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## Man faces felony charges after car chase

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 A Big Spring man was arrested Wednesday night after law enforcement officials say a domestic dispute turned into a short vehicle pursuit that endangered the welfare of three children.  
 Michael Shay Vanderbilt, 38, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (apartment number not provided) was arrested in the 1500 block of Wood Street and charged with evading arrest



Vanderbilt

or detention with a vehicle and three counts of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence.  
 According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, the domestic altercation was reported near Neighbors Convenience Store, located in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.  
 "We received the call at approximately 9:15 p.m. that a

domestic dispute was happening in the convenience store parking lot," Parker said. "According to the caller, a man was physically assaulting a female subject. We already had a deputy in that area and he responded."  
 Parker said the deputy attempted to stop Vanderbilt, at which time he fled.  
 "When he decided to evade arrest he had three children in the vehicle. None of the three were restrained and could have been injured in

the pursuit," Parker said. "That's the reason he is being charged with abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence. Luckily, however, none of the children were hurt as a result of the pursuit."  
 Parker said despite the initially reported assault, no substantial injuries were sustained by any of the parties involved in the incident.  
 As of press time, Vanderbilt was still in the custody of the Howard County Detention

Center.  
 Bond was set this morning by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at \$10,000 for the charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and \$7,500 for each count of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence, for a total of \$32,500.  
 Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Construction crews, contracted by the Texas Department of Transportation — work to reconstruct a section of East Third Street, part of an ongoing resurfacing of Third and Fourth streets in the downtown area. State and local officials are asking motorists to take special care when traveling through the downtown area, watching for lane closures and workers near the main thoroughfares.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Police locate missing resident

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 A 70-year-old Big Spring man who was the subject of an area-wide search this week has been located, according to law enforcement officials.  
 Jimmy Aaron Batie, a resident of the Canterbury retirement facility, was reported missing earlier this week after police officials say he was last seen during the evening hours Saturday in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.  
 According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, Batie was located this morning in another city, apparently in a disoriented state.  
 Prior to Batie being located, police officials said there were no outward signs of foul play in the local man's disappearance.  
 Everett confirmed the Texas Department of Public Safety was assisting in the investigation and provided a helicopter Wednesday afternoon to help search the areas in and around the Canterbury facility.



Batie

## Law enforcement dispatch lines to be down for a short time Saturday

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Area law enforcement officials are asking Howard County residents to call 911 if they need assistance for a 30-minute period Saturday, as work to prepare the newly constructed Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center for its final move-in continues.  
 According to Sheriff Stan Parker, the phones normally answered by dispatchers — along with other phone lines in the Howard County Detention Center — will be down for a 30-minute period beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.  
 "The techs who are coming in to install this new part of the phone system said the phones will be out for a maximum of 30 minutes," Parker said. "What they are doing is expanding the phone system



Parker

at the facility, which calls for them to add a new phone block. This requires they shut the entire system down while that's being done."  
 While the lines are down, however, Parker said Howard County 911 lines will be operational.  
 "If you have an emergency during that time period — between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday — all you need to do is call 911," Parker said. "That is regardless of whether you are calling from a landline or a cell phone."  
 Parker said problems experienced a few years ago when calling 911 on cellular devices have not only been fixed, service for these devices has been vastly improved.  
 "A few years ago, if you dialed 911 on a cell phone, sometimes the caller's number would come up on our screens and sometimes they wouldn't. It was pretty frustrating," Parker said. "However, these days those problems have been fixed. Now, when you dial 911 from your

cell phone, the dispatchers are able to see the number as well as the location, thanks to cell tower triangulation."  
 Saturday's expansion of the facility's phone system heralds the final move-in for the joint law enforcement center, which will soon house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department.  
 "This is one of the final changes that has to happen so the police department can move in," Parker said. "The furniture is expected to begin arriving Dec. 4, so we're hoping to be able to begin the moving process the day after that. Nothing is set in stone at this point, but I've sat down with Police Chief Lonnie Smith and this is the plan we're looking at."  
 The new Troy Hogue Joint Law Enforcement

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## Obituaries

## C.L. (Cleo) Carlile



C.L. (Cleo) Carlile, 75, of Big Spring and Hawaii went to his eternal home Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Greg Hall, president of Warner University, Lake Wales, Fla., officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Cleo was born Sept. 21, 1937, in Hardesty, Okla., to Clifford Cleo Carlile and Eula Mae Webb Carlile. He grew up primarily in Oklahoma, where his father was a minister. He attended school in Texhoma, Okla., but graduated from Beaver, Okla., High School, where his father was the minister of the First Church of God.

He attended Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, Texas, for two years and graduated from Bethany College in Oklahoma City, Okla., with a bachelor of science degree in education. He later attended the University of Houston in Houston, Texas, receiving a masters degree in psychology.

He started his teaching career in Knott, Texas. After a year, he moved to Big Spring and taught science at Runnels Junior High. Later, he became a principal and served Airport, Kentwood and Washington schools at different times.

He loved teaching and enjoyed being an administrator, but decided to follow his dreams of having his own business. His first business adventure was owning a used car lot in Houston, Texas, with his best friend Max McAdams. He later bought a Radio Shack franchise, which evolved into an electronics business and later Starcom, which was a satellite television business.

Also during this time, he had a background music business called Mutex Sound and distributed TV Facts, which was a television guide with paid advertising.

He was blessed by three beautiful wives during his life. His first wife, Doris, mother of Beverly and Joey, passed during childbirth. His second wife, Thelma, mother of Cyndee and Deanna, passed in 2011 after 41 years of marriage; and lastly, Susan Fletcher Carlile.

He is survived by his sweetie-pie, Susan Fletcher Carlile of Hawaii; sister, Linda Lindell of Big Spring; four adoring children, daughter, Cyndee Eastin and husband Darell of Fort Worth, daughter, Beverly Paul and husband Ervin of Hilo, Hawaii, daughter, Deanna Gross and husband David of Keller and son, Joey Carlile of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Daniel Beauchamp, Dustyn Beauchamp, Kimberley Eastin, Rebekah Hill, Stephen Eastin, Jonathan Gross, Jared Gross and Lauren O'Neill; four precious great-granddaughters, Lily Beauchamp, Paige Hill and Alexa and Payton O'Neill; and nine treasured nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Eula Carlile; and infant daughter, Carmen Lynette Carlile.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Opal Cluck



Opal Cluck, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at the Ackerly Cemetery in Ackerly, Texas, with Derrick Looney officiating.

She was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Morgan, Texas, and married Norman William Cluck on Aug. 22, 1942, in Old Glory, Texas. He preceded her in death March 11, 1997.

Opal was a longtime resident of Ackerly and was a farmer's wife. She enjoyed crafts, especially making personalized cards and never missed anyone's anniversary or birthday.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

Survivors include one son, Benny Cluck and wife Lynn of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Kara Shawver and husband Joey of Jacksboro, Jon Cluck and wife Samantha of Big Spring and Joel Cluck of Breckenridge; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

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

*Paid obituary*

## James B. Hodnett

James B. Hodnett, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Elias 'Lee' Munoz

Elias "Lee" Munoz, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- AMANDA LOUISE CHRISTIAN, 39, of 1700 S. Donley, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency.
- KEVIN DEWAYNE MORRIS, 28, of 1144 Mulberry, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 30, of 105 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL SHAY VANDERBILT, 38, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (apartment number not provided), was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle and abandoning/endangering a child – criminal negligence.
- JOHN F. DARICEK, 73, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- AMANDA LOUISE CHRISTIAN, 39, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on Hill County warrants for aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts).
- KEVIN DEWAYNE MORRIS, 28, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on Garza County warrants for assault causing bodily injury (two counts).
- MICHAEL VANDERBILT, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle and abandoning/endangering a child – criminal negligence.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 30, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOHN F. DARICEK, 73, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of N. Runnels. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of Scott Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Mishler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

| Sat 12/1  | Sun 12/2   | Mon 12/3   | Tue 12/4   | Wed 12/5   |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| 80/52<br>Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s. | 79/54<br>Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s. | 79/45<br>Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s. | 66/37<br>Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s. | 64/36<br>Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s. |
| Sunrise: 7:30 AM<br>Sunset: 5:41 PM                           | Sunrise: 7:30 AM<br>Sunset: 5:41 PM                                    | Sunrise: 7:31 AM<br>Sunset: 5:41 PM                                    | Sunrise: 7:32 AM<br>Sunset: 5:41 PM                                | Sunrise: 7:33 AM<br>Sunset: 5:41 PM                                  |



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|----------------|----|----|----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene        | 78 | 58 | sunny    | Kingsville      | 83 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo       | 77 | 40 | pt sunny | Livingston      | 76 | 56 | pt sunny |
| Austin         | 77 | 61 | pt sunny | Longview        | 74 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont       | 76 | 60 | pt sunny | Lubbock         | 78 | 41 | sunny    |
| Brownsville    | 84 | 65 | pt sunny | Lufkin          | 77 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood      | 79 | 59 | pt sunny | Midland         | 80 | 51 | sunny    |
| Corpus Christi | 80 | 64 | pt sunny | Raymondville    | 83 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana      | 76 | 60 | cloudy   | Rosenberg       | 78 | 59 | pt sunny |
| Dallas         | 76 | 61 | cloudy   | San Antonio     | 77 | 62 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio        | 80 | 60 | pt sunny | San Marcos      | 78 | 60 | pt sunny |
| El Paso        | 73 | 42 | sunny    | Sulphur Springs | 75 | 62 | cloudy   |
| Fort Stockton  | 83 | 50 | sunny    | Sweetwater      | 78 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Gainesville    | 74 | 57 | cloudy   | Tyler           | 76 | 60 | cloudy   |
| Greenville     | 74 | 58 | cloudy   | Weatherford     | 75 | 56 | cloudy   |
| Houston        | 77 | 59 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls   | 79 | 55 | windy    |

## National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 65 | 48 | cloudy   | Minneapolis    | 43 | 34 | cloudy    |
| Boston      | 39 | 37 | mixed    | New York       | 46 | 43 | cloudy    |
| Chicago     | 54 | 50 | cloudy   | Phoenix        | 75 | 51 | mst sunny |
| Dallas      | 76 | 61 | cloudy   | San Francisco  | 61 | 59 | rain      |
| Denver      | 60 | 37 | pt sunny | Seattle        | 50 | 43 | rain      |
| Houston     | 77 | 59 | pt sunny | St. Louis      | 64 | 58 | cloudy    |
| Los Angeles | 63 | 58 | rain     | Washington, DC | 53 | 44 | pt sunny  |
| Miami       | 78 | 66 | pt sunny |                |    |    |           |

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

| Sat 12/1 | Sun 12/2 | Mon 12/3 | Tue 12/4 | Wed 12/5 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 4        | 4        | 4        | 4        | 3        |
| Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate |

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Take Note

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

• Whiting Oil and Gas Big Spring employees are organizing a food drive to help families in need throughout the community. The drive will be held through Dec. 20. Food donations (non-perishable) can be dropped off at the Whiting Big Spring Field Office, 5306 South Service Road. For more information, call the local office at 432-264-0004 and ask for Cindy Klaus, Vickie Reynolds or Mark Strickland.

• 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.

• 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 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.



# Palestinians certain to win recognition as a state

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Palestinians are certain to win U.N. recognition as a state Thursday but success could exact a high price: Israel and the United States warn it could delay hopes of achieving an independent Palestinian state through peace talks with Israel.

The United States, Israel's closest ally, mounted an aggressive campaign to head off the General Assembly vote. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defiantly declared Thursday that the Palestinians would have to back down from long-held positions if they ever hope to gain independence.

Ahead of Thursday's vote, thousands of Palestinians from rival factions celebrated in the streets of the West Bank. Although the initiative will not immediately bring about independence, the Palestinians view it as a historic step in their quest for global recognition.

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In a last-ditch move Wednesday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns made a personal appeal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas promising that President Barack Obama would re-engage as a mediator in 2013 if Abbas abandoned the effort to seek statehood. The Palestinian

leader refused, said Abbas aide Saeb Erekat.

With most of the 193 General Assembly member states sympathetic to the Palestinians, the vote is certain to succeed. Several key countries, including France, have recently announced they would support the move to elevate the Palestinians from the status of U.N. observer to nonmember observer state. However, a country's vote in favor of the status change does not automatically imply its individual recognition of a Palestine state, something that must be done bilaterally.

The Palestinians say they need U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, the lands Israel captured in 1967, to be able to resume negotiations with Israel. They say global recognition of the 1967 lines as the borders of Palestine is meant to salvage a peace deal, not sabotage it, as Israel claims.

The non-member observer state status could also open the way for possible war crimes charges against the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Netanyahu warned the Palestinians Thursday that they would not win their hoped-for state until they recognize Israel as the Jewish homeland, declare an end to their conflict with the Jewish state and agree to security arrangements that protect

Israel.

"The resolution in the U.N. today won't change anything on the ground," Netanyahu declared. "It won't advance the establishment of a Palestinian state, but rather, put it further off."

While Israel argues that Abbas is trying to dictate the outcome of border talks by going to the U.N., the recognition request presented to the world body in fact calls for a quick resumption of negotiations on all core issues of the conflict, including borders.

Netanyahu's predecessors accepted the 1967 lines as a basis for border talks. Netanyahu has rejected the idea, while pressing ahead with Jewish settlement building on war-won land, giving Abbas little incentive to negotiate.

For Abbas, the U.N. bid is crucial if he wants to maintain his leadership and relevance, especially following the recent conflict between his Hamas rivals in Gaza and Israel. The conflict saw the Islamic militant group claim victory and raise its standing in the Arab world, while Abbas' Fatah movement was sidelined and marginalized.

In a departure from previous opposition, the Hamas militant group, which rules the Gaza Strip, said it wouldn't interfere with the U.N. bid, and its supporters joined some of the celebrations Thursday.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, some in a crowd of several thousand raised green Hamas flags, while in the city of Ramallah, senior figures of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, two militant groups normally opposed to Abbas, addressed the crowd.

"It's the right step in the right direction," Nasser al-Shaer, a former deputy prime minister from Hamas, said of the U.N. bid.

The Palestinians chose the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People" for the vote. Before it takes place, there will be a morning of speeches by supporters focusing on the rights of the Palestinians. Abbas is scheduled to speak at that meeting, and again in the afternoon when he will present the case for Palestinian statehood in the General Assembly.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned Wednesday that the U.N. vote will not fulfill the goal of independent Palestinian and Israeli states living side by side in peace, which the U.S. strongly supports because that requires direct negotiations.

