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By **BILL McCLELLAN**

Managing Editor

STANTON — Where can you go and shop at 500 stores, all within a few blocks of each other, and grab a meal, a snack or a refreshing drink, too?

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Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, contact call 432-756-2006.

Underwood, Spradling honored



In the top photo, Lloyd Underwood, left, is congratulated by Kevin Hamlin after being named the 2012 Ag producer of the Year during Thursday's Ag Appreciation Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center. In the photo at right, Bo Spradling of Triple AG, left, is shown with presenter Ronnie Wood after receiving the 2012 Ag Business of the Year award.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan



Pair receive top awards at annual ag appreciation luncheon Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Lloyd Underwood and Bo Spradling were the top honorees at the Chamber of Commerce's Ag Appreciation Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Underwood was named agricultural producer of the year, while Spradling, owner of Triple AG, was selected as the agricultural businessman of the year.

The chamber annually holds the luncheon to honor "the many things the men and women of the agricultural community do for our area," Chamber President Jan Foresyth said.

Underwood, who grew up in Luther, has farmed in this area for more than 50 years. He is a Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University graduate and served a tour in the National Guard.

He has served on the Wes-Tex Telephone Coop board for 35 years and is active in Howard County FSA County Committee, the county SCS board, county fair board and the county Farm Bureau board. In addition, he has served as a deacon at First Baptist Church and is active in the United Way.

Spradling, a native of Spur, worked as a diesel mechanic for several farm

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Is there a teacher in the house?

Enrollment explosion has BSISD scrambling for instructors

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Wanted: Teachers.

An ever-burgeoning enrollment situation has Big Spring Independent School District trustees scrambling to find instructors, as trustees discovered during their monthly meeting Thursday afternoon.

Fueled by the boom in the oil industry, families are flocking to West Texas and Big Spring has become home to its share of the transplants.

No one at the school district is bemoaning the fact of more students — state aid is directly tied to daily attendance — but the situation has become problematic for BSISD in at least one regard: There are not enough teachers on staff to satisfy state-mandated class sizes at the elementary level.

"On one hand, this is a good thing; the more students we have, the more state funds we'll receive," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "But on the other hand, we have this."

"This" is a figurative explosion of students at the elementary level, particularly in grades kindergarten through fourth, which are required by state law to have a student-teacher ratio of 22-to-1

"If we could find teachers, we'd practically beg them to come here," he told trustees. "But there's not enough teachers out there for us to stay within the class size ratio. We're looking every day, but we just can't find any right now."



Saldivar

or less.

Big Spring, like several other West Texas school districts, was caught by surprise by the sheer number of new students enrolling this year. Latest figures show BSISD has 250 more students than at this time last year, growth school officials concede was unexpected.

That increase has been felt the keenest at the lower grade levels, which have seen the state-required ratios go out the window.

"At kindergarten, the ratio is now at 27-to-1," Saldivar said.

New teachers, Saldivar said, are nowhere to be found, at least for the time being.

"If we could find teachers, we'd practically beg them to come here," he told trustees. "But there's not enough teach-

ers out there for us to stay within the class size ratio. We're looking every day, but we just can't find any right now."

One temporary solution which was approved by trustees Thursday is for BSISD to request a waiver of the class-size requirement from the Texas Education Agency. The waiver is expected to be approved without delay, but Salazar said it is only a stop-gap measure and that, sooner or later, the district is going to have bring class sizes back into line.

Other temporary measures adopted by the district include evening out class sizes in the affected grades — "Now, they're equally as big," Salazar said — as well as moving teachers from Moss Elementary to Marcy, the elementary campus with

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Obituaries

Clovis Bodine

Clovis Bodine, 94, of Ackerly died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Robert Lewis Crain

Robert Lewis Crain, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MANUEL SOSA IV, 19, of 2510 Ent, was arrested Thursday on warrants for burglary of a habitation – assault, disorderly conduct – fighting, assault by threat and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- KARLY SHEA BUCHANAN, 22, of 1110 E. Fifth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- ROSALIE GUDALUPE AGUILAR, 55, of 3604 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on warrants for no driver’s license – when unlicensed (three counts), speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- TERELL HOUSTON, 20, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 27, of 2010 Loop Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ROBERT GONZALES JR., 25, of Garland, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STACY JANAE AGUILAR, 20, of 1101 E. 12th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 2200 block of Johnson.
In the area of the HEB.
In the 300 block of Tulane.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff’s Office reported the following activity:
Note — An arrest report was not made available in time for press.

Fire/EMS

- The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Davis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Highway 87. No service.
 - DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Support Groups

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.ccbigspring.org
 - Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

- The Yellow Rose Café, located inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, is the featured Dine Out Day sponsor for United Way through Oct.21. The café is open from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2013 campaign.
- The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Cactus Room, Howard College. Members will share a Dutch treat meal followed by the meeting. Craig Bailey, Chairman, Howard County Republican Party, and Walter Shipman, Howard County Democratic Party Chairman, will speak at noon. After their presentations there will be a question and answer opportunity. Membership in the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association is open to any retired person who is eligible for the Teacher Retirement System. The RTA meetings are always open to any interested person, and the programs are generally applicable to any retired individual.

- An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.
- Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.
- The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon, your dog or cat can have a parvo, distemper shot for a donation of \$10 or a rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$15. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. The benefit will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God’s comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.
Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.
- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad “Ghost” Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events,

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sun 10/14	Mon 10/15	Tue 10/16	Wed 10/17	Thu 10/18
 81/57 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 80/61 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 83/59 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 79/54 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 79/55 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:09 PM
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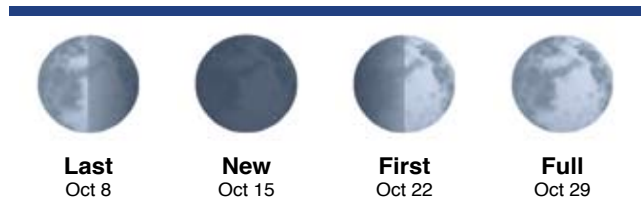
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	82	56	sunny	Kingsville	91	69	t-storm
Amarillo	76	49	sunny	Livingston	82	59	t-storm
Austin	84	63	t-storm	Longview	81	57	t-storm
Beaumont	83	65	t-storm	Lubbock	78	49	sunny
Brownsville	90	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	81	61	t-storm
Brownwood	84	56	sunny	Midland	81	58	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	70	t-storm	Raymondville	92	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	56	t-storm	Rosenberg	84	64	t-storm
Dallas	83	57	sunny	San Antonio	87	66	t-storm
Del Rio	87	71	t-storm	San Marcos	85	62	t-storm
El Paso	82	55	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	56	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	80	57	sunny	Sweetwater	81	55	sunny
Gainesville	81	53	sunny	Tyler	81	57	t-storm
Greenville	81	54	pt sunny	Weatherford	81	53	sunny
Houston	84	64	t-storm	Wichita Falls	81	54	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	60	cloudy	Minneapolis	59	39	pt sunny
Boston	66	59	rain	New York	68	62	pt sunny
Chicago	65	42	t-storm	Phoenix	90	64	sunny
Dallas	83	57	sunny	San Francisco	72	58	pt sunny
Denver	67	42	sunny	Seattle	59	55	rain
Houston	84	64	t-storm	St. Louis	72	48	t-storm
Los Angeles	87	63	sunny	Washington, DC	73	61	cloudy
Miami	84	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 10/14	Mon 10/15	Tue 10/16	Wed 10/17	Thu 10/18
7	7	7	7	7
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- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner’s HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.



