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And the (FHS) band played on

Forsan, BSBS take top honors in regional contests

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Some ruts are nice to be in. As they have for the past several years, the Big Spring High School and Forsan High School marching bands turned in exemplary performances at recent University Interscholastic League regional competition, with each band earning a Division I rating, the highest possible.



Rhodes



Harris

Forsan's performance earned it another spot in the Class 2A area contest, which will be held Saturday in Lubbock. The top three bands there advance to the UIL state marching contest, set for November in San Antonio.

There will be no state Class 3A contest this year, which means BSBS' competitive marching season is com-

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Lisa Barber browses the collection of items for sale at the first annual Howard County Courthouse Bazaar this morning. Courthouse employees contributed homemade items with all funds being donated to the United Way. The bazaar was taking place on the third floor of the courthouse.

Scouts have something to get popped up about

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Popcorn time is here — at least for the Boy Scouts.

For more than 15 years, the local Boy Scouts have been taking part in a fundraiser selling Trail's End popcorn. Locally, scouts will be selling popcorn through Nov. 15.

"This is the only organized fundraiser for all units to participate in," said Valerie Acosta, development director. "About 70 percent of the sale directly goes to supporting scouting through unit activities, camping, registration and other miscellaneous

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This weekend...

Kyle Park will perform Saturday night in a Relay For Life benefit concert at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park hangar.

The Justin Kaczyk Band will open the concert at 7:30 p.m.

Concessions will be available and

those attending are invited to participate in a costume contest.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20, standing room only, or in advance until noon Saturday at Klassic Kleaners and Ward's Western Wear.

The hangar is located at 3100 Rickabaugh Dr. W, hangar building 1162 next to the airpark office

Tea Party rally set for Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Tea Party time at the Heart of the City Park, Saturday at 10 a.m.

Howard County conservatives have organized Saturday's tea party, but extends an invitation to all community residents. The meeting will take place across from the Howard County Courthouse.

State Rep. Jim Landtroop will be speaking as well as candidates for the Republican primary seeking the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Kay Bailey Hutchison.

According to Suzanne Haney, the tea party is a grassroots movement embracing many issues and names

including, Tea, Patriot, Liberty and Conservative. Nationally, there is not one organization that makes up the Tea Party, but instead is comprised of several thousand independent groups across the nation. Each group is waging their own battle in order to "restore America before it is too late."

"Like many of you, we decided to stand up so our children can inherit as great a nation as we did," Haney said, "instead of a socialist paradise crippled by debt."

"The Tea Party movement gives us a place where like-minded Americans can share similar core principles supporting the United States Constitution as the founders intended."



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Halloween events, festivals planned through Monday

Friday, Oct. 28
 • Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Harvest Festival, 6 p.m.-11 p.m., 1009 Hearne. Food, games, spook house, costume contest.

Saturday, Oct. 29
 • Spooktacular Extravaganza will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight at building 48 at 2004 First Ave., located near Hangar 25 Air Museum. There will be concessions, including barbecue sandwiches with chips, movie style popcorn, pickle pops, pickles, sodas and water. Games and prizes will be available, as well as a haunted house. All proceeds will benefit Blue Santa Program hosted by the Big Spring Police Association. Games are \$2 each and \$5 per person for the haunted house.

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Harvest Festival, 6 p.m.-11 p.m., 1009 Hearne. Food, games, spook house, costume contest.

Sunday, Oct. 30
 • Trunk for Treats at First United Methodist Church will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be snow cones, cotton candy, bouncing houses, a game trailer and live music by Fade. The fun will be held in the west parking lot on the Gregg Street side of the church.

• Spring Creek Fellowship Harvest Event is set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be train rides, free hot dogs and drinks, game booths and prizes. Fall background photos will be available for \$5. Spring Creek Fellowship is located in the College Park Shopping Center.

• Coahoma Methodist, located at 401 N. Main St., will be having a Harvest Festival starting at 4 p.m. There will be games, hayrides and more. For more information, call 432-270-5910.

Monday, Oct. 31
 • Howard College Women's Dorm will hold trick or treat for all area youth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

• First Baptist Church will host its fall festival in the downstairs area of the church for the children of Big Spring. Costumes are encouraged, but no scary ones. The festival begins at 6 p.m.

• For the sixth consecutive year, the Great Pumpkin will be making a stop at 911 Goliad. Members of First Christian Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church will come together to circle their cars and vans to open their trunks filled with candy to share with children of Big Spring.

On Halloween evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m., as many as 30 cars will be set up for people to come by to get treats, smiles and warm welcomes from some of the friendliest witches, ghosts, and goblins you will ever meet. There will be awards for the best decorated trunks. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be available.

• Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is set from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be family activities, games, candy and more. Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157.

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Police blotter

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

- RONALD LEE MONCADA, 47, of 2530 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- DANIEL WAYNE MCKNIGHT, 34, of 1114 Mulberry, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- PAUL MORENO, 49, of 616 Caylor Dr., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- DAVID WARD SAUSMAN, 47, of 1309 Grafa, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for failure to drive in a single lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- RONNIE LEE MONCADA, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- DANIEL WAYNE MCKNIGHT, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a Llano warrant for failure to appear – theft by check.
- PAUL MENDEZ MORENO, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DAVID WARD SAUSMAN, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to drive in a single lane.
- JASON MAURICE THREATS, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TOMMY BILLALBA JR., 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- CALEB HALLFORD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than two ounces and less than four ounces.
- JACOB SEPULVEDA MARTINEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for speeding.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is set for Oct. 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be family activities, games, candy and more. Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157.

- Big Spring High School's annual Powder Puff football tournament will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field, adjacent to the high school. Admission is \$5 per person.

- Flu shots to be given at DSHS field office at 501 Birdwell Lane. Shots will be given from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donations are welcomed, but no one will be turned away for inability to play. Medicare patients, medicare pays for flu vaccines and their administration. Remember to bring your medicaid card.

- Carlos Restaurant is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way through Saturday. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign.

- The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fund raiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Nov. 5, from 8 p.m. until noon at the Humane Society your dog or cat can get their parvo or distemper shot and rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$10. All donations will go to the United Way to help the 15 agencies they support. Live United.

- November 5, the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be conducting a benefit for Maurren Pitman at the Eagles Lodge. Dinner will be from 5-7 p.m., drawing at 6 p.m. and the Texas Outlaws will be performing from 7-11 p.m. The meal will be brisket plate at \$5 per plate. Area Boy Scouts will be helping with cooking and serving.

- Concerned parents and citizens are invited to a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Howard County Library basement. The meeting will be held to develop questions for the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting on Nov. 1 and to develop goals and create a followup plan to make sure the goals are achieved. For more information, see Letters to the Editor.

- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>

- Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, is no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.






- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. 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.

- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

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

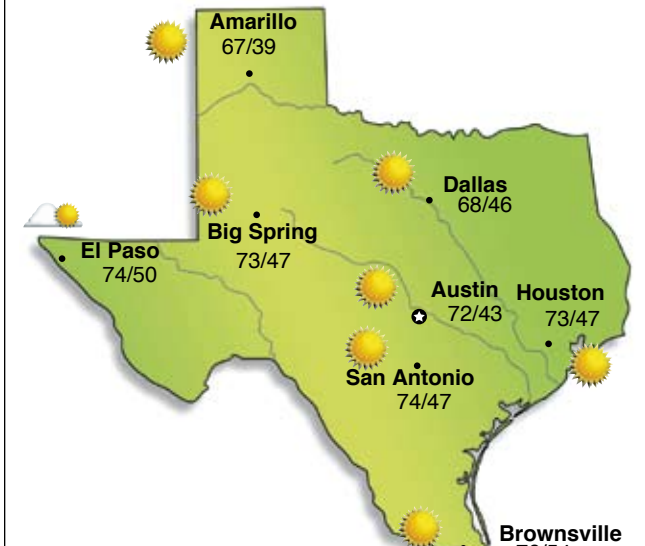
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/29	Sun 10/30	Mon 10/31	Tue 11/1	Wed 11/2
 73/47 Mainly sunny. High 73F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	 77/47 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 77/54 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 84/54 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 73/41 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 6:59 PM	Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 6:58 PM	Sunrise: 8:02 AM Sunset: 6:57 PM	Sunrise: 8:03 AM Sunset: 6:56 PM	Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 6:55 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	71	48	sunny	Kingsville	76	52	sunny
Amarillo	67	39	sunny	Livingston	72	39	sunny
Austin	72	43	sunny	Longview	68	42	sunny
Beaumont	71	43	sunny	Lubbock	68	41	sunny
Brownsville	76	54	sunny	Lufkin	72	40	sunny
Brownwood	71	45	sunny	Midland	73	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	53	sunny	Raymondville	78	52	sunny
Corsicana	68	44	sunny	Rosenberg	73	46	sunny
Dallas	68	46	sunny	San Antonio	74	47	sunny
Del Rio	73	47	sunny	San Marcos	72	43	sunny
El Paso	74	50	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	44	sunny
Fort Stockton	78	49	sunny	Sweetwater	70	46	sunny
Gainesville	67	42	sunny	Tyler	68	42	sunny
Greenville	67	42	sunny	Weatherford	67	42	sunny
Houston	73	47	sunny	Wichita Falls	68	43	sunny

- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

Oct. 28-29
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For more info contact
Richard Light at 432-714-4930

Oct. 29
Big Spring Knife Makers' Reunion
Howard Co. Fair Barn
For more info contact
Bear Claw Co. at 432-267-4935

Oct. 29
Kyle Park Concert
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TexasStone ask for Jennifer or Cindy 432-354-2569

Oct. 31
H-E-B Halloween Safe Stop 5pm-8pm
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Support Groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12



Lots of people took advantage of a bazaar to benefit United Way, put on this morning by Howard County employees. The workers hope to make the event an annual one.

