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Big Spring's two Rotary Clubs name November Students of the Month



Left photo: HERALD photo/Roger Cline, Right photo: Courtesy photo
 (Left photo) Cooper Miller, center, a Big Spring High School senior, was recently named Student of the Month for November by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. Cooper is the currently the Number One student in the BSHS senior class. In addition to academics, Cooper has run in the state track meet and serves as president of the BSHS student council. He plans to attend either Dallas Baptist University or Texas A&M at Commerce to become a physical therapist. Here, Cooper poses with (left to right) Coahoma Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs; parents Will Miller and Melissa Miller; and Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey. (Right photo) Matthew Rodriguez, second from left, a student at Goliad Elementary School, was recently named Student of the Month for November by the Big Spring Rotary Club. Here, Matthew is joined by (left to right) the Rotary Club's Vocational Director, Thomas Padilla; Goliad Principal Rosie Lain; mother Ruby Rodriguez; sister Nayeli; and father Juan Rodriguez.

Jennings named 2018 State National Bank Employee of the Year



Special to the Herald
 Toward the end of the State National Bank's holiday party, Big Spring resident Debbie Jennings was named the bank's employee of the year. In making the announcement, bank President and CEO, Richard Steel mentioned the things Debbie has done to deserve the honor.
 "She's a team player," he said. "She stepped up and filled in for an employee who was out and had to take on additional duties. She did an amazing job."
 Debbie said she was shocked to find out she had been named employee of the year.
 "A lot of truly outstanding people have had this honor. They're people I respect and look up to. It's hard to describe the feeling, since I've never won anything before."
 In her position as new accounts representative, Debbie greets people with a smile and makes them feel comfortable.

Courtesy photo
 The photo above shows (from left to right) Richard Steel, President and CEO of State National Bank; Debbie Jennings, Administrative Assistant and 2018 Employee of the Year; and Jim Purcell, Chairman of the Board.

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2018 PBUWCD Calendar Contest



Special to the Herald
 STANTON – The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District recently held their 2018 art calendar contest for fourth and fifth graders in their District. The students were given a presentation by the district's education coordinator informing them of the importance of water conservation and giving them tips on how they could pitch in to help save water.
 The students were then asked to take the information and create a detailed picture illustrating what they believed to be an important water conservation message for the public. Participating schools in the

Courtesy photo
 The photo above shows fourth grader Hadley Fowler of Stanton Elementary who walked away with the grand prize in the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District's 2018 Calendar Art Contest.

See **PBUWCD**, Page 3

Santa's reindeer involved in Sunday night accident on Gregg

HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Big Spring firefighters and emergency medical services responded to this accident involving a pickup truck pulling a trailer loaded with Christmas decorations, which occurred at the intersection of Gregg Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard around 6:30 p.m. Sunday. No information about injuries was available.



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Obituaries

Raymond Garcia



Raymond Garcia of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Raymond was born in Lamesa, Texas to Esther Moraida Garcia and Felix Garcia. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked at Wal-Mart for over 20 years. His first love was his family and he was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan. He loved his Ford Mustangs as well. Raymond was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Delma Garcia of Big Spring; three children, Connie G. Carrasco (Pedro) of Austin, John Bustamante (April) of Ft. Worth and Makaila Garcia of Big Spring; his step-children, Caprise Carrisalez (Cordero), Evelyn Fierro, John Edward Fierro, and Alphonso Hilario all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Dominique Busta-

mante, Kassie Bustamante, Zoie Bustamante, Stacey N. Paredez (Valerio Murillo) Kimberly R. DeLeon and Aubrey Hilario; three great grandchildren, Nathan M. Murillo, Christopher J. Murillo and Amelia Gutierrez; six brothers, Freddie Garcia, Daniel Garcia (Frances), Bobby Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Sr., Edward Garcia, Sr., (Joann) and Abel Garcia, Sr., (Annette), all of Big Spring; two sisters: Mary Esther Hernandez and Mary Dolores Bustamante, both of Big Spring and a number of nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Felix Garcia, Joe Garcia and Albert Garcia and one sister, Jo Anne Silguero.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Sr., Edward Garcia, Sr., Abel Garcia, Sr., Felix Garcia IV and Edward Garcia, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be John Edward Fierro, Oscar Hernandez, Jr., Michael Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Jr., Gregory Silguero III, Abel Garcia, Jr., Oscar Bustamante, Jr., Alphonso Hilario, and Cordero Carrisalez.

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

Paid Obituary

Spencer Ernest Wolfe



Spencer Ernest Wolfe (Spencer E. Wolfe) BSEE, 88, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Mark Rae officiating. Interment will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

The family will receive friends beginning 9:30 a.m. prior to the service.

