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Dancing through the decades



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College students perform during a dress rehearsal for "Dancing Through the Decades", the college's fall dance show which will be staged tonight and Saturday in the Hall Center for the Arts.

Alon stores tout greener gas

By AMANDA ELSTON

Managing Editor

As of Wednesday, those filling up their cars at one of the seven Big Spring ALON/7-11 locations are helping to make Howard County's carbon footprint a little smaller.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) has teamed up with Alon/7-11 and GreenPrint, an Atlanta-based company which works to reduce carbon footprints, to introduce a program to reduce fuel emissions and make Big Spring a greener place to live.

The program introduced by GreenPrint goes back into the community in two ways. By using STRIVE fuel available at Big Spring ALON /7-11 locations, drivers can reduce their tailpipe emissions by 30 percent. In addition to lowering the amount of harmful emissions put into the air, for every gallon of gas sold at participating locations, ALON will plant trees in Big Spring and in the general West Texas area.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Elston Keep Big Spring Beautiful member Pat Simmons, left, fills her car with

STRIVE fuel, which GreenPrint officials claim will reduce tailpipe emissions by 30 percent. The seven Alon/7-11 stores in Big Spring began selling the gasoline Wednesday.

BSISD settles lawsuit

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Trustees with Big Spring ISD gave the go-ahead Thursday night for district officials and the board's lawyers to settle a lawsuit

filed by a Big Spring couple claiming the district was negligent in constructing Goliad Elementary School by failing to design the property to prevent flooding on their property. Superintendent



Wigington

Chris Wigington said the two parties reached a settlement agreement of \$16,000 after a three-year battle in the court system. "The original law suit was for

\$1 million," Wigington told trustees during the meeting. "It's at \$16,000. Our lawyers said it would cost more to keep fight-

In 2013, a lawsuit filed in the 118th District Court for the plaintiffs, Ronnie Landis and Tammy Landis, against Big Spring Independent School District, Lee Lewis Construction and John Doe Nos. 1-5, claimed the "defendants were negligent in the design of the school ground (Goliad Elementary School) by failing to design the school property to prevent flooding."

The couple contended prior to the construction, the campus was located on a rise and behind the plaintiff's homestead was an earthen berm. Rain would drain away from the plaintiff's house. Construction changed the landscape of the area causing rain to drain into the couple's property.

Court records on the case stated rains in August and September 2012 revealed the defect, causing property damage. The document later states "Big Spring Independent School District has inversely condemned the property of the plaintiff's through the construction of the campus."

However, the court dismissed the case against Big Spring ISD on April 9, 2014 after district lawyers argued BSISD was "immune from the suit by the doctrine of governmental

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Nigeria: Abducted schoolgirls freed in swap The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Twenty-one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram more than two years ago were freed Thursday in a swap for detained leaders of the Islamic extremist group, government and

first release since nearly 300 girls were taken captive in a case that provoked international outrage.

The freed girls, some carrying babies, were released before dawn and placed in the custody of the Department of State Services, Nigeria's se-

military officials said, the cret intelligence agency. In photos released by the government, the former captives, most now young women, appeared gaunt and exhausted. The government "wants the girls to have some rest," said presidential spokesman Garba Shehu, adding that "all of them are very tired."

Some 197 captives remain missing, though some reportedly have died.

"We are extremely delighted and grateful," said the Bring Back Our Girls movement, which campaigned in Nigeria and internationally

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The Howard County Sheriff's Department report-

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Local 5-Day Forecast

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Obituaries

Alice Ann Grantham



Alice Ann Grantham, 74, of Knott died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Grady Grantham Dec. 21, 1957, in Stanton. She was a homemaker who loved taking care of her family and friends. She was a member of the

Ann was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Knott and married

Knott Church of Christ.

Ann is survived by her husband, Grady

Grantham, of Knott; one son, Terry Grantham of Knott; one daughter, Penny Peterson of Vealmoor; four grandchildren, Mika Peterson, Cade Peterson and wife Shiloh, Chance Grantham and wife Samantha, and Chelsie Grantham; four great-grandsons, Payden Zant, Kooper Zant, Cason Peterson, and Kanon Peterson; one great-granddaughter, Reagan Grantham; two brothers, Bud Williams and wife Junelle, and Otis Williams; and two sisters, Jean Cauble and husband Jack, and Barbara Shortess and husband Dickie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pearly and Zella Mae (Henderson) Williams; one sister, Faye Hiniker; and one son-in-law, Mike Peterson.

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

Paid obituary

Estefana Corona Melendez



Estefana Corona Melendez, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, at Midland Memorial Hospi-

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Pastor Axel Chavez officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 2, 1937, in Rioverde, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to

Santiaga Torres Corona and Felix Corona. She married Otilio Melendez on May 19, 1951. They came to Big Spring in 1978 from Rioverde. She was a homemaker and a member of La Fe Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Otilio Melendez of Big Spring; her children, Luis Melendez (Imelda), Andres Melendez (Rosa), Irene Rosas (Magdaleno), Olegario Melendez (Gloria), Yolanda Rodriguez (Jesus), Oscar Melendez (Francis), and Sabino Melendez (Connie); 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Catalina Corona and Tomasa Corona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Aciano Corona; and two sisters, Juana Corona and San Tiaga Corona.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Delma Rubio



Delma Rubio, 47, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, at her

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 14, 1969, in Big Spring to Sophia Mendoza Rubio and Francisco Ru-

bio. She grew up in Big Spring and was a lifetime

resident here. She was a homemaker and a Catho-

She is survived by one son, Joshua Hernandez and wife Kristin of Odessa; two daughters, Samantha Saiz and Corey Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; two grandchildren; her mother, Sophia Rubio of Big Spring; three sisters, Sandy Fierro of Midland, Patsy Rubio of Big Spring, and Debra Rubio of Dallas; two brothers, Ysa Rubio and Fred Rubio, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, Robert Rubio and Frankie Rubio Sr.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MCKENZIE LEIGH BIR-MELIN, 22, of 205 N. Fourth St. in Coahoma was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- GINA LEE PARTON, 45, of 600 Tubb Loop Rd. was ar on outstanding warrants.
- **RICHARD RAINS**, 50, of 1207 Settles St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-NEW, 26, of 7805 North Service Road was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and on an outstanding warrant.
- KARISSA KAY DANIELS,

- 29, of 7805 North Service Road was arrested on warrants for using a wireless device in a school zone, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- RONALD L. COLLINS, 56, of 6000 Topke Pl. N.E. in Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication
- LARON CHRISTIAN ALLI-**SON**, 46, of 1715 E. Highway 350 was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and on outstanding war-
- DAWNTAVIA SHAREYE GHANT, 25, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. #5 was arrested on a war-
- rant for theft (\$50 to \$500). • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was

- reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne Dr.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and 11th Place Extension, and in the 300 block of Northeast South Main Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the the 1700 block of East FM 700, the valid license. 1600 block of South Gregg Street,
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3300 block of Auburn Avenue.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**ING** was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-
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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4600 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- ure to appear. • MCKENZIE LEIGH BIRMELIN, 22, was
- 7800 block of North Service Road, booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an in-
- ARNULFO RODRIGUEZ CHAVERA, 36, was and the 2600 block of South Gregg booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/fail-
 - RONALD LEE COLLINS, 56, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - KARISSA KAY DANIELS, 29, was booked by BSPD on warrants for cell phone use in a school zone and failure to maintain financial responsibil-
 - DAWNTAVIA SHAREYE GHANT, 25, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft (\$50 to \$500).
 - MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ, 27, was booked by RSO on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
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 - controlled substance. GINA LEE PARTON, 45, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial re-
 - sponsibility and violation of promise to appear. RICHARD WAYNE RAINS, 50, was booked by
 - BSPD on a parole violation warrant. BENNY JAMES WALKER, 21, was booked by

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Hurricane relief enters new phase | ISD

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An international relief effort for victims of Hurricane Matthew entered a more advanced stage Thursday as a second U.S. military ship arrived off Haiti's coast and U.N. convoys and non-government organizations began reaching more isolated communities.

Food, clean water and construction materials have begun pouring into the southwestern peninsula, though many people there still say they've seen little or no aid.

Those working to send everything from water purification systems to building materials say the scope of the damage from Matthew and the difficulty reaching people create logistical challenges similar to those faced after the devastating earthquake that struck the crowded capital and surrounding areas in January 2010. But while the death toll from last week's storm is in the hundreds, the Haitian government has said the earthquake killed more than 300,000.

"There's just so much to do, not to make it more than the earthquake, but it's so widespread, it's everything across the board," said Chris Bessey, the country representative for Catholic Relief Services.

The Haitian government says more than 1.4 million people urgently need humanitarian assistance. The official death toll is 473, though local officials have reported figures suggesting it will eventually be higher, and the homes of more than 120,000 families were damaged or destroyed. Many people across the ruggedly scenic peninsula have watched passing aid trucks in growing frustration.