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing

to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night,

SUNDAY

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

no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

BANDS

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pleted. Performing a routine featuring the music of composer Carl Jenkins, the Steer Band earned spotless ratings from the three judges, BSHS Director Rocky Harris said. "The students handled it very, very well," Harris said. "It was a very exciting show, and the judges were very com-

plimentary of the performance."

Big Spring and Monahan were the only two Class 3A bands to earn Division I ratings at the regional contest.

In Class 2A, Forsan's routine of music from Rimsky-Korsikov's "Scheherazade" also earned spotless ratings from the judges.

"The band's been terrific this year," FHS Band Director Jim Rhodes said. "The kids are very focused and very

determined to compete. This has been one of my most rewarding years as a director."

The Division I rating was the 14th FHS has received in the 15 years Rhodes has been at the school.

The results from regional contests, which were held Saturday in Odessa, reinforced ratings the two bands received at the Tall City Marching Contest in Midland earlier this month. Forsan was

named the outstanding Class 2A band, as well as winning awards for its brass and woodwind sections and drum majors.

Big Spring finished second in Class 3A behind Greenwood at the Midland contest and won awards for having the outstanding drum majors and color guards.

"It's been an amazing season with this band," Harris said. "The students have been won-

derful all season long. It started with the first practices in August and continued right through contest — they've just been top-notch ... In my opinion, they're the best Class 3A band around."

Forsan will take the field in the Area contest at 3:15 p.m. Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

SCOUTS

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fees." Funds from the popcorn sales also benefit at-risk youth with uniforms, books and registration fees. Some of the money is also designated to "camper-ships" — scholarships for camp — the maintenance of facilities, adult and youth training and more.

"The cost to join scouting is minimal, however, the more activities and events the scouting unit participates in can become costly," Acosta said. "The popcorn sales are designed to help secure funds for those activities by having the scouts earn their way through scouting."

The scouts will sell butter light, kettle corn and unbelievable butter flavors, as well as

classic caramel corn, caramel corn with nuts, butter toffee caramel corn, cheddar cheese corn and white cheddar cheese corn. Trail Mix and crispy caramel crunch are also

available. According to information provided by Acosta, customers can also choose to send popcorn treats to U.S. Troops stationed all over the world. Scouts will be in

neighborhoods and at local stores taking popcorn orders. Orders can be made online at www.trails-end.org. Online orders allow a scout or council to be selected to support in order to

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Goondock Saints for hosting their comedy show and donating raised funds to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

- Serenity Spa for drawing attention and recognizing breast cancer awareness with their support through donations for strands of pink hair, cookies, pink champagne and temporary glitter tattoos.

- Lady Steers volleyball for finishing second in district and made playoffs.

- Big Spring cross country team for finishing first in district.

- Coahoma Bulldogs for clinching a playoff spot

- Sands Mustangs for clinching a playoff spot

- Forsan cross country team for winning their district.

- Big Spring Fire Department and AirEvac for joining together to bring awareness in the community and supporting Susan G. Koman Foundation.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Some latinos in the wrong party

You would have to go back several decades to encounter the kind of outright racism and xenophobia-based politics that unfortunately, in recent years, have enjoyed a revival in the United States. You would also have to be living in a complete vacuum to fail to see how detrimentally these politics affect U.S. Latinos, as well as how most of it has been driven by Republicans!



MIGUEL PEREZ

Still, we see Latinos trying to defend the Republican Party — trying to dismiss its anti-Hispanic agenda. These are people who openly put the interests of their party before those of their own community.

We live in a time when some politicians feel they have a license to demonize illegal immigrants and encourage discrimination against all Latinos to score political points with right-wing extremists. And some Latinos still are willing to vote for them!

Some Latino Republicans tell you they haven't seen the Draconian measures, heard the racist rhetoric or encountered the mean-spirited campaign propaganda. When Republican demagogues spew their hatred of Latinos, they don't take it personally. They figure it must be about someone else. They see no one trying to racially profile them, dilute their culture, deny them their native-language or turn back the clock to a time when minorities had no civil rights.

You have to wonder then what bubble they have been living in!

Sometimes Latinos are guided by one single issue — like abortion or gun rights — that makes them support the Republican Party, even when they must know that on most other issues, voting Republican can be hazardous to their own communities and families.

I see this constantly among my fellow Cuban-Americans, many of whom believe that because I was born in Cuba, I should be a staunch supporter of Republicans on all issues. Making myself, my family and my Hispanic community submissive to the racist rants of GOP extremists.

No way, Jose! The idea that Cuban-Americans owe some kind of loyalty to the GOP is getting old and tired, especially since Republicans have done as little as Democrats have to help us liberate our homeland.

Next April, I will celebrate the 50th anniversary of my arrival in the United States. So should I have spent the last 50 years basing all my decisions — my life as an American — solely based on phony political promises about Cuba? If a politician demonstrates that he hates Latinos, but goes to Miami and says he also hates Fidel Castro, does that mean I have to support him? How long do we fall for their hollow rhetoric on Cuba?

Some Cubanos have written to tell me that as a Cuban-American, I have the responsibility to avoid criticizing candidates who have taken a stand against Castro. Others say I should know better than to criticize anyone who is running against a "socialist" like President Barack Obama.

Apparently, they have forgotten what real socialism is like. Clearly, they don't remember that the disparity between the rich and the poor, which is advocated by Republicans in this county, is what brought us revolution, real socialism and despair in Cuba.

But the blind Latino Republicans are not just Cuban.

What about Mexican, Dominican, Colombian, Salvadoran and many other Latino Republican immigrants who are watching the GOP presidential debates, seeing the candidates scapegoating undocumented immigrants (often their own compatriots), and still turning a blind eye to their party's injustices toward their people?

"Republicans only have a problem with illegal immigrants," Republican Latinos tell you — as if being lucky enough to obtain immigration credentials makes them humanly superior than those who weren't so lucky.

It's one of the saddest chapters of American history, and it's repeating itself. Once a new wave of immigrants joins the American mainstream, some begin to feel threatened and to discriminate against other immigrants who came later.

Apparently, it's now the Latinos' turn to keep writing this sad history and to prove that you don't have to be white to be xenophobic. Bigots come in all colors and nationalities.

This tends to occur among immigrants who have been here for a while, especially among the children and grandchildren of immigrants — people who can't appreciate the sacrifices their ancestors made to get here. But amazingly, even some "established" immigrants discriminate against those who are recent arrivals. Once they "make it" and they feel they have something to protect, some

begin to complain that newer immigrants are getting a free ride.

Established immigrants will tell you that illegal ones pose a threat to homeland security, take jobs from Americans, drive down wages, evade taxes and benefit from education and health care services that should go only to Americans. And they don't realize that by discriminating against the latest wave of immigrants, they are writing a new sad chapter of American history. They don't see that what they are now saying about other immigrants is precisely what other Americans still say about them. It's terribly selfish and hypocritical, but the moment some immigrants cross the U.S. border, they want to shut it for everyone else.

Amazingly, many Latino Republicans don't see how GOP demagogues are not just targeting illegal immigrants, but all Latinos. When they hear the GOP presidential candidates insisting on making English the official language of government, they refuse to see that this is an effort to deny them their right to obtain some government services in Spanish. When they see the candidates insisting on a melting pot instead of a salad bowl to describe the American experience, they don't see the clear GOP efforts to dilute our ethnic identities. When they see Republican politicians obsessed with the Mexican border and unconcerned about our border with Canada, they refuse to see the blatant racism. When GOP leaders insist on denying U.S. citizenship to the U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants or when they engage in voter suppression efforts to keep Latino citizens from voting, Latino Republicans turn into ostriches.

As the saying goes, there are "none so blind as those that will not see." But isn't it up to the rest of us Latinos to at least turn on the light for them? If we created a list of the top 1,000 atrocities committed by Republicans against legal resident Latinos (while pretending to only be going after undocumented immigrants), would that be enough to convince Latino Republicans that perhaps they are in the wrong party?

I don't know. Just asking!

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Mitt Romney and all of the other problems he has

When asked in a recent Washington Post/Pew Research poll to offer one-word descriptions of the Republican presidential hopefuls, some 30 percent of the respondents said of Mitt Romney: "Mormon."

Troubling? Sure, and not just for Romney supporters. The extent of open, outspoken discrimination against Mormons — three years after the country elected its first African-American president — is, to me at least, a Democrat who would never vote for him, simply unacceptable. Yet in poll after poll, voters tell surveyors they would have more of a problem with a Mormon candidate, even one from their own party and with whom they agreed, than a Jew or a black, let alone a woman.

Of course it's wrong. Of course it's discriminatory. After, what, about six years of running for president, this is what almost one-third of us comes up with to describe Romney in a word? And how many more are politically correct enough to think it

but not say it?

But what is so striking about discrimination against Romney's faith is how many people are absolutely unashamed of their prejudice. In my own informal survey, I've found two common explanations.

