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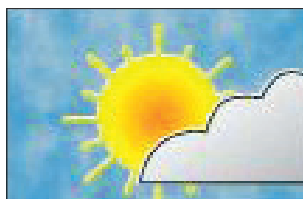
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Firefighters: Real men do wear pink

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Who said real men don't wear pink? Anyone wishing to challenge the notion might find the firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department less than agreeable, as the men and women with the local agency will be wearing pink duty shirts, Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 26-28, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

According to BSFD Paramedic Birdie Soto, the department — along with the Big Spring Firefighters Association — will be showing support for the effort while raising money for breast cancer charities.



SOTO

"The International Association of Firefighters and local firefighters union decided to get involved with the effort," said Soto. "We really wanted to see just how much of an impact we could have. Everyone at the fire department has had their lives touched by breast cancer, whether it was someone in their family or someone close to them. So this hits pretty close to home, not just for us firefighters, but for everyone in the community."

And while firefighters are traditionally "manly men," according to Soto,

the idea of wearing pink has caught on nicely.

"Honestly, you'd think most of them would be like, 'No way,'" said Soto with a laugh. "However, I've been getting really good feedback from them on this. I have to admit, I'm a bit surprised they have such a positive attitude going into this."

Soto said local firefighters won't be the only people able to show their support through the pink shirt campaign, as members of the local agency are hoping residents will get involved and show their support, as well.

"We'll have the same shirts the firefighters will be wearing for sale," said Soto. "They are \$15 each, and all

of the funds we raise will be going to help support treatment and research for breast cancer. Anyone that would like to purchase a shirt can either call their nearest fire station, or they can contact me at (432) 816-8748, or they can contact Bob Stapp at (432) 213-3861."

According to officials, the first National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program took place in October 1985 as a week-long event to fill the information void in public communication about breast cancer. The founding members distributed brochures, spoke to news reporters and testified

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Courtesy photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring High School Band competes in the University Interscholastic League Regional Marching Contest Saturday in Odessa. The Steer Band received all top marks from the judges and advances to Saturday's Area Marching Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Big Spring, Forsan bands shine at contest

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For the Big Spring and Forsan High School bands, the dream is still alive.

Both squads took a step toward the state University Interscholastic League state marching contest by earning superior ratings at the the UIL regional contest Saturday in Odessa.

With those top ratings, BSHS and Forsan advance to

next weekend's Area Contest. The top qualifiers in that meet will earn a trip to Austin for the state UIL marching contest later this year.

The BSHS Steer Band, which hasn't qualified for the state contest since 2001, was the highest-ranked Class 4A squad at Saturday's meet. The band earned earned Division I ratings — the highest possible — from all three judges.

Director Rocky Harris was

pleased with the lofty rankings, but realizes the band still has work to do.

"We got a lot of compliments, but there's still some things we need to work on as we advance to Area," Harris said. "But it went very, very well. The kids were prepared and focused and they did their best performance to date, and the judges were very impressed and complimentary."

Big Spring received com-

ments such as "great fundamentals," "very tasty show" and "outstanding drill" from the judges, Harris said.

At the area contest, the Steer Band will be the last Class 4A band to compete in the preliminary round. The top 10 bands from prelims compete in an additional round, with the top four bands earning a trip to the state contest.

Harris said his charges will be at their best if they hope to punch a ticket to Austin.

"What they can expect (at the area contest) will be some very fine schools from the Dallas-Fort Worth area coming out and doing their best," Harris said. "We will have to fewer mistakes in our drills and play very, very well ... Our goal is to at least make the top 10 and advance to the finals."

Forsan High School, under the direction of Jim Rhodes,

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Forsan trustees to decide on beneficiaries

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will decide who will be the beneficiaries of Forsan Independent School District's property wealth when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.

Since becoming a "property-rich" school under state education financing guidelines, FISD is required to disburse a portion of its wealth to districts on the other side of the rich/poor line in an at-

tempt to equalize school expenditures across Texas.

Latest estimates state that the district will have to distribute \$1.2 million this school year.

Monday, trustees will decide who gets the first checks.

FISD Business Manager Dianna Walker said the district has prepared preliminary contracts with Balmorhea and Red Lick school districts, although it is yet to be determined how much money will go to each school system.

In addition, FISD likely will send funds to EdLink 18, a technology consortium based out of Midland, to help provide technology systems and upgrades to other West Texas schools.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Purchasing textbooks for FISD students taking dual credit courses via distance learning.
- Results from the district's Financial

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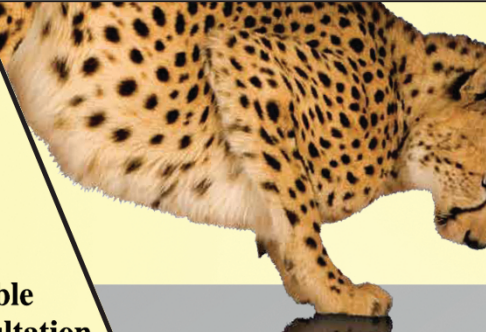
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Obituaries

Nancy Grantham

Nancy Grantham, 98, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

She was born in Grady, N.M., to Albert and Mae Pettigrew. She grew up on a small ranch and attended school there in Grady. She had two sisters and six brothers.

