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## HOWARD COUNTY FAIR UNDER WAY



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The 2012 Howard County Fair kicked off Thursday afternoon. Vendors fill the fair barns and entertainment is provided outside under the tent. Gates will open tonight at 5 p.m. and stay open until 10 p.m. Saturday, the fair will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.



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Heavy rains this morning forced municipal and county agencies to close several roads in the Crossroads area, including this portion of Midway Road.

## Rain causes local flooding

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Heavy rain this morning has produced both smiles and headaches for Howard County residents.

A confluence of three storm systems has produced heavy rainfall throughout the county and the Permian

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## Voter registration deadline a week away

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents looking to register to vote in the upcoming November election, as the clock winds down to what promises to be a close presidential contest.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election — which will cover a number of local elections, as well as the much-anticipated presi-

dential contest — is Oct. 9, according to Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office. They can fill out the voter registration application and their card should be

mailed to them in time for the November election.

"Those who can't get out, can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said her office began accepting requests for mail-in ballots in early September, with the deadline for requests set to expire Oct. 30. However, she warns against procrastinating.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom. "If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail."

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the voter's

name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The local DAV chapter will host an open house Monday to show off the new building and provide information to area veterans. The open house will take place from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at 2204 Runnels.

## DAV open house set for Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

The local DAV Chapter 47 will be showing off their new building with an open house from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. It will be a come-and-go event, with refreshments provided.

"I was approached in February and asked if I knew of a use for the building that could benefit veterans," Mike Tarpley, Chapter 47 DAV senior vice commander, said. "I told them I had an idea."

The house was built by Lona Hood for her parents and was later used by the

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# Texas Briefs

## Dallas police investigate slaying of bar doorman

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a bar doorman has been fatally shot in a confrontation in a parking lot. Police on Friday did not immediately have information on a suspect in the attack outside the La Esquina Corner Lounge. Police say 51-year-old Juan Soto was working around 11 p.m. Thursday when he was shot by one or more unknown assailants. Soto died after being transported to a Dallas hospital. Further details were not immediately available.

## Storms lead to flooding in Midland, Odessa

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Heavy rain in West Texas has led to street flooding and a day off from school for some students. The Midland Independent School District canceled classes Friday due to weather. The National Weather Service says the Midland area has received nearly 3 inches of rain. Forecasters issued a flash flood watch for the Midland and Odessa areas through Saturday morning. Oncor has reported scattered power outages. A statement Friday from emergency management officials in Odessa warned about street flooding and urged residents to avoid high water crossings.

## 3 win racial suit against San Antonio company

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio company has been ordered to pay \$200,000 to three black ex-workers who say they were racially harassed by derogatory comments and a noose at the office. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Thursday announced a federal jury's punitive damages against AA Foundries Inc. The company makes components for water wells.

The EEOC says a company superintendent called adult African-American males "boys." A noose was found at the workplace after several employees filed harassment charges. Authorities say the superintendent said the noose was "no big deal" and the workers were "too sensitive." The three men later left the company. The EEOC sued last year. AA Foundries lawyer Stephen White says the company will appeal.

## 2 get prison in Texas radio ads real estate scam

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge in Texas has sentenced two men to five-year prison terms in a \$17 million real estate scam using radio promotions. Prosecutors on Thursday announced the punishment for 33-year-old Jeremy Louder of Frisco and 43-year-old Jeffrey Brown of Dallas. Both had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in a case involving more than 80 investors nationwide. Investigators say Quadwealth used radio advertising in the Dallas area to falsely market itself as an elite financial planning and wealth management group. Some of the investment funds were used to pay the personal expenses of Louder and Brown. Brown has been ordered to repay about \$14 million. Louder must make \$17 million in restitution in the fraud that ran from 2006 through 2010.

## Austin City Council endorses same-sex marriage

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Austin City Council has voted to make the capital city of Texas the first in the state to formally endorse the legalization of same-sex marriages. The Thursday vote was unanimous. The state of Texas doesn't presently recognize same-sex marriages. State law defines marriage as

strictly between a man and a woman. However, councilmember Sheryl Cole says that although the vote is purely symbolic, "symbolic acts matter." According to supporting city documents, a 2010 University of Texas survey found that 63 percent of the Texans question support some form of legal civil union for same-sex couples.

## UT president: state can help control student costs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With rising tuition rates squeezing college students statewide, University of Texas President Bill Powers said Thursday that the state could help schools ease their burden with more consistent funding for higher education. Delivering his annual state of the university speech for the nearly-50,000 student campus, Powers briefly mentioned Gov. Rick Perry's recent proposal to allow freshmen to lock in a tuition rate for four years. Powers said he is "heartened" by the conversation sparked by Perry's idea and the goal of graduating students in four years, but he stopped short of endorsing the Republican governor's proposal that so far offers no specifics. Texas should explore ways to help students graduate on time and help their families cope with the cost of higher education, Powers said. "This is the thrust of Gov. Perry's ideas of locking tuition rates on a rolling four-year basis. It can also encourage students to earn their degrees quickly," Powers said. State lawmakers could help by providing universities with predictable budgets, Powers said. The Republican-dominated Legislature cut nearly \$1 billion from higher education in 2011, with nearly \$92 million taken from the University of Texas. "Predictability and planning are also important for our campus, so the state should also show its commitment by providing predictable revenue streams for the same four years," Powers said.

