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Relay returns



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The 2012 Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraiser begins at 7:30 p.m. today at Big Spring High School's Blankenship Field.

Clear skies expected for event

Herald Staff Report

It looks like Mother Nature is going to cooperate with the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life for a change. Relay, which has been a (pardon the pun) lightning rod for foul weather in the past, kicks off to-

night at Blankenship Field on the east side of the Big Spring High School campus.

Rains and high winds have struck the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser in recent years, but don't appear to be a threat this weekend — forecasts call for clear to partly cloudy skies and low tem-

peratures in the mid-50s tonight.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. today. Registered individuals will receive T-shirts and a \$5 dinner coupon to be used at any of the team food vendors. The coupons are sponsored by the Hodnett

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So far, so good

Water usage meeting rationing guidelines

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

According to officials with the city of Big Spring, the municipality has managed to come in well under its daily allowance of 5.8 million gallons of water from the local water district since new restrictions went into effect April 1, a trend that has local officials very pleased — at least for now.

The city — which serves thousands of municipal water customers daily — has managed to stay below its daily quota set by the Colorado City Municipal Water District despite the recent rise in temperatures, according to Todd Darden, assistant city manager for Big Spring.



Darden

"The new restriction of 5.8 million gallons per day went into effect April 1 and we're keeping a very close eye on the totals each day," Darden said. "The water use is broken up into three totals, the raw water brought to the meter by the city, that taken in by Howard College and that used by Alon USA at the Big Spring Refinery. We don't get the totals for Howard College and Alon right away, but we figure them at 20 percent of what we use."

"Since April 1, the city's average use of raw water has been 3.1 million gallons per day. When you add on the 20 percent, you

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Powwow celebrates Native American culture

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Native American culture, in all of its glory, will be on display this weekend at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the 8th annual Big Spring Powwow kicks off with everything from dancing to true native cuisine.

The powwow — a traditional gathering of North America's native people for dance, singing and socialization — is expected to draw competitive dancers from all over the region, as well as vendors selling traditional Native American items and cuisine. According to Big Spring Powwow Event Coordinator

Richard "Indio" Lesser, the event is just missing one key ingredient ... the people of the Crossroads area.

"The weeks leading up to the powwow each year is a very exciting time for us," Lesser said. "There are so many people you see each

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What: 8th annual Big Spring Powwow.
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard College campus.
When: 10 a.m. Saturday (runs through Sunday).

VAMC honors its top volunteers at banquet

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

West Texas VA Health Care System showed just how wild it is about volunteers at the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Thursday afternoon.

"In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting the week," VA Director Daniel Marsh said. "National Volunteer Week reflects the vital roles volunteers play in all facets of American life and the growing value of their service."

The big announcement of the evening was the Man and Woman of the Year. Laverne Lewis was named

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

During Thursday afternoon's volunteer appreciation banquet the VA Medical Center Man and Woman of the Year were announced. Pictured from left to right are VA Director Daniel Marsh; Laverne Lewis, woman of the year; Alexandre "Sandy" Betus, man of the year; Dr. Haresh Patel, activity chief of staff; and Ken Allensworth, FACHE associate director.

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Obituaries

Amos Granville 'Papaw' Johnson



Amos Granville "Papaw" Johnson, at the good ole age of 82, our papaw went to be with our dear Lord on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with the Rev. Mark Winn and the Rev. Elwin Collum officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at 4 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Cleburne, Texas.

Amos was born to Granville and Ruby Johnson on May 7, 1929 in Godley, Texas, and married the love of his life, Doris Jean Thacker, on June 23, 1950. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. Along with his loving wife; they owned and operated Brookside Cottages and Resort in Estes Park, Colo., for 20 years. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather and a loving husband of 62 years. He has dedicated his life to his church, having taught the men's Sunday school class and chairman of the deacons until his health began to decline. Papaw loved his Lord with all of his heart.

He was an avid fisherman and loved deer hunting. He loved and cherished his wife Doris and absolutely adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris Jean Johnson of Coahoma; sons, Mike Johnson and wife Kathy of Hallettsville, Texas, Kelly Johnson and wife Jessica of Baird, Texas; grandchildren, Kathy Wright and husband Jon Tod of Rodgers, Ark., Diane Grill and husband Andy of Little Elm, Texas, Bethany White and husband Jason of Clyde, Texas, Kris Johnson and wife Shayla of Harker Heights, Texas, Alyssa Wagley and husband L.Z. of Clyde, Texas, and Melanie Ashlock and husband Aaron of Abilene; great-grandchildren, Brantley Wright, Payton Wright, Ireland Grill, Dylan Grill, Emma White, Aiden White and Ashton Ashlock; and two sisters, Charlotte Rhoades of Cleburne, Texas, and Francis James of Abilene, Texas.

Pallbearers are his special grandsons and grand sons-in-law, Jon Tod Wright, Andy Grill, Jason White, Kris Johnson, L.Z. Wagley and Aaron Ashlock.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 316, Coahoma, TX 79511.

His pain-free, happy life in heaven has only just begun.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Frank Fierro

Frank Fierro, 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 19, 2012 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Eunice Elizabeth Choate



Eunice Elizabeth Choate peacefully joined her Heavenly Father the morning of April 18, 2012, at her home in Big Spring.

She was born Eunice Elizabeth Freeman, daughter of John Freeman and Doris Griffice, Dec. 21, 1937, in Big Spring. Eunice graduated from Big Spring High School in 1956 and married Sonny Choate on Aug. 15, 1959.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Sonny Choate; her sons, Lonnie Choate and Mark Choate and wife Shelley and daughter Linda Choate. She celebrated the lives of six grandchildren, Jason Choate and wife Melanie, Raynor Choate and wife Brooke, Kristin Choate Keefer and husband Jesse, Jackson Choate and wife Stephanie, Claire Choate Koenes and Caleb Choate and wife Brynne; and three great-grandchildren, Shayne Keefer, Gracie Choate and Ryder Choate.

Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Judes Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a charity of your choosing.

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

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Police blotter

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

- KENNETH RAY PEACOCK, 23, of 6101 N. County Rd. 17, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- AISHA MALIK, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 40, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- NOEL FIGURA NOYOLA, 51, of 7351 FM 1205 in Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.
- JAMES MORALES, 32, of 1816 S. Benton St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- NINA MARIE MARQUEZ, 29, of 1510 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, of 1510 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disorderly conduct – language and failure to appear.
- STEPHEN ELWIN NEWMAN, 60, of 1620 Austin, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- KRISTA KELLY GOLDEN, 25, of 1316 Park, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregarding signal at railroad crossing and failure to appear (three counts).
- THEFT was reported:
In the 800 block of Settles.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 4200 block of Hamilton.
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Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- KENNETH RAY PEACOCK, 23, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- AISHA MALIK, 22, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- JAMES MORALES JR., 32, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a Medina County warrant for failure to appear – credit card abuse (bond forfeiture).
- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to appear and disorderly conduct – language.
- NINA MARIE MARQUEZ, 29, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- KRISTA KAYE GOLDEN, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for disregarding signal at railroad crossing, violation of a promise to appear and failure to appear (two counts).
- STEPHEN ELWIN NEWMAN, 60, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Salem and the I-20 Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Largley. One person was transported to SMMC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 20-21
Howard & Glasscock County Relay for Life
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Formore info contact **Manny Negron** at **432-816-9464**
- April 21-22
Big Spring PopWow
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
For more info contact **Robert Downing** at **432-263-3255**
- April 21-22
West Texas Disc Golf Tournament
Comanche Trail Park
For more info contact **Chanz Reed** at **432-213-5478**
- April 24
2012 Job Fair
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Victim of Thursday fire tentatively ID'd by family

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Family members have tentatively identified the man killed in Thursday's early morning house fire in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street as 64-year-old Frank Fierro Jr., however, law enforcement officials say a positive

ID has yet to be made. Firefighters were dispatched to 603 N.W. Fifth St. at 12:13 a.m. Thursday, according to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, where they found the home fully engulfed in flames. Approximately 10 minutes later, they found a body — believed

to be that of an adult male — in a secondary room that was also fully involved in the fire, according to firefighters' reports. Family members of Fierro have told local media outlets they believe he was killed in the blaze. Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

& Crematory of Big Spring confirmed today Fierro died Thursday at his residence — 603 N.W. Fifth St., according to Big Spring Police Department records — and that they are handling his funeral arrangements. Although recent information certainly points

to the fire victim's identity being that of Fierro, local law enforcement officials say they will wait for a positive ID from the medical examiner before publicly releasing any information regarding the victim's identity. The victim was pronounced dead at the

scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, who ordered the body be sent to South Plains Forensic Pathology in Lubbock for autopsy. Condray said the fire is currently under investigation, but all evidence at this time points to an accidental ignition.

