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Big Spring man charged with shooting girlfriend

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring teenager is in critical condition and her boyfriend is in custody following a Thursday evening shooting.
 Abigail Valencia, 17, was airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock shortly following the shooting, which occurred shortly before 6:45 p.m. Thursday in east Big Spring.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said police responded to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival, they found Valencia suffering from a single gunshot wound to the left side of her head.
 Everett said Valencia had been brought to the emergency room by

her boyfriend, Dakota Anguiano, 19, who said he and Valencia were walking in the area of Circle Drive and Sycamore Street when a black Cadillac Escalade came around the corner and fired on the couple, wounding Valencia. Anguiano added a friend drove by and let him take his vehicle to transport Valencia to the

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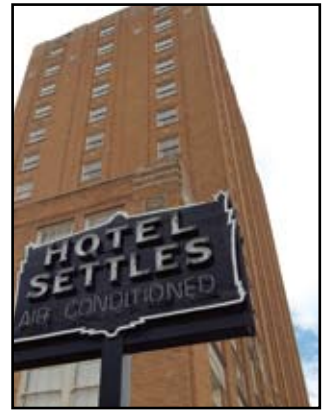
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A TOUCH OF CLASS

Remington replicas grace future park at the Hotel Settles

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The Settles Hotel has attracted a lot of visitors since it reopened late last year — including a pair of cowboys on horseback.
 As part of ongoing renovation and landscaping in the lot adjacent to the hotel, replicas of two Frederic Remington statues were relocated to the lot east of the hotel Monday, Settles Manager Bill Cole said.



The replicas, cast in 100 percent bronze, were secured by the hotel from a private collector. They were made at a foundry in Colorado that is no longer in business, Cole said.
 Frederic Sackrider Remington (Oct. 4, 1861-Dec. 26, 1909) was an American painter, illustrator, sculptor and writer who specialized in depictions of the Old West,
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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

These two bronze replicas of Frederic Remington sculptures will serve as the centerpieces of a park area being developed immediately east of the Settles Hotel. Hotel officials said the park, scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, will include walking trails and a gazebo and will be ideal for outdoor weddings and concerts.

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BSHS students use their noggins

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students continue to excel in national Advanced Placement

College Board testing.
 Three BSHS students achieved perfect scores on

2012-2013 AP calculus and physics exams, High School Principal Mike Ritchey said.
 Chelsea Parker aced her Calculus AB exam, while Conner Furqueron and

Charles Anderson were perfect in both Calculus BC and physics. The 5s in physics are the first by any BSHS student.
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A wreck this morning left a tangled mess close to mile marker 174 on Interstate Highway 20. Department of Public Safety reported no fatalities. Details on what caused the wreck or any other injuries were not available at press time.
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Obituaries

Bobby Cordova



Bobby Cordova, 58, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Vigil and memorial services will follow at 7:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Additional services and burial will be in Logan, N.M., on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013.

Bobby was born April 22, 1955, to Adela and Julian Cordova Sr. of Logan, N.M. He graduated from Logan High School in 1973. He joined the United States Army where he was stationed in Lawton, Okla., and served four years in Germany. He worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo where he met his wife, JoAnne Campos, of 34 years. They were married Feb. 24, 1979, in Amarillo. He later transferred to Saginaw, Mich., where he worked for as chief of EMS for the VA Hospital for more than two years. He then transferred to Big Spring and worked for the VA Hospital before retiring in 2011. After his

retirement from the VA Hospital, he worked for Price Construction as a load operator for the last two years.

Bobby was loved by many and made such an impact on so many lives. He was very kind, generous and always willing to help others. He was a great mentor. He loved playing golf, Bar-B-Q's and spending time with his family and friends. He loved his Pittsburgh Steelers!

He is survived by his wife, JoAnne of Big Spring; one son, Jacob Cordova of Big Spring; two daughters, Rachael Cordova of Big Spring and Jessenia Ybarra of Lovington, N.M.; his mother, Adela Cordova of Logan N.M.; four brothers, Julian Cordova Jr. and wife Estella of Logan, Tommy Cordova of Albuquerque, Wilfred Cordova of Amarillo and Leo Cordova and wife Terri of Dalhart; and one sister, Arlin Cordova of Logan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Julian Cordova Sr. of Logan; and two sisters, Ida Martinez of Clovis and Rebecca Cordova also of Logan.

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

Paid obituary

Lou Ann (Nall) Baker

Lou Ann (Nall) Baker, 79, of Burke, Va., passed away after a battle with cancer. She was born in Big Spring in 1934 to Raymond (Poncho) Nall and Eva Nall (Big Spring Health Food Store original owner) and lived there until she attended Abilene Christian University.

She returned to Big Spring to work at Webb AFB

until 1958 when she married Paul Baker, retired USAF. They lived in several places in the U.S. and overseas.

Lou Ann is survived by her husband; two daughters; five grandchildren; and three sisters, including Betty Ray (Nall) Coffee of Big Spring.

Funeral services will be in Fairfax, Va., on Sept. 24, 2013, and burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

Police blotter

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

- BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR., 30, 4614 Aspen, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- MICA JADE PEARSON, 25, 4614 Aspen, was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, 1512 Wood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAKOTA K. ANGUIANO, 19, 803 E. 14th, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- DAVID CORNELIUS WESTBROOK JR., 19, 1321 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 19, 1507 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 30, 1503 Robin, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATTHEW QUENTIN SALAZAR, 24, 9013 Midway Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- MICA JADE PEARSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- STEPHEN KYLE GAY was booked by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- DAVID CORNELIUS WESTBROOK was booked by HCSO on a charge of tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAKOTA KADE ANGUIANO was booked by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1500 block of Apron. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1400 block of East 14th Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at FM 821. No transport.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1200 block of Sycamore. No transport.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-

participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

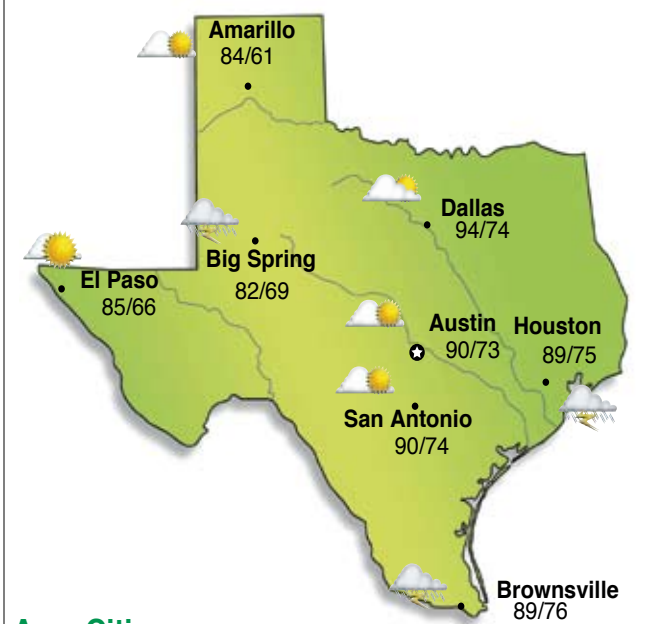
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

| Fri 9/20 | Sat 9/21 | Sun 9/22 |
|---|---|---|
| 82/69 Isolated thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely. | 80/61 Scattered thunderstorms. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s. | 83/57 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. |
| Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:46 PM | Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM | Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM |



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene | 84 | 69 | t-storm | Kingsville | 91 | 76 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 84 | 61 | pt sunny | Livingston | 92 | 71 | t-storm |
| Austin | 90 | 73 | pt sunny | Longview | 95 | 73 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 91 | 74 | t-storm | Lubbock | 83 | 64 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 89 | 76 | t-storm | Lufkin | 92 | 71 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 89 | 71 | cloudy | Midland | 79 | 69 | t-storm |
| Corpus Christi | 89 | 78 | t-storm | Raymondville | 91 | 74 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 93 | 72 | pt sunny | Rosenberg | 91 | 75 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 94 | 74 | cloudy | San Antonio | 90 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 89 | 75 | t-storm | San Marcos | 92 | 73 | pt sunny |
| El Paso | 85 | 66 | mst sunny | Sulphur Springs | 95 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 75 | 67 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 82 | 68 | t-storm |
| Gainesville | 92 | 71 | cloudy | Tyler | 95 | 73 | pt sunny |
| Greenville | 93 | 72 | cloudy | Weatherford | 92 | 72 | cloudy |
| Houston | 89 | 75 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 93 | 70 | cloudy |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 84 | 62 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 79 | 55 | t-storm |
| Boston | 78 | 53 | sunny | New York | 76 | 59 | sunny |
| Chicago | 90 | 69 | rain | Phoenix | 98 | 75 | sunny |
| Dallas | 94 | 74 | cloudy | San Francisco | 75 | 58 | sunny |
| Denver | 67 | 51 | mst sunny | Seattle | 77 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 89 | 75 | t-storm | St. Louis | 93 | 70 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 81 | 61 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 80 | 61 | sunny |
| Miami | 86 | 75 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Fri 9/20 | Sat 9/21 | Sun 9/22 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 6 | 7 | 9 |
| High | High | Very High |

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

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16th of September Festival:
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September 21
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Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry Saturday. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and carry out is also available. For more information call 263-2084. The Post is located at 3203 West Highway 80.

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.

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@sbcglobal.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 Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. 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.

Cossacks MC to hold Bykes for Tykes event

Herald Staff Report

The Cossacks Motorcycle Club, Permian Basin Chapter, will hold a shrimp and catfish feast at 8 p.m. Saturday at the organization's clubhouse on Birdwell Lane.