Nancy was married to Theodore Harbison and had one daughter, Doris. She later married Herb Boney and had two children, J.T. and Eleanor. Herb passed away while Nancy was still young. She began working as a riveter in Clovis, N.M., and later moved to Big Spring to be near her sister, Phyllis. She worked many waitressing jobs and sales jobs before becoming a bottle inspector at the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Big Spring. In 1948, she married Glenn Grantham and moved to Knott.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Mae Pettigrew; a sister, Lorene Collins; five brothers, A.J. Pettigrew, John Pettigrew, George Pettigrew, Edd Pettigrew and Homer Pettigrew; and two great-grandchildren, Dusty Dulaney and Megan Banks.

She is survived by one sister, Phyllis Sparks of Cedar Park; one brother, Kit Pettigrew of Clovis, N.M.; three children, J.T. Boney and wife, Linda, of Sand Springs, Doris Banks of Big Spring and Eleanor Cornett and husband, Glenn, of Fort Stockton; 11 grandchildren, Cary Banks, Russ Banks, Jake Banks, Toya Dyess, Glenna Dulaney, Ross Cornett, Lori Stennett, Wade Cornett, Samantha Morrow, Kathy Green and Debbie Hodnett; 24 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720 or to Medina Children's Home, 2130 State Highway 16 North, Medina 78055.

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

Paid obituary

Garnett Harrison Johnson

Garnett Harrison Johnson, 80, of Comanche, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, in a Fort Worth hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating.

Garnett was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Graham to G.L. and Annie Lea (Tindol) Harrison.

She moved to Big Spring in 1934 where she grew up. She worked as a waitress and then in the offices of the Water Department for the city of Big Spring for several years. In 1979 she moved to Comanche.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Peggy Harrison; a brother-in-law, Allen Blanks; two sisters-in-law, Joy Harrison and Willie Mae Harrison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Garnett was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Raymond Blackmon and Oscar Johnson; one son, Rickie Lee Blackmon; one daughter-in-law, Dee Witt; five brothers, Lavern, J.W., Alvie, Clinton, and Clifton Harrison; and four sisters, Faye Warren, Elsie Blanks, Pauline Stout and Jean Fidler.

Memeorial donations are suggested for breast cancer research to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, attention Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas 75265-0309.

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

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Support Groups

TODAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 3398-5239.

Rose Mayhew

Rose Mayhew, 54, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Aug. 17, 1955. She first came to Big Spring in 1969 and had lived here since then except for a while in Denver, Colo., and East Texas. She was a homemaker, but had also worked for Big Spring Ice Company, Fina and had worked in a convenience store in East Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Mayhew of Big Spring; son, James Miller of Longview; daughter, Christina McAteer of Seabrook; step-daughter, Valinda Mayhew of San Angelo; step-son, Justin Mayhew of San Angelo; two sisters, Cynthia "Kandi" Clanton of Big Spring and Carlann Hartley of Redmond, Ore.; two brothers, Albert "Al" Aken of Big Spring and Leonard Aken of Rocky Mountain, Va.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and John Aken; first husband, James Franklin Miller; and two brothers, Frank Norman Aken and James Lee Aken.

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

Aubrey 'Abby' Mae Weatherby McClure

Aubrey "Abby" Mae Weatherby McClure, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at her daughter's residence in Midland. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Hal Wood

Hal Wood, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• CHRISTINE CRAMER, 34, of 507 W. Third St., was arrested Saturday on charges of no seatbelt, driving while license invalid and public intoxication.

• CHRISTOPHER WELSH, 37, of 613 Steakley, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• NOLAN-CASEY MOORE, 20, of 2704 Crestline, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• KATHERINE THAGGARD, 26, of 1400 State Park Dr., was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.

• DONOVAN GRISSOM, 18, of 5700 Cedar Rd. Apt. 2, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• THOMAS CAMARILLO, 36, of 413 S. Fifth St. in Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JARREL LAMONTE WILLIAMS, 22, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• NAOMI NADINE RIOS, 21, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and four local warrants.

• ROMERO VILLARREAL JR., 25, of 1614 Canary, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.

• ETTA RENE MELTON, 47, of 614 Steakley, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.

• JESSICA NATALI FLORES, 23, of 2622 Hunter, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.

• JUAN MIGUEL LERMA, 22, of 605 Linda Lane, was arrested Sunday on a charge of harassment.

• JESSICA FAYE BROOKS, 22, of 1712 E. 15th St., was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.

• NATHAN RICHARDSON, 20, of 1309 Stanford, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• TAVIAN ATKINS, 22, of 2517 Fairchild, was arrested Monday on four local warrants.

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500

block of Johnson.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

in the 1000 block of Main Street.

in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

• HARASSMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

• TAVIAN ATKINS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on contempt charges for no valid motor inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to control speed.

• JOSEPH RAY BACA, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• SAMANTHA YVONNIE BREHM, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JESSICA FAYE BROOKS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on contempt charges for no seatbelt, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• TINA BUTLER, 46, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• FELICIA CANALES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and harassment of a public servant.

• OKYTRA COLE, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of no safety belts and failure to appear.

• CHRISTINE MARIE CRAMER, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and contempt charges for no seatbelt and driving while license invalid.