Spencer attended school at Runnels in Big Spring from Kindergarten through to his graduation from high school in May, 1948. He graduated in 1954 from Colorado A & M (Colorado State University) in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Spencer served in the Army in the transportation corps, training on Rotary and Fix Winged Aircraft, electrical and instrument equipment, performed maintenance on cargo-type helicopters at Fort Riley, Kansas (August 1954 to August, 1956). He worked as a Flight-Test Engineer for Martin Marietta in Baltimore, Maryland, supporting test pilots testing missile guidance systems for air breathing weapon systems (Aug. 1956 to July 1959). He then transferred to Denver as electrical systems test engineer for Titan weapon system and prepared detailed test plans for both captive and flight tests (1959 to 1965). He moved to Houston, Texas and worked for GE at NASA during the Apollo space program as a circuit design manager. Designs were directed toward the automated check out of the space craft prior to flight and altitude chamber testing equipment for moon launches (July 1965 to August 1974).

Spencer returned to Big Spring in 1974 to work for FINA at the Refinery plant as an electrical engineer providing electrical and instrumentation designs (1974 to 1985). Following his 1985 retirement from FINA, worked designing monitors and controls for compressors, product storage, and metering skid at Mobil producing Texas and New Mexico's gas plant in Midkiff, Texas (1986-1987). He designed automated well skids for FINA Oil and Chemical production in Midland, Texas, for Seminole and Post, Texas. He worked at the Water Flood Station for Emmons Lease in Odessa, Texas (1988). He was a contractor for jobs in Otter Lake Michigan, Finley,

Washington; Ponca City, Oklahoma; Lake Charles Louisiana; and Billings, Montana. Spencer finished his career designing control and monitoring systems for Western Environmental Management in Carlsbad, New Mexico (1989 to 1995).

While attending Colorado A & M in Fort Collins, Colorado, Spencer met, fell in love with, and married Janet Louise Floth, August 8, 1954. Janet was the love of his life. They were married for 64 years. Janet and Spencer have four sons, three daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and one great grandson: S. David Wolfe, North Myrtle Beach, NC, Steven Dean Wolfe (Deehona) of Midland, Texas, Kevin James Wolfe (Kay Lynn) of Colleyville, Texas, Grandchildren: Kenzie Wolfe, of Dallas and Parker Wolfe, in Waco, Karl John Wolfe (Cathy) of Kingsland, Texas; grandchildren: Chelsea (Andrew) Wood and Brittany (Jason) Hilgemeier; great-grandson, Aspen Hilgemeier; One niece and nephew: Lydia (John) Anderson of Las Cruces and Marlan (Carol Jean) Freeburg of Michigan.

Spencer was led to the Lord by his Aunt Totsy at 8 years of age and was a devout Christian throughout his life. Church has always been a central part of his life, serving in many capacities, including as a Deacon in Colorado and instrumental in starting a Bible Church locally in Big Spring.

Spencer had an incredible work ethic and loved to garden and grow things. He always had a project going and he could fix anything. Based in his committed Christian faith, he was active for years in politics. He served as County Chairman for the Howard County Republican Party (10+ years), served as a voting delegate at the Texas State Republican Party (20+ years), and was nominated and selected to become the Committee Man for the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC). The SREC is the 64 men and women who vote to make Texas Republican Party decisions. He was honored when Governor Perry (Texas Governor) presented him with a plaque honoring his selection to the SREC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Otto E. Wolfe and Esther James Wolfe. And one sister Lina Jane Wolfe (Dr. Robert) Freeburg. One cousin, Kenneth Curry.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Police, Sheriff Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **APRIL LUCY GONZALES**, 31, of 900 E 12, was arrested on a charge of attempt to take weapon.
- **CHARLIE LEOS JR.**, 20, of 1609 Kentucky Ave., was arrested on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR.**, 33, of 2010 Loop Rd., was arrested on a warrant of expired registration.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of State St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2200 block of W IH 20.
- **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of Atlantic Ave.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, and in the 1400 block of 1/2 Settle St.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on Milk and Gregg.

The Howard County Sheriff's

Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JEREMY BOUNT**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of sexual assault of child.
- **STEVEN JAY CLAYTON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of display expired registration, and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JOSEPH GREGORY DUNACUSKY**, 32, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, tamper/fabricated physical evidence, resist arrest search or transport, and possession of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.
- **MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR.**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of expired registration.
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 65, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **APRIL LUCY GONZALES**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of attempt to take weapon.

• **GRADY DOMINQUE HAWKINS**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **CHARLIE LEOS JR.**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JUAN LUGO**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MANUEL MARQUEZ III**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ROBERT RICHARD PEARSON JR.**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **OTHON VILLALOBOS**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Basswood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Pomposa Cervantes

Pomposa Cervantes, 77, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Janet Headding

Janet Headding, 73, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, in Abilene. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Miriam "Jean" Parker



Miriam "Jean" Parker, 78, of Knott, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood with Lee Wright officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 19, 1940, in Big Spring to Robert Henry and Miriam Inez Sample. Jean married Richard Harold Parker May 28, 1958, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death Oct. 27, 2012.

Jean was a lifelong resident of Martin County and graduated from Knott High School in 1958. She owned and operated J. R.'s Gifts in the Odessa mall for 17 years and also helped Richard with their farming operation. Jean and Richard loved fishing and hunting. Her passion was following her grandkids in their sporting events.

