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It's not too soon to consider May elections

Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, left, and Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace are just two officeholders whose terms will expire in May.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

In approximately two weeks, political hopefuls all over the Crossroads area will have the chance to toss their hats in the ring for municipal elections slated for May 11.

In the city of Big Spring, seats held by Mayor Tommy Duncan and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson will be up for grabs, according to officials with city secretary's office. The first day to file to run in all municipal elections is Jan. 30.

Those looking to get a jump on the filing process can download applications and necessary forms from the Texas Secretary of State website, located at www.sos.state.tx.us

According to Big Spring officials, political hopefuls can also pick up filing packets from city hall — located at 310 Nolan St. — although packets updated for the 2013 election won't be available until Jan. 30.

Filing for the election is being handled by the city of Big Spring Administration, while the election itself will once again be coordinated by the Howard County Elections Administration Office. For more information on filing to run in the May election, contact Big Spring City Hall at 432-264-2513.

In the city of Coahoma, three positions will be decided in May, as Mayor Warren Wallace and city councilmen at-large Ronnie Dodson and Jay Holt will have their seats up grabs. For more information, contact Coahoma

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Win, team, win!

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area youth will get the chance to learn to cheer in style later this month, as Big Spring High School prepares to present its annual Mini Cheer Camp Jan. 27-28.

According to camp cheerleading sponsor and former Steers cheerleader Ashley Phinney, the program offers area children a chance to learn many of the cheerleading basics before they get to high school or even junior high.

"At the camp, we will teach the girls basic cheerleading motions and jumps," Phinney said. "This sets up a good background for the girls if they want to pursue cheerleading. During the camp, we go over basic cheerleading techniques and teach them how to stretch properly, how to do motions correctly, how to yell and do jumps.

"Also, the campers will learn a few chants, a cheer and a dance that they will perform at the varsity boy's basketball game scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29. Cheerleaders have to be comfortable in front of a crowd, and this only helps give them that type of experience."

Phinney said the camp is open to area youth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"This is my fourth year with the cheerleading program at Big Spring High

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HERALD file photo

Big Spring High School will hold its Mini Cheer Camp Jan. 27-28. During the camp, youngsters will gain skills they can use if they choose to try out for junior high and high school yell teams when they get older.

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TEXANS SPEAK ON GUN CONTROL

Most say Obama trampling over 2nd amendment rights

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring's representative in Congress vowed to oppose proposals unveiled by President Barack Obama Wednesday to curb gun violence, calling them a blatant violation of citizens' rights.

Braced for a fight, President Obama proposed the most sweeping proposals for curbing gun violence in two decades, pressing a reluctant Congress to pass universal background checks and bans on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines like the ones used in the Newtown, Conn., school shooting.

A month after that horrific massacre, Obama also used his presidential powers to enact 23 measures that don't require the backing of lawmakers. The president's executive actions include ordering federal agencies to make more data available for background checks, appointing a director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and directing the Centers for Disease Control to research gun violence.

But the president, speaking at White House ceremony, focused his attention on the divided Congress, saying only lawmakers could enact the most effective measures for preventing more mass shootings.

"To make a real and lasting difference, Congress must act," Obama said. "And Congress must act soon."

The president vowed to use "whatever weight this office holds" to press lawmakers into action on his $500 million plan. He is also calling

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Saldivar: ISD trustees play vital role

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Consider the school board member — he or she is responsible for many vital decisions concerning your child's education, spends who knows how many hours getting up to speed on a labyrinth of local, state and federal regulations and probably at least that long explaining the district's position on issues to parents and other interested observers.

By the way, they don't get paid for their trouble, either.

"Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools."

—Dr. Steven Saldivar, BSISD superintendent

Seems like giving them a special month is the least we can do.

January is School Board Recognition Month in Texas and was established to honor the more than 7,000 men and women who serve school districts throughout the state.

Newly hooded Dr. Steven Saldivar, superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District, said board members are more than deserving of honors for their service.

"It's more important than ever before that the public shows support for public education," Saldivar said. "Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools."

Saldivar said the efforts of local board members Irene Rodriguez, Phil Furqueron, Tony Kennedy, Chad Wash,

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Obituaries

Martha Genay Bertran

Martha Genay Bertran, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Martha was born June 13, 1931, in Dallas County, Texas, to Odie and Jessie (Hubbard) Tuley and married M.L. Bertran Jr. on Sept. 29, 1949, in Dallas. He preceded her in death March 15, 2012.

She was a member of TOPS and loved to travel and spend time with her family. She also enjoyed crafts and sewing and was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Bertran and wife Patti of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherri Gibson and husband Mike of Clinton, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Chris Bertran, Melissa Bertran, Heather Cooper, Sarah Holm and husband Joshua, Gillian Gibson, Thomas Gibson and Danny Gibson; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Billie McDaniel and husband Mike; and two sisters-in-law, Rose Hooper and Wanda Adams.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Crawford; two brothers; and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Joseph Ervin Wooten

Joseph Ervin Wooten, 76, of San Angelo died Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, in San Angelo. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Community Center in Garden City with Ron Murphy officiating.

Ervin was born in Hale Center, Texas, July 19, 1936, to J.E. and Ruth (Sanders) Wooten. Ervin was a longtime resident of Glasscock County, serving as a member of the Glasscock County school board, justice of the peace and county commissioner.

He graduated from Garden City High School in 1954 and married his high school sweetheart, Bertie Mae Robinson, in 1955. His greatest fulfillment was providing for his family and he always made sure his extended family was also taken care of. His nieces and nephews thought of him as their father figure. It was a great thrill for his grandsons to ride in the "big truck" and drive around the county with "Papa" when they would come to visit.

He was a big man with a big heart who was always there to help whoever needed it.

Ervin is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Bertie (Robinson); brother, Jerry (Alma) Wooten of Fredericksburg, Texas; sons, Joe (Judy) Wooten of Minooka, Ill., and Gerald (Donna) Wooten of Sheffield, Texas; grandsons, Joey (Sara), Bobby, Tommy, Jimmy and Britt Wooten. He is also survived by his special nieces and nephews, Cindy Nunally, Pam (Ryan) Walker, Jim (Carlyn) Williams, Corky (Sherrie) Turner, Becky (John) Nelson; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Ervin was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joanne Turner; and sons, Stuart and David.

The family would like to thank BRC Hospice for their care, which made Ervin's last days comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Emory Ray Hardin

WEATHERFORD — Emory Ray Hardin, 77, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, in Fort Worth. Graveside services with military honors was held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Senior Center Dance Fund in Big Spring.

Mr. Hardin was born Aug. 24, 1935, in Fairmont, Robeson Co., N.C. He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base for several years and worked as an electrician after leaving the military. He was a member of Phoenix Masonic Lodge in Natchitoches, La.

Survivors include his wife, Jaynet Hardin; and daughters, Pam Hardin and Betty Barnett.

Arrangements are by Biggers Funeral Home, 6100 Azle Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

Izell Johnson

Izell Johnson, 99, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Bascum 'Doodle' Trammell

Bascum "Doodle" Trammell, 82, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Dicey Community Cemetery in Parker County.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at the Blessing Funeral Home, Mansfield, Texas.

She was born March 16, 1930, in Hardy, Ken., and married Louie Trammell on Dec. 21, 1946. He preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1988.

Survivors include three sons, James Trammell and wife Beth of Morrison, Colo., Weldon Trammell and wife Phoebe of Big Spring and Louie Trammell Jr. and wife Donna of Mansfield; 10 grandchildren, Kristi Cooper, Brandi Tucker, Dr. Talmadge Trammell, Haley Trammell, Heather Trammell, Emilee Trammell, Lauren Trammell, Tyler Trammell, Jeremy Joy and Justin Joy; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Blessing Funeral Home, Mansfield, Texas.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• KIMBERLY NICOLE HERNANDEZ, 29, of 3617 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for child less than 17 years old riding without a safety belt (two counts), leaving unattended child in a motor vehicle, driving while license invalid, unlawful dog or cat tethering, dog or cat running at large, failure to appear (four counts) and no driver's license – when unlicensed.

• JUAN ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, 41, of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JESSE JAMESRUBIO MATA, 26, of Baytown, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS, 38, 3303 Cornell, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass – state jail felony.

• EUGENE GONZALES RODRIGUEZ, 39, of 1210 Mobile, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• GAVINO ORTIZ, 46, of 2202 Williams Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
In the 400 block of Dallas.
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In the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a parole warrant and a charge of theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass – state jail felony.

• KIMBERLY NICOLE HERNANDEZ, 29, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor and municipal capias warrants for child less than 17 years old riding without a safety belt (two counts), leaving unattended child in a motor vehicle, driving while license invalid, unlawful dog or cat tethering, dog or cat running at large, failure to appear (four counts) and no driver's license – when unlicensed.

• JAMES LYNN RICHARDSON, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for bondsman off bond – burglary of a building (two counts) and a municipal capias warrant for public intoxication.

• EUGENE RODRIGUEZ, 39, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• GAVINO JOSE ORTIZ, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an Austin warrant for violation of parole.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• 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.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 1/18	Sat 1/19	Sun 1/20
59/33	**65/35**	**61/35**
Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM **Sunset:** 6:07 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:46 AM **Sunset:** 6:08 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:46 AM **Sunset:** 6:09 PM

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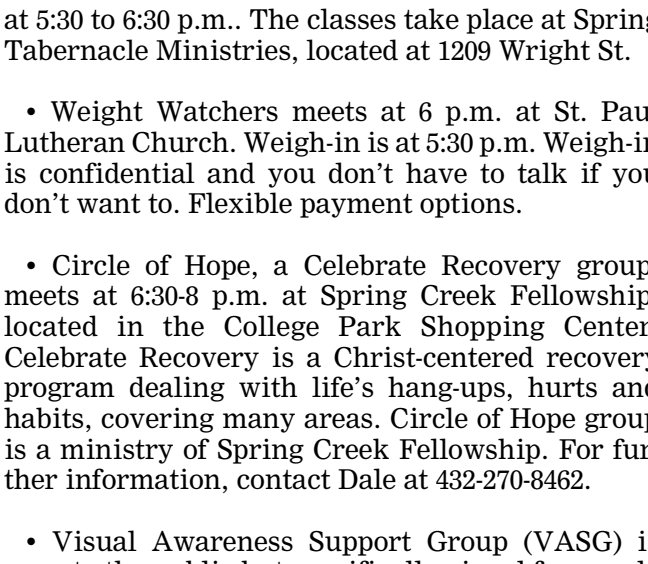

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	36	sunny	Kingsville	67	45	mst sunny
Amarillo	57	31	sunny	Livingston	58	33	sunny
Austin	58	37	sunny	Longview	56	35	sunny
Beaumont	57	37	sunny	Lubbock	56	29	sunny
Brownsville	69	49	mst sunny	Lufkin	59	34	sunny
Brownwood	59	37	sunny	Midland	59	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	63	45	sunny	Raymondville	68	47	mst sunny
Corsicana	55	35	sunny	Rosenberg	59	38	sunny
Dallas	56	37	sunny	San Antonio	61	39	sunny
Del Rio	61	39	mst sunny	San Marcos	59	37	sunny
El Paso	56	31	sunny	Sulphur Springs	55	36	sunny
Fort Stockton	60	37	sunny	Sweetwater	58	36	sunny
Gainesville	53	32	sunny	Tyler	57	35	sunny
Greenville	53	33	sunny	Weatherford	55	34	sunny
Houston	59	38	sunny	Wichita Falls	58	35	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	31	sunny	Minneapolis	38	25	pt sunny
Boston	26	20	pt sunny	New York	32	30	mst sunny
Chicago	41	32	windy	Phoenix	70	38	sunny
Dallas	56	37	sunny	San Francisco	64	43	sunny
Denver	53	31	sunny	Seattle	51	34	pt sunny
Houston	59	38	sunny	St. Louis	50	36	sunny
Los Angeles	76	48	sunny	Washington, DC	38	30	sunny
Miami	72	64	mst sunny				

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GUNS

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for improvements in school safety, including putting 1,000 police officers in schools and bolstering mental health care by training more health professionals to deal with young people who may be at risk.

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) released a statement opposing the measures.

"I strongly disagree with the President's call to restrict gun ownership rights," Neugebauer said in the statement. "No one wants another tragedy like we saw in Newtown, but trampling on the Constitution isn't the solution."

Neugebauer said the president's proposals are an infringement of Second Amendment rights.

"The President is trying to tell the American people that in order to prevent senseless tragedies, we must give up our freedoms," he said. "That's untrue, and I will work to ensure that no one must choose between safety and liberty."