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Contact **Brandon Johnson** at curiser1977@gmail.com

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Nation/World news in brief

Crisis-ridden European Union wins Nobel Peace Prize for fostering peace, democracy in Europe

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The European Union won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for its efforts to promote peace and democracy in Europe — despite being in the midst of its biggest crisis since the bloc was created in the 1950s.

The Norwegian prize committee said the EU received the award for six decades of contributions “to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.

“The stabilizing part played by the European Union has helped to transform a once torn Europe from a continent of war to a continent of peace,” Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said.

The EU rose from the ashes of World War II, born of the conviction that ever-closer economic ties would make sure that century-old enemies never turned on each other again. It’s now made up of 500 million people in 27 nations, with other nations lined up, waiting to join.

The idea of a united Europe began to take on a more defined shape when, on May 9, 1950, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman proposed that France and the Federal Republic of Germany pool their coal and steel resources in a new organization that other European countries could join.

Military official: Condition of Pakistani girl activist shot by Taliban ‘satisfactory’

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — A 14-year-old Pakistani activist who was shot by a Taliban gunman after speaking out for girls’ education is in “satisfactory” condition at a military hospital, a spokesman said Friday, cautioning that the next few days will be critical.

The shooting of Malala Yousufzai on Tuesday as she was coming home from school set off an international outcry.

Maj. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa said she is being kept unconscious and on a ventilator, and doctors will decide when to take her off.

“Her blood pressure is normal. Heartbeat is normal, and thanks to God, her condition is satisfactory,” Bajwa said.

Bajwa said the bullet entered her head and went into her neck toward her spine, but it was too soon to say whether she had any significant head injury.

Official: Iranian hackers responsible for cyberattacks; Panetta says U.S. prepared to act

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. authorities believe that Iranian-based hackers were responsible for cyberattacks that devastated Persian Gulf oil and gas companies, a former U.S. government official said. Just hours later, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the cyberthreat from Iran has grown, and he declared that the Pentagon is prepared to take action if American is threatened by a computer-based assault.

The former official, who is familiar with the investigation, said U.S. authorities believe the cyberattacks were likely supported by the Tehran government and came in retaliation for the latest round of American sanctions against Iran.

Before Panetta’s remarks on Thursday, U.S. offi-

cials had said nothing publicly about the Gulf attacks or the investigation. But Panetta described them in a speech to business leaders in New York City, saying they were probably the most destructive cyber assault the private sector has seen to date.

Panetta did not directly link Iran to the Gulf attacks, but he said Tehran has “undertaken a concerted effort to use cyberspace to its advantage.” And, he said the Pentagon has poured billions into beefing up its ability to identify the origin of a cyberattacks, block them and respond when needed.

“Potential aggressors should be aware that the United States has the capacity to locate them and hold them accountable for actions that harm America or its interests,” said Panetta in a speech to the Business Executives for National Security.

Last ride: Shuttle Endeavour begin final journey — to LA museum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At its prime, the space shuttle Endeavour cruised around the Earth at 17,500 mph, faster than a speeding bullet.

In retirement, it’s crawling along at a sluggish 2 mph, a pace that rush-hour commuters can sympathize with.

Endeavour’s 12-mile road trip kicked off shortly before midnight Thursday as it moved from its Los Angeles International Airport hangar en route to the California Science Center, its ultimate destination, said Benjamin Scheier of the center.

The space craft was escorted by a security entourage as it moved across the tarmac but was briefly delayed after a minor problem developed with its trailer, Los Angeles police Sgt. Rudy Lopez said. The problem was quickly repaired and Scheier said it reached the street shortly after 2 a.m. PDT Friday.

Endeavour was to travel slowly on the street for about two hours to a private parking lot where it will have a nine-hour layover as crews deal with power lines fater ahead on the route.

Names of alleged prostitute’s customers to be released in small Maine town

KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP) — Townspeople were waiting with curiosity for the names of people who have been issued summons for allegedly giving business to a local fitness instructor charged with running a prostitution operation out of her Zumba fitness studio and a small office in this southern Maine town.

Alexis Wright, a 29-year-old fitness instructor from Wells, has pleaded not guilty to 106 counts of prostitution, invasion of privacy, tax evasion and other charges for allegedly accepting money for sex and secretly videotaping her encounters. Her business partner, Mark Strong Sr., a 57-year-old insurance agent and private investigator from Thomaston, has pleaded not guilty to 59 misdemeanor charges for his alleged role.

Searches of Wright’s studio and office have turned up video recordings of sexual acts, billing information and meticulous records about clients, according to court documents.

Based on that information, Kennebunk police have been begun issuing summons to Wright’s johns on misdemeanor charges of engaging a prostitute. The names are to be released Friday in police activity reports that are made public every other week, said Lt. Anthony Burpee.

The existence of such a list has fueled speculation about who is on it. Residents have said they’ve heard it could include lawyers, law enforcement officers and some well-known names. On Thursday, a lawyer for two alleged clients filed a motion to block the release of the names.

FBI appeals to public for help in finding suspect in Colo. missing girl case after body found

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — Authorities have shifted their focus from searching for a missing 10-year-old girl to appealing for help in tracking down her apparent kidnapper, as concern mounts in a Denver suburb where the girl disappeared a week ago and a body was found.

Police on Friday expect to positively identify a body found in a park seven miles from where Jessica Ridgeway went missing Oct. 5. Police have not linked the body to Jessica or even revealed if it belongs to a child. The body found at Pattridge Park in Arvada was “not intact,” which has delayed identification, police said.

Notably missing Thursday were more appeals by authorities to spread word of Jessica’s disappearance via social media. Instead, the FBI’s Behavioral Analysis Unit released a list of changes that a person committing a crime against a child would exhibit. Among them: sudden differences in appearance, missed appointments, being absent from work, or leaving town with no explanation.

“It could be your boss, it could be your friend, and ultimately it could be your family member,” FBI spokesman Dave Joly said. “Bring this information to law enforcement and let us vet that to a close. If that person is not the suspect, ‘Thank you for your call.’ Next lead.”

Joly said agents are searching for a man, based on statistics for this type of crime.

Union to fete Philly officer who hit parade-goer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Members of the city’s police union are planning a fundraiser for a lieutenant who is being fired for punching a woman at a parade, an encounter caught on video.

Earlier this month, the city’s police commissioner announced that Lt. Jonathan Josey was suspended for 30 days with the intent to dismiss.

Mayor Michael Nutter apologized to the woman, saying he was “appalled,” “sickened” and “ashamed” by the video. It shows 39-year-old Aida Guzman being struck in the face and falling to the ground, her face bloodied, and then being led away in handcuffs during a street festival associated with the city’s annual Puerto Rican Day parade.

The Philadelphia Daily News reported that union members are supporting Josey and holding a five-hour, \$30-a-person fundraiser for him on Oct. 28. Fraternal Order of Police President John McNesby said the proceeds will go toward Josey’s living expenses.

“It was inappropriate for the city to apologize to this woman and drop the charges until the investigation was complete,” McNesby said.

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Charles R. Campanella, 68, died Thursday, October, 4, 2012. Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at 2 p.m. today at Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene. Robert Lewis Crain, 79, died Thursday . Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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implement businesses before opening Triple AG in 2000.

“He has had job offers frequently with huge amounts of money promised, but continues to want to serve his community here in Big Spring,” presenter Ronnie Wood said. “People

can trust to have the best job done at at fair price at Triple AG.”

Keynote speaker during the luncheon was Dr. John Outlaw of Texas A&M University, who briefed attendees on the

progress of this year’s agriculture bill.

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BSISD

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the most students.

But the only totally satisfactory solution to the problem is to hire more staff.

“We’ll continue looking for teachers,” Salazar said. “But the next time we’ll probably be able to hire any is around Christmas. At this time, there’s just not anyone we can hire.”