• RHETT DAYLON DEDMON, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance – more than 28 grams, less

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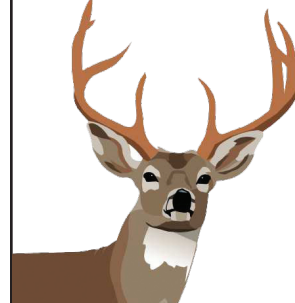
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South ventured five diamonds, which rolled around to the opener, who now revealed his second suit. This in turn drew a five-spade bid from West, six diamonds from North and six spades from East. North's seven-diamond bid, doubled by West, then became the final contract.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and overtook the queen with the king. He then led the club eight, planning to let it ride!

But West was right on his toes and covered the eight with the ten. South finessed the jack, and sure enough, East showed out. Next came the heart ace and a heart ruff. Declarer now led the club six, covered by the seven and queen.

After ruffing another heart, South led the club nine, covered by the king and ace. As a result of all these maneuvers and counter-maneuvers, declarer had to go down one. West scoring the setting trick with the club five, which had become the high club!

And so, East, who opened with a strong two-bid, never took a trick, and West defeated the grand slam because he had been dealt the club five instead of the four!

Oddly enough, the hand proved to be a complete washout, since North's 100 honors offset the 100-point penalty, resulting in no score.

EDITORIAL

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OTHER VIEWS

Peace Prize was honor for America and Obama

Winning the Nobel Peace Prize is not just a personal honor for President Barack Obama, but one for the whole country.

Hundreds are nominated, but just one is chosen. The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2009 prize to Obama for his efforts and leadership in international affairs — and for the promise of accomplishments yet to come.

Obama has been in office almost nine months, but in that time he signaled a more inclusive leadership role for the U.S. and a multilateral vision regarding international affairs.

“Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world’s attention and given its people hope for a better future,” said the Nobel committee.

It cited Obama’s efforts in creating a “new climate in international politics,” which has advanced the goal of nuclear disarmament and arms control as well as confronting global warming.

Critics say Obama didn’t earn the prize. But it often has gone to influential leaders who show promise in solving conflicts, inspiring hope and unifying countries.

By that measure, Obama is a clear winner.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we concentrate on Your word, Lord, for a great future.

Amen

Cooking up something new

After watching the movie, Julie and Julia, I was inspired to clean my very dusty cookbook shelves and fix something I’d never cooked before.

It was amazing to discover

how many awesome cookbooks I own — many that I have never opened. Some I purchased through the many years of my marriage, and others were gifts. I found the first cookbook I bought almost thirty years ago when I started dating my husband.

This reminds me of the first time I prepared dinner for him. I had never cooked before other than grilling a hamburger. My biggest mistake was not purchasing my cookbook before I cooked.

We were having baked chicken. This seemed easy enough to accomplish without instructions. My mom had never told me, however, that I needed to remove the neck and whatever else was on the inside of the bird. And no one had ever told me which side was up. I baked my chicken — breast side down.

Our side dish was mashed potatoes. This, too, seemed easy enough for a novice like me. My boyfriend graciously ate his dinner and asked a few questions after complimenting his food. He was very interested in how I made the potatoes. I told him I simply peeled, cut and boiled the potatoes and then mashed them with my new electric

mixer. He suggested that maybe next time, I should try draining the water from the potatoes and adding milk and butter before mixing. After taking a bite of my first mashed potatoes and setting them aside as inedible, I agreed that something more was needed.

I bought a cookbook before I cooked again.

Some of my fondest memories have been of cooking. As with the rest of my life, I’ve had firsts, successes, flops and mistakes. But regardless, all of the dishes became an important part of a cherished memory. Diligence, patience and perseverance were found to be key ingredients for success in cooking as in most other areas of life.

When I first started cooking, everything was new. Cooking was a fun adventure as I learned to do something I’d never done before. But it didn’t take long before I was repeating my tried and trusty recipes again and again, and cooking something new became less and less frequent.

Cooking is not the only area of my life that has become stagnant, boring or not working as efficiently and creatively as it once did. I suspect I am not alone.

Many people are being faced with rewriting their lives. Some are in search of a new career at a time when they should be looking forward to their retirement benefits. Some are waiting for their stock values to go from stagnant to gain. We all have times in our lives when our daily routines or relationships need a good overhaul.

Maybe we already have every-

thing we need at our disposal and we only need a new perspective or a fresh idea on how to use what we have.

Julia Child said, “I was 32 when I started cooking. Up until then, I just ate.”

I think that describes me. I’ve just been eating — and eating the same things day after day. But I’ve also just been living — sometimes only going through the motions, no longer curious, no longer excited, no longer with high anticipation. So now I’m ready to cook up something new and not just in my kitchen.

I already have over 50 old cookbooks sitting on my shelves filled with new recipes to be tried. And I’ve already redecorated my house by taking everything off my walls and re-hanging in new locations. Now I plan to revamp my daily exercise program, redefine what I do for fun as well as explore untried avenues for making money.

Often the answers we seek are not “out there” somewhere but rather within our reach. Do you need to cook up something new for your life? I think you’ll be surprised to learn you have what you need, my friends.