"I'm looking at my life and I don't know what to do. It seems like somebody is getting help but it is not us," said Watson Hypolite, a 66-year-old in the badlyhit Grande Anse district of Beaumont as trucks with the logos of the U.N. and International Organization for Migration, guarded by peacekeepers, passed him on a mountainous gravel road.

But amid the challenges, the relief effort has risen visibly in recent days. Teams from the Haitian Red Cross and Civil Protection agency have fanned out across the peninsula and large convoys from the U.N. and the migration agency are seen more throughout the disaster zone.

On Wednesday, the U.S. military made 13 helicopter flights to hard-to-reach areas with 159 metric tons of food supplies, the U.S. Agency for International Development said.

On Thursday, USAID announced more than \$12 million in additional humanitarian assistance to aid hurricane-stricken communities. David Harden, head of humanitarian assistance for the U.S. agency, said the package of short-term relief for Haiti includes \$7 million for food and \$3 million for emergency relief supplies. USAID will also ship in 38 metric tons of chlorine to help provide clean water, a critical issue to fight a spike of cholera.

Harden said the U.S. is also looking into long-term assistance in coordination with the Haitian government and other partners.

Harden said the Hurricane Matthew relief effort was akin to the situation faced during other major disasters such as the Nepal earthquake in April 2015 or the Philippines typhoon in November 2013, both of which also had much higher death tolls.

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immunity, and therefore trial courts lack subject matter jurisdiction over negligence claims against a governmental entity absent the entity's express consent to be sued," citing earlier "well-settled law in Texas demonstrates that claims brought against a Texas school district are barred by governmental immunity," according to court records.

The couple appealed the deci-

In some housekeeping matters, trustees met in executive session to mull over an application for the District 6 position left vacant back in May when representative Jeff Brorman moved out of the district. District rules require its trustees to live in the district they represent. The district only received one applicant, Board President Irene G. Rodriguez said.

After returning to open session, the board approved Manuel "Manny" Chaveria to the position. Chaveria must stand in the May elections.

"We are excited to have him join us because it's really not fair to have a district not being represented. We want everyone included," Rodriguez said.

In other business, trustees approved:

• A change in policy at the el-

ementary level to allow a principal to administer corporal punishment to a different sex. District policy states that a principal can only administer corporal punishment to a student of the same sex. However, Wigiginton said, the change was necessary because at the elementary level most of the principals and vice principals are women. This delayed the punishment from occurring until a suitable male principal could be found, he said. The measure passed 5 to 1 with Trustee Maria Padilla voting against. Padilla said her objection was not against the recommended change in the policy but, "I don't agree with corporal punishment. It should be the parents' decision. We want the parents to be involved with everything, so the parents should be involved with this."

Wigington said parents can opt out of their child receiving corporal punishment if they sign a form.

• A \$ 1,000 donation to the Big Spring Intermediate School Innovation Project.

· An updated emergency operations manual.

During his superintendent's report, Wigington reported the district is down 227 students from this time last year.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringeherald.com.

GAS

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"We are so excited to partner with Keep Big Spring Beautiful," said GreenPrint Director of Marketing and Accounts Maryann Garrett, who was on hand Wednesday afternoon to present the Big Spring organization with a \$2,500 check and launch the program.

STRIVE fuel, according to GreenPrint representative Hannah Warner, is no different than normal gasoline, except that it helps to reduce tailpipe emissions.

"The gas isn't any more ex-

pensive," said Warner. "It's just normal gas at a normal price, but with the reduced emissions."

Warner also explained that there is no correlation with the number of gallons of gasoline pumped to trees planted in the area, but that GreenPrint would be working closely with KBSB to help give back to the community and plant trees.

"A portion of proceeds from ALON/7-11 and STRIVE fuel go towards tree planting projects in parks, greenscape projects, and other similar projects to make a lasting impact and provide more opportunities to bring the Big Spring community together,'

read a press release sent by Garrett.

President KBSB Brooks attended the launch and ribbon cutting along with members of the organization and community leaders such as Mayor Larry McLellan along with Big Spring Chamber of Commerce representatives.

KBSB member Pat Simmons was given the honor of pumping the first gallon of reduced emissions gasoline into her car.

As STRIVE fuel has made its way across Texas in locations such as Midland, Odessa, and Lubbock, Brooks was excited to bring the program to Big Spring.

"Maryann from GreenPrint contacted me as they work close with Keep Odessa Beautiful with this program," said Brooks. "It was a natural relationship." The club is working to fin-

ish its latest project of beautifying the medians on Main Street and, according to Brooks, has big plans on what to do with the donation to the club. "I think we are going to re-

Brooks. "Probably also some of the trees in Comanche Trail Park. This money will really help." According to GreenPrint,

STRIVE fuel has already neu-

place some of the dead trees

on the golf course," said

tralized over 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide and equivalent greenhouse gasses and the organization has planted more than 6,500 trees since the program's launch in 2015.

"This is such an awesome turnout," said Garrett. "Every time someone fills up, their tail pipe emissions will be reduced by 30 percent."

For more information, or to fill your car with STRIVE fuel, head to one of the seven participating ALON/7-11 locations in Big Spring; 401 Birdwell Lane, 1801 S Gregg, 1209 E 11th, 300 Owens, 902 Willia, 1701 E Marcy, and 2310 Wasson Road.

GIRLS

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for the release of the girls, most of whom were teenagers when they were seized in April 2014 from their school in the northeastern town of Chibok.

"We thank the federal government and, like Oliver Twist, we ask for more," said Hauwa Biu, an activist in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno northeastern state and the birthplace of Boko Haram.

The release was negotiated between the government and Boko Haram, with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Swiss government acting as intermediaries, Shehu said. He said negotiations would continue for the release of the other students.

Many of the girls freed Thursday were carrying babies, said an aid worker who saw them in Maiduguri, where they were taken by helicopter after their release, before being flown to the capital, Abuja. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The government said at least one child, a boy of about 20 months, was among those released. Many Boko Haram captives recently freed by military action have been shunned by their communities because they came home pregnant or with babies from the fighters.

Four detained Boko Haram leaders were released Wednesday night in Banki, a town on Nigeria's northeast border with Cameroon, said a military officer familiar with the talks. In exchange for their release, the girls were freed in Banki hours later, said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

insisted there was no swap, just "a release, the product of painstaking negotiations and trust on both sides."

At a news conference,

he refused to say how the girls were chosen. He said they would be "debriefed" and placed in the care of doctors, psychologists, social workers and trauma experts, and their names would be released after their parents were informed.

In Abuja, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo welcomed the freed young women, telling them: "The whole nation's been waiting for you," according to a post on the official Twitter account of the Nigerian presidency. He said the girls' parents were on their way to the Nigerian capital to be reunited with them.

In photos of the meeting released by the government, many of the women appeared mal-

But Information Min- nourished, their clothes on their own, but some ister Lai Mohammed hanging loosely over 197 remain missing. their bony frames. Others freed from Boko Haram captivity by military action have said the extremists are run-

ning out of food. A Chibok community leader, Pogu Bitrus, said one parent had called to say the government had contacted him to say his daughter was freed.

The abduction of 276 schoolgirls from their school in Chibok and the government's failure to quickly free them caused an international outcry and brought Boko Haram, Nigeria's home-grown Islamic extremist group, to the world's attention. Dozens of the girls escaped

In May, one of the cap-

tives, Amina Ali Nkeki, managed to escape and told her family that some of the kidnapped girls had died of illness and that others, like herself, had been married off to fighters and were pregnant or had babies, her mother told the AP.

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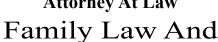
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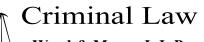
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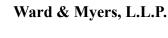
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Texas betting on lawman to fix growing child welfare crisis

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) When two of the most troubled child welfare systems in the U.S. plunged into crisis, Republican governors in Texas and Arizona turned to law enforcement veterans who promised tough investigations, then saw the safety net for vulnerable kids worsen.

Arizona's Greg McKay, a onetime Phoenix detective, has survived early calls for his firing as a once-massive case backlog wanes. Now Texas' Hank Whitman, a retired Texas Ranger who actor Robert Duvall cast to play a lawman in the 2015 film "Wild Horses," is under similar pressure to turn woeful numbers around quickly. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Wednesday publicly prodded his hand-picked appointee for quicker action just seven months after selecting Whitman, who had no child welfare experience and hasn't slowed the trend of hundreds of reportedly abused kids the state is not checking on daily.

More than 200 children at risk for abuse or neglect go unseen by investigators each day around Dallas and Houston, according to state figures. About 50 kids in Texas slept in state caseworker offices in September, five times as many as the start of the year. A security guard was hired to watch over one office in Austin.

"I'm sure that's not what the governor expected," said Texas Democratic Rep. Armando Walle of Houston. "But when you have maybe somebody who doesn't have any experience in CPS, then that's a problem."

Whitman declined an interview but said in a statement this week that he appreciated Abbott's support.

But the problems go beyond leadership. Caseworkers in Texas, who start off making less than \$40,000, have left in droves and passed their work onto already overwhelmed colleagues. The turnover rate among Texas caseworkers last year was 33 percent, though state leaders are putting no immediate money on the table for raises, fruschild-welfare experts. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick praised the job Whitman was doing under the circumstanc-

"That's how tough of a job it is, when you have to call in the head of the Rangers," Patrick said.