The meal, and an auction, is a fund-raiser for the club's annual Bykes for Tykes event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and The Road Kings will perform live music.

Admission is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. The meal is all you can eat.

The clubhouse is located at 1610 N. Birdwell.

Landfill weighing system updated

Herald Staff Report

The city of Big Spring landfill is undergoing a change of the weighing program.

The project, which began Wednesday, will continue through Saturday.

"We appreciate your patience during this time of making improvements to our operations in order to better serve the citizens of the community," a city spokesperson said.

Anyone with questions should call Public Works at 264-2501.

SHOOTING

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hospital. "Patrol officers attempted to find the crime scene," Everett said. "As investigators talked to witnesses, Anguiano's story began to unravel."

It was later determined, Everett said, that the shooting occurred at 1317 Tucson. At that point, Anguiano was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

"The weapon was not at the scene, but the investigation led to a subject who had removed the weapon from the

scene and hidden it at another home on Tucson Street," Everett said.

The weapon, a .45 caliber handgun, was recovered and the subject, 19-year-old David Westbrook, was arrested on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Valencia's 2-year-old daughter, who police believe was in the room at

the time of her mother's shooting, was uninjured and has been placed with her mother's family.

Everett said no motive has been established in the shooting.

Anguiano and Westbrook remained in custody at the Howard County Detention Center as of this morning.



STATUES

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specifically concentrating on the last quarter of the 19th-century American West and images of cowboys, American Indians and the U. S. Cavalry.

The two bronze sculptures outside the Settles are titled "Cowboy" and "Rattlesnakes."

The sculptures will be the centerpieces of a park area scheduled to be completed later this year. Cole said the park will include a wrought-iron fence, walking trails and a gazebo. It will be conducive to outdoor weddings and concerts, as well as provide a "nice outdoor resting

area for visitors," he added.

The Settles first opened in 1930 but stood vacant for the better part of three decades before it reopened following a multi-million dollar renovation spearheaded by Big Spring native Brint Ryan. Cole said the hotel, which combines historical features along with modern conveniences, has drawn rave reviews since it re-opened its doors last December.

"I don't think there's anyplace quite like it," he said. "You put this hotel in a large city and there's only a handful of people who can relate to it. But if you put it in a town like Big Spring, there's only a handful of people who can't relate

to it." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

STUDENTS

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Ritchey said. With a score of 3 or above on the AP College Board exam, students receive college credit for their high school work. Achieving a perfect score, Ritchey said, places the student among the elite in their course work.

BSHS students who received passing marks on

their AP history exams were Tyler Avant, Kaitlin Chambless, Kelsie Guinn, Nathan Jimenez and Bailey Pittman.

"AP curriculum is tops nationwide when it comes to high school rigor," Ritchey said. "We are very proud of all our students who challenge our pre-AP and AP courses."

"Receiving college credit is one small reward for their many hours of homework," More importantly,

these rigorous courses prepare them for higher level programs such as engineering and medicine at major universities."

Another advantage for students enrolled in AP programs were gains made on the college entrance exams. Higher scores on exams such as the ACT and SAT result in more scholarship money for college, Ritchey said.

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Opinion

Another set of lessons

While details are still emerging about Aaron Alexis, the man responsible for killing 12 people at the Washington Navy Yard, this much is already clear. This man never should have had a security clearance that allowed him to enter the Yard. And he never should have been permitted to buy a gun.

This is a man with a history of repeated infractions as a Navy reservist and troubling run-ins with authorities. In one such episode, just last month, Alexis called police in Newport, R.I., to tell them he was being followed by three people whom he alleged had been sent to follow him by an individual he had argued with at a Virginia airport. According to the police report, Alexis complained that his followers were using a “microwave machine” to communicate with him through the walls, floor and ceiling.

A sure sign of mental illness? Yes. Alexis also told police he was a Navy contractor.

To their credit, the Newport police recognized that the Navy needed to know that one of its contractors was seriously unstable, and so they sent over a copy of his comments to the base police at the Navy facility in Newport.

It is not clear what, if anything, happened next. Twice in August Alexis sought treatment at VA hospitals, complaining that he could not sleep. Did doctors at that facility have access

to the information provided to the base police in Newport? It seems they did not. He kept his security clearance. He continued to service Navy computers.

“The system didn’t pick up the red flags because the red flags in this case had not been fed into the system,” a Pentagon official told reporters. “Perhaps we need to look at the ‘filters’ that should be part of the files, the official said.

How does a man who had been investigated by police departments in Seattle and Fort Worth for shooting a gun in anger, who was hearing voices in Rhode Island, who twice sought treatment from the VA, who had told his neighbors that he suffered from PTSD and had gone as long as three days without sleep manage to get and hold onto a security clearance that allowed him access to Navy computers?

To what extent did budget issues — which have led to the outsourcing of security checks to for-profit firms — play a role?

And equally important, how is it that such a man could go into a gun store in Virginia and buy a shotgun?

Yes, we all know the official

answers. He hadn’t been committed or arrested. If that is the bar, as it appears to be, then the bar is plainly too low.

Ironically, the Alexis case also teaches that gun control laws can

work. Alexis reportedly tried to buy an assault weapon, but under Virginia law, he was not allowed to purchase one because he was not a Virginia resident.

As horrific as the violence was at the Navy Yard, it could have been so much worse. Twelve people are dead at the hands of a man who never should have been allowed on the base. But many more are alive today because even the most limited forms of gun control save lives.

The NRA likes to say that guns don’t kill; people kill. True enough. And all the more reason to ensure that mentally disturbed, angry and troubled people like Alexis are not able to walk into a gun store and purchase firearms. We may not have the facilities to treat every Aaron Alexis out there, but at the very least, we should do everything possible to prevent them from buying guns.

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



In the name of heritage

So what do you do when people mispronounce your name? Do you correct them? If they butcher your identity, do you let it ride? Just to avoid having to educate them?

Foreign-born Americans are constantly pressured to Americanize their names nowadays — just to make it easier for the ears of those who refuse to accept foreign sounds. But if you go along, aren’t you hiding your heritage?

When I started writing for my school newspaper more than 40 years ago, some of my teachers and classmates persuaded me to call myself Mike Perez, erroneously pronounced with a strong accent on the second “e.”

And so, for a brief period of my life, I felt uncomfortable with my own identity. I felt as if I was purposely mispronouncing my own name, hiding my heritage, betraying my principles.

Obviously, it didn’t take very long for me to go back to Miguel Perez.

Sure, I still have to explain to many non-Latinos that the “u” in my first name is silent, and that my last name is pronounced PERez — not PerEz.

It takes a lot more work; but it’s worth the effort. I see it as an opportunity to teach a quick lesson about my ethnicity. If I were to ignore the mispronunciation, I would be letting them hide my Hispanic heritage.

But it happens to me so often that I could easily turn it into a comedy routine — especially when I have to leave messages for government bureaucrats.

“Could you tell the commissioner that Miguel Perez called?” I ask.

“What?” they usually growl. “Could you spell that?”

Yet even after I comply — “MIGUEL PEREZ” — sometimes they add a few more letters to the pronunciation.

“You mean Mee-GWUEL Puh-

RREZ.”

“No ma’am, I mean Miguel. The “u” is silent. And I mean Perez. The accent is on the first “e.”

From this point on, responses depend on the bureaucrat’s diversity-acceptance level. Most see it as a learning experience and show you they appreciate the gesture. But some actually defy your pronunciation of your own name.

“How come I know other Puh-RREZes who pronounce their name that way?” a secretary asked me once.

At this point, although you may want to be terribly polite, sometimes you can’t hold back a little sarcasm.

“Perhaps they let you mispronounce their name because they don’t have all this time to waste with you, ma’am,” I responded.

“Or perhaps they know you’re a lost cause.”

Frankly, it comes down to demanding a little respect for our Hispanic surnames. We’re not asking anyone to speak Spanish — just to get our names straight!

The worst mutilators of Hispanic names are radio and television reporters. You hear the flawlessly pronouncing tongue-twisters — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, Syrian dictator Bashar Assad, al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, French President Francois Hollande, former Italian president Silvio Berlusconi — but when they get to Hispanic names, they make odd and painful sounds!

In Spanish, there are accent marks even in our names, and they are there for a good reason: pronunciation! Yet many people simply don’t see them.

Take the late great Puerto Rican actor Raul Julia. In the media, his name was mispronounced so often that it became registered in our minds as Raul Julia.

But perhaps the worst butchers of Hispanic names are sportscasters. They seem to have some kind of license to put accents wherever they please, and they do it so often that they end up changing the names. In the sports broadcast booth,

“Jorge” easily becomes “Whoregay,” and “Andres” becomes “On-Dress” and even “Juan” becomes “Wang.”

Yes, I know. When mispronounced, some names can have funny, sexual connotations. But some sportscasters don’t seem to notice them. They think they are speaking Spanish, and yet, for their Latino audience, their mispronunciation of Hispanic names can become a comedy routine.

Perhaps that’s the reason why so many Latinos shamefully drop their Hispanic surnames when they go into show business. Hollywood and the music industry are full of Hispanics who hide their heritage by adopting Anglo-Saxon stage names. And perhaps that was excusable in the old days, when show business discrimination was so flagrant that they had no other choice.

But when young Hispanic artists hide their heritage nowadays — instead of supporting them — I say we should expose them as sellouts. And we will in another column soon. Some people say that by hiding their roots, these artists are denying us of Hispanic role models. But given their rejection of their own ethnicity, what kind of role models would they make?