## RAIN

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Basin early today. Midland-Odessa International Airport recorded three inches of rain since 1 a.m. today, while Big Spring Airport unofficially received two inches of precipitation as of 9 this morning. Douglas Cain, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service station in Midland, said remnants of Pacific Hurricane Miriam converged with an upper-level disturbance and a weak

surface front to produce today's downpour. The storms, which showed no signs of slackening as of mid-morning, were expected to taper off in the afternoon, but could redevelop this evening. For that reason, NWS has extended a flash flood watch through tonight for an area of West Texas including Howard County, Cain said. While welcome in drought-stricken West Texas, the rain has caused havoc on roadways and have city and school officials seriously considering cancella-

tion of planned activities. Big Spring police and Howard County deputies responded to several stranded motorist calls today and low-lying roadways throughout the area were being blocked off because of rising water levels. Midland Independent School District cancelled classes and extra-curricular activities today because of the heavy rain, but Howard County school systems are operating on normal schedules — so far. The only problem Big Spring ISD officials

have experienced today is that several buses ran late because of the weather and two stops in outlying portions of the district were cancelled. Other than that, it is business as usual for the school district, said Wayland Pierce, BSISD transportation director. "I'm not predicting anything other than a regular schedule today," Pierce said. The news was the same at Forsan ISD — officials said no schedule adjustments were made because of weather. At Coahoma, however,

where several activities are planned tonight for homecoming, officials were monitoring weather conditions closely, said Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs. Rains have forced the Big Spring Senior Center to close today. The Howard County Fair will open tonight as scheduled, although outdoor events such as the ranch rodeo and square dance have been cancelled. The fair's carnival will open if weather allows, fair officials said.

at 263-7331.

## VOTE

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back from outside the county. "We're hoping this

will help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county," said Bloom. Early voting in the election will begin Oct.

22 and end Nov. 2. Early voting will be held in the Elections Administrations Office, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information

on voter registration in Howard County, contact Bloom at 264-2273. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## DAV

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VA Medical Center as the Haven House, for families visiting hospitalized veterans. Eventually, the house was too small to fulfill the requirements of the VA and Dyess Air Force Base came in and built additional rooms at the VA. "Eventually the VA didn't have any more patients and we were approached with the possibility of the facility," Tarpley said. "We are very grateful to have the opportunity to use this building. It took some time to get the paperwork filled out and some construction work had to be done, but after a couple of months we were able to move in and start utilizing our new facility."

claims. "Our vision is aimed at helping disabled veterans," Ed Meiser, Chapter 47 DAV commander, said. There are several ways to support the vision of the DAV, whether it be through donations or volunteer time. There are several volunteer options through the VA, including van drivers, and the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP). "We have six drivers with four full-time paid drivers through the VA, but we are always looking for more," George Williams, van driver volunteer coordinator, said. Volunteers can work flexible hours and will be responsible for getting veterans to and from doctor appointments. The area in-

cludes Midland, Odessa, San Angelo all the way to Fort Stockton and Hobbs, N.M. and other surrounding areas. To volunteer as a van driver or to find out more information about the program, call Williams at 432-264-4825. The DAV will also be accepting donations. Any donations collect-

ed will keep local. The funds will be used to help veterans served by the local VA. If veterans are passing threw Big Spring and need help we also address their needs. Any questions contact Mike Tarpley Senior Vice Commander DAV chapter 47 at 432-556-2227.

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*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:*

- Local resident Debbie Burrow for starting Adopt a Military Hero project in order to keep the Christmas For Our Troops project local and showing support for military members deployed in Afghanistan.

- VA Medical Center and all those who helped make the POW/MIA ceremony and luncheon a success. Also, to all those veterans who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

- Ellyn Avery for being crowned the 2012 Grady homecoming queen.

- Barry Norris and Angelica Diaz for being named Sands High School homecoming king and queen for 2012 during the recent festivities.

- Max Pappajohn and Melinda Gonzalez for being named homecoming king and queen at Big Spring High School last Fridays.

- Kristopher R. Poole for being named veteran of the month for September at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

- Howard College and Scenic Mountain Medical Center for hosting Krickitt Carpenter as part of the college's featured speaker series.

*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.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**When the going gets tough the tough seek Your love, Lord.**

**Amen**

# Day of atonement, Yom Kippur

As I write this, Jews across the world are preparing for the holiest day of the year: Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Yom Kippur is the day on which we seek forgiveness for the sins of the past year and ask God to inscribe us and those we love in the book of life. We light candles for those we have lost and say special prayers. It is and always has been a painful holiday for me, and not just because of the fast that begins at sundown.

This year, I will light a candle for my father, who has been gone for more than half of my life, and for my mother, going on seven years, and for my beloved friends Judy and Kath.

Facing those candles each year, a testament to the fragility of life, is itself a lesson in gratitude, in the blessing of good health and family (may the evil eye keep away).

And that great blessing is also my source of guilt.

My mother was an anxious and depressed person. She took to her bed. She was not there for others.

She wasted much of her life worrying, bemoaning, reliving her sorrows rather than enjoying what she had. I joke that I

## Romney's 'long-term' sham

From the moment Mitt Romney clinched the Republican nomination some three months ago, the pundits have been expecting him to soften his stance on immigration in order to appeal to Latinos.

We have become so cynical about our political environment that we expect politicians — from both the left and the right — to make a dramatic about-face and start marching toward the middle immediately after securing the presidential nomination of either party.

We have come to expect such hypocrisy so much that even when they move just an inch toward the middle, we in the media report that they are making great strides.

Even now, many are reporting that Romney is finally dealing with the immigration issue and making a dramatic push in the Latino community — as if it was actually happening!

He is not.

There is absolutely no evidence to indicate that Romney has "softened his stance on immigration," or found a way to convince the overwhelming majority of Latinos that he is not their enemy.

After all, how many times can we expect Romney to flip-flop?

If he were to switch to a more compassionate mode now, after out-pandering his GOP opponents to become the champion of immigrant bashers during the Republican primaries, Romney would be seen as a sellout by his extreme right followers.

He obviously fears losing support from his xenophobic base, especially those whose support he has nurtured with inflammatory "self-deportation" rhetoric.

And so he keeps talking to Latinos as if he was the late Mexican actor Mario Moreno in the role of Cantinflas — delivering long-winded speeches without really saying anything.

When Moreno spoke in such vague terms in the movies, he was hilarious. But when Romney does Cantinflas, it's not even funny.

Yet, every time Romney is

inherited those nana genes. But I get up every day. I work three jobs. I give of myself, sometimes to a fault.

I have always believed that it is not in the words of the prayer book but in the way I live my life that I show my faith. I have not been a perfect mother or sister; I was not a perfect daughter. But I know there has never been a day when I did not do the best I could. I have been a loving and generous friend. I have helped more people get jobs than full-time career counselors. I have helped more young people get into the school of their dreams than most college counselors.

