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City to overhaul master plan

Tremendous growth forecast for Big Spring in the near future

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring will follow a new "road map" when dealing with future growth.

During its Monday meeting, the city council voted 5-0 (Mayor Larry McLellan and

Raul Benavides were absent) to authorize a comprehensive overhaul of the city's master plan, which officials said will serve as a guidepost of sorts as the city deals with growth issues brought on by the shale oil boom and other factors.

"It's like you want to go to Dallas, but you don't have a road map. How do you know which direction to go?" City Finance Director Peggy Walker said. "We're already looking at bringing light retail and housing divisions

in ... we don't want to have heavy commercial businesses next door to those. You've got to have a plan in place so you can deal with those sort of issues and that's what the master plan will do."

The council authorized the

architectural firm of Freese and Nichols to rewrite the city's master plan and also approved an expenditure not to exceed \$225,000 to finance the project. While that amount

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Oil boom to fatten Rainy Day Fund

Special to the Herald

Thanks to a tremendous resurgence in oil and gas drilling and production, the Texas Rainy Day Fund will be flush for years to come, according to a study released this week by the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

The Rainy Day Flood: What Oil and Gas Comeback Means for Texas, documents the huge increase in oil and gas activity and the corresponding growth in the state treasury — particularly the state's Economic Stabilization Fund.

Under the Texas Constitution, 75 percent of all oil and gas severance tax revenue in excess of what the state collected in 1987 is to be deposited into the Economic Stabilization Fund, commonly referred to as the Rainy Day Fund. The fund is capped at an amount equal to 10 percent of the state's general revenue fund.

Texas collected \$4.5 billion in severance taxes in 2013, setting an all-time record, as will the corresponding \$2.5 billion deposit into the Rainy Day Fund. Texas oil production this year will be nearly twice what it was four years ago.

"To date, the new investment in oil and gas has generated more than 300,000 new jobs in Texas — accounting for one-third of our recession recovery," TTARA President Dale Craymer noted.

"Those trends will continue over the next several years," Craymer said, "because the investment is not being driven by price speculation but by cost effective new technologies. Previously unecon-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Jo Stone, Howard County Humane Society coordinator, handles several kittens that will be available for adoption. The Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic are holding an animal immunization clinic Saturday which will provide low-cost shots for dogs and cats. The clinic is a fund-raiser for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Humane Society fundraiser slated here on Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Reporter

Dog and cat owners have a chance to contribute to the community and save a little money as well when the Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic join together to host an animal immunization clinic.

"We have a great turnout for this," said Jo Stone, Humane Society coordinator. "We've already had six or seven calls so far, and we've just started to advertise."

Dr. Kim Carter, who practices at Sierra, and staff as-

sisted by Humane Society employees will be on hand from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Humane Society grounds, 5710 IH 20 West, which is located on the north service road of Interstate 20 on the west side of Big Spring.



Immunizations available for dogs include parvo and distemper shots for \$10 apiece and rabies shots for \$5. For pet owners who have indoor-only cats, FVRCP shots are \$10, and outdoor cats will

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UW golf ball drop a major success

Special to the Herald

The storm — West Texas Ball Storm — has passed, but there is a good chance it will remain in the forecast for next year.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members and community members gathered at Blankenship Field on Saturday evening as hundreds of golf

balls fell from the sky. This year's winners included closest to the hole, Tami Davis; second closest, Josh Hamby; and third place, Koby Nichols.

"This event gave families and friends a chance to support the different organizations in a unique



McClarty

way," said Ann McClarty, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Board president.

Through the generosity of Bob Price, not only was the event made possible, but those attending were able to partake in helicopter rides as they waited for the moment of the golf ball drop.

"This event truly couldn't have been done without Mr. Price and his extreme gen-

erosity," UW Executive Director Sandy Stewart said. "Not only did Bob Price offer the use of his helicopter so that the golf balls could be dropped, but he provided helicopter rides to those who wanted to experience

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Free depression screenings offered

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers will offer free and confidential depression screenings, Thursday on National Depression Screening Day.

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers be-

gan offering the screenings in 2000 to the Howard County community. Scenic Mountain Medical Center in 2007 began their partnership with the two agencies to provide screenings in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The screenings will be held on the fourth floor of

SMMC, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Screenings are free and are open to people of any age, said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW. Upon arrival, attendees are

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

- TARA NICOLE CARRINGTON, 42, of 1012 Howell, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 – shoplifting.
- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 28, of 710 Creighton, was arrested Monday on a warrant for unlawful restraint and assault causing bodily injury.
- SONYA MARISSA MORIN, 29, of 1601 West Leatherwood, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BILLY JOE WADE, 28, of 2505 Barksdale, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams and a warrant from another agency.
- RODNEY CHASE BURROW, 29, of 1506 East 15th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault family violence causing bodily injury.
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 29, of 102 Merrick Road, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for criminal mischief greater than \$20,000 - impair/interrupt public service.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 31, of 102 Merrick Road, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue and the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 10000 block of Moss Lake Road.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 2500 block of Carleton Drive.
- THEFT was reported at the 1600 block of Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported

at the 400 block of Northeast 9th Street.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 600 block of East FM 700 and the 1200 block of East Eleventh Place
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the south service road and Salem Road exit.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- DELIA ZARRAGA was booked by HCSO to begin sentencing for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- BILLY JOE WADE was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- SONYA MARISSA MORIN was booked by BSPD on a MTRP/criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- RODNEY CHASE BURROW was booked by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/assault causing bodily injury family member.

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

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1300 block of Ridgeroad. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of State. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 3300 West Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 600 block of McEwen. No transport.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported at the 2000 block of Gregg. Extinguished.
- GRASS FIRE was reported at the 500 block of Settles. Extinguished.

Take Note

The Sheriff's Posse will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today at their location on Andrews Highway. For more information contact Steve at 213-6104 or Burt at 263-4483.

The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center is the featured Dine Out Days sponsor this week. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2014 campaign to support the 17 member agencies. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or to find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

American Legion Post 5063rd annual Garza Mexican lunch will be held Saturday. Serving will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 and carry out is available. The post is located at 3203 West Highway 80. For more information call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

Masonic Lodge No. 598 will present its annual Golden Trowel Award, given to members for outstanding service, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the lodge, located at Third and Main streets in Big Spring. For more information, call 270-0127.

