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## Crossroads honors veterans

*Various events planned over next several days*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Crossroads area looks to offer a heartfelt thanks to local veterans today and this weekend with a number of ceremonies and offerings.

This morning, the Big Spring VA Medical Center was slated to present its Community-Wide Veterans Day Program at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, which included a luncheon following the presentation.

"Veterans Day offers America an opportunity to honor veterans for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country," Meghan Bias, a community relations spokesperson for the VAMC, said. "Following the program, veterans and their families are invited to lunch. As a gesture of appreciation to all veterans, lunch has been provided by generous individuals from our community."

Another ceremony is slated

for 3 p.m. at Mt. Olive Cemetery, presented by Nora Hernandez and her family honoring the veterans interred at the local cemetery.

"Each year the service is different, but I do what I can so the families and the veterans know they are not forgotten," Hernandez said. "This will mark the sixth year for the ceremony. We plan to play Taps, as well as offer up prayers for our veterans."

The event is open to the public and will take place near the Mt. Olive Chapel, located near the entrance to the cemetery.

"I'm hoping people will come out and show their support," Hernandez said. "We want our veterans to know they are not forgotten."

For more information, contact Hernandez at 720-377-4265.

The local Hangar 25 Air Museum also began its offering for local veterans today.



**Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan addresses those attending last year's community Veteran's Day event at the coliseum.**

"In honor of Veteran's Day and to show our appreciation to those who have served our

country, Hangar 25 Air Museum will be giving away a special gift to any veteran who

comes by the museum today

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## Expert: Small classes key to school and life success

By **WILL WEISERT**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Students in smaller public-school classes tend to do better on standardized tests and eventually become better citizens, more likely to own their own homes and save for retirement, an expert told Texas' sweeping school finance trial Thursday.

Northwestern University economist Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach testified before state District Judge John Dietz that she could not advo-

cate for a specific student-to-teacher ratio that would improve educational outcomes. But she said that study after academic study shows that smaller classes often mean greater success for students.

More than 600 school districts have sued the state, claiming the way it funds schools is so inefficient and unfair that it violates the Texas Constitution.

Six lawsuits have been rolled into a single case being heard by Dietz. They grew out of the state's Legislature 2011 decision to cut \$5.4 bil-

lion in funding to schools and educational grant programs, including pre-kindergarten classes.

The state argues that the system is adequately funded and that school districts don't always spend money wisely.

Still, budget cuts have forced many districts to layoff teachers and reduce support staff. That has led to larger classes, and administrators say, the cuts have been especially costly since they came as Texas implements a new

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## BSISD working to erase 'unacceptable' designation

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It's doubtful anyone is more anxious for Big Spring Independent School District to emerge from the cloud of its "academically unacceptable" rating than school officials themselves.

BSISD earned that odious rating in the last round of Texas Education Agency ratings two years ago and school officials are eager to rid the district of the tag.

"No one likes to be considered unacceptable, and we're going to do everything we can to get out from under that," Superintendent Steven Saldivar told school trustees during their monthly meeting Thursday night.

Saldivar reported to trustees about the latest efforts to improve the district's accountability rating and some of the changes the state of Texas has made in the ways it measures student success.

Gone (for the most part, at least) is the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test that served as the state's bellwether for gauging how well schools were doing their job. In its place are another pair of acronyms — the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) tests for students in grades 3 through 8 and EOC (End of Course) exams for high schoolers.

While local officials do not yet know what the passing standards on those new tests will be — TEA won't release that information until January — they have already instituted several steps aimed toward meeting whatever the new standards will be.

"This is the reality we live in," Saldivar said. "The question we have to ask ourselves is, what do we have to do to be successful? We have to be very systematic in our approach (to improving student performance) ... and it has to start in kindergarten and go all the way through high

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## Judge extends Planned Parenthood injunction

By **CHRIS TOMLINSON**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas District Judge Steve Yelenosky has issued an injunction that will keep Planned Parenthood in the Women's Health Program pending resolution of the organization's lawsuit claiming a rule banning it violates state law.

The organization had asked Yelenosky to extend a temporary order issued two weeks ago that stopped Texas from defunding clinics and doctors

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# Obituaries

## James Bowers

James King Bowers, 58, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2012. He was born Nov. 6, 1953, in Washington, D.C., to Charles and Patricia (King) Bowers. He served in the U.S. Army for 21 years before retiring.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary Cahoon; two sons, Elmer Bowers and wife Lacy of Buckeye, Ariz., and Zachary Bowers and wife Stephanie of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Saretta, Desmond, Hannah, Logan, Ava, Aurora and Sasha Bowers.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at 1605 E. Interstate Highway 20 in Big Spring.

Please celebrate the life of James by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

## Nena Grennon

Nena Grennon, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

- NATHAN HENRY BAKER, 58, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on an Austin parole violation.

- MICKEY LYNN GAMMONS, 63, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and hindering officers discharging official duties.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 100 block of N. Johnson.

## Take Note

- An account for Bill Griffen has been established at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton. Griffen, a Big Spring resident, recently passed away and the family is in need of funds for funeral arrangements.

- Sconic is the 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, Cowboys and Crispys. To find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

- Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops, is accepting APO addresses for military members deployed to Afghanistan. Send APOs to [adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net). All APOs should be turned in by Nov. 10. If you would like to "Adopt a Military Hero," boxes are available at 1606 E. Third or call 432-270-8554 for more information. All donations must be turned in by Nov. 21.

- An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.

- An account has been set up at Citizen's Credit Union for Emma Leos, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

- Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.






- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432-268-7535.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 11/11	Mon 11/12	Tue 11/13	Wed 11/14	Thu 11/15
				
<b>80/55</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>70/39</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>57/36</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>62/41</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>66/46</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:11 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:12 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:13 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:14 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:46 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	89	69	cloudy
Amarillo	77	41	windy	Livingston	80	64	cloudy
Austin	82	66	windy	Longview	76	64	cloudy
Beaumont	79	66	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	45	windy
Brownsville	87	71	t-storm	Lufkin	81	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	65	pt sunny	Midland	81	54	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	71	cloudy	Raymondville	89	68	pt sunny
Corsicana	78	65	windy	Rosenberg	82	68	cloudy
Dallas	77	67	windy	San Antonio	83	67	cloudy
Del Rio	83	66	windy	San Marcos	83	66	cloudy
El Paso	76	44	windy	Sulphur Springs	76	66	cloudy
Fort Stockton	86	52	windy	Sweetwater	79	59	windy
Gainesville	76	63	windy	Tyler	78	65	cloudy
Greenville	74	64	cloudy	Weatherford	77	63	windy
Houston	82	68	cloudy	Wichita Falls	79	61	windy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	43	sunny	Minneapolis	54	36	t-storm
Boston	53	42	mst sunny	New York	55	46	mst sunny
Chicago	66	53	pt sunny	Phoenix	58	43	pt sunny
Dallas	77	67	windy	San Francisco	57	44	pt sunny
Denver	48	21	rain	Seattle	45	35	sunny
Houston	82	68	cloudy	St. Louis	73	57	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	44	rain	Washington, DC	63	46	mst sunny
Miami	76	69	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- TINA MARIE AUSBIE, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond – possession of a controlled substance, bondsman off bond – possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (two counts) and bondsman off bond – theft of property (more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000).

- SAMMY BEN JOHNSTON, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a blue warrant from Austin Parole.

- CELESTE MCARTHUR SKIDMORE, 32, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR., 24, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- OSCAR ORTIZ, 23, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

- CASIMIRA VEGA, 20, was booked into the

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Nov. 10-Dec. 22  
**Christmas Tree Forest**  
Heritage Museum. For more info contact the museum at **432-267-8255**.

Nov. 11  
**St. Andrew's Day Celebration**  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St. Celebration begins at 7pm. For more info contact **432-267-8201**.

Nov. 15  
**United Way Empty Bowls**  
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**VETERANS**

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or Saturday,” museum officials announced late Thursday morning.

Admission to the museum will be free to the public during this celebration, slated today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the local museum by e-mail at hangar25@crcom.net or call 432-264-1999.

Some local and area restaurants are offering free meals for veterans. Pizza Inn will feed veterans at no charge Sunday, while McDonalds will offer breakfast and lunch to veterans and their immediate families Monday.

Several governmental offices will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day:

- All non-emergency Big Spring city offices, as well as the landfill, will be closed Monday.
- Howard County offices, excluding sheriff and emergency services, also will be closed Monday.

Howard College and the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts, on the other hand, will have normal schedules Monday.

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**Support Groups**

**FRIDAY**

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

**MONDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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school.”

The latest step taken by school officials is the formation of “instructional teams” that will eventually visit every classroom in every campus to gauge how well teachers and students are going about their daily educational tasks.

In particular, the teams will be looking at what Saldivar called “instructional feedback” — the quality of instructional dialog from teachers and higher-level questioning from students, for example — when they make their visits.

Once the classroom visits are completed, the teams will debrief and make any suggestions for improvement to campus principals.

This latest effort comes on top of previously announced steps such as curriculum refinement and the formation of “data teams” to assess student performance and progress.

“This sounds like a lot, but in order to get better academically, we don’t know how else to do it,” Saldivar said. “It really is a one student, one teacher and one campus at a time approach.”

And the school district will need everyone to help make the approach succeed, he added.

“We’re all in this together,” Saldivar said. “I’m not going to ask anyone else to do something I wouldn’t be willing to do myself.”

In other business, trustees approved:

- Leasing the mineral rights of 3.5 acres of district property northwest of Big Spring to Aflon Energy for oil exploration purposes.
- The district’s 2012 tax roll, certified at \$1.5 billion.
- Bids for food service and maintenance and transportation.

