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Council approves 85.66-cent tax rate

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring City Council members have given their stamp of approval to a tax rate that will bring the city almost \$500,000 more in revenue this coming fiscal year.
 During a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, the coun-



cil voted unanimously to approve a tax rate of 85.66 cents per \$100 valuation for the new fiscal year, which begins in October.
 The new tax rate is almost one cent below the existing

rate, but that doesn't automatically mean city property owners will see a break in their tax bills.
 "Although the new rate is lower, I want to note that if your assessment went up, you will actually pay more in taxes (this coming year)," City Finance Director Peggy

Walker said.
 Unlike most of the taxing entities within Howard County, the city's overall valuations increased by about 12 percent this year, from \$575 million to \$642 million. The reason, Walker explained, is that Big Spring's tax rolls were primarily property-driven,

while the other entities relied heavily on mineral valuations, which took a nosedive this year.
 After exemptions, the owner of a \$50,000 home in Big Spring can be expected to pay slightly less than \$343 in
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Courtesy photo

Forsan High School homecoming queen nominees are, from left, Amanda Schafer, Brittney Hergert, Chandler Freeman, Rachel Haggard and Raegan Haggard. FHS will crown its 2013 homecoming queen during halftime festivities of the Buffaloes' game vs. Tuscola Jim Ned.

Forsan gets ready to crown royalty

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 FORSAN — Buffalo backers of all ages are expected to gather Friday when Forsan High School celebrates its 2013 homecoming.

Celebrations begin with the annual homecoming pep rally at 3:10 p.m. Friday in the high school gym, then shift to the football stadium.
 The highlight of FHS homecoming will be the Buf-

faloes' game against Tuscola Jim Ned, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Prior to the game, the booster club will host a tailgate supper
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Student count up modestly

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 If there's an oil boom going on, you can't tell it from school enrollment figures.
 Through the first few weeks of the school year, enrollment at Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma districts is up, but not dramatically so, compared to this time last year.

ENROLLMENT

- Big Spring ISD: up 23
- Forsan ISD: up 12
- Coahoma ISD: up 29

Big Spring Independent School District officials report 4,156 students enrolled in classes, up 23 from this time last year. Most of that increase is centered around the junior high, which saw a boost of 56 students from this time last year, but elementary enrollment, which has trended up in recent years, is down 24 from last year.
 BSISD officials will never complain about having more students, but admit they were expecting an even higher spike this year.
 "Honestly, with the oil boom, I thought at this time we'd have more students," Assistant Superintendent

Danny Ferrell said. "But it is what it is — based on these figures, I'd say the boom hasn't quite hit us yet."
 Howard County's other two public school systems also show modest enrollment gains so far this year.
 Forsan ISD has 705 students enrolled in classes, up about 12 from the previous year. That figure is slightly above what the district averages in a normal year, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.
 "On average, we have between 685 and 695 students, so this a little bit higher than what we usually have year in and year out," he said. "From the end of last year to the start of this year shows a nice
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Dine Out Days return as boost to UW

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Special to the Herald
 Calling all restaurants; Dine Out Days are back again.
 The 2014 Big Spring and Howard County United Way campaign has begun and Dine Out Days is ramping up.
 "Each year we like to give local restaurants an opportunity to take part in the campaign by being part of Dine Out Days," Executive Direc-



tor Sandy Stewart said. "This is a great opportunity not only for the restaurants, but the people in the community as well. When you go out to eat at one of the participating restaurants, not only are you able to enjoy good food,

but you are helping support 17 local agencies in our community; it's a win-win situation."
 Dine-Out-Days for United Way is a partnership between local restaurants and the United Way that takes place each year. Each week, a participating restaurant is promoted and community members are encouraged to show their support for that

particular establishment. At the end of the week, a contribution is made from the restaurant's profits to the United Way campaign.
 "The restaurants who take part look at it as their way of giving back to the community that supports them," Stewart said. "It's also a way for the community to support the
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Odds and ends

Woman wounded when dog knocks over shotgun

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — North Texas police are in-

vestigating a canine caper that left a dog owner with a shotgun wound.

The dog was ambling about its Fort Worth home Saturday night when it knocked

over a shotgun leaning near the homeowner. The gun discharged when it fell to the ground, striking the 78-year-old woman in the left foot as she watched television.

She didn't immediately seek medical attention and by the next morning her foot had swollen. She then sought treatment at a Fort Worth hospital.

Police spokeswoman Sharron Neal tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the

woman says the dog shouldn't be blamed.

The name and breed of the dog weren't released. Neal says, "He has the right to remain silent."

Naked burglar gets trapped in Milwaukee air vent

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee police say a naked burglar tried to break into a veterinary clinic to steal drugs but got stuck in the air vents for almost 12 hours.

Police Lt. Mark Stanmeyer says employees of the Small Animal Hospital in Milwaukee came into work Monday morning and heard the muffled screams of someone calling for help.

They discovered the 19-year-old stuck in a narrow shaft.

The teen had crawled into the vent Sunday about 9 p.m., meaning he spent about half a day in the vent.

Stanmeyer says the teen suffered multiple cuts and scrapes from screws.

Police Capt. Aaron Raap says the man had stripped naked on the roof before breaking into the vent, perhaps to prevent his clothes from snagging on screws.

Maine town tables ordinance to muffle roosters

OAKLAND, Maine (AP) — Roosters in the small central Maine town of Oakland are free to crow as loud as they like.

The Town Council has tabled a proposal that would have levied fines as high as \$100 on the owners of loud roosters.

The Morning Sentinel reports that a dozen residents of the town of about 6,200 showed up at the council meeting to oppose the ordinance.

Ethan Pullen says some people like to breed chickens to show at agricultural fairs, and to breed chickens, you need a rooster.

Town Manager Peter Nielsen said the proposal was sparked mostly by the concerns of one resident, who complained about a neighbor's four loud roosters. The neighbor has since given three roosters away, which Nielsen says appears to have solved the problem.

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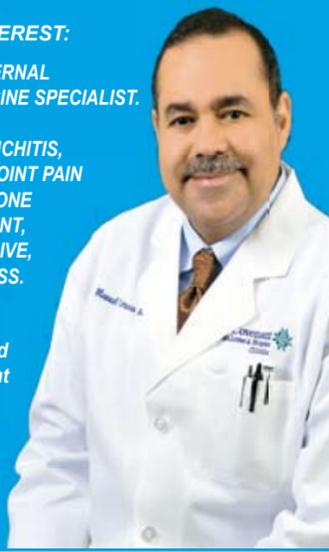
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The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452 or 2309 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

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

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

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or

jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

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

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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

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

is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

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

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

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

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

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

Home suffers severe damage

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Fire Department, Police and EMS responded to a house fire Tuesday morning at the 2500 block of Cindy Lane.

Upon arrival at the residence, the structure was engulfed in smoke and flames were visibly coming through the front door.

According to officials, four people were at home at the time of the blaze which was caused by children playing with fire in one of the bedrooms. The home was heavily damaged, leaving a third of the house in need of repair before the family will be able to move back in.

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city taxes in the new fiscal year. That compares to \$346.02 in city taxes the previous year, Walker said.

She noted the new tax rate will bring in \$450,000 in additional revenue in the new fiscal year. With that additional money, the city will implement an across-the-board 6 percent pay raise for employees, as well as capital outlays which include money for a new landfill.

No other business was discussed during Tuesday's meeting.

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

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jump in enrollment. For whatever reason, we lost a lot of kids last year."

Because of a limited number of residences in the district, Johnson said FISD is not expecting a dramatic enroll-

ment increase, even if this area receives a dramatic influx of residents because of the boom.

"When I talk to realtors, they tell me there are no houses for sale (within the district)," he said. "So, we're not anticipating any major fluctuations (in enrollment) in the near future."

