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HC, SWCID will treat local kiddos

Haunted house among the events

Special to the Herald

Ghosts, goblins and bears! Howard College will have the Halloween spirit this year as it hosts trick or treaters on the HC Big Spring campus and a haunted house on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

For the fourth year in a row, Howard College will host trick or treaters in the women's dorm on Halloween night, Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. Dress up your little goblins and bring them over. Twenty five of the college's 37 rooms are participating and have lots of candy and something "glowingly" special this year. Put Howard College on your list of safe and fun places to go this holiday.

The SWCID campus is hosting a haunted house tonight and Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight and then again Oct. 29-31 from 6 p.m. until 10:30. Parents with children under the age of 12 will be allowed from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. each night the event is open.

Entrance fees are: Adults (12 years old and up) \$8 and children (3-12 years old) \$3. Children under 2 are free.

Anyone willing to spend a little extra time on campus and learn one or two signs in American Sign Language, will be eligible for a \$3 discount on their admission fee.

The haunted house will be in the SWCID campus Diagnostic Center behind the senior citizens center at 3301 Hudgens Memorial. Call the SWCID campus at 432-264-3700 if you have questions.

At right, representatives of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce visit one of the classrooms at Lakeview Headstart on Thursday morning following a presentation celebrating the local school's 45th anniversary. Above, students cheer as a ribbon is cut at the facility celebrating the much-anticipated anniversary.



HERALD photos/ Thomas Jenkins

Here's your chance to turn up the heat

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The ability to stay warm when the mercury falls is something most Crossroads residents take for granted, but according to officials with the Big Spring Salvation Army, there are many within the community who struggle

when the weather turns cold. Bessie Flores, social worker for the local Salvation Army, said the weather — from the heat of summer to the freezing winters — poses a very real problem for many low-income residents, a problem that can turn deadly.

"Most people don't think anything of adjusting their thermostat. Whether it's a bit too cold or warm, you just give it a bump and you're ready to go," Flores said. "However, there are many low-income

"Each of the heaters we provide will help people and families stay warm, but it can also do so much more. In essence, it could help save lives and property."

Bessie Flores,
 Salvation Army social worker


think about, but it happens everyday." Flores said the Salvation Army — which holds fan drives during the summer — is currently holding a heater and blanket drive to gather space heaters and other items area low-income residents and families can use to warm their homes and stave off the frigid temperatures this winter.

"We seem to go from

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Presidential election hits \$2B fundraising mark

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2012 presidential campaign passed the \$2 billion mark in fundraising Thursday, fueled by an outpouring of cash from both ordinary citizens and the wealthiest Americans hoping to influence the selection of the country's next leader.

The eye-popping figure puts the election on track to be the costliest in modern U.S. history. It comes amid a campaign finance system vastly altered by the proliferation of outside groups and "super" political committees that are bankrolling a barrage of TV ads in battleground states.

President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney have brought in about \$1.7 billion so far this election, according to fundraising reports submitted Thursday night.

Added to that: nearly \$300 million in donations involving super PACs since early 2011, as well as tens of millions more in donations to nonprofit groups that run election-related ads but don't have to disclose their donors.

Obama, the Democratic Party and related fundraising committees raised a combined \$88.8 million for

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- American Legion Post 506 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Mexican dinner fund raiser at the post from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Plates are \$10 apiece; carry out orders are welcome. For more information, call 263-2084.
- Howard County Master Gardeners will offer drought-tolerant trees and shrubs for sale at their annual Fall Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 1604 W. Third St. Also

available are grasses and perennials which are low-to-moderate water users. For more information, contact Walter Ward at 432-466-4138.