Granted, through generational acculturation, as with other ethnic groups, Latinos tend to Americanize their kids’ first names. Robertos become Bobs. And yes, Miguels do become Mikes, and there’s nothing wrong with that.

But surnames are different. Changing or Anglicizing your family name is denying your heritage. If you have any doubts, we can go back four decades and I can introduce you to Mike Puh-RREZ.

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DAILY PRAYER

We know, from your Word, Lord, that we should always treat others with kindness.

Amen



AROUND TOWN

Clockwise from left, Conner Furqueron, Chelsea Parker and Charles Anderson (left to right) all achieved perfect scores on 2012-2013 calculus and physics exams; Travis Bennett of Johansen Nursery and Landscaping prepares to lay down a line of irrigation pipe at Heart of the City Park Wednesday afternoon. The firm is installing an irrigation system at the park, located in the 200 block of Scurry Street; a wreck this morning tied up traffic for an hour or more along Interstate 20.

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When life gets out of whack

Sometimes life just doesn't make sense. The whole world seems out of kilter. Fortunately, the English language has given us an abundance of funny-sounding words to lighten any unfortunate situation we may have to endure. Sometimes even the best

of plans just go kerflooey. No matter how good our intentions were, we are dumbfounded by the result of our efforts. Like a cake that comes out of the oven lopsided, our plans often crumble before our eyes. We get even more bumfuzzled pondering what went wrong. Even our relationships may end up topsy-turvy. We are deceived by a trusted friend, or we get hood-



BONNIE
WHEAT

winked by a new acquaintance. These helter-skelter experiences leave us feeling bedraggled. As we tumble from situation to situation, we tend to feel that life has catapulted us into the realm of the unknown. Our defenses go up. Our trust level goes down. We get discombobulated over the uncertainty of the future.

In the course of life, career paths go catawampus, and financial security rises and falls like a yo-yo on a string. Life in general seems whomper-jawed. At times the pieces seem not to fit together. We are puzzled by the constant detours in our

paths and flabbergasted by the things that go wrong.

As age escalates, the path seems more catty-cornered than straight. Biases narrow our perspectives, and solidify our standards. Reflection replaces anticipation. There are more stumbling blocks to be circumvented. Lollygagging seems preferable to hard work, and boondoggling becomes a favorite pass time.

In spite of the abundance of quirky words that our language has given us to describe life's joys and frustrations, God's Word gives us more solutions to life's problems. Many of

these insights come from the wisdom literature of the book of Proverbs. King Solomon wrote, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB).

The next time life gets out of whack, instead of feeling bumfuzzled, perhaps we should just trust God to straighten our paths.

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Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

We have begun a new message series on Sunday mornings called "When God Says Wait." Join us as we explore the Bible for peace and obedience in our lives as we go through times of waiting.

This Saturday morning we will have our men's breakfast at the Four Sands Café at 9 a.m. Join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

Sunday evenings, we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and Wednesdays we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. Soon, we will begin a new study Sunday evenings called "The Story." It is comprised of a DVD segment and study guide, and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God's story.

Youth activities are in full swing Wednesday evenings, including a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth and even an adult Bible study.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 and 6. Wednesday services begin at 6. Rides

for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship, followed by the Word. Our 2013 vision focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." This week, Pastor Willard will continue his series, "Suitable," Topic: Maintaining Healthy Relationships. Bible study is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Are you interested in acting, singing, being a stage hand or helping put together and organize dramas/skits? Adult Performing Arts Meeting on Sunday at 4 p.m., in the Youth Sanctuary. Contact the church office for more information.

Join us for "Submerge," a night of worship, on Wednesday Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Arrive at 6:30 for a short teaching on the person of the Holy Spirit in the Youth Sanctuary.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months- kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 years.); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for

worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, see our Multimedia Dept.

Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens) For more information, contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook or Twitter.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. Choir rehearsals are at 6: p.m.

The Children's Choir program, for children age 5 through 6th grade, begins at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday.

The first meeting of Presbyterian Women will be Tuesday, Sept. 24 at noon in fellowship hall. Helen Glass will introduce this year's study: An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy, authored by Janice Catron. The year's co-moderators, Lucy Odom and Janie Conley, will prepare lunch for the group.

The Youth Group meets Sunday evening at 6:30 for a meal, bell choir and program. Volunteers are needed to provide supper for the youth; a sign-up sheet is provided in the narthex or in the church office.

We wish to express our appreciation for the trio of Kathryn Dawes Kendall, Susan Dawes and Joe Dawes singing Handel's "Shout the Glad Tidings" at last Sunday's worship service. We benefitted from Mrs. Kendall's return to Big Spring for BSHS homecoming.

Ann Sinclair is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Mark Morgan is liturgist for the month.

The lectionary for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost is Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

The Rev. Holstedt will present the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "Hear My Words," by Stephen Paulus as the anthem and present "Come, Let Us Sing" by Jody Lindh as the offertory anthem. Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast begins at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon until 2 p.m. at Spring Town Plaza (the mall). Everyone is welcome and we invite you to bring your lunch and join us in praying for our community, each other and the businesses in the mall. You may come and go as you need to during this time.

Our goal this year for "Operation Christmas Child" is 100 boxes. As it stands now, we have enough for almost 50 boxes, so keep an eye out for bargains on plastic shoeboxes. We can order the cardboard boxes from OCC, but to a child in poverty, a plastic shoebox often becomes a very precious place to keep personal treasures.

Big Spring Classical Academy is still accepting students. Classes include Pre-K thru 5th grade for the fall. Visit <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Sewing Seeds of Hope is making rugs and other crafts to be sold at our harvest event this fall. Join us Saturday morning at 10: and learn a new craft. We will continue to take donations of any old t-shirts to be used to make these crafts.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at Friday from 7-8 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery meets at 7 p.m. Monday.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday school/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship service- You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Monday-

7-8 p.m.-"Celebrate Recovery"

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

True-or-False Quiz

Below are six statements of fact or fiction. Decide whether each statement is True or False.

1. You should undertake a grand slam if the only potential loser for your side lies in a suit where you have A-9-8-7-2 opposite K-6-5-4-3.

2. Dummy has K-9-8-7 of a suit, and you (South) have A-Q-6. You play the A-Q, West following with the 2-4 and East the 3-10. When you next lead the six, West produces the five. The percentage play is to put up dummy's king.

3. If your right-hand opponent bids One Spade and you overcall with One Diamond, there is no penalty if you change your bid to Two Diamonds to make the bid sufficient.

4. Partner opens One Heart. If you respond Four Hearts, it is a stronger bid than Three Hearts.

5. Dummy has J-10-5 of trumps, and you, the declarer, have K-7-6-4-3-2. The best way to try to hold yourself to just one trump loser is to lead the five from dummy, planning to go up with the king.

6. If you and partner bid: 1 ♦ - 1 ♠ - 1 NT - 2 ♥, the Two Heart bid is forcing.

1. True. A grand slam should be bid when the probability of making it exceeds 67 percent. When three cards of a suit are missing, they will divide 2-1 78 percent of the time, so

the odds favor bidding a grand slam.

2. False. The theory of restricted choice applies to this situation. According to the theory, after the play to the first two tricks, and assuming best defense by East-West East is twice as likely to have been dealt the 10-3 as the J-10-3. The odds are thus approximately 2-to-1 in favor of finessing the nine.

3. True. But if you make any other sufficient bid including a pass, your partner is barred from bidding for the remainder of the auction.

4. False. Leaping directly to game in hearts shows a distributional hand of approximately nine points or less excellent trump support (usually five cards or more) and a singleton or void. Depending on how your partnership plays, the jump to three hearts either shows 11 or 12 points (a limit raise), or 13 or more points (forcing to game).

5. True. Percentage-wise, this approach is far better than leading the jack from dummy, planning to finesse against the queen.

6. False. In the given sequence after a one-notrump rebid by opener a two-heart bid says you have a weak hand that would like to play in either two spades or two hearts and asks partner to choose between the two suits. While you could arrange with partner to treat two hearts as forcing in this sequence, that is not the majority view.

Tomorrow: Extrasensory perception.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 9

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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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Wednesday-
5:30 p.m.- Fellowship Meal
6 p.m.-Bible study and youth and children's activities

6 p.m.-Boy Scouts.
Friday-7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and fellowship.

10:00 a.m.-"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and family worship is at 10:50 a.m. Both services meet in the sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided at all times. The family service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins is continuing a message series entitled "Joy-ride!" The series is based on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Sunday's message is entitled "Safety Check!" and is taken from Philippians 3:1-11.

Our Sanctuary Choir will offer two anthems during the 10:50 a.m. service. The call to worship is "He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray. The choir will also sing an arrangement of "Sanctuary" by Randy Scruggs. The Sanctuary Choir is under the direction of Anna Gann.

Sunday, children in pre-school through second Grade will continue a series called "Center Stage" where they'll learn what it means to worship

God. This Sunday's lesson is entitled "I Worship God When I Pray to Him." Older children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will continue a series called "Master Design." The lesson for this week is entitled "Hands to Serve God."

Our Children's Church is focused on the parables of Jesus this Fall. Sunday, kids will be reflecting on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders taken from Matthew 7:24-29. Children's Church is held during the 10:50 a.m. worship service only. A nursery is available for children 3 and younger during the Sunday school hour and 10:50 worship service.

Our College Ministry, led by Charles Abuyeka, is getting geared up for the fall. They meet Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building at Howard College. For more information, phone Charles at 806-789-5910.