Arizona had a similar turnover rate at its child welfare agency at the end of last year, when McKay came under fire for reports showing that backlog of child abuse reports had grown to 15,000. That resulted in lawmakers issuing a rare rebuke of the agency run by McKay, who was hired in February 2015 and was previously the head of the state's Office of Child Welfare Investigations. backlog is now around 4,000, according to Arizona's Department of Child Safety. Whitman took over four months after a federal judge ruled Texas' foster care system was unconstitutionally broken. He made regional directors re-apply for their jobs, said he would give nearly 150 special investigators forensic training and made criminal background checks a new priority.

"Bringing in this law enforcement, knuckle, hard-nosed, we're-going-after-thebad-guv looks like it's in the best in interest,' said Will Francis, a former child caseworker in Texas who is now a lobbyist for the National Association of Social Workers. "But it completely disregards all those families that are there for neglect or aren't that type of hard criminal.'

But even some of Texas' harshest critics say the issue isn't at the top, but the lack of caseworkers at the bottom.



On Tuesday, Big Spring's Wal-Mart posted signs letting customers know that Blue Bell could not be sold due to the recall.

Blue Bell: Testing helps create safe treats post-2015 recall

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of another recall of its ice cream products, Blue Bell has stood firm in its belief that a "robust" testing program it implemented following last year's listeria contamination is helping the company create safe treats.

But while the new recall — again linked to listeria and involving a third-party supplier — is likely to result in more regulatory and public scrutiny for Blue Bell, experts say it probably won't mean a substantial loss of customers.

Blue Bell had to shut down its flagship creamery in Brenham, Texas, about 70 miles from Houston, for a few months to fully clean after last year's recall, which was linked to 10 listeria cases in four states, including three deaths in Kansas. After it restarted production, state inspection records show increased preliminary tests from December 2015 through July indicated the presence of listeria on some non-food contact areas. This led Blue Bell to do addi-

The company has regained some of its market share, but the efforts took a hit last month after it announced it was recalling some ice cream products after finding chocolate chip cookie dough from a third-party supplier — Iowa-based Aspen Hills Inc. that was potentially contaminated with listeria.

tional cleaning and repairs to things

like a break room and a floor drain.

Tests by Blue Bell and the Texas Department of State Health Services found the presence of listeria in unopened boxes of the dough. It was first discovered Sept. 9; Blue Bell began buying the cookie dough in January.

Blue Bell credited its testing program with discovering the problem. "Because listeria is common in the natural environment, our robust environmental testing program actively searches for and sanitizes areas where listeria may be present," it said in an email.

Aspen Hills has said its lab results have been negative for listeria but it recalled its product because it found lapses in its food safety system. Blue Bell expanded its recall this week after Aspen Hills recalled additional supplies of its product.

Listeria can cause serious illness, especially in older adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems. Blue Bell said that if testing shows the presence of listeria, it shuts down production lines and steam-treats equipment.

The state's inspection records show that suspected sources of listeria from November through July in the Brenham plant included a room where employees leave or cover their shoes before entering production areas, a break room, a floor drain near an ice cream filling machine and a doorway near a warehouse/distribution area. The preliminary findings of listeria prompted Blue Bell to take various actions, such as repairs, taking apart equipment for additional cleaning and adding sanitizing crystals in affected areas. None of these incidents resulted in a shutdown of the plant.

Brandon Henning, who works for a New Jersey-based company that creates quality control software, said he is encouraged by the various actions Blue Bell says it's taken.

"The reality for Blue Bell is they are going to have to perform above and beyond at least for the next several years where they don't have incidents or recalls and are trusted again by consumers and the federal government," Henning said, adding that ultimately it is Blue Bell's responsibility to ensure that its suppliers provide it with safe products.

In 2014, before the listeria outbreak, Blue Bell had about \$680 million in revenues, said Evan Danckwerth, an analyst with research firm PrivCo. That fell to about \$288 million last year, and is projected to be around \$340 million this year. He noted that sales figures seem to indicate Blue Bell has retained customer loyalty.

Texas Department of State Health Services spokeswoman Christine Mann said Blue Bell has worked with its inspectors "to correct any deficiencies."

U.S. Food and Drug Administration spokesman Lauren Kotwicki declined to comment on Blue Bell or its latest recall.

In the wake of the current recall, Blue Bell said it continues to "refine our procedures, make additional physical enhancements in our facilities, and reinforce our employee training."

Houston 911 operator accused of hanging up on 1000s of calls HOUSTON(AP) — A Houston 911 op- driving recklessly at high speed on

erator accused of hanging up on thou- a Houston freeway. Police said Wilsands of emergency calls is charged liams was the 911 operator and cut with two counts of interference with short the call before the caller could an emergency telephone call.

Harris County court records show 43-year-old Crenshanda Williams of Houston was charged Oct. 5 and freed on \$2,000 bond. She faces a court appearance next week. KPRC-TV

reported Williams was in-



Williams

volved in thousands of "short calls," lasting 20 seconds or less, between October 2015 and March. Joe Laud, the Houston Emergency Center administration manager, said Thursday she was placed on indefinite suspension and fired Aug. 4.

In one incident, Williams hung up on a caller reporting a robbery in progress at a convenience store. The man called back and spoke to a different operator, but by the time police arrived, the store manager was fatally shot. A security guard called 911 on March 13 to report two motorists provide his name. According to a recording of the call,

Williams hung up then said: "Ain't nobody got time for this. For real."

AP could not reach Williams for comment; her phone number is not listed and online court records don't list an attorney to speak on her be-

Police said when Williams was questioned in June 2016, she told them she often hangs up on calls because she didn't want to talk with anyone at that time.

One caller, Buster Pendley, said Williams hung up on him March 1 when his wife collapsed and lost consciousness. Pendley said he tried to perform CPR on his wife with one hand while calling 911 with the other.

"The 911 operator answered the phone, and she said, 'This is Crenshanda, may I help you?"" Pendley recalled. He told her his wife had passed out and needed an ambulance, the operator said OK then hung up.

He got help after a second 911 call and his wife, Sharon Stephens, survived, but the experience still makes

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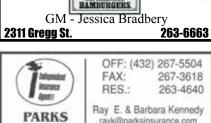
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Reflections: Electing a president, choosing a future

and accusations on both sides of the Presidential election, I want to throw my hands up in despair.

I find myself wishing for an earlier era when politicians were more civil and sane, when the world was stable and people were in agree-

I thought, "If we could only return to the days of our founding fathers!" I did a little research about those

days and was surprised. Thomas Jefferson defeated John Adams and Aaron Burr to become our third President in 1800. But, he was not popular. And the campaign looked a lot like today.

If Jefferson were elected, one newspaper warned, "Murder, robbery,

Then I listen to the insults rape, adultery, and incest will be openly taught and practiced, the air will be rent with the cries of the distressed, the soil will be soaked with blood, and the nation black with crimes." Aaron Burr leaked a private letter from Alexander Hamilton that accused Adams of having "great and intrinsic defects in his character." Jefferson referred to Adams as a "blind, bald, crippled toothless man who is a hideous hermaphroditic character with neither the force and fitness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman." When the votes were counted, Jef-

ferson and Burr were tied in the Electoral College with 73 votes each. Adams received 65. The tie between Jefferson and Burr threw the election to the U.S. House of Representatives. After 35 ballots, Alexander Hamilton persuaded some of Burr's backers to shift their votes and Jefferson was elected. Aaron Burr later killed Ham-

Jefferson went on to negotiate the Louisiana Purchase that extended the U.S. territory from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains. Congress tried to block the purchase, but the vote failed 57-59.

In 1860 Lincoln was elected President with 40 percent of the popular vote. He was referred to as an "idiot, yahoo, the original gorilla." Abolitionists abhorred him, calling him "timid, vacillating, and inefficient." One Ohio Republican claimed Lincoln "is universally an admitted failure, has no will, no courage, no executive capacity." Southern states were so incensed by his election that they seceded from the Union. The nation was thrown into Civil War.

Today millions visit the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials to pay their respects and remember two of our greatest Presidents.

The past often appears more peaceful and purposeful than the present. We know the outcome. It is "today" that confuses us. We must exercise faith and freedom of choice in the present without knowing what will happen. On Nov. 8 we must choose the next president. But every day we must make choices that shape our lives and the lives of those around us.

We are like those who stood before Joshua at Shechem. After reminding them of God's repeated providence for their fathers, Joshua challenged them: "Choose you this day whom you shall serve. ... As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Church News

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Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Sunday services at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ start at 9 a.m. with Bible Study, followed by worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship is at 5 p.m.

Wednesday activities include Ladies Class at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study and Devotional at 7 p.m.