New affordable health insurance options are available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to one of our presentations in the Senior Circle Room at SMMC: Oct. 24 for Sr. Circle & Healthy Woman members; or one of our community presentations Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m. at YMCA or Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

The Permian Historical Society will hold its fall meeting at the historic Hotel Settles on Oct. 26. Five programs on the history of Big Spring and Howard County will be presented: Government Incompetence Engraved in Stone; Why the Wrong Service is on Pvt. James B. Gordon's Tombstone; Dr. J.W. Barnett, Pioneer Big Spring Physician; Early Howard County Schools; Pro Football Players from Big Spring High School; and The Fascinating Saga of Settles Hotel.

If you like, dress as a 1930s hotel guest and win a prize. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast, book sales and visiting. The programs begin at 10, followed by lunch at the Hotel Settles. Those planning to attend must register and send \$14 for lunch to Peggy Kelton, P.O. Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 by Oct. 11. Register by phone at 432-652-8738 or email at peggy.kelton@gmail.com

Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan Clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event will include the following booths: fishing, football throw, cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, train rides, a concession stand and a ticket booth.

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent



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Marcus Neal

Marcus Neal, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

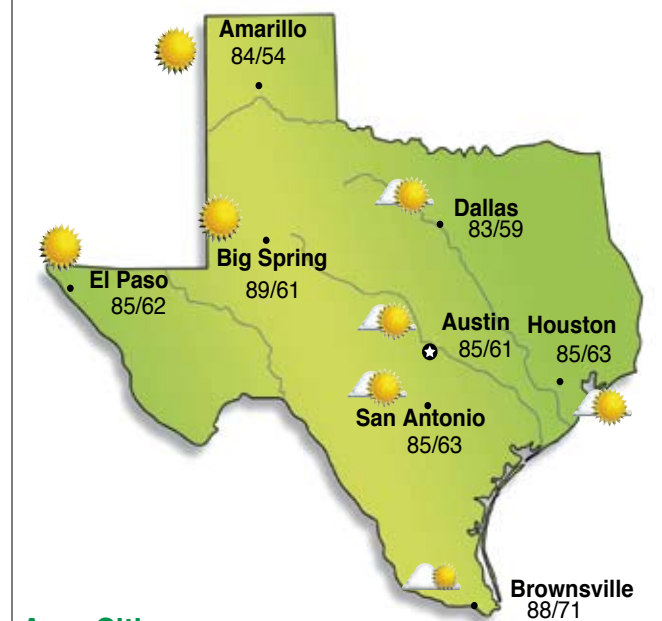
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

| Wed 10/9 | Thu 10/10 | Fri 10/11 |
|--|---|--|
|  89/61 Sunny skies. Warm. High 89F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. |  88/62 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s. |  90/64 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s. |
| Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM | Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM | Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM |



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene | 84 | 61 | mst sunny | Kingsville | 89 | 67 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo | 84 | 54 | sunny | Livingston | 84 | 55 | mst sunny |
| Austin | 85 | 61 | mst sunny | Longview | 81 | 56 | sunny |
| Beaumont | 82 | 60 | mst sunny | Lubbock | 86 | 55 | sunny |
| Brownsville | 88 | 71 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 83 | 55 | sunny |
| Brownwood | 86 | 60 | mst sunny | Midland | 88 | 63 | sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 86 | 70 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 89 | 67 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 82 | 57 | mst sunny | Rosenberg | 85 | 62 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 83 | 59 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 85 | 63 | mst sunny |
| Del Rio | 86 | 66 | sunny | San Marcos | 86 | 60 | mst sunny |
| El Paso | 85 | 62 | sunny | Sulphur Springs | 81 | 57 | sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 91 | 61 | windy | Sweetwater | 84 | 60 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 82 | 55 | sunny | Tyler | 81 | 57 | sunny |
| Greenville | 81 | 55 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 82 | 57 | mst sunny |
| Houston | 85 | 63 | mst sunny | Wichita Falls | 85 | 57 | sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 76 | 53 | pt sunny | Minneapolis | 76 | 53 | mst sunny |
| Boston | 62 | 46 | pt sunny | New York | 65 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 70 | 49 | sunny | Phoenix | 90 | 66 | sunny |
| Dallas | 83 | 59 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 70 | 55 | sunny |
| Denver | 67 | 44 | pt sunny | Seattle | 54 | 42 | rain |
| Houston | 85 | 63 | mst sunny | St. Louis | 76 | 57 | sunny |
| Los Angeles | 72 | 57 | sunny | Washington, DC | 67 | 57 | rain |
| Miami | 89 | 73 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Wed 10/9 | Thu 10/10 | Fri 10/11 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Very High | High | High |

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proved to be a sticking point for some council members — particularly Mayor Pro Temp Marcus Fernandez — Walker said it is possible the city won't have to spend a penny for the project.

"I feel very confident that the (Big Spring Economic Development Corp.) will supply the money for this," she said. "But we have to have the financing in place before (Freese and Nichols) can begin work on the master plan."

If the city must pay for the plan, the money would come from reserve funds, she added. Spurring the need for a new master plan is impending growth, especially in Big Spring's



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan, left, and Mayor Pro Temp Marcus Fernandez talk during Monday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

northwest corridor, a 600-acre area which stretches north from Interstate 20 to the site of the soon-to-come Highway 87 reliever route and west from 87 to the city sports complex.

The city's existing master plan was developed in the 1994-1995 fiscal year and updated

in 1999, but didn't anticipate the oil boom or expected growth toward the northwest, officials said.

Walker said "several" firms are anxious to start developing the area — primarily for hotels and housing purposes — but are waiting to see what the city has

in mind for the land, increasing the need for the master plan.

"This development will bring millions of dollars to our tax rolls," she said.

City Manager Todd Darden said the master plan overhaul will take approximately six to eight months with work starting "immediately." He echoed Walker in describing the need for the new plan.

"As our population will grow and our economy grows, so will the city's responsibilities," Darden said. "It is incumbent on us to take a close look at what we intend for the land we own ... from police to water to all city services."

"Time is of the essence," Darden added. "Millions of dollars are on the table and we've already had a couple of

developers walk away because we didn't have a master plan in place for that area."