Julia Child once said, “This is my invariable advice to people: Learn how to cook — try new recipes, learn from your mistakes, be fearless, and above all have fun!”

Sounds like good advice for outside of the kitchen, too.

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Recession? What recession?

The terms “jumbo shrimp” and “military intelligence” now have a new competitor in the battle for America’s favorite oxymoron. It’s “jobless recovery.”

The Federal Reserve has crafted this artful term to describe an economic condition where banks are again doing fine and bonuses are flowing, but most everyone else is still in the tank.

Indeed, President Barack Obama is so enamored of the phrase that he has nominated Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke for serve another four years. Bernanke, you’ll recall, was the visionary who recently fiddled while our national banking structure geared up to burn down.

The Fed’s elitist view of economic life recently reverberated through Jackson Hole, Wyo., that playground of the prosperous where the world’s central bankers held their annual fun-filled convention. Maybe they should have gathered in Detroit. It’s hard from Jackson Hole to discern soup kitchens, unemployment lines, or tearful evictions, but our leaders were nonetheless able to spot modest increases in home sales, bank profits, productivity and stock prices. These are what count if you’re a central banker.

But hidden behind the Grand

Tetons’ snowy peaks were growing layoffs, sagging wages, record mortgage delinquencies, overwhelmed food banks, spreading homelessness and 42 states losing jobs in August.

These statistics amount to mere asterisks on Wall Street’s chart of blessed economic improvement. Apparently that chart finds nothing terribly significant in the fact that California is suffering its worst unemployment in 70 years.

The Fed is not the only agent of society eager to tout our phantom recovery. The press is all over it too. Radio, TV and newspapers alike happily quote glowing pundits who opine that the worst is over. Not surprisingly these media seers all enjoy major advertising revenue from the financial industry, which in turn makes its living off (foolishly) hopeful investors.

Obviously there’s no profit in reporting economic tragedy. That’s why The New York Times ferreted out for a front page article a Wisconsin factory that has rehired a dozen workers. A litany of current layoffs would be less encouraging for investors.

This defining of the nation’s economic welfare by taking Wall Street’s temperature also has an impact on Congress. Plainly it’s not the unemployed who stuff congressional campaign coffers. It’s bankers, brokers and big-wigs.

Alert to this fountain of political lifeblood, pols have been slow to re-impose those Rooseveltian

banking regulations that had previously helped keep us out of today’s kind of mess. Some were repealed not so long before the onset of this recession. False belief that the economy is actually recovering reduces citizen demand for those regulations’ return.

But actual victims of the recession are not so easily fooled. The 14.5 million who have already lost jobs are joined by a few hundred thousand new colleagues each month.

Meanwhile, the expiration of unemployment compensation looms for 1.3 million at the end of the year. All this with no employment upturn in sight. And as we know from the recent health care ruckus, folks who lose their jobs often lose their access to insurance as well.

Luckily, Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), facing a stiff reelection fight, is aiming his Banking Committee toward serious regulatory reforms. Even the president is nervous about that much tough medicine, let alone Dodd’s Connecticut banking buddies.

It may be that his fear of losing his Senate seat will trump Bernanke’s arguments that the world is just fine. Maybe, just maybe, something useful will get done. Still, it would be better if we got rid of both Dodd and Bernanke and imposed some real reformers on Wall Street.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.



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Big Spring's Halee Thomas passes during a District 4-4A volleyball match against Frenship Saturday at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers fell in straight sets.

Frenship's district win streak continues with win over BSHS

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Frenship's Lady Tigers have had a tight grip on District 4-4A for the past five seasons and didn't relinquish their hold a bit this weekend.

The Lady Tigers defeated the Big Spring Lady Steers in straight sets Saturday, 25-10, 25-21, 25-20, at Steer Gym. The Lady Tigers (18-12, 6-0) haven't lost a district volleyball match since 2005.

Big Spring (10-22, 1-5) was overwhelmed in the opening set, managing just 10 points, but gave Frenship more of a challenge in Sets 2 and 3.

Unfortunately, the Lady Steers could never grab enough momentum to steal a game from

the Lady Tigers, who have lost just one set in district play so far this season.

The Lady Steers were led by sophomore Bridgette Tuitt who had 10 kills and seven digs. Cerbi Ritchey had 15 assists and five blocks. Valerie Ross posted a team-high 18 digs.

Frenship got 10 kills each from Maddie Johnson and Kacey Detarding, while Kailey Moorhead added eight kills and 12 digs. Carsey Aycock led the Lady Tigers with 31 assists.

The Lady Steers host Abilene

District 4-4A volleyball standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	6-0	18-12
Cooper	4-1	20-13
Plainview	3-2	25-14
Big Spring	1-5	10-22
Lake View	0-6	9-24
Saturday's results: Frenship def. Big Spring, 25-10, 25-21, 25-20; Plainview def. Lake View, 25-19, 25-22, 25-19.		

Cooper (20-13, 4-1) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Steer Gym. A victory combined with a San Angelo Lake View (9-24, 0-6) loss to

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Florida, Bama, Texas top BCS

RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Florida, Alabama and Texas hold the top three spots in the first BCS standings and control their fates in the national championship race.

