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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin
 Young Max Deleon was at ease on stage during the Kountry Kids Contest at the Howard County Fair Saturday. Fair Queen Ashton Beach watches as Deleon delights the crowd.

Fall Festival to benefit Sally, Boys & Girls Club

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The calendar says it is autumn and, besides cooler temperatures, that means the return of fall festivals to the area.

The Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club has announced plans for its first-ever Fall Festival Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26, at club headquarters at 811 W. Fifth.

Heather Deelena of the Boys and Girls Club promises an afternoon of fund for all festival attendees.

"There will be all kinds of carnival games and food," she said, listing such traditional attractions like ring toss, find the toy in the haystack and ping pong ball toss, as carnival mainstay foods like candy

apples and popcorn. "We're also encouraging kids to wear their Halloween costumes to the festival," she said.

There is no admission charge, but people must buy tickets to play games or purchase food. Tickets are \$1 apiece, Deelena said. Proceeds will support both the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army.

While plenty of attractions have been secured for the festival, Deelena said there is room for more, so anyone interested in hosting a booth is encouraged to contact the club at 432-264-7344.

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

Kountry Kids Contest has kiddos struttin' their stuff

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

The Kountry Kids Contest held at the Howard County Fair gave some parents an opportunity to prove that their child was the cutest in the county.

Fourteen children, four boys and 10 girls, were given the opportunity to strut their stuff in their best finery for a chance to win a trophy and bragging rights to say that they are the cutest.

The girls were dressed in frills and lace and even some feathers. That is with the exception of Story Love McKinnon, who wore a fur vest and a cowboy hat and walked

away with not one, but two trophies because she was awarded best overall girl.

The boys were more traditional and were resplendent in their best working cowboy duds, complete with 10-gallon hats, boots and, in the case of one boy, full length leather chaps.

Some sang, one danced, others just tried to wow the judges with their best runway pose. All were cute and brought smiles and laughter to everyone who ventured into the big white tent, but as in all contests there is only one first prize or in this case two — one for a boy and one for a girl.

The following lists all the

results of the 2013 Kountry Kids Contest:

7 to 12 months – First place, Journey McKinnon. Second place, Colt Mason.

1-year-olds – First place Mattison Alexander. Second place, Makenzie Blair.

2-year-olds – Brittanie De-Anda

3-year-olds – James Deleon

4-year-olds – First place, Story McKinnon. Second place, Nylli DeAnda.

5-year-olds – First place, Jovi Ward. Second place, Maximilian Deleon.

Overall Winners
 Boy – James Deleon
 Girl – Story Love McKinnon

U.S. government shutdown coming?

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hours before a threatened government shutdown, the Senate has the next move Monday on must-do budget legislation that has fueled a bitter congressional dispute over President Barack Obama's signature health care law.

But the Senate won't be riding to the rescue, at least not immediately. When it con-

venes at midday, the Democratic-led chamber is expected to reject the latest effort from House Republicans to use a normally routine measure to attack "Obamacare."

If no compromise can be reached by midnight, Americans would soon see the impact of a government shutdown. National parks would close. Many low-to-moderate

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The Big Spring Art Association held a reception heralding the opening of their member show at the Heritage Museum Saturday. The show features member artists and will be on view until Oct. 22. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. Pictured left to right are BSAA President Lane Bond, member Estelle Howard and Howard County Library Director Hollis McCright. For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

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Obituaries

Caleb S. Hector



Caleb S. Hector, 19, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, at Spring Creek Fellowship with Pastor Lloyd Wells and Pastor Derrick Looney officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Caleb was born Oct. 12, 1993, in Big Spring, Texas, to Jimmy and Sandra (Wells) Hector. He had been a lifetime resident of Howard County and had attend-

ed Forsan schools. He worked as a ranch hand. He was a member of Forsan Baptist Church and was affiliated with Circle 6 Baptist Camp in Stanton.

Caleb is survived by his parents, Jimmy and Sandra (Wells) Hector of Big Spring; one son, David Hector of Big Spring; two sisters, Erica Rios of Big Spring and Nikki Rodriguez of Levelland; and his grandparents, Carl and Pearl Wells of Big Spring and Barbara Hix of Wickett.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, David S. Hector in December 1992 and Larry Hix in March 2007.

The family suggests memorials to Circle 6 Baptist Camp, P.O. Box 976, Stanton, Texas 79782.

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

Jay Echols



Jay Echols, 92, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Jay was born Aug. 6, 1921, in Gotebo, Okla., to Nancy and Barney Echols. At age 6, he moved to the community south of Forsan with his parents, who started farming. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942. He served in the Aleutian Islands until WWII ended

in 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star during his military service. After the war ended, he and his brother Barney Echols leased a ranch outside Lometa, Texas in Lampasas County where they ranched together for 36 years. Both brothers then moved into Lometa where they lived for many years until Barney had a stroke and they moved to Big Spring to be close to the veterans hospital.

He is survived by one sister, Neoma Clanton of Big Spring; two nieces; and six nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother Barney Lee Echols; two sisters; Bertha Davis and Elizabeth Moody; two nieces; and a nephew.

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

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- RICARDO MIGUEL CARLOS, 21, 1510 Sycamore, was arrested on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.
- FIDEL MARTINEZ JR., 37, 603 N.E. Eight, was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), expired registration and a warrant from another agency.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, 2600 Langley, was arrested on warrants from another agency.
- FRANCISCO EMANUEL CANTU, 32, 1502 Cherokee, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 28, San Angelo, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 28, 1504 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$50/less than \$500.
- JAMES EARL JOHNSON, 46, 2007 N. Monticello, was arrested on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.
- DAVID WAYNE BARTON, 31, Gainesville, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (78 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- CARL DENVER GREEN, 48, was jailed on a charge of theft by check.
- JAVIER SOLIZ, 31, was jailed on charges of no driver's license and no fishing license.
- EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR., 17, was jailed on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- MARCOS CHAVERA JR., 29, was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 43, was hailed on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding.
- CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 30, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR, 30, was jailed on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- GLORIA K. LUNA LOZANO, 46, was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated/third or more offense.
- JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 38, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

• QUENTIN SIMPSON, 33, was jailed on a charge of criminal trespass.

