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County officials hope to get grant monies from TxDOT

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners decided to spend some money now in the hopes of getting even more money in the near future.

During their regular meeting Monday morning, commissioners unanimously voted to set aside \$150,000 for legal and administrative fees to participate in the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

During the most recent session of the Texas Legislature, the state senate appropriated \$225 million in grants to be used by counties whose roads infrastructure had been adversely affected by the recent oil boom.

County Judge Mark Barr said 200 Texas counties, including Howard, are eligible to apply for the grants, which will be administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

However, there's more involved in receiving the mon-



Barr



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Howard County commissioners discuss budget matters during their regular meeting at the county courthouse Monday.

ey than simply asking for it, Barr said.

For starters, the county will have to establish a transportation district which would oversee how the grant money would be spent. And there are several other administrative hoops the county will have to jump through, such

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Road use fee will get start here

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

After almost a year of study and discussion, Howard County officials are going to implement a usage fee on county roads.

Effective Oct. 1, any commercial or agriculture entity which creates an access point utilizing county roads will be required to to purchase a \$4,500 usage permit from the county. There will be no charge for pre-existing access points, officials said.

An example of an access point which would be subject to permitting is a road leading to a drilling site which intersects a county road. In addition to the fee, those creating an access point would have to build it in accordance with county specifications.

With the recent oil boom has come increased usage of and damage to county roads by commercial traffic. Commissioners have been debating some sort of fees or permits to help pay for road repairs for the better part of the year.

"It's been a topic of much debate ... and we've been waiting on a decision from the (Texas) attorney general's office on whether we could go ahead with this," Prec. 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long said. "(The AG's office) confirmed we had the right to charge a reasonable fee."

Long said the fees would provide a useful source of revenue for the county.

"This brings in revenue to help repair those roads," he said. "And there's other uses for the money, too."



Long

Ombudsman sought for nursing homes, assisted living facilities

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

Did you know that according to the Area Agency on Aging, 60 percent of all nursing facility residents receive no regular visitors?

They have no one — save the nursing center staff — to protect their health, safety, welfare and rights. That might be where you come in.

Amy Ogle, managing ombudsman with the Area Agency on Aging, is needing volunteers interested in becoming a Certified Volunteer Ombudsman (CVO).



Ogle

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Steer Nation

Line up needed for homecoming parade

Herald Staff Report

It's time for homecoming at Big Spring High School and that means lots of color and excitement in the school hallways, football field and, of course, the parade route.

Big Spring High School Student Council is asking those who plan on being a part of Friday's parade to let them

know no later than Wednesday.

That's so organizers can have a good idea of how to set up the parade entries.

Line up for the homecoming parade — the more the merrier, by the way — will begin at 4 p.m. at 11th Place and Donley. The parade gets under way at 4:30 and the route will take participants west on

11th to Goliad, north to 8th, east past the softball fields to Owens and south past the YMCA to the Athletic Training Center adjacent to Blankenship Field.

Later that evening, at 7:30, the Steers will entertain San Angelo Lake View in a football rivalry at Memorial Stadium.

The theme for homecoming this year is "The Future is Bright for the Big Spring Steers."

Local businesses are encouraged to get involved and decorate their windows in support of the Steers.

To register for the parade or for more information on homecoming, contact Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641, ext. 1469.



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Obituaries

Barbara Ann Schafer

Barbara Ann Schafer, 77, of Garden City died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, at her residence after a long battle with COPD. Graveside funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, at the Garden City Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 21, 1936, in Fort Worth, Texas, and married Charlie Joe Schafer Feb. 14, 1951 in Big Spring, Texas.

She and her family moved from Odessa to Beaumont, Texas, in 1966. After retiring in 1993, she and Charlie moved to Glasscock County, where her husband had property and built a home there.

Barbara was an avid golfer, she enjoyed a good game of Yatzee, loved to read, and enjoyed her computer and surfing the Internet for crossword puzzles and good jokes to send to her many friends.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Schafer; three daughters, Cynthia Sellers, Penny Meissner and Rosemarie Wilson; two granddaughters; five grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Sammie Nicholson and Judy Moreland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Lois Moreland and step-mother, Ovell Moreland.

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

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

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

- JOSEPH JUSTIN LAROCQUE, 35, of 1406 Runnels, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- ROBERT E. HNULIK, 49, of 2600 South Gregg, was arrested Monday on charges of no drivers license – when unlicensed, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to appear.
- YOLANDA RACHEL MIER, 37, of 511 Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of no drivers licensed when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and three counts of failure to appear.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 300 block of Runnels, 600 block of Gregg.
- FORGERY was reported at the 2000 block of South Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1900 block of Scurry.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 700

block of West 17th Street.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOSEPH LAROCQUE was booked by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ was booked by the district court on charges of possession of controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams, motion to revoke review and to hold until hearing.
- ROBERT E. HNULIK was booked by district court on charges of no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to appear.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., was booked by Midland County DPS on charges of violation of probation – theft by check of \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- YOLANDA RACHEL MIER was booked by municipal court on charges of no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of violate promise to appear.

Take Note

• The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452 or 2309 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

• The Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, in partnership with Alon USA, is holding a \$300 gasoline voucher fund-raiser. Tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club member or by calling 432-263-4295. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club programs including eye exams for students, vision screenings and scholarships.

• Big Spring High School Student Council is encouraging local businesses to decorate their window fronts for homecoming. The theme is "The Future is Bright for Big Spring Steers." Home coming is Friday, Sept. 13 and area businesses, groups and individuals are invited to also participate in the parade, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 11th and Donely. Lineup will be held at 4 p.m. To participate in the parade or for more information, call Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641, ext. 1469.

• Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcbglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

• The Chalet is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by

bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Chester B. Fikes

Chester B. Fikes, 80, died at his home in Big Spring, Texas, on Sept. 5, 2013.

Chester was born May 12, 1933, in Merkel, Texas, to O.J. Fikes and Margaret Hudson Fikes. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Holt of Big Spring; and two sons, Gary Fikes of Abilene, Texas, and Kevin Fikes of Odessa, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at Starbuck Funeral Home in Merkel. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

John Allan Guthrie

John Allan Guthrie, 84, formerly of Coahoma, died Monday Sept. 9, 2013, in Tomball, Texas. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Salem Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Please pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 9/11	Thu 9/12	Fri 9/13
		
89/69 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 89F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	92/69 A few morning showers. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	94/68 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	67	mst sunny	Kingsville	89	74	t-storm
Amarillo	86	63	mst sunny	Livingston	94	69	pt sunny
Austin	88	70	t-storm	Longview	96	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	86	64	mst sunny
Brownsville	88	75	t-storm	Lufkin	95	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	68	pt sunny	Midland	89	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	87	76	t-storm	Raymondville	91	74	t-storm
Corsicana	96	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	91	73	t-storm
Dallas	97	73	pt sunny	San Antonio	89	72	t-storm
Del Rio	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	90	70	t-storm
El Paso	80	69	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	88	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	87	67	pt sunny
Gainesville	94	70	pt sunny	Tyler	97	71	pt sunny
Greenville	96	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	70	mst sunny
Houston	92	73	cloudy	Wichita Falls	94	67	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	66	mst sunny	Minneapolis	84	63	cloudy
Boston	81	70	windy	New York	86	75	pt sunny
Chicago	96	72	sunny	Phoenix	83	73	t-storm
Dallas	97	73	pt sunny	San Francisco	73	60	sunny
Denver	67	57	t-storm	Seattle	80	62	sunny
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Los Angeles	79	63	sunny	Washington, DC	94	75	pt sunny
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Group: Reviewers want ‘creation science’ textbooks

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Publishers producing high school biology textbooks that could be used in classrooms across Texas are being pressured to water down lessons on evolution and climate change, a progressive watchdog group said Monday.

The State Board of Education is considering new science books which, if adopted, could be used by some Texas public school students for a decade. The board will hold a public hearing on the books next week.