WATER

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get an average of 3.72 million gallons per day, which is well below the 5.8 million we're allowed. During that time, our lowest usage was 2.64 million (3.16 million gallons including the 20 percent) on

April 14 and our highest was 3.9 million (4.68 million gallons including the 20 percent) on April 11." Darden said Big Spring isn't the only customer city of CRMWD keeping its water use below the water district's restrictions. While these results are certainly encouraging, Darden said Crossroads

residents shouldn't be too quick to celebrate, as the true test is a bit further down the road. "We're certainly proud of our citizens for their efforts to conserve water and the hard work of our staff to do what they can, but it's a bit to early to be patting ourselves on the back just yet," Darden said firmly. "We

generally don't start seeing any really spikes any our water usage until around June, so it's really going to depend on when it starts getting hot and just how hot it gets." Water use restrictions include:
• Vehicles can only be washed at commercial — including mobile

— car wash establishments.
• Wading pools, fish ponds and fountains can be filled during the allotted watering schedule, only.
• Swimming pools, jacuzzis, hot tubs and other recreational water-using items can only be filled between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

• No outside watering is allowed except on the days and times designated, with the exception of potted plants and flower beds, which can be watered on any day between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. using a watering can of 5 gallons or less. Use of a water hose during these hours is strictly prohibited.

POWWOW

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year at the powwow that you don't see anywhere else, so, in a sense, it's a bit like a big family reunion for us. We're really looking forward to seeing all of the dancers and vendors, all of the folks who are involved in it each year ... but what we look forward to most is seeing the local people, especially those who are coming out for the first time." The powwow will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. with gourd dancing, but the real "show" kicks off at 12:30 p.m., according to Connie Lesser, who serves as the organization's secretary and treasurer. "That's when we'll begin the grand entry, which is my favorite part of the powwow each year," Lesser said. "It's just so amazing to see all of the different

dancers in their regalia." The Lessers said different dance competitions will be held throughout the day, with a dinner break scheduled for 5 p.m. After that, dancing will pick back up at 6 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. "It's a pretty amazing day. There is just so much going on," Lesser said. "There are inter-tribal dances held throughout the day, which are a lot of fun for everyone. Those give the public a chance to come down to the coliseum floor and take part in the dancing. "A lot of the time the kids and younger people are willing to take part, but the adults are a bit more intimidated. But then the kids will dance and have fun and go back and tell their parents how much fun it was. Our hope is that will make the public a little more receptive to being a part of the pow-

wow, not just to spectate, but to be a part of the event and to be involved in the culture." Sunday's events begin with church services at 9 a.m. "We have a few people each year ask us what kind of services they are," Richard Lesser said. "The church service is a Christian service and is led by a Native American pastor. There are a lot of misconceptions when it comes to this part of the Big Spring Powwow. Some folks think there will be shamanism involved and there isn't." Following the service, gourd dancing will begin at 10 a.m., once again followed by grand entry at 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremonies are slated for 5 p.m. Admission to the powwow is \$3 with ages 6 and younger entering for free, and according to Lesser, will feature a number of vendors selling a serving Native

American fare. "The vendors will be selling all kinds of Native American wares, from jewelry and art to food, like the traditional fry bread. There will also be a silent auction, so it should be a lot of fun for everyone in the family," he said. The head gourd dancer for this year's powwow will be Hector Valencia of Phoenix, Ariz., while Fabian Galvan of Lubbock, Texas, will serve as the arena director. Head male dancer for the event is David Hoskins of Austin, Texas, and the Red Path Warrior Society providing honor guard duties. Lesser said the powwow gives spectators a chance to see beyond standard Native American stereotypes and see the culture and beauty beneath. "I'd like for people to come out and see and understand our culture beyond the stereotyping you see today, that

Native Americans are drunken, uneducated indians who simply live on reservations in poverty," he said. "The powwow gives people a chance to see who we, as Native Americans, actually are. "There are people you come across, simply walking down the street and never knew they were Native American. Then you see them at the powwow, and you're like, 'Wow, you're a Native American, too?' And there are a lot of people who are just amazed by it. How we dance, why we dance, what we wear and why we wear it ... all of it is

very new to them, and it can really open their eyes to the culture of Native Americans." For more information about the powwow, contact the Lessers at 432-935-0125.

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Edward "Eddie" Rodriguez, 56, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.
Amos Granville "Papaw" Johnson, 82, died Wednesday. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Burial with military honors will follow at 4 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Cleburne, Texas.

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VAMC

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woman of the year and Alexandre "Sandy" Betus was named man of the year. "Each year the West Texas VA Health Care System recognizes two volunteers whose dedication and generosity have gone above and beyond," Marsh said. Volunteers were rec-

ognized during the banquet according to the hours they have contributed. Several volunteers have given hundreds of hours with Clara Lewis totaling 30,000 hours. In addition to volunteer hours, monetary donations from individuals

and organizations help make a difference in the services provided. The top contributing organizations for 2011 were AMVETS, Elks and Disabled American Veterans. The top organizations with the most scheduled volun-

teer hours are Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All those who sponsored the 30th annual Health Fair last weekend at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- Community members who attended the Health Fair and Master the Mountain run/walk at the Big Spring State Park.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful for hosting the area Trash-Off day Saturday.

- All those who took part in the bike races at Forsan on April 1 and helped raise the \$600 donation for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

- Cynthia Pinch for receiving the President's Award, which is presented to an outstanding student of the year, during the Howard College's annual awards convocation.

- Howard Cottage students for taking part in the art exhibit on display in the Hall Center of the Arts until May 1.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be heavenly sensitive and open to those who need help, Lord.

Amen

'Women work' holds a definition of its own

As it turns out, Hilary Rosen was wrong about Ann Romney not working a day in her life. She's plainly working right now, as a strategist for her husband's campaign, not a stay-at-home mom. For all the shock and chagrin about Rosen's comment (which was, of course, poorly put, but was an effort to address the question of whether the Romneys could understand the problems of "people like us," as pollsters usually ask it), it turns out that Mrs. Romney wasn't insulted at all. She considered it an "early birthday gift," a strategic opportunity for her husband's campaign, which she expertly exploited.

As for her husband, the candidate, it turns out that his professed view that all moms are "working moms" does not extend to welfare moms. Just last January at a town meeting, he said, "Even if you have a child 2 years of age, you need to go to work. And people said, 'Well, that's heartless,' and I said, 'No, no, I'm willing to spend more giving day care to allow those parents to go back to work. It'll cost the state more providing that day care, but I want the individuals to have the dignity of work.'" The "dignity of work," huh? He

wasn't talking about work inside the home.