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

- District and campus improvement plans.

- Legal and local policy updates.
- A \$2,500 donation from Big Spring Ford.

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OTHER VIEWS

Voters no longer marked for death

The potentially dead can breathe easy. Worries that their voter registration will be canceled and their right to vote denied next month have been lifted.

A welcome settlement was reached this week between the state and four living voters who received letters asking them to prove they were not dead or see their registration canceled. The agreement ends an unnecessary voting rights controversy prompted by the letters ahead of the Nov. 6 election. A rushed deadline is lifted, and county registrars have time to establish that those voters the state considers potentially dead are really most sincerely dead.

The agreement drops a lawsuit filed by the four voters and clarifies rules registrars must follow when purging their registration rolls of dead voters. Confirmation a voter is dead now falls on registrars, not voters.

No confirmation, no removal from a voter registration list.

Voila, an agreement everyone can, yes, live with.

The controversy over this purge effort originated, as these things tend to do, with the Legislature. A law passed in 2011 required county registrars to check their voter rolls against death reports from the Social Security Administration and not, as done previously, against the state’s vital statistics.

Trouble is, Social Security’s reports resulted in tens of thousands of so-called weak matches: names, dates of birth and last four digits of Social Security numbers of people who might be dead appearing to match names, dates of birth and last four digits of Social Security numbers of people listed on federal records. The not quite dead became the potentially dead and their voter registration subject to cancellation.

Registrars sent letters to more than 80,000 Texans asking them to prove they are alive within 30 days of receiving the letter or their voter registration would be canceled. As soon as the first letters were opened, concerns were raised the letters would create confusion at the polls next month.

Four recipients of the letters who were not dead yet sued Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade — the state official in charge of elections — in Travis County on Sept. 19, arguing the burden to prove they were alive shouldn’t be on them but on the state.

Travis County District Judge Tim Sulak last month temporarily blocked the state from removing the names of voters who didn’t respond to the letters from registration rolls, a ruling Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott opposed. A hearing had been scheduled Thursday on whether to make Sulak’s order permanent, but Wednesday’s agreement made the hearing moot.

Clearing voter registration rolls of dead voters’ names is a necessary task. Under the agreement, registrars can continue to use so-called strong matches — voter names, dates of birth and complete Social Security numbers match death records — to remove a voter’s name from registration rolls. Strong matches raise no objections.

Let’s assume there was no nefarious motivation behind the purge of voter rolls, but its timing a couple of months before an election understandably raised suspicions. Suspicions were primed to be raised, given well-founded concerns about photo ID laws and other attempts to restrict voters’ rights.

The deadline to register for the Nov. 6 election is Tuesday. If you’re reading this, then you’re still among the living. So please register if you haven’t done so already. And by all means, whether you want to do it early or wait until Election Day, take a little time out of your life to exercise your most valuable right.

— Austin American Statesman

Who’s the real socialist?

Imagine an election where the incumbent president can bribe the voters with public housing, household appliances and social welfare programs — all paid by the state.

Envision a contest in which the incumbent uses state funds and workers to conduct a military-style “Get Out the Vote” campaign among his supporters.

Visualize a place where the free media is constantly threatened with censorship and the state media is used to promote the incumbent.

Picture a country where the incumbent controls the courts, the legislature and the election commission, and where his near-dictatorial powers already have allowed him to eliminate term limits and perpetuate his time in power.

How can anyone defeat such a president in such a country?

You can’t.

That’s why Venezuela again reelected 14-year President Hugo Chavez to another six-year term on Sunday. He got 54 percent of the vote.

Nevertheless, the fact that his challenger, Henrique Capriles, was able to get 45 percent of the vote on such an unlevel playing field is quite impressive. In 2006, Chavez won by a much bigger margin.

Obviously, many Venezuelans are fed up with Chavez’s conflictive nature, his ridiculous clowning in international fo-

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ums, his arrogant name-calling, his alliances with totalitarian despots, his subsidizing of socialist regimes at the expense of a 35 percent poverty rate in his own country. Obviously, many are tired of the rampant violent crime in Venezuela, the personal freedoms that are constantly restricted by the government and a patronage system where upper mobility is reserved for faithful Chavistas.

But all the complaints about the Chavez regime were obviously not enough to overcome the cranked up patronage machine, the free use of state media and the politically-timed giveaways and handouts that bought him another election.

That’s how a socialist gets re-elected in Latin America nowadays.

Now, look at President Barack Obama — does he really look like a socialist to you?

Those who are so quick to accuse Obama of being a socialist should take a good look at Venezuela.

Putting it mildly, their socialism is unlike ours. Theirs is real.

Just because you seek a fair health care system or you believe rich people should pay a fair share of taxes — that makes you a closet commie?

When our political leaders democratically advocate for social programs that benefit the middle class and the poor, does that make them socialists?

Really?

The kind of socialists that take away our freedom? Why, because they took away our freedom to be recklessly uninsured?

Can we really compare them to Hugo Chavez?

In fact, when it comes to manipulating elections through extraordinary (and bordering on illegal) measures, the Chavistas have much more in common with U.S. Republicans than with Democrats, especially when it comes to disqualifying or dissuading their opponents from voting.

When he celebrated another election victory Sunday, Chavez said Venezuelans “voted for socialism.” Winning reelection in spite of his well-know bout with cancer, he obviously feels he has a new mandate to continue limiting dissent, confiscating private property, controlling the country’s oil-based economy and turning Venezuela into a communist dictatorship.

He makes no effort to hide the fact that he still believes in a failed ideology, that he admires the Fidel Castro model of ruling in Cuba, and that is always ready to defy the United States and to stand beside our most dangerous enemies.

Voting for Obama simply doesn’t fall in the same category. Just because Chavez has said he would vote for Obama, that doesn’t mean Obama would vote for Chavez. Let’s get our socialists straight, OK?

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Too much mother’s milk

There was something ironic about the latest headlines detailing President Barack Obama’s record fundraising success. His gigantic haul in September — some \$181 million — was a big step up from the record pace set by both campaigns in August, when the president and his “affiliates” took in \$114 million while Gov. Mitt Romney and his affiliate team took in \$111 million.

If those numbers don’t get your attention, consider this: As of August, Obama’s fundraising total was \$742 million, and Romney’s was \$638 million. Of course, that doesn’t count the Super-Duper PACs, which, thanks to the Supreme Court, are raising and spending untold hundreds of millions — and in many cases without even disclosing their donors. Another loophole.

To be sure, for some of those ponying up the big bucks, it’s a drop in the bucket, not only because they are really that rich — call it the .001 percent — but also because, from a business point of view, the next administration will be making many billions of dollars worth of decisions on everything from tax policy to loophole closing to trade to environmental regulation. Investing in campaigns, more than one big-shot businessperson has told me over the years, just makes sense. The return on investment if you win (and you always win if you bet both sides, as many do) in terms of access to decision-makers alone is a huge

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multiple over the dollar investment.

But here’s the funny part: Even as Obama once again clogs up traffic in my hometown of Los Angeles, where the dominant sound, if not helicopters overhead, is the suction-like noise of a vacuum cleaner inhaling money from here to spend somewhere else, all the fundraising seems to have little to do with what’s happening in the race right now.

Obama may be raising money hand over fist, but he’s struggling because he did just that for 90 minutes. Whether or not Romney bests him this month (he probably won’t) or GOP Super PACs do (they probably will), it is the first debate that is driving the numbers that matter. And what seems to have slowed Romney’s momentum since the first debate is not Obama’s ads, but the other number: the drop below 8 percent in unemployment.