I have given my time and my heart to friends and friends of friends and people I met only once. I don't count. I never say no. I am, I think, I know, a very good person.

But I am not such a happy one. I should be happy that my children are off in the world, doing well, strong and independent. I am grateful, but I spend more time feeling lonely, staring at their empty bedrooms and feeling like the best years of my life are behind me than I do counting my blessings.

I lost close friends and my father when they were years younger than I am now, but I spend more time fretting about getting old, about dashed dreams and memories, good and bad, than I do feeling blessed to be as old as I am.

I tell others the story of Lot and

his wife, whom God promised to save from Sodom and Gomorrah if only they did not look back. But Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. When my friends relive the past, get caught up in who did what to whom, in what they have lost and what was taken from them, I tell them to remember the lesson of Lot's wife, to look forward and not backward.

And then I find myself crying about the past, about what went wrong and what went right, and mostly what is lost.

I write often about what I know is true: that life is precious, that we must live every day, grateful, loving, cherishing, knowing how lucky we are, celebrating the freedom and comfort that people all over the world will never know. I write this because I believe it.

And on Yom Kippur, I ask God to forgive me for not living that way each day.

I ask not for the wisdom to know what is true, but for the grace to live that way, not simply to tell the story of Lot's wife, but to live its lesson.

Happy New Year.

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about to speak to another Hispanic group, the media hypes the event as if he was about to make earth-shattering news. And he never does!

It happened again and again last week, when Romney appeared on a special Univision television forum and delivered a speech to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Since he has nothing new to say to Latinos, he keeps insulting our intelligence by blaming Obama for failing to keep his promise to push comprehensive immigration reform through Congress.

Unless you've been living a secluded cave for more than three years, you know that it was the Republicans who stopped any kind of forward movement on immigration reform.

Yet Romney keeps blaming it all on Obama, as if Latino voters had no memory of whom have been their friends and enemies.

But if you just crawled out of cave and heard Romney speak, you could easily assume that, instead of finances, he has cornered the market on compassion.

"We are not going to round up people around the country and deport them," Romney said last week.

"I said during my primary campaign, time and again, 'we're not going to round up 12 million people, that includes the kids and the parents, and have everyone deported. Our system isn't to deport people. We need to provide a long-term solution.'"

Actually, time and again he pandered to right-wing extremists by pouncing on undocumented immigrants.

In fact, what suggested is that we should make conditions so oppressive and miserable for undocumented immigrants that they will want to self deport.

This is the way he put it: "The answer is self-deportation, which is people decide that they can do better by going home because they can't find work here," Romney said in one of the GOP debates, "because they don't have legal documentation to allow them to work here."

Starving people out of the country, perhaps that's what Romney means when he talks about a "long-term solution." Other details of his plan to deal with immigration are either a

huge secret or nonexistent.

He has had plenty of opportunities to unveil his alleged solution, but he has offered no specifics. We are supposed to be satisfied with the knowledge that his "solution" will be "long-term."

It's a sham!

Yet on CNN, Wolf Blitzer concluded last week that Romney "appeared to try to soften his stance on illegal immigration to a certain degree."

Really?

Some pundits, believing this myth, wonder why Romney isn't getting more traction in Latino voter polls.

It's simple: Obama still supports comprehensive immigration reform and Romney supports the self-deportation of millions.

Obama wants to give them a path to legalization and Romney wants to clear a path for them to return home.

Obama has gone to court against states that passed anti-immigrant and racial profiling laws and Romney says those laws are models for the rest of the nation.

Obama has the support of even some of his own harshest critics on immigration, such as Rep. Luis Guterierrez, and Romney stands with anti-immigrant extremists, including Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, conservative ideologue Kris Kobach and Rep. Steve King.

Obama supports the DREAM Act to at least legalize young undocumented immigrants who came here as children, and Romney has vowed to veto it.

Obama has used his executive power to stop their deportations and allow them to work and Romney has indicated his solution will be, oh yes, "long-term."

It's not the need to vote for Obama that will drive Latinos to the polls in November. It's their need to vote against Romney.

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# Taking aim because the words are telling me to

Sometimes when I sit down to read, the words float past my eyes without penetrating my thoughts. At other times, however, a well crafted statement leaps from the page on which it is written and lodges itself in my mental collection bag, making it impossible for me to dismiss the words I have read.

Recently, I have been bombarded with the printed admonition that if you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time. While I haven't been able to determine the origin of this truth, the words seem to pop up on everything I attempt to read.

Of course the value of such a profound statement is in its reverse application.

Aiming at a target is a requirement for hitting it. This universal truth that aiming and hitting can be paired together applies to archers, baseball play-



BONNIE WHEAT

ers, sharp shooters, gong strikers and a slew of other skillful achievers who depend on their aim for success. Even threading a needle requires perfect aim.

However, a little contemplation exposes another truth about taking aim. Hitting a bull's-eye requires dead-on aim, but aiming high is often the best approach for reaching a goal.

This was the philosophy of Michelangelo, the famous artist who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. He said, "The greatest danger for most of us lies in not setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark."

In a similar vein, a businessman named W. Clement Stone advised, "Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star."

If all this sounds like solid advice, consider these words of wisdom from one of America's funniest comedians, Phyllis Diller: "Aim high, and you won't

shoot your foot off."

In the Christian life, however, we should aim for only one thing, to be more like Christ. The apostle Paul wrote, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV).

Whether we aim high to attain a goal or aim accurately to hit a target, taking aim requires determination and perseverance. We must continue to press on, straining toward what is ahead. After all, if we aim at nothing, we will hit it every time.

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## Church News

### Alive in Christ

#### Lutheran Church LCMS

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Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats following and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Mid-Week classes begin this week with a meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. with class from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Phillip Reid will present the readings this week. The readings reference "The Salt of the Earth."

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

#### First Baptist Church

Upward Basketball registration is under way for children from K5 to sixth grade-boys and girls. This activity is for all in our community teaching children fundamental basketball skills in a friendly sports environment. Volunteers are needed to support the league. Contact Jonathan Raffini and Amy Clark to help with coaching; Layne Mims for referees; Rhonda Rothell for prayer partners.