She was a member of the Knott Church of Christ. Survivors include four children, Debbie Hardgrave and husband, Mark, Steve Parker and wife, Amy all of Knott, Carla Blagrove and husband, Stan of Ackerly, and Clay Parker and wife, Karen of Knott; two sisters, Joe Hughes and Kay Long both of Ackerly; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents. The family suggests memorials to Foster's Home for Children, P. O. Box 920, Stephenville, Texas, 76401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Jack Curtis Taylor



Jack Curtis Taylor "pee-wee" 63 of Big Spring went home to be with the lord Thursday Nov. 8, 2018, at Midland Memorial hospital at his request no services are planned.

Jack was born on May 28th in 1955 in Abilene to Jack and Mattie Taylor. He entered the United States Army on June 6, 1972 and discharged March 3rd, 1975. Jack married the love his life Retha Hope on October 5th, 1973 in Tocoma, Washington.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Retha Taylor, two daughters, Belinda and husband Chad Hall of San Angelo and Salena Taylor of Big Spring. Four grandchildren whom he loved very much. Father, Jack C Taylor; two brothers, Tommy Lasiter and Wesley Taylor. One sister, Marie Dunnam.

He was preceded in passing by his Mother, Mattie Taylor.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. MISSING TOLL DROPS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Authorities say the list of names of those unaccounted for after a deadly wildfire drops to around 1,000, about 300 fewer than its most recent posting.

2. 'VERY VIOLENT, VERY VIOLENT'

Trump says there is no reason for him to listen to a recording of the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which has put him in a

diplomatic bind with ally Riyadh as U.S. intelligence agencies conclude that the crown prince ordered the killing.

3. NEIGHBORS WAGE SHADOW CAMPAIGNS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR 2020

As many as five New Englanders are considering running for the Democratic presidential nomination, a contingent led by two senators — Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

4. DEMOCRATS' HOPES DASHED IN FLORIDA

Election results after a bruising recount show Republicans coming out on top for governor and even picking

up a Senate seat.

5. YEMENI REBELS WILL HALT ROCKET FIRE AT SAUDI ARABIA

A senior leader of the Houthis rebels says the group will cease rocket and drone attacks for the sake of U.N.-backed peace efforts.

6. ISRAEL AVOIDS EARLY ELECTIONS AS COALITION KEPT INTACT

The education minister says his party would give Netanyahu another chance to address the security challenges facing the country, mostly recently from Gaza.

7. HOW TRUMP FEELS ABOUT KEY AIDES

The president wouldn't commit to keeping chief of staff John Kelly for the remainder of his term and says he's thinking about changing "three or four or five positions" in his Cabinet.

8. WHO'S OUT AT NISSAN

The Japanese automaker says an internal investigation found that its chairman, Carlos Ghosn, underreported his income for "many years" and will be let go.

9. WHAT IS SPOOKING SOME INVESTORS

The recent turbulence in the U.S. stock markets is rattling some older workers and retirees, a group hit hard during the most recent financial crisis.

10. BEARS WIN NFC NORTH SHOWDOWN

Khalil Mack and Eddie Jackson make key defensive plays and Chicago tightens its grip on the division with a 25-20 victory over Minnesota.

Cowboys and Heels has another successful year



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18, the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was filled with handmade crafts, trinkets, décor and so much more as the annual Cowboys and Heels Trade Show took place. Kalan Mansfield, photographed above, looks upon the variety of Christmas décor at one of the many booths at the show and chooses his favorite. The show, as it is every year, was open to the public.

BANK

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She has been with the bank since 2014 when she moved to Big Spring from Fort Worth, where she worked at a large credit union.

"The bank and the people of Big Spring made me feel so welcome. I had initially thought I would be here a short time, but I'm here for the long haul now. I have no plans to go back to the big city. I love working here. The bank has an awesome group of people. That makes the job a lot easier. I appreciate the bank being locally owned and operated."

Debbie loves the outdoors and plays golf as much as she can. When she has any spare time she goes to Fort Worth to see her twin sons. One is a policeman, the other a realtor.

"When my doctor called and said we were going to have twins, it was a surprise and a blessing. They have turned into responsible young men. Samuel and Jacob are 23 now and share an apartment. When they went away to college they separated, but missed each other and decided to live together again. I try to see them at least once every 2 or 3 months."

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Joe "Lalee" Guzman, 53, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Cahoma Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raymond Garcia died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pomposa Cervantes, 77, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Courtesy photos

The contest also featured eleven other winners within the district. They include: (Top right photo) Forsan Elementary students Marin Howell, Coy Evans, Radon Baker, Abbi Barker, Natalie Flores, Abigail Hugo, and Aaralyn Roman; (Left photo) Grady Elementary student Raegan Dennis; (Bottom right photo) Sands Elementary students Maria Bergen and Paizley Higgins; and Stanton Elementary student Ulyses Bonilla (Bottom left photo).

PBUWCD

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District include Forsan, Grady, Sands, and Stanton.

This year's grand prize winner was 4th grader Hadley Fowler of Stanton Elementary, who submitted a drawing titled "You Have the Power". Hadley's artwork is featured on the cover as well as

inside the PBUWCD 2019 calendar and she received a \$50 cash prize and certificate for her accomplishment.