• PAULINA STARLIGHT HERRERA, 43, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

• STEVEN LENARD WILLIAMS, 38, was jailed on a charge of criminal trespass.

• CHRISTOPHER TEICHMA BEASLEY, 40, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

• KATHRYN MICHELLE MOTLEY, 32, was jailed on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

• HENRY RAMIREZ, 57, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

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• DAVID WAYNE BARTON, 31, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

• FIDEL MARTINEZ JR., 37, was jailed on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts), expired registration and theft over \$50/less than \$500.

• TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, was jailed on a bondsman off bond warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle (two counts).

• JOSEPHY WAYNE COOK, 21, was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• FRANCISCO EMANUEL CANTU, 32, was jailed on warrants for criminal mischief and impair/interrupt for service.

• ALEXANDER TAPIA, 28, was jailed on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

• CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 28, was jailed on a charge of theft over \$50/less than \$500.

• JAMES EARL JOHNSON JR., 46, was jailed on warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to appear.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

Today's Weather

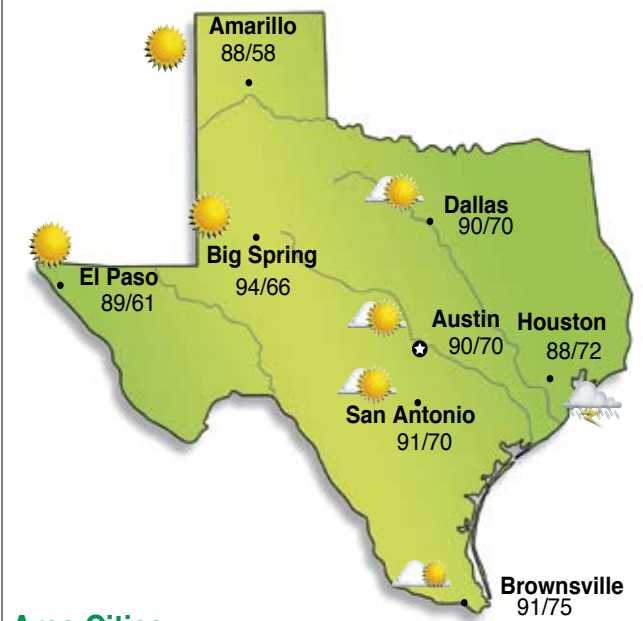
Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 10/1	Wed 10/2	Thu 10/3
94/66	92/67	94/67
A mainly sunny sky. Hot. High 94F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:40 AM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM
Sunset: 7:30 PM	Sunset: 7:29 PM	Sunset: 7:28 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	91	67	sunny	Kingsville	92	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	88	58	sunny	Livingston	87	67	t-storm
Austin	90	70	mst sunny	Longview	86	68	t-storm
Beaumont	87	71	t-storm	Lubbock	92	60	sunny
Brownsville	91	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	67	t-storm
Brownwood	92	67	sunny	Midland	94	66	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	93	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	69	mst sunny	Rosenberg	89	71	t-storm
Dallas	90	70	mst sunny	San Antonio	91	70	mst sunny
Del Rio	94	72	sunny	San Marcos	91	69	mst sunny
El Paso	89	61	sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	70	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	95	60	sunny	Sweetwater	90	65	sunny
Gainesville	89	66	mst sunny	Tyler	87	69	t-storm
Greenville	88	67	mst sunny	Weatherford	89	67	sunny
Houston	88	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	91	66	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	59	mst sunny	Minneapolis	79	50	sunny
Boston	76	57	sunny	New York	79	63	pt sunny
Chicago	82	58	sunny	Phoenix	92	66	sunny
Dallas	90	70	mst sunny	San Francisco	67	56	pt sunny
Denver	76	49	sunny	Seattle	56	50	rain
Houston	88	72	t-storm	St. Louis	83	67	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	60	sunny	Washington, DC	83	64	mst sunny
Miami	87	77	t-storm				

SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of W. Interstate 20. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Hilltop. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of E. Interstate 20. Two people were transported to SMMC.

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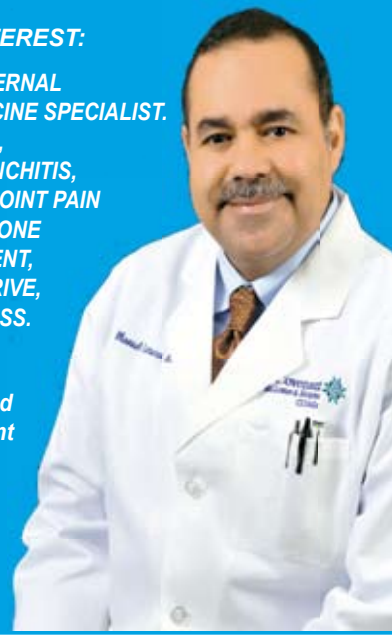
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Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws were among the groups performing at the annual Howard County Fair, which concluded Saturday. For fair results, see Page 4.

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SHUTDOWN

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incomes borrowers and first-time homebuyers seeking government-backed mortgages could face delays.

About 800,000 federal workers would be forced off the job without pay. Some critical services such as patrolling the borders, inspecting meat and controlling air traffic would continue. Social Security benefits would be sent, and the Medicare and Medicaid health care programs for the elderly and poor would continue to pay doctors and hospitals.

Senate rejection would send the measure back to the House, where conservative Republicans want to delay by a year key parts of the new health care law and repeal a tax on medical devices as the price for avoiding a shutdown. A House GOP leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, said the House would rebuff the Senate's efforts to advance the short-term funding bill as a simple, "clean" measure shorn of anti-health care reform provisions.

Since the last government shutdown 17 years ago, temporary funding bills known as continuing resolutions have been noncontroversial, with neither party willing to chance a shutdown to achieve legislative goals it couldn't otherwise win. But with health insurance exchanges set to open Tuesday, tea party Republicans are willing to take the risk in their drive to kill the law, so-called "Obamacare."