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Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible Study will begin again soon. More information to come

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts," a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818 or e-mail at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com for more information

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11th Place in Big Spring, will hold a Trunk Or Treat event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31. For more information contact the church at 267-8287.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, is the 22nd Sunday after Pen-

This Sunday's guest minister, Mr. Dan Miracle, will preach a sermon taken from Luke 18:1-8, regarding the parable of the widow who insisted on justice. Assisting Birdwell Lane Church of Mr. Miracle this Sunday will Christ is located at the south- be Mary Beth Johnson, who west corner of 11th Place and will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Shelane Roberts and Shirley Burgess. Ron and Loretta Farquhar will serve as greet-

> Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault will present music for the service including "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise" and "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart."

Halloween will be here in a blink of an eye and First Christian Church, along with members from St Mary's Episcopal and First Presbyterian, are preparing for Trunk or Treat. More information to

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring. A fellowship hour with coffee and donuts begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on, call the office at 432-517-4821 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in the Lord with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" - 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Join the people of FBC for Sunday worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Pastor Mark Lindsey has returned safely from ministering in Kosovo, and will bring a sermon titled "Hospitality." Drawn from Luke 14:16-24, the message will display God's grace and mercy presented as a feast for man's soul through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Minister Music Alan Schantz will lead the congregation in worship songs that feature a blend of contemporary tunes and classic hymns

of the faith. If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. Those unable to attend can join the service through the live stream on the web site at fbcbigspring.org.

Following the morning worship service, the annual Youth Group Summer Camp/ Mission trip fundraiser luncheon will be held. Students will assist in serving and earn scholarships for helping with the meal preparation and clean-up. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a great time while supporting the youth in following Christ.

At 5:30 p.m., all area chil-

dren are invited to Kids' Connection. This is a fun time Bible based songs, games, and activities; there is no fee to participate.

Youth gather at 6 p.m. at the Raffini's home. All area teens

couraged

to bring a friend and enjoy a snack supper and time of fellowship while encouraging one another through prayer. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Sunday night worship service starts at 6, and presents the opportunity to come before the Lord in preparation for the week ahead. Upward Basketball

istration continues, evaluations have begun. Go to fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 to find out about the many ways to be involved in this Gospel-based sports program for children.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by prayer time and Adult Bible Study, Saturate Youth group, Real LYF for kids, and Adult Worship Choir practice. On the menu Oct. 19 is Mexican Stack-Up.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets in the library at 5 p.m.; the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Children's Choir practices at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The Youth Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by Handbell Choir at 6:30 and Youth Group at 7:15.

Last Sunday was the beginning of this year's Stewardship Campaign, with Pledge Cards being distributed to those present. Anyone who did not receive a Pledge Card may call or come by the church office to get one. Oct. 23 will be Consecration Sunday, when those cards will be presented during the worship service.

Friday, Oct. 14, the 107th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery will be hosted by Grace Chapel and Nazareth Presbyterian Churches in San Angelo at 313 Avenue N. Buddy Cochrane is Commissioner from Big Spring.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday. Ushers for the month are Katie and Jerry Grimes, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater. Lector is Jim Little.

Lectionary for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (or 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time) is Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "Ascribe to the Lord" by Dan Edwards as the an-

Please note that Sunday worship begins at 10:50 a.m. to give time for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. Those who would like a printed bulletin for the service, can call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website at www.fpcbs.org On the website, you can listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

Spring Creek **Fellowship**

Pumpkins will be delivered Oct. 15th at 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed to unload that morning. Please help if you can. The pumpkins are for the "Cheeze Nips" Women's Ministry's Pumpkin Patch in the Spring Town Plaza parking lot from Oct. 17 to 31. If you are interested in volunteering or donating needed items, you may sign up in the foyer or contact Jen at 432-425-5141. Hours will be Monday-Saturday from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m. This annual fundraiser will offer a variety of pumpkins from tiny to giant, as well as a variety of gourds. Families can come and sit for story time offered throughout the day, plus games and other family friendly activities. The Pumpkin Patch will be cash only.

Check out Operation Christmas Child Store in the foyer. Items that will be placed into the Christmas shoe boxes are

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n our minds we must separate Ammonites and Amorites. Ammon was a son of Abraham's nephew, Lot. God told the Israelites not to attack the Ammonites because they were related.

The Amorites were one of the ancient nations that were often grouped together and called Canaanites. It was the Amorites who were hiding in the mountain caves and were crushed in the earthquake.

Long before, God had promised this land to Abraham. But the time was not right. God said "The Canaanites are an evil people. And when the measure of their evil is full, the land will spew them out." (My paraphrasing)

But now the time was right for the
Israelites to claim their Promised
Land. It was necessary that they cross the territory

and assembled his army for war.

of the Amorites to get to the Jordan River.

Moses sent emissaries to Sihon, king of the Amorites, asking permission to cross his land. Again they promised to take nothing to eat or drink as they passed through his land. But Sihon refused

Sihon was the dominant king of the area; the other vassal states paid tribute to him. So he was

able to draw soldiers from several other Canaanite tribes. The battle was so fierce that the Israelites conquered his whole country before he surrendered.

For a while Israel settled in the land of the Amorites. Then Og, king of Bashan or Aram, came out to war against the Israelites. Og was one of the few remaining giants of old, and he was feared by people just because of his size. Deut. 3:11 describes Og's bedstead as 13.5 ft. by 9 ft. and made of iron. This has been found by archeologists.

God told Moses to fight again, and they would conquer this whole people. This was on the east side of the Jordan River.

Next the people traveled toward the Jordan and camped on the flat plain near the river. This area was called the Plains of Moab, although Moab had lost control of it earlier to King Sihon.

Still Moab was disturbed by the nation of Israel

Still Moab was disturbed by the nation of Israel being so near, and they feared that Israel would attack them.

Balak, king of Moab, was actually from Aram or Bashan. He was a foreign noble and a renowned warrior whom the Moabites had asked to lead them. Balak may have been angry that the Israelites had conquered his homeland. But he was afraid to directly attack them.

He knew they had a strong and mighty god on

their side. Since they were idolatrous, their belief was strong that each country had its own god.

Moab and Midian were normally distrustful of each other. Now they formed an alliance against Israel, whom they perceived to be a common enemy. They enlisted the aid of a "prophet" at Pethor, in Aram, near the Upper Euphrates River.

Do you have a picture of this in your mind? Midian is on the northeastern side of the Arabian Peninsula. Moab was located on the eastern side of the Dead Sea. This "false prophet" lived in Aram, which is now called Syria.

This false prophet that they sought to enlist was Balaam. The sages explain that God designated Balaam as "prophet of the nations." This was meant to counterbalance Moses' close relationship with God.

Balaam used occult arts to summon his familiar

spirits. Since he did not worship God, he could not speak to God at his own will. But on occasion, God spoke to Balaam.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@ yahoo.com.



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available for purchase or you can make a donation towards the purchase of items. The goal is to send 120 boxes to children overseas this year. Contact Sue Smith or Dana Tompkins for more information.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in the area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

New Connection Groups offerings include: "Blending Families," a class for remarried couples with children; "Ready to launch," for parents; and "Hebrews," a study of the book of Hebrews. "Walking through the Gospel" continues, and "Men's 33" is starting over with Lesson 1 in the series.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain."

A new session of the Pain Management Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Steve Purdy for more information.

With the Spring Creek Fellowship smartphone app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events. Search app store for "Spring Creek Fellowship" and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

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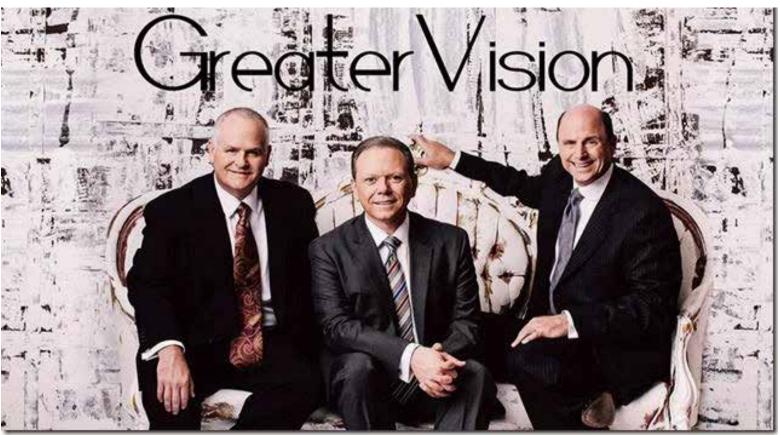
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God's word tells us that, instead of being happy, God wants people to be holy. When he made his covenant with the children of Israel, he told them what would happen if they obeyed him. God said, in Exodus 19:5-6, "You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

In Leviticus 11:45, God gives his people the reason why they ought to be holy – "For I am the LORD who

brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy" (ESV). In the New Testament, Peter echoes these words in 1 Peter 1:14-16, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You



GREG **SURLES**

shall be holy, for I am holy."

The goal of every person ought to be a relationship with God so that they may be with him when this life is over. Now many in the world do not have that as a goal much less as their primary aim. The point of this article, however, is to remind those who believe in God what it is that he wants for us.