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

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and more-difficult standardized testing system.

State law caps the sizes of kindergarten through fourth-grade classes at 22 students per teacher, though districts can seek waivers allowing some classes to exceed that limit.

Whitmore Schanzenbach testified that between 90 and 150 dis-

tricts request waivers in an average year but that more than 280 did so in 2011-12. She said she thought it was “unwise policy” to impose tougher standards while increasing class sizes.

“I would predict that test scores will be worse, and that will be especially true for low-income students,” she said. “And that other life outcomes, such as criminal behavior, will be affected.”

Whitmore Schanzenbach pointed to a 1970s

Tennessee study that followed randomly selected students in classes with average sizes of 15 pupils from kindergarten through third grade.

After that, they were returned to regular-size classes. Those kids were compared to a control group whose average class size was about 23 students.

She said researchers found that students who had been in the smaller classes improved their scores on standardized

tests by an average of 6 percentile points, and that black and economically disadvantaged students saw even greater gains.

Whitmore Schanzenbach said that between fourth and eighth grade, kids who had been in smaller classes continued to outscore other students and, as teenagers, they were less likely to have committed crimes or become pregnant.

The students in that study are now in their

30s and have been found to be more likely to have gone to college and graduated. They are also more likely to have majored in lucrative fields, saved for retirement, be homeowners and be married. She said other major studies have yielded similar results.

Whitmore Schanzenbach was cross-examined by Chris Diamond, an attorney for a group of plaintiffs pushing for expanded school choice and more efficiency in Texas schools. He asked

how big Whitmore Schanzenbach’s largest class was at Northwestern. “It was 35,” she said, “but that was before my midterm. Now it’s about 28.”

Assistant Texas Attorney General Nicole Bunker Henderson asked Whitmore Schanzenbach if she was testifying that “small classes were required by the Texas Constitution.”

“I’m not a constitutional expert by any means,” Whitmore Schanzenbach said.

**JUDGE**

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that have ties to groups that provide abortions. A new rule, which took effect this month, would effectively deny critical funding to Planned Parenthood clinics that provide preventive health care and contraception services to poor women, even though they do not provide abortions and are financially separate institutions.

Unless overturned on appeal, the injunction will remain in effect until a trial can decide Planned Parenthood’s lawsuit. Yelenosky decided Thursday that Planned Parenthood has a reasonable chance to win its lawsuit and that allowing the rule to go into effect would cause irreparable harm to the organization.

Lauren Bean, spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general’s office, said the state would immediately appeal Yelenosky’s decision.

Planned Parenthood

attorneys recently lost a federal lawsuit that hinged on a doctor’s right to freedom of speech and association. The argument before Yelenosky on Thursday hinged on whether the so-called “affiliate rule” could result in the loss of federal funding for health care.

Steve McKetta, arguing for Planned Parenthood, explained that a section of Texas law clearly states that any rule that violates federal law, and therefore endangers federal matching funds, is automatically inoperable. He said lawmakers have made it clear that the state Department of Health and Human Services should do everything possible to gain federal matching funds for health programs.

The federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services sent a letter to state officials Wednesday that said the affiliate rule violates federal law, and therefore the center was cutting off \$36 million a year for the Women’s Health

Program on Dec. 31. McKetta said that since the affiliate rule led to the end of federal funding, it should not be enforced.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has known since March that federal officials would cut off funding and ordered state officials to develop a new program that depended solely on state funding. That program was due to launch on Nov. 1, but Perry and Health and Human Services Commissioner Kyle Janek said they would continue to accept federal funding for as long as possible.

However, Perry did say that he would cut off funding to Planned Parenthood immediately, and Planned Parenthood won a temporary order the next day to retain funding. Janek and Perry have both said they will cut the Women’s Health Program, which provides services to 110,000 poor women, if a court decided the affiliate rule is illegal and the state must fund Planned Parenthood

clinics that do not provide abortions.

Perry said state lawmakers made it clear that they don’t want any state funds to reach groups such as Planned Parenthood under any circumstances.

Assistant Solicitor General Kristofer Monson argued that the court should not interpret state law in a way that would interfere with the state executive branch performing its duty to write administrative rules. He also questioned whether the federal decision to cut off funding should be considered a legal ruling.

Planned Parenthood clinics provided services to 50,000 women from

40 health centers under the Women’s Health Program. They presented an expert witness on reproductive health, Joseph Potter, who testified that his research shows that other doctors do not have the capacity to take for all of the poor women where Planned Parenthood operates in impoverished areas.

Janek has said his agency has signed up thousands of doctors, but his agency has not tested whether there is enough capacity to ab-

sorb all of the women who currently rely on Planned Parenthood for

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Nena Grennon, 81, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

# 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:*

- Wow! More than 50 percent of Howard County's registered voters took the time to vote Tuesday in the Presidential Election. That's something to be proud of. We heard of many voting for the first time — good for you. We hope you'll continue to do so.

- Oscar Garcia, who will be sworn in as county commissioner for Pct. 1 soon, and Emma Brown, who served in that capacity for many years. We wish you both the best.

- The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team. An outstanding job, ladies! We were proud to have you represent us.

- The Big Spring High School football team, which concludes its regular season tonight at Monahans. The Steers showed marked improvement this season and “Steer Nation” should be proud.

- With Veteran's Day upcoming, we definitely salute the many men and women of this area who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we remain diligent about reading  
Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

# Obama's jiu-jitsu mandate

The electoral map looks strikingly similar to the one four years ago, but the post-election landscape could not be more different. Four years ago, the president went to Washington with a mandate for sweeping “change,” Democratic control of the House and a filibuster-proof Senate.

This time, he faces the same sort of divided government that for the past two years has given us gridlock, a bitter partisan divide and an electorate that can only be described as a house divided.

Is there a mandate in any of this?

Actually, I think there is, at least with a bit of jiu-jitsu.

The mandate is exactly what the president voiced a week ago at this time in the wake of Super Storm Sandy: to put politics aside and bring this country together to deal with the challenges we face. Next week, the president must do what he did last week: be a strong, calming, unifying presence in the storm.

Will Republicans be willing to work with a president they have spent the past four years trying to ensure was a one-termer? Not if they don't have to — particularly given the way the House is divided between Republicans who are more conservative than most Americans and Democrats who are more liberal.

The more important question

is whether they believe voters will make them pay a price if they don't. Barack Obama never has to run for office again. Every member of the House and one-third of the Senate are up again in two years.

The challenge for the president is to reach over the heads of his Washington antagonists, to reach out to the governors, especially the 30 Republicans who depend on Washington (which is to say all the departments and agencies in the federal government) to balance their own books and meet extraordinary needs, and to local officials and especially to that undifferentiated mass that politicians refer to as “the American people.”

If there is one thing most Americans (if not the entirety of “the American people”) can agree on, it is that we hate the way politics is played today — the ugliness, the negativity, the partisanship, the name-calling and screeching of loud mouths on both sides — and ultimately, the paralysis it brings.

That may not be a winning issue in campaigns, where negative ads still work, or on television, where screaming rates. But it is the key to forging a governing coalition.

The president's mandate is to heal a house divided.

There will be plenty of name-calling and blame-gaming on the Republican side in the aftermath of this defeat. First, you'll hear that it was the fault of the liberal media and the perpetrators of vote fraud. You'll hear assorted horror stories about how the liberal media sat on news about

what went wrong in Libya and the snags in the Sandy recovery effort.

Then, in the tradition of all losing efforts, you'll see Republicans get into the old circle and start shooting inward: Romney was too conservative (or not conservative enough); he wasn't aggressive enough; Republicans are doing themselves in on social issues (a pregnancy that results from rape is not a “gift from God,” and yes, you can get pregnant from rape); they are doing themselves in by being defensive on social issues; Republicans need to be tougher or not so tough on immigration; Republicans need to stand their ground because they got re-elected, too. Conservatives will say, “When you run two Democrats, the real one wins.”

My two cents, which is certain to be returned, is that Republicans need to look themselves in the mirror, as Democrats did after the losses of the '80s, and move their party closer to where Americans stand.

I don't think they'll do that willingly. I don't think there are too many Republicans who will be heading (back) to Washington ready to cooperate. But most of them are, first and foremost, politicians. And if they face voters who respond to the president's message of working together, they just might have no choice.

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# Like most Latinos, I voted against

Remember the times when we went to the polls to vote for someone we believed in, instead of against a candidate we can't stand?

Ah! The good old days.

Before the complete polarization of our country, before we were divided between those who strongly dislike President Barack Obama and those who can't stand former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, we went to the polls because we were following a leader. Remember?

But given the tone of our political discourse, this year it seemed as if most of us were anxious to vote against Romney or Obama, rather than for either one of them. Instead of inspiration and motivation, it was fear, anger and revenge that drove many of us to the polls.

And we ended up selecting what we thought was the lesser of two evils.

For me, that was clearly Obama. Granted: The president has failed to keep some promises he made on issues that concern me as a Latino. Had the Republicans fielded a halfway reasonable nominee, I could have voted for him.

But considering the alternative — a candidate who got the GOP nomination by pandering to hatermongering immigrant bashers — there was no way I could vote for Romney.

For Latinos, the choice had never been easier. On one side we had an incumbent who vowed to help undocumented immigrants and failed, and on the other side we had a candidate who vowed to drive them to self-deportation.

If compassion for immigrants was important to you as a voter, the Republicans didn't give you much of a choice, did they?

Republicans tell Latinos we should be worried only about the economy, as if they could select our issues for us, as if we could forget their war on the social issues that concern us — as if we didn't hear them proposing government cutbacks that would

obviously ravage minority communities.