"We need an environment conducive to that," she told reporters in Washington. "And we've urged both parties to refrain from actions that might in any way make a return to meaningful negotiations that focus on getting to a resolution more

difficult."

The U.S. Congress has threatened financial sanctions if the Palestinians improve their status at the United Nations.

Ahead of the vote, Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch filed an amendment to a defense bill Wednesday that would eliminate funding for the United Nations if the General Assembly changes Palestine's status.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev said that by going to the U.N., the Palestinians violate "both the spirit and the word of signed agreements to solve issues through negotiations," which broke down four years ago.

But Israeli officials appeared to back away from threats of drastic measures if the Palestinians get U.N. approval, with officials suggesting the government would take steps only if the Palestinians use their new status to act against Israel.

Regev, meanwhile, affirmed that Israel is willing to resume talks without preconditions.

U.N. diplomats said they will be listening closely to Abbas' speech to the General Assembly on Thursday afternoon before the vote to see if he makes an offer of fresh negotiations with no strings, which could lead to new talks.

The Palestinians have been demanding a freeze on Israeli settlements as a precondition.

## Support groups

### MONDAY

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellow-

ship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkings Support Group meetings at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1

p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle

of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• 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.ccbigspring.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 Anony-

mous 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.

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thing feels off at this point."

Batie is described as a white male, 5 feet 2 inches tall, 140 pounds with gray hair.

"Anyone with infor-

mation regarding Mr. Batie's whereabouts is asked to contact the BSPD at 432-264-2550 and 432-264-2244," Everett said.

Everett confirmed the Texas Department of Public Safety is assisting in the investigation and provided a helicopter Wednesday afternoon

to help search the areas in and around the Canterbury facility. However, the search yielded no clues as to the local man's whereabouts.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

# The spirit of compromise is there somewhere

As President Barack Obama and top congressional leaders returned to Washington, they were saying all the right things, with their aides claiming to detect a new spirit of compromise in the air.

Obama devoted Wednesday to conferring with the four top congressional leaders before a return trip to Washington.

To other observers, the new spirit of compromise proved elusive, since, stripped of the conciliatory tone, the parties seemed to be right back where they were before they left Washington.

The lawmakers may have heard the voters, but the voters seemed to say different things.

House Speaker John Boehner raised Democratic hopes when he said, "Republicans are willing to accept new revenues." That seemed to suggest that he accepted Obama adviser David Axelrod's conclusion from the election that the voters favored higher taxes on those earning more than \$250,000.

Boehner, more than any other lawmaker, is key to any final deal. But as he explained his supposedly new position on new revenues, more caveats emerged.

The increased revenue, he said, must come "as the byproduct of a growing economy, energized by a simpler, cleaner, fairer tax code with fewer loopholes and lower rates for all."

This is never-never talk. Everybody is in favor of tax reform until the actual details emerge of how to bring it about, and then everybody and their lobbyists are opposed to some element of reform.

The few times we've had genuine tax overhaul, it has been the work of exceptional legislators in exceptional times. We could be in an exceptional time now.

Obama has a mandate, not an overwhelming one, but a mandate nonetheless and lame duck presidents traditionally have two years in which they are capable of major accomplishments.

Boehner, a skilled legislative practitioner, has been hamstrung by his rambunctious Republican caucus. However, voters trimmed some of the wilder members of that caucus and reined in others.

If there is to be compromise, it will be up to Boehner and Obama to bring it about.

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# Political genuises, political fools

In a couple of days, the top operatives of the Democratic and Republican presidential campaigns will gather at Harvard University's Institute of Politics to discuss the strategies and tactics they used this year.

In the past, it has been a very illuminating exercise. After campaigns are over, the winners always look like geniuses and the losers always look like fools, but the truth is rarely that simple.

Campaigns are made up of thousands of decisions, large and small, many made after deep study and some done on the fly. In addition, circumstances beyond the control of either side as well as sheer, dumb luck often play a part.

One of the things I hope the operatives will discuss this week is voter suppression, how it was supposed to work and how it failed.

Voter suppression is not some fantasy or conspiracy theory. It is a real tactic. Campaigns want to "get out the vote," but only among their voters. The other guys' voters? Well, maybe they can be discouraged a little.

Shortly after one Election Day, a group of top Republican legislative aides met on Capitol Hill to discuss the future. "The whole point was, how can we stop, how can we suppress their people from voting?" a disgusted Republican staffer who was at the meeting told me. "It's just so stupid."

The staffer believed the future of the Republican Party should be to win over Democratic voters, especially minorities, instead of suppressing their votes. "Why don't we give that a shot?" he asked me.

"We could poll-tax them," he added sarcastically. "And giving them shitty voting machines seems to be the latest tactic."



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That meeting was held a dozen years ago. I wrote about it in a book I did on the 2000 campaign. Voter suppression was on the minds of Republican operatives because they could see the future, and it didn't include them. John McCain's chief pollster, Bill McInturff, noted that America was becoming a "black and brown country."

Matthew Dowd, George W. Bush's chief pollster, wrote a secret memo after the 2000 campaign warning Republicans that they were underperforming among minorities, especially Hispanics. Unless Republicans could make up this gap, they were soon going to be doomed as a national party, he said.

Dowd did not advocate suppressing minority voters. Instead, he advocated reaching out to them, especially Hispanics.

Due to a Republican hardline stance on immigration, however, some felt suppression seemed a more likely pathway to victory.

And they have had a dozen years to work on it. That work, in state after state, did not go unnoticed this time around. In a speech in September, Bill Clinton said: "Do you really want to live in a country where one party is so desperate to win the White House that they go around trying to make it harder for people to vote if they're people of color, poor people or first-generation immigrants?"

Speaking to young voters in July 2011, Clinton had said: "One of the most pervasive political movements going on outside Washington today is the disciplined, passionate, determined effort of Republican governors and legislators to keep most of you from voting next time."

He concluded: "There has never been in my lifetime, since we got rid of the poll tax and all the Jim Crow burdens on voting, the determined effort to limit the franchise that we see today."

According to a lengthy article in "Rolling Stone" in July 2011, more than a dozen states had ad-

opted "new obstacles to voting." In Florida, people waited in lines for up to seven hours to cast a ballot this year. As the Miami Herald noted: "Early voting the Sunday before Election Day used to be allowed. But it was eliminated by the GOP-controlled state Legislature and Republican Gov. Rick Scott last year after Barack Obama used early voting to help him win Florida in 2008 — and therefore the presidency."

On the night he was re-elected, Obama said: "I want to thank every American who participated in this election, whether you voted for the very first time or waited in line for a very long time." And then he sternly added, "By the way, we have to fix that."

What is the ethical difference, you might ask, between early voting, which has favored Democrats, and voter suppression, which has favored Republicans?

Simple. Early voting facilitates exactly what this nation is supposed to be about, encouraging people to exercise their right to engage in the most fundamental process of government, the process of voting. Voter suppression is the opposite: It is intended to exclude people from their constitutional right to vote.

In a speech in Fort Dodge, Iowa, shortly before Election Day, Joe Biden said: "The problem is, you never can outrun your shadow. It's just not possible. You know, it always catches up with you. Unless the sun goes down." And then he added, "I think the sun's about to go down on those boys."

Some of those boys are going to gather at Harvard this week where, it is to be hoped, a bright light will be aimed on some of those shadows.

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# If no one goes with you, you can't win

The passage in Ruth (1:16) highlights what it means to belong: "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God my God."

This was Ruth's response when her mother-in-law Naomi suggested she go back to her own people after the death of her husband (Naomi's son). But Ruth was determined to stay, to be with Naomi.

In a broader context of groups and leaders, Ericka Anderson, author of the new book "Leading So People Will Follow," describes great business leaders we are drawn to follow.

"We are drawn to leaders who articulate a possible future in a way that speaks to us and includes us. Farsighted leaders use their clarity of vision and their articulation of a successful future to pull people out of fear or shortsightedness and into hopefulness and a sense of purpose.

"People want leaders who look beyond today. ... They look to the leader to articulate, in a compelling way, a clear and positive future state toward which they can direct their efforts. When leaders focus only on the current crisis or this quarter's numbers, it seems to us that they're more interested in maintaining the status quo or protecting themselves than in creating a successful future."

"A truly farsighted leader," she continues, "envisions a possible future that responds to and resonates with people's aspirations for their individual and collective success. When employees or

potential employees hear about the good leader's vision, their visceral response is, 'Yes, I want to go there, too.'"

In the final count, more Americans voted to go with President Barack Obama than with Republican nominee Mitt Romney. This was an election that, given the state of the economy, the Republicans should have won. In the most simplistic form, what happened was that the Republican Party led, and not enough people followed.

A CNN/ORC poll provides a window into what might have gone wrong: The Democratic Party received the most favorable rating (51 percent) and lowest unfavorable rating (41 percent). The Republican Party received a 39 percent favorable versus a 53 percent unfavorable, while the tea party results were 32 percent unfavorable, 50 percent unfavorable (1,023 sample, Nov. 16-18, plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The favorability gap between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party is 12 points. Romney received a much greater percentage of the vote than the Republican favorability rating alone would have predicted.

Why are Democrats rated more favorably? Democrats have been much more competent at appealing to voters' emotions, at communicating that they care. The truth is that Republicans care, too; they just don't wear their hearts on their sleeves, nor do they communicate well that they care.

Democrats posture themselves as ready to do business, while some Republicans shout out their unyielding position.

Let's take the "no new taxes" pledge as an example. While "no new taxes" is appropriate at the vision level, does it work at the tactical level? Politics is success-

ful only if it results in implemented policy; the rest is for naught. Since both sides have to negotiate to get a budget passed and implemented, is it smart tactically to say to the other side, "I'm just not willing to negotiate" on this, that or the other?

Would it make more sense to enter the negotiation with everything on the table, but in the end agree only to what fits our values?

Republicans have been so busy holding a hard-line stance that they appear intolerant to most Americans. Meanwhile, Obama has been talking about a "fair share" and "balanced" approach to the fiscal crisis.

You decide who is winning the communication battle.

Republicans need to communicate a compelling vision in order to win the hearts, minds and votes of the American people. This vision needs to be inviting to others, not off-putting or offensive.

This vision would provide a framework for the tactics. Will others want to follow us? Only if the party offers a compelling vision, one that is inclusive and inviting. At every possible point, the question should be: Are we articulating a vision that people will hear and respond to?

In the end, it's not enough to have the right policies or the right moral values. It comes down to who wants to go with you. If no one goes with you, you cannot win.

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## News in brief

### White House, Congress to talk as fears increase that government heading toward 'fiscal cliff'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid increasing anxiety that the White House and top Republicans are wasting time as the government slides toward an economy-rattling "fiscal cliff," administration officials are heading to Capitol Hill for talks with congressional leaders.

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and senior White House aide Rob Nabors were to visit separately Thursday with the four leaders of the House and Senate to discuss how to avert a series of tax increases and spending cuts due to begin in January. Republicans complain that the White House is slow-walking the talks and has yet to provide specifics on how President Barack Obama would curb the rapid growth of benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

There's been little evident progress in negotiations between the White House and the lead GOP negotiator, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio. Boehner's lieutenants say the White House has been slow to engage.

"We have not seen any good-faith effort on the part of this administration to talk about the real problem that we're trying to fix," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Obama is mounting a public campaign to build support and leverage in the negotiations, appearing at the White House with middle-class taxpayers and launching a campaign on Twitter to bolster his position.

### Palestinians certain to win UN recognition as a state but opposition could delay independence

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Palestinians are certain to win U.N. recognition as a state on Thursday but success could exact a high price: delaying an independent state of Palestine because of Israel's vehement opposition.

The United States, Israel's closest ally, mounted an aggressive campaign to head off the General Assembly vote, which the Palestinians view as a historic step in their quest for global recognition.

The Palestinians say they need U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, the lands Israel captured in 1967, to be able to resume negotiations with Israel and the non-member observer state status could also open the way for possible war crimes charges against the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

In a last-ditch move Wednesday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns made a personal appeal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas promising that President Barack Obama would re-engage as a mediator in 2013 if Abbas abandoned the effort to seek statehood. But the Palestinian leader refused, said Abbas aide Saeb Erekat.

For Abbas, the U.N. bid is crucial if he wants to maintain his leadership and relevance, especially following the recent conflict between his Hamas rivals in Gaza and Israel. It saw the Islamic militant group claim victory and raise its standing in the Arab world while his Fatah movement was

sidelined and marginalized.

### Eyes on Ariz. and Mo. as hunt for winners begins in record \$579.9 million Powerball jackpot

CHICAGO (AP) — The richest Powerball jackpot ever — and the second-largest top prize in U.S. lottery history — has been won. The question now becomes: Who are the lucky winners waking up to new lives as multimillionaires?

Powerball officials said early Thursday morning that tickets sold in Arizona and Missouri matched all six numbers to win the record \$579.9 million jackpot.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night are: 5, 16, 22, 23, 29 and Powerball of 6.

It was not clear whether the winning tickets belonged to individuals or were purchased by groups. Arizona lottery officials said early Thursday morning they had no information on that state's winner or winners but would announce where it was sold during a news conference later in the day. Lottery officials in Missouri did not immediately respond to phone messages and emails seeking comment.

Americans went on a ticket-buying spree in the run-up to Wednesday's drawing, the big money enticing many people who rarely, if ever, play the lottery to purchase a shot at the second-largest payout in U.S. history.

### Obama invites Romney to private White House lunch; efficiency among likely topics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bitter campaign foes just weeks ago, President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are sharing lunch at the White House with an eye on overlapping interests rather than the sharp differences that defined their presidential contest.

In their first meeting since the election, Obama and the Republican nominee are to meet in the White House's private dining room Thursday, fulfilling a promise Obama made in his victory speech the night of Nov. 6.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Obama had no specific agenda for the meeting, but he said the president would like to discuss Romney's ideas for making government more efficient. Obama has proposed merging some functions of government related to business and has asked Congress for authority to undertake some executive branch reorganization.

"The president noted that Gov. Romney did a terrific job running the Olympics and that that skills set lends itself to ideas that could make the federal government work better, which is a passion of the president's," Carney said.

### Crackdown on copper mine protest in Myanmar injures dozens hours before Suu Kyi visit

MONYWA, Myanmar (AP) — Security forces used water cannons and other riot gear Thursday to clear protesters from a copper mine in northwestern Myanmar, wounding villagers and Buddhist monks just hours before opposition leader Aung San

Suu Kyi arrived in the area to hear their grievances.