God wants a relationship with each and every person in his creation. But that relationship must be on his terms. Humanity (people) chose to disobey God from the very beginning and, because of that sin they were separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). But God provided a way for people to become holy and once again be in a relationship with him. Romans 3:23-26, "For all have sinned and fall short

of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forth as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (ESV). You can be holy only if you have been washed in

the blood of Jesus because only the blood of Christ can redeem us (buy us back) from sin. We cannot be in a relationship with God until our sins are taken away or forgiven. Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (ESV). Acts 22:16, "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (ESV).

As a Christian who has had their sins forgiven, a disciple should strive to be like God and not like the world around them. Romans 12:1-2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

God wants you to be holy. But by being holy and drawing closer to him and further from worldly wickedness, we will attain the true joy that comes from a relationship with God. That is far better than any temporary happiness that we might enjoy

Greg Surles is the preacher at the Birdwell Lane

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with snacks and fellowship. 10:45 a.m.-12 noon-Worship Service Tuesday-

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Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places 7 p.m.-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's

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Forsan Baptist Church

This week Forsan Baptist Church will begin a new message series called "What Happens When I Pray?" The message this Sunday comes from various scriptures and is called "What God Hears."

Trunk or Treat will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the west parking lot of the church. Games, candy, and prizes will be given as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

The Wednesday study series through Daniel will come to a close this Wednesday. A new study series will begin next week.

Sunday evenings are devoted to examining the topic, "Does This Mean Me?" A text from the Bible will be read, and questions may be asked and answered concerning the passage. This Sunday eve-

ning the passage is John 14.

Wednesday children's classes begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school for a light snack. Rides are provided for those who need them at 5. A meal for the youth group is served at 5:30, and IMPACT Youth begins at 6. An adult Bible Study begins at 6 as well.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main St. in Forsan. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and evening Bible Study at 6 p.m. For any questions please call 457-2342.



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Pope on migrant kids: Integrate, don't repatriate



VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has denounced the forced repatriation of unaccompanied children migrants who flee wars and poverty, saying countries should try to meet their needs rather than return them to uncertain futures back home.

Francis took up the plight of child migrants in his annual message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Thursday.

History's first Latin American pope didn't cite specific cases, but the plight of unaccompanied Central American children crossing into Mexico en route to the U.S. has been a concern of Catholic bishops and Catholic grassroots organizations for

Mexico now deports more Central American migrants than the United States, a dramatic shift since the U.S. asked Mexico for help in 2014 after a spike in illegal migration, especially among unaccompanied minors. Most Central American migrants, who are fleeing drug and gang violence in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, are deported from Mexico on buses.

In his message, Francis said countries must balance their right to control migratory movements with their "duty to resolve and regularize the situation of child migrants, fully respecting their dignity and seeking to meet their needs when they are alone, but also the needs of their parents."

He warned that children migrants are often led into prostitution, pornography or are enslaved as child laborers. He said more often than not, children are forcibly returned home "without any concern for their best interests" rather than being welcomed and integrated into new countries.

Even detention centers are cause for concern, he

"It is not unusual for them to be arrested, and because they have no money to pay the fine or for the return journey, they can be incarcerated for long periods, exposed to various kinds of abuse and violence," the pope said.

Francis visited the U.S.-Mexico border earlier this year and prayed for migrants who died trying

In 2014, more than 46,000 unaccompanied minors from Central America crossed into the United States, leading the U.S. government to turn to the governments in Mexico and Central America to try to stanch the flow. In most cases, Mexico holds migrants only long enough to verify their nationalities before sending them home.

According to Mexican government figures quoted by the U.N. children's agency, more than 16,000 migrant children from El Salvador, Guatemala and

Honduras were apprehended in Mexico during the first six months of 2016. But thousands still make it to the United States.

While unaccompanied children apprehended in the United States are guaranteed an immigration court hearing, they are not entitled to a court-appointed attorney. A comparison of cases initiated in 2015 showed that by June 2016, 40 per cent of unrepresented children were ordered deported, compared with 3 per cent of children who had lawyers.



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Kershaw gets save, LA wins NLDS

ByHOWARDFENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — A little past midnight in Game 5 of the NL Division Series, Clayton Kershaw emerged from the bullpen to pitch in relief for the first time in seven

Two outs later, the only save of his major league career in the books, Kershaw's arms were raised and teammates were rushing to celebrate with a guy whose postseason performances have never carried the luster of his regular-season success.

Coming in after closer Kenley Jansen entered in the seventh inning and threw a career-high 51 pitches but issued a pair of one-out walks in the ninth, Kershaw got Daniel Murphy to pop out, then struck out Wilmer Difo to end it.

That finished the Los Angeles Dodgers' dramatic 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals that decided their NLDS in the wee hours of Fri-

"The adrenaline rush was pretty good right there," said Kershaw, who approached Dodgers manager Dave Roberts in the seventh inning to offer to pitch if need be on the must-win occasion.

"At the at the end of the day, if we don't win that game, we're going home, anyway, so what does it matter?" Kershaw said . "I just wanted to be available, and it ended up to the point where I could help out tonight."

The Dodgers won the last two games of the best-of-five NLDS with Kershaw pitching in each and now head to the NL Championship Series to face the Chicago Cubs. That opens at Wrigley Field on Saturday night.

The Nationals, meanwhile, still have never won a postseason series, winning three NL East titles in the past five years but losing in the NLDS each time.

And while there's no way Kershaw will be available for Game 1 against Chicago, one thing's for sure: Whatever notion there might have been about the lefty's playoff problems — he was 2-6 in the postseason until this series, with an ERA nearly twice what he has in the regular season — is now a thing of the past.

"That (criticism) is ridiculous," Dodgers President Stan Kasten said, his dress shirt soaked with alcohol from the postgame festivities. "That's why I said to him, 'Dude, you're Mr. October."

Kershaw worked two days after throwing 110 pitches over 6 2/3 innings in Game 4. when he had the benefit of only three days' rest following his win in the opener against the Nationals.

"Nobody wants it more than him — his tireless work ethic and how much he competes. And just for him to go up and tell them, 'Hey, I can come in and close this thing out if you need me,' just says so much about the type of player he is," said Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner, whose two-run triple in the seventh helped LA build its lead. "He's a winner. He's a champion."

How unanticipated was this work as a reliever? Several hours before Thursday's game began, Dodgers firstyear manager Dave Roberts was asked whether Kershaw might be available at all maybe just for one out, say?

"No," came Roberts' reply. "Absolutely not."

Turned out the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner would get a pair of outs in his first relief appearance since the 2009 playoffs.

"Clayton came to me in the seventh," Roberts explained, "and said that he had an inning if I needed it."

Kershaw came in after Jansen got a career-high seven outs. Jansen walked Bryce Harper and Jayson Werth with one out in the ninth and that's when Roberts went to Kershaw.

Kershaw wound up with his second pro save. His other came on Aug. 19, 2006, in the Gulf Coast League in a game against the Nationals' rookie

And Kershaw's catcher that day a decade ago?

Amazingly, none other than Jansen, who didn't begin



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw (22) and catcher Carlos Ruiz celebrate after Washington Nationals' Wilmer Difo struck out to end Game 5 of baseball's National League Division Series at Nationals Park early Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, in Washington. The Dodgers won 4-3.

pitching professionally until ing clubhouse, Jansen looked three years later.

Jansen said he couldn't recall that particular game. He assured everyone he'll never forget this one. When Kershaw walked from the dugout to the bullpen before removing his blue jacket to start warming up, he got fist bumps from teammates.

In the tunnel that leads from the dugout to the visitup at a TV and saw Kershaw getting ready to pitch.

"I'm like, 'Wait a minute. Am I dreaming right now?' I couldn't believe it," Jansen said later, just socks on his feet and ski goggles on his head, leaning against a wall in a clubhouse hallway. "I'm like, 'Is Kersh warming up? Is

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No. 20 West Virginia looks to stay unbeaten vs. Texas Tech

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — The last time West Virginia came to play at Texas Tech as a ranked team, the Mountaineers got trounced by 35

On Saturday, the Red Raiders will aim for a repeat of 2012, when they toppled the fifth-ranked Mountaineers. This year West Virginia is ranked No. 20 and unbeaten.

"They're a good team," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said. (Holgorsen) does a good job schematically week in week out to try to take advantage of what you're doing defensively."

Holgorsen and Kingsbury met more than 15 years ago, when the Mountaineers coach worked for former Red Raiders coach Mike Leach and Kingsbury was the team's quarterback.

"Kliff knows what he's doing," Holgorsen said of the fourth-year coach. "He's going to get those guys ready to go and we have our work cut out for us on defense."

The Mountaineers (4-0, 0-0 Big 12) have had two weeks to prepare, having a bye week after a 17-16 home win Oct. 1 over Kansas State. The Red Raiders (3-2, 1-1) are coming off a 44-38 loss to the Wildcats last week.