Wednesday is always a busy day at First United Methodist Church. Our Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall includes a meal for a small charge. Serving starts at 11:50 a.m. Our Minister of Discipleship, Jim Anderson, will also continue a new study in the book of Ephesians. All are welcome!

"Real Life" on Wednesday night is filled with food, fellowship, worship and study. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. At 6, Carroll and Joyce Choate will be leading a new marriage study entitled "Staying in Love," by Andy Stanley.

Pastor Ivins and Jim Anderson will also be leading our Evangelism Team and Adult Discipleship Team through a new discipleship process at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Wednesday, students from Epic will join other youth ministries throughout Howard County to pray for our schools. Our students will gather at the church building at 6 p.m., then travel together by van to the amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park. The prayer gathering will be finished by 8:30.

Children's Ministry on Wednesday includes our J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Children's Choir under the leadership of Christi Mikeska. J.A.M. is for kids in 4th and 5th Grade. Other Wednesday night children's activities include "Bible Drills, Skills and Thrills," led by Ronda Turnbough. This gives children an opportunity to work on Bible knowledge and memorization through activities and games.

Berea Pumpkin Patch

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Bring the children, the whole family! This is new to Big Spring and we want you to see what we have to offer. In addition to selling pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, straw and corn stalks (inventory may vary), we have a hay ride for the children, pumpkin story time, crafts, special movie nights and an area to take pictures in the patch. Bring your camera.

October 31, we will feature a Trunk or Treat on the parking lot for all kids. Come enjoy this safe and fun time and get lots of goodies.

October 17, our pumpkin patch will open at noon. We will be open through Oct. 31. This fundraising project is sponsored by Berea Baptist Church. The proceeds will be used to fund Berea missions and ministries.

The patch will be open daily from noon until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Children also share in the fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. before heading off to these activities from 6 to 7:15.

Children's Day Out is a Children's Ministry of First United Methodist Church. The purpose is twofold. We minister to parents, grandparents and guardians by providing a "day out" and time of refreshment. We also minister to the family and their children by providing a happy, loving and Christ-centered environment for children.

Children's Day Out is open Monday and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children from 4 months to pre-K. Call our office for more information at 267-6394.

The congregation is gearing up for the launch of our "Food2Kids" ministry in November. Food2Kids provides food to children who often don't receive regular meals over the weekend. Members can pray, contribute financially and volunteer to help. For more information, call Jim Anderson in the church office.

For more information on any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumcbs.com or phone the church office.

First Baptist Church

All area youth are invited to the "Saw You at the Pole" rally, Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. The fun begins with a meal, followed by fellowship and reflection on the early morning's gatherings held at area school flagpoles for prayer and to honor our gracious God.

It's not too late to join our fall ladies Bible study. The group meets at 9:30 Mondays, and the seven-session study on "Gideon!" by Priscilla Shirer will encourage you to see your weaknesses as God's greatest strengths.

Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new series this week on discipleship. Sunday morning's message will be drawn from Hebrews 10:25. Praise and worship service starts at 10:50, with Sunday school groups preceding the service at 9:30. Come early for fellowship, donuts and coffee.

September 26-28, FBC invites you

to stop by our booth at the Howard County Fair so we can get acquainted with you.

Our Mother's Day Out kids will be taking a field trip to the fair's petting zoo Sept. 26. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or call 432-267-8223 for information about the MDO program or available openings.

Upward basketball registration continues; go to fbcbigspring.org and click on the homepage link or come by the church to sign up your child. A discount applies if registered by Sept. 30.

Wednesday evening activities begin with a meal served from 5-6, followed by children's activities, prayer meeting and adult choir. Details are on the website at fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

Do you have questions about God and His place in your life? Call FBC or stop by and we will be happy to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus and His unending love for you. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at FBC.

Blessed Hands

Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them Sunday morning at 9:30 for Sunday school, followed by the worship service at 10:50. Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie are excited to lead this growing church as the group experiences the wonderful things that God is doing through the deaf community in our area. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. See you Sunday!

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

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Wow! As we look back, we see some cataclysmic events in this world's history. At creation, God spoke and an entire planet came into existence. Then, in six days, He created light,

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Texas company answers school's AC prayers

BEMENT, Ill. (AP) — Temperatures outside the old, red-bricks school building in Bement pushed into the 90s again and again in the opening weeks of this school year — and were even higher inside. Administrators were forced to send students home early eight times.

The little eastern Illinois town's schools weren't air conditioned. And the school district — so cash starved that it's considering closing its high school — doesn't have the money to add the cooling systems.

But this week, with temperatures again on the rise, students at the 114-year-old Bement Elementary School heard a new sound alongside the usual questions from their teachers — the low hum of cool air being pumped into their classrooms.

A Texas-based air-conditioning company learned about Bement's hot, old building through an Associated Press story on schools without air conditioning in the Midwest and decided that, in Bement, things would get just a little cooler.

"It seemed like something we could do pretty easily and help out," said Wink Chapman, vice president of sales and marketing at Friedrich Air Conditioning Company in San Antonio. "We found a need and, luckily, we found a solution — good for us and good for them."

In Shelly Ellis' fourth-grade classroom Wednesday, students and teacher couldn't have been more thankful.

"We're thrilled," Ellis said, as she prepped her students for a math test the next day.

Bement was among the many school districts across a wide stretch of the Midwest that either sent students home early day after day or, in some cases, just closed because they lack air conditioning. The problem, educators say, is made more acute by schools starting earlier and earlier in August

in recent years.

While they had kids in school, teachers added water breaks or gave students cold treats such as Popsicles to cool them off and keep their minds off the heat.

The heat isn't just a comfort concern or potential health issue — though Ellis said some of her students felt sick on the hottest of those early school days.

Kids just don't concentrate or learn very well in a 90-degree classroom, both teachers and students agree.

"We couldn't get as much done — it was distracting," 9-year-old James Senter, one of Ellis' students, recalled.

The problem hits both urban and rural school districts. Chicago's public schools lack the \$1 billion they'd need to air-condition all of their classrooms. Teachers there had a different type of donation as schools opened this year — 36,000 hand-held fans for students.

It wouldn't cost nearly \$1 billion to provide air conditioning for Bement's 380 students, but it might as well. State funding for the school district, which is about 20 miles southwest of Champaign, has shrunk in recent years, so much so that Superintendent Sheila Greenwood said the school board this week is weighing cost-cutting measures that include everything from closing the high school to merging with a neighboring school district.

"We're at a point where we're just trying to figure out a way to keep things going," she said.

Chapman said someone in Friedrich's marketing department showed him the Sept. 2 AP story.

He wasn't surprised so many schools in a region where high temperatures are common lacked air conditioning. In Texas and across the South, he said, central air is usually a given, but many of the buyers for Friedrich's window units are in the Midwest.

The parenting challenge

No occupation is as challenging as parenting. Children have no on-off button. They cannot be put in the closet like clothes, turned off and parked like cars or placed in a kennel for the night like pets. They are on a constant quest, poking, prodding, pushing, pulling and climbing.

When our children were little, as soon as they got in the car they looked for buttons to push and knobs to twist. When I turned on the key the blinkers blinked, windshield wipers wiped and the radio blared. The same was true for our bedroom and kitchen.

They grew up to be responsible adults. But the path wasn't easy. Every passage brought new challenges: the first day of school, a move from familiar neighborhoods to a new city, puberty, a driver's license, dating, computer games and technology. Parents are on a constant learning curve, even after children are grown and on their own. Relationships constantly change and adjust. Every year offers new and unfamiliar territory.

I found across the years that there is no "fix it" book for parenting, no "cure-all," "read this," or "do this" simple solution. Every child is different and every parenting situation has its unique challenges. But there are some essential tools that make the difference: patience, consistency, authenticity, trust, love, faith and a listening ear. Most of us don't come naturally equipped with these essential tools to be successful parents. Most of us have to learn them and acquire them while we are on the job. And all of us have room for improvement.

Years ago, I visited a young mother in her home who was caring for several pre-school children. I was amazed at her patience and attention with the children and commented on it. She responded by telling me that this had not always been the case. Before she trusted Christ, she said, she had no patience with children, but after she gave her heart to Christ, He gave her a gift of patience, not only for her own children, but for others. The Bible says that John came to introduce Jesus to the world

by turning the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to righteousness. Every generation has to struggle against the natural desires of the flesh that result in envy, jealousy, resentment, anger and self indulgence. These attitudes destroy the family. When we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ He gives us a new heart. He produces in us the fruits of the Spirit that equip us to be the person that we long to be: "love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control." All of these, the Bible says, are the fruit of the Spirit.

When our hearts are right with God so that we are producing these fruits, we will be good parents. Then we will be able to fulfill the Scripture's instruction, "Do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the teaching and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com. He and his wife, Jackie, live in Waco, Texas.



BILL TINSLEY

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atmosphere, dry land, sun moon and stars, fish and birds, then an amazing array of animals. Then came His crowning act of creation -- man. What a week!

We now are awaiting one of the greatest of the cataclysmic events — Jesus coming back to this earth as a mighty conqueror in blazing glory, and every angel is coming with Him! Those who are prepared to meet Him look up and exclaim, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Our goal is to be ready.

Come study the bible with us as we see these great events unfold.

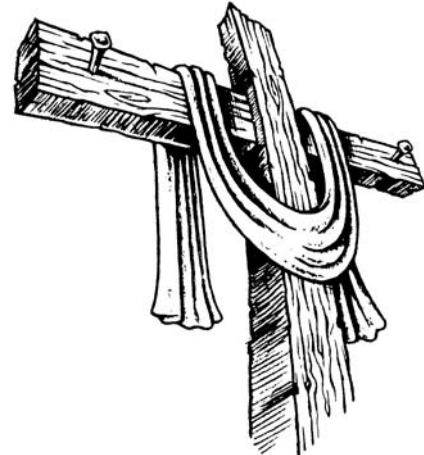
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phone number is 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbig-spring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

George von Hassell will present the readings this week.