The crackdown at the Letpadaung mine near the town of Monywa risks becoming a public relations and political fiasco for the reformist government of President Thein Sein, which has been touting its transition to democracy after almost five decades of repressive military rule.

The environmental and social damage allegedly produced by the mine has become a popular cause in activist circles, but was not yet a matter of broad public concern. However, hurting monks — as admired for their social activism as they are revered for their spiritual beliefs — is sure to antagonize many ordinary people, especially as Suu Kyi's visit highlights the events.

"This is unacceptable," said Otama Thara, a 25-year-old monk who was at the protest. "This kind of violence should not happen under a government that says it is committed to democratic reforms."

According to a nurse at a Monywa hospital, 27 monks and one other person were admitted with burns caused by some sort of projectile that released sparks or embers. Two of the monks with serious injuries were sent for treatment in Mandalay, Myanmar's second biggest city, a 2½ hour drive away. Other evicted protesters gathered at a Buddhist temple about 5 kilometers (3 miles) from the mine's gates.

### UN war crimes court acquits former Kosovo prime minister of murder, torture charges

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A U.N. war crimes tribunal on Thursday acquitted the former prime minister of Kosovo and two of his former Kosovo Liberation Army comrades for the second time of murdering and torturing Serbs and their supporters in Kosovo's war for independence.

The verdicts came in the U.N. court's first ever retrial, which was

ordered after appeals judges branded the 2008 acquittal of former Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj and KLA fighter Idriz Balaj and the conviction of a third KLA commander, Lahi Brahimaj a "miscarriage of justice" because of widespread intimidation of prosecution witnesses.

The acquittals clear the way for a return to the political scene for Haradinaj, seen before his 2005 indictment as a unifying force in deeply divided Kosovo, but could complicate talks between Pristina and Belgrade on Kosovo's future.

His British lawyer, Ben Emmerson confirmed that Haradinaj wants to return to power.

"With the consent of the people, he will soon be resuming his rightful position as the political leader of the country," Emmerson said.

### Owner of Bangladesh factory ravaged in fire says he didn't know it needed emergency exits

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The owner of a Bangladesh clothing factory where a fire killed 112 people says he was never informed the facility was required to have an emergency exit, a sign of how far removed the leaders of the nation's garment industry are from issues of worker safety.

"It was my fault. But nobody told me that there was no emergency exit, which could be made accessible from outside," factory owner Delwar Hosain was quoted Thursday as telling The Daily Star newspaper. "Nobody even advised me to install one like that, apart from the existing ones."

"I could have done it. But nobody ever suggested that I do it," said Hosain, who could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press on Thursday.

Activists in the South Asian country hope the tragedy will invigorate their lengthy — but fruitless — efforts to upgrade safety standards and force stronger government oversight of the powerful industry.

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## News in brief

### Veterans sue railroad over fatal crash

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Two Army veterans and their wives on Wednesday sued the railroad company whose train hit a truck carrying veterans and their spouses during a parade in Texas.

Four veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan were killed and 16 more people were injured in the Nov. 15 collision. They had been riding on a flatbed truck in the parade organized to honor wounded veterans for their military service and were in the process of crossing the tracks when the crash happened. Officials have said the truck entered the crossing after the warning signals began sounding.

The lawsuit was filed by Richard Sanchez and Todd King and their wives, but one of their attorneys said he expects other veterans to join it. He said the lawsuit was filed with just two couples because steps needed to be taken quickly to preserve evidence.

The lawsuit claims negligence and recklessness on the part of Union Pacific Railroad Inc. and Smith Industries Inc., the company that owned the truck, led to the collision. It was filed in Midland, where the crash happened.

The veterans have not asked for a specific amount in damages because their "No. 1 desire is that no accident like this ever happens again," said Bob Pottroff, one of the attorneys representing the two couples.

The lawsuit claims the railroad was negligent in 28 ways, including failing to provide reasonable and timely audible and visual warning of the approaching train and failure to provide a safe railroad crossing. It also says the train did not brake or otherwise attempt to slow and the railroad hadn't fixed what it claims are hazardous conditions posed by the road grade.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza-Williams said the company would not comment on the lawsuit specifically, but she noted in an email that federal investigators have already determined the truck moved onto the tracks after the red flashing lights and bells activated.

### 1 dies in Houston shuttle crash at hospital center

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators in Houston say a pedestrian died after she was pinned to a light pole by a shuttle bus that crashed at the Texas Medical Center complex.

The Houston Fire Department says 11 people on board were injured Wednesday night. The woman who was killed had been standing near the pole.

Authorities say the driver of the bus, which is used to haul employees around the sprawling hospital campus, may have suffered a medical problem. Deputy Chief Fernando Herrera says a passenger then apparently tried to steer the vehicle but the shuttle hit the pole.

Herrera says 17 people were on the bus. The driver and 10 passengers were treated for injuries ranging from cuts and bruises to a broken arm.

### Texas Ethics Commission could take over for county

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Ethics Commission could take over ethics enforcement of public officials from the Travis County district attorney's office.

The commission meets Thursday in Austin. The Austin American-Statesman reports the panel is expected to consider a recommendation moving some investigative and prosecution authority and budget from the county public integrity unit.

A Texas Sunset Advisory Commission report last summer criticized the eight-member ethics panel

for its lax enforcement. The review stopped short of recommending that the commission become a beefed-up enforcement agency for state ethics laws.

District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg says she has not been contacted about the proposal, opposes it and questions whether a transfer of ethics duties would be legal.

The Texas Ethics Commission was created in 1991 by a state constitutional amendment.

### Dewhurst to preview upcoming legislative session

DALLAS (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will give a North Texas business group a preview of what he sees as the compelling issues to be faced by the session of the Texas Legislature convening in January.

The Republican will address the issues before the Dallas Regional Chamber at a noon luncheon in Dallas on Thursday.

Dewhurst, who lost a U.S. Senate bid earlier this year to fellow Republican Ted Cruz, presides over the Texas Senate. He has said that he intends for the Senate to produce a state spending plan for the next two years that "is at or below inflation plus population growth."

However, Democrats have warned against making such promises when the Legislature needs to make up a \$4.7 billion deficit in the current budget.

### Instructor faces hearing for trainee relationships

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force trainer at a San Antonio base faces a hearing on whether he gets court-martialed for having improper relationships with trainees.

An Air Force statement says Staff Sgt. Christopher Jackson is accused of having "unprofessional relationships" with two trainees at Lackland Air Force Base. He's also accused of obstructing justice.

He's scheduled for an Article 32 hearing at Lackland on Thursday. That's the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury session.

Investigators say more than 40 women at Lackland in the past year had inappropriate contact with instructors or were sexually harassed or raped. Five instructors have been convicted since July. Nearly a dozen others have been under investigation.

### John Paul's artifacts, memorabilia to come to U.S.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Promoters of a traveling exhibit of artifacts and memorabilia belonging to Pope John Paul II will reveal more details of the tour beginning next year in Lubbock.

The exhibit called "I Have Come to You Again" opens in Lubbock on March 15. The Lubbock-based nonprofit National Exhibits Association will provide more details Thursday on other stops of the exhibit tour and the items to be displayed.

The organization managing the U.S. stops says the exhibit will have items from throughout the popular pope's life, from his childhood in Poland through his death in 2005.

It's to have about 130 items, including historic documents, personal belongings, artwork John Paul collected, gifts and art objects given to him.

### Arrest warrant out for judge over speeding ticket

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An arrest warrant is outstanding for the senior member of the top Texas criminal appeals court after he failed to pay a \$193 fine on a 2008 speeding ticket.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the warrant was issued Oct. 20 for the arrest of Judge Lawrence Meyers of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He's been involved in a long-running dispute with the city of Austin over a citation for driving 19 mph over the speed limit on Interstate 35.

Meyers had pleaded guilty to speeding Aug. 8 and was given two months to pay what had become \$481

in penalties and costs. But Meyers told the newspaper that he has withheld payment to preserve his right to appeal the fine. He said he now wants to go to trial.

### Dallas police officer on leave after violent rap

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police lieutenant whose officer husband was killed while on duty three years ago has been put on administrative leave as officials investigate her side job as local rapper Lucille Baller, who in one song threatens to shoot anyone who messes with her.

Lt. Regina Smith, who oversees burglary and theft detectives for two patrol investigative units, also runs Big Rush In LLC. She started the music production company and independent record label after the 2009 death of her husband, Dallas Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith, who was nicknamed the "Big Russian."

"Don't push Ms. Lucy, because you won't like the consequences. Mess with me or I will shoot a (expletive), cuz Lucille Baller, she been to hell and back," Lt. Smith raps in a song that has since been removed from Big Rush In's website, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The newspaper and WFAA-TV both reported that Smith has been placed on administrative leave.

Smith did not immediately return calls or an email to The Associated Press seeking comment Wednesday. A Dallas police spokesman also did not return calls to the AP.

### Texas millionaire charged with child molestation

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Stanley Marsh 3, the eccentric millionaire artist best known for his "Caddillac Ranch" art display along an interstate in the Texas Panhandle, was charged Wednesday with 11 felony counts of molesting children.

The 74-year-old turned himself in at a county jail after an arrest warrant was issued, accusing him of molesting two teenagers in 2010. His arrest follows the filing of several lawsuits against him for allegedly paying 10 teens for sex acts.

The charges could go before a grand jury in the next few weeks or soon after the first of the year, special prosecutor Matt Powell said.

"This is the beginning of the process," Powell said. "This is what we felt like we needed to do."

According to criminal complaints filed in Potter County, Marsh had the teens engage in sexual acts, including masturbation and oral sex, on three days in 2010. He was charged with six counts of child sexual assault and five counts of sexual performance by a child.

Marsh's criminal attorneys, Paul Nugent and Heather Peterson of Houston, denied the charges, saying in a statement that the teens in the civil cases waited until Marsh suffered a massive stroke last year to move forward with a plan "to become multimillionaires" by signing with a Houston personal injury attorney.

### Texas out to seize Warren Jeffs' polygamist ranch

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas wants ownership of Warren Jeffs' massive ranch where prosecutors say the convicted polygamist sect leader and his followers sexually assaulted dozens of children, the state attorney general's office said Wednesday.

A judge will determine whether to grant the state control of the nearly 1,700-acre property owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. According to local tax records, the total value of the land is appraised at more than \$33 million.

Seeking to bolster their case for seizures, prosecutors also allege that FLDS leaders financed the property through money laundering. The sect bought the land for about \$1.1 million in 2003, according to an affidavit filed Wednesday.

Starting with a raid on the secluded Schleicher County ranch in April 2008, the state spent more than \$4.5 million racking up swift convictions against Jeffs and 10 of his followers. Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said the warrant begins the final chapter in the state's five-year-old investigation into the sect.

"This is simply the next step," Strickland said.

Texas Rangers raided the ranch following a call to a domestic abuse hotline that turned out to be false, and took 439 children into state custody. Jeffs last year was convicted of sexually assaulting two minors whom he described as his spiritual wives. At trial, prosecutors presented DNA evidence to show he fathered a child with one of those girls, aged 15.


### 2 Texans accused of making 'animal crush videos'

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man and woman are jailed on federal and state charges that they made and distributed videos of living animals being tortured and killed.

The seven-count federal grand jury indictment accuses Ashley Nicole Richards and Brent Justice of making eight videos of puppies, chickens and kittens being tortured and killed. If convicted on all five "animal crush" charges and two obscenity counts, the pair could be sentenced to up to 45 years in prison.

Both already faced state animal cruelty charges. Richards, who's 22, is in Harris County Jail in Houston with bonds totaling \$290,000. Justice, who's 51, is jailed on \$15,000 bond. A Justice Department statement says both will be transferred to federal custody.

Defense attorneys for both didn't respond to messages seeking comment.



## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Two Chances Are Better Than One

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

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| ♥ Q 10 7     |  | ♥ J 9 2        |  |
| ♦ Q J 9 8    |  | ♦ 10           |  |
| ♣ J          |  | ♣ Q 10 8 6 5 4 |  |
| <b>SOUTH</b> |  |                |  |
| ♠ A Q 7      |  |                |  |
| ♥ K 8 4 3    |  |                |  |
| ♦ K 6 2      |  |                |  |
| ♣ A K 9      |  |                |  |

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♠ 1♠ Pass Pass  
 1NT Pass 3NT  
 Opening lead — jack of spades.

It is not unusual for declarer to start out with one plan of play and then abandon it for another line of play when he discovers that the first plan cannot succeed. This is surely a wise practice, since it cannot be right to cling to a method of play merely because it seemed correct at the start. South did not apply this principle in the accompanying deal and went down as a result.

West led the jack of spades against three notrump, and South won with the queen. Declarer now played the king and another diamond, following low from dummy after West produced the nine. West led a second round of spades, establishing his suit, and South eventually went down one.

In effect, declarer staked the outcome solely on a 3-2 diamond division, which would occur in slightly better than two out of every three deals. However, he should not have put all his eggs in just this one basket.

South should have taken the second diamond lead in dummy with the ace in order to learn whether or not the suit was divided 3-2. If both defenders followed, he could then lead another diamond to assure at least 10 tricks.

But if, as in the actual case, East showed out on the second diamond lead, South could then look elsewhere for his ninth trick. He would next play a low heart from dummy and follow low from his hand in the hope that the missing hearts were divided 3-3. This shift in strategy would have succeeded when declarer's fourth heart later became his ninth trick.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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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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# Closing the house for the holidays: A checklist

By LISA A. FLAM

Associated Press

The flights have been booked, the suitcases retrieved from the attic and your vacation itinerary has been set. But while your mind may be ready to wander to a faraway land, don't forget about home sweet home just yet.

Securing your home and making it look occupied while you're away on a winter vacation will help deter thieves. And some simple preparations can save you the anguish and expense of returning home to find damage if something like a dishwasher hose decides to fail in your absence.

"If you look at how long it takes compared to repairing the potential damage, it seems much easier to take the precautions than it does to make the repairs," said Richard Stone, a University of Minnesota Extension educator in housing technology.

Here's a checklist for closing up the house properly before you go:

— **Daily Check:** Arrange for a friend or neighbor to check on the house at least once a day (and feed the fish or water the plants). Give that person a copy of your itinerary and contact numbers. Ask that they call the police if they see or hear anything out of the

ordinary.