At least Texas Tech doesn't have to be concerned about kicker Josh Lambert, who in 2014 hit



Brad Tollefson/Lubbock Avalanche-

Texas Tech's Jonathan Giles (9) runs into the end zone to score a touchdown during an NCAA college football game against Kansas, Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016, in Lubbock, Texas.

a career-long, 55-vard field goal as time expired in Lubbock to give West Virginia a 37-34 victory. Holgorsen announced this week — without explanation or further comment — that Lambert, who missed the first three games due to a suspension, was no longer with the team.

A few more things to look for when Texas Tech hosts

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No. 11 Baylor Bears try for 6-0 start again

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas — No. 11 Baylor and Kansas were on opposite ends of near upsets in their last games.

Those outcomes were indicaive of why the Bears are trying to get to 6-0 for the fourth straight season, and the Jayhawks are still trying to get out of the Big 12 cellar while serving as Homecoming opponents their next two road games the first being Saturday on the banks of the Brazos River against Baylor.

Before having last weekend off, the Bears (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) needed a 17-point comeback in the fourth quarter at Iowa State. Their only lead in a 45-42 win came when Chris Callahan kicked a 19-yard field goal on the final play of the game, an outcome that certainly got their attention.

"You have to bring your 'A' game every game," quarterback Seth Russell said. "And I feel like as long as we can focus on what we can do and execute at a high level, we can win ballgames."

Kansas (1-4, 0-2) was oh-soclose to what could have been a season-boosting upset of TCU. The Jayhawks had a ninepoint lead in the fourth quarter before missing three field goal attempts, the last in the final seconds of a 24-23 loss after the Frogs had kicked a go-ahead field goal. That stretched Kansas' conference losing streak to 14 games.

"Coming off the game from last week, obviously our guys are anxious to get back out there and get another shot at it," second-year Jayhawks coach David Beaty said.

"Watching that game, they're going to come with some fire. But I hope they watched our game," Bears senior cornerback Ryan Reid said. "That's not us, we're going to come back and we're going to (be) Baylor, definitely, at home."

Some other things to know when Kansas makes its third

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Cowboys' investments in line paying off with Romo sidelined

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Tyron Smith and Travis Frederick signed lucrative second contracts with Dallas after starting right away as firstround picks, and Zack Martin is next.

The Cowboys have made significant investments in their offensive line for five years, and it's paying off for two rookies and budding stars in quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Dallas doesn't even miss the injured franchise leader in passing yards and touchdowns, Tony Romo. And opposing defenses are certainly noticing.

"Now I see why he's got 100 million dollars on his line," Cincinnati cornerback Adam Jones said after last week's 28-14 loss to his former team and former boss, Dallas owner Jerry Jones. "Some of those holes my daughter could have run through." The Cowboys (4-1),

who visit Green Bay (3-1) on Sunday, hadn't drafted a lineman in the first round since Jones bought the team in 1989 when they took Smith ninth overall in 2011 thinking he would eventually be their left

Two years later, Frederick went 31st, then

year after that.

Martin at No. 16 the by an eight-year, \$98 Three first-rounders

in four years, followed

AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez, File

In this June 1, 2016, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Zack Martin (70), Tyron Smith, center, and Travis Frederick, right, walk across the field as they participate in a workout during an NFL football training camp in Irving, Texas.

million extension for Smith that pushed the total value of his deal

over \$100 million and made him the second player after Romo in franchise history to hit that mark.

This preseason, Frederick signed a six-year, \$56 million extension that makes him the highest-paid center in the NFL.

Martin figures to get something in the range of \$10 million per season — tops among the league's right guards at the moment. And it's at the bottom of his list of concerns.

"We focus on what's important," Martin said. "It's not hard to stay on the straight and narrow in that room."

Doug Free, a 32-year-

the other constant on the line the past five Ron Leary, undrafted

10th season, has been

four years ago, started at left guard for two years before the addition of La'el Collins, a projected first-rounder who went undrafted last year because his name surfaced in a murder investigation just before the draft. Collins replaced Leary last year, but Leary is starting again with Collins sidelined by a toe injury. Frederick credits for-

mer Dallas center Phil Costa because he says Costa knew the job was going to Frederick and

old right tackle in his See **BOYS**, Page 15 710 Scurry

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Lunar Challenge

When you love someone and you try to make that person happy, it's great. But it's even greater when it just so happens that the things that interest you and give you pleasure are the same things that make the other person happy. That's what you're challenged and favored to find as the moon nears its fullness.

ARIES (March **21-April 19).** You know that fate can be cruel; you've seen your share of it, up close and personal. But you also know that you're the only one who can play your cards. Today you may have to bluff a bit in order to play the game well.

TAURUS (April **20-May 20)**. Winning

The main culprit is my

today is a matter of knowing who is on your team, who needs to be won over and who is never going to get there. If you don't know who your enemies are, you're at a disadvantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't be able to tell that you've won them over. It's a tough crowd. Also, this situation is rather political, and people aren't in a position to show everything that they are feeling about you. Just wait and see, though.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** Knowing that over the course of this day your energy will get spent, you are reticent to give it away to anyone who's going to squander the gift. In order to apply yourself well, you'll have to be a little on the defensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It takes tremendous effort to overcome mental limitations that have long served you well. These rules you made for yourself kept you in a secure place. But now you don't need them, and they're only holding you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it works, you want to analyze the success so you can repeat the steps and throw this recipe together again and again. Don't even bother with this today. There's a magic here that can't be quantified. Just enjoy it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's keeping you from your goal? Most likely, you just haven't answered the question "Why?" What purpose will this aim serve? Therein lies your inspiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your fantasy isn't as far off as you think it is. Sure, there are still about 500 steps to take before you get your first sign that it's "on," but rest assured, these steps are all within your ability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone you admire will reach out to you. It would be easy to respond with an enthusiasm uncomfortable for the other person to process, which is why it's very important to play it cool today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lifting things that are beyond the typical weight you'd encounter in daily life will

build your muscles. Doing things that fall outside of your social and emotional comfort zone will build your confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** People want to get into great shape for the social validation this will bring, while in actuality the social validation is nothing compared to the enormous benefits that come with increased vitality and self-esteem.

PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20**). Is someone trying to define you by what you use or what you own? Hopefully that someone isn't you, because of course these things don't and could never define you at all.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Oct. 14). There's part of you that wants so much to amuse and delight. You will -- with your excellent choices, effortless banter and drive to find the entertaining qualities of life. There will be a tricky pattern interrupt in January, and it's something you'll be grateful for for years after. The excitement of May is a little slice of heaven. Leo and Aries adore you. Your

Tucky numbers are: 4, 29, 2, 28, 31 and 50.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Ask your

friends and you'll

know something. But really good books on the issues you're curious about can be found at the library. TAURUS: Your artistic talents will bring admiration. GEMINI: When you find yourself attractive, it's easier to be attracted to others. CANCER: The openness that another person expresses to you won't exactly pull you in, but it will be better than superficial lies. LEO: Your smile. It's the most beautiful, attention-sticky, wonderful-in-passing thing, and someone is going to make sure to "pass" many, many times. VIRGO: No one can buy a ticket to your inner heart, but they might be able to get there if they study the passages long enough. LIBRA: The singsong voice of your friend will entice you to events you have no interest in attending. SCORPIO: You would serve the other person and that would give you pleasure, except you're ever aware

that too much service can breed the worst. SAGITTARIUS: People usually have no idea about "that thing" that makes them so irresistible. You know yours though, and you play it up. CAP-RICORN: Those eyes that are coming from across the room -they mean it. AQUAR-IUS: Anyone with a pulse understands your special pull this weekend. PISCES: The pictures won't tell the whole story.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra and Aries are an air and fire mix. One cannot live without the other, as fire feeds on oxygen and the air is renewed through fire. For Libra, it's the real-world point of view that Aries brings, as well as a certain passion and excitement. For Aries, Libra is the reality check, while still living enough in the land of ideas to understand that reality is what we make it.

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Annie's Mailbox ® do what I need to do

during those times, Married to a Snorer we sleep together, I Dear Annie: Before marriage, I slept pills just to be able well every night. Since to fall back to sleep. I've been married and I spent last night on my husband and I shared a home together for the first time, my uninterrupted sleep sleep has suffered.

husband's snoring. When he snores at night, I wake up so often to poke him or tell him to change positions that we both wake up tired and resentful in the morning. At times, he has slept

on the couch, but his own sleep suffered and I felt guilty. When have to take sleeping the couch myself just so I could catch some

The problem is that he gets sensitive about it when I bring it up, and he also is sad when I leave the room to go sleep elsewhere. It feels as if I have to either keep my mouth shut and suffer to avoid offending him or

to sleep but risk having a sad husband on my hands. I just want us to have a "normal" marriage bed.

What do I do? I am tired all of the time. -- Losing Sleep

Dear Losing: You're not alone. Thirteen percent of couples who live together sleep in separate beds every night, and half of them do so because of snoring. I assume, seeing as you're writing to me, that your husband has tried all the usual tips -- breathing strips, propping his upper body and head up with pillows, sleeping on his side, etc. If that's

the case, his doctor should refer him to a sleep specialist. He may suffer from sleep apnea or another sleep disorder.