- Tables are available for the holiday craft and bake sale at Christ Community Fellowship to occur Saturday, Nov. 3. Call Jean Vande Weerd for more information at 432-556-4603. Rental fee is \$10. Space is limited.
- Crispy's Cafe is the featured Dine Out Day sponsor for United Way through Saturday. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will

be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2013 campaign. Other sponsors for this year have included, Papa Chons, Carlos, KC Steakhouse, Yellow Rose Café at Scenic Mountain and Cowboys. Next week's Dine Out Days sponsor will be Chicken Express. To find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

- Dr. Barbara Matthews will be the guest speaker for the next Visual Awareness Support Group meeting set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad. Dr.

Matthews will speak about depression as it relates to vision loss. VASG is a support group to help to individuals that have poor or deteriorating vision.

The meeting is open to everyone but will be focused on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and care givers. It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss. Call 263-2501 for more information or email at: eyesocone@crcom.net.

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the first 15 days of October, reports showed, while Romney's fundraising apparatus reaped \$111.8 million during the same period. The largest of those were two pro-Romney groups. American Crossroads, a Republican-leaning super PAC with ties to former President George W. Bush's longtime political counselor Karl Rove, reported raising at least \$79.6 million through Oct. 15. Restore Our Future, founded by former Romney aides, reported pulling in \$130.6 million so far. And Priorities USA, a pro-Obama group founded by two former aides to the president, reported \$62.8 million in contributions. Added to that: nearly \$300 million in donations involving super PACs since early 2011, as well as tens of mil-

lions more in donations to nonprofit groups — often affiliated with super PACs — that run election-related ads but don't have to disclose their donors.

Presidential candidates in 2008 raised more than \$1.8 billion in inflation-adjusted figures. This time, new factors have contributed to the escalation in the campaign money chase.

This year marked the first time that both major party candidates opted out from the public financing system established to set limits on how much a presidential candidate can raise and spend. Both Obama and Romney would have been eligible for about \$100 million in taxpayer money to support their campaigns through the general election, but both gambled — correctly — that they could raise and spend far more.

In 2008, Obama became the first presidential contender to

refuse all public financing while his Republican rival, Arizona Sen. John McCain, accepted the government funds. The lopsided result — Obama outspent McCain by more than 2-to-1 in the general election — effectively ended public funding as an option for serious candidates.

With the 2012 election so tight, both Obama and Romney have spent considerable time at high-dollar fundraising events courting wealthy donors. Romney last month lamented the time spent fundraising rather than speaking to larger groups of voters, saying that "fundraising is a part of politics when your opponent decides not to live by the federal spending limits."

Both Obama and Romney have raised considerable cash from small donors, too, especially the president. His campaign has reported that more than 4 million donors have contributed.

Obama spokesman

Adam Fetcher acknowledged Thursday that Romney and his supportive super PACs were outspending the president on the airwaves. He said the Obama campaign was making efforts to expand its donor base as it headed into the remaining days before the election.

Federal election regulators have raised the limit on individual contributions to candidates, which means campaigns can solicit more money from donors than they have in the past. Individual donors can now give a total of \$5,000 in the primary and general elections to a candidate, compared to just \$2,000 in 2000.

Michael Toner, a Republican campaign finance lawyer and former chairman of the Federal Election Commission, said the close race between Obama and Romney and the sharply polarized electorate have also played a role in accelerating

the dash for dollars.

"I don't know any campaign manager who thinks they have too much money. In this political 50-50 environment you can't ever have enough," Toner said. "Every last million could make the difference in who is elected."

But the emergence of super PACs and other outside groups, emboldened partly by the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court in 2010, has done more than anything else to reshape the contours of presidential campaign fundraising. A handful of federal court cases have broadly eased campaign finance regulations, allowing donors to give unlimited sums. That kind of money has largely been funneled to super PACs, which can raise and spend money on behalf of candidates

as long as they don't coordinate expenditures or strategy with the campaign.

"The distinctive factor in this election is the outside money being spent and the corrupting money financing it," said Fred Wertheimer, a longtime campaign finance reform advocate. "It's a symbol of the disastrous campaign finance system we have and the undue influence relatively few well-financed individuals and interest groups now have over government decisions."