State leaders in Texas also weighed in on the president's proposals.

Gov. Rick Perry released the following statement regarding President Obama's executive actions:

"The Vice President's committee was appointed in response to the tragedy at Newtown, but very few of his recommendations have anything to do with what happened there.

"Guns require a finger to pull the trigger. The sad young man who did that in Newtown was clearly haunted by demons and no gun law could have saved the children in Sandy Hook Elementary from his terror.

"There is evil prowling in the world — it shows up in our movies, video games and online fascinations, and finds its way into vulnerable hearts and minds. As a free people, let us choose what kind of people we will be. Laws, the only redoubt of secularism, will not suffice. Let us all return to our places of worship and pray for help. Above all, let us pray for our children.

"In fact, the piling on by the political left, and their cohorts in the media, to use the massacre of little children to advance a pre-existing political agenda that would not have saved those children, disgusts me, personally. The second amendment to the Constitution is a basic right of free people and cannot be nor will it be abridged by the executive power of this or any other president."

In a statement, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst called the president's comments an example of federal overreach.

"Like many Texans, I am very concerned about the federal government trying to impose its will on the states in violation of the Tenth Amendment," Dewhurst said. "The examples are more and more outrageous – most recently with President Obama's proposals for gun control.

"I have always felt that law-abiding Americans deserve protection of their Second Amendment rights," Dewhurst added. "As lieutenant governor, I will continue to preserve our Second Amendment rights and defend our state from further attacks by Washington. Here in Texas, we believe that government exists to empower people – not rule over them.

The National Rifle Association promptly took issue with Obama's proposals, and even supportive lawmakers said the president's gun control measures face long odds in Congress.

"Attacking firearms and ignoring children is not a solution to the crisis we face as a nation," the NRA said in a statement. "Only honest, law-abiding gun owners will be affected and our children will remain vulnerable to the inevitability of more tragedy."

House Speaker John Boehner's office was non-committal to the president's package, but signaled no urgency to act on the legislative proposals. "House committees of jurisdiction will review these recommendations," Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said. "And if the Senate passes a bill, we will also take a look at that."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said ahead of Obama's presentation that he didn't know whether an assault weapons ban could pass the Senate, but said there are some measures that can, such as improved background checks.

"There are some who say nothing will pass. I disagree with that," Leahy, D-Vt., told students at Georgetown University Law Center. "What I'm interested in is what we can get."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called Obama's package "thoughtful recommendations" and said the Senate would consider legislation addressing gun violence early this year.

"The tragedy at Sandy Hook was just the latest sad reminder that we are not doing enough to protect our citizens — especially our children — from gun violence and a culture of violence, and all options should be on the table moving forward," he said.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus dismissed Obama's measures as "an executive power grab."

"He paid lip service to our fundamental constitutional rights," Priebus said of the president, "but took actions that disregard the Second Amendment and the legislative process."

Acknowledging the tough fight ahead, Obama said there will be pundits, politicians and special interest groups that will seek to "gin up fear" that the White House wants to take away the right to own a gun.

"Behind the scenes, they'll do everything they can to block any commonsense reform and make sure nothing changes whatsoever," he said. "The only way we will be able to change is if their audience, their constituents, their membership says this time must be different, that this time we must do something to protect our communities and our kids."

The president was flanked by children who wrote him letters about gun violence in the weeks following the Newtown shooting. Families of those killed in the massacre, as well as survivors of the shooting, were also in the audience, along with law enforcement officers and congressional lawmakers.

"This is our first task as a society, keeping our children safe," Obama said. "This is how we will be judged."

Seeking to expand the impetus for addressing gun violence beyond the Newtown shooting, the president said more than 900 Americans have been killed by guns in the month since the elementary school massacre.

"Every day we wait, the number will keep growing," he said.

The White House has signaled that Obama could launch a campaign to boost public support for his proposals. Nearly six in 10 Americans want stricter gun laws in the aftermath of the Newtown shooting, with majorities favoring a nationwide ban on military-style, rapid-fire weapons and limits on gun violence depicted in video games, movies and TV shows, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

A lopsided 84 percent of adults would like to see the establishment of a federal standard for background checks for people buying guns at gun shows, the poll showed.

Other measures Obama wants Congress to take up include limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines and requiring background checks for all gun buyers in an attempt to close the so-called "gun-show loophole" that allows people to buy guns at trade shows and over the Internet without submitting to background checks.

Obama also intends to seek confirmation for B. Todd Jones, who has served as acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives since 2011.

The president's plan does little to address violent images in video games, movies and entertainment, beyond asking the CDC to study their impact on gun crimes.

The president's long list of executive orders also include:

— Ordering tougher penalties for people who lie on background checks and requiring federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal background check system.

— Ending limits that make it more difficult for the government to research gun violence, such as gathering data on guns that fall into criminal hands.

— Requiring federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.

— Giving schools flexibility to use federal grant money to improve school safety, such as by hiring school resource officers.

— Giving communities grants to institute programs to keep guns away from people who shouldn't have them.

ELECTIONS

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City Hall at 432-394-4287.

In Stanton — the Martin County seat — two positions will be available, as District 4 Councilman Steven Villa and Councilman At-Large Danny Fryar could have their seats challenged. For more information, contact the Stanton Elections Administration Office at 432-607-2540 or Stanton City Hall at 432-756-3301.

In Forsan, at-large seats held by Raymond Holguin, Fred Holguin and Mary Gressett will be up for election. For more information, contact Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins at 432-457-2274.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

YELL

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School," Phinney said. "The first two years I worked with Shannon Stuteville and the past two years I have been the head cheerleading sponsor. This year, I am lucky enough to have Meredith Skaggs as my co-sponsor.

"I was a cheerleader throughout junior high and high school here at Big Spring High School. Being a part of those programs helped give me many skills I use, even today. Children can benefit immensely from participating in cheerleading and camps like these. It helps their confidence and self esteem."

Phinney said she enjoys participating in the annual mini camp and seeing the children grow with help from the program.

"My favorite part of camp is seeing the transition in the campers from the first day to the performance at the varsity game," she said. "They gain confidence, have fun and make new friends. Seeing the campers smile after their big performance can't help but warm anyone's heart."

The mini camp, which will be held at Steer Gym, is $50 per child, which includes a T-shirt.

"Registration is open through Jan. 21 and sign up forms can be found at all of the Big Spring ISD elementary school, as well as at the Big Spring High School office," Phinney said. "It's going to be a really good time and learning experience for the kids and I'm really looking forward to it."

For more information, contact Phinney or co-sponsor Skaggs through the Big Spring High School office at 432-264-3641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

TRUSTEES

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Ken McIntosh, Jeff Brorman and Pat DeAnda often go unnoticed by the general public.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment," Saldivar said. "They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students."

Coahoma ISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs echoed Saldivar's comments when talking about her district's school board members, Brian Moore, Jody Reid, Michael Brooks, Craig Ferguson, Lori Martinez, Patric Robinson and Alan Wright.

"We have a great school board and the best thing about them is they never hesitate to put the best interests of the students first," Jacobs said. "They put in many, many hours and it never ends … They do a great job."

Other area school board members include:

• Forsan ISD — Tom Bill Kuykendall,Tim Ballard, Beckie Wash, Glen Graves, Lewis Boecker, Chris Evans and Chris Olson.

• Glasscock County ISD — Douglas Schaefer, Nathan Halfmann, Doug Jost, Kevin Hirt, Tibby Niehues, Andy Wheeler and Carl Hoelscher.

• Stanton ISD — Darren Patrick, Ramiro Reyes, Daniel Ramos, Reggie Franklin, Marty Graham, Pinky Jones and Jeremy Louder.

• Sands CISD — Martin Nichols, Tommy Staggs, Robin Barraza, Michelle Zant, Bill Barnes, Jody Howard and Matt Snell.

• Grady ISD — David Matthews, Danny Peugh, Wayne Pinkerton, Tammy Blocker, Kyle McMorries, Rob Fields and Ryan Grant.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us give thanks, oh Lord, whenever we see an example of your beautiful handiwork.

Amen

Are guns really the problem?

When I attended primary and secondary school — during the 1940s and '50s — one didn't hear of the kind of shooting mayhem that's become routine today. Why? It surely wasn't because of strict firearm laws. My replica of the 1902 Sears mail-order catalog shows 35 pages of firearm advertisements. People just sent in their money, and a firearm was shipped.

WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Dr. John Lott, author of "More Guns, Less Crime," reports that until the 1960s, some New York City public high schools had shooting clubs where students competed in citywide shooting contests for university scholarships. They carried their rifles to school on the subways and, upon arrival, turned them over to their homeroom teacher or the gym coach and retrieved their rifles after school for target practice. Virginia's rural areas had a long tradition of high-school students going hunting in the morning before school and sometimes storing their rifles in the trunks of their cars that were parked on school grounds. Often a youngster's 12th or 14th birthday present was a shiny new .22-caliber rifle, given to him by his father.

Today's level of civility can't match yesteryear's. Many of today's youngsters begin the school day passing through metal detectors. Guards patrol school hallways, and police cars patrol outside. Despite these measures, assaults, knifings and shootings occur. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 2010 there were 828,000 nonfatal criminal incidents in schools. There were 470,000 thefts and 359,000 violent attacks, of which 91,400 were serious. In the same year, 145,100 public-school teachers were physically attacked, and 276,700 were threatened.

What explains today's behavior versus yesteryear's? For well over a half-century, the nation's liberals and progressives — along with the education establishment, pseudo-intellectuals and the courts — have waged war on traditions, customs and moral values. These people taught their vision, that there are no moral absolutes, to our young people. To them, what's moral or immoral is a matter of convenience, personal opinion or a consensus.

During the '50s and '60s, the education establishment launched its agenda to undermine lessons children learned from their parents and the church with fads such as "values clarification." So-called sex education classes are simply indoctrination that sought to undermine family and church strictures against premarital sex.

Lessons of abstinence were ridiculed and considered passé and replaced with lessons about condoms, birth control pills and abortions. Further undermining of parental authority came with legal and extralegal measures to assist teenage abortions with neither parental knowledge nor consent.

Customs, traditions, moral values and rules of etiquette, not laws and government regulations, are what make for a civilized society. These behavioral norms — transmitted by example, word of mouth and religious teachings — represent a body of wisdom distilled through ages of experience, trial and error, and looking at what works. The importance of customs, traditions and moral values as a means of regulating behavior is that people behave themselves even if nobody's watching. Police and laws can never replace these restraints on personal conduct so as to produce a civilized society. At best, the police and criminal justice system are the last desperate line of defense for a civilized society. The more uncivilized we become the more laws that are needed to regulate behavior.

Many customs, traditions and moral values have been discarded without an appreciation for the role they played in creating a civilized society, and now we're paying the price. What's worse is that instead of a return to what worked, people want to replace what worked with what sounds good, such as zero-tolerance policies in which bringing a water pistol, drawing a picture of a pistol, or pointing a finger and shouting "bang-bang" produces a school suspension or arrest.

Seeing as we've decided that we should rely on gun laws to control behavior, what should be done to regulate clubs and hammers? After all, FBI crime statistics show that more people are murdered by clubs and hammers than rifles and shotguns.

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It's this simple: Silence kills

The gun lobby has weathered this before. It has faced public outrage over gun massacres many times. And it has its playbook ready.

First, attack those who want to end gun violence by saying they "exploit" the grief of those who lost children at the Newtown massacre.

ROGER SIMON

You are "standing on the graves of the children in Newtown," one gun proponent told Piers Morgan on CNN recently.

But this is a lie. Those who want sensible gun laws are not standing on graves, they are standing beside graves, heads bowed and grieving. And wondering.

They are wondering how anyone could defend a system that enables the shooting of 20 little children? Who could love guns that much?

Do you fear your neighbors that much? Do you think guns will protect you? The mother of the shooter in Newtown had a small arsenal in her home, even though she knew one of her children had psychological problems.

Did her arsenal protect her? No. Her guns were the agent of her death. That is a shame. But that shame became a catastrophe when her son then used those guns to kill 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

So who really exploits the death of these innocents? Those who want to end the killing or those who want to make millions by manufacturing and selling more and more guns to more and more people?

Ah, but it was the shooter's twisted mind that killed those children, the gun lobby says. Don't do anything about assault rifles or large ammo clips. Just cure the mentally ill.

But other countries have people with psychological problems, and they don't have anywhere near our rate of gun violence.

Well, it's the video games, the gun lobby says. The video games twist the minds of our children and turns them into demons. So ban all the evil video games, and we will have no evil children.