But board members rely on citizen review committees that can raise objections to the new books before the approval process begins. Books that fail to receive full endorsements from review boards may be harder for publishers to sell to school districts — and might even be rejected outright by the Board of Education.

Using a public records request submitted to the state education agency, the Texas Freedom Network, a nonprofit that monitors the board of education, released the reviewers’ objections to the textbooks.

Many objections were ideological in nature, raising doubts about the theory of evolution and questioning whether global warming is based on science.

One review of textbooks from publishers Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Scientific Minds reads: “As an educator, parent, and grandparent, I feel very firmly that ‘creation science’ based on Biblical principles should be incorporated into every Biology book that is up for adoption.”

Police: DNA links suspect to rapes

DALLAS (AP) — Police are searching for a crime watch volunteer who they say has been connected by DNA to at least four sexual assaults in a South Dallas neighborhood in the past two months.

Authorities took Van Dralan Dixon, 38, into custody briefly last week and obtained a DNA sample from him, but lacked evidence to bring charges at the time, police Maj. Jeff Cotner said.

Three arrest warrants issued Monday and another on Saturday charge Dixon with aggravated sexual assault in four attacks in Fair Park, south-east of downtown Dallas. DNA test results from two other attacks were pending, while DNA evidence from two more in the inner-city neighborhood were not available, Cotner said.

Federal agents were assisting city police in the manhunt, and police have interviewed friends, family, and associates for clues to Dixon’s whereabouts, Cotner said. Dixon’s car was found abandoned in Garland, a northeastern Dallas suburb, and police have sought a warrant to search the vehicle, Cotner said.

As a crime-watch volunteer, Dixon would patrol the streets several times a week, neighbors said.

“He just walks every night, all night,” one resident, Billy Washington, told Dallas television station WFAA. “Every time I would look out my window, or out my door, he was walking.”

Dixon has been part of the area’s neighborhood crime-watch group, the Mill City Community Association, since January. The group’s president, Alendra Lyons, didn’t return messages Monday from The Associated Press.

San Antonio standoff ends 9 hours after shooting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A daylong police stand-off that began with the shooting of a San Antonio police officer early Monday ended after nine hours with no further bloodshed, police said.

The standoff at a Super 8 Motel just off Interstate 35 on the northern edge of downtown San Antonio ended about 5 p.m. Monday without any further injury, Police Chief William McManus said.

“This came to the conclusion we wanted it to. He came out safe and unarmed,” McManus said.

McManus described the suspect as a 37-year-old man with “some history” with the police. His identity and nature of any charges were not released.

Meanwhile, the wounded officer, identified as Officer Aaron Terrazas, rested comfortably in San Antonio Military Medical Center and was expected to recover from a gunshot wound to the head.

“I wouldn’t call it a graze. It’s a serious wound,” McManus said. However, the officer remained conscious after he was wounded, he said.

The 34-year-old eight-year veteran of the police force was wounded when someone opened fire from inside a first-floor motel room, where police had been sent after a report of a family disturbance, McManus said.

DPS trooper acquitted of theft in body search stop

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas trooper has been acquitted of theft in a videotaped traffic stop as another officer allegedly did roadside body cavity searches of two women.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that Department of Public Safety Trooper David Farrell was found not guilty Friday of theft by a public servant.

Farrell denied stealing hydrocodone pills during the 2012 stop in Irving after he reported seeing two women throw cigarette butts out the window. No drugs were found. Farrell’s lawyer says one woman took the stand but testified she never saw the trooper take her pills.

Both women reached a \$185,000 settlement with the state in a civil rights lawsuit.

The trooper accused of the search, Kelly Helleson, was fired and awaits trial on sexual assault and official oppression counts.

Ex-teacher gets 16 years for student sex

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — An ex-music teacher at a private Christian school in Southeast Texas has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for having a sexual relationship with a student.

A judge in Beaumont on Monday sentenced 53-year-old Linda Leann Wallace.

The former educator and counselor at Legacy Christian Academy in Beaumont in July pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a child and having an inappropriate relationship with the girl. Investigators say the assault began when the child was 13 and continued for at least four years.

Prosecutors say the sexual abuse happened on campus, during school outings and at Wallace’s home.

Wallace resigned last November.

Area roundup

West Texas Fair and Rodeo

ABILENE — Celebrate 50 years of western culture at this year’s West Texas Fair and Rodeo, which continues through Saturday at the Taylor County Expo Center s.

This year’s theme, “Remember when...1963,” will take a look back at the past 50 years of Texas tradition with weeklong carnival rides, livestock shows, food and special live entertainment.

General admission is \$8 on weekdays and \$11 on weekends for adults, \$4 for students (K-college), and free for anyone with a valid military I.D. Armbands for carnival rides may be purchased separately.

For more information, call the fair offices at 325-677-4376. The Taylor County Expo Center is located at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

Ted Rosenthal Trio

SAN ANGELO — The Ted Rosenthal Trio will perform at the Cactus Hotel here at 8 p.m. Friday. Doors open at 7:30. Admission is \$20 for the general public and \$10 for students and military, with ID. Upcoming performances — same time, same admission fee — include Tromba Mundi Oct. 18 at the Angelo Civic Center and Karrin Allyson on Nov. 9 at the Cactus Hotel. The concerts are a production of the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council. For more information, go to www.san-angeloarts.com

19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival

ABILENE — The 19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival, hosted by the Optimist Club Unlimited, will fly into Abilene Sept. 27-29 at Red Bud Park with a weekend of fun for the whole family. Events will begin Friday with food and craft booths opening at 9 a.m. and tethered balloon flights departing at 6 p.m. Evening musical entertainment by 20 West and Three Shades of Blue starts at 7 p.m.

The festival will continue Saturday with a 10k race at 7:30 a.m. followed by a children’s 1k race at 8:45 a.m. Food and craft vendors, live musical performances, lighted kite demonstrations and tethered balloon rides will be available throughout the day. Children may also enjoy pony rides, rock wall climbing, inflatables, quad jumper and mechanical bull rides starting at 5 p.m. Free Park N’ Ride will be available at the Mall of Abilene on Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

For more information, including event times and how to participate in the balloon flights, contact Robin Hicks at robinhicks@bigcountryballoonfest.com or call 325-795-0995. Red Bud Park is located at Ivanhoe Lane, Abilene.

Art exhibit at UTPB

The Betty Monteith and Dave Swenson Art Exhibition runs through Sept. 29 in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery in the Visual Arts Studios at UTPB.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 2-5 p.m., weekends.

The exhibition is sponsored by UTPB Student Life and the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities. Free and open to the public.

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as documenting the need for the grant money, before any funds would find their way to Big Spring.

Exactly how much money Howard County would be eligible to receive depends on a points system that takes into account heavy oil-

field-related commercial traffic, the number of well completions within the county and how much the county pays in severance taxes, among other factors. The more points a county accrues, the more money it is eligible to receive.

Also, Barr noted, it is possible that not all of the 200 targeted counties will decide to participate in the program, which could increase

the availability of grant money.

Regardless, however, Barr said any grant money the county receives would be welcome.

“It would definitely help with our roads,” Barr said. “If we could get \$1 million or \$2 million in grant money, that would go a long way toward fixing some of the roads in our county.”

The timetable for

when the county would apply for the grant money is somewhat up in the air — Barr said officials are waiting for TxDOT to adopt formal regulations for the program.

“We don’t have a lot of the details on the program yet,” he said.

In other business Monday, commissioners:

- Formally adopted the county budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- Approved an inter-

local agreement with Martin, Glasscock and Sterling counties to fund a Department of Public Safety secretary position.\

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John Allan Guthrie, 84, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Salem Cemetary.

Jimmy F. Fierro, 77, died Saturday. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

CVO

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facilities are Wood Living Center and Marcy House. Nursing homes are Parkview and Nursing and Rehabilitation and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

“CVOs can only be assigned one facility,” said Ogle, who added that the volunteer needs to spend only one hour a month at that facility.