Dear Annie: What is going on with customer service? Every time I go to my bank, which is not a lot, the teller wants to know the details of how I spent my weekend. Or if I cash a check, one teller asks me what I am going to spend the money on, saying, "Hopefully something good." Now when I give them a check to be cashed, I stand 2 feet away from the window so the teller can't ask me any questions. When I got

my oil changed at my car dealership, the strange man working there asked me what my plans for the day were. Are they kidding? This is so intrusive! First, they don't really care, and second, it's none of their business. How can I possibly tell them this in a not-so-smart-alecky way? -- J.W.

Dear J.W.: Yes, you are right that not everyone who asks how you're doing or what your plans are actually cares what the answer is. But this type of person cares about at least trying to reach out and make you feel appreciated. In a world that is increasingly impersonal and digital, there's a lot to be said for good old-fashioned face-toface contact.

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By Steve Becker Bidding quiz

bid at the point where the question mark appears?
1. ★ 742 ♥ KJ94 ♦ KQ1092 ♣ 6 South West East North Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass 5 NT

You are South in each of the fol-

lowing three hands. What would you

♦ AJ6 ♣ A985 North South 2 NT

3. ♠ AQJ4 ♥ K83 ♦ 762 ♣ 985 West North East South Pass 1. Seven hearts. Partner is trying for a grand slam even though he

knows from your five-club response to Blackwood that you have no aces. The fact that he is now asking for kings implies that he has all four aces; otherwise, his five-notrump bid would make no sense. You are not required to bid six

hearts mechanically at this point to tell partner you have two kings; if you did that, you'd be disregarding the real issue, which is whether you think you can make seven hearts now that you know your side has all four aces. You should feel very bullish about the grand slam because you

have a diamond suit that could easily produce four or five tricks, as well as a singleton club. Partner's hand probably looks something like: ◆ A6 ♥ AQ8752 ◆ A8 ♣ A43

and if you responded with only six hearts, he would almost surely pass and miss a virtual laydown grand 2. Three diamonds. It is reason-

able to assume that partner is not happy with notrump and would prefer to play at game or slam in clubs or diamonds. There is no good reason to disregard partner's message and suppress your diamond support, and it is therefore best to bid three diamonds at this point. Partner might have any one of these hands:

↑ 10 ♥ K8 ↑ KQ7543 ↑ KJ72

↑ Q73 ♥ — ↑ K9742 ↑ KQ643

↑ 6 ♥ K863 ↑ KQ73 ↑ KQ74

and with each of them, the best final contract would be a minor-suit slam.

3. Pass. Your chances of making a game are not good even though you have 10 high-card points and might have had only six. Your 4-3-3-3 distribution, coupled with the fact that partner has at most 15 points, militates strongly against further action. True, partner might have a magic hand that would produce 10 tricks, but the odds against it are much too high to warrant losing the partscore you are almost sure to make by pass-

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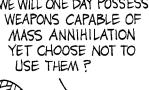




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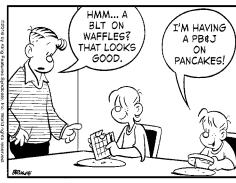






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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 2016. There are 78 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 14, 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

On this date:

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the White House as the Progressive ("Bull Moose") candidate, went ahead with a speech in Milwaukee after being shot in the chest by New York saloonkeeper John Schrank, declaring, "It takes more than one bullet to kill a bull moose."

In 1926, "Winnie-the-Pooh" by A.A. Milne was first published by Methuen & Co. of London.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak a British battleshin anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1.200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944. German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler. In 1947, Air Force test pilot

Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager (YAY'-gur) broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California. In 1960, Democratic presi-

Kennedy suggested the idea of a Peace Corps while addressing an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader

Nikita S. Khrushchev was top-

pled from power; he was suc-

ceeded by Leonid Brezhnev as

First Secretary and by Alexei

Kosygin as Premier. In 1977, singer Bing Crosby died outside Madrid, Spain, at age 74.

In 1986, Holocaust survivor and human rights advocate Elie Wiesel (EL'-ee vee-ZEHL') was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The International Olympic Committee decided to separate the years of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games beginning in 1994.

In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center: she was rescued on Oct. 16. In 1996, Madonna and her boyfriend, Carlos Leon, became

parents as the pop star gave birth to a girl, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 6,000 for the first time, ending the day at 6,010.00.

Security Council voted unanimously to impose punishing sanctions on North Korea for carrying out a nuclear test. The Detroit Tigers swept the American League championship with a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics. A sidelineclearing brawl interrupted the third quarter of Miami's 35-0 victory over Florida International. Gerry (GEH'-ree) Studds, the first openly gay member of Congress, died in Boston at age 69; singer Freddy Fender died in Corpus Christi, Texas, at age 69.



Newsday Crossword VERB/NOUN AGREEMENT by Bruce Venzke

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he really out there?"

LA's scoring all came in a four-run seventh off six Nationals pitchers, including Joc Pederson's homer off Max Scherzer.

"It's the craziest game I've ever been a part of," said Scherzer, who took a no-hitter into the fifth . "We just didn't get it done. No one's a goat. No one made a crucial misplay. Everybody stepped up and did their game. We just didn't get that extra run."

Washington was leading 1-0 in the sixth, when Werth walked and Ryan Zimmerman smacked a two-out double to left. But thirdbase coach Bob Henley — whose propensity for waving runners home

led to a popular T-shirt among Nationals players that says, "Send 'em short, send 'em tall, send 'em one, send 'em all" - sent Werth and saw him get thrown out easily on shortstop Corey Seager's relay.

Wasn't even close.

"You live and die by those moments, sometimes," Werth said.

And in the sort of blink-and-you-missedgame-shifting sequence, Werth's inning-ending, overzealous bid to score was followed immediately by Pederson's homer on Scherzer's first and, it turned out, only — pitch of the seventh.

That began a rally that included a pinchhit RBI single by 37-year-old pinch hitter Carlos Ruiz , helping LA go up 4-1.

Then came pinch hitter Chris Heisey's tworun homer in the Washington seventh.

Then came Jansen in an inning that took 66 minutes and included a total of eight pitchers. And then came Ker-

The West champion Dodgers are back in the NLCS for the first time since 2013, but they've lost in their past three trips to that round, failing to make it to the World Series since they won their most recent championship in 1988.

And Kershaw had a hand in all three NLDS

"Looking him in the eye, I felt good about it, and the training staff gave the OK," Roberts said, "so it's only fitting for Clayton to get the last out right there." MATCHUP

The Cubs were 4-3 against the Dodgers this year. The only other time they met in the postseason was the 2008 NLDS, which LA swept.



AP Photo/Justin Hayworth, File

In this Oct. 1, 2016, file photo, Baylor running back Shock Linwood high steps through Iowa State defensive back Thadd Daniels and Iowa State defensive back Jomal Wiltz during the first half of an NCAA college football game, in Ames, Iowa. Linwood became Baylor's career rushing leader Sept. 16 at Rice.

BAYLOR

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consecutive trip to Waco as the Bears' opponent for Homecoming. Baylor won 60-14 two years ago in its first season at McLane Stadium, and won 41-14 in 2012.

SHOCK FACTOR

This has been an upand-down season for senior running Shock Linwood, who became Baylor's career rushing leader Sept. 16 at Rice, then had only two carries for 4 yards the next week. But he is coming off a 237-yard performance against Iowa State in the last game, when he had 25 carries and his first touchdown of the season. "On the sideline after the second quarter, I went over to him and said, 'This is the Shock I remember.' And he kind of laughed at me a little bit," Russell said.

CENTURY SIMS Jayhawks sophomore

Steven Sims Jr . had nine catches for 101 yards against TCU, his third 100-yard receiving game this season. That is already the most by a Kansas player since 2009, when Dezmon Briscoe had seven and Kerry Meier five.

BEHIND THE LINE

Kansas is fourth among FBS teams this season with 9.6 tackles for loss per game, which is currently on pace to break the school record (9.4 per game in 2016). Their 48 total is only 10 shy of what they had all last season. "After last year, our whole staff, we take it personal where we finish in specific areas because your stats are who you are. You can't run from them," Beaty said, crediting defensive coordinator Clint Bowen and his staff for the improvement. "He was extremely motivated because,

man, he puts better teams out there than that routinely."

TAKING FOURTH

Baylor hasn't allowed a point in the fourth quarter this season, outscoring opponents 45-0 in the final 15 minutes. "I think it's reflective of a team that knows how to finish," said acting head coach Jim Grobe, adding that the Bears are a well-conditioned team. Kansas has scored only 14 points in the fourth quarter this season, and that was on two touchdowns in the season-opening 55-6 win

over Rhode Island. OPEN GAME OPEN

After the Kansas game, the Bears have an open date — their second one in three weeks. Baylor is coming off an open date last week. The Bears will play six consecutive weeks after that to end the regular season, with only two of those games at home.