But kids in other countries play video games. Yet other countries have much lower murder rates. Why?

Could it be the easy availability of guns in this country? Could it be the easy availability of ammunition that you can order by Internet?

In the gun massacre in Aurora, Colo., last year (12 dead, 58 wounded), the alleged shooter purchased 6,000 rounds of ammunition online.

Anonymously.

Does that strike you as just a little loony?

"It's one thing to buy a pair of shoes online, but it should take more than a click of the mouse to amass thousands of rounds of ammunition," Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., said after the murders.

Does anyone need 6,000 rounds to shoot a deer? Does anyone need 6,000 rounds to shoot a target?

Arm the good people so they can shoot the bad people, the gun lobby says. That will stop gun violence in America.

But here is an observation that has been making the rounds on Twitter recently.

"Columbine had an armed guard."

"Virginia Tech had a police department."

"Fort Hood was a military base."

Draw your own conclusions.

"I grew up in this hunting culture, but this is nuts," said Bill Clinton last week.

One of Clinton's major achievements, in my opinion, was making gun control a mainstream political issue in America during his presidency. He worked hard (with the aid of Rahm Emanuel, now mayor of Chicago) to ban assault rifles. Part of Clinton's success was his personal image as an Arkansas good ol' boy who understood the gun culture and persuaded people he did not want to disarm hunters, only potential killers.

But part of his success was also his political astuteness. At each gun event (and I must have attended a dozen of them if not more), Clinton would surround himself onstage with the most serious gun control advocates in America: cops.

Cops know that nobody is buying 30-round ammo clips and 6,000 rounds of ammunition to hunt a deer. And no civilian is buying body armor because he is afraid the deer might shoot back.

The assault weapons ban expired in 2004. We need it back.

Year after year, the body count goes up. Year after year, outrage is expressed. And year after year, the gun lobby spreads around the hard cash it needs to get the votes it wants.

Will this year be any different? Barack Obama and Joe Biden say yes. They will help stop the killing, they say. But they need votes in Congress to do it.

You can help them get those votes.

Silence cannot only be deafening, but deadly. Speak up. Speak out.

Whoever saves just one life, it is said, saves the world.

Save a life. Save the world. End the madness.

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Big Spring High School

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"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Martin Alvarado, Kendra Banks, Tyrell Bizzell, Brandon Bolt, Makayla Delacruz, Leila Franco, Julianna Fraser, Ryelen Grantom, Tyler Grove, Laura Herholtz, Mia Hernandez, Reagan Higginbotham, Marisela Hinojos, Qben Lewis, Felicity Madrid, Aailyah Marquez and Brianna Olivarez.

Dekayska Parker, Michael Perez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Justice Rojas, Elena Saracho, Skyler Stoaks, Petelo Tino, Briseis Tovar, Kaleb Vega, Cloe Viasana, Justina Wert and Rocky Zarraga.

Second Grade: Cadence Claxton, Branne Cook, Jonathan Cook, Victoria Deatherage, Kyle Flores, Kaden Gomez, Leah Grantom, Esperanza Gutierrez, Krystal Guzman, Kayen Johnson, Anastasia Maronn, Michael Marquez, Elizabeth McMichael, Izaac Padilla and Naomi Reyes.

Isabella Saenz, Adolfo Salinas, Madison Segundo, Jeremy Smithwick, Reilly St. Croix, Estrella Vidal, Destiny Wakabi, Kaleb Ward and Kaisza Woodruff.

Third Grade: Brandon Castillo, Nataliah Clark, A'nautica Cook, Adriana Cook, Chesney Copeland, Cruz Flores, Amadeus Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia, Ruben Gonzales, Gatlin Granger, Xavier Gutierrez, Gracie Herholtz, Dawson LaFrance, Quetavian Lewis, Celeste Martinez and Joscelyn McKay.

Jaiton Mitchell, Chloe Paredes, Hannah Peckenpaugh, Roman Perez, Jordan Richards, Benjamin Rios, Marco Rios, Anisia Salazar, Trinity Sepeda, Jasa Threats, Vanessa Viasana and Nadia Villa-Munoz.

Fourth Grade: Courtney Bizzell, Hayden Brinlee, Yasmel Cook, Tony Garcia, Cailen Garza, Marcus Hernandez, Margarette Hilario, Isaiah Johnson, Robert Johnson, Elias Ledesma, Bradie Leuschner, Quemarian Lewis, Jose Linfernal, Ricki Linfernal, Keyona Loggins, Amelia Martin and Damien Martinez.

Pebbles Martinez, Kayla Moreno, Brendan Phipps, Richard Pope, Hannah Rando, Justin Raymond, Emily Reyes, Stella Richardson, Breanna Rios, Anastasia Rodriguez, Brandon Rogers, Valerie Salazar, Alexandra Saldivar, Kayla Scruggs, Jaileen Smith, Jose Villalobos-Martinez, Zachary Ward, Shawntreonia Washington and Brandon Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Marissa Aguilar, Taylor Bakley, Emily Bryan, Micheal Christian, Joselyn Cook, Brittany Cortez, Keelyn Dunnam, Robyn Evans, Gildardo Fernandez-Salas, Jewel Flores, Reina Gonzales, Bryar Haggard, C.J. Harris, Damian Hewtty, Michelle Johnson, Marcus Miramontes and Alondra Morelion.

Alette Moya, Valerie Olivarez, Tyler Phipps, Nancy Pope, Mikayla Roberson, Kayleigh Rodriguez, Elisabeth Sorensen, Jayden Torres, Mya Vasquez and Christopher Viasana.

Moss Elementary School

Third Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Kaegan Baker, Isaiah Diaz, Ethan French, Alexa Hickman, Jenna Jones, Shelby McBride, Joel Ornelas, Braxton Phelps, Ryleigh Pirraglia, Angel Rivera, Kaiden Roberts, Matthew Salazar, Cierra Turner, David Villagrana and Hannah Zebreski.

Second Grade: Jason Allen, Kylin Corley, Taelyn Fulgham, Emma Garrison, Phillip Martinez, Jahzail Olivares, Jaysena Roberts, Nayeli Soliz, Zabian Urias, Jediah Velasquez and Joshua Zavala.

Third Grade: Preston Bishop. Azariah Calderon, Kamariah Franks, Justin Galaviz, Gregory Miller, Dymitrius Morales, Ashley Sarmiento, Desirae Torres, Nick Valencia and Arron Yanez.

Fourth Grade: Alberto Pena, Franklyn Reed and Owen Trevino-Richardson.

Fifth Grade: Cory Cotton, Aaliyah Rivera, Marisa Salazar and Bianca Villalobos.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Naomi Arellano, Alex Arispe, Nicholas Briseno, Eviana Canales, Kiley Crisp, Gabrielle Cruz, Mateo Gomez, Karissa Gonzales, Nevaeh Hernandez, Kaylie Herrod, Donavyn Hilario, Jimmy Johnson, Kendall Lewis, Christian Martinez, Erin Mendoza, Karleigh Norman, Gavin Padron, Jesslynn Ramirez, Browyn Saldana, Chloe Sanchez, Cobly White and Alexys Yeats.

Second Grade: Nathaniel Arick, Valerie Barrios, Ella Baucum, Roderick Bell, Enrique Calderon, Kaydence Canales, Kisa Cate, Paula Chavarria, Rahlei Eddington, Ricky Escovedo, Christian Ferguson, Kailie Fierro, Edison Fleeson, Jimmy Flores, Nicholas Garcia, Milagro Gay and Sara Gibbs.

Brooke Gibson, Jason Hale, Katelynn Hale, Erica Hernandez, Cebastion Martin, Dalizah Morales, Kaleigh Mundell, Atanacio Munoz, Korbin Olsen, Tanner Purcell, Kaitlyn Rassat, Nathan Rios, Juan Rodriquez, Julio Salinas, Kurtis Smith, Derick Walleck, Elysia Wanner and Autumn Yanez.

Third Grade: Melanie Aguilar, Chloe Ashcraft, ZaQuisha Bell, William Buenler, Jonathon Carrillo, Karen Castillo, Isaac Cerda, Kya Chrosister, Matthew Doll, Dominic Gomez, Autumn Hale, Breanna Hernandez, Nathaniel Hernandez, Shelby Leos, Heaven Martinez, Joe Martinez and John Martinez.

Sky Murley, Avarielle Nuno, Seth Olsen, Timothy Ontiveros, Ethan Phipps, Hailey Ramirez, Delia Rawls,, Sean Reed, Emilio Salinas, Felipe Shober, Tristan Smith, Kyle Steiger, Malachi Thomas, Faith Walker, Marcos Zamora and Nathan Zboril.

Fourth Grade: Jalavien Brehm, Michael Bryant, Mariah Castillo, Shawn Cerda, Cienga Cole, Brody Deleon, Emilie Fierro, Elijah Flores, Joshua Flores, Isaiah Fox, Damian Franco, Brianna Gibbs, Macey Goodblanket, Jailon Gray, Cheyenne Griffith, Hailey Heineman and Drayklyn Henry.

Tommy Johnson, Brianna Lopez, Tyler Lopez, Candice Marquez, Shawn Mendoza, Jasmine Montanez, Alvario Morales, Angel Najar, Anthony Navarro, Makynsa Norman, Amarian Perez, Chloe Rahn, Alyssa Richter, Sabrina Rogers, Cameron Williams, Sarah Wood, Graciella Zavala and Melissa Zebreski.

Fifth Grade: Emma Baucum, Tanner Biddison, Abigale Carrillo, Andrew Cate, Manuel Cervantes, Amaya Cobos, Ashley Crisp, Chaseton Gusman, Obri' Guzman, Amber Martinez, Anthony Sarmiento, Alexandria Viera and Joshua Wood.

Washington Elementary School

Third Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Aracelee Alvarado, Brianna Brito, Kendall Brooks, Lauren Bryans, Aubrey Carter, Miguel Angel Castellano, Zachery Conner, Abigail Davila, Alysandra De La Cruz, Samuel DeLeon, Cloe Fierro, Daniella Fierro, Isaias Gomez, DestanyGonzales, Anthony Gonzalez, Damian Guzman, Jack Hamby, Gracie Knight, Nashaly Lopez, Raelynn Luera, Natalie Martinez, Joshua Montemayor, Jose Munoz, Jacob Orbison Johnathan Peterson, Everado Rodriguez, Rebecca Rodriguez, Enrique Salazar, Shelby Templin, Mia Valle and Freyja Wood.

Second Grade: Cayde Bryans, Makynlee Castillo, Robert Cox, Trandon Edmundson, Daliana Guzman, Brandon Hernandez, Catirina Hernandez, Zoie Joslin, Kenan Kimberly, Sanaa Lemen, Eden Manganelli, Dru Martinez, Viviana Martinez, Ava Mendoza, Emma Miracle, Kelby Olivarez, Kennedy Osborne, Dominic Porter, J'Lee Ramirez, Asa Talamantez, Makenna Webster, Nikolas White, Kross Wingo-Weaver and Maribel Zubia.

Third Grade: Trinity Beck, Ky'Lee Castillo, Attalia Gonzales, Andrew Gonzalez, Josiah Gonzalez, Armozaneaq Green, Derek Howard, Ryan Joslyn, Isabella Marquez, Cristina Ortiz-Gonzalez, Kialyn Roberts, Kalell Smith-Wennik and Brinly Watkins.

Fourth Grade: Olivia Bancroft, Daniel Blount, Faithe Carrillo, Ransom Colette, Sadie Garcia, Gracie King, Maddie Miller, Brianna Solis and Cameron Tradewell.

Fifth Grade: Kimberly Chapel, Bailey Garcia, Andrea Melendez and Kenra Thibeault.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Daniel Alvarez, Ryland Billadeau, Analisa De Los Santos, Alexis Dykes, Christopher Fogle, J'aila Groage, Adryen Guerra, Terrell Henderson, Ethan Hilario, Kaylee Kinsey, Maddox Lane, Tylar Lopez, Jacy Mackenzie, Kaiden Martinez, Devin Mier, Shawn Olague, Andon Olvera, Jayden Overton, Luke Ramirez, Chance Richardson, Junis Salgado, Abel Sotelo, Owen Stockton, BrenlieTorres, Jessica Tran, Brenna Tubb and Trayvon Wilbert.