Of course money matters, in politics as in life. Having none, or nowhere near enough, can be or feel deadly. At the same time, in politics as in life, having enough, even having way more than enough, is no guarantee of success or happiness.

The race for cash in politics continues to wreck the system in all kinds of ways. It drives decent people who don’t want to spend their lives cozying up to rich people and lobbyists into other lines of work. I remember deciding decades ago, when I moved out of the district I grew up in (and had returned to thinking I might run), that I just couldn’t see myself spending the rest of my life asking people to give me money. I loved policy. I have always been happy to raise money for good causes. But for me? A life of pretending

a bad idea is a good idea because of the size of someone’s wallet? A life in which “friends” and “funders” are — of necessity, not choice — one and the same? Nah. Money distorts the debate about important ideas because access is influence, and as Bob Dole once famously remarked, there are no PACs for poor kids.

What money definitely buys are television advertisements, almost all of which are negative. We who live in California may pay the price of the system in the never-ending traffic jams caused by candidates who come calling. But being a true-blue state (if a Democrat can’t win California, he simply isn’t going to win, period), we are spared most of the political ads that drive our fellow citizens in states like Ohio and Florida to make more visits to the kitchen than might be good for their waistlines.

Even so, I try to collect the ads for my students to watch each week, and what surprises me most — and this is on a bipartisan basis — is how unneringly forgettable they are.

We have an informal competition going for the best political ad of the season, and so far, all we have are losers. To think of all the handshakes and traffic jams and filet mignon dinners that went into making such blather. Is anyone really persuaded by any of it?

Money may be the mother’s milk of politics, but sometimes, enough is enough.

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Where's God's attic, and what's in it?

Does God actually have an attic? I'm not sure. While I don't recall reading about one in the Scripture, every parent has to have some place to put those things left behind by his or her offspring. Surely the Father's House has some accommodation for the treasure and clutter left behind by His children.



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Somewhere, God must have a wall lined with refrigera-

tor doors for all those crayon printed love notes from children who know how special God is. He must own a gazillion refrigerator magnets to post all the colorful pictures He receives drawn on pages from Big Chief Tablets. God must really value those precious notes because He admonishes all of us to come to Him in childlike faith. (Matthew 18:2-3)

Someplace in God's attic, there must be a few small boxes labeled expressions of gratitude. These are reserved for the handful of thank you notes written by adults who remembered to count their blessings and thank God for them. God must read them

over and over before he packs them away because they are so rare.

He must shake his head wondering why His adult children just don't get the part of His instruction book about gratitude. (Ephesians 5:20)

In one dark corner of God's attic, He probably has dozens of locked boxes marked "Danger." These must contain the harmful habits that His children have surrendered to Him. These boxes are filled with empty bottles, drug paraphernalia, porn magazines, and all kinds of idols. It must make God sad to have to take these things from His children. But

because He loves them, He takes these deceptive things from their hands. Giving them a hug,

He reminds them that He has made a way of escape to free them from their self-destructive behaviors. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Perhaps God weeps even more when He walks into the corner of His attic reserved for the intangible items that His children have brought home to the Father.

There must be canisters filled with grief, jars overflowing with sorrow, and bags bulging with worry. Surely He has hundreds of file boxes packed with bad decisions and regrets. But

God saves them all because he cares for His children. (1 Peter 5:7)

In the middle of God's attic, there must be a massive collection of red barrels, some still hot to the touch, labeled anger, bitterness, and revenge.

God must smile when he sees these barrels because He knows how difficult it was for His children to give up their contents. He had to remind them repeatedly that these things belong to Him. (Hebrews 10:30)

What is in God's attic? No one knows for sure. But if God does have an attic, it must be filled with memories of his children.

Church briefs

East Side Baptist Church

The East Side Baptist congregation meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Bible school with worship service following at 10:45 a.m. and afternoon worship service beginning at 1:45 p.m. Midweek service is held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Kids Bible Club is also held on Wednesdays.

Musician Mrs. Rosie O'Tool will perform during the church's Gospel Meeting set for Oct. 28-31. The event will include sermons from several preachers during this special time.

East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. For more information, call 267-1915.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist service is held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Evening prayer service is held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Parish chapel.

The public is invited to attend The Daily Grind with God - Coffee Hour which meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the Parish hall. The Daily Grind is a time for Bible study and visitation while enjoy a nice cup of coffee.

EFM is a four-year, scholarly theological course and meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall. Although class slots are closed for this year, the course is open to the public.

For more information, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Christ in the Country Fellowship

Christ in the Country Fellowship is located at 5100 E. FM 846 in the Luther Community.

Sunday starts with coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study is at 10 a.m.; our study verse is 2 Corinthians 5:1.

Wednesday Round Pen Study is at 6 p.m.; the group will be studying Genesis 20:1.

Youth Study Group meets Sunday at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun time: The church will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 20. There will be free hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and lots of snacks. Also, there will be an air-filled playground attraction and clowns and games for the kids. Door prizes will be given away and the Crystal River Band from Lubbock will perform in the afternoon. Come and enjoy a family fun day.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events; you may contact Christ in the Country Fellowship at 432-270-0594 or 432-816-6238.

Crossroads Baptist Association Annual Meeting

On Sunday, the Crossroads Baptist Association will hold its annual meeting at Midway Baptist Church. A variety of things are planned that include a review of work across the association (Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties), reports from individual churches on mission projects and testimonies from some of the new mission churches. Some associational business reports and decisions will also be reviewed and acted on.

The first session will begin at 4 p.m. followed by a meal at about 5:30 p.m. The second session will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The keynote address is a message by Bro. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church. His message is titled, "Bearing Fruit Among Thorns," with text from Matthew 13:22-23 and John 15:1-8.

The worship leader is Lon Sitton, minister of music at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Those who will share personal testimonies include Maj. Gen. Eddie Spurgeon. We will hear reports on summer mission projects from First Baptist Church of Tarzan, First Baptist Churches of Big Spring and Stanton, College Baptist Church, Midway Baptist Church and Iglesia Bautista La Fe. There will also be reports from the associational ministry teams.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Bro. John McCullough, Director of Missions (935-9171).

Berea Baptist Church

Pastor John McCullough invites you to be our guest and join us as we begin a study of the wonderful book of Revelation. The study begins at Berea Baptist this coming Sunday at 11 a.m.. We will be taking it verse by verse with messages in the morning and in the evening service at 6 p.m. Child care is provided and there is a children's church led by Tom and Liz Swedlund, aided by several of our youth.

Bereans are "people of the book" and seek to be like those early "Bereans" in the book of Acts 17 who "searched the scriptures daily ... to see and follow the truth." We encourage you to join us in exploring God's truth on Sunday mornings; Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. — we have classes for all ages. Please be our guests for a special time of fellowship with coffee and goodies at 9:30 a.m., just before our study.

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Rd. in Big Spring. For additional information, please call pastor John at 935-9171. We are looking forward to meeting you.

San Angelo Catholic Diocese

The Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, Bishop of San Angelo, will unveil and bless a plaque honoring Nellie Gray, pro-life activist and founder of the National March for Life, at a Confirmation Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23.

"It thrills me to know that the one who started the biggest March for Life in our country, perhaps the biggest in the world, is from our diocese," said Bishop Pfeifer. "I have vague remembrances of hearing the name, 'Nellie Gray,' in reference to the march, but never knew that she came from Big Spring until her death in August."

Born in Big Spring on June 25, 1926, Gray was found dead in her home in Washington's Capitol Hills neighborhood, Aug. 13. She was 86. She has been called the "Joan of Arc of the Gospel of Life" by Cardinal Sean O'Malley of the Archdiocese of Boston.