"You're going to shut down the government if you can't prevent millions of Americans from getting affordable care," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

A leader of the tea party Republicans, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, insisted the blame rests with Senate Democrats.

"The House has twice now voted to keep the government open. And if we have a shutdown, it will only be because when the Senate comes back, (Senate Majority Leader) Harry Reid says,

"I refuse even to talk," said Cruz, who led a 21-hour broadside against allowing the temporary funding bill to advance if stripped clean of a tea party-backed provision to derail Obamacare. The effort failed.

The battle started with a House vote to pass the short-term funding bill with a provision that would have eliminated the federal dollars needed to put Obama's health care overhaul into place. The Senate voted along party lines to strip that out and sent the measure back to the House.

The latest House bill, passed early Sunday by a near party-line vote of 231-192, sent back to the Senate two major changes: a one-year delay of key provisions of the health insurance law and repeal of a new tax on medical devices that partially funds it. The steps still go too far for the White House and its Democratic allies.

Senate rules often make it difficult to move quickly, but the chamber can act on the House's latest proposals by simply calling them up and killing them.

A senior leader vowed the House would not simply give in to Democrats' demands to pass the Senate's "clean" funding bill.

"The House will get back together in enough

time, send another provision not to shut the government down, but to fund it, and it will have a few other options in there for the Senate to look at again," said McCarthy, the No. 3 House Republican leader.

He suggested that House Republicans would try blocking a mandate that individuals buy health insurance or face a tax penalty, saying there might be some Democratic support in the Senate for that.

On the other hand, Democrats said the GOP's bravado may fade as the deadline to avert a shutdown nears.

Asked whether he could vote for a "clean" temporary funding bill, Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, said he couldn't. But he added, "I think there's enough people in the Republican Party who are willing to do that. And I think that's what you're going to see."

A leading Senate GOP moderate called on her fellow Republicans to back down.

"I disagree with the strategy of linking Obamacare with the continuing functioning of government — a strategy that cannot possibly work," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

McCarthy wouldn't say what changes Republicans might make.

He appeared to suggest that a very short-term measure might pass at the last minute, but GOP aides said that was unlikely.

Republicans argued they had already made compromises; for instance, their latest measure would leave intact most parts of the health care law that have taken effect, including requiring insurance companies to cover people with pre-existing conditions and to let families' plans cover children up to age 26. They also would al-

low insurers to deny contraception coverage based on religious or moral objections.

Tea party lawmakers in the House — egged on by Cruz — forced GOP leaders to abandon an earlier plan to deliver a "clean" stop-gap spending bill to the Senate and move the fight to another must-do measure looming in mid-October: a bill to increase the government's borrowing cap to avert a market-rattling, first-ever default on U.S. obligations.

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Howard County Fair results

BAKED GOODS

DIVISION 1: CAKES

1st — Eunice Thixton

DIVISION 2: BREADS

1st — Eunice Thixton

(Reserve Champion)

2nd — Eunice Thixton

DIVISION 3: COOK-IES

1st — Eunice Thixton

(Grand Champion)

2nd — Eunice Thixton

3rd — Eunice Thixton

DIVISION 4: CANDY

1st — Darlene Hipp

(Grand Champion),

Betty Honea (Reserve

Champion)

2nd — Darlene Hipp,

Kandi Clanton

DIVISION 5: DECO-RATED CAKES

1st — Jessica Rivera

(Grand Champion)

2nd — Melissa Myers

3rd — Melissa Myers

DIVISION 6: PIES

1st — Eunice Thixton

3rd — Terri Myrick

CANNED GOODS

CLASS 1 CANNED FRUIT

1st — Donna Menges

2nd — Mamie Lee

Dodds

3rd — Mamie Lee Dodds,

Donna Menges

CLASS 2 CANNED VEGETABLES

1st — Brycen & Brayden

Cervantes (Grand Cham-

pion), Mamie Lee Dodds

(Reserve Champion)

3rd — Donna Menges,

Mamie Lee Dodds, Dean

Priest

CLASS 3 PICKLES AND RELISHES

1st — Michael Bagwell

2nd — Donna Menges,

Mamie Lee Dodds

3rd — Donna Menges,

Bill Wilson

CLASS 4 JAMS, JEL-LIES, PRESERVES

1st — Mamie Lee

Dodds

2nd — Kathy Bagwell

3rd — Mamie Lee

Dodds

Class 5 DRIED FOOD PRODUCTS

1st — Mamie Lee

Dodds

3rd — Mamie Lee

Dodds

CLASS 8 SALSA/HOT SAUCE

3rd — Eunice Thixton

Dodds

PHOTOGRAPHY

ADULT WESTERN

1st — Johnny Bedell

(Reserve champion)

3rd — Johnny Bedell

Participation — Shelbi

Cervantes

ADULT LANDSCAPE

1st — Johnny Bedell

(two)

3rd — Lynn Adair

ADULT BIRDS

1st — Jesse Saenz (two)

1st — Deanna Foresyth

2nd — Jessica Darlin

ADULT MISC. ART

1st — Betty Birdwell

1st — Claire Wilson

1st — Jessica Darlin

1st — Debbye and Larry

ValVerde

2nd — Claire Wilson

2nd — Stevie Wilson

ADULT BLACK AND WHITE MISC.

2nd — Jessica Darlin

2nd — 2nd — Larry and

Debbye ValVerde

ADULT LANDSCAPE

1st — Dale Mathis

2nd — Dale Mathis

ADULT CHILDREN

1st — Kelly Paige

1st — Lynn Adair

ADULT BLACK AND WHITE

1st — Johnny Bedell

(grand champion)

1st — Johnny Bedell

2nd — Jay Holt

E L E M E N T A R Y

GRADES 1-3

1st — Brycen Cer-

vantes

1st — Mallory Bacon

JUNIOR HIGH

1st — Emily Bacon

2nd — Emily Bacon

2nd — Emily Bacon

HIGH SCHOOL

1st — Kaleb Denton

1st — Kassady Groebel

2nd — Kassady Groebel

HIGH SCHOOL PEO-PLE

1st — Hannah Morgan

2nd — Hannah Morgan

2nd — Hannah Morgan

2nd — Hannah Morgan

HIGH SCHOOL MISC.