The Gators (.988) are in first, just ahead of the Crimson Tide (.952). Texas (.891) is third.

Boise State (.808) is fourth, but the Broncos still seem to be a long shot to play for a national championship.

Florida is No. 1 in the two polls used by the Bowl Championship Series — the USA Today coaches' poll and Harris poll — and rated highest by the computers. The polls make up two-thirds of a BCS grade and a compilation of six computer ratings accounts for the other third.

Alabama is second in all the components. Texas is third in the two polls and sixth in the computer ratings.

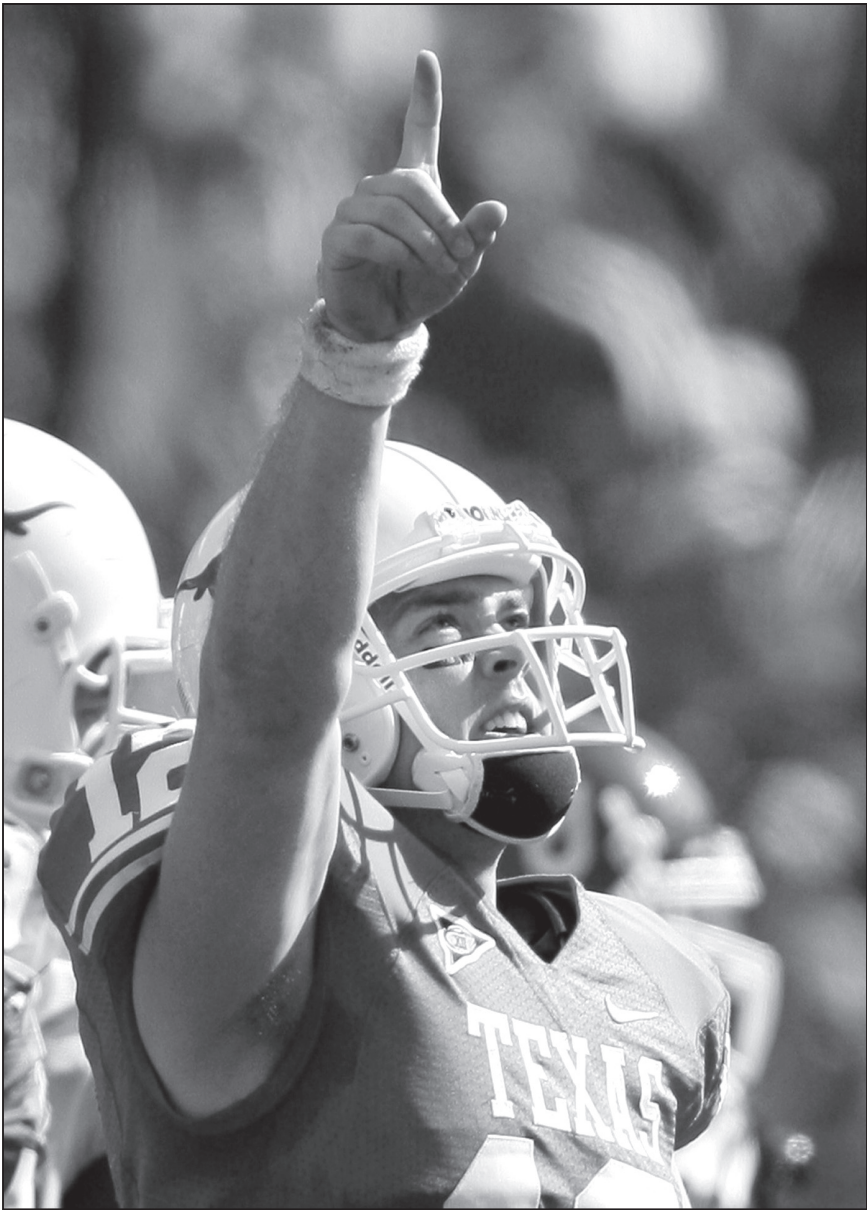
With the strength of their remaining schedules, the Gators, Tide and Longhorns just need to win out to reach the BCS title game on Jan. 7 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., according to BCS analyst Jerry Palm.

Alabama and Florida would play each other in the Southeastern Conference championship game if each remains undefeated.

While the top teams in the standings are in good position, history is not on their side.

In the first 11 years of the BCS, the top two teams in the first standings have reached the title game once. Texas and Southern California did it in 2005 season. Overall, 10 of the 22 teams that were ranked first or second in the first standings made it all the way to the championship game.

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy (12) celebrates after running for a first down late in second half of an NCAA football game against Oklahoma Saturday in Dallas. The first down sealed the Longhorns 16-13 win. The first edition of the BCS standings were released Sunday afternoon with the Longhorns manning the No. 3 slot.

Schaub's 4 TDs lead Texans past Cincinnati

JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Matt Schaub did away with the drama.

Schaub tied his career high by throwing four touchdown passes Sunday, and the Houston Texans — a team that's had problems at the end of games — pulled away to a 28-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, who never got a final shot.

Everyone knew if it came down to the final minutes, the Texans (3-3) would be at a disadvantage.

"Every game went down to the wire for them," Schaub said. "Credit goes to them because they were able to find ways to win those games. So it was a matter of putting the game away."