Training is in order first. Volunteers receive a one-time 30-hour training to start, and will need 12 continuing education hours each year.

According to the Area Agency on Aging, the program benefits the volunteer and the resident. Volunteers get a sense of accomplishment helping others.

The residents have a voice within the facility and appreciate the respect and dignity they receive from the volunteers, health care officials say.

“It can be a lot of fun,” said Ogle. “For instance, the residents at the state veteran’s home all have a story to tell, and they are very interesting.”

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Ogle at aogle@aaapb.com or call 432-563-1061 or 1-800-491-4636.

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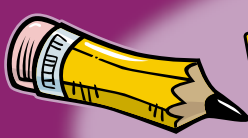


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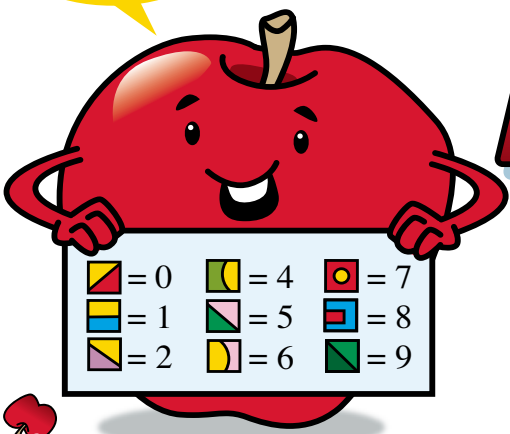


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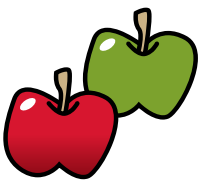
APPLES

Did you know...

- The average American eats about pounds of fresh apples each year.
- There are about varieties of apples grown in the United States.
- Johnny Appleseed spent years planting apple seeds in the American wilderness.

APPLE DIPPING STICKS

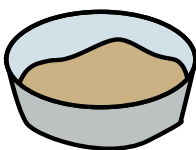
Here's a healthy snack you can make with a parent.



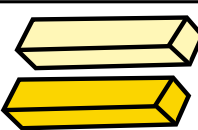
Wash apples. You can use red or green apples.



Slice apples into thin sticks. Don't remove the peel.



Use peanut butter, yogurt or hummus as your dip.



For variety, mix the apple sticks with sticks of your favorite cheese.

To peel or not to peel?



Apples are best eaten with the peel, because that is where most of the **fiber** and **antioxidants** are found.

The **fiber** from apple peel (sometimes called **roughage**) helps keep your digestive system healthy. And **antioxidants** help your body fight off illness and disease.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- One "apple" (a foam ball or bean bag) for each pair of players
- Whistle or music
- Small box for each pair of players

SET UP:

- Pairs of students sit cross-legged on the floor facing each other, with their hands on their knees.
- Place a box, with an "apple" on top, between each pair of players.

TO PLAY:

- Get the game started by blowing a whistle or starting some music.
- At that moment, players try to grab the "apple" before their partner.
- Place the "apple" back on the box and start again.
- The first player to grab the "apple" 10 times wins.

CRUNCH TIME:

- After the game, everyone should enjoy a snack of REAL apples!

MAKE "GRAB THE APPLE" MORE CHALLENGING:

- Call out a specific hand (left/right) to grab the "apple."
- Start with hands on shoulders.
- Start in sit-up position (on back, knees bent) or facing backwards.
- Have each player close their eyes and try to grab the "apple" first.

Adapted from: Network for a Healthy California materials.

Funny Filler

Have a friend give you **NOUNS**, **ADJECTIVES** and **VERBS**. Then read the silly story aloud. Prepare for big laughs!

My Aunt Betty is famous for her apple pie recipe. She has won

many _____ at fairs and competitions.

This year, she decided to make some changes to her _____ recipe. She began by adding a

cup of _____ and a teaspoon of _____ juice.

Next, she mixed in a blend of sugar and _____.

Finally, she put in a half cube of _____.

Uncle Lou was the first to _____ her new creation. He said it

needed a little more _____, but other than that, it was great.

The judges at the county fair disagreed, however. They

thought her _____ dessert

tasted too much like _____

and _____. The blue

ribbon went to Ms. Eva Gala and

her pie made with _____

_____.

Aunt Betty was disappointed, but she now wants to _____ a

pie made with fresh _____

next year. Her secret ingredient is

_____ and I think the judges will like

that a lot. I am sure she will have

a _____ trophy to add to

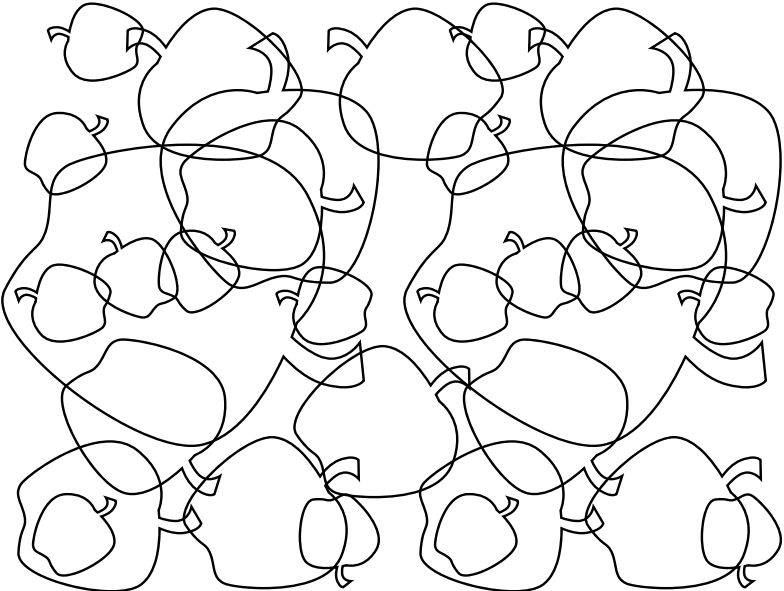
her collection and once again be

the _____ champion!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many apples can you find here?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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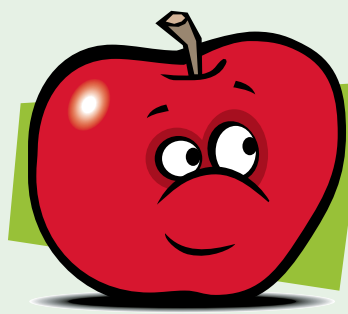
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Market Math

Look through the grocery advertisements in the newspaper. Make a shopping list that includes things listed in the ads. Add up the cost of purchasing everything on your list.

Standards Link: Number Base Ten: Solve problems with addition.



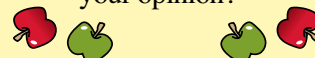
What can a whole apple do that a half apple can't?

ANSWER: It can look round.

Write On!

Apples and Oranges

Which is better apples or oranges? What is your opinion?



Bird Poop: Hawk has losing run-in with cactus

When he first saw the raptor, it was standing in his yard. Instead of flying when the rancher approached it, the large bird half limped and hopped to another part of the lawn. After realizing the hawk would not fly, he became even more concerned when he noticed cactus thorns in its feet.