Second Grade: Josiah Aguerro, Bradyn Anderson, Natalie Boyd, McKayley Burciaga, Michael Burciaga, Heidi Cervantes, Treyshawn Conner, April Conway, Austin-Scott Dever, Grayson East, Alexandria Fleet, Joshua Gonzales, Mikayla Gonzales, Yasmin Gonzales, Favian Gutierrez, Jacob Guzman, Harley Holmes, Salvador Juarez, Samuel King, Cecelia Lopez, Alyssa Melendez, Lora Otto, JaydaOverton, Jasmine Ramirez, Karim Rayford, John Reagan, Cornellus Reddekopp, Lliana Rodarte, Isaiah Rodriquez, Emily Salazar, Adrian Solis, Alexis Stovall, Wesley-Sean Welch and Jayden Yanez.

Third Grade: Clifford Anglin, Gabriel Arenivaz, Gabriel Baeza, Alejandro Bravo, Ida Griffin, Aryan Holmes, Emalynn Horton, Nathaniel Johnson, Branden Lopez, Kylee Lynch, Madysen Martinez, Kyla Mathews, Azure Mitchell, Johnny Munoz, Daisy Partlow Herrera, Jeremy Perez, Esmeralda Ramirez Bravo, Nathanielle Rodarte, Anaceli Sandoval, Deana Sausman, Shaylie Shults, Benjamin Smith, Makenna Valle and Omero Zubia.

Fourth Grade: Edward Alvarado, Brianna Anderson, Isaiah Arevalo, Logan Armentrout, Jacqueline Belew, Rachel Blackshear, Cylei Burton, Rogelio Cervantes, Jorden Cervantez, Hunter Cox, Elijah Darrow, Gage Davidson, Joshua DelaCruz, Jackie DeLeon, Theodore Diaz, Skylar Gilliam, Mia Gomez, Cristian Gonzalez, Adria Hurst, Xavier Knox, Naia Martinez, Katie Mensinger, Lore'e Milgrim, Brooklin Mojicia, Catherine Monks, Mikayla Paredez, Morgan Parham, William Partney, Xavien Plunkett, Monica Quiroz, Julianne Ramirez, Emeteria Salazar, Carter Scott , Luke Thibeault, Jennifer Tran, Jayden Tubb, Makaila Vanslyke, Zachary Vela, Brian Walton, Alaunna White, Alyssa White and Anastasia Yanez.

Fifth Grade: Dianne Austin, Max Gonzalez, Dillian Guzman, Serinity Hernandez, Madison Kuykendall, Kyleigh Mathews, Nathan Morales, Kadence Orbison, Taylor Rider, Theran Sealy and Julia Smith.

Coahoma High School

Third Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Lee Balderas, Kassi Coker, Belia Nelson, Abigail Sanchez, Omkar Sukhtankar and Mallory Thomas.

10th Grade: Braxton Iden.

11th Grade: Tyrone Bordignon, Alba Garcia and Astrid Nielsen.

12th Grade: Aaron Acevedo, Emilea Brumley, Jasmin Callejas, Shea Campbell, Kara Fuentes, Alex Hill, Morgan Luce, Kaleb McAdams, Laurel Nix, Kasey Osborne, Janessa Ringener, Tobi Robinson and Marla Wilson.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Kelsey Allen, Makaila Arnold, Julia Castilaw, Breanna Cervantes, Paul Cortez, Dalton Cosby, Cameron Crabtree, Christopher Dominguez, Aaron Ferguson, William Franks, Brandi Gammons, Heather Goodger Britton Heath, Kaylee Hill, Hannah Hobdy and Juan Juarez.

Taylon Kincaid, Ashley Luce, Taylee Miller, Faith Parum, Jessica Privett, Kiefer Pulis, Marisa Ramirez, Tara Robinson, Lauren Simer, Katlin Skiles, Aimee Solis, Haddan Stokes, Elissa Thompson, Hannah Tucker, Brian Ybarra and Blake Zitterkopf.

10th Grade: Christopher Biddison, Hannah Cates, Benjamin Chapa, Brandon Coker, Kristin Cosby, Joshua Dean, Erin Fontana, Kelsey Garza, Jalin Gilbert, Anna Harrison, Rylie Jacobs, Joseph Melendez, Morgan Pierce, Tyler Powell, Tristan Ramsey, Kelli Schaedel and Christian Van Wey.

11th Grade: Kali Gilbert, Megan Hurst, Devon Maddox, Shayla Martin, Caige Miller, Savannah Neff, Ashley O'Brien, Madison Rawls, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Jerry Sloan, Jordon Stokes, Shanen Warneke and Johanna Ziegler.

12th Grade: Wendy Andersen, Ashlii Beserra, Damian Cate, Rikki Gilbert, Jessica Goodger, Cassidy Haggard, Brooke Hopkins, Taylor Householder, Lindsey Jones, Mersaedese LeBlanc, Sarah Macik, Jacqueline Martin, Douglas Pilkington, Trent Powell, Ryan Reid, Peyton Rodriquez, Justin Stenman and Thomas White.

Coahoma Junior High School

Third Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Allison Eilenberger, Rosalyn Hernandez Kami Kemper, Andrea King, Christian Klug, Haven Martin, Marilee Mauzey, Madison Reddock, Laura Romero, Andrew Romero Ortega, Illiana Sandoval, Zane Shamsher and Micah Worley.

Seventh Grade: Ryleigh Fryar, Diana Gonzales, Jori Hanlan, Mckinna Hector, Mason Moore, Makayla Overton and Nathan Ramirez.

Eighth Grade: Abbie Daniels, Fletcher Mashburn, Thomas Wilson, Brayden Worley and Landyn Young.

"A-B" Honor roll

Sixth Grade: Issac Arn, Paige Atkins, Dakota Backes, Bryson Cline, Jeremiah Coker, Ryan Coker, Julia Cortez, Destiny Cox, Vida Garcia, Brianna Gilbert, Cassie Grant, McKenzi Gressett, Paisley Gutierrez, Gary Hernandez, Amber Hoard, Logan Holgorsen, Samuel King, Ethan Lopez, Jaydan Mann, Julia Mashburn, Jaxon Muller, Stacey Overton, Britney Prince, Ashton Reyes, Breydon Reyes, Hannah Richardson, Aaron Rodriguez, Cody Salinas, Hana Stanislaus, Maisy Steele, Kaelob Stewart, Naomi White and Kaylee Wright.

Seventh Grade: Donovan Barber, Skyler Bass, Alyssa Cardona, Joe Escobedo-Gonzales, Sydnie Gilbert, Joshua Grimsley, Ami Hoard, Tommy Holmes, Elizabeth Juarez, Trevor Kernick, Kaigen Marbeither, Emily Marsh, Brookie Martin, Aubrey Parum, Kameron Rodriquez, Jaedan Stanislaus, Chloe Starr, Aricela Valencia, Braidon Walker, Mckenzie Webb and Marissa Welch.

Eighth Grade: Kody Barber, Alexander Biddison, Summer Boudreaux, Adam Brito, Annie Chandler, Isaac Cisneros, Ginger Coates, Anastasia Coker, Kaylee Coker, Dalton Crosby, Amber Davenport, Garrett Deatherage, Kaylee Dyer,

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Coahoma Elementary School

Third Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Sophia Biddison, Karleigh Burt, Keiston Harrison, Barrett Howe, McCray Jacobs, Lexi King, Brylee Martin, Madison Platte, Edward Thedford and Braxdone West.

Second Grade: Serena Dobbs, Jordan Edmondson, Jessica Hamby, Austin Herrod, Braden Maxwell, Rance Redden, Christopher Thurman and Jocelyn Young.

Third Grade: Aubrey Best, Kobe Cervantes, Maxwell Darlin, Grayson Jacobs, Katelyn Johnson, Phoenix Martin, Joe Mashburn, Presley Ruiz, Cheyanne Smith and Emilee Wilde.

Fourth Grade: Jadyn Barnes, Nicolas Biddison, Brooklynn Calley, Brianna Coskey, Aubrey Green, Kacie Henson, Kaylee Kernick, Abigail Lopez, Isaiah Martin, Makynlee Overton, Paden Reddock, Kyler Seymore, Hannah Sivinski and Dustlynn Wyatt.

Fifth Grade: Jayden Holt, Austyn Montgomery, Sydney Rinard, Jonathon Schneider and Sailor Truitt.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Kenna Best, Braiden Boaz, Maddie Cervantes, Arian Daniels, Toby Isbell, Cayhill Lewis, Lexus Lozano, Aurora Ramirez, Brynn Rodgers, Natalie Rodriguez, Ryan Shifflett and Buddy Wyatt.

Second Grade: Paige Carlile, Makayla Chavez, Sterling Clanton, Matthew Coskey, Kaydence Dunlap, Nikolas Gonzales, Genaro Gonzalez, Blake Guerra, Ryan Harrison, Shae King, Rylee Logsdon, Ricardo Morales, Joseph Mosino, Alexcia Munoz, Jasmine Ortiz, Sierra Pena, Jayci Richters, McKinzy Sanchez, Ashleigh Smith and Felicity Yanez.

Third Grade: Anissa Arguello, Mollie Daniels, Kaylor Green, Madison Green, Payten Harrison, Bryan Hernandez, Mason Hudgins, Ky Kemper, Kaden Molina, Allyson Ortiz-Gaige, Kaden Paul, Heaven-Lee Perryman, Jonah Rayford, Chasity Rodriguez, Logan Saverance, Rylan Simer, Daniel Smith, Daniel Vela-Wences and Serenity Watts.

Fourth Grade: Bryden Fontana, Rosario Gonzalez,Robert Grant, Jordon Hardy, D'Kota Harrison, Victoria Harrison, Meagan Lopez, Issac Ortiz, Ashley Romero, Olivia Waight, Alana Wegner, Jake Williams and Brance Workman.

Fifth Grade: Garrett Anderson, Chloe Coates, Greenley Deatherage, Keegan Dobbs, Alejandro Gonzales, Brylea Gordon, Bari Green, Ylana Hernandez, Kelsey Humiston, Andres Juarez, Marcus Martinez, Jisele Olivarez, Madison Ramirez and Zackry Schneider.

Forsan Junior/Senior High School

Third Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Jaidyn Brown, Macey Evans, Dora Hickam, Megan Knoernschild, Brenna Lindsey, Channing Miller, Tatum Miller, Ashtyn Pearson, Luke Settles, Price Tarbet, Jacki Torbik, Caden Williams and Razyl Yanez.

Seventh Grade: Garrett Evans, Jenna Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Bryce Hergert, Jillian Jones, Elizabeth Long and Jaden Wilson.

Eighth Grade: Sterling Freman, Sandra Hernandez, Mackenzi Lain and Shelby Zachary.

Ninth Grade: Julia Box, Bryce Gartman, Aliscia Martinez, Maddie Munsell, Nina Ortiz, Alexis Roach, Jayton Schreiner and Ashton Wood.

10th Grade: Christian Gamble, Emily Hatfield, Luis Kohlhaupt, Zachary Long, Hannah Minchew, Kelia Smoot, Hannah Thompson and Trevor Williams.

11th Grade: Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Chander Freeman, Ali Knight, Brady Mikeska, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Alisa Munoz, Amanda Schafer, Cowboy Sheets and Pete Sorola.

12th Grade: Landon Boeker, Trevor Burchett, Trevin Cherry, Tommy Dawson, Stephanie Duffer, Elena Flores, Brady Gartman, Aric Hernandez, Case Ingram, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Shelby Roemer and Kayla Tilley.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Mikayla Arzate, Zachary Bailey, Payton Beauchamp, Jordan Enriquez, Gage Fox, Cassidy Gamble, Emily Garcia, A.J. Goodwin, Autumn Guidry, Aeryn Hamblin, Dylon Kligora, Michael Kukoly, Kaylee Morgan, Montie Munsell, Kimberly Ogle and Kobe Richardson.

Seventh Grade: D'Amberly Baldwin, Ricky Cahill, Austin Darden, Eric Hall, Andy Kirkland, Cole Rosenbaum, Skylar Smith, Saige Stallings, Kolby Watson and Tre' Wheat.

Eighth Grade: Aaron Alton, Hannah Beauchamp, John Broughton, Joshua Evans, Bree Franklin, Shyanne Garcia, Brycen Gartman, Vanessa Goodwin, Hannah Hancock, M'Kenna Hopper, Alyssa Kirkland, Austen Lowery, Destiny Mata, Kendall Phillips, Serena Reese, Hunter Seymore, Keelee White, BreAnna Wilson, Bria Wilson and Blaze Yeater.