What this is really about is politics and, specifically, gender politics.

Polls are showing the biggest gender gap in years, as much as 20 points in President Obama's favor. That's enough to win an election. Or lose it.

So Romney, finally freed from the "contraceptive wars" of the primary campaign (a throwback to the '50s), is trying to convince women that they have been the big losers in this recession. Critics (and objective analysts) say he's playing with the numbers, but at least he's on the right topic. It is, as always, "the economy, stupid," including related issues such as education and health care and housing. After lambasting Obama for telling the Russians that he would have more flexibility after the election (duh!), Romney was overheard by reporters at a fundraiser telling his supporters that he planned to slash government programs (and even departments), notably housing and education, but



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He is the all-time champion of world dictators, making his people succumb to pain and degradation longer than any other despot in human history. He has killed thousands and driven tens of thousands to drowning deaths while they were trying to escape from his island prison.

In spite of Latin America's deep history of totalitarian regimes, no one in this hemisphere comes close to Fidel Castro's record of genocide in Cuba. There are countless websites, articles and books documenting it all in agonizing detail.

So say you are a Cuban-American and remember what it's like to live in fear, to have your human rights constantly violated, to be deprived of the basic liberties most Americans take for granted.

Say you knew at least one person who left Cuba on a raft and never arrived here or at least one who was tried by a kangaroo court and executed by a firing squad or at least one who spent many years in Cuba's despicable dungeons for political prisoners or one who died in prison on a hunger strike.

Even worse, say you are indeed a former Cuban political prisoner and you remember the sound of the firing squad or you survived a treacherous sea journey where you saw some of your own relatives drown.

And say you are also a baseball fan and you couldn't wait for the new Miami Marlins season to begin in their new stadium, with a new Hispanic manager that was brought in specifically to appeal to the fans of Little Havana.

Now do you understand why Miami Cubans are offended by Ozzie Guillen's proclaimed love for Fidel Castro?

He comes to a stadium subsidized by Cuban-American taxpayers, where Cuban-Americans are expected to fill the seats, and he dances on the grave of Castro's victims.

"I love Fidel Castro. ... I respect Fidel Castro. You know why? A lot of people have wanted to kill Fidel Castro for the last 60 years, but that (expletive) is still there," Guillen told Time Magazine.

Guillen, who is Venezuelan, also has professed admiration for Castro ally and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Those idiotic comments ignited a firestorm of criticism, earned him a five-day suspension from the Marlins, and started a chorus of calls for his dismissal.

With many fans threatening to boycott the new stadium, the new manager's future in Miami is, at best, insecure.

But the issue here is much bigger than Guillen's ignorance or

his seemingly contrite apologies. It's even bigger than the Marlins' stupid decision to hire a powder keg manager with a history of polarizing comments and not expecting it to blow up. It's about the many people in this country who still think like Ozzie Guillen.

Let's face it: In proclaiming Castro as their idol, this manager has a team. They may not live in Miami, but all over this country there are many who still are unable to hide their admiration for the Western hemisphere's longest and most vicious dictator or for his brother Raul Castro, the new unelected despot.

Perhaps they still see the Castro brothers through some sort of 1960s psychedelic kaleidoscope, or they cling to the dream of a people's revolution, even when the revolution betrayed the people a long time ago. Perhaps it is their deeply rooted hatred of this country that makes some people admire Fidel and Raul.

You rarely hear them speak about the plight of the Cuban people, but for defying the United States for more than a half century, they think Fidel is a superstar.

They abhorred South Africa's apartheid, but they go to Cuba and stay in hotels, swim at beaches, shop in stores, and eat in restaurants that are off-limits to the Cuban people.

They supported the Haitian embargo, but they insist on lifting the Cuban embargo without getting any freedom concessions from the Castro regime.

You don't hear them calling for free elections or the release of dissidents. The Castro brothers could be rounding up dissidents or allowing an inmate to die of hunger or driving people to become food for the sharks. But in this country, the so-called "progressive" people choose to wear horse blinders. To them, only right-wing dictators are bad.

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of this kind of warped mentality came from extreme-left comedian and political commentator Bill Maher, who went out of his way on his HBO show last week to demean the Cuban-Americans who were offended by Guillen's remarks.

Objecting to a statement release by the Marlins, where the team readily admits that, "The pain and suffering caused by Fidel Castro cannot be minimized," Maher said "the problem with Castro's evilness isn't it being minimized, (but) it's being exaggerated." And then, without any evidence to make that claim, he listed all the other dictatorships he thinks are worse than Cuba's.

According to Maher's vicious emission of excrement, Cuban-Americans simply have to shut up and take it because if we don't let Guillen and him insult us, we would be behaving just like Castro.

"If you say something Com-

munist don't like, they take away your job and send you to a re-education camp until you come out with the one approved opinion," Maher said. "We wouldn't want to have that happen here in America. Oh, no, we have the First Amendment. If we give up freedom of speech, we could end up looking just like Cuba, and that would be a living hell because they get free health care."

His idiotic attempts to be funny at the expense of the suffering of others are as repulsive as his constant mocking of anyone who believes in God. Taking cheap shots at people's most sensitive emotions appears to be his specialty.

But still, one has to wonder why these so-called progressive people can so easily forget that the First Amendment also gives Cuban-Americans the right to protest against Guillen, boycott the Marlins and switch the channel when we see Bill Maher's face.

All over the Americas, people who once succumbed to dictators are now choosing their leaders in free elections. And all over the world, people who once suffered the repression of communism are rejoicing in their freedom. But in the United States, textbook socialists — those who go to Havana on revolutionary vacations and shut their eyes to the dissatisfaction of the Cuban people — are still romanticizing a over a regime that outlasted and became harsher than the dictatorship it replaced.

They know nothing about Cuban history. And yet they refuse to acknowledge that before Castro took power in 1959, Cuba was light years ahead of where it is today. In terms of education, literacy, medical care, agriculture, calorie consumption, per-capita income, and technological development, Cuba was one of the most advanced nations in the Americas. And it still would be, had it not been for Castro.

All these "useful fools" have to do is read a 1958 encyclopedia. They live in this bastion of freedom of information but choose to believe Cuba's propaganda machine — which portrays pre-Castro Cuba as a backward nation and blames all of Castro's failures on the U.S. economic embargo against the island.

Luckily, their time is running out. Castro admirers are becoming the dinosaurs of the 21st century — an endangered species trying to prevent its inevitable extinction.

But let's face it: If they still are in love with Fidel Castro, instead of Marlins Park, they really belong in Jurassic Park.

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probably wouldn't tell voters until after the election.

The humor, if you can see it that way, in all this is that in this Internet and social media world, anything you say can be used against you, even if you think you're saying it to a dead mike or said it months ago or in a larger context.

Perhaps candidates should be given a revised version of the Miranda warnings every morning.

Rosen's larger point was that when it comes to the economy, health care, education and other such issues, there is a real question about whether the Romneys can relate. And that question is particularly acute for women voters, who tend to earn less money than men, assume more responsibilities for children and focus more on domestic issues than "toughness."

Obviously, most presidential candidates are part of the 1 percent, not the 99 percent. Obviously, you don't have to work (much less by the hour) to understand or empathize with the problems of people who do. One of the famous lines in American political history came from a miner in West Virginia, who, in response to a young Ted Kennedy's comment

that "they say I haven't worked a day in my life," shouted out, "You haven't missed a thing." I'm sure I'm biased because I worked for him and admired him, flaws and all, but I don't know how anyone could say that Ted Kennedy did not understand the problems of people "like us."

