accused Mitt Romney of scaring voters with lies, while the Republican challenger warned grimly of political paralysis and another recession if Obama reclaimed the White House. The New York City Marathon was canceled when Mayor Michael Bloomberg reversed himself and yielded to mounting criticism that it was no time to be running a race in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

One year ago: Ending a championship drought that had lasted since 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series, defeating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in extra innings at Progressive Field.

Des Moines Police Sgt. Anthony Bemino and Urbandale Officer Justin Martin were shot and killed while sitting in their patrol cars in separate attacks about 2 miles apart; suspect Scott Michael Greene later pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to consecutive life prison terms. Garth Brooks was named entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 79. Political

commentator Patrick Buchanan is 79. Actress Stefanie Powers is 75. Author Shere (shehr) Hite is 75. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 72. Actress Kate Linder is 70. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 60. Actor Peter Mullan is 58. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 56. Rock musician Bobby Dall

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Thought for Today:

"If I have done any deed worthy of remembrance, that deed will be my monument. If not, no monument can preserve my memory."

Agesilaus (uh-JEHS'-uh-LAY'-uhs) II, King of Sparta (c. 444-360 B.C.)

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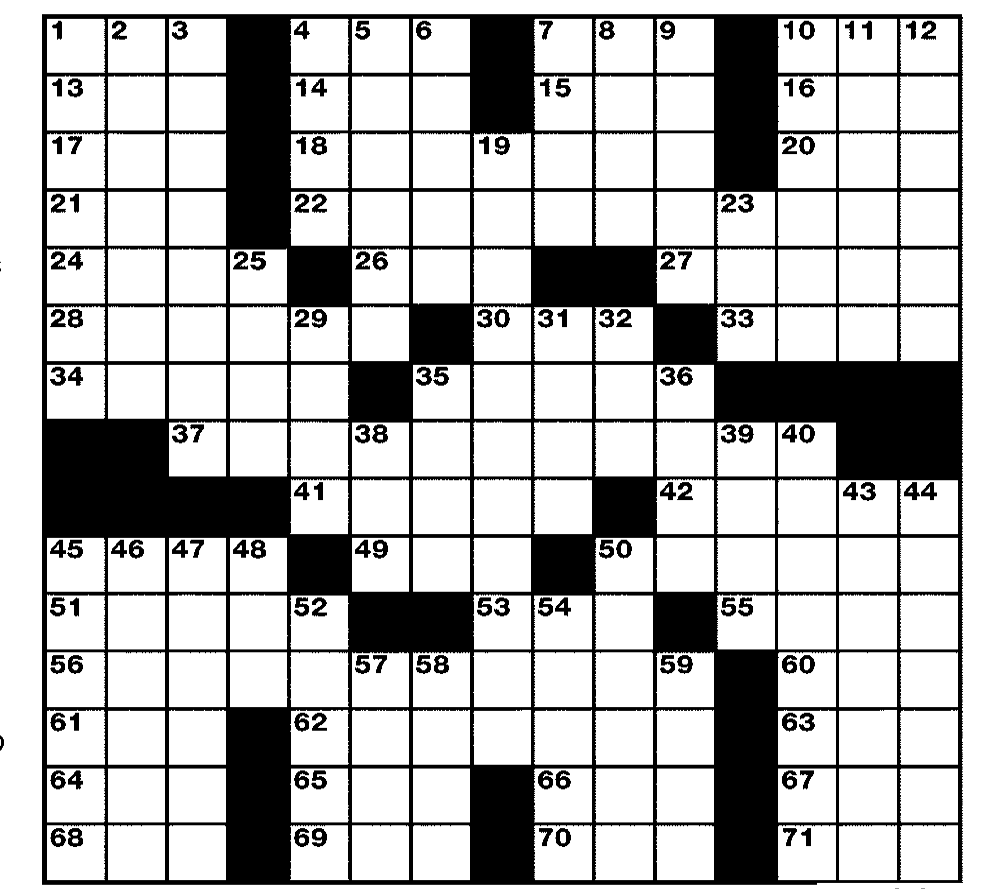
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**GOING TO EXTREMES** by Charles Slack Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Untrustworthy one
- 4 Blondie's hubby
- 7 Dog show org.
- 10 Meadow grazer
- 13 Brink
- 14 Make a misstep
- 15 Argentine "one"
- 16 "Caught you!"
- 17 Stamping device
- 18 Southwest English city
- 20 Respectful title
- 21 Mouse hunter
- 22 Thorough, as a cleaning
- 24 Thoroughly
- 26 Itsy-bitsy
- 27 Country-style
- 28 Wind-farm parts
- 30 Respectful title
- 33 Thin
- 34 Liquid-Plumr rival
- 35 Prolonged look
- 37 How English is read
- 41 In the wind
- 42 Unwitting victims
- 45 New Jersey senator Booker
- 49 Go (for)
- 50 Be ambitious
- 51 Fields of expertise
- 53 East ender
- 55 Thin
- 56 In reverse, in a way
- 60 \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- 61 Corroded
- 62 Superhero group member
- 63 Winning streak
- 64 Show that you understand
- 65 Intersected
- 66 OPEC member
- 67 Frat letter
- 68 Add up to
- 69 Historic starter
- 70 Certain lodge member
- 71 Oscar actor Benicio \_\_\_ Toro
- DOWN**
- 1 Diamond or heart
- 2 Either Wright brother
- 3 Shun spirits
- 4 Fiscal issue
- 5 Hamlet's slings partner
- 6 Moan and groan
- 7 Shutter speed setting
- 8 Dresser grip
- 9 Anecdotal commentary
- 10 '50s revolutionary
- 11 Either Wright brother
- 12 With cordiality
- 19 Thoroughly, at sea
- 23 Rhyme trio's vessel
- 25 Neighborhood designation
- 29 Internet guffaw
- 31 Almost never found
- 32 Word on the Asian nation list
- 35 Knock it off
- 36 Batter ingredients
- 38 Unduly
- 39 Brewery basics
- 40 Made-to-order
- 43 Elaborate recognition
- 44 Highly original
- 45 Beach club amenity
- 46 Eloquent one
- 47 Move away
- 48 Talk without a break
- 50 Temper, as titanium
- 52 Imprint
- 54 Untrustworthy one
- 57 Exceeding
- 58 Gala event
- 59 Hardly a walk in the park