— **Mail/Newspapers:** Have the mail held, or ask a neighbor to take it in. The U.S. Postal Service will hold mail from three to 30 days. Sign up for this free service at usps.com, or pick up a form at the post office that can be given to your letter carrier, left in your mailbox or returned to your post office. Cancel newspaper deliveries, and ask your neighbor to take in any unexpected holiday packages, notices of delivery attempts that may be left on your door, or free publications tossed on the driveway. "That's a sure sign that you're not there, when all that stuff starts accumulating at your house," said Ernie Long, the crime prevention coordinator for the Aventura Police Department in Florida and an instructor for the National Crime Prevention Council.

— **Snow removal:** If you don't have a contract for regular snow removal, arrange for somebody to clear your driveway and sidewalk if there is a storm. The house will look occupied if the driveway is cleared, plus that allows any emergency crews closer access to your home. Students may want the job, but find out if they have their own equipment or need access to yours.

— **Security:** Lock all windows and doors and set your

alarm if you have one. The police also might be able to check on your house daily. If your department has one, register with its "vacation watch" or "dark house" list. "We will periodically go by and check your house to make sure everything is on the up and up," Long said. "Just about every police department offers some kind of vacation watch."

— **Lights:** To make your house look lived in, put lights on timers to mimic your typical routine. Long said he'll set his living room timer to go on in the evening for a bit, and then he'll set a bedroom light to go on for an hour before his usual bedtime. Exterior motion lights are highly effective in deterring crime because, as Long said, "you can't sneak up on them."

— **Noise:** A radio can also be set on a timer to make it seem like you're there. Burglars, looking for an empty house, will first knock on a front door, and will flee if they hear a radio, thinking you just didn't hear the knock. If nobody answers, they typically go around to a back door, where they are less visible, Long said.

— **Locks and Doors:** The back door should have a high-security lock and a strong door frame. Long recommends replacing short screws

with 3½-inch wood screws to reinforce the strike plate on the door, making it harder for a criminal to kick it in. "You need to have good-quality locks but the door frame is just as important, especially on the back door," he said. "Studies have shown that if you delay him two minutes, he'll go somewhere else."

— **Valuables:** The first place robbers go in a home is the master bedroom, Long said, where they are after money, jewelry and guns. If you have a big stash of cash or an expensive jewelry collection, he recommends storing it at a bank safety deposit box and storing any weapons in a gun safe. If you hide valuables in your home, be creative, Long said; place them in a coffee can, painted black and attached to the floor joists overhead in the basement, for instance. "If the guy is there for a while, he'll knock over everything in your house, empty every drawer, turn every mattress over and look everywhere in your house for good stuff," Long said. "They're not neat when they do it."

— **Blinds:** Leave the blinds as you normally do. If you raise and lower them daily, Long recommends keeping blinds closed in the rear of the house, in case a would-be robber is watching for movement, and keep them open in

the front.

— **Thermostat:** If you're leaving a cold weather climate, you can turn the heat down in your home, but don't turn it off altogether since that could cause damage from frozen water pipes. Stone recommends going no lower than 60 degrees. Even at that temperature, the exterior walls, which may house pipes and plumbing fixtures, will be colder, especially in older homes that may have less, or no, insulation in those outer walls. "Turning that core temperature down is going to make a significant difference in the temperature around the perimeter," Stone said.

Another concern is mold if you have humidity sources like plants or fish tanks. Colder surfaces can condense moisture and lead to mold growth.

Set your thermostat fan from "auto" to "run" or "on" to keep the flow of warm air even and continuous.

"I would rather pay a little extra in electricity for that short number of days than to come home and find that some rooms are colder than others and there was damage," Stone says.

Another way to increase air flow is to open cabinets surrounding pipes, likely in the kitchen and bathroom, and keep interior doors open.

## Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

I chose to forgive both of them, but for months now I have not been able to enjoy my life. My wife continues to work for this company, and all the conditions that existed before are still there.

My wife doesn't understand why I am so suspicious or why I don't want her to travel with him. They both reassure me that nothing is going on, but it's hard to believe.

They are constantly on the phone, sending emails or texting. She insists it is all work related, but all of her electronic devices have codes, and she refuses to let me see anything.

Am I being played for a fool? I've been in therapy and will continue. While it's helping me deal with my feelings and moods, the therapist can't tell me whether or not to stay with my wife. What do you think? — *Need Some Help, Please*

**Dear Need:** Ideally, your wife would quit her job or at least refuse to travel with this man. But if the job is a necessity, she needs to be completely transparent in all dealings with her boss. You should be able to look at her text messages and emails and even listen to her phone conversations. If she insists on keeping things from you, it means she has something to hide. Sorry.

**Dear Annie:** I am asexual, which means I

am not interested in sex and am not sexually attracted to men or women.

I am tired of having to explain myself to everyone, tired of people judging me and tired of defending myself. Why does everyone feel the need to tell me it's "just a phase," or that I am "only trying to be different"? I am 22, and I know who I am. Why can't people accept me? — *Tired in Maine*

**Dear Tired:** You really aren't required to discuss your sexual preferences or feelings with anyone. These things are personal and don't require justification. Please contact the Asexuality Visibility and Education Network at [asexuality.org](http://asexuality.org) for support and assistance.

**Dear Annie:** May I say a few things to "Unhappy Grandmother," whose son died two months ago and her daughter-in-law is already dating?

The loss of a child is very different from that

of a spouse. Many people get involved in relationships right away, and some remarry within a year.

For some widows and widowers, it is a need not to be alone. Others marry again because they want to recapture the happiness they felt. Some might remarry because a child has so much grief that they

want to fill that space and help the child heal.

I lost my husband when our son was 3 years old and started dating six months later. Please don't allow your grief to get in the way of your daughter-in-law's happiness or ruin your relationship with her. She means no disrespect to your son. Her love for him will always be

there. Consider it an honor that she is trying to find someone as special as he was. — *Been Down that Road Myself*

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## Honor Roll

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### Marcy Elementary School

#### Second Six-Weeks

##### "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Ally Baltier, Clara Bruer, Kontagious Cook, Ashton Copeland, Hailey Cuellar, Zoey Garza, Miranda Gomez, Joseph Gonzales, Destiny Hodnett, Juan Lara, Dulce Limon, Xavier Montez, Kaydence Norwood, Sydney Reinert, Cayden Richardson, Ethan Urias, Timothy Uribe and Angalena Vasquez.

Second Grade: Smith Cate, John Cepeda, Clara Cobb, Leane De La Torre, Alexa Franco, Isaac Gonzales, Gissele Holguin, Bryson Holm, Joshua Joo, Samuel King, Kaitlyn McDonald, Jaycob McGee, Alexander Munoz, Joslin Power, Teresa Rios and Soo-Wen Tan.

Third Grade: Adrianna Escalera, Sa'Quan Fizer, Hannah Joo, Adrian Juarez, Emily Kocak, Greyson Prichard, Addison Smith, Michael Stoaks, Soo-Em Tan, Angelika Uribe and Hailey Zarraga.

Fourth Grade: Calleigh Ayala, Kiana Banks, Danielle Deatherage, Anna Erwin, Isaiah Garza, Milagros Gutierrez, Sarah Guzman, Jonathan Hilario, Jordyn Holm, Joshua Ivey, Hannah Jones, Bryson Kemper, Alexander Leuschner, Angelica Lopez, Noel Murry, Camryn Nalley, Chance Neuser, Diego Rios, William Salazar, Bryan Wilkins and Kilynn Winters.

Fifth Grade: Edward Urias.

##### "A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Martin Alvarado, Kendra Banks, Tyrell Bizzell, Brandon Bolt, Makayla Delacruz, Leila Franco, Julianna Fraser, Ryelen Grantom, Tyler Grove, Laura Herholtz, Mia Hernandez, Regan Higginbotham, Marisela Hinojos, Qben Lewis, Felicity Madrid, Aaliyah Marquez, Brianna Olivarez, Dekayska Parker, Michael Perez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Justice Rojas, Elena Sarcho, Skyler Stoaks, Petelo Tino, Briseis Tovar, Kaleb Vega, Cloe Viasana, Justina Wert and Rocky Zarraga.

Second Grade: Cadence Claxton, Branne Cook, Jonathan Cook, Victoria Deatherage, Kyle Flores, Kaden Gomez, Leah Grantom, Esperanza Gutierrez, Krystal Guzman, Kayen Johnson, Anastasia Maronn, Michael Marquez, Elizabeth McMichael, Izaac Padilla, Naomi Reyes, Isabella Saenz, Adolfo Salinas, Madison Segundo, Madeline Slack, Jeremy Smithwick, Reilly St. Croix, Estrella Vidal, Destiny Wakabi, Kaleb Ward and Kaisza Woodruff.

Third Grade: Brandon Castillo, Nataliah Clark, A'nautica Cook, Adriana Cook, Chesney Copeland, Cruz Flores, Amadeus Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia, Ruben Gonzales, Gatlin Granger, Xavier Gutierrez, Gracie Herholtz, Dawson LaFrance, Quetavian Lewis, Celeste Martinez, Joscelyn McKay, Jaiton Mitchell, Chloe Paredes, Hannah Peckenpaugh, Roman Perez, Benjamin Rios, Marco Rios, Anisia Salazar, Trinity Sepeda, Jusa Threats, Vanessa Viasana and Nadia Villa-Munoz.

Fourth Grade: Courtney Bizzell, Hayden Brinlee, Yasmel Cook, Tony Garcia, Cailen Garza, Marcus Hernandez, Margarette Hilario, Isaiah Johnson, Robert Johnson, Elias Ledesma, Bradie Leuschner, Quemarian Lewis, Jose Linfernal, Ricki Linfernal, Keyona Loggins, Amelia Martin, Damien Martinez, Pebbles Martinez, Kayla Moreno, Brendan Phipps, Richard Pope, Hannah Rando and Justin Raymond.

Emily Reyes, Stella Richardson, Breanna Rios, Anastasia Rodriguez, Brandon Rogers, Valerie Salazar, Alexandra Saldivar, Kayla Scruggs, Jai-leen Smith, Jose Villalobos-Martinez, Zachary Ward, Shawntreonia Washington and Brandon Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Marissa Aguilar, Taylor Bakley, Emily Bryan, Micheal Christian, Joselyn Cook, Brittany Cortez, Keelyn Dunnam, Robyn Evans, Gildardo Fernandez, Jewel Flores, Reina Gonzales, Bryar Haggard, C J Harris, Damian Hewtty, Michelle Jonson, Marcus Miramontes, Alondra Morelion, Alette Moya, Valerie Olivarez, Tyler Phipps, Nancy Pope, Mikayla Roberson, Kayleigh Rodriguez, Elisabeth Sorensen, Jayden Torres, Mya Vasquez and Christopher Viasana.

### Moss Elemetary School

#### Second Six-Weeks

##### "A" Honor roll

First Grade: Kaegan Baker, Laine Billingsley, Isaiah Diaz, Ethan Frenhc, Mateo Gomez, Nevaeh Hernandez, Alexa Hickman, Donavyn Hilario, Jenna Jones, shelby McBride, Erin Mendoza, Aaron Ogeda, Gavin Padron, Christian Pantoja-Strickland, Braxton Phelps, Steffany Pina Armanta, Ryleigh Pirraglia, Briana Rivera, Kaiden Roberts, Matthew Salazr, Chlore Sanchez, Cierra Turner, David Villagrana, Samuel Wood and Hannah Zebreski.

Second Grade: Jason Allen, Valerie Barrios, Kylin Corley, Jimmy Flores, Taelyn Fulgham, Broke Gibson, Philip Martinez, Jahzail Olivares, Nathan Rios, Jaysena Roberts, Nayeli Soliz, Zabian Urias, Jediah Velasquez and Joshua Zavala.

Third Grade: Azariah Calderon, Justin Galaviz, Heaven Martinez, Dymitius Morales and Ashley

Sarmiento.

Fourth Grade: Michael Bryant and Cheyenne Griffith.

Fifth Grade: Cory Cotton, Ashley Crisp and Anthony Sarmiento.

##### "A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Naomi Arellano, Nicholas Briseno, James Canales, Marcus Cervantes, Zyneka Christian, Kiley Crisp, Gabrielle Cruz, Dorian Deanda, adnerw Garza, Kyle Gay, Lillia Gay, Abrham Gomez, Karissa Gonzales, Desiree Gonzalez, Kimberly Gonzalez Solis, Brooklyn Hyatt, Jimmy Johnson, eVelyn Lerma, Kendall Lewis, Jared Lopez, Christian Martinez, Michael Munoz, Karliegh Norman, Joel Ornelas, Lacy Pearson, Jesslynn Ramirez, Angel Rivera, Cidni Roberts, Bronwyn Saldana, Taylor Simmons, Gabriel Soto, Adam Yanez and Alexys Yeats.

Second Grade: Nathaniel Aarick, Ella Baucum, Roderick Bell, Johnathan Butts, Kaydence Canales, Kisa Cate, Paula Chavarria, Ricky Escovedo, Christian Ferguson, Kallie Fierro, Edison Fleeson, Emma Garrison, Milagro Gay, Sara Gibbs, Jason Hale, Katelynn Hale, Johnathon Marquez, Cebastion Martin, Dalizah Morales, Kaleigh Mundell, Atanacio Munoz, Koribn Olsen, Aryn Pina, Tanner Purcell, Kaitlyn Rassat, Juan Rodriguez, Juli Salinas, Kurtis Smtih, Jesus Valdez and Derick Walleck.

Third Grade: Diego Arguello, Preston bishop, Jonathon Carrillo, Karen Castillo, Kaya Chronister, Matthew Doll, Breanna Escovedo, Kamariah Franks, Dominic gomez, Austumn Hale, Nathaniel Hernandez, Sonny Ledesma, Joe Martinez, Gregory Miller, Sky Murley, Avarielle Nuno, Seth Olsen, Timothy Ontiveros, Ethan Phipps, Hailey Ramirez, Sean Reed, Yesenia Salgado, Emilo Salinas, Hutner Shelhamer, Felipe Shober, Kylee Steiger, Malachi Thomas, Desirae Torres, Nick Valencia, Aaron Yanez and Marcos Zamora.