In other business, the council:

- Defeated on emergency reading a resolution which would have named Tim Blackshear as the city's nominee as director of the county tax appraisal district board of directors. The city now will not have a nominee to the board. Councilwoman Carmen Harbour voted against the resolution (emergency resolutions must be passed unanimously).

- Approved a petition to annex slightly more than 74 acres in the Kentwood Addition. Plans call for housing development in that area.

- Approved a remapping and rezoning of

a 1.98-acre tract in the Brennand Addition (near the Canterbury retirement complex) to allow construction of a 17-unit townhouse complex.

- Approved a single-use permit for Daniel Mondier to operate a pet shop at 2101 Scurry St.

- Awarded bids for two sanitation trucks (\$424,000) and wastewater treatment plant construction (\$5.9 million).

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

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Big Spring from above." McClarty added, "The opportunity to view our city from the seat of a helicopter was an experience that many will never forget. Our community is always so generous to support United Way organizations and our board recognizes that we do live in a town with a big heart."

The money raised will benefit the 17 local agencies and go toward the 2014 campaign goal of \$330,000. To find out how you can offer your support to the United Way, contact Stewart at 432-267-5201.

PETS

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receive FELV/FVRCP shots for \$15. Rabies shots for cats are \$5 a piece. Dogs must be on a leash, and cats must stay in a carrier.

"If they have several animals or they are unable to bring them in, the vet will come out to their cars and give shots," Stone said.

Funds raised from the Saturday clinic will be given the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. The Humane Society is one of the 17 area agencies that re-

ceive an annual allotment from the United Way and that money is specifically designated for certain services offered to the community, Stone said.

"We had a veteran who came into town and needed care at the wound care center at the VAMC," Stone said. "He had a little dog, and he had no family to care for his pet. The VA contacted us, and we took care of this dog while he was receiving treatment. That was for about a month. We keep two little dogs for some people in town who go Houston every three weeks for cancer treatment. We

try to give back to the community with what we can because they are so nice to us."

The United Way allocation supports services such as emergency care, assistance with food, spay and neuter procedures and other veterinarian visits, Stone added. To be eligible for assistance, you must be more than 65 years of age and fall into a low income bracket.

"It's all because of the United Way that we are able to do this," Stone said. "We have to be humane to as many people as we can. Most of the people who have animals, they love those

animals so much. That might be the only thing in the world they have. They might not have any other family and that animal means so much to them."

She added that the need in the community for these services is great.

"There are so many people who call us all the time," she said. "This way, they can take the animal to the vet right then, and they know the Humane Society will take care of it. We help a lot of people in the community."

Eligible participants should call or visit the Humane Society to fill

out the necessary paperwork.

"We will make an appointment for the vet and then we will take care of the cost," Stone said.

The Humane Society cares for an average of 140 animals monthly. For more information about the clinic or the Humane Society, call 432-267-7832. The Howard County Humane Society is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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omical plays in the Barnett, the Eagle Ford and those around the Permian Basin are fueling new investment,

new jobs, economic growth and substantial growth in tax revenues."

While the Legislature is asking Texas voters for new uses for some of the money that would otherwise build the balance of the Rainy Day

Fund, the fiscal health of the fund is strong and will not be harmed by these new initiatives, according to Craymer.

Next month, voters will be asked to validate a \$2 billion appropriation for new water projects. In November 2014,

voters will be asked to authorize a portion of oil and gas tax collections that would otherwise be deposited into the Rainy Day Fund be used to fund a portion of the state's transportation infrastructure needs.

SCREENING

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provided with a short questionnaire and will visit with a mental health professional to review the answers.

"These are questions provided by the National Depression Screening Day organization," Smith said. "The answers to this set of questions gives us good insight and a good starting-off point for dialogue."

The clinicians and attendees review the answers together, which gives the mental health experts a good idea if follow-up care for depression is necessary or if the person is only experiencing a sad period in his or her life.

"The screening tool has really been very helpful in determining whether the attendees need to be seen for follow-up care either as an outpatient or an inpatient," said Lorie Dunnam, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent. "We have seen people at our depression screenings who have lived with depression for years and needed professional help for their illness. They have been so thankful for these screenings."

Mental health professionals at the screenings do not diagnose depression. But following the screening and interview, they may suggest avenues participants

can pursue, Dunnam said.

Depression affects more than 15 million Americans each year, according to the National Mental Health Association. Clinical depression is treatable through a variety of methods, including medications and psychotherapy or a combination of the two.

Other people may be living with periods of sadness or have experienced a difficult time and are feeling that they will never be happy again.

"Many of the people we see every year are those who are just not sure if they are clinically de-

pressed or if they just need to work through a particular issue that they may be experiencing," Smith said.

Each attendee is given educational literature and the names and phone numbers of community resources.

Screenings are free and confidential, Smith said. They are offered at more than 1,500 locations across the United States.

West Texas Centers also will offer the screenings at the Carnegie Library of Ballinger, 204 N. 8th St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West Texas Centers operates a 24-hour men-

tal health crisis hotline, 1-800-375-4357.

The line is available for those who are in a crisis or need mental health services, Smith said.

For more information on National Depression Screening Day, call Valerie Avery at 432-816-9257.

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Too long at the fair

Recently, I was talking with a colleague about the opportunities we have had in our lifetime and how many unique things we have had available to us in this country throughout the years.

We talk about the "good ole days" and we find surveys that the American people believed that 50 years ago we were much happier. As far as things that mattered, we had things better 50 years ago than we do today. Technology, medical advancement and all of the things that are available to us today have not made us happy. We are filled but we are not fulfilled. We are gratified but we are not satisfied.

There was a song several years ago that addressed this situation and describes it as "staying too long at the fair." It is a story of a little girl who goes to the fair and stays all day long, only to find that the glitter has vanished and there is nothing more to satisfy her longings.

However, the song is more than that and the deeper meaning involves those who live their lives chasing thrills, living for the moment, living for pleasure and then when it is all over having nothing to show for it.

The song lyrics say:
"I wanted the music to play on forever. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"I wanted the clown to be constantly clever. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"I bought me blue ribbons to tie up my hair, but I couldn't find anybody to care. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"The merry-go-round is beginning to taunt now. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"The music has stopped and the children must go now. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"I wanted to live in a carnival city with laughter and love everywhere; I wanted my friends to be thrilling and witty, I wanted somebody to care; I found my blue ribbons all shiny and new but now I discover them no longer blue. The merry-go-round is beginning to taunt me. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

"There's nothing to win and there's no one to want me. Have I stayed too long at the fair?"