Answer to previous puzzle

TREAD PACKS ACE  
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# The Bulldog Report

Coahoma ISD's weekly update



Courtesy photos

Coahoma Elementary School and The Academy announced their Top Dogs for the first nine weeks. At top, The Academy's Top Dogs, and at bottom, Coahoma Elementary's Top Dogs.

### Special to the Herald

On Friday, Coahoma Elementary and The Academy announced their Top Dogs for the first 9-week grading period during morning assemblies.

The Top Dog award is based on grades, attendance and overall good citizenship. Recipients were: Boston Leatham, Dillon Gilbreath, Landry Thompson, Isabella Leonard, Mariah Leos, Sophie Carrol, Miguel Garcia, Kambree Martinez, Kelton Froman, Braxton Harman, Abriella Bermea, Zylee Lozano, Katie Cox, Addison Carr, Hunter Chavez, Conner Underwood, Giacando Maldonado, Lilly Dugan, Ava Alaman, Caitlyn Morales, Avery Nichols, Albonee Gonzales, John Frarr, Keirstyn Beeman, Addison Arguello, Katie Jones, Hannah Wells, and Emma Alaman.

During the assemblies, Lindsey Favila and Brooklyn Porter at the elementary campus and Academy students Hudson Wegner and Case Custer were recognized for having perfect attendance for the first nine weeks.

Also on Friday, the Coahoma Elementary School announce the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating contest. Congratulations to the following: Family Created Pumpkins Kobi Olivas, 1st; The Ortiz family - Zaydi, Angel,

Ethan and Anne Marie, 2nd; Hydi Abrego, 3rd; Student Created Pumpkins, Brandyn Cortez, 1st, Audrina Mendez, 2nd; Bralley Wilson; Special Awards

Creative Ghouls Award, Conner Underwood; and Final Rose Award - Beauty and the Best, Gage Simmons.

Great job everyone. All the entries were spectacular.

After a solid performance at Area UIL Marching Preliminaries Saturday, the Big Red Band ended its marching contest season by placing 13th out of 19 competing bands. Competition was fierce and the Coahoma High School band held its own even after spending the previous night in freezing weather cheering on the Bulldogs then getting up earlier to travel three and half hours to Amarillo for the marching contest. Congratulations band on a great season and for earning a Division I rating at UIL Region 6 contest.