We began a new Adult Bible Study class on Wednesday, Aug. 21. This series is titled "Out of Nothing:

The Word, Creation and Faith," by the Rev. Steve Misch. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. id-Week classes have resumed for the youth. A light meal is served from 5:30-6:30.

The 5th Annual Thanksgiving Feast is in the planning stages. The meal will be on Nov. 28.

We will have more information coming in the future.

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GOP-controlled House to vote to derail Obamacare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans controlling the House are moving to ship to the Senate a measure that would prevent a government shutdown but cripple the health care law that's the signature accomplishment of President Barack Obama's first term.

The top Senate Democrat has pronounced the bill dead and calls the House exercise a "waste of time." The White House has issued a veto threat.

Even before the House vote expected Friday, lawmakers were looking a couple of moves ahead on the congressional chessboard to a scenario in which the Democratic Senate would remove the "defund Obamacare" provision and kick the funding measure back to the House for a showdown next weekend.

The vote was something House leaders had tried to avoid because it initiates a fight that raises the possibility of a partial shutdown of the government when the fiscal year ends at midnight Sept. 30.

But an earlier plan by GOP leaders like House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, designed to send a straight-forward bill to keep the government running through Dec. 15 ran into too much opposition from tea party members who demanded a showdown over the Affordable Care Act, the official name of what Republicans branded Obamacare.

13 people shot in Chicago park; toddler critical

CHICAGO (AP) — Thirteen people have been shot at a park on Chicago's southwest side, including a 3-year-old boy who was in critical condition.

Officer Amina Greer said the shooting occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday.

A witness, Julian Harris, told the Chicago Sun-Times that dreadlocked men fired at him from a gray sedan before turning toward Cornell Square Park in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood and firing at people. He said his 3-year-old nephew was wounded in the cheek.

"They hit the light pole next to me, but I ducked down and ran into the house," Harris said. "They've been coming round here looking for people to shoot every night, just gang-banging stuff. It's what they do."

Chicago Fire Department officials said the child was in critical condition. Two other victims were also in critical condition. The others were reported in serious to fair condition.

Syria's main opposition group slams al-Qaida-linked militants

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's main Western-backed opposition group has slammed al-Qaida-linked gunmen and their expanding influence in the country, saying the jihadis seek to establish an Islamic state in Syria.

A statement on Friday from the Syrian National Coalition follows days of vicious infighting in which the ex-

tremists seized control of the northern town of Azaz from mainstream opposition fighters.

The SNC says the actions of the al-Qaida-linked fighters "counter the principals that the Syrian revolution is trying to achieve."

The group also warns that the Islamic fighters are "strengthening their positions" in opposition-controlled areas.

The infighting threatens to further split opposition forces outgunned by President Bashar Assad's troops and strengthen his hand as he engages with world powers on relinquishing his chemical weapons.

Army official: Al-Qaida militants attack army barracks in south Yemen, kill at least 38 troops

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Taking advantage of heavy fog, al-Qaida militants launched coordinated attacks on Yemeni military barracks in a southern province on Friday, killing at least 38 troops and wounded dozens, a military official said.

The dawn attacks in Shabwa province, a known al-Qaida stronghold, surprised and caught the soldiers unprepared, said Maj. Mohammed Nasser.

Yemeni authorities have been leading a war against al-Qaida's local branch, also known as the al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, considered by Washington as one of the world's most dangerous terror groups.

In Friday's attacks, the militants first tried to storm barracks in three military encampments, in Maysaa, Kamp and al-Ain areas, Nasser told The Associated Press.

At the Kamp site, the militants first overpowered the guards outside the barracks, then rammed a suicide car bomb into the camp. Most of the casualties among the troops took place in this attack.

Village devastated; 68 missing

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Days usually start long before sunrise in La Pintada, where able-bodied men and the women without young children leave home before 6 a.m. to work the coffee fields around the tiny village deep in the rugged green mountains of southern Mexico.

But Monday was a holiday, and rain fell all day because of the tropical storm off the coast, so far more people than usual stayed home, napping under warm blankets or cooking for the Independence Day celebration in La Pintada's little cobblestone square.

Families gossiped. Children played at their parents' feet. Then, suddenly, the earth trembled.

For a split second everyone thought it was one of the region's regular earthquakes. But then a tidal wave of dirt, rocks and trees exploded off the hill above the village, sweeping through the center of town, burying families in their homes and sweeping wooden houses into the bed of the swollen river that winds past La Pintada on its way to the Pacific.

"Everyone who could ran into the coffee fields. It smothered the homes and sent them into the river. Half the homes in town were smothered and buried," said Marta Alvarez, a 22-year-old homemaker who was cooking with her 2-year-old son, two brothers and her parents when the landslide erupted.

Meeting between Obama and Iran's Rouhani at U.N. could help move nations beyond nuclear impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidents of America and Iran may meet briefly next week for the first time, marking a symbolic but significant step toward easing their countries' tense relationship. An exchange of letters between the leaders already has raised expectations for a thaw in relations, and any progress in dismantling Syria's chemical weapons stockpile could signal whether their elusive diplomacy will last longer than a handshake.

At the heart of the U.S.-Iran impasse is a years-long dispute over Tehran's nuclear program.

In small steps and encouraging statements, Iran's leaders appear to be opening wider a door to detente. Cautiously optimistic yet still skeptical, Washington is weighing whether Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's recent overtures actually represent new policies or just new packaging.

"Negotiations with the Iranians is always difficult," President Barack Obama said in a recent interview with ABC News. "I think this new president is not going to suddenly make it easy. But, you know, my view is that if you have both a credible threat of force, combined with a rigorous diplomatic effort, that, in fact, you can strike a deal."

Both Obama and Rouhani will be in New York next week for the annual meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. The White House hasn't ruled out the possibility of a direct exchange, though spokesman Jay Carney said no meeting is scheduled.

Poll: Public gives government poor marks on protecting right to keep and bear arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey college student wants Congress to stand strong against tougher gun laws. A Colorado software executive thinks the federal government goes too far in protecting gun rights. A child-care worker in Wisconsin just wants the shootings in her city to stop.

Even as the debate over tightening national gun control laws is rekindled after the latest mass shooting, a growing number of Americans are questioning the government's stewardship of the right to bear arms, according to a poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Asked to size up how the government is doing on protecting a variety of rights and freedoms spelled out in the Bill of Rights and federal law, Americans pointed to slippage almost everywhere but most dramatically on the matters of guns and voting rights. The impression of a declining track record on guns rights turned up everywhere: among Republicans and Democrats, men and women, young and old, city dwellers and those in small towns.

Overall, 44 percent of Americans think the federal government is doing a good job of safeguarding the right to keep and bear arms, down from 57

percent two years earlier. Of course, not everyone wants the government to go all out to safeguard Second Amendment rights, and that affects how people assess the government's success at protecting the right.

Republicans and independents were far more likely than Democrats to give the government poor marks for protecting gun rights.

Sickening scenes greet residents returning to flood-stricken towns as Colo. begins to rebuild

LYONS, Colo. (AP) — Coloradans who ventured back into the flood-ravaged town of Lyons found scenes of stomach-turning destruction, with dozens of homes destroyed, family keepsakes missing, food spoiling and mud everywhere.

"It's just sickening," said Gloria Simpson, whose family salvaged some of her grandmother's hand-made quilts Thursday from her 81-year-old father's home. They found some family photos, but others were no where to be found.

Up and down Colorado's Front Range, the number of dead rose to seven, with three others missing and presumed dead. But the number of unaccounted-for people dropped to about 140, thanks to rescues and restored communications.

Rescue operations tapered off and the state began to turn its attention to finding homes for the displaced, restoring basic services and figuring out how to repair hundreds of miles of roads and dozens of bridges.

"Right now we're just moving from the life-saving mode to the life-sustaining mode," said Kevin Kline, director of the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Texas man executed for ambush that killed 4 women

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former South Texas street gang member was executed Thursday evening for his involvement in a gang ambush in which four women were gunned down 11 years ago.

Robert Gene Garza, 30, became the 12th condemned inmate executed this year in Texas, which carries out capital punishment more than any other state.

Garza smiled and blew a kiss to friends and relatives as they entered the death chamber. In a brief final statement, he thanked them for coming and told them he loved them.

"I know it's hard for you," he said. "It's not easy. This is a release. Y'all finally get to move on with your lives."

He took several deep breaths as a lethal dose of pentobarbital began flowing into his arms, then began snoring. All movement stopped within less than a minute. He was pronounced dead 26 minutes later, at 8:41 p.m. CDT.

A member of a Rio Grande Valley gang known as the Tri-City Bombers even before he was a teenager, Garza insisted a statement to police acknowledging his participation in the September 2002 shootings in Hidalgo County was made under duress and improperly obtained.

But prosecutors said Garza orchestrated the gang's plan to silence the women, who Garza thought had witnessed another gang crime, and was present when several gang members opened fire on the women when they arrived at their trailer park home after work at a bar.