Coahoma ISD also shows modest enrollment growth from this time last year, increasing from 852 to 881 students. The biggest share of that increase is at the elementary school, which reports 33 more students than this time in 2012.

While this year's enrollment gains are mod-

est at Coahoma, it marks the second consecutive year the district has posted an increase.

"This is pretty significant, considering we had a big increase last year, also," CISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs said. "We have about 100 more students than we did two years ago at this time."

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local establishments and the United Way agencies at the same time. It's a win-win situation; you get to enjoy good food and help a good cause."

During the designated week, the participating restaurant will

have a banner displayed outside their business to let residents know they are the supporting restaurant for that week.

"We really don't require a set donation, it's just what the restaurant owners choose to give from their earnings that week," Stewart said. "This has proven to be a good fundraiser for us through the years and we are

looking forward to continuing it this year."

KC Steakhouse kicked off the United Way Dine Out Days this year and Papa Chons will be the next in line. Papa Chons will be the featured restaurant next week.

Restaurant owners interested in taking part are asked to call Stewart at 432-267-5201.

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and live music. Boosters will begin serving the meal, which costs \$4, at 5:30 p.m. and music will be provided from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

This year's homecoming queen will be crowned during half-time ceremonies. This year's queen nominees are:

- Amanda Schafer, the daughter of Todd and Heather Schafer.
- Brittney Hergert, the daughter of Lonny and Tiana Hergert.
- Chandler Freeman,

daughter of Kevin and Karen Freeman.

• Rachel Haggard, daughter of Vincent Haggard and Michelle Doss.

• Raegan Haggard, daughter of Vincent Haggard and Michelle Doss.

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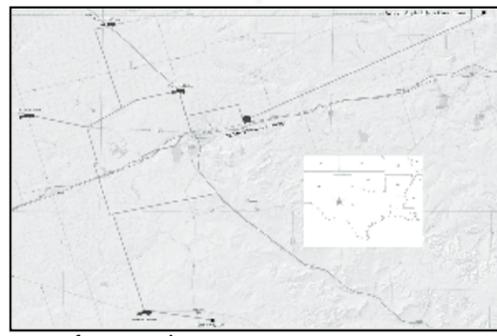
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Obituaries

Carlene Elizabeth Barron

Carlene Elizabeth Barron 73, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Seabrook, Texas. She was born in Big Spring, Texas, March 1, 1940 and was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Alma Coleman.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Jerry Barron; son, Keith Barron; daughter, Sheryl Swinney and husband, Troy; two very special granddaughters, Ashlee Lucus and Leslee Hindman and husband, Matt; great-grandchildren, Grayden and Baye Biddix; brother, Jake Coleman and wife, Polly; and friends too numerous to count.

Carlene graduated from Big Spring High School in 1958, Angelo State University in 1972 and earned a Masters in Education from Sul Ross University in 1978. She retired from teaching in 2004, but continued to host the annual teachers' Christmas party. She always had a welcoming smile, zest for life and a gift of friendship for everyone.

Friends are invited to a visitation at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A celebration of life service will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, 906 S. Gregg St., Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Paid obituary

Bonnie M. Foster

Bonnie M. Foster, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013, at the funeral home.

Bonnie was born June 12, 1920, in Howard County, Texas and married Leonard Foster in 1951 in Clovis, N.M.. He preceded her in death March 18, 1972.

Bonnie had worked for several businesses in this area. She was the youngest of 11 children and lived

in several places around West Texas.

She was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Billie Procter and husband, James of Big Spring, Harvie Mae Klassen and husband, Don of Silver Creek, Neb. and Earnestine Eason of Brownsville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Cora Bell Loudamy; one daughter, Wilma Alley; two grandsons, Paul Harvey Klassen and Kenneth Eason; and 10 brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- **FRANK HERNANDEZ**, 43, of 311 North Aylesford, was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication, criminal trespass and theft less than \$50.

- **ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA**, 25, of 1106 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested Tuesday on three warrants from another agency.

- **DANIEL S. HERRING**, 33, of P.O. Box 1021, Angel Fire, N.M., was arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest and public intoxication.

- **TRISTA K. MCCRIGHT**, 27, of P.O. Box 2806 Fruitland, N.M., was arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest and public intoxication.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the 200 block of Ent.

- **ASSAULT** was reported at the 300 block of Gregg, the 700 block

of 9th Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 10th Street and Goliad.

- **THEFT** was reported at the 200 block of West FM 700.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 200 block of Tubb Loop.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **FRANK HERNANDEZ** was booked by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50, criminal trespass and public intoxication.

- **WALTER ALAN JOHNSTON** was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA** was booked by BSPD on charges of speeding — 85 miles per hour in a 75 mile per hour zone,

failure to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.

- **TRISTA KAY MCCRIGHT** was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **DANIEL HERRING** was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported at the 300 block of Third Street. No transport.

- **MEDICAL** was reported at the 1300 block of Gregg. One patient transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported at the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One patient transported to SMMC.

- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported at the 2500 block of Cindy. Extinguished.

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.

Today's Weather

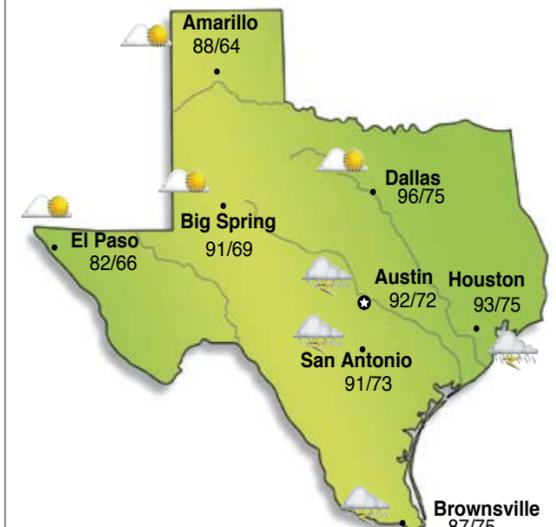
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	70	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	75	t-storm
Amarillo	88	64	pt sunny	Livingston	95	70	pt sunny
Austin	92	72	t-storm	Longview	95	71	t-storm
Beaumont	94	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	64	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	75	t-storm	Lufkin	95	71	pt sunny
Brownwood	94	70	pt sunny	Midland	88	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	89	77	t-storm	Raymondville	87	74	t-storm
Corsicana	96	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	73	t-storm
Del Rio	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	93	72	t-storm
El Paso	82	66	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	72	t-storm
Fort Stockton	85	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	90	68	pt sunny
Gainesville	94	71	pt sunny	Tyler	96	72	t-storm
Greenville	95	71	t-storm	Weatherford	95	72	pt sunny
Houston	93	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	71	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	84	69	rain
Boston	72	50	sunny	New York	72	56	sunny
Chicago	81	66	t-storm	Phoenix	101	81	sunny
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	58	pt sunny
Denver	83	54	mst sunny	Seattle	62	55	rain
Houston	93	75	t-storm	St. Louis	90	71	t-storm
Los Angeles	81	61	sunny	Washington, DC	76	58	mst sunny
Miami	85	75	rain				

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Thu 9/19	Fri 9/20	Sat 9/21
7	8	9
High	Very High	Very High

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

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- **Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R)**, a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

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Opinion

Gun control won't decrease violence

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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The loss of human life is a tragedy regardless of how it happens. Whether it is a single individual who goes into eternity alone or whether a massacre takes place and multiple lives are sacrificed at the hands of a maniacal killer, it is heart-wrenching and sad to any and all decent men and women. The continuing onslaught against human existence, before and after birth, is a scathing indictment of the senseless disregard for the sanctity of life that has become the norm in our sick society today.