In Bulldog sports, the junior high, junior varsity, and varsity football teams have no games scheduled for this week. All four teams will be back in action next week when they take on Lubbock Roosevelt for the last game of the regular season. Basketball season is here. The high school girls team will compete in a scrimmage match at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Forsan High School gym.

# Academic Star Student of the Week

*Bryce Hergert*  
*Forsan High School*

Bryce Hergert is a senior at Forsan High School. Bryce is currently one of the top ranked seniors. Bryce has been elected senior class president by his peers. He fills his days as the starting quarterback in football, will play basketball, baseball, and run track. He competes on the UIL mathematics and computer science teams. As a junior, he was honored as 1st team infielder, 1st team basketball, and 2nd team quarterback, and has already been named Big 2 News Player of the Week. He has qualified for the Area and Regional track meet for 3 years in a row and was an alternate for the State Track meet as a junior. His hobbies include hunting, metal fabrication, forensic sciences, and sports. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Forensic Science. Bryce is the son of Tiana and Lonny Hergert.



## Congratulations, Bryce!

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### \* Official Entry Form \*

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Please type or print your recipe legibly and submit it with this form

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# Steer Pride Corner



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Mr. Eddie Vasquez, Big Spring Intermediate School Music teacher, applied for and was awarded a HOPE Foundation grant to purchase ukuleles for his classroom. The instruments arrived recently and Mr. Vasquez is helping his students dip their toes into new musical waters. We can't wait to see and hear what these great kids are doing with their instruments in the future. How exciting. Go Steers!

## HCSWCD poster/essay contest

The Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a poster/essay writing contest this year. The contest is open to all public, private, and home school students ages 12 and under considered eligible under Texas UIL requirements. The theme for both the poster contest and the essay contest is "Healthy Soils are Full of Life".

Poster entries must be 22"x14" (1/2 size of standard poster board). Posters should be original drawings created by an individual student rather than a team. It is encouraged that the student completes the poster by themselves. Entries completed by students in their own handwriting and coloring usually score better than those designed by adults. Posters can be completed in pencil, col-

ored pencil, crayons, or water based paint that does not smear, crack, or chip. No glitter or chalk. The student's name should be printed on the back of the poster along with the signed entry form.

The essay entries are divided into two divisions: A junior division for ages 13 and under and a senior division for ages 14-18. The junior division has a maximum of 300 words and the senior division has a maximum of 500 words. All entries must be typed. Write about soil and water conservation practices and make sure it is interesting to the reader. Winner will be invited to a banquet in their honor in March. Deadline for both contests is February 1, 2018. For an entry form or more information, email Judith.Terletsky@tx.nacdnet.net.

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# The Lasso

Big Spring High School's weekly update



Courtesy photo

The Lady Steers get together ahead of their playoff game against Graham on Tuesday.

By **SOPHIE DOMINGUEZ**  
BSHS Student Journalist

It's a lively week here at BSHS as the school shifts from Red Ribbon Week to playoff week.

Lady Steers Basketball started off their season Monday evening with three 20-minute scrimmages in Midland.

"We played really well," sophomore Kenzie Rodriques said. "I am excited to see what this season has in store for us."

Lady Steers Varsity Volleyball took a tough loss against the Graham Steers in three straight sets (25-10, 25-9, 25-16), eliminating them from the playoffs.

The Lady Steers had a

great season and represented BSHS well.

JV football will be played in Brownwood this Thursday in Brownwood. JV Black starts at 5:30.

JV Gold is cancelled.

The annual Senior Pep Rally will be Friday morning at 10:10 following the final pep rally.

Varsity football will play a home game against Brownwood

Friday at Memorial Stadium.

This is their final game of the season that Coach McLemore has classified as a "rebuilding year."

For more information about Steer Nation, visit thecorralonline.com, the official student news site for BSHS.

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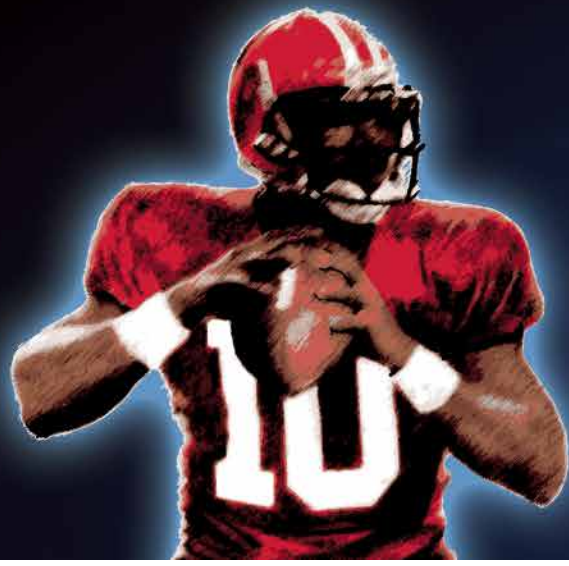
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# FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