As I consider these words, I think a realistic look at our people today is to say that many have stayed too long at the fair.

They are not happy and their lives are empty. We all realize that we continue to grow through our lifecycle for as long as we survive childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, adulthood, maturity and frailty. We may not live through all of the available stages and each segment contains physical, emotional, mental and spiritual growth experiences unique to itself.

As these stages begin and end we may feel relief or remorse that they are over. However, once we move through a stage, we know it is over; we cannot go back. And if we find that our world is hurting and feels empty, we must ask ourselves, have we stayed too long at the fair and is it time to regroup and redirect our existence?

The fair brings us temporary pleasures but life has much more to offer. Don't stay too long at the fair!

Darrell Ryan is the director of school safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.



DARRELL RYAN



Courtesy photo

Originating in Africa, the cattle egret had been considered a sacred Egyptian bird. From the dynasties of Pharaohs, and then the Old World, its descendents somehow crossed an ocean. The specie had spread northward into the United States from South America by the 1950s.

Bird Poop

A cattle egret gets a much-needed bath

Leaving behind the open pit, and driving down the ranch road that finally reached the pavement, the man rushed from the Garden City area toward Big Spring. Over and over again he wondered if he had caught it in time.



BEBE MCCASLAND

The routine of his day had been interrupted when he first spotted the white bird. Amidst the noise of the drilling rig, and commotion of trucks coming and going, he had seen a cattle egret floundering in the containment pond.

Either late afternoon or early morning sheens on the glimmering surface had appeared to be water to the helpless bird. After donning his rubber boots and wading into the muck, he grabbed the blackened heron.

As he tried to wade up and out of the pit, several workers grabbed his arms as his feet slid on the slippery side. Once on level ground, the men hurried toward the makeshift office. With only a shallow sink and a product designed to clean their hands, the men attempted to remove crude oil from the bird.

Realizing the egret needed more cleansing, the man called his mother. Since childhood, she had taken in and cared for nearly every critter he'd ever found. His faith in her ability continued.

When he arrived in her driveway, she was ready. Diligently, with warm water and Blue Dawn, she managed to remove even more of the oily residue. After making sure that she had dissolved the grime next to its skin, she wrapped it in towels to keep it warm.

When she called, the desperation in her voice

seemed to acknowledge that the egret's survival was questionable. When we met on our front porch, she added, "I can't seem to get it warm."

As she unwrapped the lower part of its body and legs, its feet were cold to the touch. "There's another problem, too," I cautioned. In the egret's feet were numerous cactus thorns.

Having already alerted Ray Nitzschke, a wildlife center volunteer who would meet us in Lamesa, I thanked her for her timely efforts. She and her son had realized that the crude oil could have been absorbed through the skin or ingested if the bird had tried to preen.

Once Ray arrived at South Plains, Gail Barnes gave the cattle egret two more baths and medication to thwart the toxic effects of the crude oil. To restore its body temperature, it was placed in an incubator. For the rest of the day, all of us hoped we had done enough, soon enough.

In my mind, I could envision its slow, methodical stride as it had hunted for insects along the perimeter of the pond. Even though it was October, we still had grasshoppers. Its leisurely stroll would have suddenly ended upon the slightest movement ahead.

Remaining still, with its short neck hunched against its shoulders, it would have snatched an insect with its thick, yellow bill. Hurriedly swallowing the wiggling bug, it would have continued to stalk the edges for anything, even lizards, hiding in the rough indentations within the walls of the pond.

During summer's breeding season, the cattle egret would have sported orange vestiges on its

crown, breast and back. Its colors faded, the small heron would appear snow-white during autumn and winter.

While other herons and egrets often frequent freshwater areas, the cattle egret was representative of its name. Following grazing livestock, picking ticks from their backs, and feasting on insects stirred up by their hooves, the bird was more likely to be found on ranches and farm land than near any body of water.

Some time during the night, the egret could no longer struggle against its misfortune. Rapid wingbeats of its three-foot wingspan would never again propel it into the sky.

The efforts and planning of so many to save the bird had caused me to remember a portion of a poem by Robert Burns. Upon uncovering the hidden burrow of a field mouse with a plough, the Scottish poet regretted destroying its home.

*"The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!"*

Burns was accurate in his summation. Our best-laid plans, or intentions, whether for a mouse or bird, go oft astray, and leave us saddened by the futility of our efforts.

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Big Spring tops Snyder 12-7

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

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SNYDER — The weather created some adverse conditions Saturday morning, but Big Spring tennis stayed perfect, moving to 4-0 and handing Snyder its first district loss of the season. The only team left for the Steers to tangle with is Abilene Wyle, which has dominated the division for several years.

Although Head Coach Dana Jones has avoided a team loss so far, he admits Wylie will be a much more formidable opponent.

"I don't think Wylie is as strong as they've been," Jones said. "But they're still plenty good. They're strong at the top, but we could conceivably win a few matches."

Snyder was a good warmup. Again, there were no superstars, but Jones is used to that. It's been a team effort all season.

"The girls did a great job sweeping doubles," he said. "I was a little surprised the boys didn't a doubles match. That's the first time that's happened all year, but they were all close. It seems week in and week out, someone steps up when it's needed."

Even if the Steers lose to Wylie and finish 4-1, they've locked up a regional berth at Wichita Falls in November.

Big Spring 12, Snyder 7

Girls Doubles: Parnell/Walker def. Smith/Williams, 8-2; Castillo/Redlin def. Campos Chavez, 8-6; Bakley/Marshall def. Khaled/McWilliams, 8-3.

Girls Singles: Molly Walker

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Big Spring's Cassidi Redlin returns a serve during a match earlier this season. Steer tennis 4-0 and has secured a regional appearance.

Coahoma earns 2nd place finishes, Forsan takes 1st

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SUNDOWN — It was a long day for some Forsan cross country runners who double as football players. After traveling to Sundown Friday for the Buffaloes-Roughnecks game, the CC squad turned around went right back to Sundown Saturday for the Oil Patch Invitational. FHS competed well, with the varsity boys taking first overall as well as four-of-eight top individual spots, upending the host team by six points with a score of 44.