Las Vegas casino mogul Sheldon Adelson is the top super PAC donor this year. Adelson, a billionaire, has contributed more than \$40 million to Republican super PACs, including those backing Romney and former candidate and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

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sweltering heat to freezing cold in the blink of an eye here in West Texas," Flores said. "Many of these families can barely put food on their table. There's just no way they can afford something like a space heater."

Flores said donations can be made in the form of new or used heaters — although they do need to be in good working order — or monetary donations so the local charity can purchase the heaters and distribute them.

"Each heater costs an

average of \$45," Flores said. "So, as you can imagine, they go pretty fast, especially when the weather turns cold."

Flores said the heaters provided by the annual drive not only help keep area residents warm, but also serve a second, very important purpose.

"When the temperature gets below freezing, people will do whatever they have to do to keep warm. It's not simply a matter of staying comfortable, it's a matter of staying alive," she said. "Unfortunately, that sometimes leads people to very risky situations, such as using charcoal grills indoors or other

heat sources without the proper ventilation.

"The carbon monoxide released by those heat sources can very easily kill a person, or even an entire family. It can cause a house fire, as well, and then you have a family who already had very little left with nothing at all. Each of the heaters we provide will help people and families stay warm, but it can also do so much more. In essence, it could help save lives and property."

For more information on the heater drive, contact Flores at 267-8239.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Saturday from 3-5 p.m. as we honor Pastor Michael Willard and his family with a reception at Meet-n-Greet (2906 W. Eighth St., formerly Skateland.) Then visit with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as CCC concludes our month of "Appreciation." October is when we give recognition to all of our general staff, directors, elder, pastor and church. This Sunday will be



East Fourth Baptist
East Fourth Street Baptist Church will feature The Ambassador Singers from South Korea at 7 p.m. Monday. The public is invited to attend this Sacrifice of Praise Concert, said Lon Sitton, minister of music.

CCC's 2012 Annual Member Appreciation Celebration. We will be distributing gifts as well as holding a small reception after service.

A special message will be given by Senior Pastor Barney Carbajal III, of Abundant Life Christian Center in Belen, N.M. Pastor Carbajal received his BA from New Mexico State University. He has served in ministry as a youth pastor and an associate pastor before becoming the founding pastor of Abundant Life in 1982.

Wednesday from 5:50-6:50 p.m. we will continue our Overcomers R&R class.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 mos.- Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 yrs.); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment. Cornerstone Covenant Church meets Wednesdays at p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Mother's Lounge and children's church are offered for mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th St., (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For more information, contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

Forsan Baptist Church

We will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7 p.m. There will be a hot dog supper and plenty of treats for the kids. Bring your kids of all ages and enjoy a safe environment this year.

We have begun a new message series Sunday mornings titled "Who Is Jesus?" Join us as we explore the many wonderful aspects of our Lord.

ship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have resumed and will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday is Pink Sunday at First United Methodist Church.

During this Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our pastor and congregation are wearing pink in remembrance and especially honoring those who are currently undergoing treatment. Pastor Bill Ivins will be bringing the message at both the 8:30 and 10:50 service of worship. His sermon topic is "Mercy Me" with scripture text from MarK 10:46-52.

Joyce and Carroll Choate, commissioners for the Methodist Home System in Waco, will be reporting to the congregation on their recent meeting there.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon will be in Garrett Hall as scheduled. Pastor Bill continues to lead the study on the book of Mark. The meal will be catered by Cowboy's, with serving beginning at 11:50.

There will be no Real Life Meal or Activities on Halloween night as we will be having Trunk or Treat at that time on the back parking lot. We need lots of volunteers to give out candy, help with the crowd and join the fun. You can come in costume — or not — decorate your car if you'd like, and be a part of bringing a safe

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Going beyond zebra

What comes after zebra? Does anyone really know? Theodore Seuss Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, has suggested that zebra may not be the end of the alphabet book. This literary wizard, who created a clever cat in a hat and a stubborn fellow who refused to eat green eggs and ham, had an imagination that couldn't be boxed in by "a" to "z."