## Steers focus on mental preparation for last home game vs. 0-2 Brownwood



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Justin Cuellar tackles the Stephenville runner during the Steers' road game in Stephenville on Friday, October 27, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

Last week, Big Spring had their first shut-out loss of the season against an elite Stephenville team. While that resulted from lack of execution, injuries on starters, an abundance of youth, inexperience, along with other reasons, head coach Mitch McLemore says the main reason was between their ears.

"Well, we just didn't play well. They weren't ready to play mentally, and they have to be ready to play when that first whistle blows. There's a little bit of trepidation going into Stephenville, especially with all of the youth we have. I mean, they're very good (Stephenville). They're the best defense we've seen this year I would say. They're not the biggest, but they are very good at what they do. Once they get rolling, they are hard to slow down because their kids just grow in confidence. You know, they just have to play better," he said. "The main thing is you have to be mentally ready to play. When you get the opportunity, you have to seize the opportunity, you know, make tackles, make plays, run the ball better, block

people better. Just back to the same fundamentals. We just have to get better and keep pushing the fundamentals. We have simplified a lot of stuff so we're just keeping it simple to get better at it. That is the big thing."

Despite what their record and the score boards have shown, the Steer coaching staff always sees improvements in different areas each week and make it a point to build upon those to get better. Although they faced an unforgiving Stephenville defense that basically held the Big Spring offense still for the majority of the game, it was what the Steers were able to do against them that stuck out, mainly in the second half.

"Our short-passing game got better. We have him (Clark) a little more time. We made good catches and had a couple of good runs after the catch," said McLemore. "Defensively, we made some plays. Although Coach Cannon did a great job putting them in position with his blitzes, we just didn't finish off the play. We saw a little better of execution of that in the second half, though."

Due to the injuries that have occurred to the team,

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## Bufs look to bounce back against Antelopes to keep playoff hopes alive

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

Forsan got off to a slow start last week against Anson that, despite a strong comeback attempt, they couldn't quite recover from and it ultimately cost them the game.

"The first quarter and a half, we didn't play well. Just about anything that could've went wrong, went wrong. We spotted them 35 points, I believe it was. We were down 35-0, and after that the lights finally came on and the guys started playing really well from about the middle of the second quarter throughout the rest of the game.

We just gave them too big of a lead and weren't able to come back," said head football coach Jason Phillips. "The guys kept playing extremely hard. I mean they really picked up their effort and got us back into the game. Barring maybe one or two penalties there in the fourth quarter, I think we had a good chance to come back and win it after such

a slow start. But that slow start definitely got us. It was offensively, defensively, special teams... it was a little bit of everything."

Based from just their stats, you would've thought Forsan had pulled out a win as they racked up a total of 400 offensive yards, the majority of those coming late in the game. Their push to get back in it, against a strong defense at that, seemed a little out of reach with the hole they dug themselves into. But that was not entirely the case as the Bufs just simply woke up and later came out guns-blazing.

"Their front seven on defense is really good (Anson), and we knew going in that our running game was probably going to take a little bit of a back seat to our passing game just by their defensive personnel. We thought we had an advantage in the passing game more so than the

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Forsan quarterback Bryce Hergert passes the ball during the Buffalo's 24-19 loss to Coahoma in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.

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Forsan head football coach Jason Phillips on the sideline during the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.



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Forsan's Garrett Evans scores a touchdown during the Buffs' 24-19 loss to Coahoma in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.



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Big Spring's Damien Cisneros runs over a tackler during the Steer's road game in Stephenville on Friday, October 27, 2017.

**STEERS**

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we saw some new faces last week against Stephenville. The same will be done this week as the coaches will be calling up some of the younger guys, for what could potentially be the last game of the season, to play in their upcoming game against Brownwood.

"Well, we are beat and banged up and that's the bottom line. You know, we haven't had an open week. We have played a brutal schedule, and we have a lot of youth. More than anything, we are beat up," said McLemore. "We are going to move some youngsters up this week to try and give us some depth at positions and let them experience Friday nights. I think that is going to be fun to watch because they really do love the game. They love to play this game and I think that excitement will carry over."