The Bengals (4-2) didn't get a chance for more last-minute magic.

Cincinnati had won three straight games in the last 22 seconds, pulling off improbable finishes after opponents failed to finish them off. They had one late escape on Sunday — Steve Slaton fumbled with the Texans in field-goal range with 6:12 left.

Drama? Not this time. The Bengals fumbled the ball back two plays later, a sign the odds have caught up with them.

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Cowboys have nice day off as divisional foes fall

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees ended his two-game streak without a touchdown throw by completing 23 of 30 passes for 369 yards and four scores Sunday, and New Orleans easily remained unbeaten, torching the New York Giants' league-leading defense, 48-27.

The Giants (5-1) came into the game giving up averages of 210.6 yards and 14.2 points.

The Saints (5-0) had 34 points and 315 yards by halftime, as Brees threw three TD passes to reach 100 since the Saints signed him as a free agent in 2006.

Eli Manning was 14 of 31 for 178 yards. He lost his cool at least once, yelling at Ahmad Bradshaw and slapping his shoulder pad after the run-

ning back's lapse in protection precipitated a rushed throw that Jabari Greer intercepted early in the third quarter, stalling a promising drive.

Raiders 13, Eagles 9

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Louis Murphy threw two key blocks to spring Zach Miller's 86-yard touchdown catch, Justin Fargas ran for 87 yards and Oakland's defense harassed Donovan McNabb all day.

The result was one of the more shocking ones so far this season as the Raiders (2-4) had lost three straight games by at least 20 points for the first time in franchise history and failed to reach 200 yards of offense the past four, while the Eagles (3-2) were second in the league in points per game.

Defensive coordinator John Marshall kept calling up blitzes in a change of strategy for Oakland and that helped lead to six sacks of McNabb and plenty more pressures. The Eagles abandoned the run early and only had Michael Vick on the field for two plays as they failed to score a touchdown for the first time all season.

Chiefs 14, Redskins 6

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Ryan Succop's four field goals, including the go-ahead 46-yarder with 3:36 to play, plus a last-minute safety were all the Chiefs needed.

They earned rookie coach Todd Haley his first win and Jim Zorn another week of extreme questioning about the future of his job and the

Washington franchise.

The Chiefs (1-5) had lost 28 of their last 30 and hadn't won since last November.

The win avoided the first 0-6 start in team history.

The Chiefs followed the path paved by the Detroit Lions and Carolina Panthers, who also ended winless streaks against the Redskins (2-4) this year. Once again, Washington was booed off the field, the only life all afternoon coming when Zorn benched quarterback Jason Campbell at half-time and replaced him with Todd Collins.

Collins immediately led two drives for field goals, but that was the only scoring for the Redskins, who didn't get a touchdown at home for the second time this season

Sports in brief

Flag football tournament set for Saturday and Sunday

A non-contact flag football tournament is being held at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park Saturday and Sunday.

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Deadline to sign up is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting a 4-man scramble Saturday at the Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though it may seem to you at times that you are moving in slow motion, at least you are moving. You'll be surprised how it adds up. Remember what you were doing at this time last year? Well, you've come a long way.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel as if you have been blindfolded, spun around and

asked to pin the tail on a donkey that might not even be there! An impossible situation, yes, but you've accomplished many impossible things in your lifetime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like a vegetarian who loves bacon, you have one or two personal idiosyncrasies that are inconsistent and endearing. Put the self-help books down for a while. You are right where you need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have been considering a dietary change, and this is a good time to try it out. You can always go back, and in the mean-

time, you will learn something about yourself and probably discover a new kind of delicious, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some days it rains, and some days the rain comes down sideways and splatters on your window like it's mad at you. Your interpretation of dripping water -- and everything else -- makes all the difference in how you experience it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A health issue that's been concerning you sees a resolution of sorts. Some things have once-and-for-all cures, and some require a little

change in lifestyle. The important thing is that you are basically healthy and loved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A stickler for detail, your ability to pick out just the right color, line or song is why you are good at what you do. A rivalry between you and a colleague will only goad you on to better work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do you still have the same favorite color you did as a kid? Or do you have a favorite color at all? Silly as it might seem, even a little personal reflection such as this can bring a sudden wash of memory

and a new self-appreciation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sure, there's a big contrast between your fantasy and the reality you're experiencing. But don't let it get you down. Take this as a signal that you're finally dreaming big enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get along so well with someone who doesn't have such an easy time being nice to others. You focus on what they do well and try to ignore the rest. It's not so easy, but there's something good in it for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Ease up on that schedule. If you don't feel completely wonderful about saying "yes" to something, then say "no" instead. Cramming too many activities into your day brings unnecessary stress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you worry about how to make something happen, it never will. Keep your eye on the ball and do what comes naturally. You'll be drawn to the people who can help you figure out your best next step.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been together for 23 years. I love him more than life itself, and he says the same. We have two boys, 19 and 20.

Here is my problem. "Don" is a self-employed contractor, and last year, he did a job for a woman and they became friends.

I told him I was not comfortable with this friendship. A year ago, I caught him sending her a very personal e-mail. I was so hurt I tried to kill myself, but he stopped me and promised he would not talk to her again.