When all the votes are counted, the significant number will not be how many Latinos voted for Obama, but how few voted for Romney. He could set a record that could live in infamy — because he ran an infamous anti-immigrant campaign.

In 2008, Sen. John McCain vowed to support comprehensive immigration reform, but only after securing the border — and he got 31 percent of the Hispanic vote. In 2012, Romney vowed to oppose any form of amnesty for 11 million undocumented immigrants — even after securing the border!

Do the math! Although the Romney campaign had predicted it would get 38 percent of the Latino vote, he won't do better than McCain with Latinos. In fact, he is likely to do a lot worse.

In the next few days, as political scientists analyze the 2012 Latino vote, we'll know exactly how much Romney paid or benefitted from his anti-immigrant positions.

We'll know whether it still will make sense in future elections to use immigrants as guinea pigs.

We'll know whether the xenophobic vote is really more powerful than the Latino vote.

“If we lose this election, there is only one explanation — demographics,” Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told Politico on Monday. “If I hear anybody say it was because Romney wasn't conservative enough, I'm going to go nuts. We're not losing 95 percent of African-Americans and two-thirds of Hispanics and voters under 30 because we're not being hard-ass enough.”

When he spoke to the Des Moines Register recently, Obama had similar thoughts: “Should I win a second term,” he said, “a big reason I will win a second term is because the Republican nominee and the Republican Party have so alienated the fastest-growing demographic group in the country, the Latino community.”

This will be the election that will determine whether presidential candidates can continue to align themselves with Arizona-style racial profiling state laws, and with anti-immigrant

extremists like Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, conservative ideologue Kris Kobach, Rep. Steve King and Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer.

In the past few weeks, although all pundits agreed that Romney had to do something dramatic to appeal to Latinos, all he did was repeat his promise to come up with a “long-term” immigration solution.

As with most other issues, Romney's alleged plan for reforming immigration was so void of details that when he spoke of it, you felt he was insulting your intelligence. And that's how I felt about Romney when I heard him campaign on most issues.

How a presidential candidate could be so vague and superficial was beyond me. And how could so many people be willing to support him without really knowing what he would do? Since Romney has been on both sides of so many issues, which Romney would they be electing?

When I voted for Obama on Tuesday morning, I was really voting against Romney's half-truths, his constantly shifting positions, his falsehoods, his inconsistencies, his condescending demeanor. I was voting against the Romney's willingness to keep lying even after his lies were exposed, against his campaign's attitude that the truth is irrelevant, that his positions could be erased on an Etch A Sketch, that they were not going to let their campaign “be dictated by fact checkers.”

If you were to draw a caricature of the ultimate slimy politician — the kind who would do or say anything to get elected — he would have to look like Romney. And so for me, the choice was between a disappointing president who still has the potential to impress me, and a complete phony.

Like most Latinos, I voted against Romney.

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# Church News

## Forsan Baptist Church

We have begun a new message series on Sunday mornings titled, "Who Is Jesus?" Please join us as we explore the many wonderful aspects of our Lord. On Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 6, we are continuing an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation.

Our fellowship hall expansion is complete! Phase two will begin within just a couple of weeks, God willing. This phase will encompass the remodel of our sanctuary with the addition of a choir loft, moving the baptistery, raising the ceiling and giving the interior an overall facelift. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the progress.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship 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

First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring, at Fourth and Scurry streets. Sunday services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50, with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45. Little Church is held in youth hall following the Children's Sermon-in-a-sack during the 10:50 service. The Rev. Bill Ivins is our senior pastor.

Monday and Wednesday of each week our Children's Day Out Program meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon is held in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill teaches the Bible Study following the catered meal which begins serving at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday evenings Real Life begins with the serving of the meal at 5:30, followed by Bible Studies, Epic Youth, Financial Peace University and Children's Choir (JAM) which is held from 6-7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due next week. It will be interesting to see how the display stack has grown by this Sunday's service. This is a great learning experience for our own children as they help in the selection and packing of these gifts for children in far away lands.

We are also currently involved in the 2012 Adopt A Military Hero program sponsored by Howard County's Christmas For the Troops campaign. The church office has a complete list of items needed as well as the large Christmas-wrapped container for their placement. Monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping are also accepted and much appreciated. Let's be sure to remember our servicemen and women during this season of giving.

In December, First Methodist will again be involved in the Angel Tree Program for children with incarcerated parents. Sunday bulletins will contain complete information and we look forward to the Christmas party complete with gifts that will be held in Garrett Hall.

Relay For Life will hold the Community Kick-off for "Relay 2013" on Tuesday evening at 6 in Garrett Hall.

Orders are currently being taken for Poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in memory and/or honor of someone special at Christmas time. Order blanks will be inserted into the Sunday service bulletins the next several weeks.

For complete information on sched-

# Climbing God's ladder of success

In our competitive world, it seems that many newborn babies start life tucked in by blankets of opportunity while others shiver from the cold of poverty and disadvantage. But in spite of our circumstances, we all were given a figurative ladder to climb at birth.



BONNIE WHEAT

Whether we climb our God given ladder or never reach the first rung is a matter of choice. Andrew Carnegie, an American businessman and philanthropist, advocated, "You can't push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb."

Mr. Carnegie was right;

the only way any of us can get to the top of the ladder is by climbing. But when we climb God's ladder of success there are some principles of climbing that need to be observed.

- We must be sure that we are on the right ladder. Someone has said that God's will for all of our lives is at the intersection of our interest and our abilities. Climbing the ladder God has selected for us may not be easy, but it will be rewarding because we will be stepping on the rungs of desire and capability. We will enjoy the climb more if we start on the right ladder.

- We need to make sure that our ladder is secure. All of God's ladders are secure if they are anchored to his Word.

However, our ladders become rickety when we lean them against our

own understanding. Our steps become shaky when we ignore God's mandates.

- When we are climbing God's ladder, we should never focus on the ground. God's directions for our lives are always forward and upward. His command is always onward. His instructions never include panic and backward motion.

- Contrary to the ways of the world, when we climb God's ladder, we aren't to step on the fingers of our climbing companions on the way up. God would have us pull our brother or sister up the ladder with us rather than hinder his or her climb.

- As our aging knees and achy joints deter our ladder climbing, we may have to climb shorter ladders and look for wider steps. The rungs may need to be closer together,

but we never get too old of climb God's ladder. He always expects us to step up when He calls.

When we climb God's ladder to success, perhaps the most important thing is not whether we reach the top, but how well we climb. Jesus said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" (Luke 16:10-11 NIV)

God measures success by the faithfulness of our steps rather than the height of our climb.

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uling and events go to our website at [www.fumcbs.org](http://www.fumcbs.org).

## First Church of the Nazarene

Merry Christmas! What? It's not even Thanksgiving. No really, it's that time of year to mark your calendar for the Annual Live Drive Through Nativity at the First Church of the Nazarene. The nativity will be Dec. 7 through the 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the parking lot surrounding the church. Tell your friends and family members to plan to make it a part of their tradition to prepare their hearts for this blessed season.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our services, classes and groups:

Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9.

Sunday morning Children's Church at 10 in the fellowship hall.

Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30.

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes at 6:30.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m., the Children's Choir at 4:45 p.m.

The youth group is meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:30 for supper and Handbell Choir.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Allegro Chorale, composed of singers from Odessa, Midland and Big Spring, will present a free program of American choral music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 in our sanctuary at 701 Runnels.

The Adult Discovery Class began an eight-week DVD study by Timothy Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyte-

rian Church of Manhattan, entitled "Gospel in Life—Grace Changes Everything." Tom Koger is serving as leader.

Lucy Odom is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for November is Helen Glass. Ushers for the month are Ann Farley and Robert Bennett.

The lectionary for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time is Ruth 3:1-5.4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

The choir will offer the anthem "We Will Sing for Joy" by Scarlatti/Lowe and "The Tallis Canon" by Thomas Tallis for the offertory. The Children's Choir made a wonderful addition to the two anthems on All Saints Sunday; we appreciate them and Susan Dawes, their director.

The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Thanks to all who joined us for our annual "Harvest Event! Everyone had a great time and we enjoyed visiting with you and your families.

The "Between the Lines" Women's Ministry cookbooks will be available soon. The cost is \$15.

We will be celebrating our annual "Thanksgiving Love Feast" at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and join us for this annual gathering to praise and give thanks for all that God has given us.

New Sunday school classes/Connection Groups will be changing up on Sunday. Check out classes with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks and relevant to today's Christian adventure. Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Be our guest at our Movie Night at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. The movie is "The Grace Card" with Louis Gosset Jr. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available.

Weekly happenings:

Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Cafe" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Worship Service- You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org).

Monday-6:30-8:30 p.m.-"Celebrate Recovery"

Tuesday-"Wings" Dance Academy meets for girls ages 4-12.

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.- Fellowship Meal 6 p.m.-Bible Study and youth and children's activities

6:00 pm-Boys Scouts. Contact the office for more information.

Thursday-6:30-8:30 p.m.-"Celebrate Recovery" 7 p.m.-"Crazy Love" college age Bible Study by Francis Chan. All college students are welcome.

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship in the dining room at the church.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now in session with classes for Pre-K and kindergarten. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information.