Sunday morning services are recorded on DVDs. If you would like a copy of a Sunday service, call the church office.

Ladies, get those recipe cards out and ingredients bought for the Ladies Potluck Brunch to be held in the Family Life Center on Oct. 6 at 11:30 a.m. The ladies of our Sunday school classes will serve as hostesses. Plan now to attend and bring your favorite dish. If you have any questions, contact Carol Boyd or call the church office.

The True Love Waits Commencement Ceremony will be held Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the chapel. A reception will be held following the ceremony in the church foyer.

Be sure to get your order form by Sunday for the T-shirts. These are \$10 each and will designate your ministry of FBC.

Operation Christmas Child is needing empty shoeboxes as we prepare this missionary outreach. On Oct. 21 the boxes will be distributed and Nov. 11 will be OCC in-gathering day.

LLL meets in the dining room Tuesday at noon. Senior adults bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

Remember the mission center while shopping since our pantry shelves are empty again which means there is a need to share food, clothing and

the gospel to our community. This week we are collecting macaroni and cheese and hamburger helper.

Come to the Howard County fair and check out the booth where parents can stop by and utilize the baby changing station.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:50 and evening worship at 6 along with AWANA for the children.

#### College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans will be starting a new sermon series Sunday, Sept. 31. The new series will be, "Last Things, Last Times."

The "Reach Texas" mission offering opportunity is going on at this time. This offering covers expenses for disaster relief such as help when the wild fires caused so much damage in our state the last couple of years.

The disaster relief teams this offering supports are usually the first ones on the scene to aid in recovery. They bring in food and serve it, tools for cleanup and the people to use them, clean water and laundry services.

The youth of College Baptist will be attending, "Disciple Now" from Oct. 5-7. This year, they will be going to Midland and will hear sermons by Christian Nichles, pastor of FBC, Midland. Their worship will be led by Austin, Drew and Joe. Students in grades sixth through 12th are invited to attend. There will be a charge of \$40 per student to cover expenses of food, T-shirts, etc.

On Wednesday, College Baptist began 40 days of prayer for our nation.

Our pastor handed out booklets Wednesday night containing letters written by our members about this time of prayer and as a suggested guide of how we should biblically pray each of these 40 days. Each book has 40 letters in it.

#### East Side Baptist Church

Sunday school, morning and afternoon services are dedicate to honoring the Holy word of God Sunday for Bible Day.

Gospel meeting will be here Oct. 28-31. Mrs. Rosie O'Toole will be the special guest.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:45 a.m. and the afternoon service is at 1:45 p.m.

#### First United Methodist Church

Sunday Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at both services of worship 9:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The monthly Bible verse to be included is from Psalms 119 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." The chancel choir and instrumentalists will participate in the late service. Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m. EPIC youth (Equipping People In Christ) which includes both junior and senior high, meet with Beau each Sunday morning as well as Wednesday's Real Life, following the meal at 6:30 p.m.

Children's church, for children 4 years to fourth grade, meets in the youth hall following their sermon in a sack at the 10:50 a.m. service. Their current series is "Extreme Sayings." Their saying for the week is forgive everybody.

Children's Day Out program meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Our mid-week Bible study and luncheon is Wednesdays at noon in Garret Hall. Pastor Bill is currently leading a study on Mark. This week's meal is being catered by Al's Barbeque with serving at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday's Real Life begins serving at 5:30 p.m. followed by Disciple Bible Study, Financial Peace, Beth Moore study and children's choir "JAM" (Jesus and Me) from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. The first hour is children's choir followed by games and/or crafts. JAM plans to perform at church in October and will have a special Christmas program in December.

Lord's Acre begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 with our famous bake sale, Kid's Korner in youth hall and the silent auction. Lunch will be served at noon. Pre-event tickets are on sale now for \$10. Get tickets at the church office or from Hayes Stripling. At 1 p.m. Cash Berry will begin the Talents and Treasures live auction. Items for all these events are now being accepted at the church. Auction

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## News in brief

### Amid deadlock at the UN, world powers to urge Syria's opposition to unite to end conflict

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Western nations and allies in the Middle East meet Friday to urge Syria's fractured opposition to unite, seeking a new path for ending the country's conflict amid deadlock between major powers on the U.N. Security Council.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was hosting talks among the Friends of Syria — a coalition which includes the United States, the European Union and the Arab League — on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, seeking to encourage better cooperation among groups which oppose Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The talks, which don't include Russia, China or Iran, take place with the Security Council at a stalemate on efforts to halt the 18-month long conflict, which activists say has led to more than 30,000 deaths.

Russia and China have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions aimed at pressuring Assad to end the violence and enter negotiations on a political transition, paralyzing the U.N.'s most powerful body and denting chances of any progress during the General Assembly.

Clinton has decried Assad's "murdering of his own people," while Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov — who will address the General Assembly on Friday — has accused the U.S. and other countries of encouraging terrorism in their stance on Syria.

### As first presidential debate looms, Romney to court donors, voters in Pennsylvania on Friday

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — His path to victory narrowing, Mitt Romney is looking to Pennsylvania to help slow President Barack Obama's momentum ahead of a high-stakes meeting on the debate stage next week.

The Republican presidential nominee was to campaign Friday in the Philadelphia area, first courting donors at a high-dollar fundraiser and then meeting voters at a midday rally.

Fresh off a promise to spend more time in the swing states that matter most, Romney will pass much of the day in a state that has not supported a Republican presidential candidate in nearly a quarter-century. His campaign is not running any television ads in Pennsylvania, and aides privately concede that Obama has a significant advantage just 40 days before Election Day.

They suggest that Romney's visit — his first to the state in more than two months — is largely designed to raise the money needed to narrow Obama's edge in more competitive states. After raising \$5 million at a Washington event Thursday, Romney is expected to generate more than \$1 million in Philadelphia and an additional \$7 million at a Boston fundraiser later Friday.

"We're going to have to make the right choice on Nov. 6, and you're going to make that happen," Romney told cheering donors in Washington.

### Obama campaign registers 250,000 voters in North Carolina as it tries to keep the state close

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Dozens of volunteers armed with clipboards and voter registration forms gather at President Barack Obama's field office here every day. Their mission: Fan out across the city seeking new voters in this rapidly growing state.