The jury is still out on Romney, and the women on that jury are likely to be particularly wary. It's not because Ann Romney, a much-admired woman, a great mom by all reports, a shining role model in coping with serious illness, hasn't worked outside the home. It's because her husband, in candid moments, seems not to have a clue and, in more serious moments, seems not to support policies that are indeed critical for mothers and others. The one thing that is certain is that these issues are not going away. Women may earn less than men in the workplace, but in this election, they may count for more.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Join our church team and teams from all over Howard and Glasscock County at Relay For Life this evening at Blankenship Field. Be there for the opening ceremony and survivor lap. Join the fun and games and stay for the moving Luminaria Ceremony at 10 p.m. Join the fight against cancer, one Relay at a time.

The family of Lillian Staggs invites everyone to a party honoring her 90th birthday in Garrett Hall from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. They request no gifts; a card would be nice.

Sunday, Charles Abuyeka will be preaching in the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Abuyeka is the new United Methodist College minister at Howard College. A native of Kenya, he most recently served as the International Student Intern at the Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech in Lubbock. During the second service the chancel choir will present a special Eastertide anthem.

Saturday, April 28 at 4 p.m. Dan Kiley will be presenting a trumpet recital. Kiley, who participates regularly in our music program, will be assisted by a percussionist, vocalist, pianist and organist. The public is invited to attend and stay for a reception to follow in Garrett Hall.

EPIC youth as well as members of the current confirmation class will be going to Midland on Sunday afternoon to attend the stadium meeting with Tim Tebow and Christian bands.

Wednesday's schedule includes Children's Day Out, noon Bible study and luncheon, as well as Real Life Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with a meal, adult studies, EPIC youth and children's activities. Make reservations for the meal.

EPIC youth ministry invites you to an Italian dinner and servant auction following the late service Sunday, April 29. There will also be cakes and a quilt up for auction. All proceeds will benefit the summer ministry.

May 9, the Children's Day Out program will celebrate "Muffins with Mom" in the youth hall. The pre-K graduation is scheduled for noon May 14 in Garrett Hall.

Confirmation will be Sunday, May 20. There will be a dinner honoring the 10 members of the confirmation class and their families Saturday, May 19.

Check our website www.fumcbs@suddenlik.net for a complete schedule of meetings, classes and special events. We are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

First Baptist Church

Shelves are empty again as our outreach spreads, so give of time, groceries and clothing as we serve our community. Lunches will be served at Howard College and SWCID. Find out how you can help with this opportunity for ministry. Saturday, many of our members will participate at Wayland Baptist University in training sessions concerning missions.

We are in prayer for our youth as they plan a mission trip to Canada this summer. Find out about getting involved from Minister to Youth Jonathan Raffini.

Pastor Mark Lindsey's sermon Sunday is "Jesus, Why Did He Come," from Mark 2:15-17.

Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad Street. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "What's God's Number?" from 1 John 3:1-7.

Breakfast with the Guys will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe. The worship committee will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday and education committee meets Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Stewardship committee meets Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. with choir and youth group meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Samaritan Counseling is available Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for Isaiah 58. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Call 268-9530 or the church office for more information.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821, send email to fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at www.fcbig-spring.org.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets 10 a.m. Wednesday in the parish hall.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. Contact Steve Campbell for more details.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet tonight at 6 p.m. They are planning a garage sale to benefit "Manna House" on April 28 at the church. To help our "Manna House" food pantry, contact the church office.

Our blood drive is Saturday from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the church. Contact Barbara Harkness for details or sign up at www.bloodhero.com.

Our free movie this month is "The Passion of the Christ" to be shown Saturday at 6 p.m. This movie is rated R so we will have an alternative for children. A nursery is available for age 4 and under. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

"Church Unplugged" is scheduled Saturday at 7 p.m., except on movie night.

Big Spring High School Prom is May 5. "Prom Dresses for Princesses" ministry is asking for your old prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses or other formals to be given to girls in our community for the prom. Contact Kim Cantrell 517-4751 for pick-up.

Sunday school classes/connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship.

Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m., Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and praise team practice at 7:15 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

College Baptist Church

Sunday, the G.As will be offering beef burritos for a small donation so they can go to camp this summer. If you pre-ordered, you may pick up your individual burritos or "meal bags" after morning worship service or eat at the church. If you didn't pre-order, stop by anyway as there should be extras.

The church enjoyed a "Taste of North America" dinner Sunday and heard about the different areas where we have missionaries and the churches and people in those areas.

The senior adults from College Baptist and some other churches are leaving next Tuesday for Branson, Mo.

There are two Bible studies going on at this time. One group of ladies meet Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. and a group of men will be meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Don Adams Shop on N. Highway 87.

A group of ladies will be meeting Friday at 1:15 p.m. to organize a new Bible study. If you are interested in a Bible study that is just starting, call the church for more information at 267-7429.

Forsan Baptist Church

The "Experiencing God" Bible study is continuing at one of our members' homes. If you would like to be a part of this group, call the church or Pastor Darren Weaver.

Sunday evenings we are going through the book of James verse by verse. Join us at 6 p.m. as we examine what the half-brother of Christ instructed his readers so long ago and still apply to us today.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and devotional time at 6 p.m. Wednesday adult services are at 6 p.m.

Our youth are planning a trip to Camp Eagle this summer. Rides for Wednesday youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

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

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will conduct the worship service Sunday. His sermon title is "Informed and Empowered," based on today's scripture readings.

Dolline Budke will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Acts 3:11-21, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, and Luke 24:36-49. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bobby and Judy Roever in celebration of their 16th anniversary April 27.

Wednesday mid-week school has a meal from 6-6:30 p.m. and Bible studies from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. in the church unless otherwise noted. The Board of Assimilation will meet April 24. Board of Education will meet May 8. The LWML will meet May 10.

May 14, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. Elders meet May 17. Board of Assimilation will meet May 22.

First Church of the Nazarene

Get those motorcycles washed and polished because Biker Sunday is rolling into town. First Church of the Nazarene is hosting its annual Biker Sunday May 6 with service at 10 a.m. Bike blessings and a meal will follow. Service will be provided by the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Baby Day is May 20.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. Church prayer time is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and our adult/children/youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Sunday morning, youth and children's classes begin at 9 a.m. with children's church following. Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to 10 a.m. service. Kaylha Martin See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

Why not let the cat out of the bag?

Sometimes the English language just doesn't make sense. How many times have we heard someone ask, "Who let the cat out of the bag?" Most of us would understand the phrase to mean someone told a secret or divulged a bit of information that was not intended to be shared.



BONNIE WHEAT

It is easy for us to visualize an overheated, traumatized cat exploding from a burlap bag or a shredded paper sack. The frenzied image leaves us all feeling some degree of upheaval. Perhaps this is why so many sermons have been build around the hypothesis that it is easier to let the cat out of a bag than to put it back into the bag

once it has been released. However, the phrase "letting the cat out of the bag" may have once had a different meaning. Some sources believe that the saying was related to the practice of 18th Century farmers bringing a small pig in a sack into town to be sold. If a buyer was foolish enough to buy the "pig in a poke" without looking inside the bag, he might soon discover that he had purchased a cat instead of a pig. But if someone let the cat out of the bag before the purchase was complete, the deception of the pork peddler was exposed, and the buyer was spared the loss of his money. Other researchers, including some internet idiom hawkers, refute these stories about pigs in a poke and cats in a bag. They insist that letting the cat out of the bag is an idiom about revealing a secret, not about exposing deceit.

In the scripture, we are told of the danger of misusing our tongues. The apostle James wrote: "But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing" (James 3:8-10a. NASB). Should we ever let the cat out of the bag? Perhaps it all depends on whether our motive is to spread gossip or to expose deceit. The same tongue that blabs secrets and wags rumors can also speak words of truth and encouragement. Letting the cat out of the bag could be a blessing or a curse. It all hinges on the nature of the cat.