Eleven other winners received a \$25 cash prize along with a certificate, and their artwork is published on a monthly page inside of the calendar. They include: Forsan Elementary students Marin Howell, Coy Evans, Radon Baker, Abbi Barker, Natalie Flores, Abigail Hugo, and Aaralyn Roman;

Grady Elementary student Raegan Dennis; Sands Elementary students Maria Bergen and Paizley Higgins; and Stanton Elementary student Ulyses Bonilla.

The PBUWCD would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's contest. The 2019 calendars will be available to the public free of charge at our office, 708 W. Saint Peter St in Stanton.

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Bulldogs couldn't catch Crane in a tough 28-7 bi-district loss

By JORDAN PARR
Sport Editor

In a game that was much closer than the score might indicate, the Bulldogs fell in the bi-district round to Crane 28-7. Both teams came into the game riding the success of their rushing and both teams continued to do just that in the first round of the playoffs.

Coahoma ran the ball 37 times for 156 yards and one touchdown, while Crane rushed the ball 39 times for 218 yards and three scores. The Bulldogs put up 234 yards of total offense to Crane's 241 yards and converted 12 first downs to Crane's 17. The game was a real nail-biter until the fourth quarter when Crane really started to separate themselves from the Bulldogs on the scoreboard. Coahoma played hard and fought the whole game but they just couldn't get the points they needed in this tough defensive battle against Crane.

In the first quarter both teams defenses really played great and put their opposition in check the entire opening period. Neither team could get much going and headed into the second quarter still in a 0-0. In the second quarter it was a lot more of the same. Both defenses were really playing tough and minimizing the success of each others powerful run games.

This defensive struggle lasted the entire half, with each team making multiple great stops to get the ball back for their respective offenses until Crane's Vinny Rodriguez finally broke the stalemate on a five yard touchdown run with just 29 seconds left in the first half to go up 7-0 after a successful extra point. The Bulldogs went into the half after playing inspired defensive football trailing by just one score and with a lot positives on their side especially defensively.

In the second half both teams came out and made some key adjustments on offense to try to break the defensive deadlock. On their first possession of the third quarter the Bulldogs drove the ball right down the field and



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Bulldog's quarterback Zack Schneider drops back for a pass while running back Gaige Hill throws him a key block last Friday November 16, 2018 in a hard fought 28-7 loss to Crane in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

capped off the impressive drive with a one yard touchdown run by Zack Schneider to tie the game at 7-7 with 10:23 left in the quarter. Unfortunately Crane's offensive adjustments at the half paid off for them too and they took the ball straight down the field on their next possession and scored on a five yard run by Kobe Henderson to regain the lead at 13-7 after a failed extra point with 5:39 left in the third. Neither team got anything else going in the third and headed into the final period in a tight contest.

In the fourth quarter Crane got the first real big splash play on offense when Brandon Cerna broke free for a 38 yard touchdown run with 11:51 left in the game to extend the Crane's lead to 21-7 after Henderson found

Jose Palos for the two point conversion. Two possessions later, with the Bulldogs driving and going to the air to try to get back in the game, Schneider was picked off by Cerna who returned the interception 87 yards for a game clinching pick six to increase the Crane's lead to 28-7 and to put the game on ice. Coahoma never could find their way back into the end zone despite running the ball really well and playing great defense all night. It was a really tough way for the Bulldogs to end their season but they fought hard and made it a competitive game from start to finish.

It was a tough season all year for the Bulldogs who are clearly in one of the toughest districts in the entire state. But this young team under a first year

head coach made real strides all year and showed that the future is bright for Coahoma moving forward.

Junior quarterback Zack Schneider had one of the most impressive years running the football that I have seen in a long time. Schneider ended the year with 1901 yards rushing on 237 carries for an impressive 8 yards per carry average with an unbelievable 27 touchdowns.

Schneider's running mate in the backfield, junior running back Isaac Murillo, also had a great year toting the rock. Murillo ended the season with 564 yards rushing on 85 carries for a stellar 6.6 yards per carry average with 7 rushing touchdowns. Brysen Kerby and Gaige Hill rounded out the Bulldogs rushing leaders with 195 yards and 130 yards rushing respectively this season.

Throwing the ball was a bit of a struggle this year for Coahoma, with Schneider making the transition from running back to quarterback. Schneider went 47-132 for 746 yards and 4 touchdowns but struggled to keep the ball out of the deft hands throwing 15 interceptions this year. With an entire offseason to work on that part of his game look for Schneider to come on strong in his senior season.

Gaige Hill led all Bulldog receivers with 27 catches for 469 yards and 2 touchdowns while Aleks Duenes added another 9 catches for 187 yards and 2 more scores. Keegan Dobbs and the Schneider brothers were key on defense for Coahoma this year and with all three returning next year the Bulldogs defense will look to get even better.

With young talent coming up and a lot of great returning talent coming back in the junior class next year, there are looking up for this very young and very talented team heading into next year. Congratulations to the Bulldogs on a great year, and to the seniors for setting the example for this young team to follow. We are all looking forward to seeing how this team will continue to develop grow moving forward.