The Big Spring Homeschool Educational Co-operative is offering classes for high school homeschool students. New classes are being planned for the semester starting in January.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring (across from Denny's). Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday as we continue in our Series: "He's Able! Be Cool, Be Calm and Be Collected." Our monthly focus will

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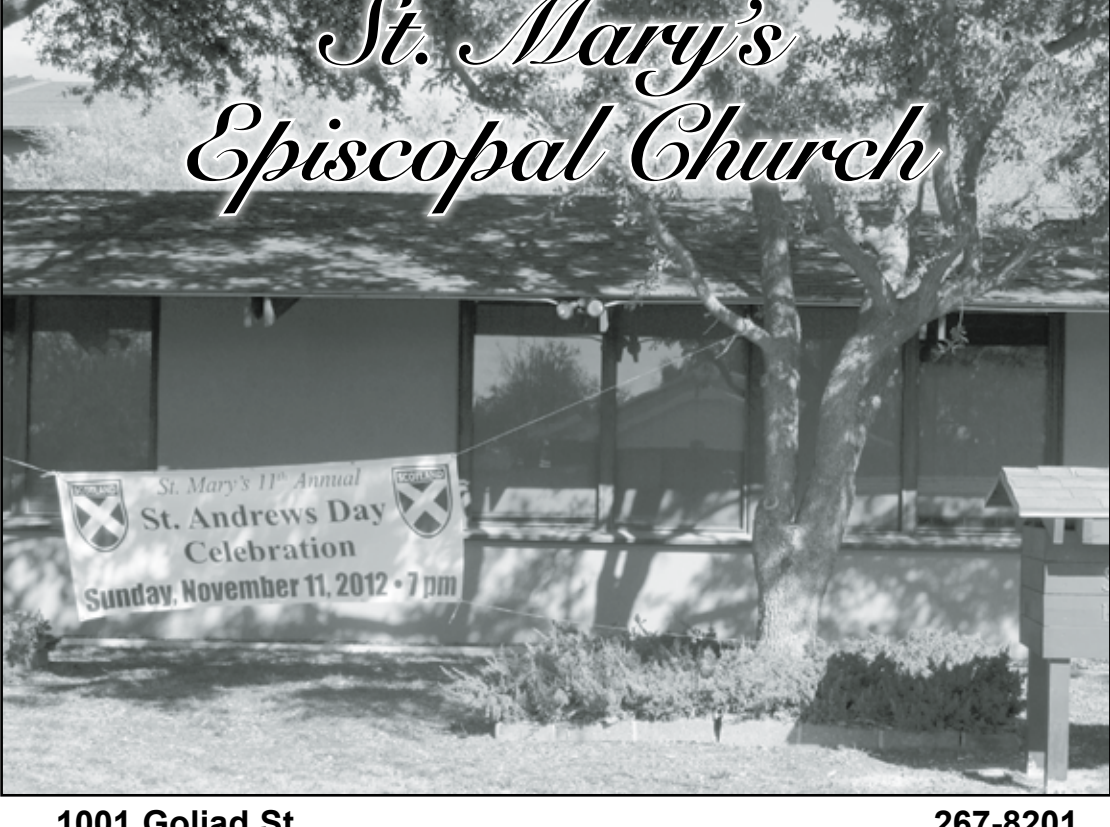
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# We need to free ourselves from gridlock

Gridlock may be the greatest challenge facing our nation in the immediate future. Merriam-Webster defines gridlock as “a traffic jam in which a grid of intersecting streets is so completely congested that no vehicular movement is possible — a situation resembling gridlock.”



BILL TINSLEY

We all know what gridlock looks like in our congested cities. Many of us have been trapped in our cars on gridlocked highways unable to move. Traffic gridlock is frustrating, but when gridlock grips our government it can be far more serious.

Gridlock occurs when people cease to seek understanding, demonizing those who disagree with them and abandoning meaningful communication.

It can occur in marriages, families, schools, businesses, corporations and governments.

Congressional gridlock may be defined as the inability of our elected leaders to find common ground, to craft compromise positions, to engage in thoughtful and meaningful dialogue that can lead to solutions for the significant problems that we face.

Regardless of which candidate wins the presidential election, we will not be able to move forward in any direction without overcoming political gridlock in congress.

As soon as the election dust

settles, we will be staring at the “fiscal cliff” that looms in front of us. At midnight on December 31 the terms of the Budget Control Act of 2011 are scheduled to go into effect resulting in significant tax increases coupled with austere budget spending cuts.

Most economists believe that unless new tax and spending laws are passed before the end of the year, the U.S. will be thrown into another recession dragging the global economy with it.

To pass those laws, our congressional leaders will have to work together to find reasonable solutions.

There are instructions in Scripture that can help.

Jesus said, “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you

over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.” (Matthew 5:25).

The Apostle Paul exhorts us, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4).

So, what can we do? First, we can practice Jesus’ instructions in our own relationships in our homes, our schools, our businesses and communities.

We can demonstrate to our children and our youth the ability to listen, to engage in thoughtful conversation that seeks to understand.

We can refrain from name-calling and demonizing those who disagree with us. Second, we can expect the same from our elected officials and hold them accountable.

Third, we can pray for one another, for our enemies, for whoever is elected president, for all of our government officials and for our nation.

When Lincoln was president during the Civil War, a group of clergy visited him and offered to pray that God would be on his side. He stunned them by saying, “No, gentlemen, pray that I may be on God’s side.”

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## CHURCH

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be on the ‘Wonder of Possibilities’ with scripture taken from Luke 18:27.

CCC will also be continuing its new members classes. If you have not connected with a church family looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us. Classes are four weeks and there will be a reception honoring our new members Nov. 28. Classes will be held in the main sanctuary from 9-9:50 a.m. Contact the church secretary at the number listed below if you would like to be included in these classes or for any additional information.

CCC will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 18 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Auditorium. Join us for a wonderful meal and amazing fellowship.

Wednesday evenings from 5:50-6:50 we are continuing our Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class. For more information, contact us at the number listed below.

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 years.); Men’s and Women’s Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. (Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you’d like a free copy of a CD for those services, please see our Broadcasting Dept.) Mother’s Lounge and children’s church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th St. (on the corner of 12th and Owens streets). 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.

### First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate Communion every week.

The Lord’s Table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the Communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

This Sunday, which will be Twenty-Fourth Sun-

day after Pentecost in the Christian calendar, the Rev. Ken McIntosh’s message will be “The Church’s Great Prayers: The Sinner’s Prayer” from Luke 18: 9-14.

Elders will be Shirley Beauchamp and Erma Dunne; Deacons will be Marla Rainwater, Shelane Roberts, Jo Best and Diana Best; Worship leader will be Paul Smith, Communion Prep will be Diana Best and Shelane Roberts; Children’s Church will be Shelane Roberts; Greeter will be Shirley Beauchamp; Homebound Communion will be Erma Dunne.

Youth will be meet at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian.

Each week, Isaiah 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. We are now working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until about 11 a.m. sorting and cleaning items from Wal-Mart, so we need volunteers for those days to help.

There will be a Stewardship Meeting Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Church to go over current budget items.

On Wednesday there will be choir at 6:30 p.m. Call Ruth Jackson for more information.

Samaritan Counseling takes place at our church Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

We believe the church is built by people worshipping together and we welcome you to visit at any time. For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

### First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m.

We have AWANA program for children at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship at 6.

Remember to return your Operation Christmas Child boxes Sunday during the morning worship service. Each box needs to be labeled indicating the age and sex of each child receiving the box. Also, \$7 needs to be placed in the box to help pay for shipping. This is a wonderful time and way to share God’s precious gift of salvation with a child somewhere in our world.

Upward Basketball evaluation is complete with more children signed up than last year. If you are not plugged in to help in some way, make plans to volunteer. This is an awesome ministry and you will be blessed.

Thanks to everyone who filled and brought their World Hunger Banks last week. We received \$1,647.05.

The children who participated in the AWANA

last Sunday evening memorized and recited 116 Bible verses. Great job.

A second T-Shirt order is being placed. If you haven’t gotten one and are interested, call the church office at 267-8223.

Our annual Love Feast is at 5 p.m. Sunday. Nov. 18. Our objective this year is to show God’s love to people in our community by inviting them for a sit-down meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Sign up sheets for pies are in the Sunday School classes. We need lots of members to greet and serve our guest.

## sudoku

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

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6	7			5			2	3
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By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
Pass	?	Pass	1♥
Pass	?	Pass	?

What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ Q5 ♥ 97 ♦ AKQ75 ♣ 8632
- ♠ Q5 ♥ 987 ♦ AKQ75 ♣ 632
- ♠ 742 ♥ QJ96 ♦ J5 ♣ AK92
- ♠ 963 ♥ Q8432 ♦ 10 ♣ AKJ5
- ♠ QJ7 ♥ 65 ♦ AJ104 ♣ K832

1. **Two diamonds.** After passing originally, it might be tempting to respond three diamonds to show values close to an opening bid, but the fact is that partner’s heart bid has depreciated your values somewhat instead of elevating them. It’s true that he might pass two diamonds, but if he does, you probably haven’t missed a game.

It’s important to recognize that two diamonds is a forward-going bid showing 10 or more points — despite your previous pass — and that partner will give full weight to this encouraging response.

2. **Three diamonds.** Prospects for game are better this time because you have three hearts instead of just two. This one factor adds greatly to the promise of the hand, because a possible game in hearts looms more strongly on the horizon. The jump-response in diamonds implies at least

a tolerance for partner’s hearts.

3. **Three hearts.** The jump to three hearts after passing initially indicates that you have nearly an opening bid with strong support for hearts. Partner might pass if he holds a skimpy opening bid, but if he does pass, he is unlikely to make 10 tricks. Remember that he is just as eager as you are to score a game, so if he passes, you’re probably high enough. Many players these days would also bid three hearts even if they were not a passed hand, showing the same type of hand (a limit raise) and inviting game. Be sure to check with your partner as to whether you play limit or forcing jump-raises by an unpassed hand.

4. **Four hearts.** Here you should grab the bull by the horns and jump to game. You shouldn’t test your luck to see whether partner will bid again over a response of three hearts. When you feel confident that your side has a game — and you should certainly feel that here — you shouldn’t give partner an option to pass. For those who play “splinter bids,” a leap to four diamonds would also be an acceptable choice.