"Are you registered to vote at your current ad-

dress?" asks Douglas Johnston, a volunteer wooing voters outside the county courthouse. "Do you know about early voting?"

The effort, it seems, has borne fruit — to the tune of more than 250,000 new registered voters in North Carolina since April 2011, according to Obama's team. That's more new voters than the campaign has registered anywhere else in the country.

It's an eye-popping total in a state that Obama won by just 14,000 votes four years ago. And the flood of new voters — presumably a chunk of them Democrats — could help keep North Carolina within the president's reach in a year when everything else here seems to be working in Republican Mitt Romney's favor.

North Carolina has voted for a Democratic presidential candidate just twice in 40 years. The state's economy is abysmal; its 9.7 percent unemployment rate is among the nation's highest. And the president's embrace of gay marriage put him at odds with a majority of North Carolina voters, including many blacks, who make up the core of his support here.

### Kenyan forces attack last remaining stronghold of al-Qaida-linked militants in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Kenyan troops invaded al-Shabab's last stronghold in Somalia, coming ashore in a predawn assault Friday. Other African Union forces were traveling overland to link up with the Kenyan forces in the port city of Kismayo.

Col. Cyrus Oguna, the Kenyan military's top spokesman, said the surprise attack met minimal resistance but al-Shabab denied that the city had fallen and said fighting was taking place. Oguna said that al-Shabab has incurred "heavy losses" but that Kenyan forces have not yet had any injuries or deaths.

Residents in Kismayo contacted by The Associated Press said that Kenyan troops had taken control of the port but not the whole city.

"Al-Shabab fighters are on the streets and heading toward the front line in speeding cars. Their radio is still on the air and reporting the war," resident Mohamed Haji told The Associated Press. Haji said that helicopters were hitting targets in the town in southeastern Somalia.

A U.S. military spokesman, Lt. Cdr. Dave Hecht, said the U.S. Africa Command, known as AFRICOM, is closely monitoring the situation but that "we are not participating in Kenya's military activities in the region."

### Presidential coattails a potential factor in some tight races for control of Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Rep. Connie Mack scores an upset over Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson in Florida's Senate race, he'll probably owe Mitt Romney a thank you. Should former Gov. Tim Kaine hold off former Sen. George Allen in the Senate contest in Virginia, President Barack Obama may deserve a share of credit.

The fates of Obama and Romney in November are likely to impact more than the White House. They will help shape a number of key Senate and House races. The prospect of presidential coattails — or the opposite, a drag — is factoring into the way races down the ballot are being run, especially in close contests.

"There's obviously a down-ballot impact from the performance of the top of the ticket," said Sen. John Thune, the No. 3 Republican in the Senate. So Senate Republicans are pulling for Romney and doing all they can to help him, Thune said. Of Romney, he added: "We need him to do well."

Democrats feel the same about the top of their ticket. Leaders in the Senate, including Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, said Democratic Senate candidates were certain to benefit from a stronger Obama performance in November. They said they'd also benefit if Romney stumbles.

"One of the reasons our Senate numbers have gone up in the last few weeks is distaste for Romney," Schumer said last week.

Months of warning signs preceded actor's apparent killing of woman and his own death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Probation officials openly worried about actor Johnny Lewis' mental health and his danger to others in recent months, and this week their worst fears came true.

The man who died a violent death on "Sons of Anarchy" three years ago apparently beat and strangled his landlady and attacked neighbors before falling or leaping to his own death in neighborhood near Hollywood on Wednesday afternoon.

They were the final violent acts of a man who in the previous 10 months had been repeatedly arrested, sent to counseling and had left jail only five days before his demise.

Court records and his attorney detailed attempts to help Lewis but not in time to help 81-year-old Catherine Davis, who neighbors reported screaming inside a home near the outskirts of Los Angeles' Griffith Park. The home had been ransacked, glass was shattered and a dead cat was also found inside, and Lewis' body was found in the driveway.

Lewis' cause of death is pending toxicology results, Coroner's investigative division Lt. Fred Corral said Thursday evening. Davis died from blunt head trauma and manual strangulation, he said.

### New name adds twist in case of Calif. man behind anti-Muslim film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The surrounding mystery of the man behind the crudely produced anti-Islamic video that sparked violence in the Middle East took a strange turn after he appeared in court and gave yet another name in a string of aliases.

Arrested on Thursday after authorities said he violated his probation from a 2010 check fraud conviction, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula told a judge his real name was Mark Basseley Youseff. He said he'd been using that name since 2002, even though he went by Nakoula in his fraud case.

The full story about Nakoula and the video "Innocence of Muslims" still isn't known more than two weeks after violence erupted in Egypt and Libya, where Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others were killed in Benghazi. Violence related to the film has since spread, killing dozens more.

Citing a lengthy pattern of deception and the potential to flee, U.S. Central District Chief Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal ordered Nakoula to remain in prison without bond until another judge can hold a hearing to determine if he broke the terms of his probation.

"The court has a lack of trust in this defendant at this time," Segal said.

### Postmaster general: Viability of struggling mail agency now lies almost entirely with Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service, on the brink of default on a second multibillion-dollar payment it can't afford to pay, is sounding a new cautionary note that having squeezed out all the cost savings within its power, the mail agency's viability now lies almost entirely with Congress.

In an interview, Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said the mail agency will be forced to miss the \$5.6 billion payment due to the Treasury on Sunday, its second default in as many months. Congress has left Washington until after the November elections, without approving a postal fix.


For more than a year, the Postal Service has been seeking legislation that would allow it to eliminate Saturday mail delivery and reduce its \$5 billion annual payment for future retiree health benefits. Since the House failed to act, the post office says it's been seeking to reassure anxious customers that service will not be disrupted, even with cash levels running perilously low.

"Absolutely, we would be profitable right now," Donahoe told The Associated Press, when asked whether congressional delays were to blame for much of the postal losses, expected to reach a record \$15 billion this year.

He said the two missed payments totaling \$11.1 billion for future retiree health benefits — payments ordered by Congress in 2006 that no other government agency or business is required to make — along with similar expenses make up the bulk of the annual loss.

