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Work crews were busy placing converted steel sea containers in an area just east of Kwikies Convenience Store in north Big Spring Thursday. The containers have been converted for use as 320-square-foot housing units.

EDC forum scheduled for Tuesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The case for keeping Big Spring's Economic Development Corp. a Type 4A operation will be made during a forum at the Hall Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Carlton Schwab, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Economic Development Council, will speak on the importance and future of economic development in the state during the forum.

On Nov. 6, local voters will be asked to decide whether to change EDC's mandate from Type A, which finances only economic development projects, to Type B, which will also help fund community improvement projects.

What: Economic development public forum.
Where: Hall Center for the Arts, Howard College.
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Schwab has been head of the TEDC, which advocates for economic development policy, since 1999. Prior to that, he was director of development at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Earlier in his career, he was active in local economic development efforts, having serviced as vice president of the Lubbock Board of City Development from 1986 to 1989.

The forum is being sponsored by Big Spring Citizens for Jobs and Growth, a group which supports maintaining EDC as a Type A corporation.

For more information on the forum, contact Larry McLellan at 432-816-9040.

Turning boxes into homes

Sea containers being converted into apartments in Big Spring

By **BRIAN McCORMACK**
Staff Writer

With oil production booming in the Permian Basin region, the influx of workers has created a housing shortage in Big Spring and surrounding areas. One local company, Big A

Properties, has found a creative way to ease the burden.

Shipping crates — just like the ones you see on giant cargo ships and on the backs of 18-wheel trucks on the highway — are being converted into living quarters in nearby San An-

gelo to be rented or sold here in Big Spring.

Robert Mesker, project manager for Big A, a locally owned company, believes the crate

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Official: Don't let candles be a fire hazard

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the fall season continues to descend upon the Crossroads area, many area families are expected to incorporate candles into the seasonal and holiday activities, a tradition local fire officials warn can turn tragic if a few simple guidelines are not followed.

According to Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Steve Bedell, approximately 20 percent of all structure fires caused by candles happen when the fiery implements are unattended or abandoned.

"With the holidays fast approaching and the increased usage of seasonal decorations, it is important to focus on candle fire safety and prevention," Bedell said. "Because the majority of candle fires result from human error and negligence, candle fires and their associated casualties are preventable."

According to Bedell, a few simple rules to follow when burning candles include:



ing lighted candles. There are many battery-operated alternatives available these days that will serve the same purpose without the same level of risk.

- If you must use candles, ensure that they are placed in sturdy holders.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Be sure to extinguish candles after each use.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

"The majority of the candle-related fires we see happen

because the candle is left unattended," Bedell said. "It's a good idea to extinguish any burning candles if you're leaving the room they are being displayed in. It only takes a couple of seconds for them to ignite anything from nearby drapes to a piece of paper blown toward it by a draft. More than half of the candle fires reported each year start when something that could burn — such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains or decorations — is placed too close to the

candle." Bedell said approximately 36 percent of all candle fires reported nationally begin in the bedroom, with December the peak time of year.

"In December, 13 percent of home candle fires begin with decorations compared to 4 percent the rest of the year," Bedell said. "Also, one-half of the fires reported happened between midnight and 6 a.m., so, obviously, falling asleep is a large part of the problem. In fact, falling asleep is a factor in 12 percent of all candle-related fires and 36 percent of the deaths associated with them."

What you place your candles on or in can be just as important as where you display them, according to Bedell.

"If you do use candles, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down," Bedell said. "Make sure what you are placing the candle in is made for that use, as the high temperatures produced by a

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American Legion Post 506 will host a fish fry dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 apiece and to-go orders are welcome. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact the post at 263-2084.

The Yellow Rose Café, located inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, is the featured Dine Out Day sponsor for United Way through Sunday. The café is open from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2013 campaign.

The Western Sportsman Club will host a free Sight-In Day for people who want to properly sight their rifles at 10 a.m. Saturday. Sand bags, spot-in scopes and targets will be provided. Call 432-267-1816 for information and directions.

Church Women United will meet from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry St. Kay Crites will present a program on Big Brothers and Big Sisters. A light lunch will follow. For more information, call 432-267-2844.

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

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

The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. October 13, from 8 a.m. until noon, your dog or cat can have a parvo, distemper shot for a donation of \$10 or a rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$15. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. The benefit will be held at the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

263-4016.

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

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.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

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CANDLES

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candle — coupled with fluctuating temperatures around it and in the home — can cause serious hazards."

Bedell urges local residents to keep their candles out of the reach of children and pets.