In a separate event at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 19, at St. Ann's in Midland, Bishop Pfeifer will officially rename the Diocesan Pro-Life Committee the "Nellie Gray Pro-Life Committee of the Diocese of San Angelo." After the prayer ceremony at St. Ann's, there will be a march from the church to Planned Parenthood, where pro-life supporters will pray for the unborn and honor Gray's pro-life achievements.

College Baptist Church

There will be a Fifth Quarter Fellowship tonight after the football games in the area. This is for students in grades 1-12. There will be games, music, food and fun. The students will meet in the activities building, Those students driving their own cars must leave at 11:30 p.m., but if you are being picked up by your parents, you may stay until 1 a.m. The

cost for CBC youth is \$5 and they may bring one guest free.

Sunday, there will be no activities at College Baptist after the morning worship service. The Crossroads Associational annual meeting will take place at Midway Baptist Church. Those attending the business session will meet at 4 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 am as CCC continues into the second week where our focus will be "Appreciation." This will be the month we give recognition to all of our General Staff/Helpers, Directors, Elder, Pastor and Church. Each Sunday of October we will be focusing on each group.

On Saturday Oct. 27, from 3-5 p.m., we will honor Pastor Willard and his family with a reception at Meet-n-Greet (2906 W. Eighth St.; formerly Skateland.) Please join us in letting the Willard family know how much we appreciate them in all that they do for God's Glory.

Also, please mark your calendars and join us on Oct. 28 for CCC's 2012 Annual Member Appreciation Celebration. A special message will be given by Senior Pastor Barney Carbajal III of Abundant Life Christian Center in Belen, N.M. Born and raised in Belen, Pastor Carbajal received his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University. He has served in ministry as a youth pastor and associate pastor before becoming the founding pastor of Abundant Life in 1982.

Also, on the 28th, we will dedicate our East Wing, also known as "Kovenantville," for grades 1-6, and "The Dugout," which will be for our youth in grades 7-12.

Wednesday from 6-7 p.m., we will continue our Overcomers R&R class. For more information on this class please contact us at the number listed below.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: Tiny Tots (19 months-kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (grades 1-6); Chosen Generation (grades 7-12); Covenant U College Ministry (ages 18-24); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

Cornerstone Covenant Church meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship (Mother's Lounge and children church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services).

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check Covenant Connect out on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Our next movie for Movie Night is "October Baby" on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available for the movie. Please join us.

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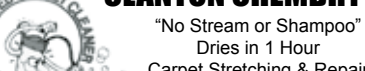
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Our annual Harvest Event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Many fun activities, games and events are planned for the whole family, including free food, games and prizes.

New Sunday School classes/Connection Groups have started. These classes are topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks in length and relevant to today’s Christian adventure. Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

“Holy Grounds Café” is open from 10:15-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

The Sunday morning sermon series for October is “Choices, Choices, Choices.” Pastor Derrick Looney always has interesting perspectives to share in his sermons. You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible study and youth and children’s activities follow at 6 p.m.

Our weekly Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday in the dining room at the church. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

“Wings” Dance Academy meets Tuesday evenings for girls ages 4-12. Boys Scouts meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Contact the office for more information.

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

The Big Spring Homeschool Educational Cooperative is offering classes for high school homeschool students in several subjects, including algebra/math, history, English, art and literature, drama and fun aArt. These ministries provide educational alternatives to Big Spring and the surrounding area.

The “Between the Lines” Women’s Ministry meets the third Friday of each month. The next meeting is Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. Call the church office for more details.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at (432) 714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Presbyterian Church

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

The Youth Group is meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for supper, Handbell Choir, and a special youth-oriented financial planning course led by Susan Holstedt.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

Our first Mission Fair, “Hey! What’cha Doin?” will be Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 11 a.m. with worship, led by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble and continuing through 8:30 p.m.

There will be a number of workshops and a mission exchange from churches across Tres Rios Presbytery.

Please register this week so that we can plan adequately for the lunch and dinner meals. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

The Elementary Children’s Sunday School classes are continuing their unit called “Self Esteem,” based on the gospel of Mark.

The Youth class is engaged in a video study, “Bible Stuff — Hearing God’s Call,” featuring Johnny Scott and Heather Flies.

The Adult Covenant Class will have a four-session study of “Who Understands Faith?” based on Acts.

The Adult Discovery Class is doing a video study “The Case for a Creator,” led by Lee Stobel, a former atheist who discovered that science, far from being the enemy of faith, provides a solid foundation for belief in God.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of this week’s “Take Ten.” Liturgist for October is Janie Conley. Ushers for the month are Lane Reynolds, Dick Conley and Susan and Gordon McDaniel.

The lectionary for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31. The choir will offer the anthem, “The Gift of Love” by Hal Hopson and “I Sing the Almighty Power of God,” arranged by Austin Lovelace for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

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

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate Communion every week. The Lord’s Table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the Communion table.

This Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh’s message will be “The Book That Shapes Us” from Hebrews 4: 12-16

Elders will be Joe McCright and Hollis McCright; deacons will be Shelane Roberts, Josh Hamby, Michelle Hamby and Marla Rainwater; worship leader will be Seth Hamby, communion pep will be Michelle Hamby and Marla Rainwater Children’s Church will be Shelane Roberts; greeter will be Shelane Roberts; homebound communion will be Joe McCright

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

On Sunday evening, the youth will be at First Presbyterian Church at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Susan Dawes and Susan Holstedt are this fall’s youth leaders.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

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Our pastor is Lannon Martin. Our motto is “Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love and Grace in our lives”. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats following and Sunday School around 10:15 a.m.

Richard Knocke will present the readings this week. The readings reference “Baptism Now Saves You.”

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

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos.

Freedom from frenzy

We live in a time-crunched world where life is lived on the run. Millions pull out of their driveways in the pre-dawn dark, grab a last-minute breakfast burrito and navigate their way onto free-ways while listening to the morning news and traffic reports between cell phone calls.

It is a frenzied start to a frenzied day.

Weary from long hours at work, the same drivers re-enter the stream of traffic, making their way home past memorized billboards that serve as markers for their movement. Weekends are filled with a hundred errands, second jobs, T-ball, soccer, football and the race to cram in as much recreation as possible. Church is squeezed into an already full schedule that has no margins.

Richard Foster analyzed it like this: “We are trapped in a rat race, not just of acquiring money, but also of meeting family and business obligations. We pant through an endless series of appointments and duties. This problem is especially acute for those who want to do what is right. With frantic fidelity we respond to all calls to service, distressingly unable to distinguish the voice of Christ from that of human manipulators.”

We are increasingly depressed and suicidal. We have turned to alcohol and drugs in a desperate effort to cope. We know deep down that something isn’t working. There must be a better way. Most people recognize the Ten Commandments as foundational to human conduct and life. But somewhere

along the way we reduced the Ten Commandments to nine. We eliminated the fourth commandment as irrelevant and archaic: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”

A half-century ago, businesses were closed on Sunday and sporting events recognized Sunday as a day for worship. All that has changed. Today our calendars are filled up to a 24/7 frenzy.

When Jesus said that man was not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath was made for man, he affirmed the need for the Sabbath in our lives. He underscored the importance of the Sabbath to all of us for mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health.

In his book, “Living the Sabbath, Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight,” Norman Wirzba writes, “Put simply, Sabbath discipline introduces us to God’s own ways of joy and delight. ... When our work and our play, our exertion and our rest flow seamlessly from this deep desire to give thanks to God, the totality of our living — cooking, eating, cleaning, preaching, parenting, building, repairing, healing, creating — becomes one sustained and ever-expanding act of worship.”