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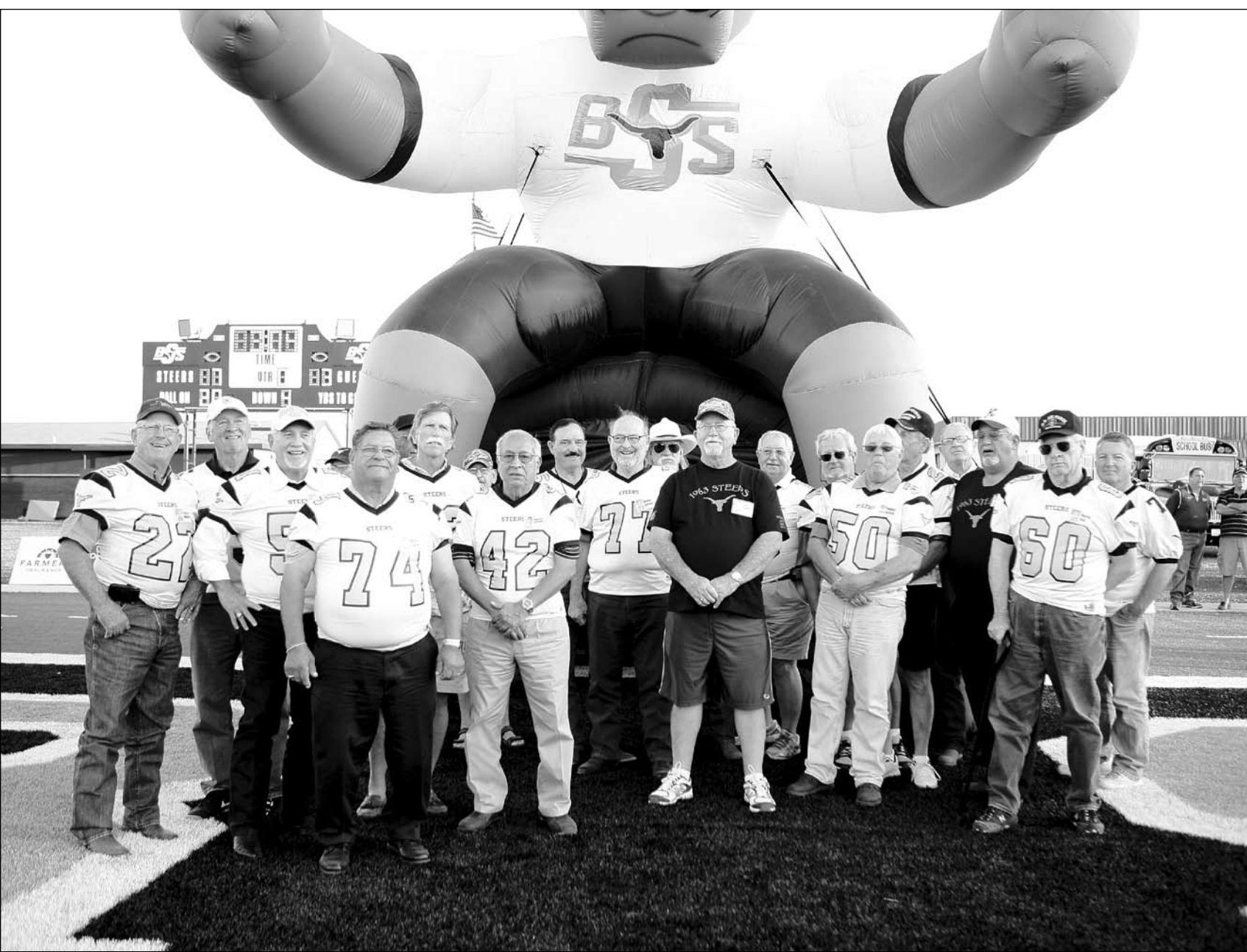
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Members of the 1963 Big Spring Steers football team takes the field prior to the start of last week's homecoming game at Memorial Stadium. The '63 Steers (8-2) defeated No. 1 San Angelo Central — the only BSHS squad in history to defeat a top ranked opponent. Also pictured in the forefront is Don Robbins, who coached the Steers in '63. Big Spring (2-1) won its homecoming outing against San Angelo Central 48-0 Friday and will return to the road today to face Andrews (2-1).

LGA News

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The weather is turning slightly cooler, but that's just fine with the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association, which has held its ladies playday events for the past two Mondays and couples play last Thursday.

The week of Sept. 9, Connie Fowler won low gross and Linda Dewaters won low net. Ramona Harris ended the round the fewest putts.

Jo Ann Hillger won low gross the following Monday, while Trish Gabbard took low net.

Ramona Harris took the fewest putts, but still refuses to allow her fellow lady golfers to inspect her putter up close, leading to speculation among the league that it is an illegal club equipped with some sort of laser-guidance system.

Howard and Trish Gabbard and Anne Ward won the couples play round with one-under par. Coming in second with even par was the team of Jon and Gus Leonardi and Ron and Daury Booth.

Landing closest to the pin on Hole No. 6 was Annie Ward.

For more information about the Ladies Golf Association, call the pro shop at Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

Local Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football

- Big Spring at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
- Denver City at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
- Jim Ned at Forsan (homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Ira at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
- Sands at Roscoe, 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton at McCamey, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- Lake View at Big Spring, varsity 4 p.m.; J.V. 5:30 p.m.; 9th at 4 p.m. (at junior high).

SATURDAY

Volleyball

- Plains at Coahoma, noon.

Cross Country

- Big Spring at Lubbock Invitational, Mae Simmons Park.
- Coahoma at Lubbock Invitational, Mae Simmons Park.
- Forsan at Lubbock Invitational, Mae Simmons Park.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Texas beats TB, ties up wild card

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Splitting a four-game series felt pretty good to the Texas Rangers.

"You can see how everything's starting to fall on track," said Elvis Andrus, who drove in three runs in the 8-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday night. "Everybody's feeling better, relaxed out there. Our pitching's doing great ... that's what we're looking for."

The split left the Rangers tied with the Rays for the AL's top wild-card spot. The Rangers won the season series with the Rays 4-3, earning home-field advantage should

the teams finish in a tie for the two wild-card spots. They each have 10 games left.

Pulled within a half-game of the leaders by beating Houston 2-1 in 11 innings.

Andrus said Thursday's game was a must-win for Texas, which carried a seven-game losing streak into the series.

"Yesterday (a 4-3 loss in 12 innings) was a tough loss, so to come back today and win the way we did, that was huge," he said.

Yu Darvish won for the first time in seven starts since Aug. 12, surviving a 40-pitch first inning

in which he hit a batter and walked three, falling behind 2-0. Darvish (13-9) made it through five innings despite walking six, throwing 109 pitches.

"When he had to make a pitch, he made a pitch," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Sometimes you have to figure out ways to get things done when you're not at your very best or even at your minimal, and he did that tonight."

Mitch Moreland, Andrus and Alex Rios homered off Matt Moore in the third inning to put the Rangers ahead to stay. Andrus drove in two runs with an infield single in the fourth, stretching the

lead to 6-2.

Craig Gentry had four of the Rangers' 16 hits and three of their five stolen bases, the most against the Rays this season.

"The way we ran the bases tonight, the at-bats we put together, when we start doing that throughout the lineup, that's when we play good baseball," Washington said. "In the four games here, we played good baseball and we won two games."

Andrus' homer was his second of the series and fourth of the season, all since Aug. 4. Moreland, the only left-handed hitter in the Texas

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No. 25 Tech to face Texas State

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Kliff Kingsbury has insisted since taking over at Texas Tech that the Red Raiders will score points using whatever opponents give them.

Judging from the numbers, that means there will be plenty of passing when Texas State faces No. 25 Texas Tech on Saturday night.

The Bobcats have the best team in the country in stopping the run, allowing just 43 yards rushing in their two wins. Against the pass? Not so much. Texas State has allowed 279 yards passing per game.

"They've played some teams that throw it," Kingsbury said. "But they do a good job schematically. It will be a great challenge for our young quarterback to see all those different looks. As far as emphasizing the run game, we'll do what we (can) do to score points."

Quarterback Baker Mayfield will start for the Red Raiders (3-0). The freshman walk-on injured his left leg in the fourth quarter in the 20-10 win over TCU. His backup, Davis Webb, came

in and threw a 19-yard pass to Bradley Marquez with under 4 minutes remaining to break a 10-0.

Texas State (2-0) is coming off an open week. Coach Dennis Franchione said the Bearcats defense is "almost the same" as TCU's and for eight consecutive possessions the Horned Frogs held the Red Raiders to minus-11 yards.

"I think the biggest thing TCU did was make (Mayfield) move around in the pocket and throw off rhythm," he said. "We'll see where we match up with them. We've had two good games."

Mayfield has thrown for eight touchdowns and 996 yards with three interceptions.

"It's hard for any freshman to come in and do what he's been able to," said Franchione, adding that so much of a quarterback does is from decision-making ability.

Here are five things to watch when Texas State plays Texas Tech:

1. RUSHING BOBCAT: Sophomore running

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NASCAR News: Waltrip tries to keep Truex after scandal

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Michael Waltrip is willing to let driver Martin Truex Jr. leave for another team if Michael Waltrip Racing is unable to find sponsorship for the No. 56 car in 2014.

NAPA Auto Parts will end its multimillion-dollar sponsorship of MWR at the end of the year, the latest fallout from the team's attempt to manipulate a race to get Truex into NASCAR's version of the playoffs.

NAPA is Truex's primary sponsor and in the first year of a three-year extension announced last August. The deal ran through the 2015 season and is believed to be worth at least \$15 million a year.

"If he came to me tomorrow and said, 'I got a deal to go do something,' then obviously I would not hold him back," Waltrip said Friday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "I owe him a lot for his loyalty and his passion for our team. I wouldn't hold him back from doing something he wanted to do, but I'd like him to hang around so we can attract a sponsor and keep him in our cars."