Fourth Grade: Brody Delon, Elijah Flores, Isiah Fox, Damian Franoc, Brianna Gibbs, Willy Gonzalez-Solis, Jailon Gray, Hailey Heineman, Drayklyn Herny, Tommy Johnson, Brianna Lopez, Tyler Lopez, Emeterio Loazno, Candice Marquez, Jasmine Montanez, Alvario Morales, Makynsa Norman, Alberto Pena, Amarian Perez, Chloe Rahn, Gabriel Rmairez, Franklyn Reed, Alyssa Richter, Owen Trevino-Richardson, Breann Voight, Matthew Wagner, Cameron Williams, Sarah Wood, Graciella Zavalaa nd Melissa Zebreski.

Fifth Grade: TannerBjiddison, Abigale Carrillo, Manuel Cervantes, Amaya Cobos, Nicholas Gomez, Ariana Gonzales, Chaseton Gusman, Zachary Hill, Amber Martinez, Sarah Martinez, Lauren Rios, Marisa Salazr, Devin Shults, Alyssa Valencia, Alexandria Viera, Bianca Villalobos, Jordan Voight and Joshua Wood.

### Washington Elementary School

#### Second Six-Weeks

##### "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Daniel Alvarez, Brianna Brito, Kendall Brooks, Lauren Bryans, Aeris Casey, Zachery Conner, Trinity De La Cruz, Samuel DeLeon, Analisa De Los Santos, Alexes Dykes, Paloma Espinoza, Cloe Fierro, Daniella Fierro, Christopher Fogle, Isaias Gomez and Anthony Gonzalez.

Jack Hamby, Kaylie Herrod, Gracie Knight, Maddox Lane, Nashaly Lopez, Raelynn Luera, Jacy Mackenzie, Kaiden Martinez, Natalie Martinez, Devin Mier, Shawn Olague, Andon Olvera, Jacob Orbinson, Jayden Overton, Johnathan Peterson, Darianna Quezada, Chance Richardson, Enrique Salazar, Abel Sotelo, Shelby Templin, Brenlie Torres, Brenna Tubb, Mia Valle and Freyja Wood.

Second Grade: Cayde Bryans, Makynlee Castillo, Robert Cox, Trandon Edmondson, Daliana Guzman, Angel Hernandez, Brandon Hernandez, Catirina Hernandez, Zoie Joslin, Salvador Juarez, Kenan Kimberly, Audree Leicht, Sanaa Lemen, Trevor Lopez, Dru Martinez, Viviana Martinez, Emily Matthews, Ava Mendoza, Emma Miracle, Kortney Moore, Kelby Olivarez, Taylor Partlow, Dominic Porter, Asa Talamantez, Makenna Webster and Maribel Zubia.

Third Grade: Alejandro Bravo, Ky'Lee Castillo, Josiah Gonzalez, Hannha Graham, Amozaneag Green, Emalynn Horton, Derek Howard, Ryan Joslyn, Branden Lopez, Kylee Lynch, Isabella Marquez, Cristina Ortiz- Gonzalez, Esmeralda Ramirez- Bravo, Nathanielle Rodarte, Shaylie Shults, Benjamin Smith, Kallell Smith-Wennik, Brinly Watkins and Omero Zubia.

Fourth Grade: Brianna Anderson, Olivia Bancroft, Jacqueline Belew, Daniel Blount, Faithe Carrillo, Mariah Castaneda, Jordan Cervantez, Ransom Colette, Hunter Cox, Jackie DeLeon, Sadie Garcia, Mia Gomez, Gracie King, Katie Mensinger, Maddie Miller, Catherine Monks, Mikayla Paredes, William Partney, Xavien Plunkett, Carter Scott, Briana Solis, Luke Thibeault, Cameron Tradewell and Alyssa White.

Fifth Grade: Callie Leicht, Jarek Martinez, Kadence Orbison, Christian Roberts and Kenra Thibeault.

##### "A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Ryland Billadeau, Michael Carrillo, Abigail Davilla, Josclyn Garcia, Destany Gonzales, J'alia Groage, Adryen Guerra, Damian Guzman, Terrell Henderson, Kaylee Kinsey, Alec McCormick, Faith Meyer, Joshua Montemayour,

Jose Munoz, Trystan Obenchain, Leslie Rincon-Mesta, Zoie Robles, Rebecca Rodriguez, Aurianna Sarmiento, Owen Stockton, Alejandra Taylor and Jessica Tran.

Second Grade: Josiah Aguero, Genevieve Bedinger, McKayley Burciaga, Michael Burciaga, Gabrianna Carrasco, Heidi Cervantes, Treyshawn Conner, Esperanza DeLos Santos, Grayson East, Alexandria Fleet, Lynnevaeh Fuentes, Lizbeth Galvan Galicia, Brianna Gonzales, Joshua Gonzales, Mikayla Gonzales, Yasmin Gonzales, Jacob Guzman, Aaryn Hornsby, Cheyanne Horton, Samuel King, Eden Manganelli, Kamron Mata, Austin Milgrim, Walter Norman, Timothy Ontiveros, Kennedy Osborne, Jayda Overton, Lily Parham, Eliza Ramirez, J'Lee Ramirez, John Reagan, Rachel Reagan, Cornelius Reddekopp, Iliana Rodarte, Noel Rosa, David Salazar, Ebonee Simmons, Alexis Stovall, Nikolas White, Kross Wingo-Weaver, Landon Wright, Jayden Yanez and Gilbert Yorkman.

Third Grade: Kalee Alvarado, Clifford Anglin, Gabriel Arenivaz, Gabriel Baeza, Kamron Boyce, Audrie Brito, Elijah Burton, Nathan Demine, Lexia Franco, Conner Garrett, Attalia Gonzales, Andrew Gonzalez, Herman Hernandez, Aryan Holmes, Nathaniel Johnson, Madysen Martinez, Kyla Mathews, Azure Mitchell, Ethan Moen, Mya Molina-Rodriguez, Johnny Munoz, Daisy Parlow-Herrera, Jeremy Perez, Jose Ramirez, Makaylah Rios, Kialyn Roberts, RaeAnn Rutledge, Luciana Salazar, Anaceli Sandoval, Deana Sausman, Dontavion Stevens, Makenna Valle and Damiaon Williams.

Fourth Grade: Edward Alvarado, Isaiah Arevalo, Ashur Awbrey, Rachel Blackshear, Cyllie Burton, Gage Davidson, Joshua DelaCruz, Theodore Diaz, Savannah Ebersole, Isai Garcia-Sustaita, Skylar Gilliam, Cristian Gonzalez, Gaege Humphires, Adria Hurst, Xavier Knox, Ryan Livingston, Isaiah Martinez, Lore'e Milgrim, Brooklin Mojica, Brandon Montemayour, Sherlyn Ortega, Moragan Parham, Juan Presas, Monica Quiroz, Crystal Ramirez, Bradlee Saucedo, Christopher Solis, Andrea Sotelo, Jennifer Tran, Jayden Tubb, Zachery Vela, Alaunna White, Anastasia Yanez and Daniel Zarraga.

Fifth Grade: Kolby Armstrong, Sonny Baeza, Makayla Chambless, Kimberly Chapel, Sophia Dominguez, Bailey Garcia, Dillan Guzman, Katie Humphries, Alexies Knox, Madison Kuykendall, Kyleigh Mathews, Andrea Melendez, Nathan Morales, Maria Perez, Taylor Rider, Mackenzie Rodriques, Mark Sanchez, TheranSealy, Julia Smith and Aaron Williams.

### Coahoma High School

#### Second Six-Weeks

##### "A" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Lee Balderas, Belia Nelson, Faith Parum, Jessica Privett, Kiefer Pulis, Marisa Ramirez, Angelique Saylor, Omkar Sukhtankar and Mallory Thomas.

10th Grade: Braxton Iden.

11th Grade: Kali Gilbert, Shayla Martin, Savannah Neff and Shanen Warneke.

12th Grade: Aaron Acevedo, Wendy Andersen, Emilea Brumley, Shea Campbell, Kara Fuentes, Jessica Goodger, Alex Hill, Morgan Luce and Laurel Nix.

##### "A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Julia Castilaw, Kassi Coker, Paul Cortez, Dalton Cosby, Cameron Crabtree, Christopher Dominguez, Aaron Ferguson, William Franks, Brandi Gammons, Heather Goodger, Kenneth Hagins, Kaylee Hill, Ashley Luce, Taylee Miller, Abigail Sanchez, Zachary Saylor, Lauren Simer, Katlin Skiles, Aimee Solis, Haddan Stokes, Elissa Thompson, Hannah Tucker, Taylor Webb, Brian Ybarra and Blake Zitterkopf.

10th Grade: Christopher Biddison, Brandon Coker, Trenton Crenshaw, Caleb Daniels, Kendra Dyer, Erin Fontana, Jalin Gilbert, Anna Harrison, Alexis Jackson, Joseph Melendez, Jane Murrell, Tyler Powell, Tristan Ramsey, Kelli Schaedel and Camberlyn Stonerook.

11th Grade: Tyrone Bordignon, Tyler Frazier, Alba Garcia, Megan Hurst, Devon Maddox, Sarah Melendez, Caige Miller, Astrid Nielsen, Ashley O'Brien, Madison Rawls, Devin Ruiz, Colton Ver Steeg, Haley Walker, Shelby Wilkins and Johanna Ziegler.

12th Grade: Jasmin Callejas, Damian Cate, Dustin Fontana, Rikki Gilbert, Brooke Hopkins, Taylor Householder, Lindsey Jones, Mersaedese LeBlanc, Louis Lozano, Santos Orozco, Kasey Osborne, Douglas Pilkington, Trent Powell, Ryan Reid, Janessa Ringener, Tobi Robinson, Peyton Rodriguez, Tanner Ruiz, Daniel Solis, Justin Stenman and Michael Villareal.

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Second Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Bryson Cline, Julia Cortez, Allison Eilenberger, Gary Hernandez, Kami Kemper, Andrea King, Haven Martin, Julia Mashburn, Marilee Mauzey, Madison Reddock, Laura Romero, Andrew Romero Ortega, Iliana Sandoval, Zane Shamsheer, Maisy Steele, Micah Worley and Kaylee Wright.

Seventh Grade: Skyler Bass, Ryleigh Fryar, Sydney Gilbert, Diana Gonzales, Jori Hanlan, Mckinna Hector, Mason Moore, Makayla Overton and Marissa Welch.

Eighth Grade: Austin Sosa.

## "A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Paige Atkins, Jeremiah Coker, Ryan Coker, Destiny Cox, Vida Garcia, Brianna Gilbert, Cassie Graant, McKenzi Gressett, Paisley Gutierrez, Gary Hernandez, Joseph Hernandez, Amber Hoard, Logan Holgorsen, Samuel King, Ethan Lopez, Jaydan Mann, Kenneth Mayo, Jaxon Muller, Stacey Overton, Zona Ramsey, Ashton Reyes, Hannah Richardson, Aaron Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez, Hana Stanislaus, Kaelob Stewart and Naomi White.

Seventh Grade: Bracy Bacon, Donovan Barber, Landon Barber-Grant, Alyssa Cardona, Lane Coates, Raegan Deel, Tanner Dodson, Joe Escobedo-Gonzales, Zachary Fuentes, Joshua Grimsley, Ami Hoard, Tommy Holmes, Elizabeth Juarez, Trevor Kernick, Emily Marsh, Hannah Marsh, Brookie Martin, Rolando Ortiz, Aubrey Parum, Braden Pearson, Kameron Rodriguez, David Smith, Sydney Sparks, Jaedan Stanislaus, Chloe Starr, Aricla Valencia, Braidon Walker, Mckenzie Webb, Kylie Woods and Brynn Workman.

Eighth Grade: Kody Barber, Summer Boudreaux, Adam Brito, Ashley Caceres, Annie Chandler, Isaac Cisneros, Ginger Coates, Thomas Cody, Anastasia Coker, Abbie Daniels, Amber Davenport, Garrett Deatherage, Makinsey Grant, Evaleena Gutierrez, Jetly Hobdy, Sonny Jackson-Prince, Noelia Loya, Kodi Marbeiter, Klarissa Martinez, Fletcher Mashburn, Yzabele Olivarez, Faith Pearson-Wyatt, Ricky Perez, John Phariss and Kincade Ramsey.

Jonathan Rodriguez, Maddelyn Rudd, Casandra Sosen, Megan Spradlin, Jenavee Striegler, Reagan Ver Steeg, Thomas Wilson, Brayden Worley and Landon Young.

Coahoma Elementary School  
Second Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Alyssa Bernal, Kenna Best, Braiden Boaz, Kessa Koker, Arian Daniels, Toby Isbell, Owen Richardson, Halle Roberts, Brynn Rodgers, Braxdone West and Buddy Wyatt.

Second Grade: Paige Carlile, Makayla Chavez, Sterling Clanton, Kaydence Dunlap, Jordan Edmondson, Nikolas Gonzales, Genaro Gonzalez, Blake Guerra, Ryan Harrison, Bryan Martinez, Ricardo Morales, Alexcia Munoz, Sierra Pena, Jayci Richters, McKinzy Sanchez, Ashleigh Smith, Felicity Yanez and Jocelyn Young.

Third Grade: Anissa Argeullo, Aubrey Best, Mollie Daniels, Maxwell Darlin, Kaylor Green, Madison Green, Payten Harrison, Bryan Hernandez, Mason Hudgins, Ky Kemper, Phoenix Martin, Kaden Molina, Kylie Moran, Eric Olivas, Allyson Ortiz-Gaige, Vance Ott, Heaven-Lee Perryman, Jonah Rayford, Chasity Rodriguez, Logan Saverance, Rylan Simer, Daniel Smith, Daniel Vela-Wences, Cash Walker, Maddisyn Wallace, Serenity Watts and Emilee Wilde.

Fourth Grade: Nicolas Biddison, Corbin Blair, Luke Campbell, Rosario Gonzalez, Robert Grant, Jordan Hardy, D'Kota Harrison, Victoria Harrison, Kaylee Kernick, Isaiah Martin, Ashley Romero, Chase Stonerook, Olivia Waight, Alana Wegner and Brance Workman.

Fifth Grade: Greenley Deatherage, Keegan Dobbs, Jayden Holt, Marcus Martinez, Austyn Montgomery, Jisele Olivarez and Sailor Truitt.

## "A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Sophia Biddison, Karleigh Burt, Maddie Cervantes, Keiston Harrison, Barrett Howe, McCray Jacobs, Cayhill Lewis, Lexus Lozano, Brylee Martin, Madison Platte, Aurora Ramirez, Natalie Rodriguez, Ryan Shifflett and Edward Thedford.