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  - Forsan (4-0) at Crane (2-2), 7:30 p.m.
  - Ballinger (4-0) at Coahoma (1-3) (Homecoming), Bulldog Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
  - Seagraves (1-3) at Stanton (1-3) (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
  - Grady (2-2) at New Home (3-1), 7:30 p.m.
  - O'Donnell (1-3) at Sands (2-2), 7:30 p.m.
  - Garden City (1-3) at Ropes (2-2), 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

- Volleyball**
- Big Spring at Sweetwater (F, noon; JV, 1 p.m.; V, 2 p.m.)

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Grady's Taylor Polson tackles a Midland Christian runner during last week's 68-48 victory over the Chargers. The 2-2 Wildcats travel to New Home today.

## Refs cheered at first NFL game following lockout

BALTIMORE (AP) — No one is complaining that the refs cost the Cleveland Browns the game. That mere fact is a major victory for the NFL and the seven-man crew led by referee Gene Steratore, who brought official harmony back to the nation's most popular league.

Cheered from the moment they walked onto the field, the men in stripes ran a smooth and efficient game Thursday night as the NFL's lockout of officials came to an end with the Baltimore Ravens' 23-16 win over the Browns.

"To just be applauded by 50,000 people prior to anything happening, it was something that kind of chokes you up," Steratore said. "It was a very special feeling."

Sure, there were calls that made both sides unhappy. Browns coach Pat Shurmur drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for arguing an intentional grounding call, and Ravens left tackle Michael Oher could be heard raising all kinds of beef about a holding call.

But, overall, the officials kept the

game in control, curtailing the chippy play and choppy pace — not to mention the inconsistent calls — that had marred the three weeks of games with replacement officials.

"It was great to have those guys back," Ravens running back Ray Rice said. "It looked like they knew what they were doing."

An agreement to end the lockout was reached late Wednesday after marathon negotiations Tuesday night after a "Monday Night Football" finish brought debate over the use of the replacements to a fevered pitch nationwide.

That game ended when a 24-yard desperation pass on the last play was ruled a touchdown — even though replays appeared to show it should have been an interception — giving the Seattle Seahawks a disputed 14-12 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

The stage was set for something eerily similar Thursday. A fourth-down unnecessary roughness penalty on Baltimore's Paul Kruger — a good call, given the way he shoved Cleveland's Joe Thomas after the whistle —

gave the Browns one final play from the 18-yard line.

But Brandon Weeden's 18-yard pass sailed high as time expired. No controversial ending this time.

"I thought they handled (the game) great," Cleveland coach Pat Shurmur said. "I had all the confidence in the world that this was going to be officiated in the right way."

The newfound love for the refs was evident all evening.

About an hour before kickoff, they made their first appearance on the field and heard cheers from the early arrivals. A few minutes later, Steratore was shaking hands with Shurmur near midfield and getting a hug from Ravens face-of-the-franchise Ray Lewis at the 30-yard line.

Later, when the crew returned, they received a standing ovation and doffed their caps to the crowd. One fan held up a sign that read: "Finally! We get to yell at real refs! Welcome back!"

"It was very chaotic with the replacement refs," said Karen Riley, a 44-year-old fan wearing a Rice jersey. "They couldn't control the players on

either side. There were bad calls, constantly, and in some cases refs making different calls at the same time."

When Steratore then turned on his microphone to greet the captains for the pre-game coin toss, the crowd heard him say: "Good evening, men. It's good to be back."

The stadium erupted in a roar.

"You know we always pride ourselves in being a face without a name," Steratore, a 10-year veteran, told The Associated Press about an hour before kickoff. "This will be a little different, but I don't expect it to last too long. And that's the goal — is that we can let them get through that portion of this. It's happy to be back, it's happy to be appreciated. But then as soon as the game starts, it's happy to disappear again and let the entertainers entertain."

The deal to end the lockout is only tentative — it must be ratified by 51 percent of the union's 121 members in a vote scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Dallas — but both sides

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## Red Raiders to open season at Iowa State

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Few teams in the FBS have embraced the concept of a soft non-conference schedule quite like Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders have beaten up FCS school Northwestern State, FBS newcomer Texas State and perennial Mountain West doormat New Mexico on their way to a 3-0 start that, judged strictly by the numbers, is the most impressive in the country.

Texas Tech is first nationally in total defense, second in total offense and among the top 25 in a whopping 12 different statistical categories.

But even coach Tommy Tuberville knows that Saturday night's Big 12 opener at Iowa State (3-0) will represent the first true challenge for his team.

"I think we'll get a much tougher test the next nine weeks than what we have had," Tuberville said. "It's good to have some success. I think our guys are build-

ing confidence. The reality will set in in terms of what we are getting ready to get into."

There have been plenty of times in recent years when Iowa State wasn't much of a step up from the likes of Texas State or the Lobos.

In 2012, these Cyclones look like they can play.

Iowa State, like the Red Raiders, won its first three games ahead of a rather fortuitous bye week to prepare for the Big 12. But the Cyclones have had a much tougher road so far, beating Tulsa at home and rival Iowa on the road before an easy victory over Western Illinois of the FCS.

Iowa State is off to its second straight 3-0 start behind a defense that hasn't given up a touchdown in back-to-back games for the first time since the mid-1960s. The Cyclones are ninth nationally in scoring defense at 10.7 points per game, just three spots behind the surprisingly

stout Red Raiders.

But Iowa State whiffed badly in this exact spot in 2011.

The Cyclones had a bye week and a home game to open the Big 12, but Texas raced out to a 34-0 halftime lead and an easy 37-14 victory. That blowout set the table for a month's worth of losses for Iowa State, which later recovered to earn a bowl bid.

"We laid an egg," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said. "We can't do that again."

Texas Tech and Iowa State might be the most unlikely matchup of top-10 defense anyone could have ever imagined.

But according to recent history, it'll take at least 40 points scored to win on Saturday night.

The winner of the last five meetings between the Red Raiders and Cyclones has cracked the 40-point barrier. Last season, Iowa State stunned a Tech team

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## Rangers beat A's, take 4-game AL West lead

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ian Kinsler and the Texas Rangers moved closer to another AL West title with a split.