Sabbath requires time for rest, silence, solitude and worship, but it is more than a day of rest. It is a way of life that is filled with wonder, worship, awe and delight. When Jesus declared himself the Lord of the Sabbath, he offered to us a better way.

He said, “Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest to your souls.”

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



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Mitt Romney meets with Billy Graham

MONTREAT, N.C. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney met Thursday with Rev. Billy Graham, and the aging evangelist pledged to do “all I can” to help the GOP nominee win the presidency.

Romney went to see Graham and his son, the Rev. Franklin Graham, at the elderly evangelist’s mountaintop home in the mountains of western North Carolina.

“Prayer is the most helpful thing you can do for me,” Romney told the 93-year-old Graham.

The meeting came just days after Romney told a newspaper he would not pursue abortion-related legislation as president. Romney later insisted

that he would be a “pro-life president.”

The Republican candidate said Thursday that Franklin Graham, also an evangelical leader, had been helping his presidential bid.

“What you’re planning, what your son has shown me, is going to be very, very helpful. And I appreciate that. It’s going to be terrific,” Romney said at the end of their meeting.

Romney adviser Mark De Moss later said Romney and Franklin Graham had been discussing how the younger Graham is doing everything he can “to encourage churches to encourage their people to get out and vote.”

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- Forsan (4-2) at Haskell (3-3), 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton (2-3) at Coahoma (1-4), Bulldog Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady (4-2) at Garden City (1-5), 7:30 p.m.
- Sands (4-2) at Klondike (4-2), 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- Abilene Wylie (5-0) at Big Spring (5-1), varsity, freshmen, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6:30 p.m.

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



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jacob Rangel hits the ball during Thursday's tennis match against San Angelo Lake View. The fall tennis squad returns to action Oct. 20 against Brownwood on the road.

Steers, Bulldogs to put perfect records on line

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Steers are healthy, rested up and riding a wave of confidence after posting a perfect 5-0 record through their predistrict gauntlet.

After losing 10 straight games last year, Big Spring — led by sophomore quarterback Tobyn Tannehill — has shocked and thrilled its fans this season, but tonight's District 4-3A opener against the No. 2 ranked Wylie Bulldogs will unquestionably be the Steers' biggest test to date.

"I think it will be a good game," said BSHS Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "I hope we match up really well. Wylie is deserving of their No. 2 rank. We

will have to play hard in every aspect of the game — on offense, defense and special teams. This year, we can pass the ball and we have been making big plays. I hope we can do the same against Wylie's defense."

The explosive Steer offense has outscored opponents 168-52 in predistrict play.

As for Big Spring's defense, it has held its opponents to 14 points scored per game or less through five outings.

"The way our defense has been playing, Ritchey said, "We think we can stop them. Both teams are 5-0 — it may come down to special teams, which we have struggled with a little. It could be the make-or-break part of

the game."

Receivers Tate Kennedy and Devin Roberson — who were sidelined because of minor injuries during the last game against Seminole — are healthy and will return this week.

Though boasting a perfect record, Ritchey and his squad have been working on improving their game during their off week and preparing for the second half of the season in a tough district.

"It's kind of like halftime in game," Ritchey said. "You get a chance to catch your breath and make adjustments. It's nice to get a break mentally and physically."

Even if the Steers lose, it appears

they are poised to fill one of three playoff spots that are up for grabs, but a win over Wylie would certainly put the Steers in a commanding position.

"We feel like we have improved since the year began, Ritchey added. "We're very proud to be where we're at — 5-0 — it doesn't get any better than that. Our confidence level is high and our guys really believe in themselves and each other. When you have that, good things can happen."

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

AP source: Slauson fined \$10K for Cushing block

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — A person familiar with the situation says New York Jets guard Matt Slauson has been fined \$10,000 by the NFL for his season-ending block on Houston linebacker Brian Cushing.

Slauson rolled into Cushing, who tore his left anterior cruciate ligament in the second quarter of the Texans' 23-17 win Monday night.

Another person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday that Slauson will appeal the fine. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the league doesn't announce fines until Fridays.

Fox Sports first reported the fine for the hit, which both Slauson and Jets coach Rex Ryan have defended as being legal.

Defending NCAA women's champ Baylor Big 12 pick

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Defending national champion Baylor, with All-America center Brittney Griner returning from a 40-0 season, is the Big 12 coaches' overwhelming pick to win the league again.

The Lady Bears got the maximum nine first-place votes in the preseason voting by coaches, who weren't allowed to vote for their own

team. Baylor has won the last two Big 12 titles.

The preseason vote had Oklahoma and Big 12 newcomer West Virginia tied for second, followed by Kansas and Texas. The rest of the picks, in order, were Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, Kansas State and TCU.

The Big 12 has ranked No. 1 in conference RPI for the past five seasons.

No. 5 WVU to test Tech's defense

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Dana Holgorsen won't be nostalgic Saturday when he brings his No. 5 Mountaineers to Texas Tech, where he and Mike Leach drove opponents batty with their dizzying pass-heavy offense.

"All those feelings and emotions have gone away a long time ago," the Mountaineers second-year coach said of his eight years in Lubbock. "I'm not going to

think twice about it."

Holgorsen's thoughts will be on how to keep his Mountaineers unbeaten as they try to stay in the hunt for the Big 12 title in their first year in the conference. Much of that will depend on the performance of quarterback Geno Smith, who comes into the game with 24 touchdowns, 1,996 yards and no interceptions. He's completed 81 percent of his 204 pass attempts this season.

Romo, Dallas giving, not taking

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys have done a lot of giving this season.

That is good in charity, not when you're a team trying to win in the NFL.

With his five interceptions in the last game, Romo has already been picked off eight times this season. That's seven more interceptions than opposing quarterbacks have thrown against the Cowboys (2-2), and it accounts for the team's minus-7 turnover margin.

While it would be easy to blame Romo for that, especially since he also has two lost fumbles, the Cowboys' defense isn't really forcing turnovers.

"You think about it consciously as a defender, trying to strip the ball out, getting your hands

up trying to get interceptions and that helps you win, so that's something that we're thinking about," defensive tackle Marcus Spears said. "Now, doing it and thinking about it is a different thing. So we've got to make plays like that to allow our offense to have a short field and give ourselves a chance to win the game on defense."

Linebacker Sean Lee has the Cowboys' only interception, a pick at Tampa Bay's 23 that set up their only touchdown drive in a 16-10 victory. Dallas has recovered three fumbles, but one of those was Orie Lemon falling on a muffed punt against the Buccaneers.

After their bye week, the Cowboys play four of their next five games on the road. They play Sunday at Baltimore (4-1), and know they need to start creating turnovers.

"It's a personal challenge that each one of us has to accept," said new corner back Brandon Carr, who had two interceptions in a preseason game. "You have to challenge yourself to put it upon yourself within the scheme of our defense to go out there and you be the one to make that play, you be the one to make the difference for the defense."

At the same time, Carr said defenders have to be careful not to be too aggressive, to anxious or too eager to make a play.

"That's when bad things happen, and the big play comes on top of you," Carr said.

The only team with a worst turnover margin is Kansas City at minus-15. The Chiefs had four turnovers last week in a 9-6 loss to Baltimore, which fumbled once and threw an interception

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O's force Game 5, Tigers head to ALCS, Giants await NLDS

YANKS-ORIOLES

NEW YORK (AP) — Just maybe the Baltimore Orioles' remarkable run into October is not so improbable after all.

Seventeen wins in extra innings, 31 victories in one-run games. Staving off elimination from the postseason twice already.

They've done all that, and might not be done yet.

Bouncing back from a demoralizing defeat, the Orioles beat the New York Yankees 2-1 in, yep, 13 innings on J.J. Hardy's double in Game 4 of the division series Thursday night.