NASCAR took the unprecedented step of kicking Truex out of the Chase in favor of Ryan Newman, who would have made it into the field instead of Truex without MWR's meddling. MWR was also fined \$300,000, general manager Ty Norris was suspended indefinitely and all three crew chiefs for its drivers were placed on probation for the rest of the year.

The penalties levied against MWR led to a larger NASCAR investigation that uncovered at least one other case of race manipulation. NASCAR was then forced to expand the Chase field to 13 drivers to include Jeff Gordon and issue new rules banning digital radios and more than one team member per car on the spotter stand.

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Bids will be taken until Friday noon October 11, 2013. Please send bids to Glasscock County ISD P.O. Box 9 Garden City, Texas 79739 or drop them off at the office 308 W. Chambers Garden City, Texas. For an appointment to see the homes please call 432-354-2230 during business hours. Homes must be moved within 2-3 weeks after the sale.
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Legals

Glasscock County ISD is requesting bids for Internet and Telecommunications services. Additional information is available at www.cwconsulting.com Bids taken until 12:00 noon 10/09/2013 at 308 W. Chambers Garden City, Texas 79739 or mailed to P.O. Box 9 Garden City, Texas 79739.
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Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
To consider the annexation into the Big Spring City Limits of 40 acres of undeveloped land owned by the City of Big Spring, being generally located South of Willard Street and West of Parkway Drive and being part of the east one half of the west one half of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. Interested persons may attend and be heard by the City Council.
#7994 September 20, 2013

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Mary Louise Traczyk were issued on September 5, 2013, in Cause No. G-223 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Cindy Pittman, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Mary Louise Traczyk.

The mailing address of the Guardian is in Howard County, Texas, as follows:
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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ZONING DESIGNATION PUBLIC HEARING
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
To consider a recommendation regarding the applicable zoning of land to be annexed i.e., 40 acres of undeveloped land owned by the City of Big Spring, being generally located South of Willard Street and West of Parkway Drive and being part of the east one half of the west one half of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. Interested persons may attend and be heard by the City Council.
#7995 September 20, 2013

Full Moon After Party

In this split-screen society, people feel like they must always be doing something, if not 10 things. Only the bold and strong have what it takes to be idle. The wise know the benefits of doing nothing, even if it's

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT
MTN Energy Operating, LLC, 23 W. Industrial Loop, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is non-productive of oil and gas.
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Grayburg formation, Steelsk SWD Well Number #1. The proposed disposal well is located 10 miles South of Garden City in the Spraberry (Trend Area), in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2600 to 5000 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).
#7993 September 20, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

not something they can articulate. The power of nothing is beyond the scope of words. You'll certainly feel it in the wake of the full moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is no absolute security in life. Chasing security will only exhaust you. Instead, you'll accept your vulnerability and suddenly have the energy and vitality needed to enjoy the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're no bore, but thrill seekers should look elsewhere. You believe that life needn't be a roller coaster ride. Someone with a "no drama" policy will be attracted to your stable, grounded nature.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're trying to strike a deal that works on all levels in a way that's fair to both parties. Arrangements in your personal life take longer to sort out because the terms are not written in a contract.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Popularity is pretty simple these days. The person who is the most fun has the most friends. You like the challenge of finding new and

interesting ways to stay lighthearted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a certain amount of domestic work that comes with the basics of modern life. Make sure it's equally portioned among housemates. A situation in which one person is constantly cleaning up after the other will get old fast.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In these last few days of the solar return through your sign, you'll be filled with joy. Let it overflow. You never know who is hurting and could be saved by your smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you become so obsessed with the symbol you want that you forget to ask yourself why you want it. How do you expect to feel once you arrive? What else could you do to capture that feeling?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because you give your love unconditionally doesn't mean you're fine with people disappointing you. Let your loved ones know what you expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No relationship is perfect, but you try to appreciate and play to each person's particular strengths. Because of this, you wind up in a sweet arrangement tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's an all-or-

nothing game today. Go for your first choice, and if you don't get it, play a different game altogether. Don't settle for your second choice — that will only set the stage for struggles ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Focus on what needs to be accomplished for your personal fulfillment to the exclusion of all other riffraff. Comparisons or assertions about what others should do can only diminish you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Meeting up with others who share your unconventional interests will augment your fortunes in the weeks to come. If your tribe can't assemble today, make plans to do so in the near future.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 20). If you have any vices, you won't have time to tend to them this year because your goals keep you too busy. Domestic improvements include spending more time with people who brighten your environment. You'll add a skill to your set and start making money with it in November. January highlights your new image. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 3, 22, 9 and 17.

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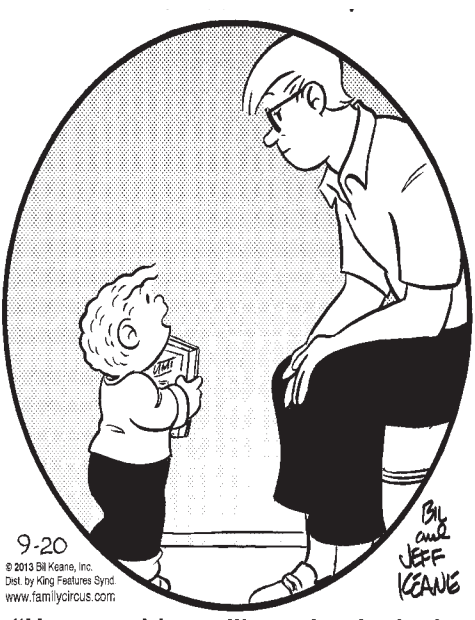
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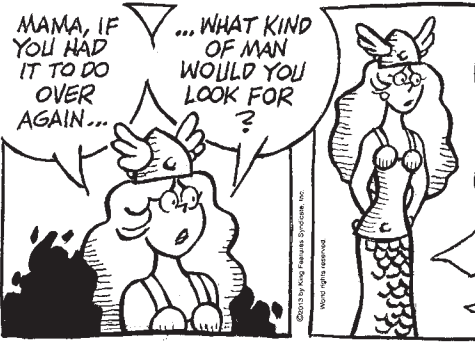
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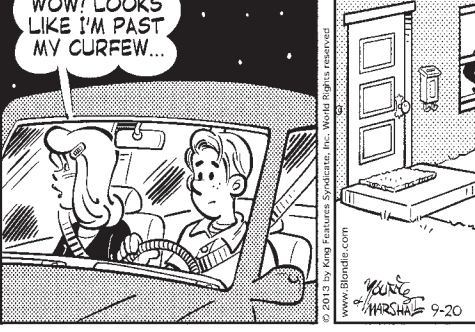


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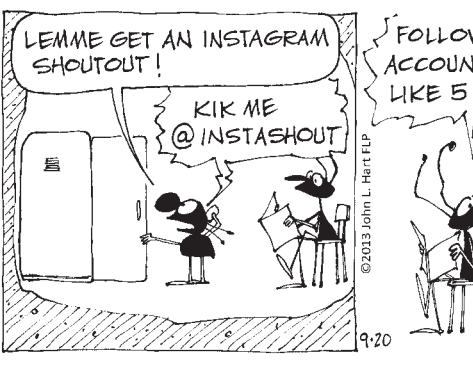
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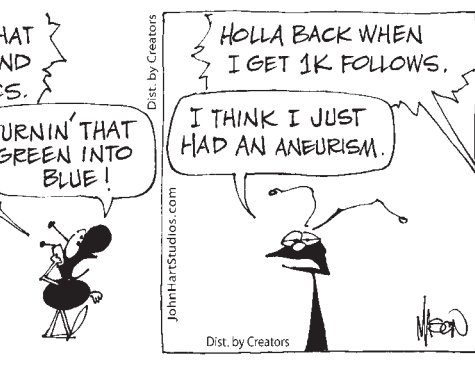
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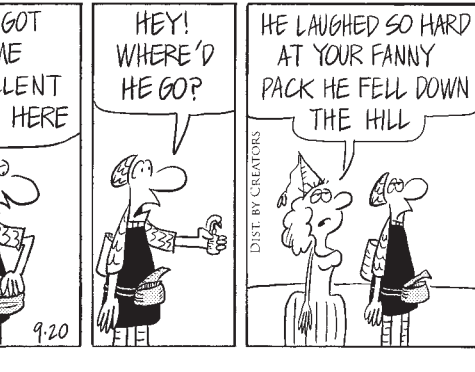
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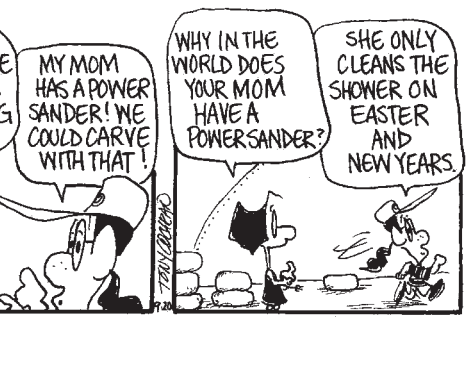
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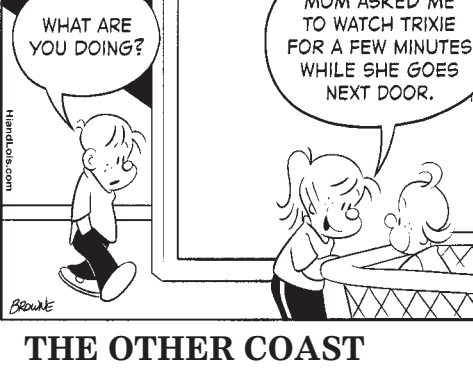
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 2013. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Democratic Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

On this date:

In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships to find a western passage to the Spice Islands. (Magellan was killed enroute, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the wake of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.