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Coahoma First Presbyterian Church

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Tom Koger.

Dan Miracle will again lead the worship service, while Tom is recovering from his knee surgery. Tom thanks everyone for the prayers and kind words; he is progressing well with his rehabilitation.

The lectionary is Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the library for Bible study led by Helen

Glass. The PW are supporting the Mother's Day car project "Healthy Women, Healthy Families." For a donation, one receives a Mother's Day card to send. See Jo Dell Myrick or Helen Glass to purchase cards.

The Study of the Book of Confessions, led by the Rev. Holstedt, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in the theater room.

Jennifer Patterson is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for March is Jamie Walker and ushers are Lucy and Paschal Odom and Susan and David Wilson.

The lectionary is Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48. The chancel choir will present the anthem "Alleluia, Jesus Lives!" by David Smart and "Come, Proclaim the Victory" by Joseph Martin as the offertory anthem. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website www.fpcbs.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship is at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday school is in the fellowship hall after. The last Sunday of each month we share a pot luck lunch after Sunday school.

Wednesday Bible study is taking up study of Francis Chen's book, "Crazy Love." We meet at

10:30 a.m. in the pastor's office. Wednesday, we meet at 6 p.m. to discuss scripture in the fellowship hall.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church will begin a week of prayer for North American Missions on Sunday. The Sunday school departments will each prepare foods from an assigned area of North America to be shared with everyone and serve the meal after the morning worship services. This kicks off our Anne Armstrong offering.

Sunday school leadership meeting will take place at 5 p.m. that same day.

The G.A. girls are making brisket burritos for a fundraiser for G.A. camp registration and fees. They will be taking orders next week. They are offering burritos only or a meal bag with a burrito, chips and canned soda. To place an order, see Marie Mashburn or Marissa Nieto, G.A. leaders or call the church office. The suggested donation is \$2 per burrito or \$5 per meal bag. The food may be picked up Sunday after morning worship services or stay and eat at the church.

The youth of the church are planning a spring social activity Saturday. They plan to leave the church at 5 p.m. to go to a Rockhounds game in Midland and eat at Schlotzky's. The cost is \$15 per student. See Josh Mensinger for further details.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and our worship services at 11 a.m.

RELAY

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Family in honor of Butch Hodnett.

Opening ceremonies will take place at 7:30 p.m. and the official first lap — the Survivors Lap — will take place at 8 p.m. A survivors reception will follow under the event tent. Survivors who missed registration online may register at Relay. All survivors are encouraged to fill out the information cards so they can receive information for next year's Relay.

Throughout the evening, there will be various events taking place under the event tent and on the field. Plenty of food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Several Olympics-style games to go along with the theme "Just Relay," will be sponsored by different teams.

Another traditional part of Relay will continue with the luminaria ceremony. Luminarias can be purchased for a donation on site and can be made in honor or in memory of someone. The ceremony begins at 10 p.m.

Security will be provided at Blankenship Field during the night. Those who decide to stay overnight will be provided with wristbands prior to the luminaria service.

"We want to encourage everyone to stay all night, take part in the activities and get involved, but we want to be able to know who is there, which is the purpose for the wristband," Manny Negron, Relay chairman, said. "Come ready to have a good time and celebrate, fight and remember."

Closing ceremonies will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday.

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Meaning behind dog theology

Over the years our family has included both cats and dogs that helped us raise our kids and became our companions. Our cats seemed willing to allow us the privilege of living with them. Our dogs seemed grateful for the privilege of living with us. They taught us the difference between dog theology and cat theology.

It might sound strange, even sacrilegious to a few, but Bob Sjogren and Gerald Robison have developed whole seminars and books around "cat and dog theology."

Simply put, cats say, "You feed me, shelter me and care for me. I must be god." Dogs say, "You feed me, shelter me and care for me. You must be god." If you have ever had a cat and a dog you know what I mean.

Cat theology is me-centered. "What can God do for me?" Dog theology is God centered. "What does God want me to do?" Here are a few things I am learning about "dog theology" from Buddy.

Buddy trusts me. Whenever I get in my truck he jumps in and takes his place, ready to go. He doesn't know where we are going or what we are going to do. But he believes if I am driving it is okay. I need to be more like that with God. I always want to know where we are going, when we are going to get there and what we are going to do once we arrive. I need to jump in the truck with God and give him control of my life.

Buddy wants to be with me. He doesn't care if he is at the lake running, splashing and rolling in the

mud, sitting in a chair next to me on the patio or in my study lying at my feet while I write. He just wants to be where I am. I need to spend time with God. What made the early disciples different was the fact they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Buddy follows me. He even follows me from room to room in the house. Whenever we go for a walk in an open field I let him off his leash and he runs free. But he keeps an eye on me. He has developed a radius of his own, about 30 yards from wherever I am. Within that radius he feels comfortable exploring smells and marking trees. Occasionally he gets out of eyesight. But, when I call his name he comes running. Not real fast, but as fast as he can. After all he is a Corgi. It reminds me of what Jesus said to His disciples, "Come, follow me! My sheep know my voice."

Buddy waits for me. If I am writing, he lies down, rests his head on his paws, keeps one eye on me and waits. If we are walking and I stop, he sits down with his tongue hanging out and waits. If I go to the store, he waits in my truck until I return. Buddy never complains about waiting on me. He never gets in a hurry. Maybe I should be more like that with respect to God and those I love.

Buddy has his own book, Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi, on Amazon that tells how he was rescued off the streets and how he learned to love himself and others just the way God made them. Since God has rescued me, I can love myself and others too, just the way He made us.

Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi is available as an e-book at www.amazon.com. Email Bill Tinsley at bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Baseball

- Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
- New Mexico Military at Howard College (DH), noon, Jack Barber Field.
- Forsan at Lubbock Roosevelt, 7 p.m.
- Denver City at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Forsan at Lubbock Roosevelt, 5:30p.m.
- Denver City at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball

- New Mexico Military at Howard College (DH), noon, Jack Barber Field.

Softball

To determine District 3-2A playoff seeding (All games to be held at Big Spring High School Softball Complex):

- Game One: Forsan vs. Coahoma, 3 p.m.
- Game Two: Colorado City vs. Game One winner, 30 minutes after first game is complete.
- Game Three: (If necessary) If C. City loses, then C. City plays loser of Game One, 30 minutes after Game Two.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Workers lay down new artificial turf on the field at Memorial Stadium recently. Renovations to the field and field houses are expected to be completed by late May.

In brief

Guinn places 11th at 1-3A Regional Golf Tourney

Big Spring High School sophomore Kelsie Guinn placed 11th out of approximately 90 qualifiers in the 1-3A Regional Golf Tourney Thursday in San Angelo shooting an 89 the first round and 94 the second to give her a two-day total of 183.

Though Guinn will not advance to the state championship tourney in Austin, BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin was impressed by the young star's performance.

"It is hard to go by yourself and not have a team to help," Joslin said. "This year was a tremendous year for her. Her future is bright, and I am real proud of her."

Three area softball teams to meet in Big Spring to settle district seeding

The Coahoma Bulldogettes, the Forsan Lady Bufaloes and the Colorado City Lady Wolves will meet Saturday at the Big Spring High School Softball Complex to hold a mini-tournament to determine seeding for the District 3-2A playoff standings. A coin toss dictates that Coahoma will face off against Forsan at 3 p.m.

The second game will be Colorado City taking on the winner of Game One. Should Colorado City lose, a third game will be held at which Colorado

City would play the loser of Game One.

All three teams will be heading to regional play regardless of Saturday's outcome.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail lady golfers got back to their regulars schedule this week, including Monday's individual play format on the Comanche Trail links.