BEBE McCASLAND

Alerting our cohort, Diane Tracy, in San Angelo, the game warden mentioned the condition of this bird of prey. “I’m on my way to pick up the bird right now.” Anticipating how long it would take the officer to drive to, and from, the ranch near Eldorado, she was relieved when his vehicle entered her driveway. Inside the rancher’s pet carrier, a red-tailed hawk lay quietly on its belly. After notifying her veterinary clinic, she soon arrived in the parking lot. Since her usual vet had been up all night with a sick dog, she learned that he had not come in to work. Fortunately, another doctor was able to help the bird. Once the hawk was

taken from the small enclosure, both Diane and the vet could readily see the extent of damage inflicted by a thorny plant. As Diane held the bird, the “lady vet” started pulling the defensive remnants of a prickly-pear cactus from the bottom of both feet. With her fingertips feeling the length of the body, the doctor also found thorns in the bird’s rump. Having completed the underside, she turned the bird upright and discovered a thorn lodged in the corner of the bird’s eye. Good fortune had been with the hawk as it apparently had chased its prey toward the cactus. Its feet and bottom had taken the brunt of the impact while its eye had been spared. To insure against infection, the vet administered an antibiotic. What she couldn’t do was immediately restore the bird’s normal body weight. Telling me the bird was very thin, Diane added her concern about whether or not it would even eat. Since its feet were sore, she would not expect it to use them to hold any food. Instead, she cut baby mice into bite size pieces. Appreciative, the hawk ate readily. The next day we met in Sterling City. Removal of the red-tail

from the small carrier met no resistance. Its tail was a frayed mess from having drug the interior of the enclosure. Obvious were the results of punctures to the inside of its feet. Once home, since Diane had shared her concerns that there might be more thorns embedded in the hawk, we examined each outstretched wing as the bird lay on its back. On the leading edge of the left wing was a rough spot. Wearing magnifying lens, Art could readily see a rusty-colored cluster of short, tiny barbs. Extracting each one, he counted about twenty-five of the tiny, irritating thorns. When the feathers on the upper left thigh seemed askew, I felt of one that looked different. Having thought perhaps a feather had broken in two, I discovered a much larger and longer thorn had pierced the flesh. Feeling we might finally have found the last of the thorns, I turned the red-tail right side up. It was then that I saw what I thought was debris from having been on the ground. Appearing to be about ¼ inch in length were flat gray marks on some of the feathers. They looked as if someone had applied them with a pencil. Then, one of them moved.



Courtesy photo

Brown upper parts, creamy under parts, streaked belly, and rufous tail readily identify a mature, red-tailed hawk. Perched atop telephone poles or fence posts, the raptor frequents rangeland, mountains, the plains, and desert terrain. Its diet includes rabbits, mice, rats, snakes, and carrion.

A form of lice we had not seen before had taken up residence on the hawk. Unable to hunt and obtain food because of the condition of its feet, the raptor had grown thin and weak. Vulnerable, the bird no longer was preening and removing parasites. A product recommended by the wildlife center soon eliminated these pests. Having weighed the red-tail, we realized a bird that had lost a third of its body weight could have a lengthy recovery. Fortunately, two days later it was starting to tear its food. Another two days passed before we took it to the wildlife center in Lubbock. After Gail

Barnes weighed the hawk, we realized it had started gaining back what it so desperately needed. When I had first alerted Gail that we would be receiving a red-tailed hawk, she had advised that if it were only a matter of getting thorns out of its feet, the bird should be released back where it was found. As an adult, it would have mated for life. Since court- ing season was over, a slight delay in its return to the open land around Eldorado was acceptable. When it regained its body weight, muscle tone, and flight ability, we could still affect a relay back to the county seat of Schleicher (pronounced Sliker) County for a reunion with its mate. During the last week of August, Gail said the red-tail continued to gain weight, and had been placed in the flight cage. At first, within the openness of the large structure, the hawk ran along the ground. To hear that it was running on feet that once could barely support it was good news.

In the ensuing days, however, the hawk refused to fly. A full body-scan, and x-rays of its wings, found no problems. Veterinarians determined that the raptor’s physique had been so depleted by its ordeal that it would require more time to recover before attempting to fly. When it was stronger and ready, they felt it would reach different levels of perches offered in a mew. Next would come short flights, followed by longer ones in the flight cage that would take it from end to end. Hearing the words, Eldorado, had reminded us of tall tales and movies that had exploited the supposedly legendary city of Spanish America. The precious metals and jewels that had brought it fame had also attracted 16th century explorers. As a place of fabulous wealth and opportunity, the mystique had always had a certain allure. In reality, this Eldorado might count some 1,800 souls on a sunny day. But to a red-tailed hawk that had found its soul mate, if it could fly, then hopefully its return would be the only opportunity it craved.

Bebe McCasland is author of “The Scoop from Bird Poop.” She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

‘God Bless America’ — Here’s the story

Recently I was listening to an original version of Kate Smith singing “God Bless America” and I couldn’t help but think about sharing some information with you concerning the song and how Kate Smith became the one to sing it. The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we’d have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans. This was the era just before TV, and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was more famous than Kate Smith. She didn’t make it big in the age of



DARRELL RYAN

TV, but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time. She was also very patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer, Irving Berlin (who also wrote “White Christmas”) and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written 22 years earlier, in 1918, but never published, “God Bless America.” He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not

take any profits from it. All profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America and over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song. The song was introduced by Kate Smith on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938, on her radio show. Berlin wrote an introduction to the song that is rarely heard but which Smith always used: “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea / Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free / Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, / As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.” To this day, “God Bless America” stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith was searching for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she could have realized just how successful the results would be for her and those she wanted to

encourage during those years of hardship and worry and for the many generations of Americans to follow. It is interesting to note that when American song writer Woody Guthrie heard the song he considered it unrealistic and complacent

and didn’t like it, so he wrote one he called “God Blessed America For Me” in an attempt to upstage Kate. His song also was a great hit but the name was changed to “This Land is Your Land” and the words “This land was made for you and me”

were substituted for “God Blessed America for Me.” So, due to the efforts of Kate Smith, we have two patriotic songs that we love. Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring Independent School District director of school safety.

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News in brief

Tamping down military threats, Obama goes to Congress with hopes for diplomacy in Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — With opposition to military action growing among Americans and lawmakers, President Barack Obama is heading to Congress on Tuesday with fresh hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough that would allow Syria's government to avert U.S. missile strikes if it surrenders its chemical weapons arsenal.

Obama had planned to use the meetings with Democratic and Republican senators to personally lobby for his plan of targeted strikes against Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces in retaliation for last month's massive chemical weapons attack outside of Damascus. Instead, he signaled in interviews ahead of his trip to Capitol Hill that new diplomacy involving Russia and others could eliminate the risks of a repeat chemical attack without requiring an American intervention. He presents his case to the American people Tuesday night.

"The key is, to paraphrase Ronald Reagan, that we don't just trust, but we also verify," Obama told CBS. "The importance is to make sure that the international community has confidence that these chemical weapons are under control, that they are not being used, that potentially they are removed from Syria and that they are destroyed."

The dramatic shift in the president's tone came after weeks of threatening tough reprisals on the Assad regime and with his administration facing stiff resistance in Congress to any resolution that would authorize him to use military force against Syria. For the first time Monday, a majority of senators staking out positions or leaning in one direction were expressing opposition, according to an Associated Press survey. The count in the House was far more lopsided, with representatives rejecting Obama's plan by more than a 6-1 margin even as the leaders of both parties in the House professed their support.

For the Obama administration, presenting just the possibility of a diplomatic solution offered an "out" with it struggling to come up with the 60 votes needed for Senate passage of a use-of-force resolution. Reflecting the difficulty, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., unexpectedly postponed a test vote originally set for Wednesday on Obama's call for legislation explicitly backing a military strike. Reid cited ongoing "international discussions."

Indian court convicts 4 in fatal gang rape of woman on bus, case that set off wave of protest

NEW DELHI (AP) — An Indian court convicted four men Tuesday in the fatal gang rape of a young

woman on a moving New Delhi bus, an attack that set off waves of protests and gave voice to years of anger over the treatment of women.

The men were convicted on all the counts against them, including rape and murder, and now face the possibility of hanging. The sentences are expected to be handed down Wednesday.

Judge Yogesh Khanna said in his verdict that the men, who tricked the 23-year-old rape victim and a male friend of hers into boarding the bus they were driving, had committed "murder of a helpless person."

The parents of the woman, who cannot be identified under Indian law, had tears in their eyes as the verdicts were read. The mother, wearing a pink sari, sat just a few feet from the convicted men in a tiny courtroom jammed with lawyers, police and reporters.