Dr. Seuss wrote, "There's no limit to how much you'll know, depending on how far beyond zebra you go."

In the world of Dr. Seuss, going beyond zebra might include the creation of little zebra's one through twenty-three. Likewise, on our playing field, the possibilities beyond zebra might involve more black and white replicas of the familiar. Sometimes horizontal learning can be a good thing. Expanding our knowledge, in any direction, stretches our brains.

Another possibility beyond zebra could be super zebra. An enhanced, souped-up zebra of any stripe would challenge our imaginations. The discovery of super zebra would open doors of opportunity we might not have envisioned before. Empowered by super zebra, we might try more things than green eggs and ham. We might leave our comfort zones and venture into things we had never considered before.

While super zebra might represent strength and perhaps courage, zebra plus could be the result of zebra infused with desirable additives. Zebra plus could redefine zebra as a striped animal with unanticipated features. The marriage of multiple concepts often produces unheard of ideas and unimagined possibilities. Zebra plus might be just the thing to shake us out of our set ways and jolt us into new experiences.

When we try to fathom what comes after zebra, however, we must consider the possibility of something that doesn't resemble a zebra at all. When we have learned all there is to know about zebra, it is time to move on to a different subject. Leaving zebra behind, we are free to pursue new ideas.

In the biblical realm of possibilities, God is never limited to zebra. Jesus told His disciples that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Then He added, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26 KJV).

Perhaps the most important issue is not being able to see what lies beyond zebra. Our priority should be remembering that with God, zebra is never the end of the story.

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- Sweetwater (3-4) at Big Spring (5-2), Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 - Stamford (7-1) at For-san (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
 - Crane (5-2) at Coahoma (2-5), 7:30 p.m.
 - Alpine (6-1) at Stanton (3-4), 7:30 p.m.
 - Sands (4-3) at Loop (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
 - Grady (5-2) at O'Donnell (1-6), 7:30 p.m.
 - Garden City (1-6) at Marfa (3-4), 7:30 p.m.

- Volleyball**
- Big Spring vs. Monahans (to determine No. 2 and No. 3 playoff seeds (Abilene Wylie No. 1), Andrews, 4:30.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring's Ronnie Bell throws down a Snyder runner during last weeks' 31-21 loss on the road. The Steers are looking for their first district win after a 5-0 start as they welcome the 3-4 Sweetwater Mustangs to Memorial Stadium today.



AP photo
San Francisco pitcher Sergio Romo reacts after the Giants' 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers to take a 2-0 World Series lead Thursday night.

Giants down Tigers 2-0 to take 2-0 series lead

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The Giants' extended family lingered on the field long after the final out, posing for pictures and savoring the win. Cars honked in the streets outside AT&T Park and fans celebrated in the bars.

San Francisco is halfway to the World Series title, not all the way there. Yet, after two days of beneficial bounces and pivotal plays that went their way, the Giants and their supporters seem to think the team's second championship in three years is only a couple of days away.

"When things are going well," Marco Scutaro said, "things are bouncing your way."

Madison Bumgarner pitched two-hit ball over seven innings, the Giants threw out a runner

at the plate and then took advantage of a bunt that stayed fair to push across the go-ahead run in a 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night that gave them a World Series edge.

"It's a lot less stressful for sure," Bumgarner said, "but at the same time I don't think we can stop pushing or we're going to find ourselves in the same spot we've been in in the last two series."

And that would be on the brink of elimination.

San Francisco lost its first two games against Cincinnati, then became the first baseball team to overcome an 0-2 deficit in a best-of-five series by winning three straight on the road. Then the Giants fell into 1-3 hole against St. Louis before

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Tuberville approach working Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Tommy Tuberville arrived at Texas Tech feeling certain he could take the Red Raiders to college football's elite.