The first is strictly based on faith: the concern that Mormons hold themselves out as Christians, and yet do not accept the trinity. Neither do I, I said to one president of a religious university. Does that mean you wouldn't vote for me? He laughed and said not for that reason. "You don't hold yourself out as a Christian," he explained. In other words, he would have no occasion to judge me on that basis.

The second explanation, which is easier for me to understand but ultimately no less palatable, goes to what seems (to outsiders) the rather incredible history of Joseph Smith and Mormonism and what that says about someone who believes in it.

I'm asked all the time: Have you seen the "South Park" episode on Joseph Smith or the Broadway show? I haven't seen the Broadway show, but I did see the "South Park" episode, with the crawl at the bottom advising that the story it was telling, about the tablets and the rest, was not made up.

Real thing. Did I believe it all? No. But then I don't believe in resurrection, either, which hardly makes people who do unfit for office. I'm not so sure about the Dead Seas parting, or the burning bush, or the tablets Moses got on Mount Sinai, but I hardly expect to be judged politically by my views on religious faith. So why Mormons?

But "Mormon" is only one of Romney's problems.

There is also Bain and Company. Back in 1994, when Romney challenged the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, there was a Bain ad that was never used during the campaign. They didn't need it. But the ad, which has surfaced on YouTube and elsewhere, is a killer, particularly in this economy: "Mitt Romney says he saved Bain and Company, but he didn't tell you that on the day he took over, he had his predecessor fire hundreds of employees. Or that the way the company was rescued was with a federal bailout of \$10 million." That's the beginning.

Then there's the ad — which I might have heard about or maybe I just made it up (although I can promise you his opponents will think of it) — that would feature regular people who once worked at Bain and also the working people who lost their

jobs after Bain consultants came in and recommended major cutbacks. This is something consultants like Bain often do: They are brought in so management can blame them when the hatchet comes down.

Finally, there's Massachusetts. My father was a Massachusetts Republican. Massachusetts Republicans are not like other Republicans. Romney would not have been elected governor otherwise. Scott Brown would not have been elected to the Senate. My first campaign was for a Massachusetts Republican and an old friend of my father's: Ed Brooke. I'm proud of it. But the support of people like me is not what helps Republicans anywhere other than Massachusetts.

One other thing my father taught me: You can't beat a horse with no horse.

Right now, Romney appears to be the only horse Republicans have. That may be one of the reasons why Barack Obama is beating all of the Republicans combined in terms of fundraising.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

Church News

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school, led by Pastor Don Rosentreter, is in the parish hall after worship.

Wednesday noon Bible study will cover "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission. A complete list is available at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Harvest Event" is scheduled for Sunday from 6-8 p.m. We will have free train rides, free hot dogs and drinks, free game booths, prizes and lots of fun activities. The cake walk will cost 25 cents or a can of food per play and we will have an arts and crafts sale. Both of these events will support our "Manna House" food bank. Fall background photos (5" x 7") will also be available for \$5 each.

Women's ministry is collecting socks and underwear for elementary school children in our area. They will meet the third Friday of each month at 6 p.m. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18. Contact the church office for location. We have also been made aware of the need for items to help those in need in our area to keep warm for the winter months. Items needed include sleeping bags, blankets, coats, coveralls, hats, toboggans and gloves.

Other upcoming events include:

An evening with Ken Freeman on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. He will also be guest speaker Sunday, Nov. 13.

Singing Women of West Texas on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected Nov. 14-21. Boxes are available at the church. Annual "Love Feast" Sunday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. SCF Floater in the Big Spring Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3. A blood drive will be held Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

Sunday school classes, including a new college and career class. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

If you would like to assist in those ministries, contact Donna Wennick.

Fellowship is Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult prayer meeting start at 6:15 p.m. The praise team meets at 7 p.m. Youth meets Wednesday evenings.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom Koger, will not meet Wednesday, but will resume at 5:17 p.m. in the church library Nov. 9. Children's choir meets at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Chancel choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Patti Horton is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Members of the youth group serve as Liturgist on the fifth Sundays.

The children's workshop continues this month

Community prayer gathering Hosted by Church Women United

The Big Spring Chapter of Church Women United invite the women of Big Spring to our Community Prayer gathering, Nov. 5 for fellowship and prayer.

Church Women United is a group of women from all denominations working in a visible fellowship to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ and enabled by the Holy Spirit to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of His reconciling love.

During our gathering we will have a guest speaker, singing, praying and uniting together to help others.

Our Community Prayer gathering will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church hall on 1009 Hearn St. at 11 a.m. Nov. 5. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

and next a study of the book of Jonah. In the Steps of the Rabbi is the junior high/high school study, held in the youth room. The theater room adult class began a Ray Vander Laan DVD study called Walking with God in the Desert last week, and the adult covenant class, which meets in the library, begins a new study this week.

PW Fall Retreat for women is set for Nov. 11-12 at First Presbyterian, Midland. Registration forms are available at the church office or from Helen Glass.

Community Thanksgiving service will be held at First Presbyterian on Monday, Nov. 21. More news will follow.

The lectionary is Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12. The choir will offer "Hear My Words" by Stephen Paulus and "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" arranged by Hal Hopson for the offertory. The noisy offering, used to feed the hungry locally and globally, will be collected during the service. Sunday has been designated as commitment Sunday to receive pledge cards from the congregation. Dr. David Scott, head of art and music department at Angelo State University, will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpchs.org.

East Side Baptist Church

There will be a camp meeting Nov. 4-6. The meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 4, will include preaching, music, fellowship and special guest "Mrs. Rosie O Tool." Fellowship will follow the service.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship will be at 10:45 a.m. and afternoon worship is set for 1:45 p.m. Junior church during the preaching and nursery is for children four years and younger.

Coahoma First United Methodist Church

We are located at 401 N. Main. The church office number is 432-394-4432. Also, call the mobile number at 432-270-1602 or leave a message. To learn more about the church, visit our website at coahojmaumc.blogspot.com or send email to coahojmaumc@gmail.com.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa. Youth meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and a fellowship meal is served.

Community wide harvest festival is being planned for Sunday.

Eddy Niblett thanked the church for the use of the fellowship hall for the cross country runners. The Laity members were thanked for providing leadership and participation in last Sunday's service. United Methodist Men will have a retreat Nov. 11 and 12 and Nov. 18 and 19. A prayer summit will be held Nov. 18-20.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

We are located at 911 Goliad St. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message Sunday entitled "What Mahalia Jackson Teaches Us" from Joshua 3:7-17.

Halloween Trunk or Treat is set for Monday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in front of the church. There will be treats, hot dogs and drinks being sold.

Beth Moore Bible study is Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Youth group meets at 6 p.m. and the choir meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. CWF will have a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow at noon in the fellowship hall Thursday.

Client hours for Isaiah 58 are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck Mondays from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and to help clients. Contact the church office for more information.

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, Nov. 6. Set clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night Nov. 5.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary Bible study at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring will not meet Wednesday, but will resume the following week.

The regular session meeting will be Thursday at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

Dan Miracle will preach Sunday, Nov. 6, when Tom is in Fort Davis with Tres Rios Youth Task Force planning their next retreat. We will have the First Sunday covered dish meal after worship Nov. 6; however, we will have communion Nov. 13.

The lectionary is Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our new website is http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Alan Abel will be preaching.

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Revelations 14:6-7, 15-18, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28 and John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dol-line Budke. The flowers are given by Ann Budke in honor of the 30th anniversary of David and Dolline Budke on July 18 and the 21st birthday of Daniel Budke. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart.

Family activities are at 5:30-6 p.m. The meal is set for 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:15 p.m. will be Bible studies. The adults are studying the Odyssey of St. Paul. Wednesday is an activity night for the youth.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings at the church for November include: Board of Education meets Nov. 8. LWML will meet Nov. 10. November 14, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. Elders meet Nov. 17. Board of Assimilation will meet Nov. 22.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m.

Trunk or Treat is at First Christian Church, Monday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's family fun function night is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be game or movie night.

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

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Falling into the dumpster

Sometimes we come face to face with truth in the most unexpected places. Just the other day, I had one of those mishaps that totally caught me off guard. When I walked outside to get into my car, I noticed the wind had blown the plastic garbage dumpster over in the driveway. Being in a hurry, I didn't take the time to shut the lid on the container before I tried to lift it to its upright position. I thought I would just lift the dumpster up and roll it out of the way, but somehow I tripped over the open lid and found myself on my knees inside the dumpster.

From my kneeling position inside the dumpster, I was able to clearly read the warning printed on the lid. In large letters, it said, "Do not roll cart with lid open."

Fortunately, the dumpster was empty so I didn't have to rummage around in the muck that often occupies a garbage can, and I had not managed to set the dumpster upright so I didn't have to climb out. When I regained my composure, I was able to back myself out of the dumpster a little at a time, hoping no one had seen my spectacle.

I don't know if Sir Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, ever fell into a dumpster or not, but he had some valu-

able insight into human nature. He stated, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened."

After my close-up encounter with the truth that I had done something foolish, I did exactly what Mr. Churchill suggested. I picked myself up and hurried off as if nothing had happened. I didn't want anyone to see my predicament, but I couldn't wait to tell someone what had happened.

When it comes to spiritual truth, we sometimes embrace the parts of scripture we like and ignore the parts that make us uncomfortable. However, the apostle Paul wrote to his cohort, Timothy, about the validity of the entire Bible: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16 NASB).