Bulldogettes place fourth in the Forsan Tip Off Classic



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Caitlyn Corley, No 11, prepares to shoot while being helped by teammates MaKynlee Overton, No. 33, and Ashley Romero, No. 4, during the Coahoma/Forsan game held Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, in Forsan.

Special to the Herald

FORSAN - The Bulldogettes placed fourth in the Forsan Tip Off Classic gold bracket ending the three-day tournament with a 2-3 record.

Facing two tough teams on Saturday, Coahoma (3-5) fell 23-52 to Merkel in game 1 and 24-51 to Forsan in game 2.

Caitlyn Corley and MaKynlee Overton continue to lead the Bulldogettes on offense this season. Corley had a game high of 11 points for the Coahoma team against the Lady Buffs and Overton led the Bulldogettes with 11 points in the Merkel game. Macee Grant hit a 3-point basket in the third quarter of the game against Merkel.

Next: Coahoma returns to Forsan on Tuesday to face off a second time with the Lady Buffs on their own territory. The JV game begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Game 2

Coahoma vs Forsan.

Points per Quarter

Coahoma: 1, 6, 9, 8 - 24

Forsan: 15, 13, 16, 7 - 51

Individual points - Coahoma,

Caitlyn Corley, 11; Cassie Grant, 6; Kenzi Canant, 2; Ashley Romero, 2; Macee Grant, 2; MaKynlee Overton, 1 - Forsan, M.Evans, 13; M. Willard, 12; R. Evans, 9; M. Arzate, 6; E. Garcia, 4; T. Spivey, 3; M. Smith, 2; B. Lindsey, 2.

Free Throws - Coahoma 4-10; Forsan 5-8; 3-point goals - Forsan 2 (R. Evans, M. Evans); Total Fouls - Coahoma - 7; Forsan - 13; Fouled out - None

Game 1

Coahoma vs Merkel

Points per Quarter

Coahoma: 7, 5, 5, 6 - 23

Merkel: 17, 12, 10, 13 - 52

Individual points - Coahoma, MaKynlee Overton, 11; Macee Grant, 5; Ashley Romero, 4; Caitlyn Corley, 2; Cassie Grant, 1; - Merkel, Pursley, 17; O'Malley, 10; White 6; Hays, 6; Salazar, 5; Gilbreath, 3; Freeman, 3; White, 2.

Free Throws - Coahoma 6- 12; Merkel 3-10; 3-point goals - Coahoma - 1 (M. Grant); Merkel 7 (Pursley, 3, Hays, 2, Salazar, Freeman), Total Fouls - Coahoma - 13 ; Merkel - 12; Fouled out - None

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The Questionable Luck of Mars and Jupiter

Because the seemingly unfortunate circumstance could be just the thing that protects us from a worse fate or projects us into a better one, reserve all judgment. Even though Mars and Jupiter form a strife-laden square today, considering what else is happening in the sky, the difference between good luck and bad luck will be impossible to distinguish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've deep, important work to get to, and get to it you will. Even though you believe you've landed where you are for a good reason, you'll move too fast to benefit from stopping to ponder what that reason might be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be fun to see who turns up to join the social fun, and there will very likely be a few wild cards in the bunch. Out-of-town visitors will bring good energy with them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Surprise! Magnetize! Enchant! The charms keep coming with you today, so don't be surprised at all the fans you'll gather between now and the full moon. You're on a social hot streak.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a whole group, but the speaker keeps directing the message just to you. What's this all about? Could be a crush, or maybe you're

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seen as the power player. Or it could be that you're just the best listener.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The goal is to patiently accept the present. Because the moments are blurring by so fast, this will involve taking a breath, slowing down and stepping back so you can properly see the particular comforts and discomforts at play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're undaunted by the things that used to make you back away in fear. Why? Because the heavy responsibilities are also the ones that make you shine the brightest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Knives cut. Daggers go deeper. Disapproval goes deeper still. Stay away from people who give disapproval on the regular. And certainly refrain from disapproving of yourself; it's better to figure out why you do what you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anytime you make a change, the peo-

ple around you have to adjust. Sometimes they don't want to. In that case, if the change is something you really want, it's fundamental that you change up the people who are around you, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Go ahead and say what's on your mind. You never know how it will land, and your luck will be pretty uncanny. Observations that would seem to be apropos of nothing might actually be germane to the main issue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Words come in and out of fashion, get overused and start to mean something different or perhaps nothing at all. "Love" is one word that never gets old. Even if the meaning changes for you, it will never disappear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just like the expanding universe, you are never static. Even when you're still, you're doing something. In today's case, the stillness leads to a burst of productivity this evening, followed by a round of applause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The person who loves you will think of you today when things are going well, when they're not, when there's something interesting, when there's nothing to do -- basically all the livelong day.