Ninth Grade: Lindsey Boeker, Kaytlin Brock, Nova Caldwell, Jeremy Cervantes, Jesse Cervantes, Sheana Cherry, Brennan Darden, Christopher Dunlap-Baldwin, Chance Edwards, Ross Freeman, Karissa Garrett, Kerigann Harbour, Stacy Jennings, Kaylee Kemper, MacKenzie Kennedy, Wyatt Lane, Ben Mikeska, Taylor Morin, Ian Park, Walker Park, Blake Rosenbaum and Jon Stevenson.

10th Grade: Erin Bagnall, Oscar Barraza, Carlee Daniel Darby DePauw, Devin Devore, Alicia Hernandez, Garrett Kligora, Abigail Martinez, Jordan Matthews, Mary-Ashley McDaniel, Sloan MIller, Christopher Mims, Ryan Pearson, Kaleb Stanley, Jennie Steel, Dalton Taylor and Yanci Yeater.

11th Grade: Jammie Armstead, J.T. Breyman, Kenna Colvin, Covan Davidson, Brandon Gartman, Austin Grantham, Rachel Haggard, Reagan Haggard, Brittney Hergert, Marisol Hernandez, BreAnna Martinez, Falon Newton, Maria Ortiz, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kolby Self, Conner Steel, Luke Still, Kristen Walker, Jahnia Willard, Gabby Womack, Dustin Wright and Miumi Yamaya.

12th Grade: Dillon Bagnall, Tanner Ballard, Brandon Carrell, Marcus Cervantes, Mason Grigg, P.J. Horton, Miranda Jennings, Cody Moore, Ryan Pitcox, Kiowa Spears and Kelsey Westbrook.

First Semester
"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Jaidyn Brown, Macey Evans, Dora Hickam, Megan Knoenschild, Channing Miller, Ashtyn Pearson, Luke Settles, Jacki Torbik, Caden Williams and Razyl Yanez.

Seventh Grade: Garrett Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Erick Hall, Bryce Hergert, Elizabgeth Long and Jaden Wilson.

Eighth Grade: Sterling Freeman, Brycen Gartman, Sandra Hernandez, Mackenzi Lain and Blaze Yeater.

Ninth Grade: Julia Box, Kaytlin Brock, Ross Freeman, Bryce Gartman, MacKenzie Kennedy, Aliscia Martinez, Maddie Munsell, Nina Ortiz, Alexis Roach, Blake Rosenbaum and Jayton Schreiner.

10th Grade: Darby DePauw, Christian Gamble, Emily Hatfield, Zachary Long, Sloan Miller, Hannah Minchew, Kelia Smoot, Hannah Thompson, Trevor Williams and Yanci Yeater.

11th Grade: Chandler Freeman, Ali Knight, Brady Mikeska, Maria Ortiz, Amanda Schafer, Cowboy Sheets, Pete Sorolo, Jahnia Willard and Miumi Yamaya.

12th Grade: Elena Flores and Brady Gartman.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Mikayla Arzate, Zachary Bailey, Noah Barraza, Jordan Enriquez, Gage Fox, Sterling Fuller, Cassidy Gamble, Emily Garcia, Keith Garrett, A.J. Goodwin, Autumn Guiry, Aaron Gutierrez, Aeryn Hamblin, Michael Kukoly, Brenna Lindsey, Ragan Lowery, Tatum Miller, Kaylee Morgan, Kayla Morin, Natori Morin, Montie Munsell, Kimberly Ogle, Kobe Richardson, Cassidy Rusk and Price Tarbet.

Seventh Grade: D'Amberly Baldwin, Ricky Cahill, Genesis Caldwell, Ryan Davis, Jenna Evans, Lexie Gee, Jesse Hall, Jullian Jones, Andy Kirkland, Alysa Le, Skylar Smith, Saige Stallings and Kolby Watson.

Eighth Grade: Aaron Alton, John Broughton, Joshua Evans, Bree Franklin, Shyanne Garcia, Vanessa Goodwin, Hannah Hancock, M'Kenna Hopper, Alyssa Kirkland, Austen Lowery, Destiny Mata, Kendall Phillips, Serena Reese, Hunter Seymore, Keelee White, BreAnna Wilson, Bria Wilson and Shelby Zachary.

Ninth Grade: Lindsey Boeker, Alex Bowman, Nova Caldwell, Jeremy Cervantes, Brennan Darden, Christopher Dunlap-Baldwin, Karissa Garrett, Kerigann Harbour, Kaylee Kemper, Ben Mikeska, Taylor Morin, Granger Newton, Ian Park, Walker Park, Madi Roman, Jon Stevenson and Ashton Wood.

10th Grade: Erin Bagnall, Osacr Barraza, Carlee Daniel, Alicia Hernandez, Garrett Kligora, Ashlie Knox, Abigail Martinez, Jordan Matthews, Mary-Ashley McDaniel, Christopher Mims, Erin Payne, Ryan Pearson, Jennie Steel and Dalton Taylor.

11th Grade: J.T. Breyman, Kenna Colvin, Covan Davidson, Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Clayton Galloway, Brandon Gartman, Austin Grantham, Rachel Haggard, Brittney Hergert, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Alisa Munoz, Falon Newton, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kolby Shelf, Connor Steel, Luke Still, Kristen Walker, Gabby Womack and Dustin Wright.

12th Grade: Josh Bigelow, Landon Boeker, Trevor Burchett, Brandon Carrell, Trevin Cherry, Blaise Coffman, Mason Grigg, Aric Hernandez, P.J. Horton, Case Ingram, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Cody Moore, Ryan Pitcox and Kiowa Spears.

Elbow Elementary School

Third Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Ethan Barker, Addie Beall, Carsyn Brown, Erich Byerly, Ashlyn Clark, Malachi Daniels, Russell Edens, Wesley Fuller, Maegan Garza, Nicholas Gutierrez, Jaden Haynes, David Hoadley, Lily Hoff, Braden Huitt, Krislynn Matthies, Morgan Miller, Caylee Myers and Jake Myers.

Emma Peffer, Grace Plaia, K-Leen Posey, Logan Reed, Emily Rice, Seth Richardson, Jordan Roberts, Lybertee Rodriquez, Lyssa Roman, Maria Sanchez, Kambell Schmidt, Paryse Shockley, Torah Smith, Jaci Stone, Hilary Thompson, Hailey Williams, K'Leigh Williams and Avery Williams.

Second Grade: Emily Allen, Blake Barclay, Jaren Ceasar, Trevor Cole, Wyatt Cornish, McKenna Couch, Katcher Dawson, Codi Edens, Nolan Ezell, Gracie Gartman, Hannah Hilger, Jackson Hopper, Charlie Huff, Marlie Kennedy, Anson Kirkland, Weston Layman, Ashlee Moore, Nolan Park, Jeremiah Rivera, Addi Roberts, Mason Sedberry, David Summers, Weston Thomas, David Tidwell, Kaitlyn Wiggins and Kaeli Woodall.

Third Grade: Caylor Averette, Libby Everett, Connar Hair, Ella Hoff, Ethan Hunt, Riley Jenkins, Cayden Morgan, Reagan Phillips, Aubrie Smith and Major Stockton.

Fourth Grade: Allen Cameron, Zadie Andrews, Hunter Cevallos, Taylor Clark, William Cole, Tiana Cordova, Rylee Evans, Mason Hilger, Elyse Rice, Gage Speck, John Tant, Sara Tarbet and Reagan Thomas.

Fifth Grade: Ally Aguilar, Ryan Buske, Jaeden Ceasar, Katelin Colvin, Kassey Darden, Mallory Ezell, Ty Freeman, Jonathon Gabehart, Katelynn Hand, Christian Hill, Cody Huitt, Chloe Igneczi, Kynleigh Joy, Lila Knox, Paige Parks, Kiera Pheffer, Samantha Raney, Evan Roberts, Madison Smith, Taylyn Still and Nelson Wylie.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Connor Byerly, Kaitlyn Byerly, Brycen Cervantes, Logan Henry, Kole Jackson, Jacob Johnson, Austin Lasater, Yandell Melendez, Ian Riley, Grant Roman, Chloe Rothell and Taylor Terrazas.

Second Grade: Jasen Bishop, Bea Crownover, Gracie Gonzalez, Jazzmin Hale, Haylee Henderson, Autumn Holguin, Jaylee Lindsey, Bobby McCormick, Koby Nichols, Mason Patterson, Kristen Schafer, Brandon Scott, Noel Sorola, Aalizah Squyres, Rydeck Tanis, Cade Wallis and Kelcey Zubiate.

Third Grade: Hailey Beal, Zander Bishop, Joshua Cervantes, Adrian Enriquez, Thomas Gabehart, Gabby Gonzalez, Hailey Grant, Emma Johnson, Bryson McMurtrey, Lindsey Morin, Alexis Pace, Esthan Patel, Mallory Paul, Kenny Richardson, Reese Rutledge, Smilla Stephens, Lane Vellinga, John von Hassell, Dakota Wulfert, Maverick Yanez and Rylee Yanez.

Fourth Grade: Patrick Bailey, Tara Billingsley, Mia Burch, Ramsey Campbell, Haley Cline, Brianna Elliott, Paul Evans, Brenner Gartman, Lilly Jaime, Ely Matthies, Nayeli Paredez, Faith Raspe, Taryn Spivey, Kendra Thomas, Averi Tredaway, Hannah Williams and Andre Wright.

Fifth Grade: Corbin Alexander, Micah Arzate, Katie Averette, Joshua Caldwell, Brant Gartman, Aries Gilbert, Macee Grant, Berenice Hernandez, Keaton Hill, Brady Kennemur, Maggie Mendez, Haley Patterson, Jake Patterson, Cole Riley, Celsia Sanchez, Karlee Wells, Khandin White and Nathaniel Whitemore.

First Semester
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Ethan Barker, Addie Beall, Carsyn Brown, Erich Byerly, Connor Byerly, Ashlyn Clark, Malachi Daniels, Russell Edens, Wesley Fuller, Maegan Garza, Nichols Gutierrez,Jaden Haynes, David Hoadley, Lilly Hoff, Braden Huitt, Kole Jackson, Austin Lasater and Krislynn Matthies.

Morgan Miller, Caylee Myers, Jake Myers, Emma Peffer, Grace Plaia, K-Leen Posey, Logan Reed, Emily Rice, Seth Richardson, Jordan Roberts, Lybertee Rodriquez, Lyssa Roman, Grant Roman, Maria Sanchez, Kambell Schmidt, Paryse Shockley, Torah Smith, Jaci Stone, Hilary Thompson, Avery Williams, Hailey Williams and K'Leigh Williams.

Second Gdrade: Blake Barclay, Jaren Ceasar, Trevor Cole, Wyatt Cornish, Katcher Dawson, Codi Edens, Nolan Ezell, Gracie Gartman, Jazzmin Hale, Hannah Hillger, Jackson Hopper, Charlie Huff, Marlie Kennedy, Anson Kirkland, Weston Layman, Ashlee Moore, Nolan Park, Addie Roberts, Mason Sedberry, David Summers, Thomas, Weston, David Tidwell, Kaeli Woodall and Kelcey Zubiate.

Third Grade: Caylor Averette, Joshua Cervantes, Libby Everett, Connar Hair, Ella Hoff, Riley Jenkins, Cayden Morgan, Reagan Phillips, Aubrie Smith, Smilla Stephens and Major Stockton.

Fourth Grade: Cameron Allen, Zadie Andrews, Hunter Cevallos, Taylor Clark, William Cole, Tiana Cordova, Brianna Elliott, Rylee Evans, Mason Hilger, Gage Speck, John Tant,

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12th Grade: Angelica Diaz, Jennifer Franco, Mariana Gorayeb, Caleb Thomasson and Preston Zant.

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Ninth Grade: Felipe Aguina, Nicholas Cisneros, Kelsey Reed, Dylan Segundo and Zachary Taylor.

10th Grade: Colten Hughes, Zane Parker, Sergio Plata and Sloan Shaw.

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Decoding cat behavior

(Family Features) Cats are known as mysterious creatures. While some of the things they do can be puzzling at times, you don't have to be a super sleuth to decode your pet's behaviors.

Steve Dale, certified behaviorist, author and host of "Steve Dale's Pet World" radio show, has answers for common questions about feline quirks.

What does it mean when my cat rubs her chin and body against me?

A lot of cat owners assume that rubbing is a sign of affection. What we do know is it might actually mean is that your cat is marking her territory. Cats don't only rub their people in this way — they may rub up against doors, chair legs and the computer on your lap.

Cats have scent glands in their cheeks and sides. So when they rub on something, the cat is leaving its personal mark, depositing pheromones. This lets other cats know that they've staked a claim to a particular bit of territory — including you. So in a quirky feline way, it is a sign of affection.