5. **Two notrump.** After an initial pass, this indicates 11 or 12 points, notrump distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits. That’s exactly what you have, so you bid two notrump and let partner carry on from there.

Tomorrow: Test your prowess.

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## News in brief

### Senators working on tougher Iran sanctions as Obama seeks another diplomatic push

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are working on a set of new and unprecedented Iran sanctions that could prevent the Islamic republic from doing business with most of the world until it agrees to international constraints on its nuclear program, officials say.

The bipartisan financial and trade restrictions amount to a “complete sanctions regime” against Tehran, according to one congressional aide involved in the process. But it could put the Obama administration in a difficult position with allies who are still trading with Iran, but whom the U.S. needs if it is to secure a peaceful solution to the Iranian nuclear standoff.

On Thursday, in its first foreign policy announcement since the president’s re-election, the administration targeted four Iranian officials and five organizations with sanctions for jamming satellite broadcasts and blocking Internet access for Iranian citizens.

But the measures that Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., want to attach to a defense bill would be far more sweeping. They would target everything from Iranian assets overseas to all foreign goods that the country imports, building on the tough sanctions package against Tehran’s oil industry that the two lawmakers pushed through earlier this year, congressional aides and people involved in the process said. Those earlier measures already have cut Iran’s petroleum exports in half and hobbled its economy.

Yet even as the value of its currency has dropped precipitously against the dollar in a year, sparking an economic depression and massive public discontent, Iran’s leadership has yet to bite on an offer from world powers for an easing of sanctions in exchange for several compromises over its nuclear program. To break the logjam, the administration is brainstorming ways to make the offer more attractive for the Iranians without granting any new concessions that would reward the regime for its intransigence, according to administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

### High fliers? Marijuana votes in Colorado, Washington state raise specter of pot tourism

DENVER (AP) — Hit the slopes — and then a bong?

Marijuana legalization votes this week in Colorado and Washington state don’t just set up an epic state-federal showdown on drug law for residents. The measures also open the door for marijuana

tourism.

Both measures make marijuana possession in small amounts OK for all adults over 21. The measures affect not just state residents but visitors, too. Tourists may not be able to pack their bowls along with their bags, but as long as out-of-state tourists purchase and use the drug while in Colorado or Washington, they wouldn’t violate the marijuana measures.

That’s assuming the recreational marijuana measures take effect at all. That was very much in doubt Friday as the states awaited word on possible marijuana lawsuits from the federal government.

### Obama to address ‘fiscal cliff,’ setting tone for negotiations with Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly re-elected President Barack Obama will use a White House appearance to set the tone for upcoming talks with congressional Republicans on avoiding the so-called fiscal cliff.

Republicans continue to draw a line in the sand against higher tax rates for upper-income earners as they seek to topple the conventional wisdom that Obama has the upper hand in upcoming negotiations on averting the potentially economy-crippling set of tax increases and automatic spending cuts due to hit in January.

Obama faces a tough, core decision: Does he pick a fight and risk a prolonged impasse with Republicans or does he rush to compromise and risk alienating Democrats still celebrating his victory?

Many of his Democratic allies hope Obama will take a hard line when he addresses the matter Friday. Republicans warn that a fight could poison efforts for a rapprochement in a bitterly divided Capitol and threaten his second-term agenda.

Obama has been silent since his victory speech early Wednesday morning, but Capitol Hill Republicans have filled the vacuum with vows to stand resolutely against any effort by the president to fulfill a campaign promise to raise the top two income tax rates to Clinton-era levels.

### Gasoline rationing begins in NYC; power outages continue to stymie recovery efforts

NEW YORK (AP) — A new gasoline rationing plan that lets motorists fill up every other day goes into effect in New York as a nor’easter that knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of new people erased some of the progress made by utility crews.

Police will be at gas stations Friday morning to enforce the new system in New York City and on Long Island.

“This is designed to let everybody have a fair chance, so the lines aren’t too oppressive and that

we can get through this,” Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The nor’easter brought gusting winds, rain and snow on Wednesday and early Thursday before it moved on. Snow blanketed several states from New York to New England and stymied recovery efforts from Superstorm Sandy as additional storm-weakened trees snapped and more power lines came down.

Hundreds of thousands of utility customers, mostly in New York and New Jersey, have been left still waiting for their electricity to come back on — and some are losing patience, demanding investigations of utilities they say aren’t working fast enough.

### Defense officials: 7 Navy SEALs punished for disclosing classified information to video maker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven members of the secretive Navy SEAL Team 6, including one involved in the mission to get Osama bin Laden, have been punished for disclosing classified information, senior Navy officials said Thursday.

Four other SEALs are under investigation for similar alleged violations, one official said.

The SEALs are alleged to have divulged classified information to the maker of a video game called “Medal of Honor: Warfighter.”

Each of the seven received a punitive letter of reprimand and a partial forfeiture of pay for two months. Those actions generally hinder a military member’s career.

The deputy commander of Naval Special Warfare Command, Rear Adm. Garry Bonelli, issued a statement acknowledging that nonjudicial punishments had been handed out for misconduct, but he did not offer any details.

### Gabby Giffords faces man who went on deadly Arizona rampage as judge orders life in prison

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The pain was palpable, measured in silent stares in the courtroom between an emotionless murderer and wounded former congresswoman who looked her attempted killer in the eyes for the first time since he shot her in the head.

Gabrielle Giffords limped to the podium Thursday, her astronaut husband by her side, inside a packed Tucson courtroom before a judge ordered Jared Lee Loughner to spend the rest of his life in prison.

It was the first time since the January 2011 shooting rampage that his victims would get a chance to speak their minds directly to him. Loughner sat silent, but appeared to absorb every word, his blank gaze fixed on each victim as they scolded him.

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I thought it might be bedbugs, but an exterminator ruled that out. He said he had no idea what was causing the bites and couldn’t help. A second exterminator told me the same thing, so I was really disappointed in them. But the bites are becoming worse. I’m not imagining them, because other members of my family have experienced the bites, as well.

We cannot see the bugs, but we know we are being bitten. It is unpleasant living this way, and we certainly don’t want to spread the problem to others. I am so frustrated that we cannot get this diagnosed and treated. Can you tell us where to turn? — **Twice Bitten**

**Dear Bitten:** In many states, it is illegal for exterminators to apply pesticides without knowing the type of bug they are targeting. Talk to your doctor, and also see a dermatologist to find out whether you have physical evidence of bites and can identify the culprits. Some doctors consider “invisible bugs” to be psychological in origin, but there are plenty of tiny mites that cannot easily be seen.

You may also have an infection or allergy. Have you made any changes to your envi-

ronment (new shampoo, soap or detergent, recent gardening, getting a pet)?

Wash all your clothes, sheets, towels, etc., in hot, soapy water and put them in the dryer. Seal blankets and other items in plastic bags. Clean the floors and carpets. And now we’re going to do the same because your letter made us itchy.

**Dear Annie:** I have given baby showers for each of my close friends. However, these same friends are now expecting showers for their second and third kids, too.

I believe every child is a reason for celebration. But I find it tacky for them to think everyone should attend another large baby shower within two years. I am happy to visit the mother and baby after the child is born and bring a gift. But has etiquette changed so much that there are multiple baby showers within the same family? — *Still Friends*

**Dear Still:** No, etiquette has not changed that much. The intent of a baby shower is to welcome the new child into the world and provide necessary items for the child’s care. With subsequent births, those items can be handed down, making another shower unnecessary.

However, it is OK to have a second shower if the guest list is small and limited to family, very close friends and those not invited to the first one. Also, it’s OK if there is a large gap

between births (making hand-me-downs less likely) or a couple has moved to a new city with new friends. And some friends host a “shower” for the overwhelmed parents, which is also fine. Of course, whether or not to participate is entirely up to you.

**Dear Annie:** I read a response to “Disappointed in Ohio,” who complained that the husband of one of her friends kept attending their regular all-girl get-togethers.

I am part of a small group of women who worked at a bank together 60 years ago. We have been having lunch for several years. One of the women developed Alzheimer’s and lives in a care facility. When she could no longer drive to our lunches, her husband brought her to the restaurant and picked her up when we were done. After a while, we invited him to stay. We enjoy his company. Sometimes another friend’s husband comes along, and the two men eat at a separate table and visit, leaving us to have our “girl chat.”

I have a feeling that when his wife can no longer come, we will still invite him to join us. — *Omaha*

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# James Bond's closet — a lot of timeless looks

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — If he's particular enough to like his martini shaken not stirred, James Bond probably likes his trousers trim not tight. Same goes for the tuxedo that's formal and not fussy, and any sweater in his closet surely is cashmere and perfectly casual and cool.

Although the superspy first appeared on-screen 50 years ago, he never wants to look out-of-date.

Costume designer Jany Temime says her mantra for the wardrobe of the latest Bond film, "Skyfall," which opens Friday, was "iconic for 2012."

It's like she was shopping for people she knows — even if they are fictional characters — instead of creating a wardrobe for a movie, she explains.

"I didn't follow fashion, I followed the script. But I know these characters, and I know what he or she would wear and why. I really tried to ask, 'What would that character really buy?'" Temime said.

Suits, lots of them, and most by Tom Ford, were high on the list for Daniel Craig, who is taking his third turn as Bond and is known to favor Ford's clothing both on-screen as Bond and in his personal life.

"In my first meeting with Daniel, he told me what

he wanted: He wanted slim-fitting clothing that was easy to move (in), but I also got the feeling he wanted a slightly '60s look," Temime says.