Study: 1 in 10 men in 6 Asian countries have raped, most say they were 'sexually entitled'

LONDON (AP) — About 1 in 10 men in some parts of Asia admitted raping a woman who was not their partner, according to the first large studies of rape and sexual violence. When their wife or girlfriend was included, that figure rose to about a quarter.

International researchers said their startling findings should change perceptions about how common violence against women is and prompt major campaigns to prevent it. Still, the results were based on a survey of only six Asian countries and the authors said it was uncertain what rates were like elsewhere in the region and beyond. They said engrained sexist attitudes contributed, but that other factors like poverty or being emotionally and physically abused as children were major risk factors for men's violent behavior.

A previous report from the World Health Organization found one-third of women worldwide say they have been victims of domestic or sexual violence.

"It's clear violence against women is far more widespread in the general population than we thought," said Rachel Jewkes of South Africa's Medical Research Council, who led the two studies. The research was paid for by several United Nations agencies and Australia, Britain, Norway and Sweden. The papers were published online Tuesday in the journal, Lancet Global Health.

Fate of Bucharest's stray dogs in balance after fatal mauling of 4-year-old boy

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — They roam the streets of Bucharest, sad-eyed, scraggly mongrels that shelter in demolition sites, rifle through garbage — and increasingly attack humans. The capital's massive stray dog population, a legacy of communism and its aftermath, can have lethal consequences: In recent years, a Bucharest woman was killed by a pack

of strays, and a Japanese tourist died after a stray severed an artery in his leg.

Now, after a 4-year-old boy was fatally mauled last week, the city wants to take action. The controversial plan that has divided Bucharest? To capture and kill Bucharest's tens of thousands of strays, blamed for dozens of attacks every day that need medical treatment. Animal lovers and dog-wary citizens are at such loggerheads that the city has called a referendum next month on whether to go forward.

"We will do what Bucharest's people want, exactly what they want," Mayor Sorin Oprescu said last week in announcing the Oct. 6 referendum.

France to float resolution at UN Security Council over alleged Syria chemical weapons use.

PARIS (AP) — France will float a resolution in the U.N. Security Council aimed at forcing Syria to make public its chemical weapons program, place it under international control and dismantle it, the French foreign minister said Tuesday.

Laurent Fabius said France, a permanent member of the 15-nation U.N. body, will start the resolution process on Tuesday under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which is militarily enforceable. The proposal would also condemn a chemical weapons attack near Damascus on Aug. 21 that Western powers allege was carried out by Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime — a claim he has denied.

The French initiative comes a day after Russia, a fellow permanent member of the council that has been a key ally of Assad's regime, expressed support for a proposal for Syria's chemical weapons arsenals to be placed under international control and destroyed.

Fabius said the resolution, based around five points, would demand that Syria "bring fully to light" its chemical weapons program. The measure would also set up international inspections and controls of the dismantling process, and would carry "very serious consequences" if the commitment were violated.

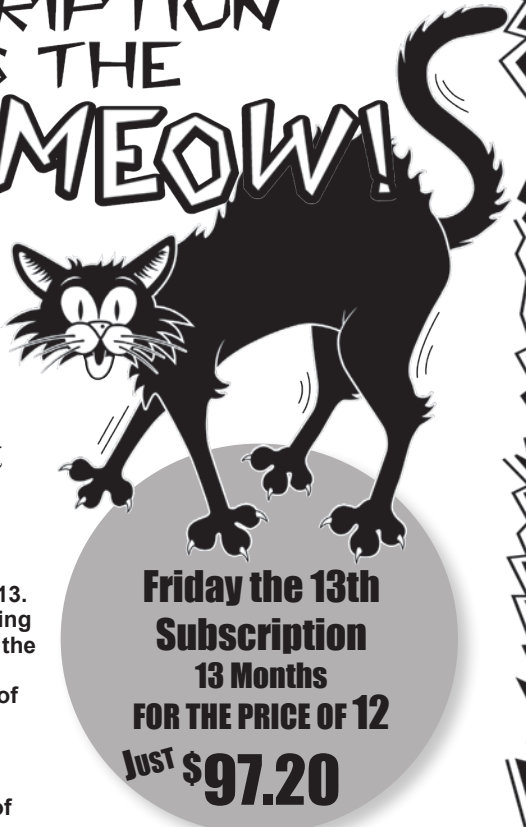
Feds to release hundreds of previously classified documents showing secret spy court operation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Obama administration is releasing hundreds of previously classified documents detailing activities of the country's long-secret spy court that authorizes domestic surveillance programs.

In a court filing last week, the U.S. Department of Justice said it will turn over the documents to the Electronic Frontier Foundation by Tuesday. EFF officials said they'll receive the documents in disk form and it will take some hours for technicians to upload the documents to the civil liberty group's website later Tuesday.

The DOJ told a federal judge in Oakland last week it was turning over the documents to partially settle a lawsuit EFF filed for access to court orders, administration memos and other information government officials relied on to design and implement a domestic surveillance program. That program was initially revealed a decade ago by newspapers and a telecom worker who claimed first-hand knowledge of the surveillance.

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BSHS tennis splits in Lubbock

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Big Spring varsity tennis participated in a three-way match with Andrews and Pampa over the weekend at the Preston Manor Tennis Center. Big Spring looked strong in its victory 15-4 victory over Pampa, but lost 14-5 to Andrews, which according to BSHS Tennis Coach Dana Jones is “one of the strongest teams in the region.”

Big Spring finished in 10th place overall at the 2012 state tourney, while Andrews finished fourth.

“We had solid play out of the boys, especially against Pampa,” Jones said of Saturday’s performance. “And there were a lot of close matches against Andrews. Morgan Parnell and Josh Baker did very well in singles.”

The Steer tennis squad will begin district team tennis on the road in Greenwood on Saturday.

Match Score: Big Spring def. Pampa 15-4

Girls Doubles

- Parnell/Walker lost to Hunt/Terry, 8-1
- Castillo/Redlin def. Elliot/Sellers, 8-1
- Bakley/Marshall lost to Hulsey Klusmeyer, 8-4.

Girls Singles

- Molly Walker lost to Kindie Hunt, 6-4, 7-6.
- Selena Castillo lost to Emily Terry, 6-4, 6-2.
- Cassidi Redlin def. Harley Elliot, 6-3, 6-2.
- Morgan Parnell def. Kristi Klusmeyer, 6-1, 6-0.
- Katie Newton def. Zoe Hulsey, 7-5, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles

- Bihl/Newton def. Horton Troxell, 8-4.

Boys Doubles

- Avant/Blount def. Robison/Terry, 8-0.
- Atherton/Baker def. Cree/Mitchell, 8-3.
- Hughes/Miller def. Chisum/Moore, 8-3.

Boys Singles

- Tyler Avant def. Ashton Robison, 7-6, 6-7, 10-6.
- Bryan Blount def. Lane terry, 6-4, 6-4.
- Josh baker def. Blaske Chisum, 6-4, 6-4.



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Big Spring’ Garrett Miller (left) and Kieran Atherton practice for the Tri-match against Andrews and Pampa last week. BSHS lost to Andrews, but defeated Pampa.

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HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring’s Julianna Rodriguez passes the ball during Friday’s loss against Midland Christian. The Lady Steers will get a chance to avenge the defeat tonight as BSHS takes on the Lady Mustangs again. Varsity is slated to play at 6:30 p.m. at Steer Gym, while JV and 9th will begin their matches at 5 p.m.

Big Spring, Forsan fare well at CC invitationals

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING

ABILENE — Big Spring cross country is rebuilding, but that doesn’t mean they won’t be competitive.

“We’re very young,” said BSHS CC Coach John-Michael Leggett. “We’ve got two seniors this year, but we’re progressing very well. They are hard workers and they are getting better every day. I’m definitely looking forward to the district meet. I couldn’t ask for a better group of guys.”

The squad competed at the Bill Libby Invitational at Nelson Park over the weekend, where varsity runner Izzak Zamora had a strong showing, finishing 11th overall with a time of 18:22.34.