But he did it again in May. He lies to me all the time about her. He keeps promising to stop, but I just found out he is still calling her and has gone to her house twice to do small jobs.

I am so hurt. Don insists there's no affair, but the only way I can believe him is if he swears to God he hasn't kissed her, and he won't.

This is consuming my entire life. I am afraid to go to work, the store or anyplace without Don, because I worry he's going to call her in my

absence.

I want her out of our lives. I cannot live without Don. I am so consumed with grief that I have started to write letters to my boys explaining why I feel suicide is best.

Annie, please tell me how to make my husband understand this is literally killing me. — *Hurting in Troy, Mich.*

Dear Troy: Your letter is a cry for help. We hope you can find the strength to get through this for your sons' sake if not your own.

They will never recover if you succeed in killing yourself. Please get into counseling immediately, with or without Don.

Ask your doctor or clergyman to refer you. A counselor will not only help you deal with your husband, but also with your fears. Suicide is not the way to resolve this. You deserve better.

Dear Annie: I have never been married, but would love to be. I have been with my boyfriend for nine years, and we have two children.

We live together, share

finances, bills, everything.

We separated for nearly a year because he refused to marry me.

When we got back together, he told me to give him time and maybe he'd come around.

I do love him and want to spend the rest of my life with him. He says it's just a piece of paper, but it is important to me to have that legal title. He knew this from the beginning.

He says he wants to be with me forever, so why won't he make it legal? Is it me? Should I give up? — *Not Marriage Material*

Dear Marriage: We don't know why your boyfriend refuses to marry you after all this time, but some men find marriage too ideologically confining.

Unless you are willing to leave him, the situation is not likely to

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

change. However, in some states, living together for nine years would constitute a common-law marriage with certain legal protections.

You should check into it.

Dear Annie: "Desperate in Pennsylvania" asked about a clicking noise when she swallows. If the sound is originating from the neck, this could represent contact between her thyroid cartilage and hyoid bone, or between her hyoid bone and styloid process.

If the sound is originating in her ear, it could be coming from the cartilage portion of the eustachian tube when the attached muscles contract during swallowing.

She should be able to

have the source diagnosed by an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist). — *Douglas Hetzler, M.D., FACS, Department of Otolaryngology, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Santa Cruz, Calif.*

Dear Dr. Hetzler: Thank you. Some of our readers have complained that we are printing too much on this subject, so they'll be happy to know this is the last one. We appreciate all the expert opinions and hope they prove helpful.

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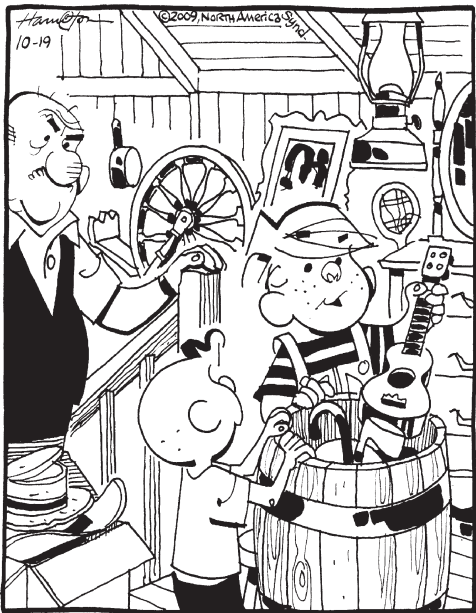
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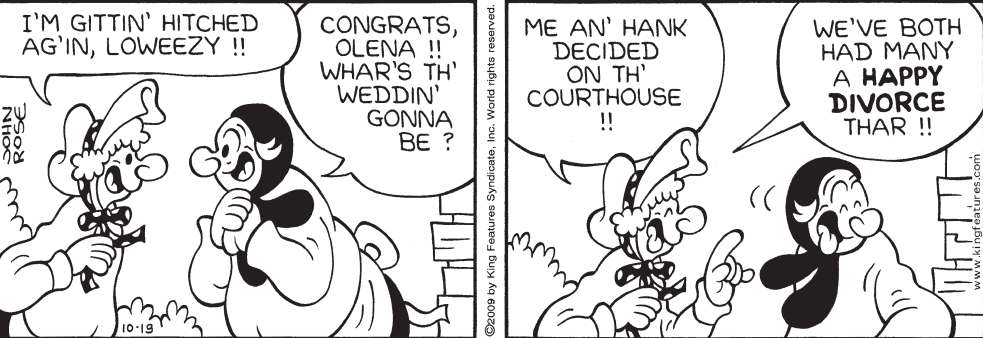
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2009. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under General Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date: In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1959, the William Gibson play "The Miracle Worker," starring Patty Duke as Helen

Keller and Anne Bancroft as Helen's teacher, Annie Sullivan, opened on Broadway.

In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner 5 flew past Venus.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age 78.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 91. Author John le Carre is 78. Artist Peter Max is 72. Author and critic Renata Adler is 71. Actor Michael Gambon is 69. Actor John Lithgow is 64. Feminist activist Patricia Ireland is 64. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 64. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers)

is 61. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 57. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 52. Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 51. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 49. Boxer Evander Holyfield is 47. TV host Ty Pennington ("Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 45. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 44. Actor Jon Favreau is 43. Amy Carter is 42. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 40. Comedian Chris Kattan is 39. Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 37. Actor Omar Gooding is 33. Country singer Cyndi Thomson is 33. Writer-director Jason Reitman is 32.