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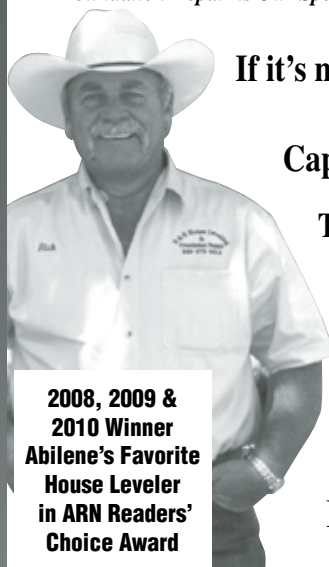
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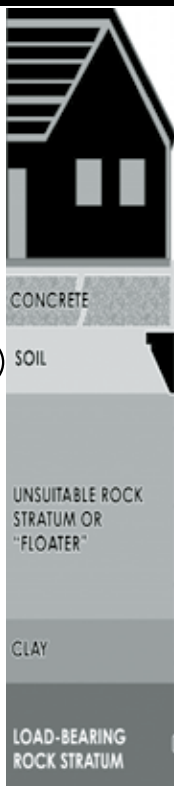
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♠ 9 8 7 4	♥ A	♠ K 10	♥ 9 5
♦ J 8	♣ K J 8 7 4 2	♦ 9 7 5 2	♣ Q 10 9 5 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q J 3 2	♥ K 10 3 2	♠ A 6 5	♥ Q J 8 7 6 4
♦ Q 6 4 3	♣ 6	♦ A K 10	♣ A

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥		

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1994 World Women's Teams. It features an excellent defensive play by Dori Cohen, who appeared to have handed declarer the contract with an unfortunate opening lead.

North-South reached four hearts as shown after South, Judi Radin, opened one club, promising a strong hand. The bidding thereafter was natural. Cohen, West, led a low diamond, after which it seemed declarer would certainly score 10 tricks — four hearts, a spade, three diamonds and two clubs.

Radin won the opening lead with dummy's jack and led a club to the ace and a heart to dummy's ace. The king of clubs was then played, declarer discarding a spade from her hand. Cohen ruffed the club and shifted to a low spade, East's king losing to the ace. Declarer then played the heart jack, taken by Cohen with the king in this position:

North		West		East	
♠ 9 8 7	♦ 8	♠ Q J 3	♥ 10	♠ 10	♦ 9 7 5
♦ J 8 7		♦ Q 6 4		♣ Q 10 9	
South		West		East	
	♠ 6	♠ Q J 3	♥ 10	♠ 10	♦ 9 7 5
	♥ Q 8 7 6	♦ Q 6 4		♣ Q 10 9	
	♦ A K				

To this point, the defenders had scored two tricks — the heart king and a club ruff — and needed two more to defeat the contract. An unthinking player might have cashed the spade queen, ending the defense. Declarer would have won any return, played the heart queen and claimed the rest.

But Cohen realized the only hope was to score a spade trick and another trump trick. Accordingly, she returned the three of spades! When her ten held, East, Sally Woolsey, knew exactly what to do. She led a club, and Cohen's heart ten was promoted into the setting trick.

Tomorrow: To hold up or not to hold up.
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4	5	3	2	8	9	1	6	7
8	7	6	4	3	1	5	2	9
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6:30	Jeopardy! Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Caso Cerado	News	Families TBA	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		College Basketball: Legends Classic	Mavs Pre.	Mod Fam	The Clinton Affair	Street	
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2018. There are 42 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. On this date: In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio. In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles (veh-SY) by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification. In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front. In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel. In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon. In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel. In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva. In 1990, the pop duo Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award because other singers had lent their voices to the "Girl You Know It's True" album. In 1995, Polish President Lech Walesa (vah-WEN'-sah) was defeated in his bid for reelection. In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey (mih-KOY) gave birth to the world's first set of surviving septuplets, four boys and three girls. In 2004, in one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers charged into the stands and fought with Detroit Pistons fans, forcing officials to end the Pacers' 97-82 win with 45.9 seconds left. In 2007, Amazon.com released its first Kindle e-book reader. Ten years ago: Al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri (AY'-muhn ahl-ZWAH'-ree), slurred Barack Obama as a black American who does the bidding of whites in a new Web message intended to dent the president-elect's pop-