If we wish to avoid falling into life's dumpsters, we would do well to heed all of scripture. Instead of rushing away as if nothing happened when we are confronted by truth, perhaps we should dwell on God's word until we are equipped to do the work He has called us to do.

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Reflections

Baseball

Okay, I am a baseball fan. I guess it started in Little League when I was 10 years old.

During the summer, I spent long hot afternoons shagging worn out baseballs wrapped with black electric tape and slugging with cracked bats that were held together by wood screws. Saturdays, I tuned in to Dizzy Dean and Pee Wee Reese for the game of the week.

A few weeks ago I returned to my home town to play in a softball game with my classmates from '65. We are all in our mid-60s, some are already on Medicare. I played first base and the old adrenaline showed up. We even turned a double play, which is not as difficult as it used to be since it takes so long for the runner to reach first. You can drop the ball, kick it and even roll it to first base and have a chance of getting the batter out.

When Josh Hamilton hit 35 home-runs in the home-run derby a couple years ago, my mother claimed him as family: "Maybe a long lost cousin," she said, since her mother's maiden name was Hamilton. My mother was a baseball fan. She almost never missed a televised Rangers game, even when they were on the west coast and played until 2 a.m. When her vision started to fail, she chose to have cataract surgery so she could watch the game. Last year, before she died at 89, she cheered them through their first World Series.

So, I've been glued to the World Series this week pulling for the Rangers. I like watching them, not just for the baseball, but for the personal stories. Everyone, I guess, knows Josh

Hamilton's story, a top drafted player who hit the skids due to drugs and alcohol, then, through a faith experience with Christ and his grandmother's love, made a comeback to major league stardom. In a way, Hamilton represents everyone who struggles with addictions and weaknesses.

He says his last relapse started with the thought, "Maybe I can just drink one." Of course, that is the way our sins always start. He learned something along the way as a follower of Jesus that has made the difference.

He immediately confessed it where it needed to be confessed, to his family and to his employers.

I like the way Hamilton's teammates responded. Ian Kinsler said, "We don't need an apology. That's his battle. We're here to be his friend and love him as a teammate."

It sounds a lot like the way Jesus wants His churches to work. I suppose it was the way Peter's friends responded when he told them about denying Jesus at the trial.

Not long ago, I picked up Mickey Mantle's autobiography at a used books store in Terrell. According to Mantle, he always struggled with excessive drinking. Mantle did not grow up in church. He attended prayer meetings convened by his teammate Bobby Richardson for a while, but never learned "church speak." He concludes his story by saying, "I guess we are all on the same team now ... it's even like Casey [Stengel] is running it. I might not know what he is saying all the time, but if he tells me to bunt, I'm going to bunt. If he tells me to swing away, I'm going for the fences."

The Christian life is a lot like that. We just need to listen to God like The Mick listened to Casey.

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CHURCH

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North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church has worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Bible study following the 5 p.m. service. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m.

The adult Sunday school discussion will be led by Dewayne Wagner on "Living as God's people."

North Birdwell church will be having their chicken and spaghetti supper Saturday. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Super chefs Alton and Treva Hall will be in charge. There will be a white elephant sale. We will also have a great selection of

books for donation only. For more information, call Bill Lovelace or Madeline Boadle.

Adult Sunday school class voted to send \$120 to the Heifer International program — a teaching program in self help by using domestic animals and education on their use, not only for food but to provide products for sale.

We will have our annual parking lot trick or treat Monday at 5 p.m.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

Chapel of Faith Church

Chapel of Faith, located at E. 14th and Goliad, will be hosting the annual fall stew supper Nov. 5. Serving is at 5:30 p.m. This is our semi-annual meal offered free to everyone in the community. It is our way of thanking everyone for what they do. There is never a charge for the meal consisting of home-made stew, cornbread, sandwiches and desserts.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school classes are at 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry. Sunday worship is at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching at both services using scripture from Matthew 25:14-30 for a sermon entitled, "Grace Dividends." Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

The west parking lot of our church will be transformed into a giant Trunk For Treat carnival from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday There will be live music from FADE, candy, sno-cones, bounce house, game trailer and drawings for IPODs.

United Methodist Women will have their meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church library.

First Methodist welcomes the 2012 Relay For Life Community Kick Off on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

Noon Bible study and lunch is Wednesday in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill will continue with the study "Revelation for Dummies." The meal will be catered by Al's Barbeque with serving at 11:50 a.m.

Real Life Wednesday begins at 5:30 p.m. with serving of a meal prior to separating for children's choir, youth EPIC and adult Bible study.

Coming Home for the Holidays visitation training and lunch will be held following the late service Sunday, Nov. 6 in Garrett Hall. Tickets will go on sale for the big Coming Home event the week of Nov. 6. Check with the church office to purchase tickets.

Christmas For OUR Troops, Inc. is currently collecting items to be packed and sent to our troops overseas. A list of needed items and the donation box are located in the church office.

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News in brief

DOJ: Texas redistricting maps discriminatory

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice is arguing that Texas' new voting maps for Congress and for the state House were drawn by the Republican-led Legislature with discriminatory intent against minority voters, and has asked a federal court to reject the plans.

In briefs filed with the court Tuesday, the Justice Department says that both maps are retrogressive, meaning minority voters' ability to elect their candidates of choice is diminished.

The state, represented by Attorney General Greg Abbott, contends that the plans maintain or increase the voting strength of minorities and are in compliance with the law.

A three-judge panel in Washington has scheduled a hearing on the case for Wednesday.

The legal fight in Washington revolves around a requirement in the 1965 Voting Rights Act that certain states, including Texas, be granted "preclearance" before redistricting maps and other changes in voting practices can be enacted. Texas has submitted its plans to judges in Washington seeking approval. The legal standard is whether the new plan has the purpose or the effect of denying or diminishing the right to vote based on race or color.

The Justice Department says Texas has not met that standard. It says "discriminatory intent permeated the congressional redistricting process, based on a broad array of circumstantial evidence."

District boundaries are redrawn every 10 years to reflect changes in census data. This year, Texas received four new congressional seats — increasing the delegation from 32 to 36 — because of a population surge fueled by Hispanics.

The state argues that the proposed plan increases the number of minority districts in the congressional plan from eight to 10. But the Justice Department says the analysis used by the state is inadequate because it only looks at population statistics rather than taking into account historical election data like turnout.

Doctor in nurse retaliation scheduled to plead

KERMIT (AP) — A doctor accused of retaliating against two whistle-blowing West Texas nurses for their complaints about him to the state medical board is scheduled to enter a plea.

Dr. Rolando G. Arafiles is expected to enter a guilty plea on Nov. 7 in Kermit, prosecutor David Glickler said, but he declined to say what charges are involved or the agreed upon sentence.

No telephone number is listed for Arafiles in Victoria, where he now practices medicine.

He is charged with two counts each of felony misuse of official information and retaliation.

At the time of the medical board complaint, Arafiles was practicing at the Winkler County Me-

morial Hospital in Kermit and asked the Winkler County sheriff to investigate who may have sent it. Sheriff Robert Roberts identified the nurses, who were fired from their jobs at a Kermit hospital and charged with felonies. Anne Mitchell was acquitted, and charges against Vickilyn Galle were dropped.

Roberts was convicted on retaliation and other charges, lost his job and was sentenced to 100 days in jail. He also had to permanently surrendered his peace officer's license. Former Winkler County Attorney Scott Tidwell, who prosecuted the nurses, was convicted of retaliation and sentenced to 10 years of probation and fined \$6,000. He also was ordered to serve 120 days in jail as a condition of his probation.

Lawmakers passed a bill earlier this year that adds protections from retaliation when nurses advocate for patients. The bill provides immunity from criminal liability for reporting unsafe care and increases administrative fines to up to \$25,000.

Mitchell and Galle sued the county, the hospital, Roberts and other officials alleging that their First Amendment rights had been violated and that the prosecutions had been vindictive. They won a \$750,000 settlement in August 2010.

Killer of San Antonio police officer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Former San Antonio street gang member Frank Garcia was executed Thursday evening for fatally shooting a veteran police officer who was trying to resolve a domestic dispute that also left Garcia's wife dead.

The 39-year-old Garcia shouted "Thank you Yahweh" over and over until he lost consciousness. He was pronounced dead at 7:02 p.m. CDT Thursday.

The lethal injection, the 12th this year in the nation's most active death penalty state of Texas, came some 30 minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court turned down Garcia's appeals. His attorneys argued Garcia was mentally impaired and ineligible for the death penalty. They also argued lawyers earlier in the appeals process and at his trial in 2002 were ineffective in failing to properly address those mental impairment issues.

He was condemned for the slaying of Hector Garza, 48, a father of five who had served 25 years on the San Antonio police force when he was killed March 29, 2001.

Garza was shot while responding, for a second time that day, to a call about a man trying to keep a woman from leaving the south San Antonio home with two children. He went inside and found Garcia with his wife, Jessica.

Garcia told detectives following his arrest that he shot Garza in the head because he knew officers wore protective vests.

"When I shot I aimed for his head and that's where I hit him," he said. "I don't know how many

times I shot my gun. I just turned real fast. I saw the officer go down. The officer never had his gun out that I noticed."

Deliberations to begin for mom in hot-car death

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A jury is to deliberate punishment Friday in the trial of a South Texas woman convicted of charges in the death of her 4-year-old daughter in a hot family truck.