Trish Gabbard won low gross while Patsy Sharpnack had the fewest putts on the day. In Thursday evening's couple's nine-hole team scramble, Max and Betty Ray Coffee, along with Martin and Lenita Fryar won first place outright by shooting six-under par. Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Bill and Bobbie Holden came in second with three-under par.

CTLGA is a member of the Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association which consists of members from nine courses located in Big Spring, Midland, Odessa and Andrews. This group plays once a month at a different course. This week, Comanche Trail LGA hosted the event with four players placing in the first two flights. In the championship flight, Mary Gilbreath won first low net while Debra Lusk took second low gross.

The first flight saw Jo Ann Hillger take first low gross. Annie Ward had the fewest putts. Ray Russell shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 while San-

dra Bartlett took the honors on Hole No. 6.

2012 Cancer Scramble golf tourney slated for April 28-29

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a four-person scramble tournament with all April 28-29 with all proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Players can come as teams or be assigned to a team. Field will be flighted by first round scores. Prizes for first, second and third place as well as pin prizes will be awarded in the form of BSCC golf shop gift certificates.

Local sponsors include Partee Drilling, Sharp Image and HEB. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are welcome. Call BSCC at 267-5354 to enter.

Disc Golf Tourney to be held Saturday-Sunday

The West Texas Disc Golf Tournament is set for Saturday-Sunday at Comanche Trail Park Course. Registration will be held from 8-9 a.m. in the Lake Room at Dora Roberts Comm.Center. A players meeting will follow at 9:30 a.m. with the tourney slated for 10 a.m. Start time will be 9:30 a.m. Sunday. A few spots are available. Contact Chanz Reed at 213-5478.

Darvish, Rangers shut down Tigers 10-3 in ALCS rematch

NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT (AP) — For manager Jim Leyland and the Detroit Tigers, it was another ugly night against the American League champions.

Yu Darvish pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and Mike Napoli homered for the fourth straight game, leading the Texas Rangers to a 10-3 rout of the Tigers on Thursday for their seventh consecutive victory.

The Rangers beat the Tigers in six games in last year's AL championship series, winning the clincher 15-5. This one wasn't much closer, with Texas scoring five runs in the eighth and finishing with 19 hits.

"We know that's a very good team — our people in Arizona said they were the best team they saw this spring," Leyland said. "But they are in our league, so we have to play them."

Detroit (9-4) has the American League's second-best record behind the Rangers (11-2). Texas is 6-0 on the road, equaling a team record set in 1989.

Darvish (2-0) showed impressive poise in the opener of a four-game set at Comerica Park, allowing one run over 6 1-3 innings in his toughest test since coming over from Japan.

"He pitched well," Leyland said. "It looks like he has some late life on his fastball, and he's got a nice repertoire of pitches."

Adam Wilk (0-2) gave up two earned runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings for the Tigers.

Neither starting pitcher played any role in last year's ALCS. The Rangers acquired Darvish in the offseason, committing more than \$107 million to bring in Japan's top pitcher.

Wilk, meanwhile, is in Detroit's rotation only because of an injury to Doug Fister. This was the 24-year-old left-hander's second career start.

Darvish allowed four runs in the first inning of his Rangers debut against Seattle on April 9. He's given up only four since then, and one of them was unearned.

"I think the biggest improvement is just the consistency of my command," Darvish said through a translator. "I think it's getting close to where I want to be."

Astros belt three triples, down Nationals 11-4

WASHINGTON (AP) — In their 51-year history, the Houston Astros had never hit three triples in an inning. By the time six batters had come to the plate Thursday night, they had.

The Astros, who had scored just five runs in losing the first three games of the series to Washington, banged out a season-high 17 hits and beat the Nationals 11-4.

Jose Altuve had a one-out triple in the first and, after two singles, Brian Bogusevic and Matt Downs hit back-to-back triples.

The three triples tied a club record for one game, but Houston settled for 12 singles and doubles the rest of the way.

"We were actually talking about that in the dugout — we didn't know if it was some kind of record," Bogusevic said. "Everybody said they hadn't seen it."

The triples keyed a five-run first inning off Edwin Jackson (1-1), who followed up a 92-pitch two-hitter with a rough start. But after the first, he settled in and allowed only one more hit.

"At that point, the damage is done," Jackson said.

The beneficiary of Houston's offensive outburst was Bud Norris, who pitched six innings for the win and helped himself with a two-run single. Bogusevic and Jason Castro each had three hits.

"This team's definitely making strides in the right direction. We see it, and we're excited by it. It felt good to win in an away series," Norris said.

The Nationals entered with a major league-leading 1.92 ERA, but they allowed more runs or hits than they had in any of their first 13 games. Washington had won eight of nine.

Houston, which had lost four straight, also set a season high for runs. It was the 13th time the Astros had three triples in a game.

"It'd be kind of nice to spread it out a bit more, rather than all in one game, but we know it's there," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

The Astros scored five in the first. Altuve tripled with one out and scored on a single by J.D. Martinez. Carlos Lee singled and Bogusevic hit a two-run triple. Downs followed with the third triple of the inning and Castro added an RBI single.

Washington got a run off Norris (1-0) in the second when Wilson Ramos'

Source: Colts to draft Luck

MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The secret is out. Andrew Luck will be the Indianapolis Colts' new quarterback. A person with direct knowledge of the situation said Thursday that the Colts have notified Luck that they plan to take the Stanford quarterback with the No. 1 pick in next week's NFL draft barring some unforeseen event between now and then. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not publicly disclosed its plan.

It's hardly a surprise that the Colts are turning to Luck as the cornerstone of their massive rebuilding project. Luck was projected as the No. 1 pick in the 2011 draft before returning to school for his fourth season. He gave up his final year of college eligibility to enter this year's draft, which was dubbed the Andrew Luck Sweepstakes from the start.

Contract negotiations are not expected to begin before the draft, the person familiar with the situation told the AP. Will Wilson, Luck's agent, did not immediately respond to phone messages or text messages Thursday.

"We've exhausted the process," new Indy general manager Ryan Grigson told reporters Wednesday. "We've pretty much made up our minds and we're going to go from there. We feel good about it and we'll go from there."

Grigson acknowledged that the Colts made their decision "a little while" ago, though he declined to say whether the Colts would take Luck or Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III of Baylor.

The secret lasted less than 24 hours. ESPN.com first reported that the Colts had informed Luck they will take him. That would likely send Griffin to the Redskins, who traded a first- and second-round pick this year and first-rounders each of the next two years to St. Louis to move into the No. 2 slot.

Luck faces a challenging situation in Indy, which went 2-14 last season after Peyton Manning was lost with a season-ending injury that required neck surgery.

Manning was released March 7 and eventually signed with Denver, and Luck will now serve as Manning's successor.

He may get off to a rough start through no fault of his own.

"I believe Andrew may struggle early simply because of the surrounding cast playing with him," said Colts former vice chairman Bill Polian, acknowledging both rookies will have their share of problems in 2012. "It was nowhere near where Peyton's was, and he went 3-13. I think Andrew will struggle more because of the receivers around him. Only Reggie (Wayne) and Austin (Collie) are back."

Baylor's Griner won't play in 2012 Olympics

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor standout Brittney Griner will not play for the U.S. women's basketball team at the London Olympics this summer.

The 6-foot-8 Griner, who was considered a candidate for the 12th and final roster spot on the national team, cited an unspecified family illness and her summer school schedule when she said Thursday she would not be able to play.

In a statement released by her school, Griner said she had informed USA women's team director Carol Callan of her decision.

"I am disappointed that I will be unable to participate," Griner said. "But I want to stay involved in USA Basketball and hope to again have the opportunity to represent my country in future international competition."