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 14 Molecule part
 15 Keeps out of sight
 16 Thick cord
 17 Showed up
 18 Geographical reference book
 19 Suit to (fit perfectly)
 20 "Not this again!"
 22 Felt sore
 23 Fence openings
 24 Maui or Jamaica
 25 Protection from harm
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 36 Wears a long face
 37 Bullring "Bravo!"
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 9 Snake sound
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 12 Blunted sword
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 22 Poisonous snakes
 24 Little rascals
 25 Hardly any
 26 Church platform
 27 New Year's Eve figure
 28 Has a snack
 29 Petroleum-carrying ship
- 30 Fishing-line holders
 32 Mix, as salad
 33 Dull routine
 36 Twosome
 39 Pottery material
 40 Short skirt
 41 Simple, as a plan
 43 Reduce
 44 Pay attention
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“That’s our fault,” receiver Chad Ochocinco said. “We’ve been saying that we can’t keep winning with the way we’ve been playing. We’ve got to be consistent for all four quarters.”

Not that Schaub left them much of a chance. He picked apart a defense that lost its top pass rusher and a starting tackle in the first quarter, going 28 of 40 for 392 yards, the second-highest total of his career. Last week at Arizona, Schaub set career highs with 35 completions in 50 attempts.

“Matt continues to put up exceptional numbers on the road,” coach Gary Kubiak said.

Carson Palmer ran a Bengals offense that stayed in character — not much got done outside the last two minutes. The Bengals scored 10 points in the final 48 seconds of the first half, putting Cincinnati up 17-14. This time, the offense went

nowhere in the second half.

Houston’s defense has shut out the last three opponents in the second half, and clinched this one when Brian Cushing intercepted Palmer’s pass with 1:49 left. Palmer, playing with a glove on his left (non-passing) hand to support a sprained thumb, was 23 of 35 for 259 yards.

Texans defensive coordinator Frank Bush challenged his young unit to stop Cedric Benson, who was the NFL’s leading rusher. Benson managed only 44 yards on 16 carries, by far his worst showing of the season.

The Texans allowed only six yards on nine plays in the third quarter, the best third-quarter performance in franchise history.

The Bengals suffered a significant loss when defensive end Antwan Odom — tied for the NFL lead in sacks — suffered an Achilles’ tendon injury that coach Marvin Lewis described as “probably pretty severe.”

Tests will determine the extent of the injury.

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That would seem to be good news for unbeaten Boise State, but the Broncos have other problems.

“The national championship is not realistic for them,” Palm said. “They’re going to get passed. Their support in the polls is eroding each week.”

Poll points, not rankings, are used in the BCS formula. Boise State lost 17 points in the coaches’ poll despite moving up a spot to No. 5 this week.

Palm said fifth-place Cincinnati, sixth-place Iowa, both unbeaten, and seventh-place Southern California, which has lost a game, are all in position to pass the Broncos if they keep winning because those three teams play tougher schedules the rest of the

way.

Boise State, from the Western Athletic Conference, does not have another ranked team on its schedule.

The Broncos are trying to reach the BCS from a league without an automatic bid for the second time. To earn an automatic bid, teams from the WAC, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt, Mid-American Conference and Conference USA need to finish in the top 12 of the final BCS standings.

But only one team from those leagues can bust the BCS and Boise State has competition.

“The only team that matters to Boise is TCU,” Palm said.

Undefeated TCU is in eighth place. If the Horned Frogs run the table in the Mountain West, Palm said they have a good chance to pass Boise State.

“If I had to bet I would bet TCU eventually does,” Palm said. “Because they’re going to win a better league.”

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Frenship Saturday would allow the Lady Steers to clinch a postseason berth for a second consecutive year.

Cooper bested the Lady Steers in straight sets in their first meeting Oct. 6 in Abilene. Cooper is still holding onto hopes of claiming a share of the district title and needs to win in order to remain in the hunt with Frenship.

Notes: Frenship made a clean sweep of all BSHS teams Saturday with the Lady Steers’ freshman and junior varsity squads each falling in straight sets.

The freshman team lost, 25-15, 25-20, while the JV went down, 25-17, 25-15.

The JV was led by Haley Dimidjian, Morgan Slaughter and Gabby Fierro, who had three kills apiece. Clara Benavides led with four assists, while Kim Gonzales posted a team-high five digs.

Both teams will host Cooper Tuesday. The freshmen will play two matches at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the junior high, while the JV takes the floor at Steer Gym at 5:30 p.m.

Frenship def. Big Spring
25-10, 25-21, 25-20

Kills: Bridgette Tuitt 7, Macy Graves 5, Cerbi Ritchey 2, Callie Shafer 1.

Assists: Ritchey 15, Shafer 5.

Digs: Valerie Ross 18, Shafer 7, Tuitt 7, Sloan Davis 6, Selena Gonzales 6, Ritchey 2, Graves 1.

Blocks: Ritchey 5, Tuitt 1, Graves 1.

Aces: Ross 1, Davis 1.

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