EDDY PRINCE

Again this week, a madman killed and wounded innocent people while they innocently and unsuspectingly dined in a supposedly secure military facility a half mile from the United States Capitol. While I am deeply saddened by this most recent act of ultimate cowardice by a man who viciously attacks and kills unarmed innocent people, I am also troubled by the fact that it will once again awaken the liberal media, politicians, and citizens who ridiculously believe that if we just had more legislation and gun control, this kind of tragedy would no longer be a problem and we would just all live in safety and security. There's just one major problem with that foolish notion; it isn't true. To have any idea that gun control legislation would end, or even lessen, the violence of our society is naive and simply ridiculous. We don't need more gun control; we need spiritual renewal and a change of heart for millions of troubled souls.

Our country is already awash in gun laws that were ignored in every instance of "gun violence" by the perpetrator and laws don't prevent tragedy at the hands of deranged individuals. But to the gun control crowd, adding more of them gives the appearance that we're doing something about the problem. In the overwhelming majority of tragedies of this nature, people were around the perpetrator who knew of a prob-

lem that should be addressed with professional help. The Fort Hood massacre in 2009 as well as this week's Washington tragedy, are good examples where no law did or could have made a difference, but perhaps some spiritual and emotional counseling could have. We can never know for sure but it bears consideration.

It's unlikely we will ever understand why these deranged and vile individuals do the unthinkable and hideous things they do. But one thing is certain in my way of thinking, and that is that evil in the heart will ultimately materialize into evil in action if something doesn't change deep inside a troubled person's being, even in his spirit. That's why the screaming gun-control advocates are wrong in their beliefs that more laws are needed and people's guns, even law-abiding and mentally stable people, should be taken away from them. That is sure to be the cry in the media and from the government in the wake of this latest senseless mass murder in Washington.

In the media and in coffee shops all over America we will hear debates raging about why our guns must be "controlled." That generally promotes the viewpoint that guns are bad and need to be confiscated. What if we did that with vehicles, which kill approximately 32,000 people per year (as opposed to guns, which kill about 12,000)? What if the news feed was filled with reports of yet another person being killed in a vehicle?

Just as there are people with guns who shouldn't have them or have access to them, many more people shouldn't be driving but do. It's not legal to drive without a license, or while intoxicated, but people do it in droves every day.

Even those who are licensed or not intoxicated pose dangers by inattentive or reckless driving. Our lawmakers can't provide legislation to protect us from every possible danger, bad and unfortunate things happen every day. And even if we were to confiscate every gun would there still be mentally unstable, evil, hateful and malicious people? Yes, and they'll find another method to unleash their madness. That is proven every day in a thousand ways and guns are certainly not always the weapon of choice.

Gun control advocates will demand that we need a strong national registration of all guns. No, we don't.

No matter how good it feels, registering honest gun owners doesn't stop criminals, nor does it help police. Criminals won't register their guns and the cost of registration far outweighs the benefits.

That's why the vast majority of police and sheriff's departments are against it. Departmental budgets are tight enough without having to add more clerks and computer programs to keep up with a deluge of data.

Liberals, it seems, feel the government should register or regulate everything just to keep control. When government has that much control, free people are no longer free, as their liberties are restricted; they may as well be slaves. This form of "gun control" isn't about guns; it's about control, period. Alarmingly, there is more of that "control" being forced upon American citizens than ever before in our history and they are trying to convince us it is for our good. I'm not buying it and, if you're astute in your understanding of the Constitution and democracy in general, neither are you.

No amount of gun control will end the events of violence. Guns are tools, and like a dull knife they can do lots of damage, but only violent people have the heart and desire to rape or even start a war. When all the arguments and debates have ended, gun control only affects the law-abiding and that inevitably means we are all more vulnerable to violence from those who don't care one bit about your life or mine.

We need people to fervently pray against violence in the workplace, schools, homes, and in any and all public venues. Human life is priceless and cannot be used as a bargaining chip to promote and propagate a false agenda and ideology.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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In 2012, the federal government paid some \$5 billion in direct payments to farmers of wheat, corn, barley, oats, cotton, rice, soybeans, peanuts and other crops — except the recipients cannot all be farmers. According to the Environmental Working Group, 116 of those tillers of the earth reside in San Francisco. For their farming activities, they pocketed \$446,302.

How is it, you might ask, that a government saddled with \$17 trillion in debt can afford to send checks to more than 18,000 urban farmers? The group's senior vice president for government affairs, Scott Faber, calls the direct payments program "one of the most ridiculous" government programs in recent history, as it pays "farm subsidies to farmers regardless of whether they have suffered a loss or whether they even planted a crop."

Of course, the program was born as a reform. The 1996 Freedom to Farm Act was supposed to wean farmers off New Deal largesse by phasing out agriculture subsidies through direct payments. But old subsidies neither die nor fade away. In 2002 and 2008, Congress extended the program.

Because direct payments are based on a producer's historical output, Uncle Sam sends checks not only to working farmers but also to landowners who don't plant crops. A quarter of direct payments made from 2003 to 2011 — \$10.6 billion — went to

landowners who didn't grow the crop that sprouted the subsidy or didn't grow any crop at all.

Why not get rid of direct payments? Politicians from both parties say they want to do so. In 2011, President Barack Obama proposed gutting the program as a common-sense reform. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan agrees. "Taxpayers should not finance payments for a business sector that is more than capable of thriving on its own," quoth Ryan. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow proposed eliminating direct payments to meet sequester cuts required in the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Indeed, both the Senate and House passed farm bills this year that eliminated the \$5 billion annual boondoggle.

Yet direct payments may live on.

The House, you see, cut direct payments — but in a farm bill that purposely omitted food stamps.

The idea was to curb the growth in government assistance for the needy, a program that had doubled in size since Obama took office. Citizens Against Government Waste was part of a conservative coalition that pushed for the split in order to break up "an unholy coalition of urban representatives, who support food stamps, and rural representatives who support commodity programs." Cut the support, was the thinking, to cut the funding.

But an ugly thing happened on the way to fiscal responsibility: While the GOP House eliminated direct payments, it increased other agriculture subsidies — the Senate bill also increased crop insurance subsidies — and left

bad policies such as sugar price supports in place.

"They claimed they had done what conservative groups wanted" with the split, lamented the organization's Bill Christian, "and then called it a victory."

Rep. Stephen Fincher, R-Tenn., has become the poster child for the GOP farm bill. He supported food stamp cuts, I presume on principle. And his would be a highly respectable position except, The New York Times reports, Fincher collected nearly \$3.5 million in farm subsidies from 1999 to 2012. That puts House Republicans in favor of welfare, but only for the rich.

"What's even more disgusting than this sort of corporate welfare is that House Republicans can't resist it," the Environmental Working Group's Faber concluded.

What's next? The Senate rightly won't pass the House bill; as in their greed, Republicans handed the Dems a great talking point. So either the House passes something that can contribute toward a compromise or Congress passes a one-year extension of the farm bill — just as it did last year, when members couldn't agree on real reform.

Inside the Beltway, there's only one rule: When it doubt, keep spending.

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DAILY PRAYER

Lord, teach us to hold our tongue when tempers flare. And know you are there, everywhere. Amen

New books arrive; sale begins Friday

The Friends of Library Book Sale will start at 9 a.m. Friday and continue from 9 until 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 until 4 p.m. Sunday.

There are some terrific books for sale and as the event continues, bargains will be had. However, if you see a book that you want, you had better get it when you see it, as it may not be there later on in the sale.

Brad Thor has another thriller out, starring Scott Horvath with its roots deep in the history of the United States economic life. The most secretive organization in America operates without any accountability to the American people. Hiding in the shadows, pretending to be part of the United States government, its power is beyond control. It is the Federal Reserve. When candidates for the chairmanship begin turning up missing, Scott Horvath is summoned to Washington and set loose on the most dangerous chase ever to play out on American soil. It is

a page turner deluxe, with every indicator that the roots of the plot is in a shadowy cabal founded in the 1700s. It is an excellent read.