The Cameron County judge found Olga Salazar guilty of criminally negligent homicide and child endangerment in the heat-stroke death of her daughter, Felicitas Alexandra Cordova. The child was found dead Aug. 2 in the family truck at a flea market where the family works.

The jury deliberated less than two hours before convicting the 39-year-old woman.

After the conviction, the woman's other children pleaded with jurors not to send their mother to prison. Prosecutors are asking for the maximum punishment of two years in state prison.

FBI hunts female bank robber in shower cap, PJs

HOUSTON (AP) — The FBI is looking for a woman who robbed a Houston bank in a purple shower cap and pajamas with cartoons on them.

Dubbing the woman the "Rub-A-Dub Robber," the FBI said in a statement that she held up the Lonestar Bank on Texas 6 in the northwest suburbs of Houston about 10 a.m. Thursday.

The statement says the woman entered the bank, brandished a black semiautomatic pistol and demanded money. The statement didn't say how much she got away with.

She's described as a black woman, about 25 years old, standing 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 160 to 170 pounds with a medium-to-large build and a medium-to-dark complexion.

Houston dad gets life in 3-year-old son's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has returned a life sentence to a Houston man convicted of murder in his 3-year-old son's 2006 disappearance.

The Harris County jury deliberated about three hours before deciding on Roderick Fountain's punishment Thursday afternoon. Jurors had deliberated about five hours Wednesday before finding Fountain guilty of murder in the disappearance of Kendrick Jackson, whose body was never found.

He's said he was doing laundry when his son disappeared from their southwest Houston apartment. Authorities, however, alleged the child was fatally beaten and his body dropped from a Louisiana boat ramp.

Defense attorneys pleaded for a 28-year sentence, arguing that Fountain didn't mean to kill the child when he hit him.

Restaurateur who hired scantily-clad teen arrested

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say a Central Texas restaurant owner heard telling a teen waitress in short shorts to get up on the counter and dance has been arrested.

Myriam Luna was charged with employment harmful to children Wednesday.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the 36-year-old woman was set to be released from Bexar County Jail after posting \$16,000 bail.

San Antonio police accuse Luna of allowing a 16-year-old girl to dance atop a counter in skimpy clothing at her Mexican restaurant.

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News in brief

Obama's campaign donors from 2008 election holding out

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has lost millions of dollars in support from former donors in Democratic strongholds and in districts that he won narrowly four years ago, according to an Associated Press analysis of the most recent federal campaign finance data.

Tens of thousands of supporters who gave him hundreds of dollars or more in the early stages of the 2008 campaign haven't offered him similar amounts of cash so far in this campaign. And in some cases, former Obama contributors gave to GOP candidates, such as former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

Obama's re-election effort is hardly hurting for cash: His campaign and the Democratic Party raised more than \$70 million for Obama's re-election in the July-September period, outstripping all Republicans combined by tens of millions of dollars.

But the AP's analysis indicates that Obama, beleaguered by a struggling economy, has lost early support from some of his larger financial supporters and will have to work harder to win back party stalwarts and swing voters alike. Obama's approval ratings have slumped to 41 percent in a recent Gallup poll, as steadfast supporters have found themselves less able or less willing to open their wallets again.

Wall Street protesters prepare for 'Our Valley Forge moment'

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Anti-Wall Street protesters around the country who are vowing to stand their ground against the police and politicians are also digging in against a different kind of adversary: cold weather.

With the temperature dropping, they are stockpiling donated coats, blankets and scarves, trying to secure

cots and military-grade tents, and getting survival tips from the homeless people who have joined their encampments.

"Everyone's been calling it our Valley Forge moment," said Michael McCarthy, a former Navy medic in Providence. "Everybody thought that George Washington couldn't possibly survive in the Northeast."

More than a month and a half into the movement, Occupy Wall Street activists from New York to Colorado have pledged to tough out the snow, sleet and cold as they protest economic inequality and what they call corporate greed.

But the dangers of staying outdoors in some of the country's harsher climates are already becoming apparent: In Denver, two protesters were hospitalized with hypothermia this week during a storm that brought several inches of snow.

Top Herman Cain aide at center of "smoking" ad has a checkered past

ATLANTA (AP) — He is the man with the mustache who takes a rebellious drag on a cigarette in the Herman Cain Internet ad gone viral.

"We've run a campaign like nobody's ever seen," he says before taking a puff. "But then America's never seen a candidate like Herman Cain."

Meet Mark Block, Cain's unorthodox campaign manager. Perhaps no one is more responsible for the Georgia businessman's meteoric rise in the presidential polls than Block, a Republican strategist and tea party leader who's left a trail of questionable campaign work behind him.

Block has been accused of voter suppression and was banned from running Wisconsin political campaigns for three years to settle accusations he coordinated a judge's re-election campaign with a special interest group.

Records show Block has faced foreclosure on his home, a tax warrant by the Internal Revenue Service and a lawsuit for an unpaid bill. He also

acknowledges he was arrested twice for drunken driving.

Turkish boy freed from quake rubble of collapsed building 5 days later

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — A 13-year-old boy, trapped for five days inside fallen debris, used a rock in a desperate attempt to dig a hole and free himself from a building that collapsed in a massive earthquake that struck eastern Turkey, his uncle said Friday.

Rescuers from Azerbaijan pulled Ferhat Tokay out of the debris of a multistory building early on Friday, the latest survivor to emerge from the devastation of the 7.2-magnitude quake that leveled buildings.

Authorities said in Friday that at least 570 people have died and some 2,500 were injured following the temblor that brought down buildings and left thousands homeless.

Tokay was working in a shoe-shop on the ground floor of the Erceis when the quake hit on Sunday.

"With a rock, he tried to open up a hole," the uncle, Sahin Tokay, told NTV television hours after the rescue. "He thumped on walls to try to open up a space for him."

Case against Pakistani militant shows tough road ahead for any peace deal

ISLAM NAGAR, Pakistan (AP) — The deal saw one of Pakistan's most feared militants walk from jail apparently in exchange for his commitment to nonviolence, help in reining in other fighters and possibly delivering type: bold, italic; the votes of his followers.

Supporters showered Malik Ishaq with rose petals when he left the prison in the eastern city of Lahore in July. Days later, he was preaching murderous hatred toward minority Shiites to crowds of cheering Sunnis, energizing a network whose members have joined al-Qaida for terror strikes. That was too much for Pakistani authorities, who arrested him again last month.

Pakistan has a well-documented history of trying to coopt or strike deals with militants of various causes, and a close examination of the Ishaq case

shows how that can play out.

It's a cautionary tale, perhaps, for U.S. officials who are urging Pakistan to bring to the negotiating table Afghan militants who enjoy safe havens in the country's lawless border regions.

Feds tighten belt by cutting agriculture reports

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — When farmers need to check honey prices so they can decide whether to sell, there's been a report for that. And when catfish and sheep farmers want to check production in their industries, there've been reports for that, too.

The U.S. Agriculture Department has kept tabs for decades on a wide range of agricultural industries that generate billions of dollars for the U.S. economy. But that's about to change, as the agency eliminates some reports and reduces the frequency of others to save millions of dollars in tight budget times.

The reports influence the price and supply of many products that end up on American dinner plates. Without them, some farmers say they'll be left guessing how much to produce and when to sell. Food processors and traders also will have less information when making decisions about buying and selling.

Swollen river spills into Bangkok buildings, royal complex

BANGKOK (AP) — The main river coursing through Thailand's capital swelled to record highs Friday, briefly flooding riverside buildings and an ornate royal complex at high tide amid fears that flood defenses could break and swamp the heart of the city.

Ankle-high water from the Chao Phraya river spilled through one sandbagged entranceway of Bangkok's treasured Grand Palace, which once housed the kingdom's monarchy. The army was pumping out the water, and tourists were still entering the white-walled compound.

The river has filled roads outside the palace gates for days, but the water has receded with the tides, leaving streets dry again.

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Freese warning at World Series

Cards force Game 7

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A drained Tony La Russa sat behind the podium, jersey gone and a blue towel draped around his neck,

“When you dream,” the St. Louis Cardinals manager said, “you dream about seventh game, all the heroics.”

After one of the greatest games in baseball history, a 10-9, 11-inning victory over Texas in Game 6 in which the Cardinals were twice within one strike of elimination, it was too soon for La Russa to announce his Game 7 starter. His choice was whether to send ace Chris Carpenter to the mound on short rest Friday night or start Kyle Lohse or Edwin Jackson.

“This is a very important game and if you don’t want it, then there’s no need to be here,” Carpenter said.

Down to their final strike in the ninth and 10th, the Cardinals won Game 6 on David Freese’s 11th-inning homer off Mark Lowe. Afterward, La Russa still would not commit to a Game 7 starter.

“Just barely started to think about tomorrow, but actually it’ll be fun to think about it now be-

cause there is a Game 7,” he said. “Might just roll Jake (Westbrook) back out there. Who knows?”

Texas manager Ron Washington made his decision days ago, announcing he would stay in rotation and start Matt Harrison, the Game 3 loser. Washington could have gone with Game 4 winner Derek Holland on full rest or ace C.J. Wilson on short rest.

“Harrison has been a big part of this team all year,” Washington said. “I am not changing the things that I’ve been doing all year.”

The eight-year absence of baseball’s ultimate game is the longest since the World Series began in 1903. The Cardinals hold the record for most World Series Game 7s, going 7-3.