ularity among Arabs and Muslims. The Dow Jones industrial average closed under 8,000 at 7,997.28 — the lowest close since March 2003. Drama and dance critic Clive Barnes died in New York at age 81. Five years ago: Suicide bombers struck the Iranian Embassy in Beirut, killing 23 people, including a diplomat, and injuring more than 140 others. Virginia state Sen. Creigh (kree) Deeds was attacked and stabbed multiple times by his mentally ill adult son, Gus Deeds, who then took his own life. Diane Disney Miller, 79, daughter of Walt Disney and one of his inspirations for building the Disneyland theme park, died in Napa, California. The Disney animated feature "Frozen" had its Hollywood premiere. One year ago: Charles Manson, the hippie cult leader behind the gruesome murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others in Los Angeles in 1969, died in a California hospital at the age of 83 after nearly a half-century in prison. In an announcement that would trigger impeachment proceedings, Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe defied calls to quit and said he would preside over a ruling party congress in December. State media and a monitoring group in Syria reported that pro-government forces had defeated the Islamic State group in its last major stronghold in the country. Longtime country music star Mel Tillis died in Florida at the age of 85. Actress and singer Della Reese died at 86 in her Los Angeles area home. Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Larry King is 85. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 83. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 82. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 80. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 79. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 77. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 76. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 69. Actor Robert Beltran is 65. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 64. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 63. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 62. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 62. Actress Allison Janney is 59. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 58. Actress Meg Ryan is 57. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 56. Actress Terry Farrell is 55. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 52. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 52. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 52. Actress Erika Alexander is 49. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 49. Singer Tony Rich is 47. Actress Sandrine Holt is 46. Country singer Jason Albert (Heartland) is 45. Country singer Billy Currington is 45. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 45. Country musician Chad Jeffers is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamika Scott (Xscape) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lil' Mo is 41. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug is 41. Actor Reid Scott is 41. Movie director Barry Jenkins (Film: "Moonlight") is 39. Actress Katherine Kelly is 39. Neo-soul musician Browan Lollar is 36. Actor Adam Driver is 35. Country singer Cam is 34. Actress Samantha Futerman is 31. Rapper Tyga is 29.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lions and tigers
 - 5 Mold, as clay
 - 10 Divisions of a play
 - 14 Actor Baldwin
 - 15 Christmas song
 - 16 Ripped (up)
 - 17 Top-billed performer
 - 18 In reserve
 - 19 Neighborhood
 - 20 The red part of pizza
 - 23 Tennis-court divider
 - 24 Atlas page
 - 25 Group of workers
 - 27 Gentle handling, for short
 - 30 Campus military org.
 - 33 Less fresh and crispy
 - 36 Give back confidence to
 - 38 Ward (off)
 - 39 Modest reply to "Nice job!"
 - 40 Ocean's rises and falls
 - 43 ___ out a living (barely manages)
 - 44 Sounds from contented kitties
 - 46 Pupil with top grades
 - 48 Goes bad, as milk
 - 50 Ocean's coral structure
 - 51 Roads that often cross aves.
 - 52 Long parts of kites
 - 54 Head gesture of agreement
 - 56 Alphabet start
 - 58 Picnic side dish
 - 64 Enjoy a book
 - 66 Group of Boy Scouts
 - 67 Clownishly funny
 - 68 Manufacture

VEGGIE VARIETIES by Sandy Fein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- DOWN**
- 1 Film's group of performers
 - 2 Female choir voice
 - 3 Competitive group
 - 4 "Get outta here!"
 - 5 Remove, as dough from a bagel
 - 6 Author ___ Christian Andersen
 - 7 Operatic solo
 - 8 Hocus-___ (magic word)
 - 9 Votes into office
 - 10 One ___ time (individually)
 - 11 Popular breakfast cereal
 - 12 Oak or maple
 - 13 Chair or bench
 - 21 Patches up, as a road
 - 22 Has some food
 - 26 Destined
 - 27 Plane flights and car rides
 - 28 Begin to subside
 - 29 Golden brown dessert with cream cheese frosting
 - 31 Prefix meaning "three"
 - 32 Aromatic furniture wood
 - 34 Noteworthy occurrence
 - 35 Takes a break
 - 37 Damascus' country
 - 41 Point opposite WNW
 - 42 Shorthand taker's notebook
 - 45 Minor mistake
 - 47 Sci-fi vehicles, for short
 - 49 Tree-dwelling, slow-moving mammals
 - 53 Throat ailment
 - 55 Bewilders
 - 56 Sweater's sleeves
 - 57 Finished ahead of
 - 59 First-rate
 - 60 Voicemail sound
 - 61 Running behind schedule
 - 62 Poker pot starter
 - 63 Easter egg colorings
 - 65 Morning moisture on grass

Answer to previous puzzle

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Short handed Big Spring team drops home game to Pecos



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Marcus Miramontes gets a big block during the Steer's home loss to Pecos on Saturday, November 17, 2018.



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Big Spring's Kyler Seymour passes back out of the lane during the Steer's home loss to Pecos on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Maher boots FG on final play, Cowboys beat Falcons 22-19

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Brett Maher got another shot on the final play of the game.

This time, he made it count.

Maher's 42-yard field goal as time expired Sunday gave Dallas a 22-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons after the resurgent Cowboys squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

A month ago, Maher clanked a 52-yard off the left upright that would've forced overtime in a 20-17 loss to Washington. And he had to shake off a missed extra point earlier Sunday that gave the Falcons an opening to tie it up.

"I was confident," Maher said. "Every time I step on the field, the goal is to go one for one. Everyone in here is doing so much for our team. For the offense to be able to drive the ball down the field and get us in position again, and L.P. (snapper Louis-Philippe Ladouceur) and Chris (Jones, the holder) coming through like they always do, I was just happy to do my part."

The Cowboys (5-5) have won two straight on the road and trail Washington by only one game in the NFC East after the division leaders lost at home to Houston, 23-21. The teams meet on Thanksgiving Day with first place on the line.

"We've got a big one against as big a rival as there is in sports," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "We have a lot at stake there."

Atlanta (4-6) dropped its second in a row and now faces long odds to reach the postseason — especially playing in the NFC South, where the Falcons trail New Orleans and Carolina.