USA Basketball announced 11 of the 12 roster spots late last month.

Griner played on the 2011 European Tour with USA Basketball, and averaged 12.8 points and 7.3 rebounds a game.

The last college players to compete in the Olympics for the U.S. were Vicky Bullett (Maryland) and Bridgette Gordon (Tennessee) in 1988.

Griner, who will be a senior at Baylor next season, is a two-time All-American who was The Associated Press player of the year this past season when the undefeated Lady Bears won the national championship and became the first 40-win team in NCAA history.

In her three seasons at Baylor, Griner has averaged 21.6 points and 8.6 rebounds a game with a Big 12-record 594 blocked shots. She is the first NCAA player with 2,000 career points and 500 blocked shots.

Griner dunked twice in the NCAA tournament, matching Candace Parker for most dunks by a woman in NCAA tournament play and during a college career (seven).

Leaving spots open is nothing new for the U.S. The Americans only announced nine players initially for the 2008 Games before filling out the roster nearly two months later.

They also unveiled a core of players in 2000 and 2004 before filling out those teams later.

The Americans have until June 18 to select the final player for London.

The team is expected to be a gold medal favorite for coach Geno Auriemma.

The Americans have won 33 straight Olympic games.

ASTROS

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RBI single scored Adam LaRoche.

The Nationals closed within a run on Ryan Zimmerman's long three-run homer in the third.

Jackson pitched four innings after his rocky first and allowed just one more base hit. In five innings, he gave up five runs and seven hits while striking out five.

"The starters aren't going to have a 1-something (ERA) all year," Zimmerman said. "They're still very good, and I can't wait for Edwin to pitch 30 more times. It happens. Guys aren't going to go seven, eight innings every time."

In the sixth, the Astros scored five times off Tom Gorzelanny. Norris drove in two runs with a bases-

loaded single, Altuve knocked in two more with a double and another scored on an infield hit by Martinez.

Houston added its final run in the seventh on an RBI single by Castro.

"This was a case where Gorzo's got to hold them. The bullpen's been pretty taxed, pretty much all year," Washington manager Davey Johnson said.

"It wasn't the case where I was going to throw the kitchen sink at them to win that ballgame. I wanted to go into a division series with Miami not with a burdened pen. Gorzo kind of had to take it on the chin."

Norris allowed four runs and 10 hits. He struck out six and walked two.

RANGERS

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This was the longest of his three starts, and the 25-year-old right-hander kept Miguel Cabrera,

Prince Fielder and the powerful Detroit lineup off balance.

The Rangers led 2-1 before scoring a pair of unearned runs in the fifth.

After a leadoff walk by Josh Hamilton, Collin Balester relieved Wilk and got Adrian Beltre to hit a chopper toward third. Cabrera made a smooth pickup on a short hop but threw high to second for an error.

After a walk to Michael Young loaded the bases, Nelson Cruz hit a flair toward second baseman Ramon Santiago, who tried to play it on a bounce and had the ball skip through his legs for another error and a run.

Yorvit Torrealba's sacrifice fly made it 4-1.

Darvish got Fielder swinging on a looping breaking ball in the sixth.

Delmon Young then walked but was thrown out trying to go from first to third on a wild pitch when Torrealba, the catcher, lost track of the ball momentarily.

After a walk and an error gave the Tigers two on and nobody out in the seventh, Darvish struck out Jhonny Peralta with his 121st and final pitch, a nasty one that dropped sharply toward the dirt at the last instant.

The Rangers poured it on in the eighth. Cruz and Torrealba hit RBI doubles, and Ian Kinsler drove in two more runs with a double of his own. Elvis Andrus added an RBI single to make it 10-1.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead on Young's RBI single in the first and Napoli's homer an inning later. It was Napoli's fifth home run of the season, all in the last four games.

That was the only extra-base hit Wilk allowed, but Texas hit nine singles off the youngster.

"They didn't hit the ball extremely hard off me, but they kept piling up hits," Wilk said.

"I wouldn't even change anything I did, other than the pitch I got up to Napoli. My style is to get groundballs, and I was doing that, but they found every hole they could."

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ANSWERS

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

Odd incidents occasionally occur in major tournaments. For example, there was the time some years ago when a young Polish pair, representing their country for the first time in the annual world championship, arrived at a dreadful grand-slam contract. When the opening lead was made and dummy appeared, it became obvious to the declarer that his partner had overbid his values by at least two tricks. Declarer looked at the dummy, then looked at his partner and said, "That dummy is an insult to Poland!"

If you were West on the hand below, you might have similar feelings if you reached Six Spades due to partner's optimism. However, they don't allow you to back up and change the contract, so the question is how to proceed after North leads the ten of clubs (assume the missing trumps are divided 3-1 or 2-2).

trumps and continue with the A-K and another heart, ruffing in dummy. Then you play the club five, taken by South with the king. You naturally hope South will return a diamond away from the king, which would hand you the slam, but he cleverly leads a heart instead.

After discarding a diamond and ruffing the heart with dummy's last trump, you return the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Miraculously, you are now on the verge of making the contract if North holds the jack of diamonds. You hope he started with a hand such as:

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♥AK3
♦A102
♣A32

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some people consider the colloquial "whatever" to be a curse word. It's certainly an expression to avoid today, especially in regard to relationships that are already in a precarious place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll have many blessings to count, and even better than that is the fact that these seem to be the blessings you most need. You'll use your resources to serve and support the people you hold dear.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Clinging to old emotional patterns is not your style. You'll hold your inner life up to examination. You'll determine the patterns that need to be broken and put an end to them. Scorpio helps.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're up on the latest news, and you're ready to participate and do what's expected of you. That's not to say that any of it makes you happy, as you are plugged into an artistic, objective and non-conformist vibration now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something you really want to do, but your progress is excruciatingly slow. This is all the more reason why you should celebrate every move you make toward your goal as a small victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your latest interest is in something your friends and colleagues find unfamiliar. Go forward anyway; you'll be a trailblazer. Your sophisticated taste will catapult everyone into the future eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are times when the ethereal world seems more real than the so-

called real world, and indeed it may be so, especially when the moon is in dreamy Pisces. After all, most things that exist started out as mere imaginings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have great empathy for another person's plight. Your high level of emotional intelligence allows you to somehow understand even though you don't have personal experience with the matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Thinking that you are supposed to know something will keep you from asking the questions that will lead you to really know it. If you dare to speak up, you'll find that you're not the only one in the room who's in the dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be attuned to the sighs of the world. Sometimes sighing is an expression of letting go, and other times sighing says, "Look at me. I'm in psychic pain or longing or some other state of needing what I don't have."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People think they know you, but they really shouldn't assume. You're far too deep and

complicated to be summed up with stereotypes or understood by type. Assert your originality, and show them all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." Spoken like a true Pisces, these words by Albert Einstein may help you with your spiritual accounting today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20). This year you'll put yourself out there in a bigger way. Somebody is looking for the qualities you embody, and you'll be sought after in the weeks to come. There's a promotion in May. In June, you express yourself beautifully, and life conforms to your specifications. You'll replace a vice with something positive in August. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 26, 8 and 45.