When my cat sniffs something, sometimes her mouth is open and lips are pulled back — what is that about?

The feline sense of smell is much stronger than that of humans. While people have about five million odor-sensitive cells in their noses, cats have about 200 million.

Cats also have an extra olfactory organ, called the Jacobson's organ, located on the roof of the mouth and connected to the nasal cavity. So when your cat gets a whiff of something unusual or especially interesting, she will open her mouth and inhale the scent so it reaches the Jacobson's organ. This intensifies the smell and gives your cat more information about whatever she is sniffing.

I've heard that spaying or neutering cats makes them lazier — is that true?

Spaying and neutering can help cats live longer lives, prevent unwanted litters and reduce territorial behaviors. However the hormonal changes that come with spaying and neutering can cause an up to 20 percent increase in appetite and an up to 30 percent decrease in metabolism.

These changes mean that spayed or neutered cats are almost 3.5 times more likely to be overweight than other cats, putting them at an increased risk for obesity. Feline obesity is an epidemic and can eventually lead to other health issues, such as diabetes, arthritis and non-allergic skin conditions.

It's important to help spayed and neutered cats maintain a healthy weight, ultimately promoting better health and potentially adding years to their lives.

For example, the new SPAYED/NEUTERED line of feline formulas from Royal Canin helps control a cat's appetite and support their decreased energy needs. Learn more about the new foods at www.Facebook.com/RoyalCanin.US.

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TODAY

Women's Basketball
• New Mexico Junior College at Howard College, 4:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Men's Basketball
• New Mexico Junior College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

FRIDAY

Girl's Basketball
• Greenwood at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:15 p.m.; 9th, 7:30 p.m.
• Tahoka at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
• Coahoma at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
• Grady at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
• Lamesa at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
• Garden City at Blackwell, 6:30 p.m.
• Wellman-Union at Sands, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's Basketball
• Greenwood at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m.; 9th, 6:15 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.
• Tahoka at Forsan, 8 p.m.
• Coahoma at Denver City, 8 p.m.
• Grady at Borden County, 8 p.m.
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BSHS Players of the Week

Logan Yarbar, senior

The Lady Steers overcame a first quarter deficit and outscored Monahans in the final three periods on Tuesday, defeating the Lady Loboes 48-31.

One of the main factors in turning the game around was senior Logan Yarbar, who has been selected as Player of the Week by BSHS Head Girl's Basketball Coach Mike Warren for the second time this season.

Yarbar entered the game late in the first quarter and was red-hot.

"She just caught fire," Warren said of Yarbar's 23 point game — which included four 3-point baskets. "She's a senior and a four-year lettermen. She's a hard worker on defense — we put her on the other team's best player. She really throws her body around on defense and we can count on her to do her job."

The Lady Steers have posted a 14-12 overall record and a 2-2 District 4-3A record and will host Greenwood on Friday at 6:15 at Steer Gym.

Warren says the match against Greenwood will be pivotal in determining if the BSHS can earn a postseason berth.

"We're fighting for that third spot," Warren added.

Ty Sealy, sophomore

Many sports teams have that one kid on the roster — the quiet, hardworking kid who is more interested in winning as a team than showing off his or her individual skills.

Ty Sealy, a sophomore leader on the BSHS varsity boy's basketball squad, is one of those kids.

"(Sealy) was moved up to varsity the middle of his freshmen year," Head Coach Cliff Thompson said. "He had a double-double in his first game. He has a double-double — or almost has one — in every game he's played."

Sealy is also the tallest athlete Thompson has now.

"He's the only real big guy we have left," Thompson said. "He plays much bigger than 6'3" though — he gets more rebounds than most 6'3" guys should."

Sealy has also earned recognition for being dependable.

"He's a great kid," Thompson added. "We never have to worry about his grades or him getting into trouble. He's been reliable and he produces on the court."

The Steers will try to pick up their first district win Friday when they host Greenwood at 7:30 p.m.

Parker, Duncan help Spurs rout Grizzlies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are a tough team to beat at home under normal circumstances. Give them a few extra days rest, and they proved too much for the Memphis Grizzlies to overcome.

Tony Parker had 17 points and 11 assists and Tim Duncan added 19 points to help San Antonio beat Memphis 103-82 on Wednesday night, extending the Spurs' home winning streak to 13 games.

In the middle of a three-game, seven-day home stand, San Antonio dominated the second half in handing Memphis its third-straight 20-point loss.

The Spurs shot 58 percent from the field in becoming just the third team to score more than 100 points against the Grizzlies this season. Boris Diaw added 14, Kawhi Leonard 13 and Tiago Splitter 10 for San Antonio (30-11).

"I think it's the best we've played in two weeks," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We've kind of had a tough time putting it all together in the last couple of weeks, for whatever reason. But tonight, they've worked hard the last three, four, five days in both film and practice. We're trying to get it back to the way we need to play to win."

After averaging 18 turnovers in their last four games, the Spurs only had 13 against the Grizzlies.

San Antonio had 33 assists, marking the ninth time this season they have had at least 30 assists. In addition to Parker's double-digit total, the bench held a 13-2 advantage over Memphis.

Rangers, Harrison agree to 5-year, $55M contract

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — All-Star pitcher Matt Harrison and the Texas Rangers agreed Wednesday night to a $55 million, five-year contract, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The contract includes an option for a sixth season, the person said, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team hadn't announced the agreement.

Several media outlets had reported the deal earlier, all citing anonymous sources.

Harrison was 18-11 with a 3.29 ERA in 32 starts last year for Texas and is 32-20 while tossing 399 innings over the past two seasons. He was the Rangers' starting pitcher for Game 7 of the 2011 World Series, which they lost to St. Louis.

The deal, which runs through 2017, came a day after the 27-year-old lefty filed for salary arbitration. Harrison could have become a free agent following the 2014 season. If he reaches a certain number of innings, the 2018 season could become guaranteed.

Texas acquired Harrison from Atlanta in July 2007 in a multiplayer deal that included shortstop Elvis Andrus coming to the Rangers and Mark Teixeira going to the Braves.

Harrison has a 48-30 record in 126 career games, all with the Rangers over the past five years.

Te'o girlfriend's death a hoax

TOM COYNE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Not long before Notre Dame played Michigan State last fall, word spread that Fighting Irish linebacker Manti Te'o had lost his grandmother and girlfriend within hours of each other.

Te'o never missed a practice and made a season-high 12 tackles, two pass breakups and a fumble recovery in a 20-3 victory against the Spartans. His inspired play became a stirring story line for the Fighting Irish as they made a run to the national championship game behind their humble, charismatic star.

Te'o's grandmother did indeed die. His girlfriend, Lennay Kekua, never existed.

In a shocking announcement Wednesday night, Notre Dame said Te'o was duped into an online relationship with a woman whose "death" from leukemia was faked by perpetrators of an elaborate hoax. The goal of the scam wasn't clear, though Notre Dame said it used an investigative firm to dig into the details after Te'o disclosed them three weeks ago.

The hoax was disclosed hours after Deadspin.com posted a lengthy story, saying it could find no record that Kekua ever existed. The story suggests a friend of Te'o may have carried out the hoax and that the football player may have been in on it — a stunning claim against a widely admired All-American who led the most famed program in college football back to the championship game for the first time since 1988.

"This is incredibly embarrassing to talk about, but over an extended period of time, I developed an emotional relationship with a woman I met online," Te'o said in a statement. "We maintained what I thought to be an authentic relationship by communicating frequently online and on the phone, and I grew to care deeply about her. "

However, he stopped short of saying he had ever met her in person or correcting reports that said he had, though he did on numerous occasions talk about how special the relationship was to him.

"To realize that I was the victim of what was apparently someone's sick joke and constant lies was, and is, painful and humiliating," he said. "In retrospect, I obviously should have been much more cautious. If anything good comes of this, I hope it is that others will be far more guarded when they engage with

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Brand helps Mavs fend off Rockets, 105-100

SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — James Harden drove to the basket with his potent left hand, intent on breaking a late tie against the Dallas Mavericks.

His layup attempt never reached the rim.

Elton Brand's critical block led to a pair of tiebreaking free throws by O.J. Mayo, and Dirk Nowitzki hit several big shots and finished with 19 points to turn back a Jeremy Lin-led rally in the Mavericks' 105-100 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

"I had two or three. Which one was it?" Brand said when asked about the block, managing to keep a straight face for a few seconds before breaking into a big grin.

He knew which one it was.

"He's one of the best finishers in the league," Brand said. "I just tried to do what I could to get a stop right there."

The Mavericks, who won a season-high fourth straight game, got plenty of stops on Harden. The NBA's fourth-leading scorer finished with 20 points but had just five midway through the third quarter and was held to 5-of-23 shooting. He barely extended his career-best streak of games with at least 20 points to 22.

Lin was the bigger threat in the fourth quarter. With Houston trailing 93-82, he hit two free throws and consecutive driving layups to start a 15-4 surge that tied the score at 97. He also had a 3-pointer, but missed three of six free throws down the stretch. One would have given Houston its first lead since the first quarter, and the last cost the Rockets a chance to tie with 57 seconds left.

"Well, if I could hit a free throw that would be nice," said Lin, a 78 percent foul shooter who had 19 points but went 6 of 10 from the line.

Mayo's free throws put Dallas ahead 99-97 with 1:02 remaining, and Lin had a chance to tie it after drawing a foul call that Dallas didn't like. His miss gave the Mavericks the ball back with the lead, but Mike James missed a long jumper. Harden couldn't get a good look at a layup on the other end, and Nowitzki won a scramble for the ball and made two more free throws.

The Rockets had a last chance to tie, but Lin committed their 16th turnover trying to get the ball to Chandler Parsons, who had 18 points. Harden, Lin and Parsons — Houston's three outside scoring threats — combined to make 17 of 50 from the field as

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Mercury Bids Capricorn Adieu

Once upon a time, there was a certain sector of the population that fell comfortably into the category of "technologically challenged" or "technologically adverse." Now there are more people who are overly dependent on technology than completely un-technical, a trend that will continue as Mercury leaves Capricorn for Aquarius.

HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your curiosity is endless. Questions lead to fascinating answers and then more questions. You'll be a lifelong learner, so you may as well pace yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The basic reminders are pretty annoying at this point, and yet they still ring true: You have one body, so take care of it. Preventive action begets future happiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Are you reacting to the way things really are, or are you reacting to what you believe the way things are? Your imagination will now power a change.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Setting boundaries around worry will be helpful, for instance only allowing yourself to think about fearsome things for a short period of time. Afterward it will feel good to let it go and hope for the best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't always get the reinforcement you want from your inner circle. Sometimes they give you resistance and critical thought instead of agreement, but it's ultimately why you need them close. You learn more this way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some believe in a punishing god. Others think that humans find a way to punish themselves when they feel guilty over their own wrongdoing. You'll develop your own beliefs on the subject today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). All the work you do to make a relationship pleasant and mutually supportive is worthwhile. The one who is supposed to be on your side will prove loyal. This is heartening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You find it easy to weave loving care into the moments. You simply let yourself appreciate the parts that please you and before you know it those parts overtake your whole day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When was the last time you experienced the glory of a waterfall? It's a symbol for sweet release — an image that can help you now. You'll feel inspired to take a problem to the edge and let go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The work you do to make yourself more beautiful is mostly internal work. What's inside changes the way your face looks at any given moment. Today your face will project a peaceful personality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been known to write for pleasure. Today you are most fortunate when you write to organize your thoughts and track your progress, a practice which will ultimately bring you more pleasure too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll find out that you need less or that you need something entirely different from what you thought you needed. This good news frees you up significantly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17). You're in a rather disobedient mood for the rest of the month so strike out in a direction all your own. Your talents grow in February under new tutelage. February also introduces new romance. March features your work in a small, loyal group. Together you can do great things if you keep the power balance in check. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 9, 44 and 12.