Second Grade: Serena Dobbs, Christian Everett, Jessica Hamby, Austin Herrod, Neely Key, Rylee Logsdon, Braden Maxwell, Rance Redden and Christopher Thurman.

Third Grade: Kobe Cervantes, Grayson Jacobs, Katelyn Johnson, Joe Mashburn, Presley Ruiz, and Cheyanne Smith.

Fourth Grade: Jady Barnes, Brooklynn Calley, Brianna Coskey, Colin Daniels, Bryden Fontana, Aubrey Green, Kacie Henson, Abigail Lopez, Makynlee Overton, Paden Reddock, Kyler Seymore, Hannah Sivinski and Dustlynn Wyatt.

Fifth Grade: Garrett Anderson, Chloe Coates, Alejandro Gonzales, Brylea Gordon, Bari Green, Hannah Grimsley, Kelsey Humiston, Andres

Juarez, Justin Marsh, Travis Mitchell, Madison Ramirez, Sydney Rinard, Jonathon Schneider and Zackry Schneider.

Forsan Junior/Senior High School  
Second Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Jaidyn Brown, Macey Evans, Autumn Guidry, Aeryn Hamblin, Dora Hickam, Megan Knoernschild, Channing Miller, Kaylee Morgan, Ashytn Pearson, Jacki Torbik and Caden Williams.

Seventh Grade: Genesis Caldwell, Garrett Evans, Jenna Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Eric Hall Bryce Hergert, Elizabeth Long and Jaden Wilson.

Eighth Grade: Joshua Evans, Sterling Freeman, Brycen Gartman, Sandra Hernandez, M'Kenna Hooper, Mackenzi Lain, Blaze Yeater and Shelby Zachary.

Ninth Grade: Julia Box, Kaytlin Brock, Ross Freeman, Bryce Gartman, Taylor Morin, Maddie Munsell, Nina Ortiz, Alexis Roach, Blake Rosenbaum and Jayton Schreiner.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Erin Bagnall, Darby DePauw, Christian Gamble, Emily Hatfield, Luise Kohlaupt, Zachary Long, Sloan Miller, Christopher Mims, Hannah Minchew, Kelia Smoot, Jennie Steel, Hannah Thompson, Trevor Williams and Yanci Yeater.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Corbin Foster, Chandler Freeman, Brandon Gartman, Ali Knight, Brady Mikeska, Matthew Mims, Amanda Schafer, Cowboy Sheet, Pete Sorola and Miami Yamaya.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Dillon Bagnall, Landon Boeker, Trevor Burchett, Tommy Dawson, Stehanie Duffer, Elena Fres, Brady Gartman, Aric Hernandez, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Shelby Roemer and Kayla Tilley.

## "A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Mikayla Arzate, Zachary Bailey, Payton Beauchamp, Chely Bolton, Jordan Enriquez, Gage Fox, Cassidy Gamble, Emily Garcia, Aaron Gutierrez, Dylon Kligora, Michael Kukoly, Brenna Lindsey, jRagan Lowery, Tatum Miller, Kayla Morin, Natori Morin, Monti Munsell, Kimberly Ogle, Kobe Richardson, Cassidy Rusk, Luke Settles, Price Tarbet and Mikahaela Willard.

Seventh Grade: D'Amberly Baldwin, Ricky Cahill, Walker Cimino, Caden Cline, Austin Darden, Ryan Davis, Elissa Jefferson, Jillian Jones, Andy Kirkland, Alysa Le, Brycson Pineda, jSAige Stallings, Dylan Tredaway and Kolby Watson.

Eighth Grade: Aaron Alton, Hannah Beauchamp, John Broughton, Landis DelaGarza, Bree Franklin, Hannah Hancock, Alyssa Kirkland, Austen Lowery, Destiny Mata, Kendall Philips, Hunter Seymore and Keelee White.

Ninth Grade: Londsey Boeker, Alex Bowman, Nova Caldwell, Dylan Carrell, Jeremy Cervantes, Jesse Cervantes, Christophyer Dunlap-Baldwin, Benjamin Gjonzalez-Rodriguez, Kerigann Harbour, Stacy Jennings, Kaylee Kemper, MacKenzie Kennedy, katelynn Kennemur, Aliscia Martinez, Ben Mikeska, Ian Park, Walker Park, Jon-Paul Stevenson and Ashton Wood.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Oscar Barrarza, Carlee Daniel, Devin Devore, Alicia Hernandez, Garrett Kligora, Ashlie Knox, Jordan Matthews, Erin Payne, Ryan Pearson and Dalton Taylor.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: J.T. Breyman, Kenna Colvin, Covan Davidson, Alba Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Asutin Grantham, Rahcel Haggard, Reagan Haggard, Brittney Hergert, Marisol Hernandez, Polo Morin, Alisa Munoz, Falon Newton, Maria Ortiz, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kolby Self, Connor Steel, Luke Still, Jahnia Willard, Gabby Womack and Dustin Wright.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tanner Ballard, Brandon Carrell, trevin Cherry, P.J. Horton, Case Ingram, Miranda Jennings, Cody Moore, Ryan Pitcox and Kelsey Westbrook.

Elbow Elementary School  
Second Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Ethan Barker, Addi Beall, Carsyn Brown Kaitlyn Byerly, Erich Byerly, Connor Byerly, Brycen Cervantes, Ashytn Clark, Malachi Daniels, Russell Edens, Welsey Fuller, Maegan Garza, Nicholas Gutierrez, Jaden Haynes, David Hoadley, Lilly Hoff, Braden Huitt, Kole Jackswon, Austin Lasater, Krislynn Matthies, Morgan Miller, Caylee Myers, Jake Myers, Emma Peffer, Grace Plaia, Logan Reed, Emily Rice, Seth Richardson, Jordan Robert, Lybertee Rodriguez, Lyssa Roman, Grant Roman, Maria Sanchez, Kambell Schmidt, Paryse Shockley, Torah Smith, Jaci Stone, Hailary Thompson, Avery Williams, Hailey Williams and K'Leigh Williams.

Second Grade: Jaren Ceasar, Trevor Cole, Wyatt Cornish, Bea Crownover, Katcher Dawson, Codi Edens, Nolan Ezell, gracie Gartman, Jazzmin Hale, Hannah Hilger, Jackson Hopper, Charlie Hugg, Anson Kirkland, Weston Layman, Ashlee Moore, Nolan Park, addi Robertts, Mason Sedberry, David Summers, Weston Thomas, David Tidwell and Kaeli Woodall.

Third Grade: Caylor averette, Joshua Cervantes, Libby Everett, Hailey Grnat, Connor Hair, Ella Hoff, Riley Jenkins, Cayden Morgan, Reagan Phillips, Reese Rutledge, Aubrie Smith and Major

Stockton.

Fifth Grade: Allen Cameron, Zadie Andrews, Hutner Cevallos, jtaylor Clark, William Cole, Tylee Evans, Brenner Gartman, Mason Hilger, Gage Speck, John Tant, Sara Tarbet, Kendra Thomas, Reagan Thomas and Hannah Williams.

Fifth Grade: Ally Aguilar, Ryan Buske, Mallory Ezell, Jonathon Gabehart, Brant Gartman, Macey Grant, Katelyn Hand, Berenice Hernandez, Christian Hill, Chloe Igneczi, Knyleigh Joy, Lila Knox, Evan Robets, Madison Smith, Taylyn Still and Nathaniel Whitmore.

## "A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Preston Bowlin, Jadon Coker, Logan Henry, Jon Hunter, Jacob Johnson, Yandell Melendez, K-Leen Posey, Ian Riley, Chloe Rothell, Huston Stockton and Taylor Terrazas.

Second Grade: Emily Allen, Blake Barclay, Jaser Bishop, Aiden Chaney, McKenna Couch, Graci Gonzalez, Autumn Holguin, Marlie Kennedy, Erynn Lasater, Jaylee Lindsey, Bobby McCormick, Koby Nichols, Mason Patterson, Jeremiah Rivera, Kristen Schafer, Noel Sorola, Aalizah Squyres, Rydeck Tanis, Cade Wallis, Kaitlyn Wiggins and Kelcey Zubiate.

Third Grade: James Alexandr, Hailey Beall, Zander Bishop, Adrian Enriquez, Thomas Gabehart, Gabby Gonzalez, Ethan Hunt, Emma Johnson, Adrian Juarez, Lindsey Morin, Arin Owens, Eshan Patel, Mallory Paul, Kenny Richardson, Smila Stephens, Lane Vellinga, Joh von Hassell, Maverick Yanez and Rylee Yanez.

Fourth Grade: Patrick Bailey, Mia Burch, Ramsey Campbell, Haley Cline, Tiana Cordova, Brianna Elliott, Paul Evans, Ethan Harbour, Ely Matthies, Angel McCafferty, Courtney Overton, Nayeli Paredez, Faith Raspe, eJlyse Rice, Taryn Spivey, Averi Tredaway and Andre Wright.

Fifth Grade: Katie Averette, Jaeden Ceasar, katelin Colvin, Kasey Darden, Ty Freeman, Cody Huitt, Maggie Mendez, Paige Parks, Haley Patterson, Keira Peffer, Samantha Raney, Cole Riley, Karlee Wells and Nelson Wylie.

Sands CISD  
Second Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Karlo Arellano, Alec Barton, Xavier Cisneros, Justin Fabella, Kaden Fouts, Wiley Gaskins, Maria Janzen, David Klassen, Aleigha Webb-Hilburn and J'Lyn Ybarra.

Second Grade: Zane Clare, Jaden Flentge, Zack Grumbles, Johan Janzen, Katharina Klassen and Bianca Plata. Third Grade: Alexandra Plata and Lakyn Sandlin.

Fourth Grade: Karlos Arellano, Trudy Fehr, Tristan Reed, Nancy Rempel and Zander Tarver.

Sixth Grade: Avantre Brown and Alexis Gonzalez.

Seventh Grade: Samantha Blount.

Eighth Grade: Kailey Tindol.

Ninth Grade: Susie Rempel and Dyllan Tindol.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Austin Blount and Zane Parker.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jerad Staggs and Kendra Staggs.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Angelica Diaz, Jennifer Franco, Callie McMorris, Caleb Thomasson and Preston Zant.

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# Bonds, Clemens highlight HOF ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — The most polarizing Hall of Fame debate since Pete Rose will now be decided by the baseball shrine's voters: Do Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa belong in Cooperstown despite drug allegations that tainted their huge numbers?

In a monthlong election sure to become a referendum on the Steroids Era, the Hall ballot was released Wednesday, and Bonds, Clemens and Sosa are on it for the first time.

Bonds is the all-time home run champion with 762 and won a record seven MVP

awards. Clemens took home a record seven Cy Young trophies and is ninth with 354 victories. Sosa ranks eighth on the homer chart with 609.

Yet for all their HRs, RBIs and Ws, the shadow of PEDs looms large.

"You could see for years that this particular ballot was going to be controversial and divisive to an unprecedented extent," Larry Stone of The Seattle Times wrote in an email. "My hope is that some clarity begins to emerge over the Hall of Fame status of those linked to performance-enhancing drugs. But I doubt

it." More than 600 longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America will vote on the 37-player ballot. Candidates require 75 percent for induction, and the results will be announced Jan. 9.

Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling also are among the 24 first-time eligibles. Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Lincecum are the top holdover candidates.

If recent history is any indication, the odds are solidly stacked against Bonds, Clemens and Sosa. Mark

McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro both posted Cooperstown-caliber stats, too, but drug clouds doomed them in Hall voting.

Some who favor Bonds and Clemens claim the bulk of their accomplishments came before baseball got wrapped up in drug scandals. They add that PED use was so prevalent in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s that it's unfair to exclude anyone because so many who-did-and-who-didn't questions remain.

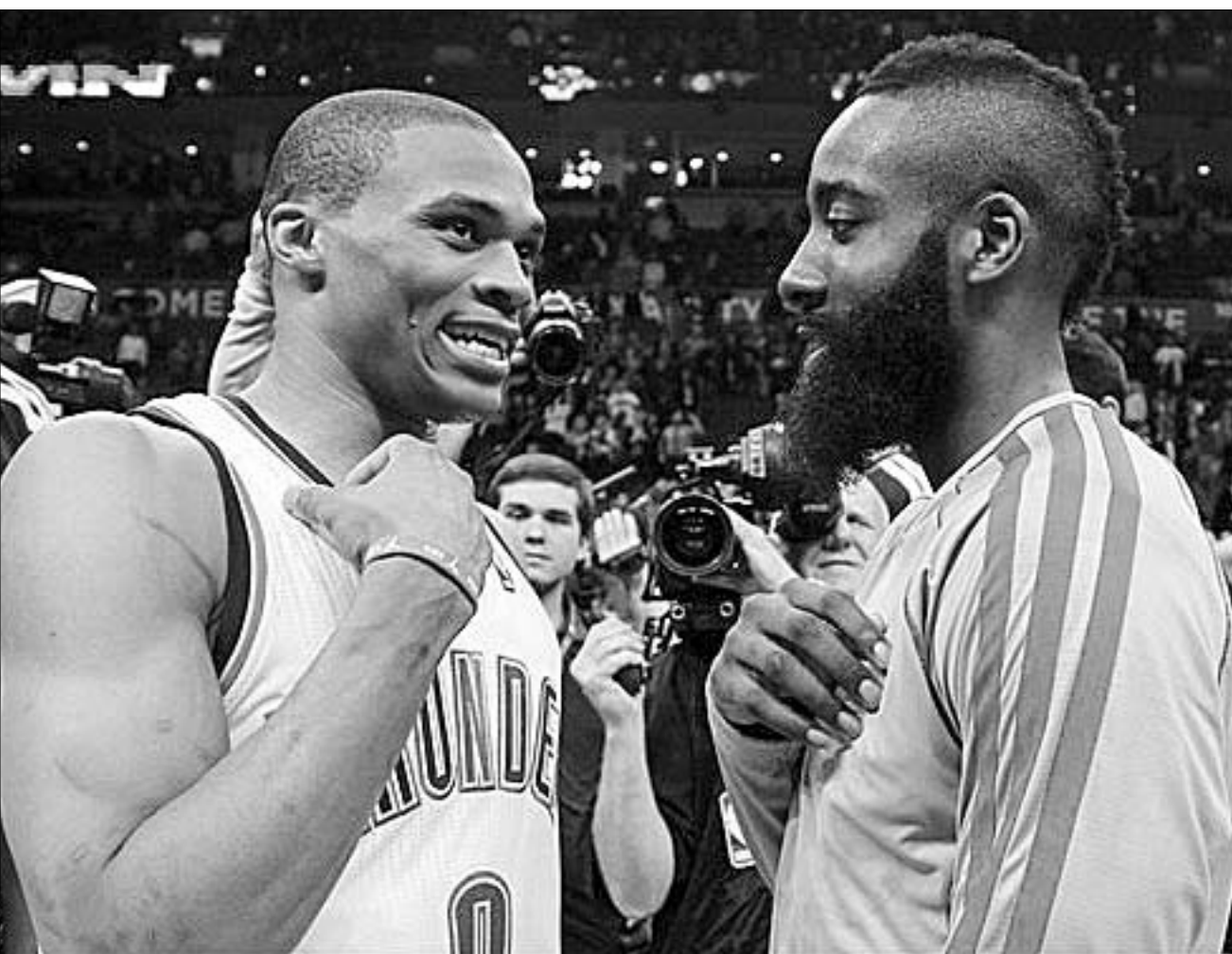
Many fans on the other side say drug cheats — suspected or otherwise — should never

be afforded the game's highest individual honor.