When a seventh game was last played in 2002, John Lackey pitched five innings of one-hit ball to lead the Anaheim Angels over the San Francisco Giants 4-1, completing a comeback from a 3-2 Series deficit. Lackey joined Babe Adams of the 1909 Pittsburgh Pirates as the only rookie starters to win a seventh

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AP file photo
Nelson Cruz hits his first home run in the 2011 World Series after hitting six homers in the ALCS. Cruz and the Rangers will face the Cardinals in Game 7 tonight.

Forsan claims cross country district title

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan boys cross country team finished in first place in the district meet in Lubbock. This is the fourth consecutive district title for the Buffaloes and makes five out of the last six.

The boys had a perfect score, claiming the first five spots individually. Kyle Stevenson finished in first place overall with a time of 17:08, followed closely by second place finisher P.J. Horton with a time of 17:28.

Third place went to Tyler Evans with 17:35, while Matthew Mims took fourth place and Elgen Suazo took fifth place.

Forsan also claimed the seventh spot with Justin Goff and 12th place with Dillon Bagnall. Taking seven out of

the top 12 spots allowed the Buffaloes to bring home the hardware.

The varsity girls team took fifth place in the meet, with Raegan Haggard placing fourth and qualifying for the Regional Meet. Brittney Hergert followed closely in 15th place, while Carlee Daniels took 16th. Sydney Holdampf and Mary Ashley McDaniel also came in among the top 40 runners in the meet.

In JV boys, Taybor Flores took second place with a 20:52 time, while Jeremy Cervantes claimed first place in the junior high meet, with a flat time of 11:00. John Paul Stevenson finished 11th and the middle schoolers claimed 20th place. Jayton Schreiner rounded out the Forsan runners with a 36th place finish.

Lady Steers begin playoffs

Big Spring Lady Steers begin their 2011 playoff run Tuesday. The girls will represent Big Spring against the Vernon Lady Lions at Eastland High School. The Bi-District match is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Houston sets records on way to 73-34 stomping of Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — As the clouds rolled in and rain seemed inevitable for Houston’s game against Rice on Thursday night, Cougars quarterback Case Keenum told his team he liked playing in the rain.

After he threw an interception and had a fumble returned for a touchdown in the first quarter in heavy rain as Houston fell behind 17-7, he changed his opinion.

“I hate rain games,” Keenum said he was thinking. “This is terrible.”

Keenum got going after the rain subsided and threw a career-high nine touchdown passes to break the Football Bowl Subdivision record for career TD tosses in the No. 18 Cougars’ 73-34 victory.

With the rain at its heaviest,

Houston coach Kevin Sumlin expressed his disbelief at the weather.

“I said, ‘Surely it’s not going to be like this all night. It can’t rain like this all night,’” he said. “I guess somebody heard me because it started to stop after that.”

After falling behind 17-7, Houston outscored Rice 45-3 to take a 52-20 lead early in the third quarter and cruised to the easy victory to remain undefeated.

Keenum, who became the FBS career leader in total offense last week, has 139 career touchdown passes.

He abused Rice’s 115th-ranked defense by throwing TD passes of 57, 21, 64, 18, 41, 20, 37, 22 and 47 yards to break former Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell’s record of 134.

“It was a blast,” Keenum said. “That was probably the most fun I’ve ever had playing football.”

He had so many touchdown passes, he couldn’t remember all of them when asked to recount them.

“Maybe if I thought about it, (but) I don’t know if I could list them off to you right now,” he said.

Patrick Edwards had seven receptions for 318 yards receiving and five touchdowns for Houston (8-0, 4-0 Conference USA).

Tyler Smith had 170 yards rushing and two rushing and one receiving touchdown for Rice (2-6, 1-4). That included a 97-yard scoring run — the longest TD run in school history.

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NBA players, owners expect lockout-ending deal today

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners and players called it an early-night Thursday, with both pointing toward Friday as a decisive day for big moves to end the 119-day lockout.

Or not. After two days of talks about the salary cap system, they will turn their attention back to the division of revenues, which derailed the negotiations last week.

This time, Commissioner David Stern said the talks had produced enough familiarity and trust “that will enable us to look forward to tomorrow, where we anticipate there will be some important and additional progress — or not.”

“But I think (union executive director Billy

Hunter) and I share that view, and we’re looking forward to seeing whether something good can be made to happen.”

The sides again said there was some minor progress on the system issues after about 7 1/2 hours of talks. They decided to wrap it up and get some rest following a marathon 15-hour session Wednesday, and with union economist Kevin Murphy unavailable Thursday to discuss finances.

Hunter said he thought the sides were “within striking distance of a getting a deal” on the system, but there’s still no indication either side is ready to make the big move necessary to settling the BRI split.

Owners have insisted they’re not going beyond

50-50, which means the sides are still about \$100 million apart annually, based on last season’s revenues. Players have proposed reducing their guarantee from 57 percent down to 52.5, but they’re unlikely to go much further without some concessions on the system issues.

“I think we’re within reach and within striking distance of getting a deal,” Hunter said. “It’s just a question of how receptive the NBA is and whether or not they want to do a deal.”

Asked when the significant move would happen, Hunter noticed Stern sitting in the back of his press conference and said to ask the commissioner.

“Tomorrow!” Stern yelled out.

“There are no guarantees that we’ll get it done, but we’re going to give it one heck of a shot tomorrow,” Stern said a few minutes later in his press conference. “I think that Billy and the union’s negotiators feel the same way. I know that ours do.”

If they don’t, Stern will have to decide whether to add more cancellations to the two weeks that have already been lost.

A full season might be difficult even with a deal this week. It takes roughly 30 days from agreement to games being played, so it’s uncertain if there’s still time for any basketball in November even before examining arena availability. But 82 games would be a boost for the

players, meaning they wouldn’t miss the paycheck that seemed lost when the first two weeks were scrapped.

It was widely expected Stern would announce further cancellations this week after talks broke down a week ago. Instead, the sides were in communication the next day, staffs met Monday, and they were back at the bargaining table Wednesday, acting on Hunter’s recommendation to “park” the revenue split and focus first on the system issues.

Players want a system that looks a lot like the old one, where teams have the ability to exceed the salary cap and where contracts and their raises are guaranteed. Owners are seek-

ing changes that they believe would create more competitive balance by removing the big market teams’ ability to spend freely beyond the cap.

They have attempted to do that by increasing the penalties teams would have to pay for exceeding the tax level. Players argue the taxes are too punitive and would scare teams from spending, thereby creating a hard cap.

“Our position hasn’t changed much,” union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. “We’re just trying to make sure that players have an opportunity to have a market for themselves and for their services, the same way we’re trying to meet the league and our teams.”

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game, and the Angels became the eighth straight home team to triumph in Game 7 since the victory by Pittsburgh's "We Are Family" team at Baltimore in 1979.

In 2001, Randy Johnson came out of the bullpen on no days' rest and the Diamondbacks rallied for two runs in the ninth inning against Mariano Rivera, beating the Yankees 3-2 on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single.

"When you're a little kid, you think about the seventh game of the World Series," Gonzalez said. "It didn't matter how the hit came."

While the Cardinals are seeking their 11th title, the Rangers are going for the first in the 51-year history of the franchise, which began as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961.

The team moved to Texas for the 1972 season.

"We've been backed into a corner for the last two months," the Cardinals' Skip Schumaker said, "so we know what it feels like."

Carpenter won the opener, then allowed two runs in seven innings in Game 5 on Monday night, giving up solo homers to Mitch Moreland and Adrian Beltre. He didn't get a decision in the Cardinals 4-2 loss but is 3-0 with a 3.30 ERA in five postseason appearances.

He would be just the second pitcher since 1991 to make three Series starts, following Arizona's Curt Schilling a decade ago. But it would be just the second career start on three days' rest for the 36-year-old, who has come back from several arm injuries.

After pitching a two-hit shutout at Houston on the last night of the regular season to help

clinch the NL wild card, Carpenter gave up four runs over three innings in Game 2 of the division series at Philadelphia. He didn't get a decision as the Cardinals rallied to win 5-4.

During the last two decades, starters on short rest are 9-8 with a 2.78 ERA in the World Series, with their teams going 12-15, according to STATS LLC.

"I learned what my body's going to feel like, what my stuff's going to be like," Carpenter said. "You go out there and you make pitches. We'll see what happens. Everybody's going to be ready tomorrow, I can tell you that."

Lohse, who would be pitching on five days' rest, was pulled after three innings in Game 3, and the Cardinals went on to win 16-7 against Harrison, who was let down by his defense and allowed five runs — two unearned — in 3 2-3 innings. Jackson struggled with his control and walked seven in 5 1-3 innings as St. Louis

lost 4-0 in Game 4.

Hall of Famer Bob Gibson started three Game 7s for the Cardinals, winning in 1964 and 1967 and losing in 1968 — all with complete games.

In 1926, Babe Ruth was thrown out trying to steal second base for the final out as the Cardinals beat the Yankees 3-2. And in 1946, the score was tied at 3 in the eighth when the Cardinals' Enos Slaughter scored from first on Harry Walker's hit as Boston Red Sox shortstop Johnny Pesky hesitated with his relay after receiving the throw from outfielder Leon Culberson.