Tyler Jeremy nabbed second place, while Jeremy Cervantes finished third, Justin Goff placing seventh and Matthew Mims taking eighth. Cody Tanis rounded out the top five with a 36th place showing. Josh Evans improved his time and earned a 51st place finish.

In the junior varsity division, John

Broughton and Bryce Gartman placed 34th and 35th, respectively.

The junior high boys also ran well enough for a fourth place team finish, with Bryce Hergert leading the way with a 17th place finish. Garret Evans was 19th, Robert Stevenson was 21st, Kolby Watson was 25th, Zach Bailey was 62nd, Andy Kirkland was 70th, Kobe Richardson was 72nd and Jordan Enriquez was 73rd.

"I'm proud of our guys," said FHS CC Coach Robert Hillger, who led his team to a Class A championship last season. "The guys competed with so much heart. I'm always impressed with our boys' ability to turn it on when the stakes are high. I'm proud of our junior high guys also. The field was 130 runners, so to have four in the top 25 is very good."

Next up for the Buffaloes will be the Romp in the Park in Lamesa on Saturday, with O'Donnell playing

host. Varsity is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

SAN ANGELO — Also competing well over the weekend was Coahoma's cross country team, which placed second overall in both the boys and girls divisions.

"We had numerous top 15 finishers in both divisions," Head CC Coach Paul Hartman said. "That led to our strong finish in the team competition."

Kaeli Yager cleared the way for the girls, finishing second overall with a time of 13:25. Ana Mejia claimed eighth place with a time of 14:05. Also running on the girls side was Klarissa Martinez (14); Erin Lowery (17); Meagan Hurst (24) and Sarinity Klug (23).

Heather Goodger recorded a time of 15:25 in the junior varsity bracket, while teammate Hannah Hobby finished with a time of 15:50. Junior

High saw Allie Eilenberger lead the way with a 24th place finish. Also running was Hana Stanaslaus (29), Illianna Sandoval (42) and Aubrey Bentley (41).

In the boys division, Devin Ruiz placed third with a time of 17:18, Josh Dean finished sixth (17:42) and Landyn Young placed 12th with a time of 18:14. Omar Skhtankar finished at 24th and Garrett Richardson placed 29th.

Joseph Hernandez led the junior high boys with a 24th place showing. Also competing were Ethan Lopez (33), Chance McMurray (35) and Bryson Cline (37).

The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will run in the Concho Valley Invitational at Water Valley on Saturday.

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Broncos are biggest NFL favorite ever in Vegas books

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It looked like a mismatch even before Peyton Manning hooked up for his first touchdown pass to Wes Welker and the rest of the NFL found out just how bad the Jacksonville Jaguars really are.

But now it's official. The Denver Broncos are the biggest favorite ever in an NFL game in this gambling city, a whopping four-touchdown pick Sunday at home against the hapless Jaguars.

Sports books in and around Las Vegas make a 28-point pick Sunday at home against the Broncos a 2011 favorite over Jacksonville, unheard of in an industry where half-point swings can be huge and most teams are rated within a few points of each other. But even the big line hasn't stopped people from betting money on the Broncos, even after they didn't cover the spread in Sunday's 51-48 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

"It didn't take people long to jump on the Broncos bandwagon, which is at its capacity now," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the sports book at the LVH hotel. "And we expect that to continue."

Though the city's legal sports books don't keep historical records on such things — and the NFL refuses to even acknowledge that betting lines exist — those in the industry say the lopsided point spread surpasses the 26-point margin for favored Pittsburgh against Tampa Bay in 1976 when the Buccaneers were an expansion franchise and the Steelers got within a game of the Super Bowl.

More recently, the biggest favorite was New England as a 24-point pick over Philadelphia in 2007, the year the Patriots made it through the regular season undefeated.

"You have a team that can't seem to get out of their own

way against a team that put up 51 points on Sunday," said Jimmy Vaccaro, vice president of sports marketing at the South Point hotel. "Everything feeds into this. It's the best versus the worst."

The game is so lopsided that most sports books aren't even putting up money lines on the game, where a bettor can simply pick a team to win or lose. Instead, oddsmakers tried to find a number that would somehow entice betting on the Jaguars even if they are given almost no chance of winning the game outright.

That line turned out to be 28 points, meaning bettors who think Manning and the Broncos won't let off the gas at home against Jacksonville have to give up that many points to get a bet on Denver. Those who like Jacksonville, on the other hand,

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McCoy see Oklahoma game as chance to create legacy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas quarterback Case McCoy has spent four years with the Longhorns living in his older brother Colt's considerable shadow.

While Colt led Texas to two BCS bowl games, a Big 12 title and was one win shy of a national championship, Case has spent his career as part-time starter, most-of-the-time backup.

But McCoy will start for Texas (3-2, 2-0) against No. 12 Oklahoma (5-0, 2-0) Saturday because David Ash remains sidelined with lingering concussion symptoms.

It will be up to McCoy to try to end Texas' three-game losing skid to the Sooners and add a little depth to the McCoy family legacy.

The Texas-Oklahoma game tends to have high stakes for Longhorns quarterbacks, and McCoy said Monday he's embracing his chance for fame or infamy.

"This is a game that I could be remembered for the rest

of my life," McCoy said. "I'm preparing and (practicing) for a game I'll be remembered for forever."

McCoy's uneven career has produced uneven results.

Texas fans will always remember his scramble to set up the winning field goal at Texas A&M in 2011, the last game played between the historical rivals. The run captured the same gritty competitiveness that Colt McCoy had given the Longhorns from 2006-2009.

But Case also started a 55-17 blowout loss to Oklahoma in 2011. He had five turnovers in a loss at Baylor that season. And he was suspended before the 2012 Alamo Bowl amid a criminal investigation in which ultimately no charges were filed.