Now they get a chance to prove one more time that they're unflappa-

ble, in a winner-take-all Game 5 Friday.

"All these extra-inning games, all these close games. Obviously, it's fitting with the types of games we played all year," closer Jim Johnson said.

On Thursday they played past midnight, winning a test of wills with the high-priced Yankees for a chance at a spot in the AL championship series against Detroit.

Game 1 winner CC Sabathia was set to pitch the deciding game for the Yankees against Jason Hammel.

"It's time to go," Sabathia said. "This is a one-game playoff, and this is what we play for. We're here in the Bronx

at home, and like I said, I'll be excited and ready to go."

The teams have already split 22 games this year, with New York outscoring Baltimore 103-101. And they have been tied or separated by one run going into the ninth inning of each of this series' four games.

The Yankees held a moment of silence for Girardi's dad, Jerry, who died Saturday at 81 and had a long bout with Alzheimer's.

TIGERS-A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Miguel Cabrera danced on a chair in one corner of the visiting clubhouse, puffing a cigar. Prince Fielder

doused his young sons, Jacy and Haven, with non-alcoholic sparkling wine, then handed them each a bottle to shake and spray.

Just when the celebration seemed to be ending, Justin Verlander ran through the door and screamed "Who!"

On the mound and in the clubhouse, Verlander made sure Detroit's postseason party wasn't over yet.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner and MVP backed up his credentials in the biggest moment of the season Thursday night, throwing a four-hitter in the decisive Game 5 to get the Tigers back to the AL

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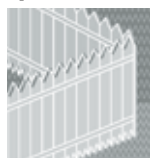
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*Beginning at a stake for the Northwest Corner of Survey 19 in Block No. 33, Township 1 North of the Texas and Pacific Railway Survey in Howard County, Texas;
*Thence North at 77° East along the North Boundary line of said Section No. 19, 417.5 feet to a point for a corner;
*Thence South 13° East 417.5 feet to a point for a corner;
*Thence South 77° West 417.5 feet to a point in the West Boundary Line of said Survey No. 19 for a corner;
*Thence North 13° West along the West Boundary line of said Survey 417.5 feet to a place of

~ Dear Margo ~

I've been home a lot more and have begun developing friendships with a few of the ladies around here. I met "Sue" first, and through her I met "Anna." Anna is the problem.

Anna is a few years older than me and engaged to a nice man with whom she has a young child. Whenever I see Anna, she wants to drink. She says she has a right to go a little crazy like her fiancé gets to do all the time. She won't just have a glass of wine or a couple of beers, though. She indeed goes crazy and is soon riding the "roller coaster."

She starts out fine and then gets angry with her fiancé or her Dad or her old friends, etc. From there, she moves on to some truly painful accidents and deaths

and sobs and sobs. Then she's back to OK, and we have a laugh or two — and then it starts all over again. These past evenings have been particularly stressful.

The first night, she brought over a bottle of tequila, and although I didn't want to drink, I did let her in. I couldn't get her out till 3 a.m. I walked her home, and her fiancé was waiting up for her and was very upset.

I don't know what to do. I've been hiding in my apartment all day. I just cannot face these people. How do I deal with this? I talked to my mom, and she said to not talk to them and ignore them both from now on. Is she right? — *Trapped*

Dear Trap: Your mom is not entirely right, but she's on the right track. I don't

think you can just not speak, given the history. You can, however, tell Anna that you believe she has an alcohol problem, along with painful issues she has not dealt with in any constructive way. She is self-medicating and trying to drown her sorrows. The problem is that sorrows know how to swim.

If I were you, I would highly recommend AA and/or a counselor (and maybe take her fiancé with her). Tell her you will not be available for any more tequila evenings. If necessary, don't answer your door. And I hope you get a job soon. — *Margo, resolutely*

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beginning and comprising four (4) acres of land out of and part of aforesaid Survey No. 19.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the term "Mineral Interest" does not include hard minerals such as, but not limited to, coal or lignite, that require surface mining.

BSISD will accept sealed bids for the lease of the Mineral Interest in the above-described property. Bidders must be willing to implement all reasonable procedures and precautions to maintain student safety, as deemed necessary by the District, in accordance with the District's mineral lease.

Sealed written bids should be addressed to "BSISD Oil and Gas Lease Bid c/o Debbie Green, Business Manager, Big Spring ISD, 708 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX 79720." Sealed written bids for the lease of the above-described mineral interests may be submitted, beginning September 28, 2012. All bids must be received by the BSISD business office no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 29, 2012.

Sealed written bids may be submitted by U.S. mail or hand delivery. No faxed bids, electronic bids or late bids will be accepted. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to sender unopened. Prospective bidders may obtain a copy of the District's proposed mineral lease and bid instructions by contacting Debbie Green, Business Manager, at (432)264-3620.

Bids will be presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting on November 8, 2012, at which time the Board will conduct a public hearing for consideration of such bids. Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and accept the bid of the highest and best bidder in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code §71.006. The transfer of any interest real property, including the Mineral Interest, by Big Spring ISD to any successful Bidder is subject to approval by the Board of

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WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID. #7523 September 28, 2012 and October 5 & 12, 2012

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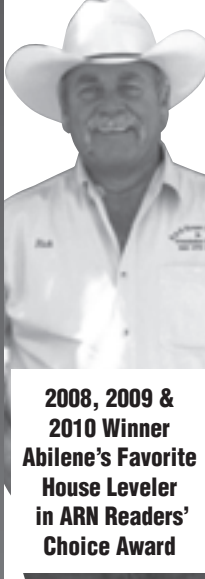
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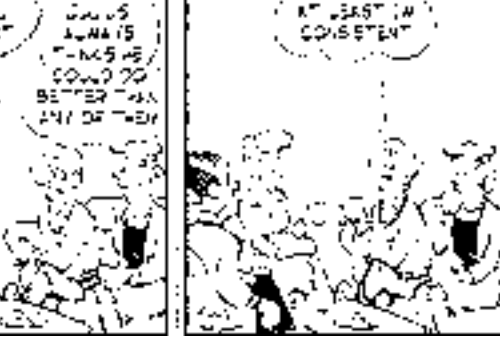
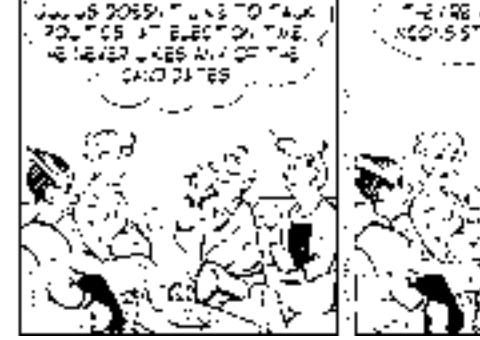