Roger Moore, who played Bond in seven films through the 1970s and '80s, says some of his flared trousers and wide-collared shirts wouldn't cut it today, but some of the suits, and especially the tuxedos and dinner jackets, probably would.

Unfortunately, he isn't wearing them now. "Those outfits were made 20 or 30 years ago, and waistlines change. I did, at the time, enjoy the wardrobe, but I also developed a taste for the good food and wine Bond liked," Moore says with a laugh.

Moore's book "Bond on Bond" was published last month (Lyons Press), and it devotes a chapter to 007's dapper style. Sean Connery, who played Bond first in 1962, favored skinny-lapel gray suits that hold up well over time. The same cannot be said of the terry cloth romper he wore on the set of "Goldfinger."



Pierce Brosnan wore a British Royal Navy uniform for the role, and most Bonds don a swimsuit at some point. Athletic and sporty clothes actually pose a bit of a problem, Temime says, because they don't look as sexy as Bond should.

Generally, though, Bond has a fairly restrained style because he doesn't want to draw too much attention to himself.

Moore quotes Bond author Ian Fleming in "The Man With the Golden Gun," where the clothes were described as "dark-blue single-breasted suit, white shirt, thin black knitted silk tie, and black casuals as his 'usual rig.'"

That look came easily for the Savile Row tailors in London where Bond probably would have purchased his clothes.

By the time Brosnan took over the role in 1995, the Italian fashion house Brioni was making the suits, explains Angelo Petrucci, the label's master tailor, although they were done in the English style with longer jackets and higher rises instead of the Roman style, which would have more tapered legs and shorter rises.

"For me, James Bond is representative of class," Petrucci says. Bond wears so many suits, he muses, because he likes power, and that's what men so often feel in a made-to-measure trouser and jacket. "The suit can give you confidence, and James Bond has confidence."

The women he encounters are hardly shrinking violets, and they also understand how to use clothes to their advantage.

Temime dressed "Skyfall" co-stars Naomie Harris and Berenice Marlohe in styles worthy of their predecessors, such as Halle Berry and Ursula Andress, who both wore bikinis with holsters, and Barbara Bach, whose thigh-high slit gowns were really up to there.

For Marlohe, Temime envisioned an Ava Gardner type. She required two knockout gowns, one a second-skin L'Wren Scott number that Marlohe had to be sewn into each morning and the other a red, slinky Donna Karan.

"When you think of the iconic Bond girl, you think sexy, smart, strong — and, of course, a killer body," says Karan.

Harris needed high-action clothes and ends up in a Belstaff jacket, tank top and leather trousers.

For Craig's opening chase scene — a Bond movie trademark — he needed a suit that could do every move 007 had to make. That actually meant 40 of the same suit, since one needed longer sleeves as he rode a motorcycle, another one needed reinforced knees — and there were the ones that could be splattered with blood and those that couldn't.

Sometimes the filmmakers would shoot scenes out of order, so Temime would need a ripped suit before she'd need the clean one.

The budget didn't skimp on quality.

"The quality of the clothes were so exceptional that Daniel could run through water, dirt and jump off a train, then dust it off and it'll be perfect again," Temime said.

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#### TODAY

- Football**
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  - Winters (2-7) at For-san (5-4), 7:30 p.m.
  - Alpine (8-1) at Coahoma (2-7), 7:30 p.m.
  - Reagan County (5-4) at Stanton (3-6), 7:30 p.m.
  - Garden City (3-6) at Rankin (8-1), 7:30 p.m.
  - Wellman-Union (1-8) at Sands (4-5), 7:30 p.m.
- Basketball**
- Abilene Cooper at Big Spring (Girls), 9th, 4:30 p.m.; JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

- Cross Country**
- State championship, Old Settlers Park, Round Rock, noon.



Grady's E.J. Rodriguez (4) dives for a Klondike fumble during Thursday's 40-32 win over the Cougars. The win insured the Wildcats (6-4) (2-1) a postseason appearance. Grady will face Ropes for the bi-district title, with the game being tentatively set for Friday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Ackerly.

Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

# Area teams to wrap up regular season

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

#### Big Spring

Tonight marks the end of another season of West Texas high school football.

For most of the Crossroads area teams, it means the final game of the season.

Big Spring, under the guidance of Coach Phillip Ritchey and promising sophomore quarterback Tobyn Tannehill, began the season with a shutout win and rolled to a 5-0 record.

The Steers opened district play with a loss, but played No. 2 ranked Abilene Wylie tough.

Then the wheels began to come off. A 10-point loss to Snyder the following week seemed to take the wind out the Steers' sails.

It didn't stop there. The Sweetwater Mustangs came to

town and handed Big Spring its worst loss of the season, pounding the Steers 42-9.

In a must-win scenario, the Steers lost last week to Greenwood, dashing any hopes of a playoff appearance for the third straight year.

The final opportunity for the Steers to earn a District 4-3A victory comes tonight in the form of Monahans (5-4), (3-1) — no easy task. The Lobos have lost only to undefeated Wylie since district began and will have home field advantage.

For BSHS Head Coach Phillip Ritchey, he wants to bring home a win for his graduating class.

"We've got some good seniors," Ritchey said. "They play hard for us and always give us their best effort. That's all you can ask for. Hopefully, we can send them off with a win."

#### Coahoma

If you ask Coahoma (2-7) Head Coach Trey Gardner, if it weren't for an endless series of injuries to his starters on both offense and defense, tonight's game against Alpine (8-1) tonight could have been the game which determined the District 3-2A DII champions.

Instead, they are playing for pride, as a playoff run is out of reach for the Bulldogs.

Gardner admits, however, even if he had a healthy squad, the Bucks would be a tough team to dispatch.

"They run a spread offense with one of the better high school quarterbacks I have ever seen," Gardner said.

"He can throw it as far down the field as he needs to. The ideal thing is to keep the ball from him as much as possible. Definitely, they run a 4-3. They don't have as much size

as some, but they run to the ball very, very well."

As banged-up as Coahoma is, they managed to defeat the Sonora Broncos three weeks ago. Gardner is hoping to close out the season with another upset win.

Game time slated for 7:30 at Bulldog Stadium.

#### Forsan

The Buffaloes (5-4) have been scrappy all season, but it all comes down to how well they can handle pressure.

As Forsan Blizzards (2-7) Winters Blizzards tonight, Head Coach Jason Phillips and his squad are gearing up for battle.

A win tonight and the Buffs are in the playoffs. A loss and the season is over.

The Buffaloes have also dealt with injuries to key players throughout the season, but have stayed in contention in a

competitive district. Phillips said although their record may not look impressive, Winters is no pushover.

"They are an extremely young team," Phillips said. "Their predistrict schedule was tough and with a young team, there will be some bumps and bruises, but they played well last week. They are hungry — if they win they are in, if we win, we are in."

To prepare for the Blizzards, Phillips has been practicing some new formations.

"We want to get our running game going again," Phillips added. "That's the key. We have to put more points on the board."

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## No. 1 Alabama awaits No. 15 Texas A&M

JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama just etched an entry into Crimson Tide lore with a stomach-twisting road win over No. 9 LSU after the national title hopes went on life support.

Now, the top-ranked Crimson Tide face another huge, and much different, challenge. No. 15 Texas A&M visits Bryant-Denny Stadium Saturday night with a versatile quarterback and a high-speed offense that seldom takes a break.

Such is life in the Southeastern Conference.

"That wasn't the national championship game," Tide left tackle Cyrus Kouandjio said. "We're not done. We've got more work to do. And we've got a different animal this week. That's how we approach it."

Alabama (9-0, 6-0) can secure a spot in the SEC championship game with a win.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel and the Aggies (7-2, 4-2 SEC) have already made a big splash in a league that's won six straight national championships. They have taken top 10 teams Florida and LSU down to the wire before losing both games

by a combined eight points.

"The first game against Florida was a pretty big event," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We've had some pretty big games already. If anything, the atmosphere going on the road will be different. These guys have put us in a position, by their play, to make these games meaningful. It's not a one-game season. It never has been and it never will be."

He said the Aggies gained confidence from their close calls with the Gators and Tigers that they can handle the league's physical style. They were hurt by nine penalties against Florida and five turnovers against LSU.

Now, their pedal-to-the-metal quarterback and offense take on a more old-school SEC football team.

It's run-and-gun Manziel versus AJ McCarron, who thrust himself more prominently into the Heisman Trophy conversation by engineering a swift game-winning touchdown drive against the Tigers. McCarron still hasn't thrown an interception this season.

Texas A&M linebacker Jonathan Stewart figures it will take a much more pristine performance to beat an Alabama team with two national titles in three years

and a third in its sights.

"We know that we're going to have to play up to the part," Stewart said. "We're going against the No. 1 team in the nation. As we saw when we lost to Florida and we lost to LSU, our two losses this year, we can't beat ourselves. When we're going against top 10 teams, they don't beat themselves. Unfortunately, in our two losses, we beat ourselves."

Alabama hadn't looked particularly beatable all season until last weekend in Baton Rouge — before McCarron, wide receiver Kevin Norwood and tailback T.J. Yeldon produced a rapid-fire string of big plays en route to Yeldon's 28-yard catch-and-run touchdown with 51 seconds left.

"If we finish out like we're supposed to, probably one of the greatest wins I've been a part of in my life," McCarron said. "The win only means so much if you finish out strong. If we don't finish out strong, it really doesn't factor in, really. Just another win."

Tide coach Nick Saban said that was easily his team's worst defensive performance of the season. Alabama's defense gave up 435 yards and got stuck on the

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## No. 25 Tech looks to end skid against KU

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kansas coach Charlie Weis is tweaking a couple of routines heading into the Jayhawks' game against No. 25 Texas Tech this weekend.