Some great audio books on CD have come in, two from Lee Child. "One Shot" (AUCD F CHI L) has been made into a movie starring Tom Cruise. Premise: six shots, five dead and a heartland city is thrown into a state of terror. However, within hours, the police have it solved, except for one thing: the shooter says that you have the wrong man. Get Jack Reacher. The second AUCD is "Running Blind" (AUCD F CHI L). In it, women are being murdered, victims of a clever killer who leaves no clues except one — they all knew Jack Reacher and it has him running blind.

I just read the print version of "The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club" (F BRU W) and now you can get it in the audio collection; just look for AUCD F BRU W. Amish widow Emma Yoder longs to become self-sufficient and remove the burden of her care from her family. She devises the idea of offering quilting classes in her home as a way to do so. But when she sees the "patchwork: of faces in her first class, she

wonders if it was a big mistake. Listen along as her class learns more than quilting; their fragmented lives begin to take on new shapes with the help of each other and the healing hand of Emma and God.

For history buffs out there, we have two that deal with the same subject: one a fictional account and one a non-fiction. In "The Plantagenets: The Warrior Kings and Queens Who Made England" (AUCD 942.030 JON D) by Dan Jones you will learn about the first Plantagenet king who inherited a blood-soaked kingdom from the Normans and transformed it into an empire that stretched (at its peak) from Scotland to Jerusalem. This is the era of chivalry, Robin Hood, Knights Templar, era of the Black Death, founding of Parliament and the Hundred Years' War. Dan Jones is an award winning historian of the Middle Ages and is currently working on a new history of the War of the Roses.

The second book is from Phillipa Gregory, author of several best-selling novels, including "The Other Boleyn Girl."

"The Kingmaker's Daughter" (AUCD F GRE P) is the story of the daughters of Richard Neville, the Earl of

Warwick, the most powerful man in 15th century England. Without a son and heir, he uses his daughters Anne and Isabel as

pawns in his political games. Anne is married at 14, soon widowed and fatherless. Her mother is in a nunnery and her sister is married to the enemy. Anne manages her life by marrying the powerful Duke of Gloucester, but her choice sets in action a collision course of immense proportion. Gregory's books are very readable and bring to life the dry facts of history. I encourage you to listen or read her books.

In stark contrast to the book above, Julie Kibler's book "Calling Me Home" (AUCD F KIB J) is a beautiful book, finely conceived. When 89-year-old Isabelle McAllister

has a favor to ask her hairdresser, Dorrie Curtis, it is a big one. She wants

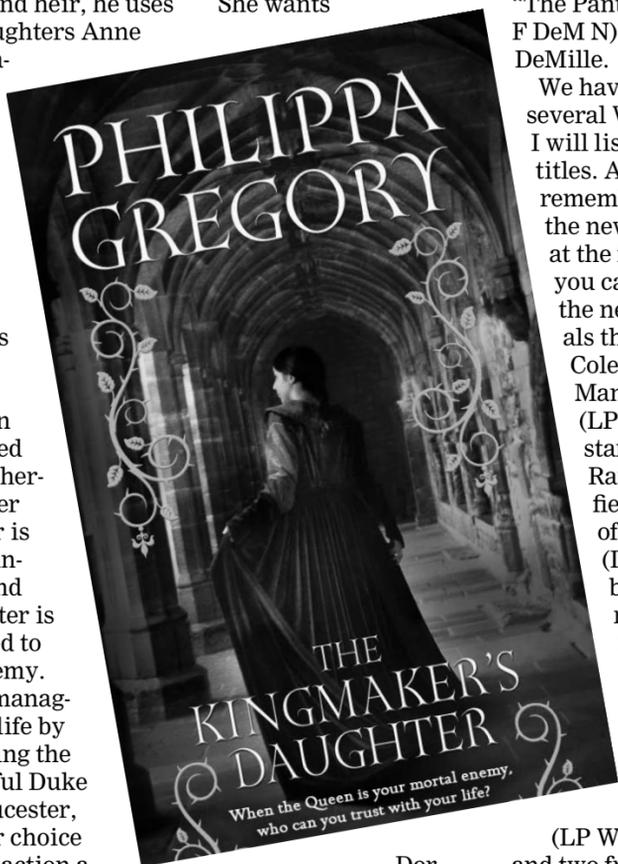
cci; "The Spymasters" (AUCD F GRI W) by W.E.B. Griffin; and "The Panther" (AUCD F DeM N) by Nelson DeMille.

We have received several Westerns in; I will list just the titles. Also, please remember to check the new book binder at the front desk; you can always find the newest arrivals there. Jackson Cole has "Bad Man's Range" (LP W COL J) starring Texas Ranger Jim Hatfield; "Outlaws of Empty Poke" (LP W HAL E) by E.E. Halleran; "Hit the Saddle" (LP W ELS A) by Allan Vaughan Elston; Mackey Murdock's "War Relic" (LP W MUR M)

and two from William W. Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone "Luke Jensen, Bounty Hunter" (LP W JOH W) and "A Rocky Mountain Christmas" (W JOH W).

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Dorrie (a single black mother) to drive her to Cincinnati, Ohio (from Arlington, Texas) to a funeral tomorrow. She agrees, scarcely hesitating. Little does she know, it will be a journey that will change both their lives.

A few more titles (we do have them in print); "The Forgetting Tree" (AUCD F SOL T) by Tatjana Soli; "Smokin' Seventeen" (AUCD F EVA J); by J.D. Robb, "Calculated in Death" (AUCD F ROB J); "The Innocent" (AUCD BAL D) by David Balda-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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PET TALK: Preventing attacks



Everyone gets frightened of something or someone from time to time, and animals are no exception.

Fear is an emotional response to danger and causes our survival instincts to kick into high gear. Even the most loving and docile of pets can lash out when put in a threatening situation, and the results can often be dangerous.

In order to prevent an attack, there are a few things you should always look out for when interacting with any animal.

"The most important things to recognize are if the dog is staring at you, its lips are pulled back so teeth are showing, and it has a stiff tail pointing upward," explained Dr. Bonnie Beaver, Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "They also tend to be rigid and move slowly." If you've noticed this body language and behavior from the animal, it is best to back away slowly and find something or somewhere to separate yourself.

If you notice that the animal is becoming aggressive, it is best to freeze and avoid direct

eye contact, said Beaver.

Just like if coming across a bear or other dangerous wild animal, you should never scream and run away or make any sudden movements.

Wild animals and pets alike may view you as prey when you run, and it is their instinct to chase after you. Always stand your ground and keep your chest facing them, and your eyes averted.

Some general guidelines preventing dog and other animal attacks may seem like basic knowledge, but it is always best for you and the others around you to double check your facts.

You should always keep your distance from unfamiliar dogs, despite your urge to pet the unbelievably cute ones. Ask the owner prior to interacting with their pet, as they usually know if the animal handles strangers well.

You should also let the dog sniff you or your hand before petting them. It's best to let them approach you first.

Avoid dogs that are sleeping or eating, as you may startle them and cause them to respond negatively.

Hugging an unfa-



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iliar dog is also ill-advised. In dog world, hugging is a dominant expression. Although you relish hugging your own dog, it undoubtedly enjoys it less than you do.

While your own pet may tolerate your innocent hugs, in an unfamiliar or shy dog, they may warrant an unwanted reaction.

Dogs, like people, are complex products of genetics, upbringing, training, and experiences. While some breeds may demonstrate traits such as shyness or extroversion more frequently, generalizations are tricky.

You can never fully judge an unknown animal by its furry cover and it is always best to be cautious.

What if the shy, aggressive dog in question belongs to you?