According to Leggett, the District 4-3A meet is tentatively set for Oct. 21 in Snyder, but if a few things work out, it could be held here in Big Spring.

Leggett is excited for the next event, a regional preview of sorts in Lubbock Sept. 21.

“It should be a good measuring stick for us,” Leggett added. “All teams from our district will be there, plus 80-90 percent of our region. I’m highly confident we’ll be competitive in district and if we continue to progress the way we have, we will be competitive in our region, too. We have some very promising freshmen and sophomores.”

Big Spring has this coming weekend off before resuming in Lubbock.

Individual results:

Varsity (3 mile)

- Izzak Zamora, 18:22.34, 11th.
- Ian Gonzales, 20:29.69, 37th.
- Raul Romo, 20:37.77, 40th.

Junior Varsity (3 mile)

- Elijah Esparza, 21:55.60, 11th.
- Matthew jiminez, 21:57.28, 13th.
- Richard Martinez, 23:15.11, 23rd.

Junior High (2 mile)

- Eric Stinson, 14:47.11, 9th.
- Juan Lugo, 14:56.23, 10th.

FORSAN

LUBBOCK — Defending state Class A champion Forsan competed at the Plains Presort Service Invitational at Mae Simmons Park Saturday. The meet – which was hosted by Lubbock Monterrey — was full of larger school for the Buffaloes to gauge their talent against.

And Forsan didn’t fare too badly, either, finishing fourth overall with a score of 115, behind Canyon (26), Lubbock Coronado (51), and Frenship (111).

Tyler Evans, Jeremy Cervantes and Matthew Mims led the way, with each runner earning a Top 20 finish.

Forsan Junior High also competed in the event, finishing in eighth place out of 13 teams.

“Our guys ran well in a meet against big school classifications,” FHS Head Coach Robert Hillger said.

Next up for the Buffs will be a road trip to Grape Creek to compete in the Wall Hawk Invitational.

Individual results:

Varsity (3 mile)

- Tyler Evans, 6th.
- Jeremy Cervantes, 13th.
- Matthew Mims, 19th.
- Justin Goff, 31st.
- Cody Tanis, 52nd.
- Zach Martino-Corum, 82nd.
- Josh Evans, 102nd.

Junior Varsity (3 mile)

- Jesse Cervantes, 27th.
- Granger Newton, 45th.
- John Broughton, 46th.
- Zane Sanders, 82nd.
- Bryce Gartman, 83rd.

Texans rally from 21 down to stun Chargers 31-28

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Matt Schaub could feel the Texans’ comeback coming on in the third quarter. Andre Johnson had absolutely no doubt Houston would rally from three touchdowns down to win its season opener.

Many San Diego Chargers fans must have felt exactly the same way.

A team that blew five half-time leads last season did it again Monday night in Houston’s 31-28 win over San Diego. While the Texans got an early character-building test in a season with Super Bowl aspirations, the Chargers were reminded they can’t ever let up if they hope to shake their underachieving reputations.

“We knew we could do it,” said Houston linebacker Brian Cushing, who returned an interception for his first career touchdown to tie it with 9:30 to play. “We felt the momentum. We had no business winning the game ... (but) we felt like we could do it the whole time. We never got down on ourselves. We were

just able to make that comeback.”

Randy Bullock kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired after Schaub engineered a late drive for the Texans. Their cool under pressure erased a brilliant start for the Chargers under new coach Mike McCoy, the offensive guru hired to revitalize a stagnat-

ing franchise.

Five reasons why Houston is rolling and San Diego is reeling after just one week of play:

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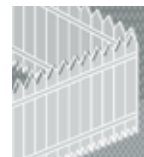
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The question will arise: Are you being too hard on yourself? How far should you push yourself for optimal strength, health and happiness? Your tendency is to go too far, and today you'll benefit from pulling back.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Marcel Proust said that the only paradise is paradise lost. He underestimated your ability to know a good thing when it's happening. You will revel in today's slice of heaven.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In order to fully accept yourself, you must first consciously realize what it is you're rejecting. Certain notions you have about yourself are so ingrained that you won't notice them until someone points them out to you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Use good judgment in deciding when to try to influence others and when to stay out of it. People indulging their prejudices don't want to be confused with facts.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your smile is your best accessory, and you'll wear it from day into night. When your mood dips, the flexing of a few facial muscles will improve things immensely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Other people's belief systems may not match yours, but that doesn't make them wrong. The only steadfast rule is that there are no steadfast rules. Being flexible will serve you well.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cats and terriers can smell the rats they can't see, and you have something in common with these perceptive beasts today. State your suspicion, and it will be confirmed.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 10). What's better than doing work you enjoy with people you love? You'll find out in the span of four weeks. October brings a change in the friendship circle. November sees you entrusted with a responsibility, as well as with the key to someone's heart. Make your move in January when your idea will be universally liked. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 14, 2, 35 and 47.
NUMEROLOGY: You can find today's numerology by adding up each number in today's date: 0+9+1+0+2+0+1+3 = 16. Then add the 1+6 for a final outcome of 7. For an explanation of "seven" days, visit the column archives and check out Aug. 29, 2013.

Over the past two weeks, we have explored the numerology for 1-9 days with the exception of 5. Now let's fill in the blank.
"Five" days are for storytelling. They are the ideal time to either live in a manner that will make a good story later, or craftily capture the events of your past and order them in a way that will illustrate who you are, where you've been and where you want to go.
"Five" days illustrate why stories are more effective communicators than facts. People will forget the facts you share, but a good story speaks to a deeper, more memorable and less rational part of the brain. Stories connect people emotionally in a way that no other medium can.
The next "five" day will be a week from today, on Sept. 17, 2013. In your travels until then, think of yourself as the writer of your own story. On the "five" day, share that story.