"It's aggravating," cornerback Robert Alford said. "We've got to learn to finish games."

Ezekiel Elliott had a huge day for the Cowboys in what was a defensive slugfest until a wild fourth quarter, with the teams combining for 26 points over the last 15 minutes. He had 122 yards rushing on 23 carries, including a 23-yard touchdown, and led the team with seven catches for 79 yards.

Matt Ryan threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Julio Jones for Atlanta's only touchdown with 1:52 remaining to tie the game. But Dallas drove 51 yards in 10 plays, setting up Maher's winning kick as time expired.

After a field goal battle between Maher and Atlanta's Matt Bryant left the Falcons with a 9-6 lead heading to the final period, Dak Prescott and Elliott scored on a pair of runs to push the Cowboys to a 19-9 lead.

Grinding for every yard, Dallas needed 14 plays to cover 75 yards leading to Prescott's 4-yard scoring run after

the quarterback faked a handoff to Elliott. Prescott had a couple of 17-yard passes — one to Amari Cooper, another to Cole Beasley — but no other play on the possession went for more than 5 yards.

Maher hooked the extra point, however, leaving the Cowboys with a 12-9 lead.

They quickly extended the margin. On Atlanta's next possession, Ryan threw a short pass to Calvin Ridley cutting over the middle. The ball was thrown a bit too hard, the rookie couldn't hang on and it ricocheted into the arms of Dallas linebacker Leighton Vander Esch. He returned his second interception in as many weeks 28 yards to the Atlanta 31.

"Some things happen so quick, just bang-bang plays, and you've got to be ready for them," said Vander Esch, a first-round pick of the Cowboys. "Sometimes, the ball bounces the right way."

Two plays later, Elliott darted through a big hole up the middle, shook off Falcons safety Damontae Kazee at the 15 and powered in for the touchdown. Maher connected on this extra point, giving the Cowboys a 10-point lead with 12:26 remaining. It didn't hold up.

Suddenly coming to life offensively, the Falcons quickly drove to the Dallas 3 before settling for Bryant's fourth field goal, a chip shot from 21 yards. The defense forced a punt, and Atlanta finally made it all the way to the end zone.

Ryan lofted a pass to Jones, who somehow managed to come down with the ball despite tight coverage from Chidobe Awuzie. When Jones held the ball aloft to celebrate, Awuzie swatted it away in disgust.

In the end, it was the Cowboys who celebrated.

MONEY MATT RETURNS

Bryant resumed his duties as Atlanta's kicker after missing three games with a strained right hamstring.

The 43-year-old looked as good as new, connecting on field goals of 41, 45, 53 and 21 yards.

He is 13 of 13 for the season, including four kicks of at least 50 yards.

"I got through everything OK," Bryant said. "Obviously, I'd rather have the win."

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Texans beat Redskins 23-21 to extend winning streak to 7

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Justin Reid intercepted the ball in the end zone and saw nothing but green grass in front of him.

"I saw the daylight and I have to hit it," Reid said. "I wasn't going to let anyone stop me."

No one's stopping the Houston Texans right now.

Reid's 101-yard interception return touchdown was the big play Houston needed to overcome a mistake-prone Deshaun Watson and beat the Washington Redskins 23-21 on Sunday, tying the franchise record with their seventh consecutive victory.

From a gruesome, season-ending injury to Redskins quarterback Alex Smith to three turnovers, it wasn't pretty, but the Texans (7-3) became the first team since the 1925 New York Giants to win seven in a row after starting 0-3.

"With this team, you never know where the play's going to come from," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "You never know who's going to make it — offense, defense, special teams — but you've got to find a way. For the seventh time, we found a way."

While Watson was 16 of 24 for 208 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions, Smith broke his right tibia and fibula on a sack by Kareem Jackson midway through the third

quarter and will require surgery. Smith's right leg turned the wrong way in eerily similar fashion to Joe Theismann's broken leg on a Lawrence Taylor sack exactly 33 years ago to the day.

"I know it was very painful for him and heartbreaking for a lot of people," Redskins coach Jay Gruden said. "He's a great guy and hard worker and one of the key leaders on this football team. These things happen in pro football, unfortunately. Just hate to see them happen with a guy like Alex."

Colt McCoy replaced Smith and threw for a touchdown pass and led a long scoring drive for Washington (6-4), which likely will have to rely on the journeyman quarterback the rest of the way. When a McCoy-led drive finished with an Adrian

Peterson touchdown put the Redskins up 21-20 early in the fourth quarter, it was the first lead change in a game involving the Redskins all season.

"You pray for opportunities to get to play," said McCoy, who was 6 of 12 for 54 yards. "You don't like to see it how it happened today."

Houston went ahead for good on a 54-yard field goal by Ka'imi Fairbairn, who missed a 44-yarder earlier. The winning streak stayed alive when Redskins kicker Dustin Hopkins missed a 63-yard field-goal attempt with 3 seconds left.

"We just have belief," Watson said. "Everyone keeps fighting. No one is doubting each other. Regardless, we try to play complementary football, but when the offense needs the defense to help us out, they do that and vice-versa."

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