Either way, this election is baseball's newest hot button, generating the most fervent Hall arguments since Rose. The discussion about Rose was moot, however — the game's career hits leader agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation concluded he bet on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds, and that barred him from the BBWAA ballot.

The BBWAA election rules allow voters to pick up to 10

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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) and Houston Rockets guard James Harden, right, talk after their NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Wednesday.

# OKC clips Rockets in Harden's return

By **JEFF LATZKE**  
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — James Harden's return to Oklahoma City was only a small part of an emotional day for the Houston Rockets.

Kevin Durant matched his season high with 37 points and the Thunder beat Houston 120-98 on Wednesday night, after the Rockets made a stop in Minnesota earlier in the day to attend the funeral of coach Kevin McHale's daughter.

Harden scored 17 points, but was limited to 3-for-16 shooting. He had six shots blocked by the Thunder.

After a draining 24 hours, he was ready to put it behind him. "It felt good just to be competing

against those guys and finally get this over with, to play here and get it over with," Harden said. "Now, I can continue on with the season."

Harden missed his first nine shots, and by the time he made one, the Rockets were down by double digits in the second half. They never got closer than 10 after that.

Harden, the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year as Oklahoma City made it to the finals last season, was unable to agree on a contract extension with the Thunder and was traded just before the season started.

Harden said before the game that he thought there was a "very slight chance" that he'd be traded. He has complained that

general manager Sam Presti gave him only one hour to mull over Oklahoma City's final offer before the trade.

"One minute, I was at dinner with my family. The next minute, I'm headed to Houston," Harden said. "It happened pretty quick."

Harden then agreed to a maximum contract worth \$80 million with Houston — something Oklahoma City wasn't willing to offer.

Harden said he felt "relaxed" and not pressured by the circumstances, although it didn't show in his game. Only a meaningless 3-pointer in the final 3 minutes prevented him from his worst shooting percentage yet with Houston.

## Golf:

# Ban OK'd on anchors, but a long way to go

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The putt was meaningless because it was the final hole of a pro-am in what amounts to an 18-man exhibition at the end of the year, even though ranking points are available at the World Challenge. But it was hard not to look at the end of the putter pressed into the belly of Keegan Bradley.

The decision to ban the anchor stroke used for belly putters and broom-handle putters was not because of Bradley, even though he became the face of a style that was gaining popularity, not to mention credibility.

Bradley became the first player to win a major using the belly putter when he rammed in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 17th at Atlanta Athletic Club in 2011 during a remarkable comeback. It was in the news conference after the PGA Championship that Bradley spoke about a number of players on the Nationwide Tour who were using belly putters. The next year, Webb Simpson and Ernie Els won majors with a belly putter.

The U.S. Golf Association and Royal & Wednesdays proposed a rule that would ban anchoring the club to the body, said the major champions were only part of what got their

attention. Mike Davis of the USGA and Peter Dawson of the R&A both spoke to a spike in number of players using such putting strokes, how it trickled down to younger golfers, and their concern that the stroke was taking too much of the skill out of the game.

Players could still use a broom-handle or belly putter — as long as it is not pressed against their body to create the effect of a hinge.

"We believe a player should hold the club away from his body and swing it freely," Davis said. "Golf is a game of skill and challenge, and we think that's an important part of it."

What's next?

As for the rule, the governing bodies will take comments over the next three months to see if it needs to be changed, scrapped or whether the proposal is fine the way it is. Then, it would be approved by the organizations, though it would not take effect until 2016.

What's next for Bradley?

"I'm going to have to really in the next couple of years figure out a way that's going to be best for me to putt," Bradley said.

He might end up shaving a few inches off the putter so the stroke is similar, except that it

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# More NFL players testing positive for amphetamines

By **RACHEL COHEN**  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — More NFL players are testing positive for amphetamines, a class of substances that includes the ADHD drug Adderall.

Since the start of last season, more than 10 players suspended for failing drug tests have publicly blamed it on taking the stimulant. And while the league doesn't identify the

substance when a player is penalized, senior vice president Adolpho Birch acknowledges that the number of positives for amphetamines has increased.

Because the type of drug isn't disclosed under the NFL's agreement with the union, nothing prevents a player from claiming he took Adderall when, in fact, he tested positive for a steroid or another stimulant. The tests don't differentiate

between Adderall and other amphetamines, Birch said, but he does believe Adderall abuse is on the rise in the league.

With many college students using the drug without a prescription to study deep into the night, he said, players come into the NFL accustomed to the idea of popping the pill for a boost.

"It's not a secret that it's a societal trend," Birch, who oversees law

and labor policy for the league, said Wednesday. "I think we're starting to see some of the effects of that trend."

Players diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, can apply for a therapeutic use exemption that permits them to take Adderall. An independent administrator reviews their medical history and diagnostic tests to approve or reject the application.

Several players who have tested positive said they had a prescription for Adderall but not an exemption.

New York Giants rookie safety Will Hill said in October before starting his four-game suspension that he didn't know when he received a prescription that Adderall was on the league's list of banned substances.

He appealed the suspension and lost. "I accept full

responsibility for this situation, and it won't happen again," Hill said.

Dr. Steven Pliszka, a psychiatry professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, said about 4 percent of the general population has ADHD. The number could be even higher among professional athletes, he said, because some traits of the disorder may actually help them in sports.



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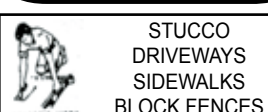
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Post-Full Moon Haze

The void-of-course Gemini moon is emotionally drained by last night's fun and not nearly as talkative as usual. Luckily, the way Venus and Mars are arranged, words are unnecessary. Once you decide what you want, your desire will find its own language, and all will be evident in the way you move toward your destiny.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be involved in a bonding of sorts. The process of melding parts into a whole can be unexpectedly magical and is quite a thing to observe. You'll enjoy this time of connection.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It can be an eerie feeling when the oracles seem to speak directly to you. It makes you curious about how things work. You'll have the urge to pull back the curtain to see what magical mechanism is at work behind the scenes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is much about your life that is determined by actions you execute on autopilot, most of which take but a few minutes. Big changes occur by altering small habits.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Overcoming perceived limitations requires a change in your perception. The day presents a test of your mettle. Stay true to your convictions, and you'll experience the reward on the other side of this challenge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is a storm ever just a storm? Physical and emotional weather patterns have something to say. You will feel as though you can speak the language of the elements. You'll accurately read the signs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything takes effort. That's why trying to find a shortcut is often a waste of time. A mindset of "you shouldn't have to wait, you're special, you should be exempt from hard work" only leads to further delay.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wanting to feel better is a universal desire. You can bet that the person next to you is in the same boat, sensing that there's more joy, happiness and pleasure to be had and trying to figure out how to get it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Familiarity can be either an obstacle to or a catalyst for attraction. It all depends on chemistry. If you feel attractive and like what you see in another person, the closer you get the more you want to get close.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Comfortable conversations are featured — the kind where no one is saying anything too important, but the noise is reassuring. You may find yourself longing for a challenging intellectual connection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you know you shouldn't base your self-worth on the money you earn, it still feels good to bring home the money that feeds you and

yours. You'll be glad you can contribute.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people are poor judges of what will make them happy. Instead of going for "happy," pursue your interests, and you may accidentally land at "happy" in spite of yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An impasse is a critical moment of the journey, because an impasse has something to teach you. It's time to decide which is immobile: the obstacle in your path or your attitude.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29). It's one of your most romantic years, as you approach love with a great deal of commitment and imagination. You release fear and become increasingly selfless in relationships. A major accomplishment is featured in January. May features exciting plans. Get away in June. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 25 and 18.

CURRENT ASTRAL BACKDROP, SATURN IN SCORPIO: If there were an ocean big enough to hold Saturn — and somewhere in the universe there very well may be — all data point to the conclusion that Saturn would float. That's how light the planet is. But the levity of the ringed beauty somehow doesn't translate astrologically, as Saturn has a reputation for being a serious heavy. The stern taskmaster is known for delivering the kind of life lessons that build character. Translation: that aren't fun. At

all. The current transit of Saturn through Scorpio, which lasts into 2015, has its pluses. On the one hand, this aspect affords more privacy to our trials, and if we fail, we can do so quietly. On the other hand, it's easy to hide, and that's usually not a good thing. Life can seem too confusing to understand or so profound that we feel we need protection from it. But no matter how we insulate ourselves, change is certain while Saturn roams Scorpio. Transformation is Scorpio's specialty. So even if you build a cocoon around yourself and go to sleep for a while, developments will occur. You just might go from being a creature who crawls to one who flies.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Anna Faris has one of her

busiest movie schedules ever in 2013, starting with the January release of the all-star comedy "Movie 43." The sassy Sagittarian was born when the moon was in Pisces, a brilliant placement for actors, lending high amounts of empathy to apply to their craft. Her Saturn in Leo suggests that the entertainment business will be a primary source of life lessons.