Now they can wrap up the division championship at home even before facing the chasing Athletics again next week in Oakland.

Kinsler hit a leadoff homer to start a five-run first inning, Matt Harrison got his 18th victory and the two-time defending American League champions held on for a 9-7 victory Thursday. By splitting the four-game series, the Rangers maintained their four-game lead over the second-place A's with six to play.

"Never doubted it," manager Ron Washington said of his team's response after losing consecutive games at home. "The worst we were looking for was a split. They can also play, and we got what we wanted."

Texas' magic number is three to clinch its third straight division crown, heading into a weekend series at home against the Los Angeles Angels. One win would lock up a playoff berth for the Rangers.

Oakland hosts last-place Seattle this weekend.

Kinsler's 19th homer was his major league-best seventh leadoff shot this season. The Rangers had four consecutive two-out hits, capped by Mike Napoli's two-run homer off Travis Blackley (5-4).

That came after the A's (88-68) had

their own five-run first inning in a 9-3 win Wednesday night, after winning in 10 innings the night before that.

Texas (92-64) scored in each of the first four innings against three different pitchers, matching Oakland run-for-run in the second through the fourth until the A's hit three solo homers in the eighth off Mike Adams.

"We constantly kept the momentum in our favor, if you don't look at the three home runs in the eighth. We responded to them," Kinsler said. "We want to be a team that's tough to put away."

Josh Reddick homered twice for the A's, who wrapped up a 20-game stretch of six series in six cities and won 12 times. They finish the regular season at home, with a three-game weekend series against Seattle before hosting the Rangers starting Monday night.

"We don't have any negative thoughts right now," Reddick said. "It's going to be good to go home. We've been on the road for a month. ... We can't rely on LA to lose and we can't rely on Texas to fall back. We know we're just not going to back down."

The A's, whose 51-26 record since the start of July is best in the majors, were two games ahead of the Angels.

Harrison (18-10) went six innings,

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nevertheless went forward with the plan to have the regulars back for Thursday's game.

So Steratore hustled to Baltimore, making the 3½-hour drive Thursday morning from his home in the Pittsburgh area. He's usually in place the day before a game, but none of his regular pre-game meetings had to be changed because the Browns-Ravens game was at night.

"We've had a few weeks to actually realize that this was the first September that I was home for multiple Saturdays and Sundays for almost 30 years of my life, continuously. Steratore, who is a basketball official in the Big East Conference among others, also was fully aware he would be jeered the first time his crew made a

questionable call — just like always.

"Without a question," he said. "I've been yelled at by my own children many times, so this won't be any different."

Sure enough, the same fans that cheered the coin toss let out a full chorus of boos when line judge Jeff Seeman tossed his yellow flag some 20 yards to whistle Baltimore safety Bernard Pollard for a personal foul in the third quarter. Replays showed it was a good call: Pollard led with his helmet to make contact with a defenseless receiver, costing the Ravens 15 yards in a drive that led to a field goal for the Browns.

Steratore's crew nearly made a misstep in the first quarter, incorrectly spotting the ball by 2 yards after a misapplication of the rules following a holding call on the Browns. But two members of the crew caught the mistake and notified

the referee before the next snap. A brief huddle ensued, and the ball was moved to its correct spot.

The crew made it clear it wouldn't tolerate the extra shoving and yelling after the whistle that had been frequently permitted by the replacements. Offsetting personal fouls were called on Cleveland's Johnson Bademosi and Baltimore's James Ihedigbo for extracurricular roughness on a punt return in the first quarter.

Then there was Shurmur's unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Replays appeared to validate the grounding call he was trying to contest, and the coach took responsibility for his loss of temper.

"I can't do that," Shurmur said. "It's an emotional game, and I got to make sure I keep my emotions in check."

The league's new agreement with the of-

ficials runs for eight years. Commissioner Roger Goodell acknowledged the ending of the Seahawks-Packers game "may have pushed the parties further along" in the talks.

"Obviously when you go through something like this it is painful for everybody," Goodell said. "Most importantly, it is painful for our fans. We are sorry to have to put our fans through that, but it is something that in the short term you sometimes have to do to make sure you get the right kind of deal for the long term and make sure you continue to grow the game."

The dispute even made its way to the campaign trail, with President Barack Obama's spokesman, Jay Carney, calling Thursday "a great day for America."

"The president's very pleased that the two sides have come together," Carney said.

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allowing four runs and seven hits, to become the Rangers' first 18-game winner since Kenny Rogers in 2004.

The All-Star lefthander is scheduled to start once more in the regular season, with a chance for the most wins since Rick Hilling's 20 in 1998.

"Matt wasn't at his best, but he was able to fight through a lot of things and he was able to make pitches when he had to," Washington said.

"It was a battle for me all day," Harrison said. "All credit goes to the offense. They scored nine runs, kept us on top of the game."

Joe Nathan worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his 36th save in 38 chances.

Reddick had one of

Oakland's homers in the eighth off reliever Mike Adams. Jonny Gomes had three hits, including an RBI double.

Blackley lasted only one inning, allowing five runs and five hits with a wild pitch.

Kinsler extended his own franchise record with his 27th career leadoff homer. Adrian Beltre, Nelson Cruz and Michael Young then had two-out singles before Napoli's opposite-field homer to right-center.

Josh Hamilton got his 125th RBI with a double in the Texas second, an inning before Napoli's run-scoring single made it 7-2.

Derek Norris hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Oakland to make it 7-4. Yoenis Cespedes led off the eighth with his 22nd homer and Brandon Moss hit his 20th.

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### Victoria's Secret to sell items at Cowboys Stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — How 'bout them undies? Victoria's Secret on Monday will open a store at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington featuring lingerie and other clothing promoting the NFL's most valuable team. Dallas Cowboys executives will

be on hand for the unveiling of the co-branded women's items including tees, sweats, hoodies, tank tops, underwear and sports bras. Victoria's Secret says it's the first time the company has opened a store at a professional sports venue. The limited edition

Cowboys Collection items will also be available in Victoria's Secret stores throughout North Texas. Forbes magazine this month named the Dallas Cowboys the NFL's most valuable team for the sixth consecutive year, worth more than \$2 billion.