1st — Kaleb Denton

1st — Kaleb Denton

2nd — Kaleb Denton

PROFESSIONAL COL-OR

1st — Bruce Schooler

1st — Lane Bond

2nd — Lane Bond

PROFESSIONAL BLACK AND WHITE

1st — Bruce Schooler

1st — Bruce Schooler

KIDS DO THE DARNDEST THINGS

1st — Shelli Cervantes

GRANDPARENTS CORNER

1st — Jesse Saenz Jr.

MY FAVORITE PET

1st — Kelly Paige

2nd — Courtney Young

2nd — Kassidy Grobel

CREATIVE ARTS

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS — ADULTS

DIVISION 1: CHRIST-MAS CRAFTS

1st — Sandi Dean,

Debra Franklin, Jeanne

VandeWeerd, Christy

Archer

DIVISION 2: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

1st — Jeanne Vande-

Weerd, Christy Archer

DIVISION 6: MIS-CELLANEOUS HAND CRAFTS

1st — Sandi Dean,

Deanna Forsyth, Terri

Myrick (Grand Cham-

pion)

2nd — Christy Archer

DIVISION 8: NON-PROFESSIONAL JEW-ELRY

1st — Terri Myrick,

Maggie Brasel

2nd — Maggie Brasel,

Christy Archer

DIVISION 9: KILN PRODUCTS

1st — Maggie Brasel

(Reserve Champion),

Jeanne VandeWeerd,

George Luna, Courtney

Young

DIVISION 10: WOOD CRAFTS

1st — Maggie Brasel,

Terri Myrick, Sandi

Dean, Ann Sanders (Re-

serve Champion)

CRAFTS BY KIDS

1st — Emma Jenkins,

Celi Luna, Jacob Morgan

(Reserve Champion),

Mallory Bacon, Kaleb

Denton (Grand Cham-

pion), Kaiden R., Kaelie

Grosse, Jeremy Hull

HANDWORK AND NEEDLE POINT

DIVISION 2; PILLOW-CASES

1st — Debra Franklin,

Hollis McCright

DIVISION 3: TEA TOWELS

1st — Debra Franklin

DIVISION 7: QUILTS

2nd — Jeanne Vande-

Weerd, Courtney Young

DIVISION 9: MIS-CELLANEOUS HAND-WORK

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zanne Markwell (Re-

serve Champion), Doro-

thy Gilbreath

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Linda Luna, Jean Govea

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2nd — Mamie Lee

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DIVISION 10: BABY ACCESSORIES



Courtesy photo

The Lady Steers traveled to Greenwood Saturday and came away with a district-opening win after defeating the Rangerettes in three straight sets.

Lady Steers top Greenwood in district opener

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — Big Spring began District 4-3A play against Greenwood Saturday by defeating the Rangerettes in three sets (25-6, 25-15, 25-20), improving to 21-9 overall.

Morgan Seaton performed well offensively and recording 13 assists, seven kills, three digs and a pair of aces. Julianna Rodriguez served up 13 aces and had seven digs and three assists.

The Lady Steers are poised for another playoff appearance, but Greenwood (10-19) is likely one of the softer 4-3A opponents this season. Teams such as Abilene Wylie

— which holds a Top 10 state ranking — and a competitive Monahans squad, which Big Spring will host Tuesday at Steer Gym — loom ahead.

Individual stats

Morgan Seaton: 13 assists, 7 kills, 3 digs, 2 aces.

Julianna Rodriguez: 13 aces, 7 digs, 3 kills.

Erin Pollard: 7 kills, 2 assists, 2 blocks.

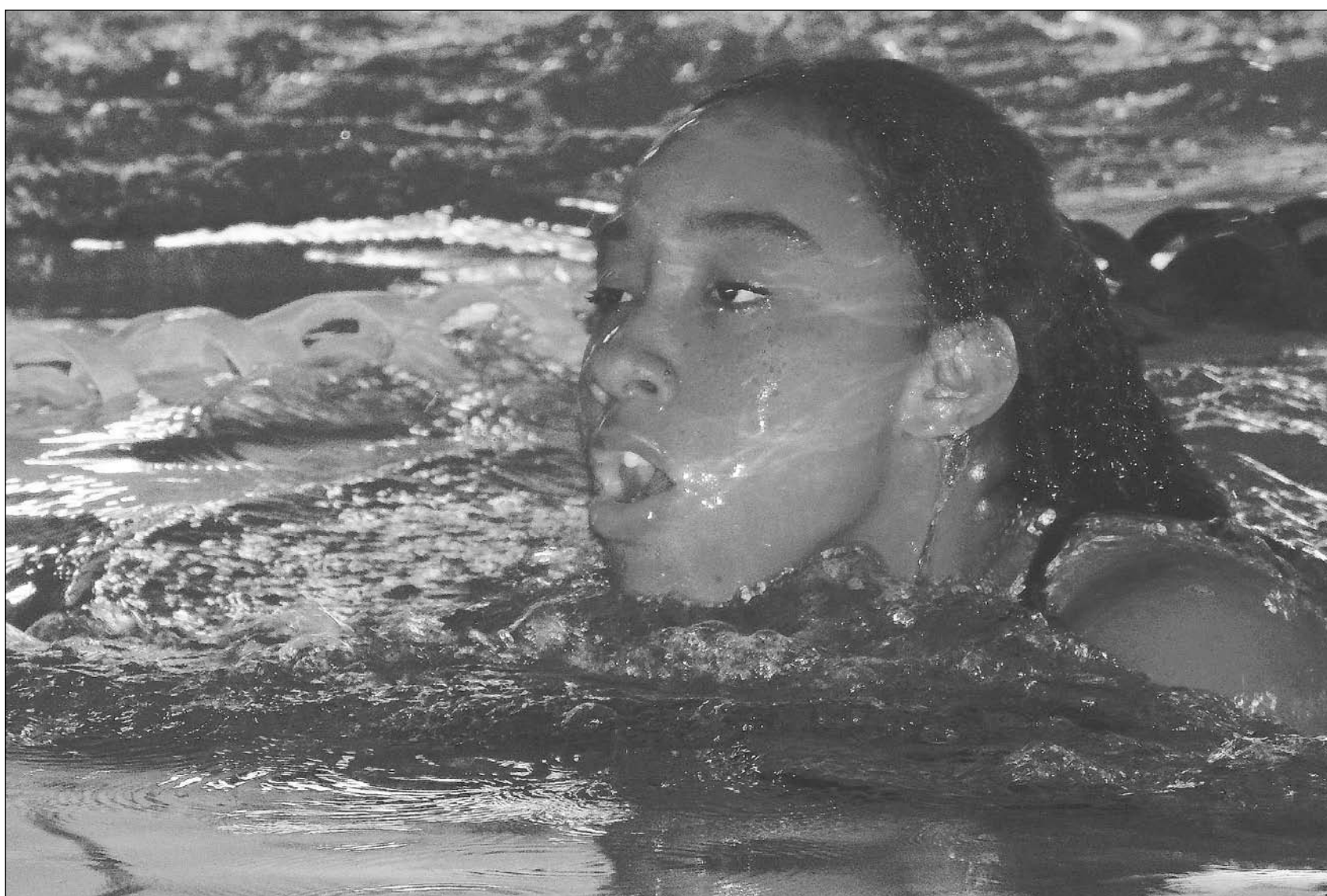
Kelsie Guinn: 5 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig.