While Stephenville did a number on the Steers, McLemore believes that Brownwood will be the biggest (size-wise) and the most physical team they will see. As they prepare themselves physically for this matchup, the coaches have made it a point of emphasis to work on their mental preparation as well. Brownwood might be 0-2 in district play, but they will be a true test against this young Steers team. McLemore wants the team to leave

it all out on the field Friday night as this is the last home game for the senior group, and could very well be the last game of the season.

"I want them to play like warriors. It's our home field and it's time. It's time to let it all hang out and push that fear down, even if you're a young player. Just go play the game. You know, play fast and hit hard. That's it," said McLemore. "I hope to see a better level of mental preparedness, mental toughness, and not succumbing to fears or whatever it is that holds them back. I mean we all have them, and we

have talked about it a lot. You cannot let that dictate who you are and what you do. We are going to have some young ones that will be in that Stephenville-like environment. It's a football-rich town, and it's a little bit intimidating when you're young. But we have some seniors that I think will really step up this week and lead them in the right direction. Hopefully we will end up playing pretty well."

The Big Spring Steers and The Brownwood Lions are set to kick off Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium here in Big Spring.

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running game, so we kind of went in with that game plan that we were going to throw the ball a little bit more," said Phillips. "Offensively, we weren't able to do much of anything early in the game, running or throwing. We made some slight adjustments, but the main difference was the kids. I think they just got tired of not playing well and really picked it up. Bryce was able to break off some really long runs, and him and the receiving corps did a really great job of moving the football after that first quarter. We were able to complete a lot of passes and put a lot of pressure on them, and we started getting better protection up front from our offensive line. It took our offense a while to get going, but once they did, we were firing on all cylinders and it was fun to watch."

Forsan now finds themselves in a must-win situation. While a win doesn't necessarily guarantee them a spot in the playoffs, a loss knocks them out. So the Buffs look to avoid a slow start repeat of last week and to bring home a win against a Post team that is similar to Anson.

"The practices have gone really well so far. The kids know that our backs are up against the wall and that we definitely need a win this Friday, so the effort and the focus has been great. Post is similar to Anson defensively. They're good against the run and have a good defensive line. Once again, we think we have a distinct advantage in the passing game. Offensively, Post is probably not as dangerous as Anson, just because they are more of a run-first team and want to run it down your throat," said Phillips. "They don't want to throw it, so if they can run it every down, then they will. With that being said, they have a good offensive line so we really have to control the line of scrimmage on defense. We are going to put as many people in the box as we can, and we are going to try to force their hand to make them throw the ball. I think they are definitely a lot more comfortable running the football, so we are going to try and get them out of their comfort zone. We think that plays into our strength. Our pass defense is really good, and we want to try and force their weakness into our strength."

The Forsan Buffaloes and the Post Antelopes are set to kick off Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Forsan.



**KBYG & KXCS  
Broadcasting Schedule**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**6:00 pm**

Mitch McLemore Coach's Show (Big Spring)  
KBYG AM/FM

**7:00 pm**

Big Spring Football vs. Brownwood  
KBYG AM/FM

**7:00 pm**

Forsan Football vs. Post  
KXCS FM



## Big Spring Steer Players of the Week



**Cade Wash WR/LB (Jr.)**



**Zephaniah Nelson RB/LB (So.)**

"Cade Wash did a really good job on defense for us, and on offense, I was really proud of Zephaniah because he ran hard even though there weren't many places to run. He took some huge shots and he just bounced back up and was ready to go. So I was really proud of both of them and the way they played," said McLemore.

## Forsan Buffalo Player of the Week



**Caden Williams OL/DL (Jr.)**

"He was our leading tackler on defense, which is rare for a defensive tackle. I think he had 15 tackles, which is amazing playing up front," said Phillips. "He really did a great job against their running game, and he actually came in and helped us out on the offensive line a little bit more than we wanted him to. He was a key in getting us back into that game."