### RAIDERS

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coming off a road win over then-No. 3 Oklahoma with a 41-7 blowout in Lubbock. The Cyclones also won in 2010, 52-38, even though they allowed their most points in a conference victory. Rhoads expects similar fireworks out of the Red Raiders this season with quarterback Seth Doege. He's completed nearly 75 percent of his pass attempts for 12 touchdowns against one interception. "They're a very explosive football team... without a doubt it's the best offense they've had since (Tuberville's) arrival," Rhoads said. "They've got potentially an all-league quarterback in a league that has the best quarterbacks in the country and they've got a

number of receivers to spread the ball around to." The Cyclones haven't been quite as prolific as Texas Tech on either side of the ball. But they've been challenged much more than the Red Raiders have. The Cyclones beat Tulsa at home and Iowa on the road as slight underdogs, which they'll be yet again on Saturday night. But they'll have the advantage of a raucous home crowd and the experience that's come from a pair of wins that weren't decided until the fourth quarter. Many of the Red Raiders haven't seen a meaningful snap in the second half yet. "It's not going to be, go play two quarters and then get taken out. It's going to be a four-quarter game, and they are a very physical team. It's going to be loud," Doege said.

### Former Baylor athlete pleads guilty to extorting Griffin III

DALLAS (AP) — A former Baylor basketball player pleaded guilty Thursday to trying to extort \$1 million from Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III by threatening to expose damaging information, prosecutors said. Richard Khamir Hurd, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of interstate communication of a threat related to extortion. He faces two to three years in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 21. The U.S. attorney's office said Hurd, a former walk-on basketball player at the school where Griffin won the Heisman Trophy, contacted one of Griffin's agents in June with a demand of \$1 million in order not to release information that would damage the quarterback's reputation. According to an FBI affidavit, Hurd first gave the agent a deadline of June 18 but extended it to give

the agent time to discuss the offer with others. Griffin's agent contacted authorities. Under the FBI's direction, the agent reached an agreement to pay Hurd \$120,000 for the information and his signature on a non-disclosure agreement. Hurd arrived June 22 at a law office to sign the paperwork and collect the check. FBI agents arrested him afterward. Hurd's attorney didn't immediately return a phone message. Leaving court Thursday, Hurd responded to a request for comment with, "Sic 'em, Bears," the Waco Tribune-Herald reported. Griffin was drafted No. 2 by the Redskins this year and signed a four-year deal for more than \$21 million. He has thrown for 747 yards and four touchdowns in three games. The Redskins are 1-2. A team spokesman declined to comment.

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By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

You are South, both sides vulner-  
able. The bidding has been:

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What would you bid with each of  
the following five hands?  
1. ♠105♥763♦AQ84♣Q1082  
2. ♠962♥5♦Q87643♣J83  
3. ♠KJ6♥83♦74♣AQ9842  
4. ♠Q1074♥52♦KQ865♣Q2  
5. ♠KJ63♥8♦KQ72♣QJ94  
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**1. Two notrump.** A direct overall  
in notrump is approximately equiva-  
lent to an opening one-notrump bid,  
so partner has indicated 15 to 18  
points, notrump distribution and at  
least one heart stopper. With eight  
points you should invite him to go on  
to game in notrump, bearing in mind  
that nearly all of the opposing high  
cards are favorably located in front  
of him.

**2. Two diamonds.** This indicates a  
weak hand and is not a forward-  
going bid. You are saying, in effect,  
that two diamonds will be a safer  
contract than one notrump. Partner is  
virtually barred from bidding again.  
True, there are players roaming the  
streets who, having overcalled with  
one notrump, will turn a deaf ear to  
this warning and will go right on bid-

The best remedy for this lies  
not in changing your bidding style,  
but in finding a new partner.

**3. Three notrump.** That is what  
you would bid if partner had opened  
with one notrump, and that is what  
you should bid opposite a notrump  
overall. It would be pointless to bid  
three clubs (forcing), since you have  
no reason to believe (and to suggest  
to partner) that an 11-trick contract in  
clubs will be superior to a nine-trick  
game in notrump.

**4. Two clubs.** Most players treat a  
two-club bid in this situation as Stay-  
man, just as if partner had opened the  
bidding with one notrump. If partner  
bids two spades, you will raise him  
to four, while if he bids two dia-  
monds, denying four spades, you  
will next bid three notrump.

**5. Two hearts.** This is also a game-  
going hand, but there is no way of  
knowing at this point whether it is  
best to play the hand in notrump or in  
a suit. The most sensible way of try-  
ing to resolve the problem is by cue-  
bidding West's suit. Partner will real-  
ize you're not keen about notrump  
and will presumably lean toward  
naming a suit — particularly spades  
if he has four of them. If he rebids  
two notrump, though, you will raise  
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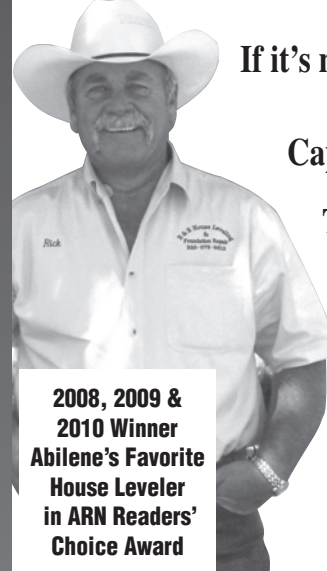
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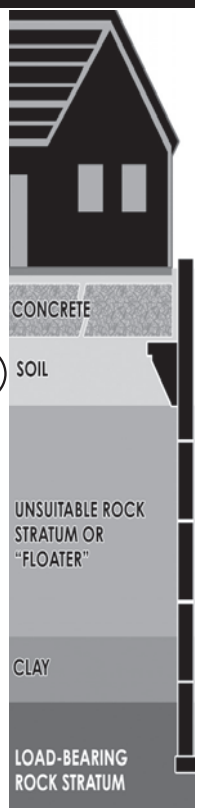
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