And while his arm strength has been questioned and he was overtaken by Ash as the full-time starter this year, McCoy's belief in himself

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Connects With Saturn
Scientists can tell the difference between bad stress and good stress because of the chemical reaction it causes in the blood. You can tell the difference because of how you feel. Brave the unfamiliar under this Mercury/Saturn conjunction, and you'll get both kinds of stress. But at the end of the day, all you'll remember is the excitement.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone is flawed in some way. Accepting your own imperfections takes courage. You don't have to be fearless; you only have to be willing to endure the fearful feelings and stand by yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The way to amplify your attractive qualities is to feel good inside about who you are. A stellar shampoo is an easier route, but you won't be sorry for the effort you make to get right with yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't start a competition where there doesn't need to be one. Why put yourself in a position that requires you to do more just to prove a point? Besides, it will be a pain if you have to soothe the ego of a sore loser.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll have many options, and you're in just the mood to make the most of them. You can clearly see what needs to happen next, and you'll do the thing that makes you feel healthy, robust and vital.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Progress is coming gradually these days — so gradually, in fact, that you may be too impatient to call it a win. Day-to-day forward movement will contribute more to your success than a sudden sweeping victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Superficial beauty is as much an illusion as superficial ugliness. You're after something deeper now, a kind of beauty that is unchanged by the passage of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When it's time to call on a stranger for help, for instance a repairperson or other professional, you may encounter a certain amount of reluctance in yourself. Today this is an instinct to heed, not a fear to overcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The situation you believe is causing you unhappiness is actually not the cause at all. The cause is something random, and the solution is exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Beetles and roaches were born with hard shells on their backs, but the hardest parts of you are on the inside — and they're also the softest. Surrender to your human frailty, and you'll find the sense of connection you seek.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Refrain from comparison. Right now, you're likely to feel threatened by other people's assets, which in reality have nothing to do with your own success. Do your best, and ignore the rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a quiet confidence that comes from giving back that cannot be duplicated through any other action. Selfless generosity orients you differently. You radiate outward instead of being self-conscious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Forget about the mistakes of the past; you now have the chance to start new. You'll walk a little faster and speak a little louder today — two of the main reasons you get things done.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chart-topper Bruno Mars comes from a family of musicians in Honolulu, Hawaii, and has been performing since he was a child. This harmonious Libra was born when Venus and Mars were both in Virgo, indicating that this multi-instrumentalist and producer has an intense work ethic. His natal Leo moon gives the sparkle of entertainment to round out his diverse chart.

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| 5:PM | News ABC | Casa Notic. | Two Men | News CBS | Noticias | News | Series: Teams TBA. | Justice Called | Charlie Rose | King/Hill Cleveland | Tickle Tickle | | Ink Master | Castle | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Good Jessie | Around Pardon | SportsCenter |
| 6:PM | Jeopardy! | Corazón Indomable | Big Bang | News CBS | Caso Cerado | News | | Door-Wisdom | PBS News-Hour | Seinfeld Rules | Tickle Tickle | | Ink Master | Castle | Movie: State Property 2 | ANT Farm | NFL Live | E:60 |
| 7:PM | S.H.I.E.L.D. | Porque el Am. | Dads | NCIS (DVS) | Dama y Obrero (SS) | The Biggest Loser | MLB Baseball: Division Series: Teams TBA. | Upd Zola Lev. | In Performance... | The Originals | Tickle Tickle | The Walking Dead | Ink Master | Castle (DVS) | | Austin Wolfblood Liv-Mad. | WNBA Basketball | 30 for 30 |
| 8:PM | Gold Trophy | La Tempes-tad (SS) | New Girl | NCIS: Los Angeles | Marido en Alquiler | The Voice | | Frontline | Supernatural | Tickle Tickle | The Walking Dead | Ink Master | Castle (DVS) | | Movie: Precious, Paula Patton | ANT Farm | | World Series |
| 9:PM | Lucky 7 | Mentir Para Vivir | Mod Fam | Person of Interest | Santa Diabla (SS) | (.01) Chi-cago Fire | | | Rules Seinfeld | Buying | The Walking Dead | | Cold Justice | | Dog | 30 for 30 | World Series | |
| 10:PM | News | Impacto | Arsenio Hall | News | Noticias | News | | Shepherd's Heart | Charlie Rose | Commun Tickle | The Walking Dead | Criss Angel BeLiEve | The Mental-ist | | Jessie | Olbermann | SportsCenter | |
| 11:PM | Jimmy Kim-ber Live | Familia-Suerte | How I Met | Letterman | De'siones | Jay Lenó | | Ministerios Vida | World | '70s Buying | The Walking Dead | Ink Master | Cold Justice | Wendy Williams | Good | Olbermann | SportsCenter | |
| 12:AM | Extra | Ni Contigo, Ni sin Ti | Raymond | Insider | Pagado | News | Office | Upd | Til Death (Off Air) | '70s Buying | The Walking Dead | | The Mental-ist | Movie: Video Girl, LisaRaye | Shake It | Baseball Tonight | SportsCenter | |
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ARE YOU KIDDING?!

I LOST MY SHOES HOURS AGO!!

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DON'T DEMEAN MY ENDEAVORS. IT'S NOT JUST A BIG HOLE.

THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST, DEEPEST, DARKEST HOLE EVER DUG! IT WILL MAKE ALL PREVIOUS DEEP, DARK HOLES SEEM SHALLOW AND SILLY.

THINK HOW FAR ALONG YOU WOULD BE IF YOU USED A SHOVEL.

SALAD TONGS ARE SLOW, BUT THEY'RE PRECISE.

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 2013. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wis., and in several communities in Michigan.
- In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce (puhrs), died in Concord, N.H.
- In 1918, U.S. Army Cpl. Alvin C. York led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 others in the Argonne Forest in France.
- In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the son of Charles A. Lindbergh.
- In 1944, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," starring Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, made its debut on CBS Radio.
- In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.
- In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.
- In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.
- In 1962, Chuck Hiller of the San Francisco Giants became the first National Leaguer to hit a World Series grand slam; the shot came in Game 4 against New York Yankees pitcher Marshall Bridges. (The final score of the game was Giants 7, Yankees 3.)
- In 1967, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee died in London at age 84.
- In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.
- In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.
- In 1992, former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt died in Unkel, Germany, at age 78.

Thought for Today: "There is an abiding beauty which may be appreciated by those who will see things as they are and who will ask for no reward except to see." — Ætí Vera Brittain, British author (1893-1970).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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HI AND LOIS

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ARF! ARF! YAP! ARF!

WHY ARE YOU BARKING?

IS IT BECAUSE OF THAT BALL?!

WHY MAKE SUCH A FUSS OVER A DUMB BALL?