Remember that dogs, like children, have inborn personalities that can be influenced

to a certain extent, but not changed.

Dogs are masters at interpreting our facial expressions, body language, and vocal inflections.

Your dog may sense your uncertainty and discomfort and become anxious.

If your pet is displaying aggression, fear, or any other troublesome tendencies, consult your veterinarian. "Veterinarians can often help these ani-

mals," Beaver said, "or can refer to or consult with a board certified veterinary behaviorist or an appropriate trainer in the community."

Though you think it may never happen to you, attacks are more common than many would guess.

It is always important to keep in mind when interacting with any unfamiliar pets that though dogs may be man's best friend, the wolf is still their second

cousin.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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.

8								4
7			8		5			6
		5	4	9	1	8		
	7		1		4			8
	6							2
	1		7		3			6
		9	3	4	6	1		
3			2		9			5
1								2

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My son recently married a young woman from an affluent family. When he was first engaged, we began to see less of him. We invited him and his fiancée to dinners, vacations, etc., but were usually turned down. They do, however, spend a great deal of time with her family, so we have just backed off.

My husband and I contributed almost half of the money for the wedding. We offered to help with whatever we could, but were told that our help was not needed. Her family did all of the planning. She and her mother conjured up lies to throw us off from planning our guest list, what we should wear to the wedding, etc.

We hosted a beautiful rehearsal dinner, with no "thank you" or even a smile from the bride. On the day of the wedding, our daughter-in-law was embarrassingly rude to my husband and me. It wasn't until the next day, when she refused to attend a family function before going on their honeymoon, that I found out she was angry with me because of what I wore. Annie, I wore the dress my son told me to wear, but he will not admit that to his wife.

We have not heard from either of them since that day. I am so incredibly hurt. I treated this girl like part of the family. I can't believe she would ruin a relationship over something so trivial. Any advice? — Mom from Montana

Dear Mom: The dress is just an excuse to limit contact. It sounds as if your new daughter-in-law doesn't want a relationship with her husband's family, and he permits it — either because he agrees or, more likely, because he doesn't want to upset the applecart.

You need to "make nice," even though it will be difficult. Call or email your son and his wife, apologize for unintentionally selecting the wrong dress, mention something nice about the wedding and about the bride, and sign off by saying you hope to see them soon. We hope your son values his family enough to put his spine back into place.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Full Moon Eve

On a flat surface, the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. But on the eve of the Pisces full moon, the emotional landscape is anything but flat. The high and low feelings are peaks and valleys that will affect the length of your journey — or at least how long the journey feels. Good times fly by, so savor them while they last.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Of course you can be mad at someone and still love that person, but young and emotionally immature people don't understand this as well as others do. Declare your love often regardless of your momentary feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Take those things that you are obligated to do off of your list. Obligation just isn't a strong enough motivator to get you to take action now. You'll be too busy addressing that which is urgent or fascinating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If your focus seems fuzzy or your attitude is at half-mast, don't go forward. Go for total engagement or none at all. A determined effort

is needed if you are to avoid wasting your time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone is purposely keeping you in the dark because he or she is afraid of your possible reaction. When there's little else to go on, let your keen instinct take over.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to do anything you don't want to do, as long as you are strong enough to believe it — and you certainly are! You'll get the chance to show your backbone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you realize that someone is rating you on your looks, success or status rather than on their experience of you as a person, you are being objectified. Steer people to the real you, not the you on paper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your physical travels mirror your mental travels. Your thoughts will take you all over the map. Every time you land someplace new today, recognize those thoughts that are responsible for the journey.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love is the magic ingredient of success. If you apply skill, money and talent to a project but do not apply love, you won't find as much success as you would if you applied nothing more than love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can only come at a relationship from your own point of view, but at least you recognize that others think differently. That you care enough to ask about their experience of things will matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't cheat yourself! Being generous is one thing, but giving like you don't even exist will ultimately be a detriment to all. Claim what you need, and hold on to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nothing will be written in stone today. You may choose and then change your mind, speak and then retract, claim and then trade your claim for another. Stay versatile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Utterly narcissistic people don't see themselves as lacking empathy. Your pointing it out will make no difference. Navigate the interaction by accepting the limitations of this type.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 18). Your desire for special family bonding will be fulfilled now and at many points throughout the year. At work, you run a fair operation and earn the trust of clients and partners in October. November brings an expansion. January features a fun twist. Adventure sparks your social life. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 11, 22 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm ready to meet Mr. Right. Now, where is he? I've scanned the dating sites and clubs, and I'm seeing the same people over and over. I'm just not interested. I'm a Sagittarius. Does that mean I'm going to have to travel to find him? And how will I know it's him, by the way? What qualifications will he have?"

Instead of focusing on finding Mr. Right, concentrate on creating a social life you love and loving the social life you create. Being so intent on finding the perfect person is repellent — the more you pursue the relationship the more it eludes you. The law of attraction (you get what you focus on) works against you in this case. You focus on "searching," and all you get is more "searching." When you resolve to create a social life you love and love the social life you create, you'll be engaged in the process of having fun. Every guy wants to get to know the woman who's having fun. Sagittarius is the sign of expansion. You're better off when you have many choices. So cast your net wide, and be friendly to many. Then sit back and see who naturally commands more of your interest.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Too Many Enemies

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦		

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Sometimes a defender might feel that he has three opponents at the table rather than two. In today's deal, from the 1990 Spingold Teams, East misled his partner in both the bidding and the play, and it eventually cost his team a vulnerable game swing.

North's double was "negative," promising four spades. East's jump to three hearts was pre-emptive and supposedly promised at least four hearts. North-South then lurched to a shaky game in diamonds.

Declarer, the late Edgar Kaplan, won the opening club lead and cashed the king of diamonds. After East's jack appeared, Kaplan successfully finessed dummy's nine and

then led a heart to the jack, losing to West's queen.

South won the club return, ruffed a heart in dummy, cashed the diamond ace and led a spade toward his hand. When East followed low, Kaplan finessed the jack, which held. Despite this favorable development, declarer was still in trouble, as dummy had only one trump left to cover his two remaining heart losers, and he had a spade loser as well.

Kaplan now led the heart king, hoping to pick up the ace and ten on the trick, but when dummy ruffed West's ace and East followed low, all legitimate hopes for the contract evaporated.

But the crafty Kaplan was not yet completely out of ammunition, and next played the ace and another spade to East's queen. East's two remaining cards were the king of spades and nine of clubs. South had the heart nine and a trump, while West had the club jack and heart ten.

East now made a critical error, returning the king of spades to force South to ruff. This left West in a quandary, since he could not tell whether declarer's last card was a heart or a club. All West had to go on was his partner's earlier raise, promising four hearts. So West discarded the heart ten, and Kaplan's nine scored the last trick.

East, of course, could have spared his partner any problem by returning the club nine at trick 12. West would have had to follow suit as declarer ruffed, and the ten of hearts would then have taken the setting trick.

Tomorrow: High expectations.
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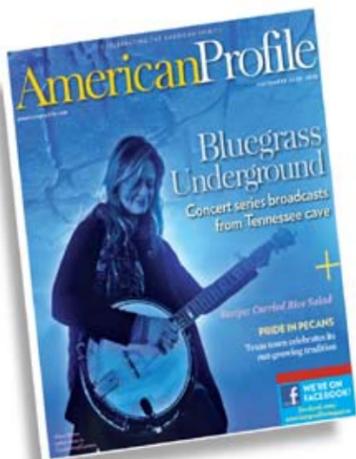
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AmericanProfile

BSHS takes out Water Valley, Coahoma tops Loraine

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

WATER VALLEY — The Lady Steers improved to 19-9 as they make their way through the predistrict schedule, this time easily dispatching Water Valley in three straight sets (25-13, 25-13, 25-21).