Stevi Ward: 7 digs, 2 blocks.

Kinsey Wash: 5 assists, 1 dig, 1 ace.

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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin
Big Spring's Adrianna Flores comes up for a breath of air during Saturday's Black/Gold Intrasquad event. The swim team is divided into two squads and they compete against each other in order to gauge their strength before facing other schools during the season. Flores competed in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and the 50 Yard Freestyle. The next event will be held Saturday, as Big Spring hosts a Fort Stockton/Pecos Dual meet at 1 p.m.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Molly Walker returns the ball during Saturday's match against Monahans. Steer tennis remains unbeaten at 3-0 and will take on Snyder on Saturday.

Big Spring tennis defeats Monahans, moves to 3-0

Big Spring tennis remained undefeated in District 4-3A action after taking out Monahans in a dominating 17-2 performance Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Now 3-0, BSHS Head Coach Dana Jones knows the competition is about to get much stiffer.

"We dominated against Monahans, definitely," Jones said. "It was a team effort. We don't see Snyder any more this year. Next up is Snyder. They have been dominating everybody, too. If we can get by them, we're golden."

Of course, 4-3A has belonged to Abilene Wylie for some time now and Jones expects this season to be no different. Wylie, however, may not be as strong as they were last year, which could open the district championship door for the Steers.

"Wylie is still the team to beat," he explained. "Last year, Wylie won all five events at state. I don't see them doing as well this year. They're probably a little weaker, but I still see all teams going through Wylie to get to state."

The top two teams from each district will advance to the regional meet — a goal Jones said is very attainable for his team.

"We've pretty much got our lineup set," he said. "I've tweaked a it little and adjusted a player here and a player there, but we're pretty much set. It will be very hard to get to state this year. Overall, our play was pretty strong Saturday. We still have some areas to work on, but we are progressing. We will need to be hitting on all cylinders against Snyder. There may be a little revenge factor going on here as we beat them last spring to go to the State Tournament. Snyder's Coach

Blazek is back after a one-year hiatus and she always has her team ready to play."

The Steers will travel to Snyder (3-0) on Saturday.

Results

Girls Doubles

Parnell/Walker def. Redmon/Vasquez, 8-2.

Bakley/Marshall def. Lopez/Gandy, 8-2.

Bakley/Marshall def. Hardemann/West, 8-2.

Girls Singles

Molly Walker lost to Kelsey Doege, 6-4, 6-3.

Selena Castillo def. Megan Redmon, 6-1,

6-2.

Cassidi Redlin def. Hannah Vasquez, 6-2,

6-1.

Morgan Parnell def. Nicole Lopez, 6-0, 6-0.

Sarah Marshall def. Abbie Gandy, 6-0, 6-1.

Katie Newton def. Paula Hardemann, 6-0,

6-3.

Mixed Doubles

Newton/Turner lost to Cherry/Shoemaker,

8-6.

Boys Doubles

Avant/Blount def. Humphries/West, 8-0.

Atherton/Baker def. Dominguez/May, 8-0.

Boys Singles

Bryan Blount def. Alex Garcia, 6-2, 6-1.

Tyler Avant def. John Humphries, 6-3, 6-1.

Josh Baker def. Jarod West, 6-0, 6-0.

Kieran Atherton def. Jesus Dominguez, 6-3,

6-2.

Alex Hughes def. Kris May, 6-0, 6-0.

Garrett Miller def. Adrian Gonzales, 6-1,

6-1.

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Legals

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Leo Moon Antics

The Leo moon declares, "Bring on the fun and games!" as the day skips along at a lighthearted pace. Be careful, though. Like a rough child who doesn't quite know the limits, the Leo moon can be the kind of playmate who pushes into hurtful territory. Keep your sense of humor, and be ready to defend your boundaries when things go too far.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be willing to get excited about nothing. If you can be happy, interested and enthusiastic for no good reason, you'll understand how to be in charge of your life and joy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a "one step forward, two steps back" feeling to the start of this week. That doesn't mean you're not making progress. What you're doing is a dance, not a race.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) The world is full of helpers. There are also quite a few people who think they are helping or are trying to help, but they are misguided. Your job today is to guide them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) There will be much good and a little bad in the day. You'll appreciate how both remain distinct and stay in their own category so that the bad won't sully the good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Not having the luxury of a plan or any time to prepare for the day's practical challenges will turn out to be a blessing. You'll be at your best when you are forced to improvise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Is it falling apart, or is it falling into place? Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. So before you make a move to pick up the pieces, stand back and observe how everything settles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You want to learn, and others want to teach. Make sure they start with the fundamentals, because otherwise you might get too frustrated and give up before you've made any real progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You are hoping for a certain outcome, but are you ready for it? In order for this bit of good luck to alight in your life and really take hold, you have to be ready, not getting ready. Do the work it takes to be ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The tone of your voice will make all of the difference in how you are received today. People will listen to you