In 1884, the National Equal

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RIGHTS PARTY was formed during a convention of suffragists in San Francisco; the convention nominated Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood for president.

In 1911, the British liner RMS Olympic collided with the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Hawke off the Isle of Wight; although seriously damaged, the Olympic was able to return to Southampton under its own power.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1958, Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during a book signing at a New York City department store when Izola Curry stabbed him in the chest. (Curry was later found mentally incompetent.)

In 1967, the Cunard liner RMS Queen Elizabeth 2 was christened by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in Clydebank, Scotland.

In 1973, in their so-called battle of the sexes, tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa (boh-KAH'-sah), self-styled head of the Central African

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ACROSS

1 Coffee from Hawaii

5 Earned

9 Golf goof

14 Chatted with via AOL

15 Supremely dry

16 Contents of some closets

17 Oven feature

18 Clementine's shoe size

19 In a capable manner

20 Music quartet

23 Vitriol

24 Freed (of)

25 Printable file format

28 Hereditary

31 Car-sticker letters

34 Like 13 Down

36 Goat quote

37 Gentleman caller

38 Sports quartet

42 Fully flush

43 Adams of Man of Steel

44 Reagan nickname

45 Inflexible

46 Under the mattress, maybe

49 Not at all forward

50 _alai

51 Woodshed tools

53 Theological quartet

61 Neptune realm

62 Some wraps

63 Quaint plaint

64 Favre of football

65 Fails to be school command

67 Graf rival

68 Afternoon gatherings

69 Mongol conqueror

DOWN

1 Nicktoons target audience

2 Disregard

3 At hand

4 Impromptu

5 Make a mess of

6 For a day

7 Jurassic beast

8 Place of bliss

9 Czech, for instance

10 Fatty acid

11 Keen on

12 Amoeba, e.g.

13 New Age singer

21 From dusk to dawn

22 Computer typeface

25 Singing voice, so to speak

26 Teed off

27 Choice cut

29 Prizes since 1949

30 Open, as a keg

31 Sits down with

32 Dehydrate

33 Overly emotional

35 Trinity figure

37 Provo sch.

39 Sup at home

40 Healthcare lobby

41 Sort of serpent

46 Marchers of song

47 Onetime Hemingway home

48 Can be found

50 Matchmaking site available in Hebrew

52 Chip collection

53 Picnic refuse

54 Vineyard measure

55 Teeter or totter

56 Minimally

57 Come up short

58 "This can't be good"

59 Austen novel

60 Caught, as a film

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SCANDAL

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NASCAR chairman Brian France also ordered all competitors to give 100 percent at all times during a meeting in which it was made clear attempts to artificially alter the outcome of races would be prohibited.

Waltrip continued at New Hampshire to

apologize for his team's actions.

"We will race forward with respect and appreciation for being able to be here," he said. "We'll start to regain trust."

Aaron's, sponsor of Brian Vickers for MWR, said it remains dedicated to the organization, but Clint Bowyer sponsor 5-Hour Energy said Thursday it was still evaluating its relationship with MWR.

Waltrip said Friday that he "fully expects" 5-Hour Energy to remain with MWR. MWR co-owner Rob Kauffman pumped in much-needed cash and brought stability and accountability to the organization. Waltrip said Kauffman could help fund Truex in 2014.

NAPA's decision will end a relationship with Waltrip that dates to 2001. NAPA was spon-

sor for Waltrip for both of his Daytona 500-winning cars and moved with him when he formed Michael Waltrip Racing in 2007. The company took over sponsorship of Truex when he joined MWR in 2010 and as Waltrip's replacement.

This is the second scandal NAPA has been through with Waltrip, who was found to have a fuel additive in his engine in his debut race, the 2007 Daytona 500.

"They just felt like the events of the last 10 days

had spiraled out of control a bit," Waltrip said. "They felt like what we were involved with and NASCAR penalized us for was more than they were comfortable dealing with, more than they were comfortable with accepting. They worked hard to try to figure out a way to hang around."

The loss of a primary sponsor, particularly with only nine races left in the season, is a big blow to Waltrip. It will be a tremendous challenge to quickly replace the money because

NAPA is a rare sponsor that covers the entire 36-race Sprint Cup schedule.

Should MWR not secure sponsorship to replace NAPA, it could lead to layoffs of nearly 100 employees and the possible shuttering of Truex's team.

"We're going to race ahead," Waltrip said. "We're going to try to find funding for the 56 and have three cars in the competition for the Chase next year."



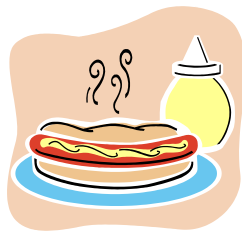
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TECH

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back Chris Nutall was tough to stop in the Bobcats 28-3 win over Prairie View A&M two weeks. He had Texas State's longest rush in two seasons when he ran 77 yards for his second touchdown in game. He's got 169 yards on 18 carries for a per carry average of 9.4 yards for the season. As a team the Bobcats rushed for four touchdowns and 242 yards on 43 carries.

2. RECEIVING RED RAIDERS: Led by 6-foot-5 tight end Jace Amaro four Red Raiders receivers have double digit receptions after three games. Amaro, Jakeem Grant, Bradley Marquez and Eric Ward each are averaging

more than 10 yards per catch. As a team, Texas Tech is getting about 12 yards per catch. The Red Raiders passing offense is averaging 400 yards per game to rank No. 5 in the nation. "He has a good cast of receivers and linemen that are protecting him," Franchione said of Mayfield.

3. PLETHORA OF PENALTIES: The two schools ranked near the bottom in the nation in fewest penalty yards per game. Texas State sits at No. 108, with 17 penalties for 146 yards (73 yards per game) in the Bobcats' two wins. Texas Tech is worse on average in its three wins. The Red Raiders are No. 120, having chalked up 28 penalties for 275 yards (91.67 ypg). When Kingsbury arrived in Lubbock, he harped on

reducing penalties, and wants to cut the Red Raiders' numbers in half, but is puzzled at how to do that. "I don't have any answers for you right now," he said. "We have to try something else."

4. TURNOVER TIME?: Texas Tech's fortunes appear to be changing when it comes to getting the ball from opponents' offenses. Last season the Red Raiders had only 11 turnovers. They are averaging one per game, getting two interceptions in the win over TCU. But the Red Raiders will face the No. 1 team in the nation in turnovers. The Bobcats have forced seven turnovers and committed just one for an average of plus-3 on the season.

5. SPECIAL TEAMS: The Red Raiders have a better defense this season under their fifth defensive coordinator in five years. But Texas Tech's special teams also look good. Junior placekicker Ryan Bustin has hit on five of six field goals attempts, the furthest a 43-yarder. And he hasn't missed an extra point in 15 attempts (he's flawless in his career — 74 PATs without a miss). Kramer Fyfe has forced 15 touchbacks and allowed only six returns off which opponents have gotten 112 yards total.

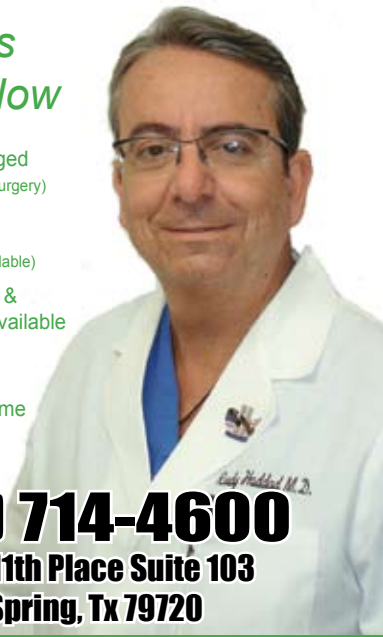
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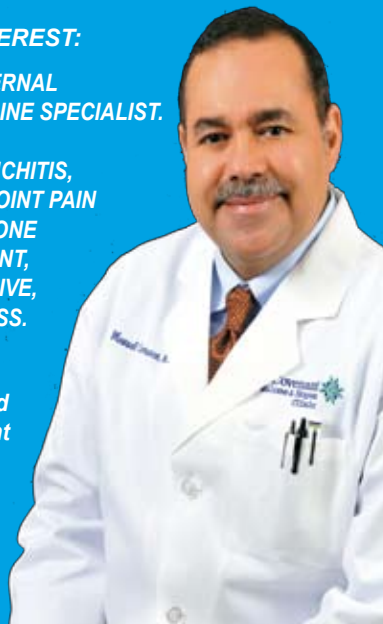
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lineup, hit his 23rd long ball and Rios his 17th. Geovany Soto added his eighth home run, off Cesar Ramos in the ninth.

The Rangers were down 2-1 when Moreland led off the third with long drive to left-center. Following Ian Kinsler's fly out to the warning track in left, Andrus and Rios hit consecutive home runs to left.

"That was a big inning for us all the way around," Moreland said. "We hit two more after that, so three home runs in one inning definitely swung the momentum in our favor."

"Darvish had to fight tonight. He kept us there and we made the most of it."

Moore (15-4) gave up six runs, five earned, while striking out six in four innings. He served up three homers in a game for the first time this season after giving up only four in his 16 preceding starts.

"There's someone responsible for the damage and I'm that person," Moore said. "Going into today I had a chance to keep us on top of the leader board as far as the wild card goes. It's frustrating tonight, but we're back at them tomorrow."