Other great moments include Edgar Renteria's 11th-inning single that won the 1997 title for Florida against Cleveland, Gene Larkin's 10th-inning single that gave Minnesota a 1-0 win over Atlanta in 1991 behind Jack Morris' seven-hitter, and Bill Mazerowski's Series-ending home run in 1960 that lifted Pittsburgh over the Yankees 10-9.

"Every day of my life, I think about that home run," Mazerowski said. "Wouldn't you?"

Forty years before losing to the Angels, the Giants fell 1-0 in Game 7 to the Yankees when Bobby Richardson gloved Willie McCovey's line drive to end the game with Willie Mays stranded at second.

While in New York, the Giants lost two especially painful seventh games.

In 1912 against the Red Sox, which actually was the eighth game because of a 6-6 tie in Game 2, the Giants took a 2-1 lead in the top of the 10th inning.

They were one out from winning when Fred Snodgrass dropped a routine fly ball in center field.

Tris Speaker's single tied the score and Larry Gardner's sacrifice fly won it 3-2.

In 1924, Earl McNeely's grounder bounced over rookie third baseman Freddie Lindstrom's head to bring home Muddy Ruel with

the winning run in the 12th inning, giving the original Washington Senators a 4-3 victory.

Brooklyn fans treasure Johnny Podres' 2-0 win in 1955 over the Yankees, who beat the Dodgers in the Series five times previously. Sandy Koufax pitched a shutout on two days' rest in 1965 as Los Angeles defeated Minnesota's Jim Kaat 2-0, and Lew Burdette pitched a shutout on two days' rest in 1957 to lead the Milwaukee Braves over the Yankees' Don Larsen 5-0.

In 1975, Cincinnati's Joe Morgan got the go-ahead hit off Boston's Jim Burton — who never pitched in the major leagues again — to give the Reds a 4-3 victory at Fenway Park. The Mets overcame a 3-0 deficit against the Red Sox in Game 7 in 1986 as Ray Knight and Darryl Strawberry homered in an 8-5 victory.

"The experience of Game 7," La Russa said, "is something they'll never forget."

McIlroy leads at Shanghai Masters

SHANGHAI (AP) — U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy shot a 3-under 69 on Friday to increase his lead to two strokes after the second round of the Shanghai Masters.

After opening with a bogey-free 64, McIlroy struggled on the front nine, bogeying the fourth hole and dropping two strokes when he drove into the water on the par-4 ninth.

The 22-year-old star from Northern Ireland recovered with four birdies on the back nine to finish at 11-under 133 on Lake Malaren's Jack Nicklaus-designed Masters course.

"I liked the birdie on 18, and had a good back nine," McIlroy said. "To shoot four birdies kept me going after the double bogey."

Noh Seung-yul was second after a 63. The 20-year-old South Korean player birdied three of the last four holes.

He began the round tied for 18th after an

opening 72.

"I had hurt my ankle and not been able to practice too much and also not be able to swing as hard as I would like," Noh said. "I just decided to be careful with how I played. I putted well and chose good options, which obviously helped my score."

The 30 players are vying for the \$2 million first prize, the richest in golf.

All the top players are getting appearance money, and last place pays \$25,000. Because the International Manage-

ment Group-run event isn't sanctioned by a major tour, it doesn't have world-ranking points.

Louis Oosthuizen (66) and Anthony Kim (68) were 8 under, and Padraig Harrington (70) and Hunter Mahan (72) were another stroke back.

Ian Poulter (71) and Robert Karlsson (69) were 6 under, and John Daly followed his opening 69 with a 70 to match Lee Westwood (70), Colin Montgomerie (69) and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel (69) at 5 under.

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The Owls led 17-7 late in the first quarter before Keenum threw his first touchdown pass for 57 yards to Edwards. The teams exchanged field goals at the beginning of the second quarter to leave Rice up 20-17.

Keenum then threw three touchdown passes in a 6-minute span at the end of the first half to put Houston on top 38-20 and tie the touchdown passes record.

He broke the record on

a 41-yard pass to Charles Sims early in the third quarter to push the lead to 45-20. Keenum smiled and flashed the Cougars hand signal when he appeared on the jumbotron on the sideline.

He was 24 of 37 for 534 yards before giving way to backup Cotton Turner with 8 minutes remaining.

"Those are video-game numbers, something we couldn't get stopped," Rice linebacker Justin Allen said. "The rain slowed down a little bit ... I wished it would have rained all game."

It stopped, and they got things cranked up. There was no looking back for them."

Keenum, granted a sixth year of eligibility after tearing a knee ligament early last season, needs 267 yards passing to become the FBS's career leader in passing yards. Former Hawaii star Tim Chang holds the mark of 17,072.

Tyron Carrier tied the NCAA record for career kickoff returns for touchdowns with seven by returning the opening kickoff 100 yards for a score. Carrier dashed down the right sideline and darted around the defense virtually untouched before outrunning the kicker for the score.

Actually, Carrier said no one got a finger on him on the return.

"Not a touch," he said. "That's the way it should be."

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Carrier also had a touchdown reception, Sims had two and Justin Johnson added one for the Cougars.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The structure of financial agreements can seem like a mysterious code to even the most experienced banker. You may find a reason to crack such code now, though, as financial issues, inspired by an opposition of the sun in Scorpio and Jupiter in Taurus, crop up. The aspect lasts through the end of the month.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You wouldn't mind hearing about how brilliant you are, and yet, strangely, those around you are not mentioning it today. Here's your astrologer, picking up the slack: You are brilliant!

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). Choose your teachers carefully. Kindness and intelligence go hand in hand. Furthermore, anyone who is supposedly wise but doesn't know how to love is a fraud.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you expand emotionally and physically, note that the very nature of stretching is that it goes beyond the usual range of motion. That said, it doesn't have to actually hurt to do you some good.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been known to keep lists of important things, and yet lately you've fallen out of the habit. It's true that you can remember quite a lot; however, you'll feel much freer if you commit the items to paper instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The outside world is cacophony. You have to close the doors to get some peace. Also, some people in your life are quite noisy, though you may not notice this until they leave. You'll experience first-hand why silence is golden.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get the impression that the authority figures don't know what's going on, at least not completely. You have a better view of the

day-to-day realities at the ground level, and there is opportunity in this position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The solution to today's problems will be a synthesis of information from various people. Instead of asking "who" is right, you ask "what" is right. And you realize that there is not one person who holds all of the correct answers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a reason why most organizations appoint one person to be the leader and not an entire group of people. Committees can be more trouble than they are worth. You'll see an illustration of this today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You realize that you don't have to own things in order to get good use out of them. You'll do everything you need to do using what is borrowed, rented or available to the public. How convenient!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a knack for turning a necessity into an object of loveliness. The total satisfaction of seeing the manifestation of your idea will be well worth the effort you put forth in its development.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Justice never sleeps. It will be crucial to your own sleeping patterns that you sort out an unjust situation in your waking hours. Do what it takes to keep your own conscience clear, and encourage others to do the right thing, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will inspire and empower the people around you. The best part is that you don't have to be in charge of things for this dynamic to happen. You simply contribute in a way that others admire.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 28). This year you solve small problems, and big ones solve themselves. With your own brand of practical magic, you'll turn a dysfunctional scene into a highly profitable scenario. A key introduction happens in November, and it's amazing how one person can expand your horizons. Invest in yourself and your talent in May. Aries and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 3, 22, 48 and 20.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll communicate well. You'll ask the right

questions and get to the juiciest details. TAURUS: You're not fearless. You definitely get the jitters when you think about approaching a certain someone. But you'll go forward anyhow. GEMINI: You take a constructive approach to relationships. Instead of complaining about what could be better, you make it better. CANCER: You wouldn't mind if a relationship provided the security you need to pursue your work and dreams. LEO: You'll be in a romantic mood all weekend. You'll positively gush over someone. VIRGO: You won't take yourself too seriously, which someone else will find so attractive that he or she will start to take you very seriously. LIBRA: You'll busy yourself with entertaining friends. SCORPIO: You'll remove a burden from someone else's shoulders. That's love. SAGITTARIUS: You will make the effort to change a relationship dynamic that isn't working well. CAPRICORN: Your idea of what's appropriate might not match a friend's expectation. Better to ask first than to make the mistake.

AQUARIUS: You flatter someone by asking for his or her opinion. PISCES: You enjoy connecting with people - but some will accuse you of flirting!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Sagittarius may be neighbors in the sky, but they couldn't be more dissimilar this weekend. Sagittarius will be intent on exploring new territory, and Scorpio just wants to stay home and get in touch with the inner world of feelings and thoughts. Still, there is a strong attraction between the two. If they can come to a consensus about what to do together, their time will be life changing.

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Dear Margo: I am a 16-year-old boy who has been wondering if it's bad that I question if there is really a God.

I mean, I do believe in him, but there are times I am uncertain. I guess I'm asking: What if he doesn't exist, and we spent our lives believing in nothing?

Then again, what if we spend our lives not believing and he really is true? I guess I just don't want to make a mistake and choose the wrong way to think. Thanks for listening. — *Confused Teen*

Dear Con: Your question and your thinking have landed on

Pascal's Wager: "Let us weigh the gain and the loss in wagering that God is.

Let us estimate these two chances. If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is."

I believe it is possible, also, to believe in God — or an equivalent force — without following any particular religion.