because you choose the kind way even when that's not the most obvious choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People who try to control too much are not fun to be around. Your day will go beautifully as long as you let people be who they are and let yourself become who you want to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll enjoy the company of happy children and the young at heart because they spark your joy. The more you're around the spirit of youth the younger you'll feel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll invigorate a tired situation with one small change — that's all it takes! This small shift in your behavior is like a key that opens a castle and the whole new world inside of it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Julie Andrews will lend her brand of timeless cheer to the upcoming Disney film "Enchanted 2." This beloved Libran actress was born in the sign of harmony in every sense of the word and has three planets in soulful, mystical Scorpio, to boot. Her Venus and Neptune in Virgo suggests that she never tires of work, and in fact it gives her energy to stay very busy. © 2013 CREATORS.COM

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper. One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck. Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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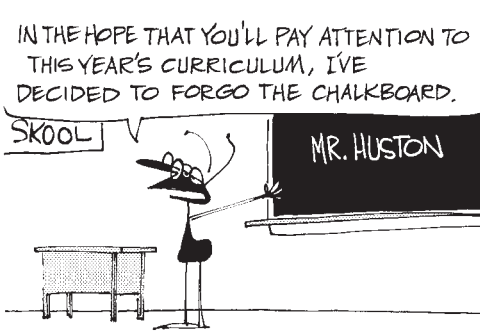
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5 :PM	News	Casa	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Uri Harel	Charlie Rose	King/Hill	Fast N' Loud	Italian Job, Edward Norton	Cops	Castle	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good	Around	SportCtr
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	Corazón	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerado	News	Seinfeld	McDonald	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Fast N' Loud	Cops	Castle	Castle	Dog	Jessie	SEC Storied	Night Count-down
7 :PM	Dancing With the Stars	Porque el Am.	Bones (DVS)	How I Met We-Men	Dama y Obrero (SS)	The Voice	Big Bang	Upd	Antiques Roadshow	iHeartradio Music Festival, Night 1	Fast N' Loud	Movie: Meet the Parents, Blythe Danner	Cops	Castle	Movie: Death at a Funeral, Peter Dinklage	Movie: Teen Beach Movie	Shorts	(:25) NFL Football: Miami Dolphins at New Orleans Saints
8 :PM	Extra	La Tempes-tad (SS)	Sleepy Hol-low	Broke Girl Mom	Marido en Alquiler	Light of the Southwest	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Genealogy Rd	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Cops	Castle	Castle	Major Crimes	Movie: Beauty Shop	Dog	Baseball Tonight
9 :PM	(:01) Castle	Qué Bonito Amor	Mod Fam	Hostages	Santa Diabla (SS)	(:01) The Blacklist	Big Bang	Big Bang	Independent Lens	Turn & Burn	Turn & Burn	(:31) Movie: Angels & Demons, Ayelet Zurer	Cops	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Good	ANT Farm
10 :PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Conan	House	Mani	Ribbon	Fast N' Loud	Cops	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Good	ANT Farm	SportCtr
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Familia-Suerte	How I Met Ferguson	Letterman	De'siões	Jay Leno	Office	Cros	World	70s	Turn & Burn	Jail	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Good	ANT Farm	SportCtr
12 :AM	Nightline	Ni Contigo, Ni sin Ti	Raymond	How I Met	Ferguson	Muñecas	Jimmy Fallon	Conan	Yohanán	T. Smiley	70s	Turn & Burn	Jail	Law & Order	Movie: The People Under the Stairs	Shake It	SportsCenter	NFL Prime-Time
1 :AM	Extra	Conducta	Paid	Insider	Paid	News	Office	Light of the Southwest	1st Fruits	Light of the Southwest	Fast N' Loud	Breaking Bad	Jail	Perception	Deck	NFL Films	SportsCenter	
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"THIS WOULD BE A GOOD DAY TO SUGGEST TO MOM THAT WE EAT OUT."

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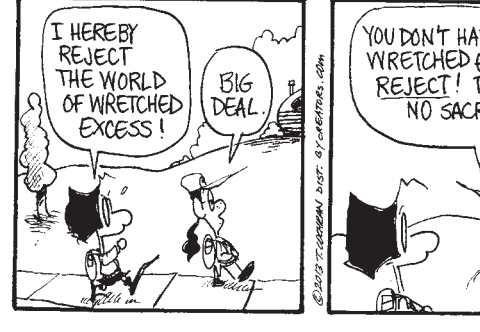
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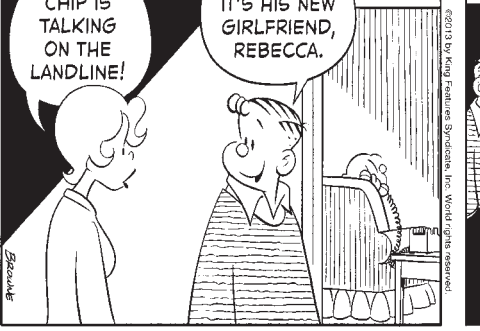
MY HORSE HAS THE WEEK OFF.