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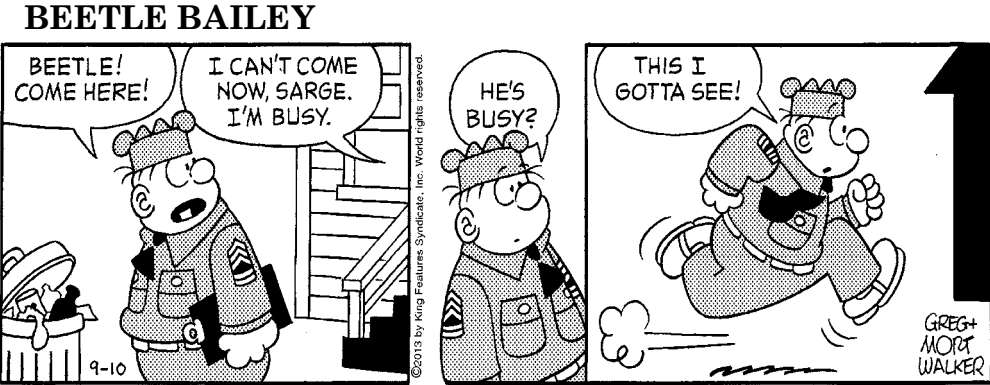
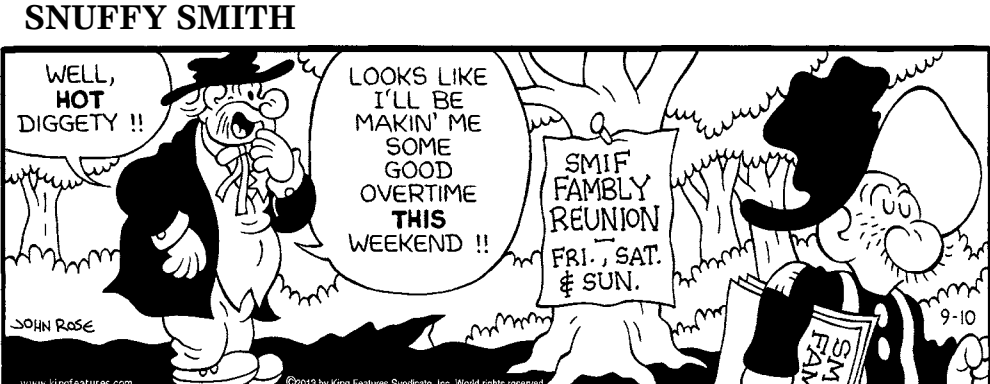
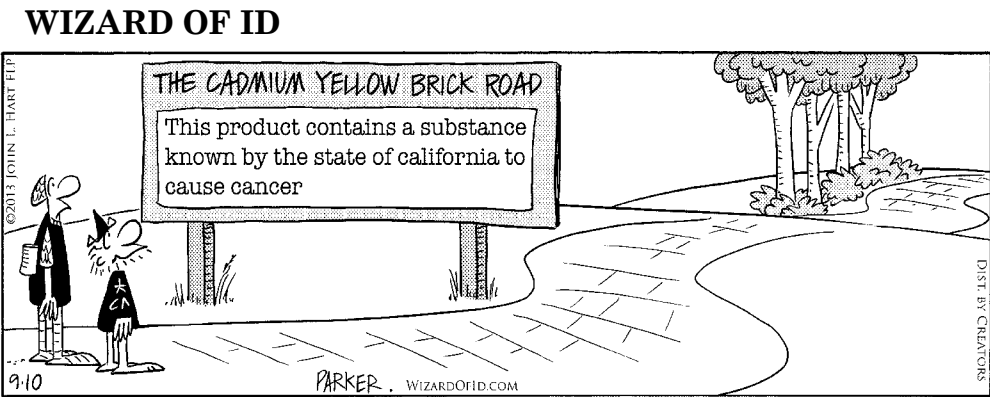
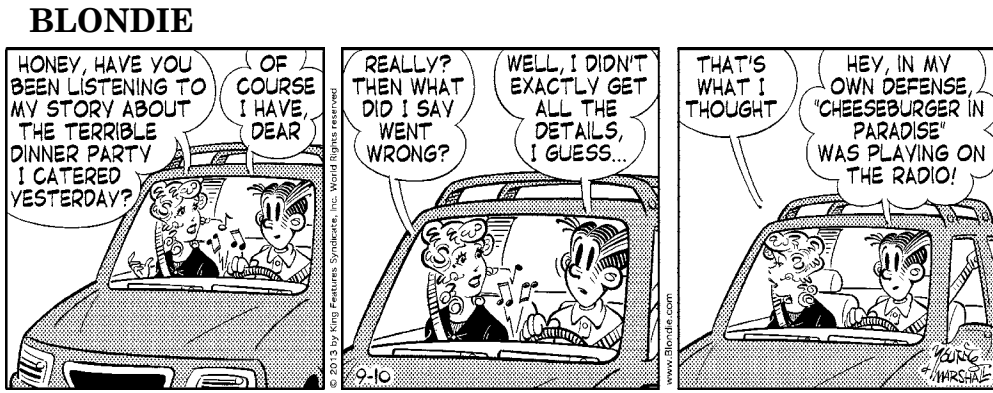
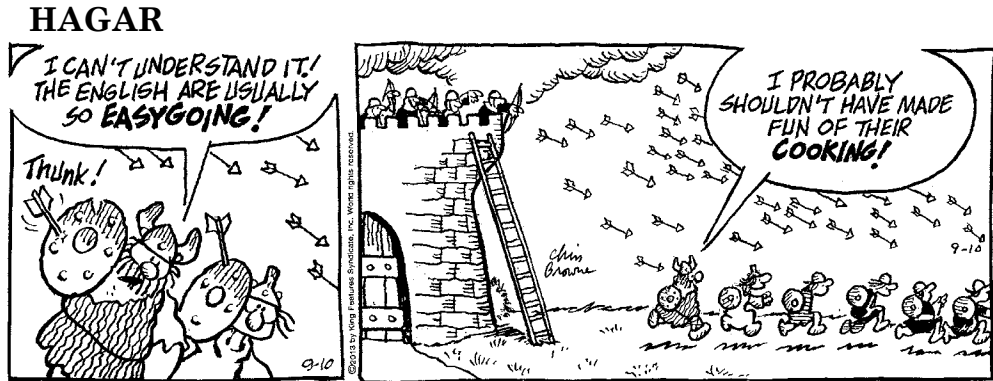
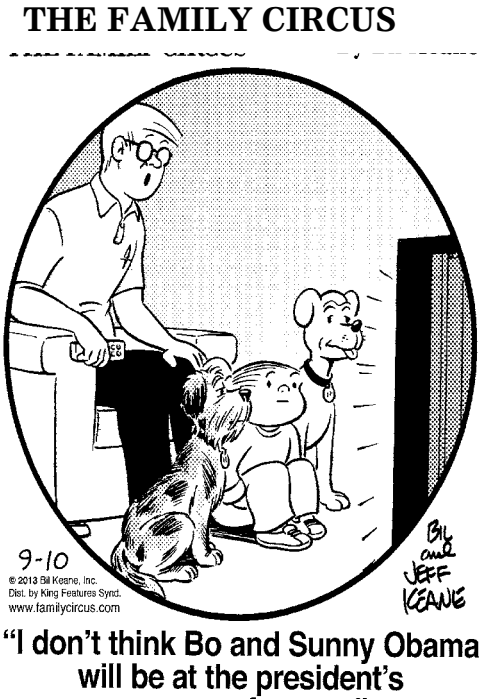
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2013. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 10, 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. (Afterward, Perry sent out the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours.")

On this date: In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1912, the jungle character Tarzan made his debut as "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs was first published in The All-Story magazine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J.

Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad in October 1945).

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a black student.

In 1963, twenty black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a 1950 attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman were freed from prison after being granted clemency by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1983, John Vorster (FAWS'-tur), prime minister of white-ruled South Africa from 1966 to 1978, died in Cape Town at age 67.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President and Mrs. Reagan as he began a

10-day tour of the United States.

In 1993, "The X-Files" premiered on Fox Television.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Arnold Palmer is 84. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 82. Actor Greg Mullavey is 80. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 76. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 73. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 71. Singer Jose Feliciano is 68. Actor Tom Ligon is 68. Actress Judy Geeson is 65. Former Canadian first lady Margaret Trudeau is 65. Political commentator Bill O'Reilly is 64. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 63. Actress Amy Irving is 60.

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Answer to previous puzzle

THINS	TIFF	ARID
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Chowder morsel
 - Blood-bank fluid
 - Clenched hand
 - Rabbit relative
 - Caribbean resort island
 - In the know about
 - Sailors' affirmatives
 - Bricklayer
 - Ready for business
 - One of 100 DC positions
 - Sandy hill
 - Wiped clean
 - Farm vehicle
 - Unlit
 - Sigh of relief
 - United _____ Emirates (Mideast nation)
 - January to December
 - Speed detector
 - Not hollow
 - Pampering resort
 - Speckled bean
 - Place for a play
 - Gang's territory
 - Specify
 - Armed conflict
 - Semester
 - Angler's device
 - For laughs
 - Cleveland's lake
 - Underwater search vessel
 - Go out with
 - Pile
 - Golden State sch.

- List-shortening abbr.
- Studio stand
- Some boxing wins, for short
- Generation after boomers
- Fidgety
- Plants seeds

DOWN

- Pursue
- Coat of paint
- Sports venue
- Flat-topped hills
- Fast type of delivery
- Timeline segments
- Ploy
- WWII sub

- Chanted phrase
- Hierarchy of what eats what
- Enter, as data
- Shorthand pro
- Copier supply
- Turner who founded CNN
- Seniors' org.
- Take a break
- Beyond repair
- Donkey
- Go bad
- Pie ____ mode
- Influntial ones
- More than scarce
- Genetic initials
- 24-hr. bank feature
- Fish eggs
- Campus official

- "To be honest . . ."
- Water that parted for Moses
- Flavor enhancer, for short
- UPS rival
- Really steamed
- Instrument from India
- Industry magnate
- Borders on
- Small lizard
- Give permission to
- Window material
- Huge
- Tops with frosting

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RALLY

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was tipped and intercepted by Cam Thomas, and Philip Rivers threw a 14-yard TD pass to Ryan Mathews on San Diego's first snap for the fastest offensive touchdown in team history.