It couldn't hurt to try something different. The Jayhawks are winless in Big 12 play and have just one win overall this season, so Weis is taking the team to Lubbock earlier and holding practice where they will play the Red Raiders on Saturday.

"We're not just going to go there to take a look at the wonderful stadium they have," Weis said. "We're going to get out there and we're going to go run around."

Kansas (1-8, 0-6) is looking to break an 18-game conference losing streak. The Jayhawks most recent de-

feat came in a 41-14 loss at Baylor, while Texas Tech (6-3, 3-3) is coming off a second-straight loss, having fallen 31-22 to Texas last week.

After five-straight losses to close last season Texas Tech doesn't want to see this year's skid extended.

The Red Raiders' 28th-ranked rush defense will be tested by Jayhawks running back James Sims, who would be leading the conference in rushing yards per game (124.7) had he played in more games. He served a three-game suspension to open the season.

Texas Tech is allowing about as many yards per game as Sims is averaging. Last week, Longhorns running back Johnathan Gray got 106 yards on 20 carries. Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Texas moved

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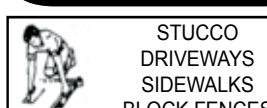
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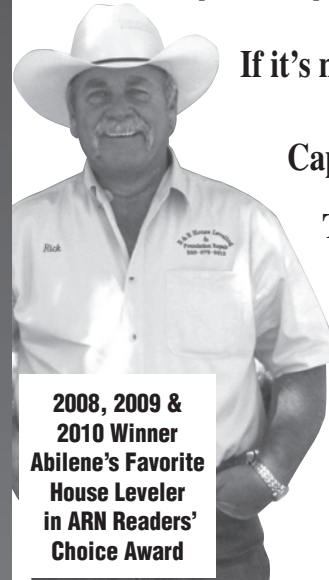
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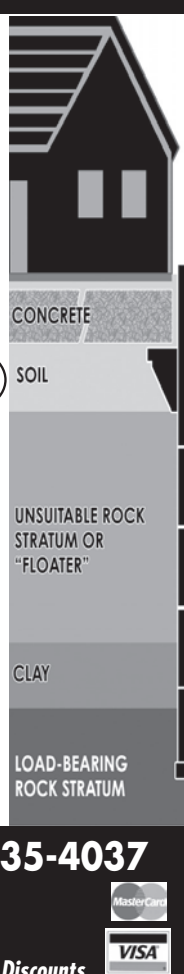
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We all need affection and attention, and at some times more than others. Venus and Jupiter carry on with their air-sign love affair without any regard to the effect they might have on unsuspecting, love-hungry humans. Cupid's arrow doesn't always wait until Valentine's Day to strike. The aspect holds through the weekend.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Helicopter parents have a hard time walking the fine line between helping a child out of actual necessity and overdoing it out of a perceived necessity. You'll have your own version of a helicopter parent hovering over you today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll be in an affectionate and demonstrative mood. Every time you express appreciation toward your loved one, he or she feels that much more love for you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're willing to work hard for your family and/or the people you have chosen to care about. Your sense of purpose is so strong through the weekend that the hard work feels more like a noble mission.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your ideas are good. Inviting collaboration will make them even better. Bounce your opinions off of someone with similar tastes and different talents. A Libra or Virgo person would be ideal.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone who has ever tried to "pill a cat" can attest: Cats will fight you if you try to feed them anything unappealing.

Your cat nature will emerge tonight when someone presents statements you find hard to swallow.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With the moon in your sign, you don't have to do much to gain support for your righteous efforts to make the environment as clean, nurturing and safe as possible.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do you really have an obligation to be original? After all, what you do within a group is amazingly effective today. Still, the answer is yes. Adding your personal signature will be crucial to the success of all.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Detective work brings benefits. Poke around in a mess. What good are blessings in disguise if they never reveal themselves and no one makes the effort to recognize them?

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though there's a snappy pace to the proceedings, avoid speedy assumptions and judgments. Your neutrality will allow you to pick up on the nuances that others miss.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The result you want requires that you attract a certain someone's attention. If you feel negative on the inside, it will be hard to radiate a noticeable aura. So the time you spend feeling good is well worth the effort.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll spend a good deal of time on a computer or other machine "not" earning a fortune. Those who wonder why just don't understand the love affair you have with your devices.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). What makes you an excellent friend is that you have been there for a person in her time of need, and yet you don't expect the return favor. Good karma always

comes back, and often from an unpredictable source.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (NOVEMBER 9). This month gives you a way to perform for people whose opinions matter to you. You could even make money at this. Your friendships will be diverse and interesting all year. Real love takes time, and you give it that time in December even though you'll be busy. An investment in a project pays in May. Aries and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 13, 24, 9 and 11.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Infatuation is different from love, though only those who have experienced both can really tell the difference. TAURUS: Relationships that start with attraction can end in repulsion, but it rarely goes the other way. OBEY your aversions. GEMINI: The one who makes the hair on the back of your neck stand up will work magic on you again. CANCER: It may be premature of you to expect someone to react to your signals. Training will be necessary first. LEO: You'll maintain control of your passions. If you're fierce, it's just to make a point. VIRGO: You are attractive and in demand, and therefore you appreciate the one who doesn't chase after you because he or she doesn't have to. LIBRA: Love is not a game, but romance is. You'll play expertly. SCORPIO: Because someone is very special to you, you'll go out of your way to be perceived as equally special in this person's presence. SAGITTARIUS: Invitations are sincere and best taken literally. CAPRICORN: Avoid the one who tries to control you with affection and kindness. AQUARIUS: You'll demonstrate your love through listening carefully. PISCES: Love

can be a kind of self-induced hypnosis.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The Libra moon and the Scorpio sun provide the perfect backdrop for friendships that are warm, exciting and unpredictable. Will they turn to love? Anything is possible this weekend. But instead of going for the "L" word, shoot for chemistry, fun, intellectual challenge and physical connection.

What happens is a stronger relationship. Love comes along in its own good time.

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## ~ Dear Margo ~

## Back to the Twins

**Dear Margo:** I can only imagine what it is to give advice and then have the entire nation weigh in on it. I agree with you 99 percent of the time, but I think you gave only a partial answer concerning the possibly incestuous twins.

You wrote, "And really, it is their business. Should your worst fears be the reality, it is no reflection on your family." That was the recent assertion of a Hollywood director making a movie about incest: It's just an alternative lifestyle! No judging!

Yesterday I read an article by a psychiatrist (I've been looking like crazy so I could include the link, but I failed to find it) saying that incest is not just an alternative lifestyle. Normal people do not fall in love with their siblings and express that love sexually.

When incest occurs, it is because of deep childhood harms that occurred, and it's always a sign that someone needs help. Fast.

I agree with you that just because they live together does not mean it's incest. Twins are very, very close, and I think the bonds are stronger than between singleton siblings, so she shouldn't jump to conclusions.

But if it is incest, it isn't just a MYOB situation. Her siblings need help, and not to save the family's image, but to save them. Incest is taboo for a reason. — *Concerned*

**Dear Con:** I agree with most of what you say, but there is one key misunderstanding. Either I didn't make the point clearly enough or you extrapolated, but unlike the director, I in no way think incest is "an alternative lifestyle choice." (Misinformed crackpots say the same of homosexuality.) I just said there is no proof, and to assume aberrational behavior

does a disservice to the twins when their living arrangement may have nothing to do with sex. Should incest be verifiable, then you and I would see eye to eye that mental health help is indicated. We also agree that severe family dysfunction is at the root of such deviation, making it true that, like charity, incest begins at home. — *Margo, illuminatively*

## Explaining Sex to Youngsters

**Dear Margo:** I have little kids, two girls and a boy, ages 3, 4 and 6. The older two are starting to ask questions about the difference in their "weewees," where babies come from, etc. I believe in being truthful and straightforward with children, but I feel I need guidance as to what to say and how to say it. My own mother couldn't quite manage "the talk," so I learned from other kids, and I must say, later on, I wished the information had been transmitted differently. Do you have any ideas about this? — *Jennifer in Chicago*

**Dear Jen:** There's a wide selection of books geared to different age levels. Go to your library or browse online. I am for being direct — i.e., no nonsense about storks or angels bringing babies. There is, however, a limit to what young children can take in when it comes to details.

There's an old joke that states the problem perfectly. A youngster asks his mother: "Where did I come from?" She starts explaining fallopian tubes, eggs, sperm, and the kid cuts her off and says, "No, I mean, where did I come from? Timmy came from Cleveland." So good luck discussing the birds and the bees. (As to why those two species became the euphemism for sex, I have no idea, since one lays eggs and the other makes honey.) — *Margo, thoughtfully*

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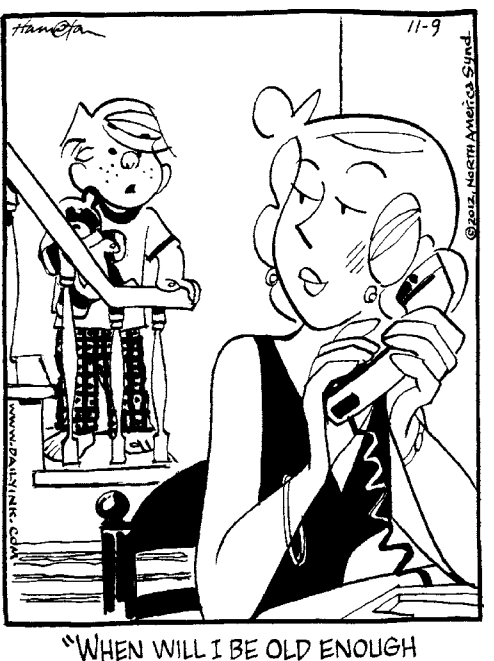
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Hazel is a pretty red and white border collie mix and is about 1 year old. She is an intelligent and sweet-natured dog and loves attention.