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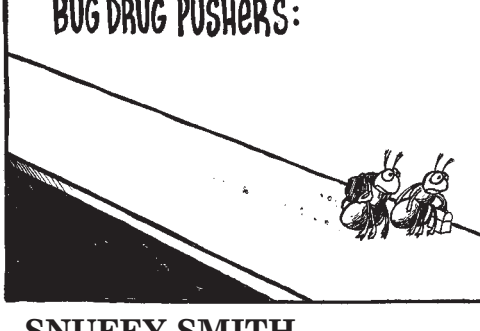
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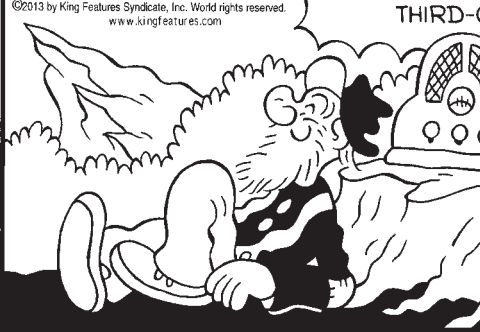


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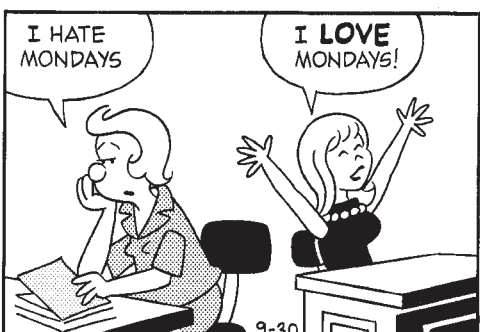
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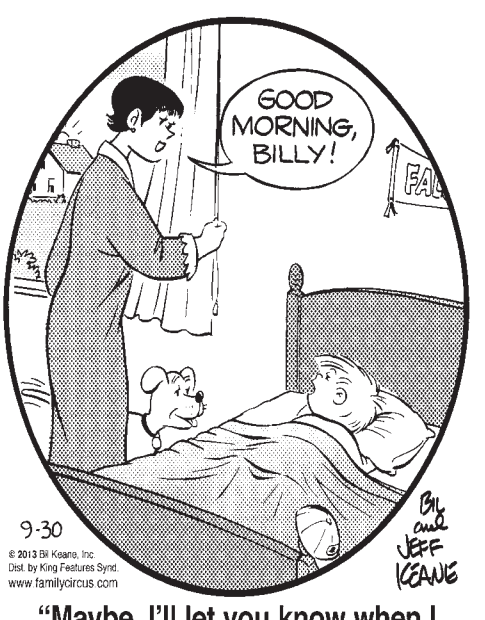


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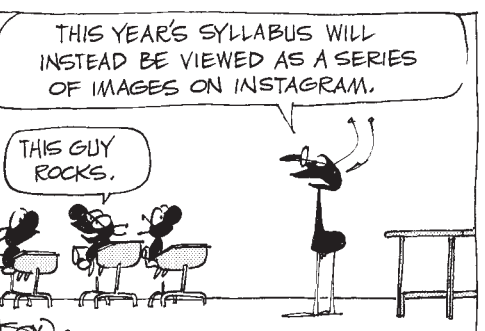
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"Maybe, I'll let you know when I get home from school."

HAGAR



I FOUND THIS LETTER FOR YOU IN THE BOTTOM OF MY MAIL BAG LAST NIGHT.

BLONDIE



YEAH... APPARENTLY IT WAS MAILED TO YOU 2 YEARS AGO.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2013. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

On this date:
In 1777, the Continental Congress - forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces - moved to York, Pa.
In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.
In 1809, a treaty was signed by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison and representatives of four Indian tribes under which the Indians sold some 3 million acres of land to be used for U.S. settlements.
In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben

HAGAR



OKAY, MEN! LET'S SHOW THESE GUYS JUST HOW FEROCIOUS WE ARE!!!

FRIST

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.

In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

In 2001, under threat of U.S. military strikes, Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers said explicitly for the first time that Osama bin Laden was still in the country and that they knew

where his hideout was located.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel (EL'-ee vee-ZEHL') is 85. Actress Angie Dickinson is 82. Singer Cissy Houston is 80. Singer Johnny Mathis is 78. Actor Len Cariou is 74. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 70. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 68. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 67. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 63. Actress Victoria Tennant is 63. Actor John Finn is 61. Rock musician John Lombardo is 61. Singer Deborah Allen is 60. Actor Calvin Levels is 59. Actor Barry Williams is 59. Singer Patrice Rushen is 59. Actress Fran Drescher is 56.

Answer to previous puzzle

MOLAR	SNAP	EGGS
INANE	TAME	LENO
NOVEL	I SEE	PEAL
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wisdom tooth, for example
 - 6 Break sharply
 - 10 Omelet ingredients
 - 14 Totally silly
 - 15 Make docile
 - 16 Jay of late-night TV
 - 17 Book of fiction
 - 18 "Now it's clear!"
 - 19 Church-bell sound
 - 20 Be unable to remember
 - 22 Regarding
 - 23 Small child
 - 24 Put a value on
 - 26 Joined together
 - 30 Painter Picasso
 - 32 Insignificant
 - 33 Marshmallow-topped beverage
 - 34 A pair of
 - 37 Celebrate big-time
 - 41 City roads that may cross aves.
 - 42 Warm, as food
 - 43 "Omigosh!"
 - 44 Droops, as flowers
 - 45 Fancy neckties
 - 47 As an example
 - 50 Restful resort
 - 51 Barbell metal
 - 52 Flag-carrying marching group
 - 59 Heap praise on
 - 60 Operatic song
 - 61 Writing assignment
 - 62 Suffix for major
 - 63 Ooze slowly
 - 64 Rattler or cobra
 - 65 Fortune teller
- DOWN**
- 1 Be offended by
 - 2 ___ about (approximately)
 - 3 Volcanic flow
 - 4 All over again
 - 5 Tell, as a tale
 - 6 Clown's height enhancer
 - 7 Cape Canaveral org.
 - 8 End of a prayer
 - 9 Baby's face-covering game
 - 10 Texas border city
 - 11 Birds flying in V's
 - 12 Pesky flying insects
 - 13 Songs for one
 - 21 Physique, for short
 - 25 Cole ___ (side dish)
 - 26 Baseball
 - 27 Clutter-free
 - 28 Eye-color area
 - 29 Midmorning hour
 - 30 Verse writers
 - 31 Performs on stage
 - 33 Casual talk
 - 34 Threesome
 - 35 Spilled tears
 - 36 Verses of praise
 - 38 Slender
 - 39 Air on TV
 - 40 The Big Apple, for short
 - 44 Think curiously (about)
 - 45 Income-tax filing mo.
 - 46 Most wise
 - 47 Manicurist's tools
 - 48 Give a speech
 - 49 Auto-club suggestion
 - 50 Hand-washing needs
 - 53 Black-and-white cookie
 - 54 Isn't truthful
 - 55 Annapolis institution: Abbr.
 - 56 Right now, in a memo
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Rangers force AL wild-card tie-breaker

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers had to keep winning to keep playing. After seven wins in a row, they have to do it one more time to get into the playoffs.