Big Spring has two more tune-up matches — one against Lake View on Friday at Steer Gym, then another home match against Bronte the following Tuesday.

The perennial strong Lady Steers will begin their march toward another playoff berth when they open District 4-3A action against Greenwood on the road Sept. 27.

BSHS def. Water Valley, 25-13, 25-13, 25-21.

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 18 assists, 8 kills, 6 digs, 6 blocks, 3 aces; Kinsey Wash, 19 assists, 5 digs.

Offense: Kelsie Guinn, 10 kills, 1 assist, 1 block; Erin Pollard, 10 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks.

Defense: Julianna Rodriguez, 13 digs, 4 aces, 1 kill; Ebony Zavala, 11 digs, 6 kills.

Junior varsity def. Water Valley, 25-15, 17-25, 25-15.

Outstanding players: setter, Emilie Smith; offense, Alyssa Armentrout; defense, Mia Olivia.

Freshmen def. Colorado City, 25-9, 25-15.

Outstanding players: server, Mariah Sarmiento, defense, Brittne Clay.

LORAINE — The inaugural season of Coahoma volleyball got a little sweeter Tuesday as the Bulldogettes recorded their third victory of the season as they defeated



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Big Spring's Tulsi Patel and Erin Pollard provide a block during Tuesday's win over Water Valley. The Lady Steers moved to 19-9 overall.

Coahoma, Forsan fare well against larger schools

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Both Coahoma and Forsan cross country faced stiff competition at the Wall Hawk Invitational held at North Shore State Park. The No. 1 ranked Buffaloes had a strong showing, placing fourth overall with 87 points among several larger schools.

Recordmore Jeremy Cervantes scored a second place finish, while teammate Tyler Evans took fourth and senior Matthew Mims placed 16th. Rounding out the field for Forsan were Justin Goff (28), Cody Tanis (37), Zach-Martino Corum (43) and Jesse Cervantes (45).

Midland High School's runners (57 points) finished first on the boys side. "We're proud of our guys," said FHS CC Coach Robert Hillger. "They

competed hard against 4A and 5A schools. We are making good strides so far this season in our efforts to improve every week and peak at the right time. You can really see our guys take pride in putting on that Forsan uniform every Saturday."

In the junior varsity division, Josh Evans placed 11th, Granger Newton 14th and John Broughton 17th.

"Even though we didn't have enough runners to compete as a team, all those guys improved their times and are working hard to gain a varsity spot before the district meet."

FHS eighth graders took fifth place, with Nathan Vidal taking a third overall. Bryce Hergert medaled with a 12th place finish, Robert Stevenson came in at 19th, Kolby Watson 24th and Andy Kirkland 30th.

Seventh grade runners included Kobe Richardson, who earned a 10th

place finish, Cordero Martinez (25th), Jordan Enriquez 27th and Zach Bailey (28th).

The Buffs be in action Saturday at the Lubbock Invitational.

The Coahoma girls fared well at San Angelo, running to a fifth place finish, with Kaeli Yager taking third overall with a time of 12:49. Teammates Klarissa Martinez (26th), Erin Lowery (33rd), Meagan Hurst (39th) and Sarinity Klug (43rd).

Josh Dean placed the highest among the Coahoma varsity boys with a 43rd place finish. Landyn Young finished at 47th and Garrett Richardson in 64th.

Junior High girls: Brookie Martin, 30th; Illian Sandoval, 44th; Aubrey Bentley, 62nd.

Junior High boys: Ethan Lopez 13th; Joseph Hernandez, 41st; Bryson Cline 54th; Chance McMurray, 65th.

Coahoma will also be at mae

Simmons Park on Saturday for the Lubbock Invitational.

Sands High School ran at Plains on Saturday, results are as follows:

Varsity boys: Juan Diaz, 19:54, 37th; Jorge Pena, 20:01, 40th; Leonard Martinez, 20:14, 43rd; Sergio Plata, 21:15, 71st; Eric Garcia, 21:52, 82nd. (103 runners.)

Junior varsity girls: Nina Clare, 15:56, 26th (out of 85).

Junior highboys: Jayden Wigginton, 15:01, 68th; Ryston Archuletta, 15:20, 78th; Landon Morrow, 16:08, 98th. (107 runners.)

Junior high girls: Mattie Grumbles, 15:53, 11th; Avery Eddleman 16:50, 23rd. (105 runners.)

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



Jeremy Cervantes



Tyler Evans



Matthew Mims

Big Spring team tennis moves to 2-0 in district play

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — Big Spring team tennis cruised to another victory Tuesday, handily defeating Sweetwater 16-3 to improve to 2-0 in District 4-3A play.

BSHS Head Coach Dana Jones was particularly impressed with the girls, who went undefeated for the second match in a row.

"The girls dominated again," Jones said. "They are winning the matches they

need to win." The Steers tennis squad breezed through the doubles competition, winning every one.

Big Spring will make the trek to Seminole on Saturday for a quad match with the host school, Andrews and Shallowater before returning home to take on Monahans at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park on Sept. 28.

Girls Doubles

Parnell/Walker def. Medellin/Perez-Poe, 8-4.

Castillo/Redlin def. Foust/Salano, 8-0.
Bakley/Marshall def. Gonzales/Gonzales, 8-1.

Girls Singles

Molly Walker def. Jenney Medellin, 6-4, 2-6, 10-4.

Selena Castillo def. Teresa Perez-Poe, 6-4, 6-1.

Cassidi Redlin def. Gewel Cherry, 6-0, 6-2.

Morgan Parnell def. Crystal Foust, 6-0, 6-0.

Katie Newton def. Naomi Gonzales, 6-0, 6-0.

Taylor Olivio def. Rebecca Gonzales, 8-2.**

Mariah Brehm tied Crystal Foust, 4-4.**

Mixed Doubles

Newton/Turner def. Cherry/Shoemaker, 8-5.

Boys Doubles

Avant/Blount def. Bax/Vause, 8-2.

Atherton/Baker def. Reeves/Valdez, 8-2.

Hughes/Miller def. Stacey/Buttler, 8-0.

Boys Singles

Tyler Avant lost to Bryan Vause, 7-5, 6-3.

Bryan Blount def. Zac Bax, 6-1, 6-7, 10-3.

Josh Baker def. Keygan Valdez, 6-0, 6-0.

Kieran Atherton def. Billy Reeves, 6-3, 6-0.

Alex Huges def. Chris Shoemaker, 6-2, 6-0.

Garrett Miller lost to Tyler Stacey, 4-6 ret. (inj).

Will Grigg def. Marc Buttler, 8-5.**

Tristian Turner def. Christian Ulbrich, 8-5.**

****Denotes extra matches.**

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APPLICATION Ingram Concrete, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 70082, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of the Concrete Batch Plant located at 605 North Benton Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.2775&lng=-101.47888&z=13&type=r.

The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 5, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and

would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing**

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If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to their considera-

tion at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

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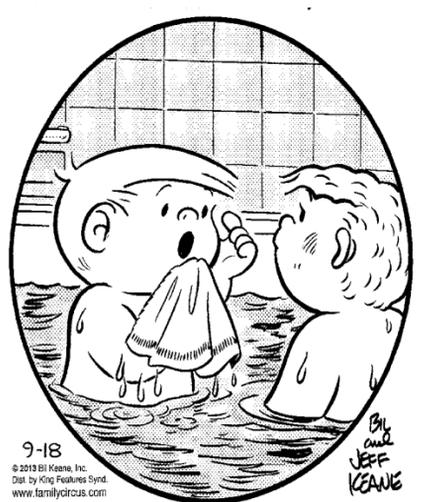
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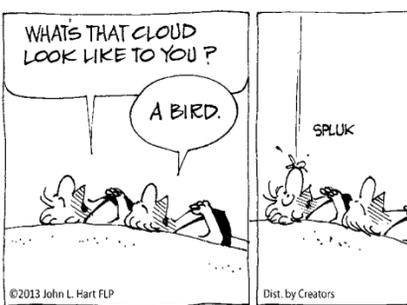
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"THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL... AND EXPENSIVE!"
"THAT'S THE IDEA, GOING FIRST CLASS ALL THE WAY."
"ARE YOU OKAY, BOSS?"
"I THINK SO, BUT SOMETHING JUST CAME OVER ME... AND MY BLOOD RAN COLD THERE FOR A SECOND!"