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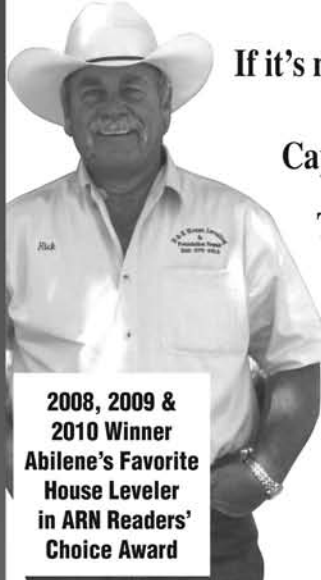
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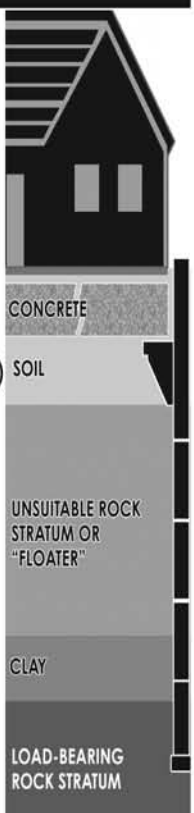
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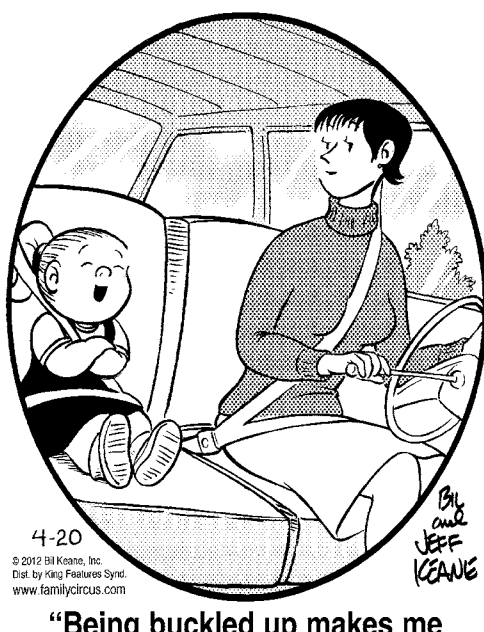
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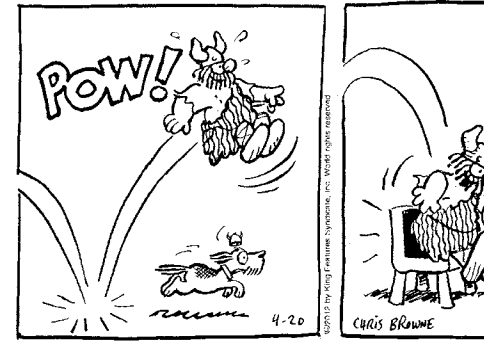
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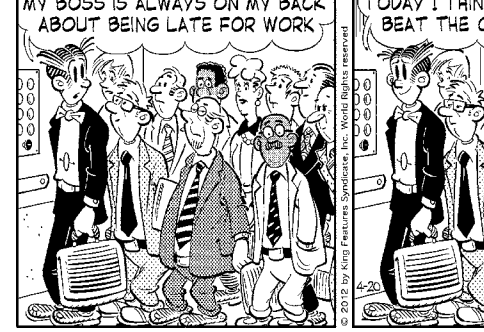


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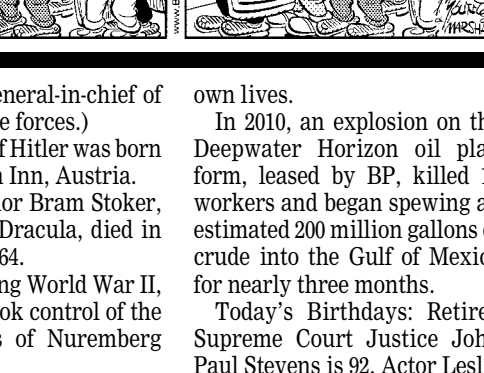
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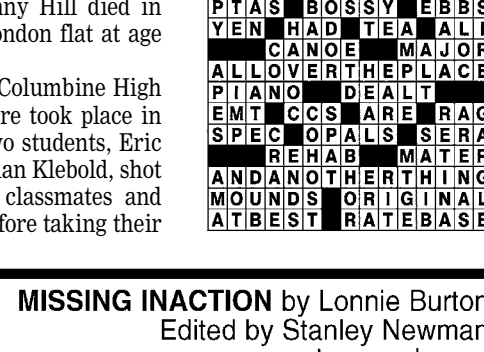
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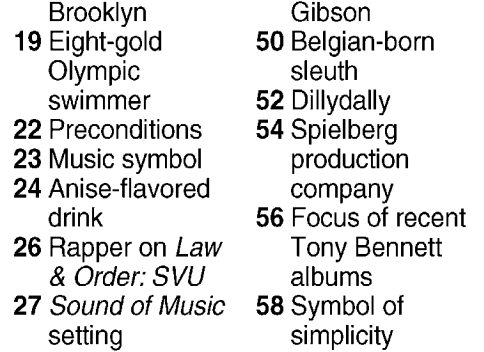
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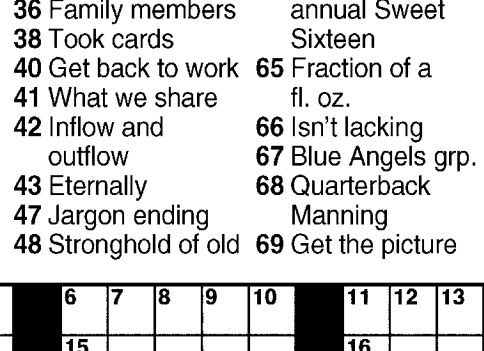
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In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory.

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 - 20 Amount to
 - 21 Pensioner
 - 22 Reversed symbol
 - 25 Ben's boss in *Schindler's List*
 - 28 Gets dirty
 - 29 Abundantly supplied
 - 31 Zodiacal edge
 - 33 Condé _____ Traveler
 - 34 Utters, nonstandardly
 - 35 Applications
 - 37 Throw in
 - 39
 - 44 Poetic adverb
 - 45 Subterfuge
 - 46 "___ a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore"
 - 48 Completes
 - 51 To-do
 - 53 Starts strongly, with "in"
 - 55 Vocally
 - 57 Frog in one's throat
 - 59 Insignificant
 - 60 Incitements to action
 - 62 Bach's Mass _____ Minor
 - 64
 - 70 *Seinfeld* uncle
 - 71 Sooner State city
 - 72 Grocery section
 - 73 Wear away
 - 74 Action, so to speak
- 75 "Tomorrow" singer
- DOWN
- 1 Justice Dept. agency
 - 2 Aglow
 - 3 Some muscles
 - 4 Ascertain slowly
 - 5 Futurologist
 - 6 DVD ancestor
 - 7 _____ for Evidence (Grafton novel)
 - 8 Leaves angrily, with "out"
 - 9 Proctor's announcement
 - 10 Keeps in a text
 - 11 Pop singer Estefan
 - 12 Dealership array
 - 13 Least forthcoming
 - 18 Brooks from Brooklyn
 - 19 Eight-gold Olympic swimmer
 - 22 Preconditions
 - 23 Music symbol
 - 24 Anise-flavored drink
 - 26 Rapper on *Law & Order: SVU*
 - 27 *Sound of Music* setting
 - 30 Gargantuan
 - 32 Ferret's feet
 - 36 Family members
 - 38 Took cards
 - 40 Get back to work
 - 41 What we share
 - 42 Inflow and outflow
 - 43 Eternally
 - 47 Jargon ending
 - 48 Stronghold of old
 - 49 Tennis great Gibson
 - 50 Belgian-born sleuth
 - 52 Dillydally
 - 54 Spielberg production company
 - 56 Focus of recent Tony Bennett albums
 - 58 Symbol of simplicity
 - 61 Stumblebum
 - 63 Org. with an annual Sweet Sixteen
 - 65 Fraction of a fl. oz.
 - 66 Isn't lacking
 - 67 Blue Angels grp.
 - 68 Quarterback Manning
 - 69 Get the picture

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