Craig Gentry had a key two-run single, Geovany Soto had a tiebreaking RBI double and a solo homer, and the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-2 Sunday to force a one-game tiebreaker for the second AL wild-card spot.

"They showed heart, fight, gut — any other adjective you want to find," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. The Rangers (91-71),

who began September with the AL West lead before a 5-15 slide, added game No. 163 to the regular season. They will host Tampa Bay on Monday night in baseball's first wild-card tie-breaker since 2007. The winner plays two days later at wild-card leader Cleveland for a berth against Boston in the division series.

Rookie left-hander Martin Perez (10-5, 3.55 ERA) starts for Texas on Monday against Tampa Bay and lefty David Price (9-8).

About the same time Tampa Bay wrapped up its 7-6 win at Toronto to necessitate a victory by

the Rangers, Gentry hit a two-run single in the fifth for a 2-1 lead.

Los Angeles quickly tied the game in the sixth against major league strikeout leader Yu Darvish, but the Rangers went ahead to stay in the bottom half on Soto's two-out double.

Adrian Beltre and Soto added solo homers in the eighth. It was Beltre's 30th and the ninth for Soto, who has become the primary catcher for Darvish.

Texas has been in the playoffs the past three seasons, last year losing at home to Baltimore with Darvish on the

mound in the AL's first one-and-done wild-card game.

With a chance to get back in the postseason for the fourth year in a row, they will get back Nelson Cruz. The All-Star slugger on Sunday completed his 50-game suspension that followed Major League Baseball's investigation of the Biogenesis anti-aging clinic, which was accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

Asked whether he expected to play Monday, Cruz responded, "I think so."

The Angels (78-84) finished with a losing re-

cord for only the second time in 10 seasons after being swept in a four-game series at Texas for the first time since June 1978.

Neal Cotts (8-3) replaced Darvish in the sixth and allowed the tying hit, but struck out Howie Kendrick for the inning-ending out with runners on first and third.

Robbie Ross, Tanner Scheppers and Joe Nathan each pitched a scoreless inning after that.

When the Rangers started their game, Tampa Bay already led 7-0 at Toronto. Then

Mike Trout homered to put the Angels up 1-0.

Darvish struck out eight in 5 2-3 innings. But for the sixth time this season, and second game in a row, Darvish immediately gave up the lead a half-inning after the Rangers went ahead.

The right-hander from Japan finished with a majors-leading 277 strikeouts, the most since Randy Johnson had 290 for Arizona in 2004.

The last AL pitcher with more was Pedro Martinez with 284 for Boston in 2000.

Cowboys stumble against Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Philip Rivers, with a nice bit of defense thrown in, ensured the San Diego Chargers didn't blow another fourth-quarter lead.

Rivers threw for 401 yards and three touchdowns, including a 56-yarder to Antonio Gates that helped the Cowboys beat the Dallas Cowboys 30-21 Sunday.

The Chargers (2-2) blew late leads in their two losses. On Sunday, they scored the final 20 points to beat Dallas (2-2).

Running a no-huddle, no-hurry offense under new coach Mike McCoy, Rivers gets to the line of scrimmage with roughly 20 seconds left on the play clock, enough time to read the defense and check into a different play, if necessary. It's a luxury he didn't have in Norv Turner's offense.

"I feel in sync. I have a rhythm and I'm comfortable in the pocket when we get that no-huddle going," Rivers said. "It's big being 2-2 instead of 1-3. I know we've been there before but it's tough to dig yourself out of 1-3, especially when you're playing with young guys and guys you didn't ex-

pect to be in there. They can gain confidence off games like this."

Rivers completed 35 of 42 passes, his final TD pass, to Gates, being the 200th of his career. He threw two TD passes to running back Danny Woodhead.

After having three 400-yard games in his previous nine seasons, Rivers has two in this year's four games.

Rivers' 83.3 percent completion rate was the highest in NFL history for a 400-yard passing game. The previous mark was 81.8 percent (36 of 44) by San Francisco's Jeff Garcia against Chicago on Dec. 17, 2000.

After 35 interceptions the past two seasons, Rivers has been picked off only twice so far while throwing 11 touchdown passes.

"It was really what

he did throughout the ballgame," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "He did a fantastic job. He really controlled the football and controlled the game.

He did an outstanding job getting them into the right play over and over again.

"He threw the ball as well as he's thrown in a long, long time."

Rivers' biggest pass wasn't necessarily his prettiest. He short-armed one over the middle to Gates, who slid behind linebacker Sean Lee to haul it in and score with 6:54 to go.

Lee had intercepted Rivers on a deflected pass and returned it 52 yards for a 21-10 lead late in the second quarter. Dallas didn't score again.

"We were able to get some looks we thought we could take advantage

of," said Gates, who had 10 catches for 136 yards. "The way he threw that ball, he put it in the right place and I was able to make the play."

San Diego's defense came up with a big stop in the final moments. Tony Romo moved the Cowboys to the San Diego 7, where he hit Terance Williams at the 1. Williams was stretching for the end zone when he was hit by Crezdon Butler and fumbled. San Diego's Richard Marshall recovered for a touchback.

A week earlier, Butler was burned on a 34-yard touchdown pass from Jake Locker to Justin Hunter with 15 seconds to play to give Tennessee a 20-17 victory.

Butler was in against the Cowboys because Derek Cox left with a knee injury.

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