SAGITTARIUS YEAR AT A GLANCE: JANUARY: Your ruling planet continues to cheer you onto new adventures, including a change in your image. FEBRUARY: The haze of idealism burns off you and you realize that relationships really are work. MARCH: The Equinox of the 20th begins a revitalization of your personal life. APRIL: You'll have a receptive audience, so rehearse and perfect your presentation. MAY: You'll make a trade off for love. JUNE: Seek formal education. You'll learn best that way and quickly expand your financial horizons. JULY: Through service to others you'll gain the rewards and recognition you seek. Fortune favors you in the third week. AUGUST: The way you love, or perhaps whom you choose to love, will be a source of fulfillment. Also entertainment. SEPTEMBER: Your perception will widen and you become even more empathetic. OCTOBER: You'll be made aware of a kink in your relationship with money. This awareness can change everything. NOVEMBER: No matter how high up a person may get, they still need people. DECEMBER: You'll be tested. If you get 90 percent correct answers, you'll earn an A. But it's the last 10 percent that matters most to your success.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Arguably the world's most famous boxer, Capricorn champion Muhammed Ali was born when the Moon, Mercury and Venus were in the agile air sign, Aquarius. Mars, Saturn and Uranus were in Taurus, the sign of the bull, when Ali was born. The combination of power and speed are well represented in this Earth/Air combination.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I am a senior in high school. My boyfriend broke up with me a month after he went off to college. We had been together for nine months, and I was devastated.

He was my first real boyfriend. He treated me well and cried when we broke up. He ended our relationship because it was his first time being on his own, and he didn't want anyone tying him down.

He said he needs time to figure out his life. He claims I will understand when I go to college, and I am trying to accept this.

Our breakup was amicable, even though I was upset. We still text and talk on a regular basis. I know he has no intention of getting back together, at least not now. I have seen him three times since we broke up, and every time we end up sleeping together. He told me recently that he thinks he is interested in another girl.

My friends say it's best if I cut all ties with him — no more talking, texting or seeing him when he's home for breaks.

My friends have never been through something like this, though, so they don't understand how hard it would be for me to not have him in my life. Annie, what do you think? — *Confused in California*

Dear Confused: Please stop sleeping with your ex-boyfriend. It only muddies the water and makes everything more difficult.

He has broken up with you, and frankly, he was right to do so. He's away at school and wants to date other women. Instead of simply cheating on you, he was honest and ended things.

But continuing to sleep with you is taking advantage. You have to let him go. If you want to remain friends, fine, but only if it doesn't include "with benefits." You need some space to get over him and move on with your life.

Dear Annie: I've never read a letter with my problem: I'm not attracted to my husband anymore, and that's why I'm not having sex with him.

I have a stronger sex drive than my husband, who will be 50 soon. When we were in our 30s and he wasn't so overweight, I would initiate sex if he had bathed and brushed his teeth after coming home from his construction job dirty, sweaty and greasy.

The problem is that he stopped bathing, and I can't deal with his significant beer belly and his horrible breath. Also, he has sinus issues and is constantly clearing his throat, which drives me nuts.

I am in good shape, and other men still admire me, which only adds to my frustration. Actually, the frustration is turning into bitterness because he makes no effort to get into better shape.

Now I am simply turned off. We do very little together as a couple except eat. I'm sure he blames me for our lack of intimacy.

Please let men know that they can't expect their wives to look great while they let themselves go. These middle-age issues never occurred to me when I was younger. — *No Longer Compatible*

Dear No Longer: This is part of "in sickness and in health." You might find your husband more appealing if he made even a small effort. "Not trying" seems like "not caring." But it's possible your husband has some issues with depression and aging. See whether counseling and a doctor's checkup help. We hope so.

Dear Annie: "Disgruntled in California" said her older sister kept it a secret that she saw Disgruntled's son eating in a restaurant.

Good grief. She saw her adult nephew eating in a restaurant, and she's supposed to report this to his mother? Why? Disgruntled sounds like a helicopter sister. Older does not mean incompetent or in need of direction. Their relationship might improve a whole lot if Disgruntled attempted to be a friend instead of an overbearing mother. — *Sister Who Knows*

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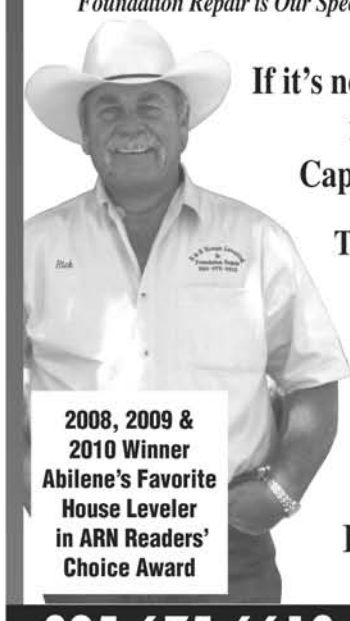

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:30	ABC	Notic.	Two Men	CBS	Noticiero	News	Seinfeld	House		King				NBA Tip-Off		Jessie		
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	Corona de Lágrimas	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerrado	News	Seinfeld	Swallow	PBS NewsHour	Rules	Property				**Movie:** *Torque, Monet Mazur*	Good	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
:30	Wheel		Big Bang	Ent		Millionaire	Seinfeld	R. Shap		Rules	Property					Good		
7 :PM	Last Resort	Por Ella Soy Eva	American Idol	Big Bang	Rosa Diamante (SS)	30 Rock	Fam. Guy	Upd	Spanish	The Vampire Diaries	Property	**Movie:** *The Wedding Planner*	*iMPACT Wrestling*	*NBA Basketball: Clippers at Timberwolves*		Good		
:30				Two Men		Parks	Fam. Guy	Mark Blitz	Parks		Property					**Movie:** *Radio Rebel*		
8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy	Amores Verdaderos		Person of Interest	La Patrona (SS)	Office	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Frontline	The Carrie Diaries	Moonshiners						College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
:30						1600	Big Bang											
9 :PM	(:02) Scandal	Amor Bravío (SS)	Simpsons	(:01) Elementary	Escobar	Rock Center	King of the Nerds		Antiques Roadshow	Seinfeld	Property		*Bellator MMA Live*		**Movie:** *Four Brothers*	*ANT Farm*		
:30			How I Met		Rostro de					Seinfeld	Property			*NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Los Angeles Lakers.*		Good		
10 :PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	'Til Death	Moonshiners	(:31) **Movie:** *Jerry Maguire, Renee Zellweger*				Austin	2013 Australian Open Tennis: Third Round.	SportsCenter
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno		Justice		'Til Death						Jessie		
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF HE'S SUCH A 'SWEET' LITTLE BOY, HOW COME HE GIVES ME A 'SOUR' STOMACH?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, can you show me again how to make snowballs?"

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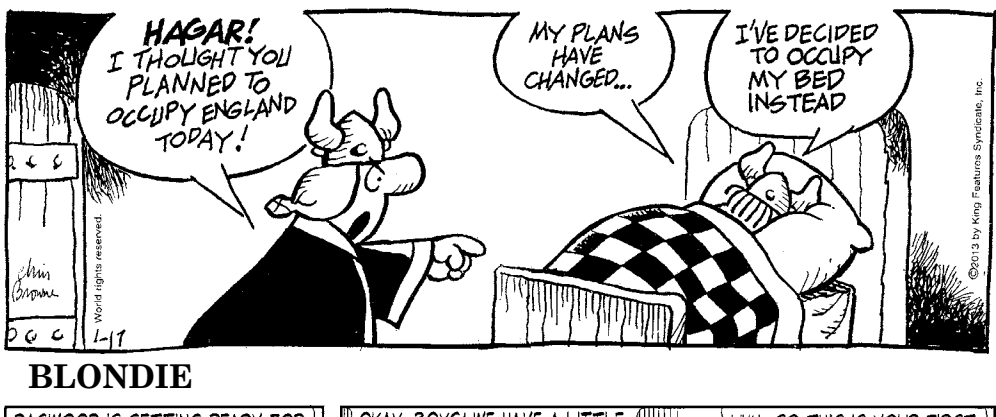

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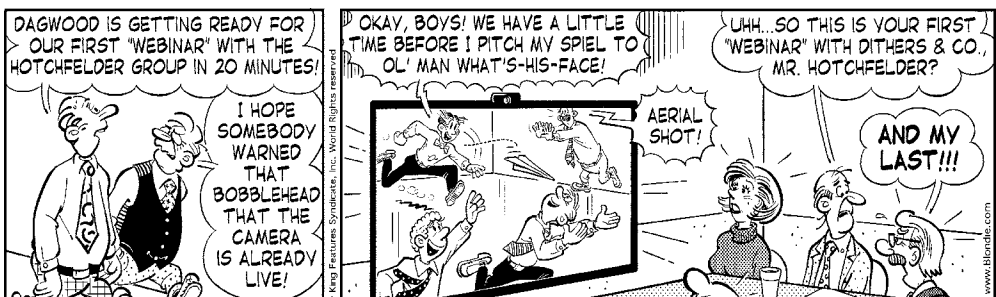

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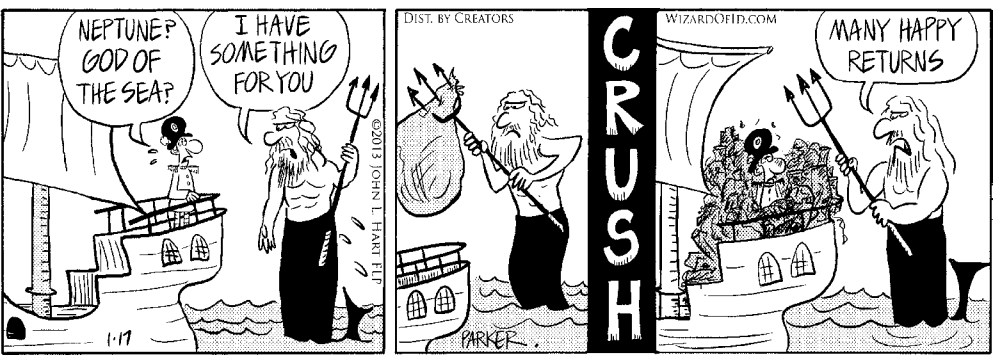

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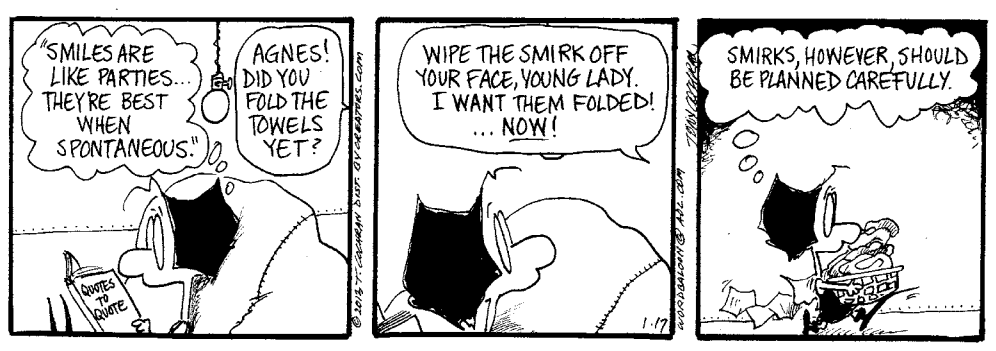

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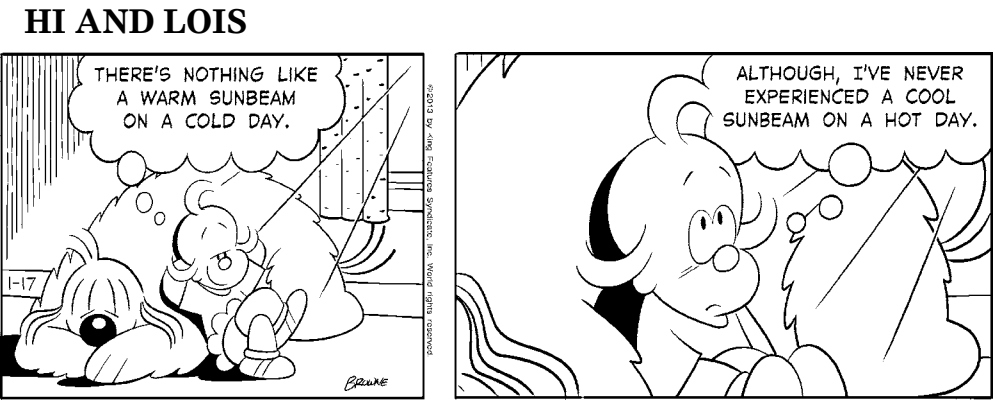