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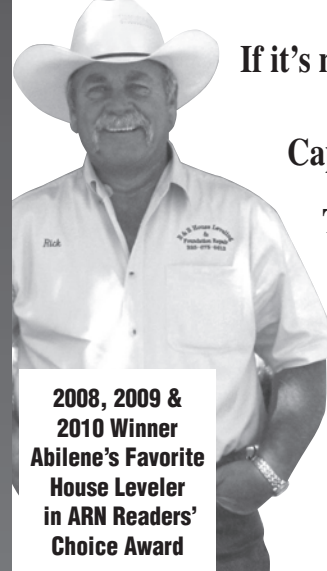
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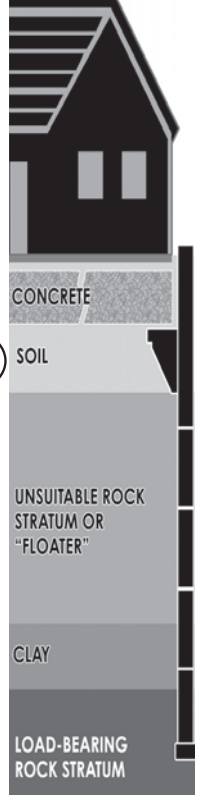
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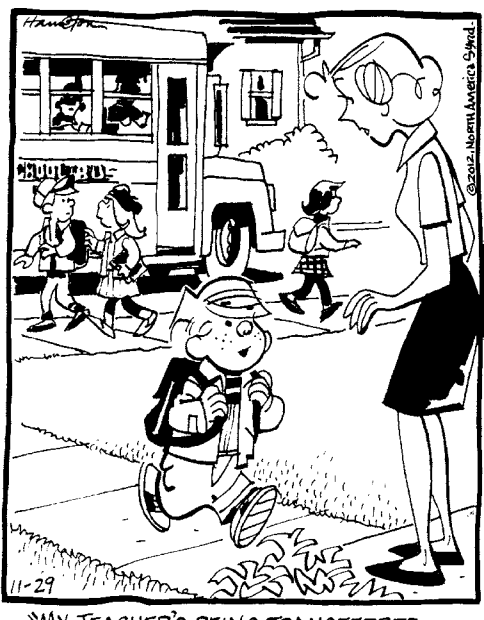
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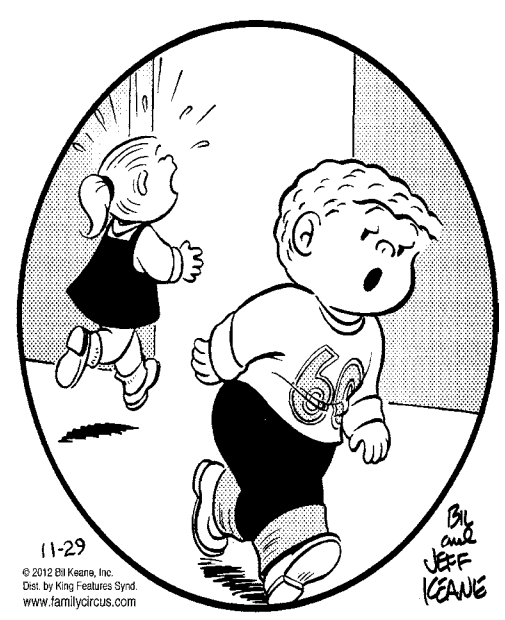
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| 5:PM  | News ABC            | Casa               | Two Men            | News CBS           | Noticias              | News                | King                 | Yohanán             | Charlie Rose        | King                | Auction                | CSI: Miami                    | Jail                   | The Mentalist                                    | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Phineas             | SportsNation                              | SportsCenter                             |
| 6:PM  | Jeopardy!           | Un Refugio         | Big Bang           | News CBS           | Noticiero             | News                | King                 | House               | PBS News-Hour       | Rules               | Property Wars          | CSI: Miami                    | Jail                   | The Mentalist                                    | Shake It                      | College Basketball  | Football                                  | College Football: Louisville at Rutgers. |
| 7:PM  | Last Resort         | Por Ella Soy Eva   | The X Factor       | Ent                | Caso Cerardo          | Millionaire         | Seinfeld             | R. Shap             | Finding Your Roots  | The Vampire Diaries | Property Wars          | Movie: Fargo, William H. Macy | IMPACT Wrestling       | NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat. | Apollo Live                   | Jessie              | College Basketball: Marquette at Florida. | SportsCenter                             |
| 8:PM  | Gray's Anatomy      | Amores Verdaderos  | Glee (DVS)         | Person of Interest | Corazón Valiente      | 30 Rock             | Fam. Guy             | Upd                 | A Girl's Life       | Beauty & Beast      | Auction                | Movie: Casino, Joe Pesci      | Ink Master             | NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Warriors              | BET Hip Hop Awards 2011       | Game                | Good                                      | Boxing                                   |
| 9:PM  | (:02) Scandal       | Amor Bravo! (SS)   | Simpsons           | (:01) Elementary   | Escobar Rostro de     | Rock Center         | Big Bang             | Big Bang            | Antiques Roadshow   | Seinfeld            | Texas Car Wars         | Movie: The Keeper             | MMA Academy            | Game   | ANT Farm                      | Wizards             | NFL Live                                  | SportsCenter                             |
| 10:PM | News Nightline      | Noticiero          | Raymond            | Letterman          | Titulares             | Jay Leno            | Office               | Dr.                 | World               | Til Death           | Auction                | Movie: Sahara, ...            | MMA                    | Game   | ANT Farm                      | Wizards             | NFL Live                                  | SportsCenter                             |
| 11:PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | Al Diablo          | Law Order: CI      | Ferguson           | Decisiones (SS)       | Jimmy Fallon        | Office               | Scrivner            | T. Smiley           | Til Death           | Auction                | Movie: Sahara, ...            | MMA                    | Game   | ANT Farm                      | Wizards             | NFL Live                                  | SportsCenter                             |
| 12:AM | Extra               | Mar de Amor (SS)   | Raymond            | Insider            | Pagado                | News                | Conan                | Upd                 | Conan               | Browns              | Property Wars          | Movie: Sahara, ...            | MMA                    | Game   | ANT Farm                      | Wizards             | NFL Live                                  | SportsCenter                             |
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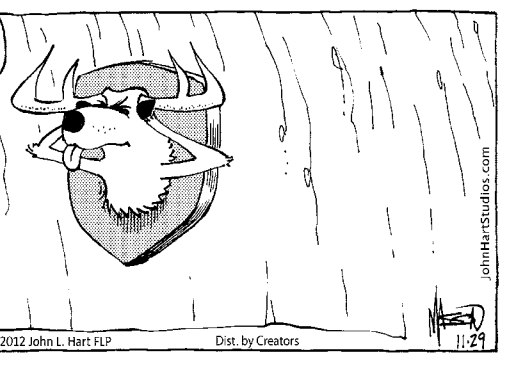
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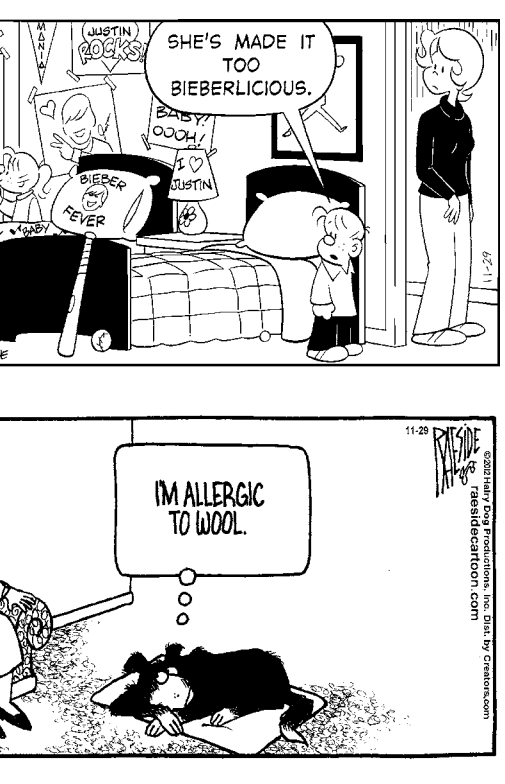
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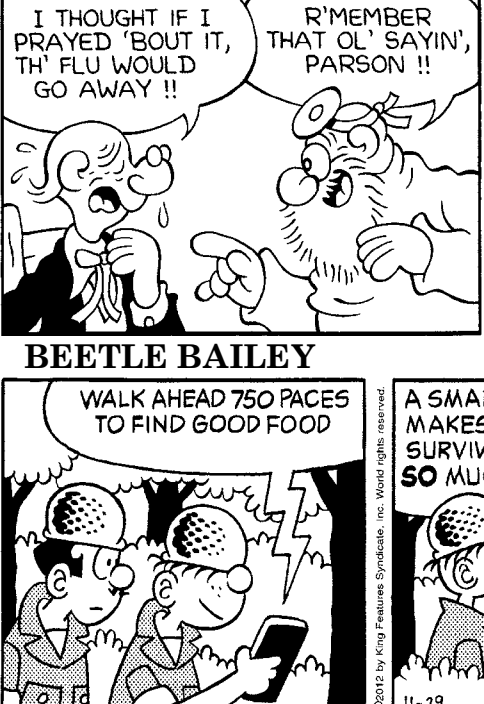
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2012. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower secretly left on a trip to Korea, keeping his campaign promise to assess the ongoing conflict first-hand.

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'-zee), onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1912, the Maryland Agricultural College, located in College Park, was destroyed by fire.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, Calif.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1987, a Korean Air 707 jetliner en route from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok was destroyed by a bomb planted by North Korean agents with the loss of all 115 people aboard.

In 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 85. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 80. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 79. Actress Diane Ladd is 77. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 72. Country singer Jody Miller is 71. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 70. Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 66. Comedian Garry Shandling is 63. Actor Jeff Fahey is 60. Movie director Joel Coen is 58. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 57. Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 55. The mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel, is 53. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 52. Actress Kim Delaney is 51.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "That's wonderful!"
  - 4 Milk and cookies, e.g.
  - 9 In a lather
  - 14 Observe furtively
  - 15 "Spively" of South America
  - 16 They may be sliding
  - 17 Nursery rhyme runner
  - 20 Hathaway of *The Dark Knight Rises*
  - 21 Trudge along
  - 22 Is a precursor of
  - 26 Brillo alternative
  - 31 Reasons for bowl cheers
  - 32 Minimal amounts
  - 34 Impels
  - 35 Hardly ever
  - 37 World's largest fashion mag
  - 38 Nursery rhyme snoozer
  - 42 Spanish surrealist
  - 43 Mall business
  - 44 Barely passing
  - 47 Curl up
  - 48 "May I help you?"
  - 51 Boils over
  - 53 Unwind, as thread
  - 55 Big atlas section
  - 57 Money in Malta
  - 58 Nursery rhyme climber
  - 65 Thrust back
  - 66 Thoroughly enjoyed
- DOWN**
- 1 Patton of *King of Queens*
  - 2 Went first
  - 3 African scavengers
  - 4 Course with a lab: Abbr.
  - 5 Ice org.
  - 6 Feel off
  - 7 Sitcom segment
  - 8 Capsizes, with "over"
  - 9 Emphatic confirmation
  - 10 Director Howard
  - 11 NASA affirmative
  - 12 Prefix for angle
  - 13 Suffix for languages
  - 18 Become one
  - 19 Pound sound
  - 23 Editorial mark
  - 24 Statuesque
  - 25 Farther afield
  - 27 Pert competitor
  - 28 Rts. advocate
  - 29 Editorial mark
  - 30 Pilot's hdg.
  - 33 Clearheaded
  - 35 Minimal hail
  - 36 Go by car
  - 38 Prom rental
  - 39 Eye part
  - 40 New Haven school
  - 41 Ill temper
  - 42 Nero's 1550
  - 45 Working fine
  - 46 Acapulco assent
  - 48 "Got it?"
  - 49 Triumphant cry
  - 50 Squirreled away
  - 52 Influential person
  - 54 Maui souvenir
  - 56 Concerning
  - 58 Pension supplement, perhaps
  - 59 Media mogul Turner
  - 60 Sunblock stat
  - 61 "\_\_\_-haw!" (cowboy shout)
  - 62 Until now
  - 63 Go after legally
  - 64 Opposite of COD

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# Deng leads Chicago past Mavericks

CHICAGO (AP) — Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau preaches 48 minutes of effort to his team. He didn't quite get that against the Mavericks on Wednesday night, but it was much better than the last time out.

Luol Deng had 22 points and six rebounds as Chicago cruised to a 101-78 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Five players scored at least 11 points to help the Bulls (7-7) beat the Mavericks for the fourth straight time. Chicago recovered from a 93-92 loss to Milwaukee on Monday, in which it blew a 27-point third-quarter lead, largely due to the proficiency of its

reserves.

"The bench was great," Thibodeau said. "The starters got us out to a good start. We needed everybody."

Nate Robinson had 14 points and a game-high six assists for Chicago, and fellow reserve Jimmy Butler scored a career-high 13, including 9-of-10 shooting from the free throw line.

"I feel like we're coming together, getting more comfortable out there," Butler said. "They tell us all the time that you have to keep building that lead, but it definitely shows that any night, any team — 20 down, 10 down — they can come back and win

the game."

The Bulls' bench combined for a season-high 50 points.

Joakim Noah chipped in 13 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and three blocks as Chicago avoided its first three-game losing streak at the United Center since dropping five straight in March 2010.

"It was good to come out and forget that last loss and move forward as a team," said Bulls reserve Taj Gibson, who had eight points and eight rebounds. "We understand we have a long season. There's going to be a lot of bumps in the road, but we're sticking together."

Shawn Marion scored a sea-

son-high 18 points for Dallas, which shot just 35 percent to lose for the eighth time in 11 games.

The Mavericks (7-9), who had won 21 of 27 against Chicago, dropped to 2-6 on the road.

"I loved our start to the game, but they kept chipping away and they cut the deficit, they took the lead, and our response wasn't good," coach Rick Carlisle said. "No excuses. We played last night and all that, but we just have to do a better job."

Both teams were coming off difficult losses. The Mavericks lost 100-98 at Philadelphia on Tuesday when

O.J. Mayo missed a pair of free throws with 2.7 seconds left. The Bulls had a 78-51 lead in Monday's loss before the Bucks broke off a game-changing 31-4 run.

"We've got to show a collective caring for one another and a collective toughness," Carlisle said. "We're entering a really difficult stretch of our schedule. Nothing's going to be easy. We've got to embrace that challenge."

Dallas closed within six with 2:30 to go in the third Wednesday but after a timeout, Deng hit a 3-pointer and Robinson scored on a drive to give Chicago its biggest lead, 77-56.

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doesn't press against his stomach. Fred Couples has a belly putter that rests against his stomach, but the butt of the club moves freely. It is not hinged. Couples was not sure if that would be legal under the new rule, though he could just imagine the number of phone calls if

he was shown on TV using that stroke.

Then again, the odds of the 53-year-old Couples even playing the Champions Tour in 2016 was enough to make him laugh.

U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson already has been using a short putter while at home, and he said he would continue to make the transition and go to the conventional putter

when he feels comfortable with it.

Bradley has been using a belly putter since he was at college, and he laments the five years of practice with it going to waste.

"Who knows? Maybe there's some way to putt better," Bradley said. "I see myself finding a way to putt."

Bradley and Simpson are in a difficult spot, for neither wants to look like a group of dissenters. Both said they have respect for the USGA and R&A, and Bradley wanted to make that clear Wednesday at Sherwood Country Club when he said, "I do understand the USGA is trying to protect the game. I knew they're not doing something maliciously to hurt me or other guys."

But this already is shaping up to be a divisive issue, from industry leaders worried

about the growth of golf to players who have been using these putters for years.

Carl Pettersson of Sweden and Tim Clark of South Africa have used broom-handle putters all their careers, and they have talked about a possible legal recourse.

Neither could be reached for comment. Pettersson was in South Africa for the Nedbank Challenge and did not return a phone call.

"Any competitive player likes to have an extra advantage," Matt Kuchar said. "I think you're going to find anyone using the short putter is glad, and anyone using the belly putter or long putter is not happy."

Kuchar used a mid-length putter that rested against his left arm when he won The Players Championship. That style is OK.

Couples wasn't sure golf needed such a rule.

His argument is that if the anchored stroke was that much of an advantage, everyone would be using it. He somehow managed to work Rick Barry of the Golden State Warriors into the conversation.

He referred to him as one of the greatest free-throw shooters in NBA history, famous for his underhand shot at the foul line.

"Do you see other guys copying him?" Couples said. "Is Keegan Bradley the best putter on tour? Is Webb? So it's a look. They can say all they want, but it's a look. An advantage? You think guys out here are dumb? What's an advantage? You would think if this was such an advantage, everyone would be using it."

None of the top 20 players on the PGA Tour's most reliable putting statistic used an anchored putting

stroke.

"In my opinion, they haven't screwed up golf yet, and I don't think this will screw it up," Couples said. "But I feel bad for Keegan Bradley, because I'll tell you what: If they banned it tomorrow and we played a tournament, I think I'll be a better player than Keegan. And I don't think that's fair."

In the meantime, the World Challenge gets under way Thursday as the final event of the year for Woods, and the last chance for this 18-man field to earn ranking points. Some will go to the Shark Shootout next week in Florida. The others won't be seen again until next year, either in Hawaii or the desert.

The anchored putting stroke will come again. The debate most likely won't end anytime soon.

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candidates. As for criteria, this is the only instruction: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation.

Bonds, Clemens and Sosa won't get a vote from Mike Klis of The Denver Post.

"Nay on all three. I think in all three cases, their performances were artificially enhanced. Especially in the cases of Bonds and Clemens, their production went up abnormally late in

their careers," he wrote in an email.

They'll do better with Bob Dutton of The Kansas City Star.

"I plan to vote for all three. I understand the steroid/PED questions surrounding each one, and I've wrestled with the implications," he wrote in an email.

"My view is these guys played and posted Hall of Fame-type numbers against the competition of their time. That will be my sole yardstick. If Major League Baseball took no action against a player during his career for alleged or suspected steroid/PED use, I'm not going to do so in assessing their career for the Hall of Fame," he said.

San Jose Mercury News columnist Mark Purdy will reserve judgment.

"At the beginning of all this, I made up my mind I had to adopt a consistent policy on the steroid social club. So, my policy has been, with the brilliance in the way they set up the Hall of Fame vote where these guys have a 15-year window, I'm not going to vote for any of those guys until I get the best picture possible of what was happening then," he wrote in an email.

"We learn a little bit more each year. We learned a lot during the Bonds trial. We learned a lot during the Clemens trial. I don't want to say I'm never going to vote for any of them. I want to wait until the end of their eligibility window and have my best idea of what was really going on," he said.

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