San Diego gained momentum from that lucky burst, going up 21-7 at halftime and taking a 28-7 lead with an 80-yard drive right after the break. Rivers already had his first four-TD passing game since November 2011.

SECOND-HALF SURGE: The Texans' strong contingent of red-jerseyed fans behind

their bench celebrated wildly, but the players' excitement was tinged with the knowledge they shouldn't have waited so long to get going.

Houston didn't look sharp on either side of the ball in the first half despite outgaining the Chargers 220-173. The Texans repeatedly failed to finish drives, took four penalties for 46 yards, and allowed San Diego to convert on five of its eight third downs.

The Texans recovered in plenty of time, but other opponents might not be so forgiving.

PRIMO CUSH: Cushing picked a fine time to score the first touchdown of his career.

The Houston lineback-

er dived to intercept Rivers' pass, bounced back up and rumbled 18 yards to the end zone for the tying touchdown with 9:30 to play. Cushing capped his five-tackle game with a brilliant individual play at the perfect moment.

The Southern California product was playing in his first game since missing most of last season with a knee injury. He signed a six-year, \$55.6 million extension with Houston last week.

Cushing's heroics aside, the Texans' vaunted defense was just as powerful as advertised, even with J.J. Watt held without a sack.

SCHAUB SHAKES IT OFF: Schaub wasn't rattled by the Texans' rough start, answering critics who questioned his big-game poise with another gritty effort.

The 11th-year pro finished 34 of 45 for 346

yards, getting sacked twice.

He threw all three of his touchdown passes to tight ends Owen Daniels and Garrett Graham, while hooking up with favorite target Johnson for 12 catches and 146 yards.

KID KICKER: Bullock was the first kicker drafted by the Texans last year, but he missed the entire season with a groin injury.

Kubiak handed the job to Bullock outright earlier this year, not even making him compete in camp — and Bullock has rewarded his fellow Texas A&M Aggie with stellar work.

Bullock missed his first career attempt from 51 yards late in the first half, pushing it barely wide left.

When he got another opportunity with the game on the line, the former Lou Groza Award winner didn't miss.

Texas falls to Pirates

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish again resembled the dominating pitcher the Texas Rangers are going to need him to be during the pennant chase.

That still wasn't enough to get a victory.

Darvish allowed consecutive two-out doubles in the seventh, then didn't come back out for the eighth because of cramping in his right leg. The Rangers lost 1-0 to rookie right-hander Gerrit Cole as the Pittsburgh Pirates clinched their first winning season since 1992.

"We needed him to step up and he stepped up tonight. He really threw the ball well, he moved the ball around well, he kept it down in the zone," manager Ron Washington said.

Texas lost for the fourth time in five

games, and still needs one more win to clinch its fifth consecutive winning season. The Rangers dropped two games behind idle AL West-leading Oakland.

Darvish is 0-3 his last five starts, all Rangers losses. The Japanese right-hander struck out six while allowing one run and four hits while throwing a season-low 81 pitches.

Pittsburgh had lost a season-high four games in a row since getting its 81st victory last Tuesday at Milwaukee.

The Pirates (82-61) didn't get a runner to second base against Darvish (12-8) until Marlon Byrd's two-out double in the seventh. He came home when Pedro Alvarez, mired in a 5-for-41 slump over 12 games, followed with a double.

Sudoku Answer on Page 6

sudoku

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

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TENNIS

• Kieran Atherton def.

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Chase Cree, 7-5, 6-1.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Luck Versus Skill

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 7 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A K 9 3 2

♣ 8 3

WEST

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 10 9 8

♦ 10 6

♣ K 10 7 2

EAST

♠ J 9 8 3

♥ 7 2

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ A J 6

SOUTH

♠ K 6 4

♥ A K 6 3

♦ Q 8

♣ Q 9 5 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

There are many hands where the outcome is a foregone conclusion because declarer has the overwhelming balance of strength. But there are also many other hands where skill is the sole determining factor.

For example, take this case where West leads the queen of hearts against three notrump and South must exercise great care to get home safely. Let's say he wins the heart with the king and plays the Q-K-A of

diamonds, hoping for a 3-3 split. West discards a heart on the third round, and South has to choose between persevering with diamonds or playing for a 3-3 spade division.

Either way, three notrump goes down. South fails by sheer force if he leads spades first, and he also fails if he plays a diamond to establish dummy's last diamond as a trick. In the latter case, East wins the diamond and returns the jack of clubs, allowing the defense to collect four club tricks and put the contract down one.

However, South can make three notrump by entering dummy with a spade at trick two and leading a low diamond, intending to play the eight if East follows low.

In the actual case, West wins the eight with the ten but is helpless. With West on lead, there is no way the defenders can possibly cash four club tricks. At the same time, South is sure to score three spades, two hearts and four diamonds to finish with nine tricks.

In effect, declarer shapes his play so as to avoid losing a diamond trick to East. By adopting this approach, declarer makes it impossible for the defense to injure him by collecting four club tricks before he can establish and cash an extra diamond trick.

Tomorrow: Cutting the Gordian knot.

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- Alex Hughes def. Ajay Mitchell, 6-4, 7-5.
- Garrett Miller def. Jordan Moore, 6-0, 6-4.
- Match Score: Andrews def. Big Spring 14-5**
- Girls Doubles**
 - Parnell Walker lost to Gomez Trevino, 8-4.
 - Castillo Redlin lost to Benavides/Clay, 8-3.
 - Bakley Marshall lost to Figueroa/Gonzales, 8-2.
- Girls Singles**
 - Molly Walker lost to Candace Trevino, 7-6, 6-2.
 - Selena Castillo def. Sophia Figueroa, 6-3, 7-5.
 - Cassidi Redlin lost to Shawna Hathcock, 6-2, 6-2.
 - Sarah marshall lost to Lesly Gonzales, 6-1, 6-1.
 - Morgan parnell def. Anabel Salinas, 6-0, 7-5.
 - Katie Newton lost to

Patricia Clay, 6-0, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles

• Bihl/Newton lost to Hathcock/Shrauner, 9-7.

Boys Doubles

• Avant/Blount lost to Davis/Ward, 8-4.

• Atherton/Baker lost to Mendieta/Valenzuela, 8-3.

• Hughes/Miller def. Ramirez/Vasquez, 8-5.

Boys Singles

• Tyler Avant lost to Jordan Davis, 6-2, 6-2.

• Bryan Blount lost to Rodolfo Mendieta, 6-2, 6-2.

• Josh Baker def. Trent Ward, 6-1, 3-6, 10-7.

• Kieran Atherton lost to Lucio Valenzuela, 6-2, 6-3.

• Alex Hugues lost to Corbin Shrauner, 7-6, 6-2.

• Garrett Miller def. Adrian Vasquez, 6-4, 6-3.

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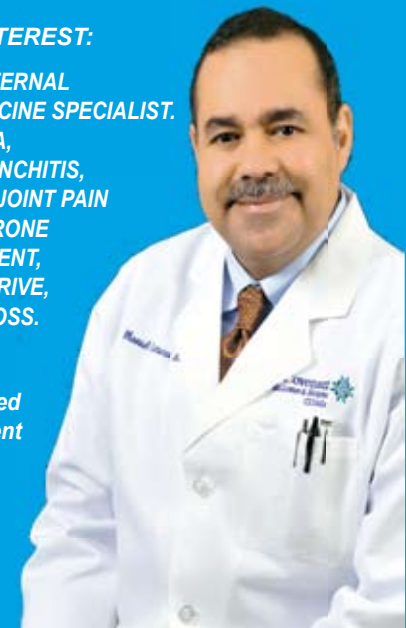
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