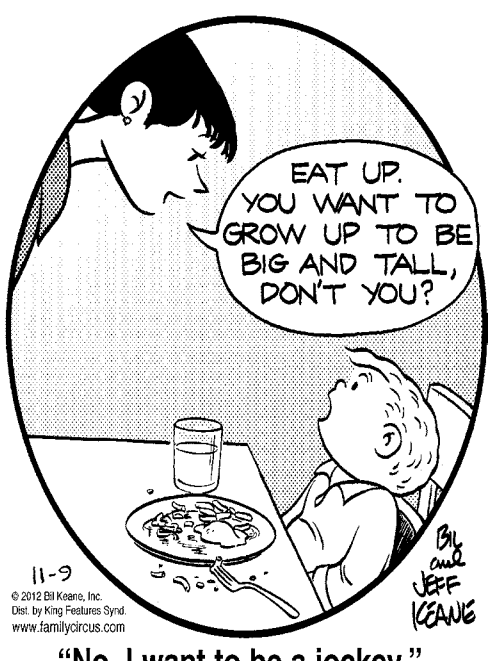
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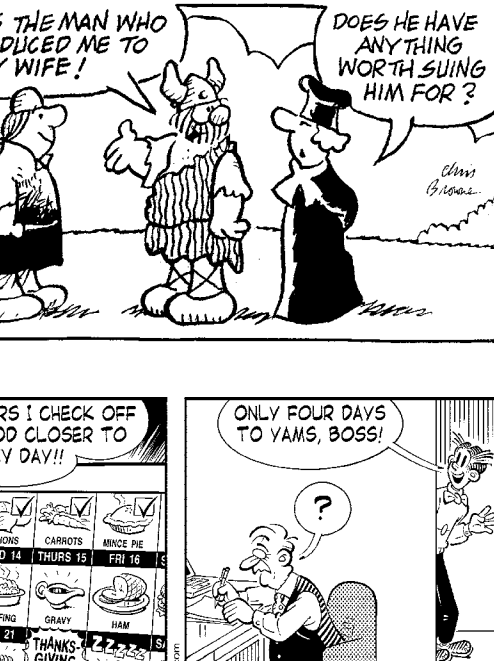
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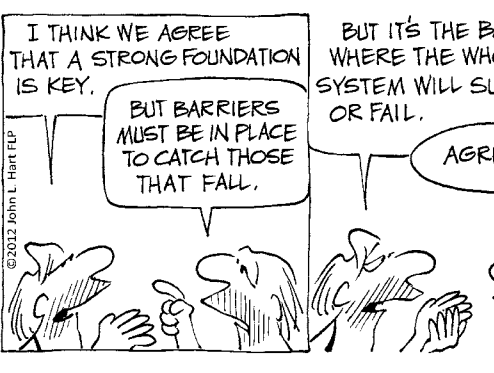
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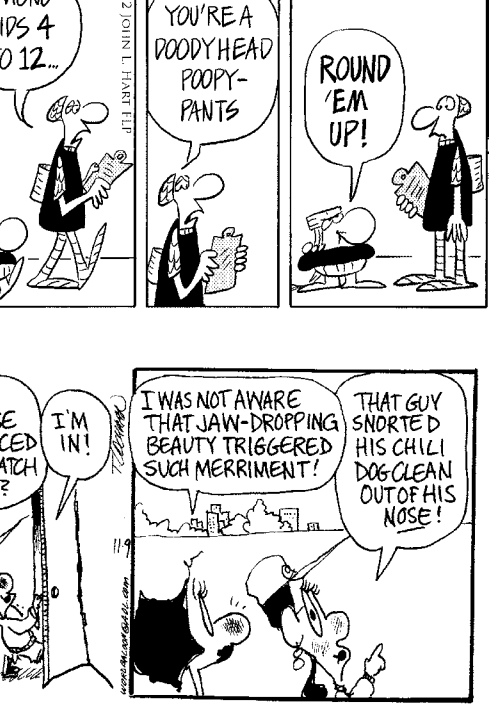
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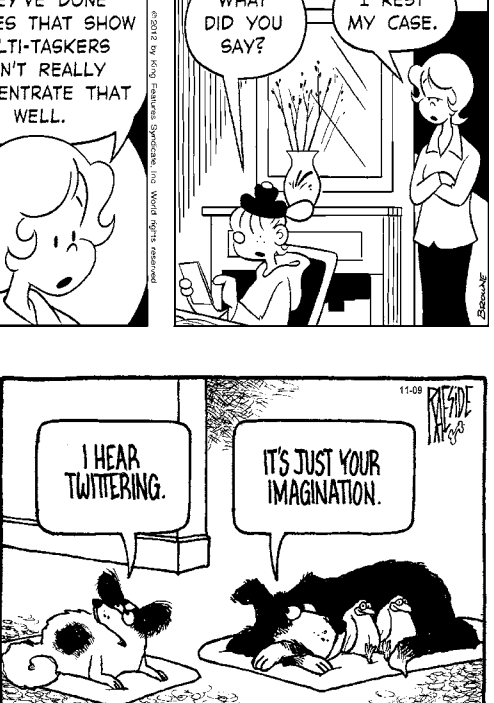
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**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, Nov. 9, the 314th day of 2012. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in a pogrom that became known as "Kristallnacht."

On this date:

In 1620, the passengers and crew of the Mayflower sighted Cape Cod.

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1952, Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel, died.

In 1953, Welsh author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1961, U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert M. White became the first pilot to fly an X-15 rocket plane at six times the speed of sound. The Beatles' future manager, Brian Epstein, first saw the group perform at The Cavern Club in Liverpool, England.

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as a series of power failures lasting up to 13-hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

In 1970, former French President Charles de Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Whitey Herzog is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson is 77. Actor Charlie Robinson is 67. Movie director Bille August is 64. Actor Robert David Hall is 64. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 61. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 60. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 53. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 52. Actress Ion Overman is 43. Rapper Peppa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 43. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 42. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DES'-kee) is 42. Actor Jason Antoon is 41. Actor Eric Dane is 40. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisoqo (Dru Hill) is 34. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 24.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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**ACROSS**

1 First name in cubism

6 Make into a movie, say

11 Old TV band

14 The Jetsons youngster

15 Travelers alternative

16 "I don't wanna!"

17 Seattle landmark

19 Trial evidence, perhaps

20 Potential voter

21 Strived

23 Acct. accrual

24 Hospital professional

28 Fictional governess

31 Feminine force

32 Wagga Wagga welcome

33 Allows to proceed

35 Informal farewell

38 Run a tab

39 Inconsequential cooling

43 Book fair sponsor

44 Notice

45 Keg contents

46 Shakes up

48 Tribe that named a state

50 It may be baking

53 Login info

57 Hamlet's obstacle

59 Liqueur flavoring

60 Take after

63 Wasn't colorfast

64 Christmas song

**DOWN**

11 Upset winner

12 Wood cutters

13 Mtge. insurer

18 Super \_\_\_ (video game console)

22 Hot drink holder

25 Filler of some shells

26 Textbook section

27 Check out

29 Pricy appetizer

30 Scratches (out)

34 Longtime NASCAR sponsor

36 "Of course!"

37 Art medium

39 Detached, on a score

40 Appliance adjunct

41 Any thing

42 Opposite of paleo-

43 Nitewear

47 Brief moment

49 First rapper to win a Best Song Oscar

51 Mention with no pretext

52 Spine line

54 Moved slowly (into)

55 Black, to Chirac

56 CPR pro

58 Davy Crockett's rifle

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The Big Spring boys cross country squad qualified Gustavo Lugo (far right) for the state championship in Round Rock on Saturday.

## TECH

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its offensive lineman around to create mismatches.

"That's one thing we have to work on and do a lot better job of getting lined up," he said. "You saw us. We were running — we were just trying to get lined up."

Weis said Sims is

showing he's more than just a player who comes onto the field to carry the ball.

Texas Tech is one of just two teams nationally — along with Florida State — that's ranked in the top 20 in both total offense and total defense. The latter represents a huge turnaround from last season when the Red Raiders were ranked near the bottom

in several defensive categories.

The team that'll be passing the ball on Saturday ran into some snags against the Longhorns. The Red Raiders squandered scoring chances inside the red zone against Texas and four times settled for field-goal tries.

Quarterback Seth Doege, who leads the nation with 31 touchdowns, was clearly frustrated.

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## A&M

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field for 85 plays.

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That sets up a battle between the swashbuckling Johnny Football and a physical, disciplined defense that would love to make the Aggies look like Johnny Come Lately. That's much easier said than done.

Manziel is leading the SEC in rushing, scoring and total offense. He's averaged 10 points a game not even counting his 16 touchdown passes. Alabama, by contrast, is only allowing opponents to score a tad over nine points per game.

Saban said Manziel reminds him more of Doug Flutie than Michigan's Denard Robinson or former Auburn quarterback Cam Newton, now with the Carolina Panthers.

"I had to play against (Flutie) a long time ago," the former Kent State defensive back said. "But he's a really good player, a really good competitor and that's who this guy reminds me of. He can throw it, he's not great big in stature or anything like that, he's extremely quick. He's very instinctive. Has a unique ability to extend plays and seems to know when to take off and run it. And he scrambles and makes plays throwing the ball down the field.

"But this is a unique guy in terms of his playmaking ability and his size, quickness and speed and ability to make people miss in space."

The Aggies will complete a three-game SEC road swing with this trip to 101,821-seat Bryant-Denny, and they're hoping to do it in style.