YOU WOULD TOO IF YOU KEPT LOSING THEM.

THE OTHER COAST

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LOST-STICK LAST SEEN IN ECHO PARK

LOST-STICK IN ALPHA PARK

LOST! STICK IN CENTRAL PARK

LOST! STICK TEN INCHES LONG

LOST! STICK LEFT ON BEACH

SNUFFY SMITH

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SNUFFY'S MAW IS REALLY BIG ON RECYCLIN'!!

SHE USES TH' SAME CRITICISMS OF ME OVER AN' OVER AN' OVER!!

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I DUNNO... SOMEHOW HE STILL LOOKS LIKE A LOSER

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ACROSS

- 1 Overcharge for tickets
- 6 Quickly, in a memo
- 10 Writing tablets
- 14 Group of experts
- 15 Gear teeth
- 16 Great Salt Lake state
- 17 Sports venue
- 18 Wishes undone
- 19 Greedy one's cry
- 20 Traditional fall snack
- 22 Made a choice
- 23 Plane's takeoff stat.
- 24 Marvelous, in '60s slang
- 25 Turkey meat choice
- 27 Mystical glow
- 28 Helps
- 32 Lacking nothing
- 36 Bigwig
- 37 End of a lasso
- 38 Use needle and thread
- 40 Prefix for trooper or medic
- 41 Funnel-shaped flower
- 44 Encouraging words
- 47 Ascertains
- 49 Soft French cheese
- 50 Pepsi or Coke
- 51 Moral misdeed
- 52 L.A. clock setting
- 55 Visit unexpectedly
- 58 Traditional fall dessert
- 61 In the thick of
- 62 Took a photo of

DOWN

- 1 Leeway
- 2 Gems' weight measure
- 3 Bring to (finish)
- 4 Give for a while
- 5 Frolicsome
- 6 Circus performers
- 7 Tart-tasting
- 8 Meeting outline
- 9 Ltr. add-ons
- 10 Traditional fall dessert
- 11 Working hard
- 12 Person from Copenhagen
- 13 Place to store tools
- 21 Be concerned
- 22 Approximately
- 26 Campfire residue
- 27 Traditional fall beverage
- 29 "Shoo!"
- 30 Drive-__ window
- 31 Source of sink suds
- 32 Dressed (in)
- 33 Seep
- 34 Castle
- 35 Comic strip scream
- 39 Internet locations
- 42 Supply-and-demand sci.
- 43 Ocean east of the US
- 45 Explorer
- __ the Red
- 46 Hanker after
- 48 Strut
- 52 Book leaves
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Kieran Atherton stretches for a hit during a match earlier this season. The Big Spring tennis team is now 4-0 after defeating Snyder 12-7 Saturday. The Steers are gearing up for what promises to be a tough outing against six-time defending state champion Abilene Wylie on Saturday, then BSBS will prepare for the regional match, which will be held in Wichita Falls Nov. 1-2.

Sudoku Answer on Page 12

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

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By Steve Becker

Magnificent Defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 4 3
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ K 9 4
♣ K J 7

WEST
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A 3
♦ J 10
♣ A 10 9 4 3

EAST
♠ 6
♥ 10 7 6 4
♦ A Q 8 7
♣ Q 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9
♥ K J 5
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
There is something soul-satisfying in bridge about a job well done — especially when the feat involves precision defense.

Good defense is generally more difficult than good declarer play, since declarer has the natural advantage of seeing all of his side's resources after dummy comes down, while a defender sees only a portion of his side's resources as the play begins.

Take this case where West leads the jack of diamonds against South's two-spade contract. After the jack holds, it seems normal to continue with the ten. If West plays another diamond, however, South loses at worst three diamonds, a heart and a club.

But when the hand was played, South encountered exceptionally fine defense and went down one. At trick two, West cashed the ace of hearts before continuing with the ten of diamonds.

South did as well as he could by ducking, but East cooperated perfectly with West's grand design by overtaking the ten with the queen and cashing the ace, allowing West to discard his remaining heart.

When East next returned a heart, West ruffed to bring the defense its fifth trick in a row. The ace of clubs then brought an end to the play, and South found himself duly buried with honors.

Note that the heart ruff cannot occur unless West first clears the ace of hearts from his hand. True, this is a difficult play to come up with in the heat of battle, but it merely shows why defense is regarded as the most difficult — as well as the most satisfying — part of the game.

Tomorrow: Think before you act.
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NFL says it will meet with tribe about Redskins name

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL is prepared to meet with an Indian tribe pushing for the Washington Redskins to drop the team's nickname. Just not this week.

As league owners gathered Monday in the nation's capital for their fall meetings, the Oneida Indian Nation held a symposium across town to promote their "Change the Mascot" campaign. Oneida representative Ray Halbritter said the NFL was invited to attend.

Instead, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said, a meeting has been scheduled for next month — and could happen sooner.

"We respect that people have differing views," McCarthy said. "It is important that we listen to all perspectives."

He said the Redskins name is not on the agenda for the owners' meetings. Redskins owner Dan Snyder has vowed to keep the name, and an AP-GfK poll conducted in April found that nearly 4 in 5 Americans don't think the team should change its name.

It's a topic generating discussion lately, though. Presi-

dent Barack Obama said in an interview with The Associated Press last week that he would "think about changing" the team's name if he were the owner.

Halbritter called that statement "nothing less than historic" and said the team's nickname is "a divisive epithet ... and an outdated sign of division and hate."

Addressing the NFL, Halbritter said: "It is hypocritical to say you're America's pastime but not represent the ideals of America."

U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., said the league and team are "promoting a racial slur" and "this issue is not going away."

For years, a group of American Indians has tried to block the team from having federal trademark protection, and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's envoy to Congress, predicted Monday that effort eventually will succeed.

"This name is going to go into the dustbin of history," she said.

Lanny Davis, a lawyer who said he's been advising Snyder on the name issue for "at

least several months," said in a telephone interview after the symposium: "The Washington Redskins support people's feelings, but the overwhelming data is that Native Americans are not offended and only a small minority are."

Davis also said the campaign is "showing selective attention" by focusing on the Redskins and not teams such as the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, or Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians and Atlanta Braves.

Earlier, Halbritter was asked about those other nicknames.