He'd done it at Auburn, including an undefeated season in 2004, and said a Big 12 title would be a good first step in taking the Red Raiders to new heights.

Three years later, Tuberville's team is close to pulling it off. A win Saturday at No. 4 Kansas State would put the No. 15 Red Raiders into a tie for the conference title with four winnable games to close the season.

That's a considerable turnaround from last year, when the Red Raiders had their first losing

season since 1992 and didn't go to a bowl. The offense held its own but the Red Raiders defense couldn't stop anyone. After downing then-No. 3 Oklahoma in Norman, Texas Tech lost its final five games.

Fans grumbled at the calamitous finish, but now they're delighting in the team's success and that's slowly erasing the memory of former coach Mike Leach — a guy who drew attention to Lubbock and won five bowl games with the Red Raiders.

This season, following back-to-back top 25 recruiting classes, Tuberville has a team he likes. That includes a defense that's making news as much as the of-

fense and is finishing seventh nationally after finishing near the bottom last season.

"I think that this is more the team that we want in terms of being a team that we can play on both sides," Tuberville said. "I don't care whether we're a team that just plays over our head on either side of the ball. We've just got to play consistent."

He highlighted inconsistency on offense and defense last week when the Red Raiders beat TCU 56-53 in triple-overtime, saying the Red Raiders must "play much better" this weekend. Tuberville is 6-5 overall and 2-2 at Tech

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Manning, Giants have left mark at Cowboys Stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Eli Manning and the New York Giants keep leaving their mark at Cowboys Stadium.

The quarterback's signature that he scribbled on a wall in the visitors locker room after winning the first regular-season game played there has long since been covered by paint. But the Giants are still unblemished at Jerry Jones' \$1.2 billion football palace that opened in 2009.

"It won't be on my mind at all. I don't care that they won every single time," Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware said. "We have to find a way to beat them, and win the game this time."

Like Dallas (3-3) did in the NFL's kickoff game Sept. 5.

If their 3-0 record at Cowboys Stadium isn't enough motivation for the NFC East-leading Giants (5-2), there is that season-opening loss for the defending Super Bowl champions

before they won five of their next six games.

"When you have the opportunity to play a team again, you want to go out there and have a better performance, since you lost. We feel that we can play better than we did the first time," Manning said. "We know they're talented. If we're going to move the ball and score points, we're going to have to earn everything. ... We've just got to execute better than we did the last time."

The Cowboys didn't have nose tackle Jay Ratliff and cornerback Mike Jenkins in their 24-17 win to start the season.

When the Cowboys won that game at MetLife Stadium nearly two months ago, it should have been a big boost — especially after ending their 2011 season with a loss at the same place, a game the Giants won to clinch the division title and NFC's final playoff spot

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Mavs' West suspended for second time in 10 days

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks guard Delonte West was suspended Thursday for the second time in as many weeks for conduct detrimental to the team, putting his future in Dallas in doubt.

The first suspension lasted about a day, but a series of tweets by West soon after the team announced the latest suspension raised questions about whether he

would return this time. "Just dont kick me ... on the way out the door," West tweeted. "I didn't do anything to deserve that."

The last of several tweets in just a few minutes said, "I'm just sittin here across from the arena wit tear in my eyes."

West has bipolar disorder and addressed that topic in another tweet, saying "no I'm not off

my meds."

After practice Thursday, coach Rick Carlisle refused to elaborate on West, referring to the release from the team announcing the suspension but disclosing no specifics about his conduct.

Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basketball operations, said only that the suspension was effective immediately and no other state-

ments would be issued. The reason for the suspension was the same as the first one that came following an outburst in the locker room after a preseason game Oct. 15.

Carlisle informed players of the latest suspension before practice.

"We're losing a competitor. That's plain and simple. He's a competitor," veteran forward Vince Carter said.