# West Texas football scores and standings

6A District 2	Record	District	PF	PA	Colorado City	(7-1)	(2-0)	218	166
San Angelo Central	(8-0)	(4-0)	357	168	Coahoma	(6-3)	(2-1)	255	223
Midland Lee	(7-1)	(3-1)	347	215	Stanton	(2-6)	(1-1)	144	284
Odessa Permian	(6-1)	(3-1)	289	126	Idalou	(3-6)	(1-2)	150	228
Midland	(2-6)	(2-2)	208	316	Lubbock Roosevelt	(0-8)	(0-2)	58	391
Amarillo Tascosa	(6-3)	(2-3)	368	243	<i>Week 9 Scores:</i>				
Odessa	(3-5)	(1-3)	175	206	<i>Colorado City 46, Coahoma 2; Idalou 39, Lubbock</i>				
Wolfforth Frenship	(0-5)	(0-9)	123	444	<i>Roosevelt 0</i>				

*Week 9 Scores:*  
San Angelo Central 31, Odessa Permian 20; Odessa 28, Wolfforth Friendship 7; Midland 49, Amarillo Tascosa 42

4A District 2 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Andrews	(7-2)	(3-0)	472	198
Fabens	(5-4)	(2-1)	225	174
Clint	(7-1)	(1-1)	278	138
Clint Mountain View	(2-6)	(0-2)	140	231
San Elizario	(0-8)	(0-2)	54	341

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Andrews 51, Clint Mountain View 7; Fabens 40, San Elizario 7; Clint 39, El Paso Cathedral 14

4A District 3 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Abilene Wylie	(6-2)	(3-0)	281	161
Stephenville	(6-2)	(2-0)	299	145
Snyder	(2-6)	(1-1)	141	225
Brownwood	(4-4)	(0-2)	286	259
Big Spring	(0-9)	(0-3)	99	436

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Brownwood 28, Alvin Shadow Creek JV 21; Abilene Wylie 27, Snyder 7; Stephenville 71, Big Spring 0

4A District 2 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
Seminole	(8-1)	(5-0)	337	114
Sweetwater	(7-1)	(3-1)	388	130
Monahans	(6-2)	(3-1)	239	220
Midland Greenwood	(5-3)	(2-2)	297	206
Fort Stockton	(3-5)	(1-3)	129	235
Pecos	(5-4)	(1-4)	255	287
Lamesa	(3-5)	(0-4)	201	282

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Midland Greenwood 56, Pecos 42; Monahans 49, Lamesa 20; Seminole 28, Sweetwater 27, OT

3A District 2 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
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2A District 4 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Hawley	(7-2)	(3-0)	256	153
Stamford	(6-2)	(2-0)	284	178
Anson	(5-4)	(1-2)	299	323
Post	(5-3)	(0-2)	263	147
Forsan	(3-5)	(0-2)	251	249

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Anson 62, Forsan 41; Hawley 28, Post 0

1A District 5 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Borden County	(8-0)	(2-0)	484	50
Hermleigh	(5-3)	(2-0)	406	344
Lamesa Klondike	(5-3)	(1-1)	323	279
Ira	(5-4)	(1-2)	373	303
O'Donnell	(2-7)	(0-3)	266	445

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Borden County 58, Ira 0; Hermleigh 50, O'Donnell 20

1A District 6 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Garden City	(6-2)	(1-0)	452	217
Sterling City	(5-3)	(1-0)	434	358
Westbrook	(5-3)	(0-1)	358	264
Robert Lee	(4-4)	(0-1)	375	407

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Sterling City 90, Robert Lee 40; Garden City 59, Westbrook 14

1A District 6 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
Ackerly Sands	(7-2)	(3-0)	412	216
Wellman-Union	(4-4)	(1-1)	296	259
Lenorah Grady	(1-7)	(1-1)	173	435
Loop	(2-7)	(1-2)	154	443
Welch Dawson	(2-5)	(0-2)	215	370

*Week 9 Scores:*  
Loop 68, Welch Dawson 50; Ackerly Sands 54, Wellman-Union 25

## 32nd Annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade

**5:30 pm, Saturday, December 2nd**

Parade Theme

*"Christmas Around The World"*

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**FRIDAY, NOV. 17TH**

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 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Do not throw candy from float, you may walk beside your float if you wish to throw candy.
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# Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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  10. Philadelphia Eagles
- Tie Breaker: Jacksonville Jaguars

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**Rules:** Find this week's games between the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choices. The entry with the most correct picks will win a \$50 gift card! You must be 18 to enter. *No Photo Copies Accepted.* In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win. If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and family of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Do not drop your entry form at the Big Spring Herald. Winners will be announced in the next *Pigskin Contest Page*.

### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

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