"The name of Washington's team is a dictionary-defined, offensive racial epithet. Those other names aren't," Halbritter said. "But there is a broader discussion to be had about using mascots generally."

Players for the Redskins have remained mostly silent on the topic, including star quarterback Robert Griffin III, who recently called the debate "something way above my understanding."

LEGACY

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has never been shaken.

The Texas-Oklahoma rivalry, played in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, with the stadium split 50-50 in burnt orange and crimson, has been known to rattle players, notably quarterbacks. Colt McCoy handled it and was 3-1 against the Sooners.

"I think he' watched his brother for four years," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "They know the team who wins this game gets celebrated, and the guys who win this game become heroes."

Saturday will be McCoy's third start this season. And despite question marks about his arm strength and decision making, his career includes three victories that included game-winning drives in the final minutes. That includes last week's 31-30 win at Iowa State.

"Case brings more than your average backup quarterback," Texas running back Johnathan Gray. "The guys rally around him."

But after two seasons of pushing Ash for playing time, McCoy wasn't supposed to be a factor this year. The Longhorns had settled on Ash, who has a stronger arm, as the clear No. 1 and McCoy spent 10 weeks over

the summer on a church mission in Peru.

But played well in the season-opener but struggled to overcome a head injury in the second game at BYU. Since then, Ash has played only the first half against Kansas State on Sept. 21. He was still showing lingering signs of a concussion on Saturday, so Texas announced McCoy would play against the Sooners and Ash would sit again.

McCoy's backup will be freshman Tyrone Swoopes. Swoopes' athleticism can dazzle in practice and the Longhorns have drawn up plays for him, but Brown has said he's not yet ready to get into a game.

The rivalry with Oklahoma hasn't been much of a game the last two years. The Sooners have routed the Longhorns, outscoring them 108-38 and Texas hasn't even looked competitive. Texas went through a similar run, losing five in a row from 2000-2005, a streak that included blowouts of 63-14 and 65-13.

"We've got to beat them," McCoy said. "That's something you're known for when you come here. Now that we don't play A&M anymore, one of the questions everyone asks is, 'What's your record against OU?' That's become a pride issue for a lot of us, for us seniors ... This is a game we need to go and win."

VEGAS

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will start with a four-touchdown edge on their bets.

"You might want to get out the Farmer's Almanac and hope they have 14 feet of snow Saturday night in Denver if you're taking the 28," Vaccaro said. "But it's still the NFL, where anything can happen."

Denver bettors found that out Sunday when the Broncos — who were heavily bet as 7½-point favorites in Dallas — failed to cover the spread for the first time this season. Before that, bettors were cashing

in tickets by the handful on the Broncos and on the total score going over what oddsmakers thought it would be.

"Dallas was America's Team but it's definitely Denver now," Vaccaro said. "It's all because of Manning, too. He's revitalized the whole franchise and made them the Super Bowl favorite."

Kornegay said the city's sports books have had a good year so far taking money on the NFL, though the tremendous popularity of the Broncos has cost them some money. He said it was reminiscent of the 2007 season, when bettors kept putting money on the Patriots

until oddsmakers got wise and raised the lines so much it was tough for even a dominant team to cover the spread.

RJ Bell, who runs a website that analyzes betting and betting patterns, said casual bettors will continue to back the Broncos no matter what, while the professionals are more about where the numbers actually end up.

"If you say this line is 28 or even 32 points the average bettor just

shrugs and figures Peyton Manning will score no matter what," he said.

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the Jaguars, there is recent historical precedence for betting them. In the 2007 game where New England was fa-

vored by 24 over Philadelphia, the Patriots didn't come close to covering the spread in a 31-28 win.

TENNIS

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lost to Shawnee Williams, 7-6, 2-6, 10-8; Selena Castillo lost to Maria Campos, 6-4, 6-1; Cassidi Bredlin def. Brianna Chavez 6-3, 6-3; Sarah Marshall lost to Sydney Smith, 6-2, 6-4; Morgan Parnell def. Rosella Jaimies 6-0, 6-1; Katie Newton def. Samina Khaled 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles: Newton/Turner def. Robles/Thompson, 8-5.

Boys Doubles: Avant/Blount lost to Benitez/Shaw, 8-6; Atherton/Baker lost to Louis/Maldonado,

8-6; Hughes Miller lost to Miller/Stellati, 9-8. Bihl/Grigg def. Smith/Voncill 8-3.

Boys Singles: Bryan Blount def. Gabe Benitez, 6-3, 6-0; Tyler Avant lost to Robert Maldonado, 6-2, 6-4; Josh Baker def. Jonathan Louis, 6-0, 6-0; Kieran Atherton def. Corbin Shaw, 6-3, 6-4; Alex Hughes def. Mark Stellati, 6-3, 6-4; Garrett Miller def. Antonio Robles, 6-2, 4-4.

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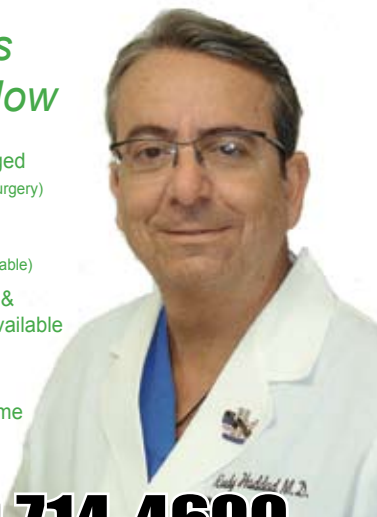
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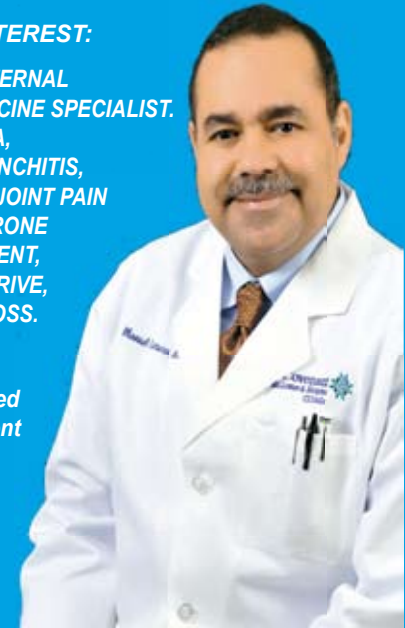
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