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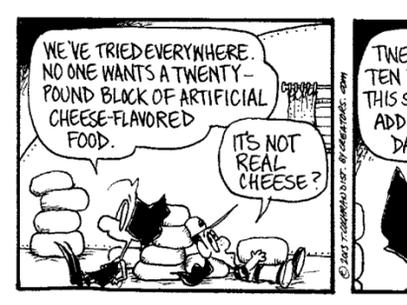
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"SPLUK"

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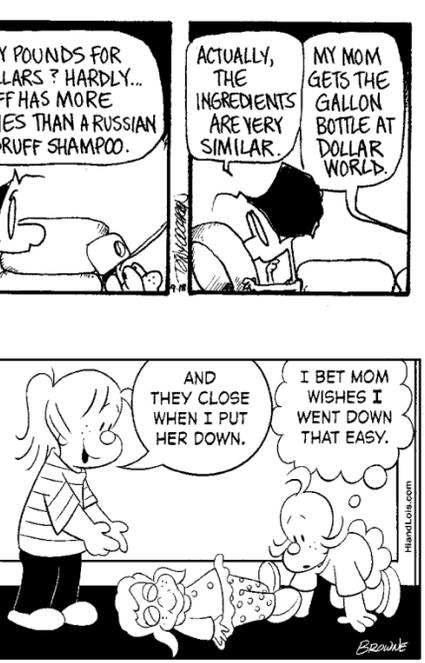
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"WHAT KIND OF PET?"
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"YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK THAT GUY..."
"LET ME KNOW IF YOU SEE ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE AN ELEPHANT."

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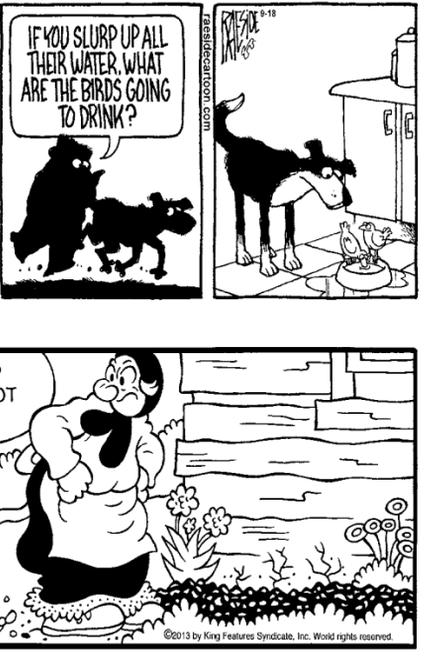
"DOESN'T MY DOLLY HAVE PRETTY EYES?"
"YES."
"AND THEY CLOSE WHEN I PUT HER DOWN."
"I BET MOM WISHES I WENT DOWN THAT EASY."

THE OTHER COAST



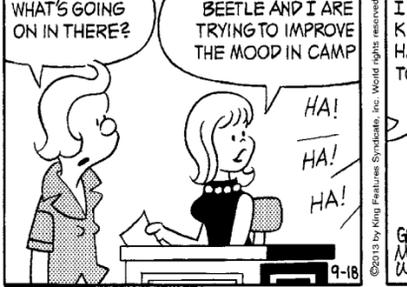
"SLOORP! SLOORP!"
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"IF YOU SLURP UP ALL THEIR WATER, WHAT ARE THE BIRDS GOING TO DRINK?"

SNUFFY SMITH



"YA GAMMA GIVE HIM A LIL' CREDIT, MAW--"
"HE ONLY DUG UP ANNUALS AN' NOT PERENNIALS!!"

BETLE BAILEY



"WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?"
"BETLE AND I ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THE MOOD IN CAMP."
"HA! HA! HA!"
"I READ THAT KINGS USED TO HAVE JESTERS TO KEEP THINGS HAPPY."
"A GENERAL AND A MONKEY WALKED INTO A BAR AND... HA! HA! HA!"

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2013. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a commission naming Rabbi Jacob Frankel of Rodeph Shalom Congregation in Philadelphia the first Jewish chaplain of the U.S. Army.

On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile made its initial declaration of independence from Spain with the formation of a national junta.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting

System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1931, an explosion in the Chinese city of Mukden damaged a section of Japanese-owned railway track; Japan, blaming Chinese nationalists, invaded Manchuria the next day.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (dah HAWM'-ahr-shoold) was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1981, a museum honoring former President Gerald R. Ford was dedicated in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In 1990, the city of Atlanta was named the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics. The organized crime drama

"GoodFellas," directed by Martin Scorsese, had its U.S. premiere in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 80. Actor Robert Blake is 80. Former Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 80. Actor Fred Willard is 80. Actor Eddie Jones is 79. Gospel singer Bobby Jones is 75. Singer Frankie Avalon is 73. Actress Beth Grant ("The Mindy Project") is 64. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 64. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 63. Basketball coach Rick Pitino is 61. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 58. Movie director Mark Romanek is 54. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg is 54.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 6 American alliance
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 - 14 Salary bump
 - 15 More than
 - 16 Slip into
 - 17 Setting new standards
 - 20 Antique
 - 21 Señora Peron
 - 22 Chiseled
 - 23 Coll. military group
 - 25 Community pool site
 - 27 Russian Revolution leader
 - 29 Bad weather
 - 31 My Fair Lady heroine
 - 33 "That's amazing!"
 - 34 Tablet download
 - 36 Early afternoon
 - 37 Mongrel
 - 38 Popular hit
 - 43 Snootiness, so to speak
 - 44 Bend in the middle
 - 45 Wall St. regulator
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 - 49 Vitality
 - 53 Deep opera voice
 - 55 Creative flash
 - 57 Olden days
 - 58 ASAP
 - 60 Little guy
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 - 2 Place for trade-ins
 - 3 Linked with
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 - 6 Generic-brand
 - 7 Norm, for short
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 - 10 Started the day
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 - 13 Peacock (Clue character)
 - 18 "Poison" plant
 - 19 Carbonated flavor
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 - 26 Needing a plumber
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 - 32 Olympian ruler
 - 35 Tower city
 - 37 Legendary feuder
 - 38 Swedish auto
 - 39 When Form 1040 is due
 - 40 Cold War concern
 - 41 Countrywide
 - 42 Boardroom boss
 - 47 Sound the horn
 - 48 River formations
 - 50 Coffee varieties
 - 51 Speak highly of
 - 52 Fitch in
 - 54 Potted warmers
 - 56 Satisfied sound
 - 59 Cell-phone display
 - 61 Pirates of the Caribbean star
 - 63 Busy person around
 - 39 Down
 - 64 Workout venue
 - 65 Doctor of British sci-fi

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Rangers snap 7-game skid, down rays 7-1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — It took only one pitch Tuesday night for the Texas Rangers to take the lead in a game for the first time in more than a week.

Ian Kinsler drove Jeremy Hellickson's first fastball for a home run, and the Rangers went on to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-1, breaking a seven-game losing streak.

"Obviously we've been fighting from behind a lot in this last week or so," Kinsler said. "So to be able to get a first hit out of the way, and a first run out of the way, gave (Alexi) Ogando a little bit of breathing room."

Elvis Andrus felt it from the on-deck circle.