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West Virginia:

MAHOMES AND HIS RECEIVERS Junior QB Patrick Mahomes, who leads the nation in passing yards per game (454.8), has plenty of receivers to pick from in the Red Raiders' pass-heavy offense. Seven of them Jonathan Giles leads the league and the corps in receiving yards per game (122.8) — have caught at least 11 passes for a combined 2,125 yards. Mahomes, who has passed for 20 TDs and run for seven more, has a great grasp of his offense, Mountaineers defensive coordinator Tony Gibson said. "He understands getting rid of the ball," Gibson said. "He puts it in the right place at the right time. He lets his wideouts work for him, and when he wants to throw it over the top he can do that as well. He is so big, you have guys falling off of him, and he keeps plays alive.'

RUSHING MOUNTAINEERS

West Virginia, the Big 12's fifthranked rushing offense (187.2 ypg), will face the league's sixth-ranked rushing defense (179.4 ypg). Junior RB Justin Crawford ranks fifth in the Big 12 with 331 yards on 60 carries, averaging 82.8 ypg. This year the Mountaineers have run the ball 52 percent of the time (164 of 315 plays). Kingsbury figures the Mountaineers will run the ball often. "Last year they ran it, I think, 57 times versus us," he said. "So I've known he's been doing that the last three or four years."

RED ZONE FACEOFF

Texas Tech is nearly twice as efficient in scoring touchdowns once inside the red zone than the Mountaineers. The Red Raiders have connected for TDs 26 of the 32 times they've been there (81 percent), while West Virginia has found the end zone on just eight of 18 trips inside opponents' 20-yard line (44 percent). "The guys have to score," Holgorsen said. "We're moving the ball. We're averaging a lot of yards. We have to score more, period."

BOYS

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his teammate taught me everything that he knew." Martin says he was just following the example of fellow first-rounders Smith and Frederick.

And Frederick said Collins Leary and worked through a potentially awkward situation with both staying on the roster after Collins took over. Leary asked for a trade that never came in the offseason, but was ready when Collins went down.

With Leary starting again, it's the same line that blocked for NFL rushing champion De-Marco Murray in 2014. Now Elliott is the league leader with 546 yards through five games.

"I think the common denominator is the group," Frederick said. "The group helped bring me along the right way. It would have been really easy for those guys to say, 'Oh, he's a rookie, we're not going to help him out.'"

While Elliott struggled with a per-carry average of less than 3 yards in an opening loss to the New York Giants, the aver-

since. The former Ohio State star had his first breakaway touchdown against the Bengals, a 60-yarder that put Dallas up 28-0.

Prescott has been sacked seven times, matching the secondlowest total in the league. The protection probably has something to do with him being eight passes away from breaking Tom Brady's record of 162 attempts without an interception to start a career.

Tight end Jason Witten, in his 14th season, says Frederick's intelligence helped him master Dallas' system quickly, and Martin's athletic ability helped him transition to guard after spending significant time at tackle at Notre Dame.

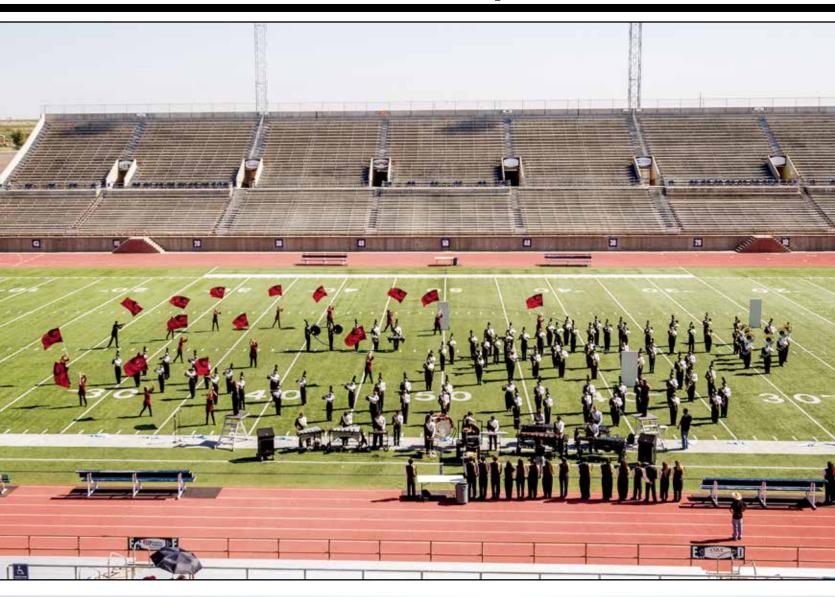
"And of course Tyron," Witten said. "If you can pick one guy, that's who you're picking."

And Smith started a trend that's paying off for the Cowboys.

"O-linemen, we kind of put them in this box," Witten said. "But when you have success, it can get to anybody. That group, if anything they put their head down even more and go to







Prepping for UIL

Big Spring High School Band performs in the pre-University Interscholastic League marching contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Monday. The band, under the direction of Rocky Harris, will perform in the Big Country Marching Festival next Monday in Abilene. The following Monday, they will compete in the UIL marching contest in Odessa, where they will attempt to continue their string of Division I ratings.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.

News in brief

Grieving Thais line up streets for king's funeral procession

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's crown prince arrived at a Bangkok hospital Friday to receive his father King Bhumibol Adulyadej's body for a procession that will carry the remains to a temple in a palace complex at the start of what is expected to be an elaborate funeral ceremony.

Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn arrived in a convoy to Siriraj Hospital, which had become the king's virtual home over the past decade while he was treated for various illnesses afflicting his lungs, brain, kidneys and blood. He died on Thursday at age 88, plunging an adoring nation into mourning.

Thousands of people have lined the streets since Thursday night along the procession route that will go across the majestic Chao Phraya River to the ornate Grand Palace complex, which is also a major tourist attraction. The body will lie at the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, or Wat Phra Kaew, for people to pay respects. No date has been set for the cremation.

Hurricane Nicole pummels Bermuda with wind, then spins away

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — Hurricane Nicole roared across Bermuda on Thursday, pummeling the resort island with winds up to 115 mph that snapped trees and peeled off roofs before the storm spun away into open water.

The Category 3 system also flooded homes, damaged boats that broke away from their moorings and knocked out power to more than 27,000 customers who live in the British territory, which has sturdy infrastructure and is accustomed to heavy weather.

By late Thursday, crews were clearing roads, and many islanders were posting pictures of calmer seas and clearer skies.

No. 421, pulled from migrant shipwreck

MELILLI, Sicily (AP) — Body No. 421, bagged in midnight blue, is heaved from a refrigerated truck onto a metal stretcher and wheeled into the tent that serves as a morgue. It joins other putrefying corpses that fill the air with a pungent scent that clings to the clothing and hair of the living.

The body is that of a young man, one of hundreds who drowned 77 nautical miles off the coast of Libya in the deadliest known migrant disaster. Eighteen months later, volunteers are trying to find out who he was.

A volunteer reaches into the body bag and pulls out the dark, slime-covered remains. Another uses a sharp, black-handled knife to cut out samples for further study. Others examine the muscles and bone structure, photograph the skull and teeth and take notes on a clipboard.

The team's leader, University of Milan forensic pathologist Cristina Cattaneo, emerges with a slimy pair of children's jeans reading "Manchester United." She hoses them down carefully. The jeans, and the personal effects found in the pockets, are among the most useful of clues.

South Sudan starves as aid blocked, money spent on fighting

AWEIL, South Sudan (AP) — The mother faced an anguished decision: choosing which of her children to save

With hunger gripping this remote region of South Sudan, Elizabeth Athiel could either get urgent medical attention for her 8-month-old daughter, Anger, or make sure her other five children could eat.

The little girl was shockingly thin, but the medical clinic was a half-day's walk away, and she would have to wait there for days until recovery. "I can't leave the others alone here,"

Athiel said, holding Anger in her arms.

The baby is another casualty of

of the country that hasn't even seen fighting.

Here in the government stronghold of Northern Bahr el Ghazal region, there are indications of famine. One-

South Sudan's civil war — in a part

there are indications of famine. Onethird of children in the region are estimated to be acutely malnourished. If resources remain limited, more children will die said Mahimbo

children will die, said Mahimbo Mdoe, the UNICEF representative in South Sudan.

Wonder, Khan wow crowd at Prince tribute show

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Stevie Wonder and Chaka Khan had the crowd partying like it was 1999 all over again at a tribute concert to Prince Thursday night, a show fans and his family hoped would provide

closure after his death nearly six months ago.

Khan brought Wonder onstage at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul to duet on Prince's "I Feel for You," a 1984 hit for Khan. Wonder, wearing a suit and purple shirt, got the sold-out audience cheering with his signature harmonica riffs before the two performed Prince's hit "1999," with the crowd clapping and dancing along.

Just before show time, a concert publicist announced that singer Christina Aguilera canceled her scheduled appearance as she fights a "vocal illness." Singer Jessie J replaced Aguilera in the lineup.

A representative for Aguilera said she "has been advised by her doctors not to perform due to a vocal illness she has been trying to shake all week."

Pop star John Mayer bowed out of the concert earlier, citing a "change of schedule."







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