I must say, you don't sound confused to me, but, rather, questioning and thoughtful, which are the qualities that account for the scientific and moral progress we've made over time. Perhaps you will become a philosopher. — *Margo, approvingly*

Psst, the Old Wife Is Jealous and Not Happy

Dear Margo: I have been in a relationship with a wonderful man for

four years, and we've lived together for the past two.

The problem is with his not-quite-ex-wife. They were separated for two years before I met "Hal."

Their daughter is soon to be married. She and I get along well. When she first started planning the wedding, she let her mother know I was invited.

The mother was angry for two weeks; she did not want me at the wedding. Well, she got over that.

The other day, when Hal called to tell me she asked that I not sit in the front row during the ceremony,

I kind of understood (although, naturally, I would prefer to sit with him rather than behind him).

But then, when the invitation came for the rehearsal dinner, she

called him to ask that I not go to the dinner.

I suggested to him that we take his two nephews out to dinner that night. Nope, can't do that because they are going to the rehearsal dinner.

So Hal is not going to the dinner, and I am having trouble getting over being angry and hurt by the situation.

I didn't steal her husband, and in fact, we've never even met. How can I get over this? — *Gnashing My Teeth*

Dear Gnash: As for not stealing her husband, merely showing up after their car wreck of a marriage is enough for some dames to hold it against you anyway. (I have been the victim of this myself.)

It is irrational, so forget it. It often means she is lonesome and probably wishes she had him back.

And I actually don't think you have a problem. That the father of the bride is skipping the rehearsal dinner means you have nothing to be angry or hurt about.

He took your side, which is lovely. As for where you sit at the wedding, this request you can honor. I have been at weddings where the m-o-b has no s.o. and the father is romantically involved. Enough said. — *Margo, maturely*

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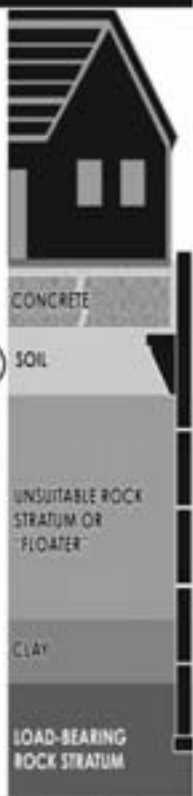
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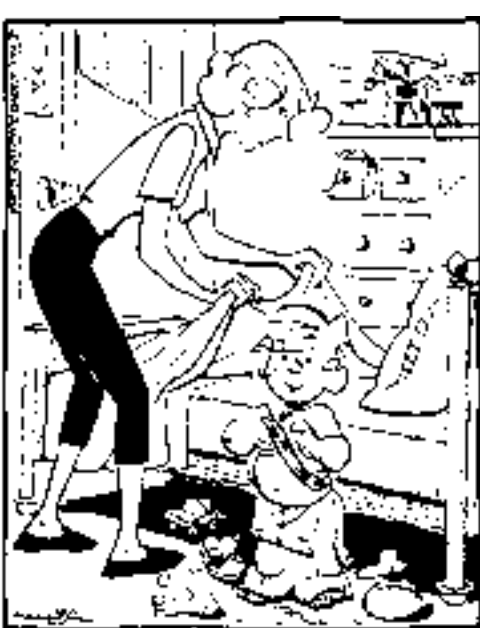
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5:PM :30	News ABC	Alma	Big Bang	News CBS	Noticias	News	King	Robinson	News	'Til Death	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flight of the Living Dead: Outbreak	Gangland	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It Good	NFL32	SportsCenter
6:PM :30	Jeopardy!	Cuando Me	Two Men Two Men	News Ent	Caso Cerrado	News	King	Enerson	Business	Seinfeld	Gold Rush: Alaska	Seinfeld	Gangland	Law & Order	Good	NFL Kickoff		
7:PM :30	Wheel	Familia-Suerte	Kitchen Nightmares	A Gifted Man	Mi Corazón Insiste	Chuck	Seinfeld	Scott	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Gold Rush: Alaska	Seinfeld	Gangland	Law & Order	Good	NFL Kickoff		
8:PM :30	Extreme Makeover	Fuerza-Destino	Fringe	CSI: NY	Fior Salvaje (SS)	Grimm	Browns	Upd	Wash. Need	Nikita	Gold Rush	Movie: Survival of the Dead	Gangland	Law & Order	Rickey Smiley: Live-Atlanta	Wizards of Waverly Place	XVI Pan American Games	College Football: BYU at Texas Christian
9:PM :30	20/20	Protagonistas (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	Blue Bloods	La Casa de al Lado	Dateline NBC	Payne	Payne	Light of the Southwest	Great Perf: Miami City Ballet	Supernatural	Gold Rush	Gangland	Movie: G.I. Jane, Anne Bancroft	Steve Harvey: Still Trippin'	Wizards of Waverly Place		
10:PM :30	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Payne	Payne	Light of the Southwest	Great Perf: Miami City Ballet	Supernatural	Gold Rush	Gangland	Movie: G.I. Jane, Anne Bancroft	Steve Harvey: Still Trippin'	Wizards of Waverly Place		
11:PM :30	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno	Payne	Payne	Light of the Southwest	Great Perf: Miami City Ballet	Supernatural	Gold Rush	Gangland	Movie: G.I. Jane, Anne Bancroft	Steve Harvey: Still Trippin'	Wizards of Waverly Place		
12:AM :30	432 OT	Para Volver a Amar	Law Order: CI	Late	Sin Senos	Decisiones (SS)	Game	(20) Movie: Fun With Dick and Jane	World	Dr.	World	T. Smiley (Off Air)	King	King	King	King	King	King
1:AM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Destilando Amor	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	(06) Today	Best of Light of the Southwest	(20) Movie: Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest	Best of Light of the Southwest

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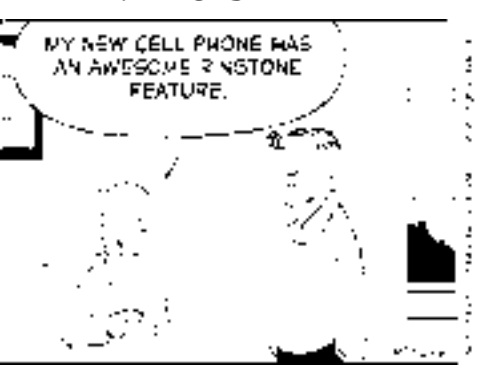
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Sa...or's saint

5 Genesis 2 name

9 Stew

14 European capital

15 Acknowledge the crowd

16 "I wanna!"

17 "I'm a source"

18 "I'm a decoration"

19 Former UN leader

20 Frequent whodunit feature

23 Carried out

24 "The Raven" starter

25 Storage cylinders

28 Automaker Benz

30 Interstate access

34 Oklahoma city

35 Branch of math

37 Hilary Swank film of '09

39 Inevitably

42 Comes to

43 Wine sacrament

44 "L.L.'s Quatize" for one

45 Sign to

46 Across

46 Pay attention to

48 Prefix for physics

50 Glitzy, for short

52 Dead heat

53 No-choice words

60 Phoebe of concern

61 Management level

62 Went like the dickens

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2011. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this date:

In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the

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64 Deep pink

65 Coll. major

66 Shepherd's concerns

67 Idyl. c places

68 Puts on

69 Bit of filming

DOWN

1 Stress-test reading

2 Emphatic denial

3 Course listing

4 Take to extremes

5 Presentation

6 Flamboyant artist

7 Airport-shuttle name

8 Shooting star

9 Looney Tunes voice credit

10 Provided

11 Cousin of pan-

12 Arab an Sea rat on

13 Man's successor

21 Starter's need

22 Intertwine

25 Handled properly

26 Turn of phrase

27 Mix. in Milan

28 Set to assemble

29 Mentally quick

31 On one's toes

32 Trilling

33 Barbecue locale

36 Charge towards

38 Point in the wrong direction

40 Parasite

41 Neighbor of Marge and Homer

47 Was me odramatic

49 Conl nerl complement

51 Property claims

52 Chances to play

53 Sherbet flavor

54 With frosting

55 Source of beta carotene

56 Fed. crime law

57 Secretary

58 Part of the Corn Belt

59 Taxing trip

63 Jargon suffix



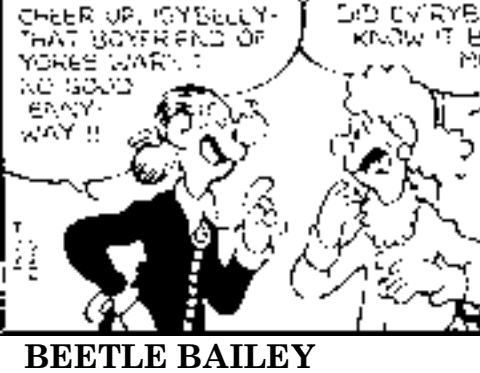
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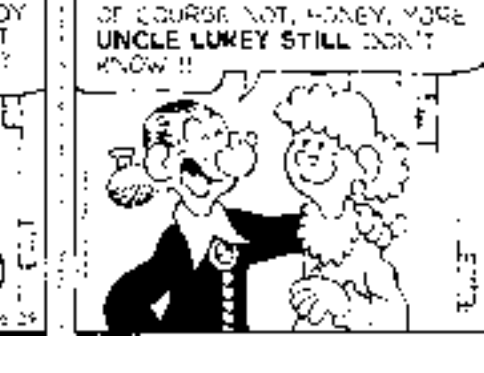
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