"I think the homer by Ian made the whole team just relax," he said. "We

haven't scored first in a little while."

Kinsler and Andrus homered and drove in three runs each to help the Rangers pull even with the Rays at the top of the AL wild-card race.

The Rangers, who held the No. 1 wild-card spot or the AL West lead for most of the summer, won for only the fourth time in 17 games.

"Given the circumstances, it's a big win," Kinsler said.

"You've got to have a sense of relief when you lose seven in a row and you know you're a better team than that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Kinsler's 12th home run broke a streak of seven homerless games for the Rangers, their longest in 23 years. The 1-0 lead marked the first time

Texas has led in a game since its last victory, on Sept. 8.

Kinsler added a two-run single in the Rangers' four-run third, driving in three runs on the first two pitches he saw from Hellickson (11-9). Andrus followed with his third home run of the season to put the Rangers up 5-0.

"The first pitch of the game was not a good fastball," Hellickson said. "Then I settled down a bit, but in the third I walked the leadoff guy (Mitch Moreland) and you can't do that against a lineup like that."

Ogando (7-4) won in his first start since Aug. 13, giving up two hits in five innings. He had made four relief appearances after spending three weeks on the disabled list with shoulder inflammation. Ogando retired the

first seven Rays he faced, the last four with strikeouts, before Jose Lobaton homered in the third inning.

Washington said after the game that Ogando will start Sunday at Kansas City.

"Ogando went out there and did way beyond the call of duty, and I think he deserves a lot of credit," Washington said. "We weren't expecting five (innings). I was hoping he could go deep, but he gave us five quality innings."

Leonys Martin doubled twice and added a ninth-inning home run, his eighth of the season.

Rookie Wil Myers had two of Tampa Bay's four hits.

Hellickson, who is 1-6 in his last nine starts, gave up five earned runs in 2 2-3 innings.

Texas football player, 12, dies of ant bites

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A 12-year-old boy died after apparently having a severe allergic reaction to ant bites he suffered while warming up during halftime of a South Texas middle school football game, officials confirmed Tuesday.

Cameron Espinosa died days after being bitten multiple times by fire ants, officials said. The boy used a water bottle to try to flush away the ants Sept. 11 before eventually losing consciousness, said Lorette Williams, spokeswoman for the Corpus Christi Independent School District.

While medics are assigned to high school varsity football games in Texas, that is not the case with middle school games, Williams said. However, coaches are trained in first-aid and use of CPR and a defibrillator, she said. A defibrillator was used on Cameron at the field before he was taken to the hospital by ambulance, she said.

The eighth-grader at Paul R. Haas Middle School remained hospitalized in critical condition until his death Monday, Williams said.

The game resumed after Cameron was

taken away but was later halted when the severity of his condition became apparent, Williams said.

The boy was unaware that he was allergic to ants, and the school district had no record of allergies for the boy, she said.

Williams said school administrators are receiving suggestions on ways to memorialize Cameron.

"Students and teachers have been wearing green and white ribbons with the number 66 on them," said Williams, referring to Cameron's jersey number and the colors for Haas Middle School.

Manning, Broncos top AP power rankings

(AP) — Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos dismantled the defending Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens in the season opener. Then they delivered a convincing victory on the road against Manning's younger brother and the rest of the New York Giants.

The strong start helped the Broncos hold off the Seattle Seahawks for the top spot in this week's AP Pro32 power rankings, released Tuesday. The Broncos moved up one spot from second after receiving eight first-place votes.

"Denver looks Super Bowl good right now," Newsday columnist Bob Glauber said.

After their commanding win over San Francisco on Sunday night, the Seahawks swooped in to take the other four first-place votes and settle in at No. 2. The 49ers, after tallying seven first-place votes last week, fell two spots to third.

Seattle, which was fifth last week,

settled the debate until the rematch in December about which bitter NFC West division rival is better by beating the 49ers 29-3.

The Seahawks managed that even with a rough game by quarterback Russell Wilson, further highlighting their aggressive, punishing defense that's still missing cornerback Brandon Browner and defensive ends Chris Clemons and Bruce Irvin because of injuries.

"Can anyone go into Seattle and get a win?" asked voter Pat Kirwan of CBSports.com and SiriusXM satellite radio.

Voters have even begun to envision a Denver-Seattle Super Bowl, as far ahead as February might be.

"I'm not convinced Peyton can beat Seahawks' secondary," wrote John Czarnecki of Fox Sports.

Houston and Green Bay rounded

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Baseball resumes near site of Navy yard shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff greeted players in the Washington Nationals clubhouse before the game, handing out blue-and-gold Navy caps. Manager Davey Johnson and his players held those caps from Adm. James Winnefeld over their hearts during a pregame moment of silence, disturbed only by the sound of a hovering helicopter.

Baseball was played in the nation's capital Tuesday, just a short walk from where a gunman killed 12 people at the Navy Yard military installation. It was another attempt from the world of sports to restore normalcy when things really aren't normal.

"There's nothing we can do to replace the lives that were lost yesterday," Nationals outfielder Denard Span said.

Fans arrived via the Navy Yard

subway station, although they were sparse in number because Monday's game was rescheduled on short notice. The USS Barry, anchored in the Anacostia River and the Navy Yard's top tourist attraction, was easily visible from the players' parking lot. The U.S. and team flags were at half-staff on the center field concourse.

Then, at 1:07 p.m. on a cool, late summer day, the first pitch was thrown. The Nationals were back in their regular "curly W" caps, and soon fans were cheering an inning-ending double play by the home team's defense. It was back to work, playing the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

"It hit me hard," Span said, "because this is right across the street from our stadium. Just to know that we come here every day for work, and you drive by the Navy Yard."

V-BALL

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Lorraine on its home turf in four sets (25-23, 25-16, 15-25, 27-25).

Head Coach Jessica Weynand was especially pleased with the win, as the first two came to Wellman-Union, another first-year program. It was also payback. Lorraine handed Coahoma one of its eight losses this season.

"It's fun to beat someone who has played volleyball for a while," Weynand said. "We played Lorraine before. I told the girls to go out there and outwork them. They outworked us when we played them at home. Our serving was very aggressive. We've been working on that every day, that's how you score points."

The Bulldogettes were in danger of being forced into a fifth set. Down 24-21 in the fourth stanza, CHS fought back to earn the come-from-behind win.

"It was like a totally new team," Weynand added. "They were down and they kept fighting. We needed that. It was a great team effort."

Julia Castilaw had six kills, Rylie Jacobs recorded five aces and Coley Rinard added three aces during the

game.

Next up for Coahoma will be a home game against Plains on Saturday at noon.

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out the top five. NBC Sports analyst Tony Dungy raised a question about the Texans.

"Two come from behind wins. Is that good or bad?" the former Colts coach asked.

New England and New Orleans tied for sixth. Chicago was eighth, Atlanta finished ninth, Kansas City jumped seven spots to 10th, and Miami made the same leap

to 11th. The Dolphins were the lowest of the eight unbeaten teams.

The Saints continued their creep toward the top, catching the eye of the panel with an uncharacteristically stout defense.

"My hat is off to Rob Ryan and the defensive product he's putting on the field," Kirwan wrote, praising the coordinator.

Baltimore, Cincinnati, Dallas, Indianapolis, San Diego, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Detroit and Tennessee filled out slots 12 through 20. The

Chargers made the biggest jump, advancing nine spots from 25th after a 33-30 victory on the road over the Eagles.

The bottom third comprised Arizona, Buffalo, the Giants, Minnesota, Washington, the Jets, Pittsburgh and Carolina, with Oakland and Tampa Bay tying for 29th. Then came Cleveland, one of eight teams without a win. Finally, for the second straight week, Jacksonville was a unanimous choice for last place. The Jaguars have scored 11 points over two games.

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