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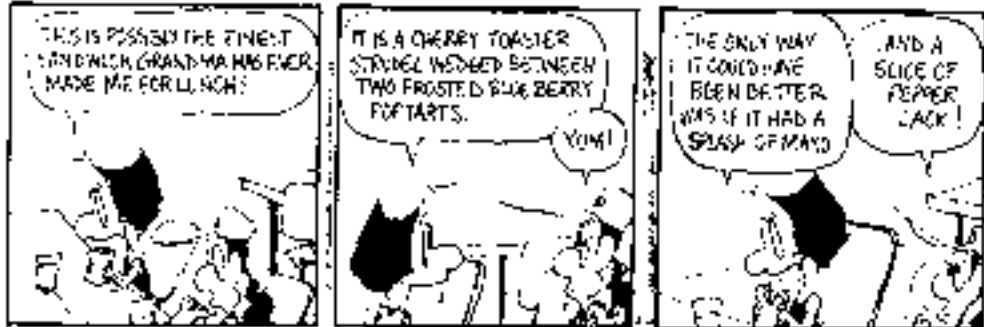
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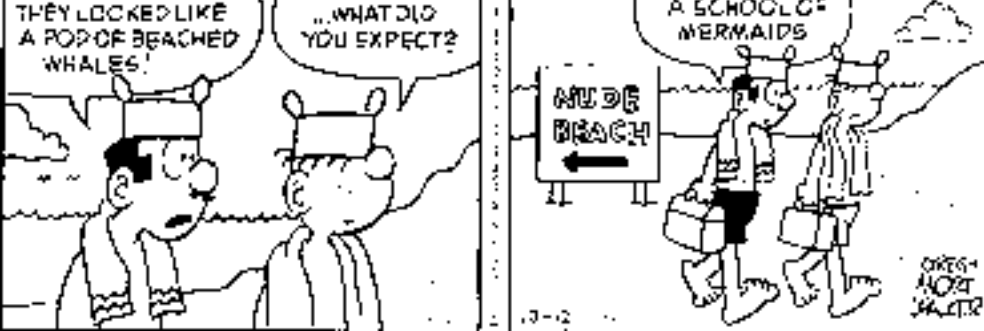
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 12, the 286th day of 2012. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12, 1962, the devastating Columbus Day Storm, also known as the "Big Blow," struck the Pacific Northwest, resulting in some 50 deaths.

On this date:

In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

In 1810, the German festival Oktoberfest was first held in Munich to celebrate the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen.

In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

In 1933, bank robber John

Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1960, Japanese Socialist Party leader Inejiro Asanuma was stabbed to death during a televised debate in Tokyo by an ultranationalist student, Otoya Yamaguchi, who hanged himself in jail.

In 1971, the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

In 1987, former Gov. Alfred ("Alf") M. Landon, R-Kan., died

at his Topeka home at age 100.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, Calif.; he was 53.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 85. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 80. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 80. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 77. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 65. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 62. Rock singer-musician Pat DiNizio is 57. Actor Carlos Bernard is 50. Jazz musician Chris Botti (BOH'-tee) is 50.

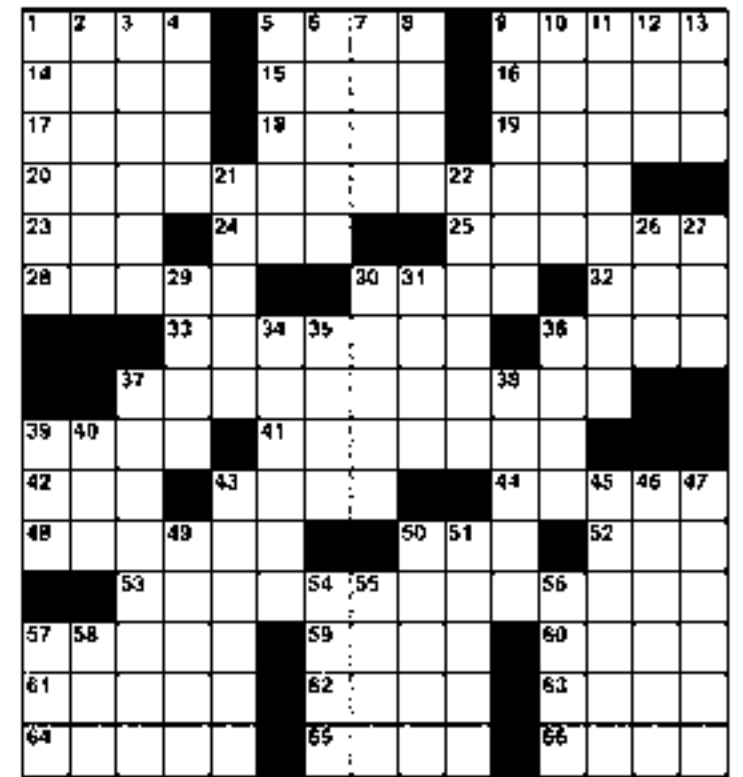
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championship series for a second straight year with a 6-0 victory over the overachieving Oakland Athletics.

The Tigers flew back to Detroit to see if they will face either the New York Yankees or Baltimore Orioles. That series is tied at two games apiece heading into Game 5 on Friday night in New York. Game 1 of the ALCS is scheduled for Saturday.

If Baltimore wins, it will start in Detroit. Otherwise the Motown crew is headed to the Big Apple.

Players quickly ran to a table to grab another celebratory bottle when Verlander entered the clubhouse, drenching him in all directions and chanting “Cy Young! Cy Young!”

NATS-CARDS
WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours before Jayson Werth’s game-ending homer on a 13-pitch at-bat extended the Wash-

ington Nationals’ surprising season, before a bullpen trio got eight consecutive outs via strikeouts, before Ian Desmond’s acrobatic catch, a guy who isn’t even on the playoff roster fired up a team facing elimination against the defending champs.

The best-of-five series will end Friday night in Washington, with the winner advancing to face the San Francisco Giants in the NL championship series. The starters are a rematch of Game 1, which Washington won 3-2: Gio Gonzalez on the mound for the NL East champion Nationals, and Adam Wainwright for the wild-card Cardinals.

GIANTS-REDS
CINCINNATI (AP) — The entire season was a comeback for Buster Posey, so he didn’t think anything of it when San Francisco needed one of the biggest yet to play for a pennant.

He led them to one of Giant proportions.

The National League batting champion hit the third grand slam in Giants postseason history on Thursday, sending San Francisco back to the championship series with a 6-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

They will play Game 1 on Sunday, either in Washington against the Nationals or in San Francisco against the wild card St. Louis Cardinals. They planned to stick around town until the Nationals-Cardinals series, tied 2-all, is decided on Friday.

The Giants became the first NL team to overcome a 2-0 deficit in the division series, which began in 1995.

COWBOYS

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of its own.

The Cowboys were in the middle of the pack with 25 takeaways last season, when they finished plus-4 in turnover margin.

Coach Jason Garrett said there are a lot of different drills the team works on during the week in an effort to create turnovers. He considers ball security a “team thing,” on both sides of the ball.

“It starts with the guys up front, the guys protecting, the guys blocking, certainly the guys who have the ball in their hands,” Garrett said. “And similarly on defense, if you create havoc for the quarterback, and he has to do things quicker than he wants to do, typically those result in interceptions.”

Romo has completed two-thirds of his passes and is on pace to throw for more than 4,500 yards, which would be a career high. But his eight interceptions so far are only two fewer than all of last season. And both of his lost fumbles came after being crushed between Tampa Bay defenders.

Asked Thursday what he could do to get better, and make sure he’s not making mistakes while trying to do too much, Romo refused to go into detail about “the things that I think are going to help us in this football game and going forward.”

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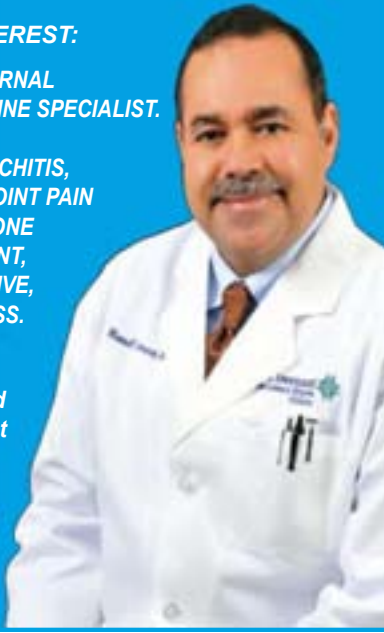
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