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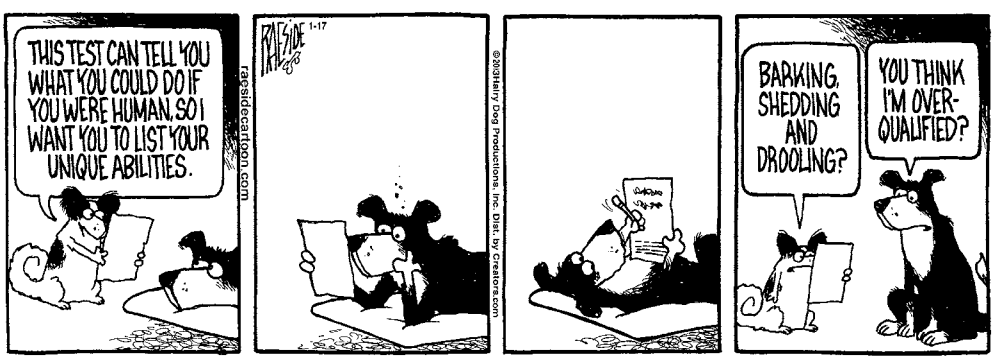

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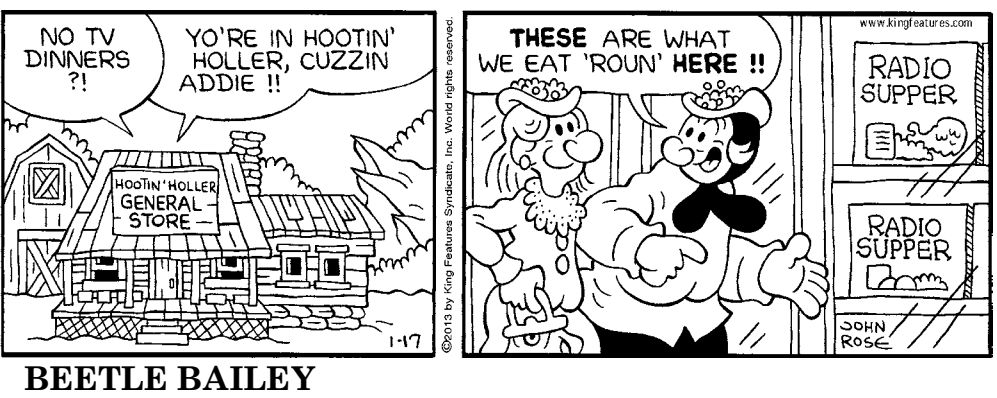

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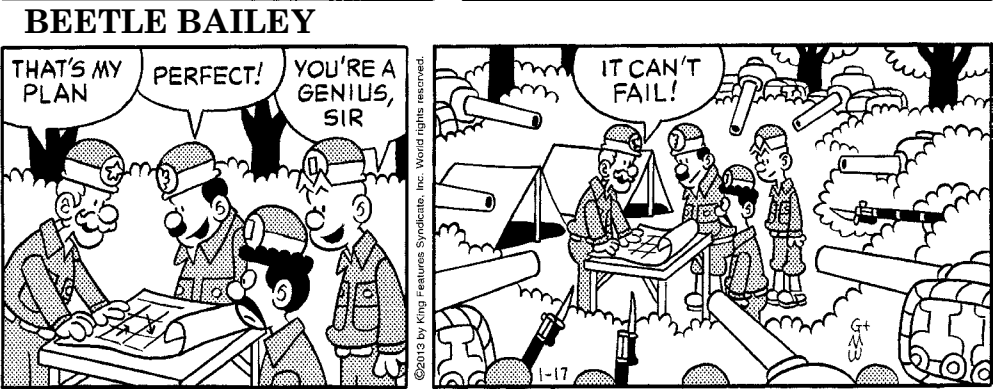

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2013. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1963, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, appearing as amicus curiae (friend of the court) before the U.S. Supreme Court, told the justices in Gray v. Sanders that Georgia's county unit voting system in Democratic primaries discriminated against urban voters. (The court later struck down the county unit system, citing the concept of "one person, one vote.")

On this date:

In 1562, French Protestants were recognized under the Edict of St. Germain.

In 1863, British politician and statesman David Lloyd George was born in Manchester, England.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate.

In 1917, the United States paid Denmark $25 million for the Virgin Islands.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1950, the Great Brink's Robbery took place as seven masked men held up a Brink's garage in Boston, stealing $1.2 million in cash and $1.5 million in checks and money orders. (Although the entire gang was caught, only part of the loot was recovered.)

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1989, five children were shot to death at the Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton, Calif., by a drifter, Patrick Purdy, who then killed himself.

In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 91. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 87. Actor James Earl Jones is 82. Talk show host Maury Povich is 74.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FOUR-PARTER by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

1 Eyebrow shapes
5 Bends forward
9 Triangular letter
14 Actress Hatcher
15 Checkup, for one
16 Wall creepers
17 What the suspicious smell
18 Prefix for space
19 Swamp flora
20 One gawking at traffic
23 Working together well
24 It's got you covered
25 Wood for bats
28 Give a nickname to
30 Makeshift shelter
32 Toddler's parent
36 Speakeasy supplier
39 "Me, too"
41 __ Paulo
42 Where heros are made
43 Part of a football defense
46 Reject
47 Campaign boss
48 Morose
50 "I do"
51 Bodybuilder's lack
54 Picasso or Braque
59 Modern baseball rarity
61 Origami supply
64 Bar mitzvah dance
65 In __ (as found)
66 Solitarily
67 Steinbeck character
68 Campus military org.
69 Foamy drink
70 Walk unsteadily
71 Out of control

DOWN

1 Video game pioneer
2 Seen-before episode
3 Grouches
4 Don't get involved
5 Zoo youngster
6 Plow team
7 Goods
8 Painter's purchase
9 Emergency
10 At all times
11 Recline
12 Poet Hughes
13 Mule kin
21 Caboose
22 Put the kibosh on
25 Point of view
26 Basement bar decoration
27 Equine
29 Pear variety
31 Ripened
32 Singapore's peninsula
33 Out of the way
34 Shaggy locks
35 Visa alternative
37 Flooring material
38 Stocking parts
40 Start of a spelling rule
44 Rights org.
45 Ray of the Food Network
49 Payable
52 Can't stand
53 Chap
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56 Translator's challenge
57 Brawl
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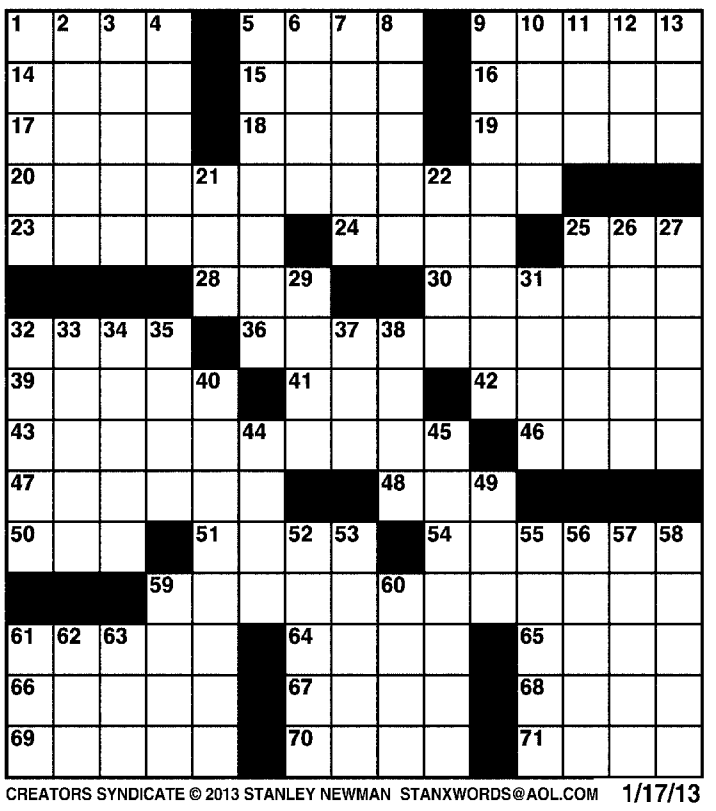
59 Bit of progress
60 Niagara River feeder
61 Sidekick
62 Menu phrase
63 Hyacinth holder



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MAVS

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the Rockets shot 39 percent and lost a season-high fifth straight coming off their second five-game winning streak, also a season best.

"Turnovers, missed layups, missed good shots," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "We just go through stretches where that comes back, and we've got to fight back after that."

Mayo had 18 points despite 3-of-14 shooting because he was 12 of 13 from the line. Shawn Marion also had 18 points to go with nine rebounds, while Brand had 11 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Six Mavericks finished in double figures for the second straight game, but Dallas was looking to Nowitzki in key stretches. He hit a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to stem a Houston rally and had another big jumper after Lin pulled the Rockets within a point with 3:40 left.

"I had some good looks," said Nowitzki, who has scored in double figures in nine straight games after a slow start in his return from knee surgery that sidelined him for the first two months. "That 3 at the end of the third helped me get my rhythm. Sometimes all you need is to see the ball go through the hoop one time."

The Mavericks shot 38 percent and had a subpar night at the line before Nowitzki, Mayo and Dahntay Jones combined to make eight straight in the final 1:02.

Harden had gone more than two quarters without a basket when he stole a pass and converted a three-point play on the other end midway through the third. He ended up with five points during a 10-2 run that pulled Houston to 71-69.

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HOAX

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people online than I was."

Word of the hoax spread quickly and raised questions about whether the school somehow played a role in pushing the tale.

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said at a news conference that Te'o told coaches on Dec. 26 that he had received a call from Kekua's phone number while at an awards ceremony during the first week of December.

"When he answered it, it was a person whose voice sounded like the same person he had talked to, who told him that she was, in fact, not dead. Manti was very unnerved by that, as you might imagine," Swarbrick said.

Swarbrick said the school hired investigators and their report indicated those behind the hoax were in contact with each other, discussing what they were doing.

The investigators "were able to discover online chatter among the perpetrators that was certainly the ultimate proof of this, the joy they were taking," Swarbrick said. "The casualness among themselves they were talking about what they accomplished."

Swarbrick said for Te'o "the pain was real."

"The grief was real. The affection was real," he said. "That's the nature of this sad, cruel game."

Swarbrick added: "Nothing about what I have learned has shaken my faith in Manti Te'o one iota."

Swarbrick said Notre Dame did not take the matter to the police, saying that the school left it up to Te'o and his family to do so. He added that Notre Dame did not plan to release the findings of its investigation.

"We had no idea of motive, and that was really significant to us. ... Was somebody trying to create an NCAA violation at the core of this? Was there somebody trying to impact the outcome of football games by manipulating the emotions of a key player? Was there an extortion request coming? When you match the lack of sort of detail we lacked until we got some help investigating it with the risk involved, it was clear to me until we knew more we had to just to continue to work to try to gather the facts," Swarbrick said.

The Deadspin report changed all that.

Friends and relatives of Ronaiah Tuiasosopo told Deadspin they believe he created Kekua. The website said Te'o and Tuiasosopo knew each other. Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Tuiasosopo by telephone were unsuccessful.

As for Kekua, Deadspin said she does not have a death certificate. Stanford, where she reportedly went to school, has no record of anybody by that name, the website said. Deadspin said a record search produced no obituary or funeral announcement. There is no record of her birth in the news.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Correct Discard

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠5 2
♥K 9 8 2
♦Q 9 6 4 3
♣8 4

WEST
♠A 4 3
♥6 4
♦A K 7 5
♣Q J 7 2

EAST
♠Q J 10 9 8
♥5
♦10 8 2
♣K 10 5 3

SOUTH
♠K 7 6
♥A Q J 10 7 3
♦J
♣A 9 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Dble	2 ♥	2 ♠
4 ♥			

Opening lead — six of hearts.

When you realize that half your life at the bridge table is spent defending against opposing contracts, it becomes obvious that unless you and your partner defend reasonably well, you will have very little chance of winning.

In most deals, top-notch defense depends much more on partnership cooperation than on individual effort. Each defender should therefore do everything possible to steer his partner in the right direction.

For example, let's say you hold the East hand and South reaches four hearts as shown. Declarer wins your partner's trump lead with the ten and returns a low trump to dummy's eight. What should you discard at trick two?

This might appear to be an insignificant decision to make, but actually you could cost your side the contract if you make the wrong discard. Let's say you discard either the eight or nine of spades, or the deuce of diamonds or five of clubs.

In that case, after declarer led a low diamond to his jack, your partner would win but would have a tough time trying to figure out what to play next. He might conclude that his best return was the ace of spades, which would hand South the contract.

The correct discard at trick two is the queen of spades! This tells West that you have a spade sequence headed by the Q-J-10 while denying that you have the king. (If you had the K-Q-J, you'd signal with the king, not the queen.)

As a consequence of this discard, your partner — knowing that South has the king of spades — would exit with a club at trick four, and declarer would eventually go down one, losing a diamond, a club and two spades.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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sudoku

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

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