"The heat and hot wax from a candle can cause serious burns to little ones," Bedell said. "Also, be sure the candle isn't sitting on something the child or animal can drag down upon themselves, such as a table cloth or other decoration. If a small child is pulling themselves up near them, they can accidentally

pull a candle down on top of them, causing serious injuries."

Bedell said the most important rule to remember, however, is to never leave a candle burning unattended.

"It's definitely the No. 1 rule when it comes to candles," he said. "Extinguish candles after use and before going to bed. If you're in a posi-

tion where you think there's a chance you might nod off, go ahead and blow out the candle. It's not worth the risk.

"In the event of a fire, remember that time is your biggest enemy and every second counts. Escape first, and then call for help. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it frequently with your family. Des-

ignate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Also, never stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason. It may cost you your life."

Bedell said area resi-

dents should also be sure to check their smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order.

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HOMES

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housing will be a hit with newcomers and locals alike who are seeking a residence.

"There's just no places for people to rent," said Mesker, who designed the inside of the homes, said. "The housing situation here is horrible."

The converted sea containers aren't big — about 320 square feet — there are, however, some perks to living in a steel box.

"They are basically indestructible," Mesker said. "They are very low maintenance, they are durable, they are moveable, sound-proof and (Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan) and the code enforcement office and city council are all really pumped up

about it."

The studio-style, rectangular living spaces feature a full kitchen and bathroom as well as bedroom area. Commercial tile serves as the flooring and certified plumbers and electricians were contracted to insure the homes are fit to move in.

The first eight of the houses are being placed on North Gregg Street just east of Kwikie convenience store, but Mesker has high hopes that their popularity

will catch on and more homes will be imported.

"We hope to have 40-50 of them in different places in Howard County," Mesker added.

Don Avant, one of the owners of Big A Properties shared Mesker's enthusiasm about the crate homes.

"I think it will help the housing shortage," Avant said. "Hotel rooms are packed. These are great for a working person or small family. They are energy efficient and easy to clean

and maintain. It would be a great starter house and I believe they will have a reasonable resale value."

The unique homes — which are being arranged into a horseshoe pattern on the lot — are beige in color and look like steel-sided mobile homes.

Avant said making the homes aesthetically pleasing was a priority.

"I wanted to make them look nice and fit into the community," Avant added. "I have

lived in Big Spring my whole life and I want them to look good. I want the city to look good."

Some homes are for rent as early as next week. Prices are \$300 per week to rent and \$25,000 to purchase. For more information, contact Mesker at 432-466-9277.

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OTHER VIEWS

A benefit to society

The arguments have been made. Months from now, the decision will arrive. Then new arguments will begin.

We refer to Fisher v. the University of Texas, the affirmative action case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday. Though not the full court, we should add. One justice, Elena Kagan, recused herself, presumably, according to news reports, because she had worked on the case as the Obama administration's solicitor general.

By now you've heard the name Grutter quite a lot since Wednesday morning. The reference is to Grutter v. Bollinger, a 2003 decision in which the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the University of Michigan Law School, like all institutions of higher education, benefits from putting together a diverse student body and thus can use race as one factor among several in assessing student applications. UT says it follows parameters set forth in Grutter and its application process is therefore constitutional.

Three of the five justices who formed the majority in Grutter — Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens and David Souter — are no longer on the court. Justice Anthony Kennedy, the frequent swing vote in close cases, remains, as do Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. All three were in the minority in Grutter.

The new chief justice, John Roberts, and Justice Samuel Alito, who replaced O'Connor, have been critical of race-based admissions in the past. The court's new lineup means using race as a consideration in college admissions may soon be history.

The Fisher of the case is Abigail Noel Fisher, who applied to UT-Austin in 2008. Because she did not graduate in the top 10 percent of her high school class, she was not automatically accepted under the top 10 percent law passed by the Texas Legislature in 1997. So Fisher became one of about 16,000 applicants competing for 1,200 slots left available for students outside the top 10 percent.

Fisher also argues that the top 10 percent law achieves diversity on its own — minority enrollment at UT has increased since the law took effect — and race should not be considered when evaluating additional students for admission. UT says its policy is necessary to help it achieve diversity in programs where the top 10 percent falls short.

Fisher graduated 82nd out of 674 students at Stephen F. Austin High School in Sugar Land, about 15 spots below where she needed to be to earn automatic admission under the 10 percent law. She clearly was qualified for college: She attended Louisiana State University and graduated in May with a degree in finance.

The qualities that make up a complete student are considered when assessing the applications of those students outside the top 10 percent. If the court says the consideration of race is unconstitutional — violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection — would it be fair then to consider a student's economic disadvantages, to, in effect, add class to the complex formula that makes up a university's admissions policy?

Outside a blind reliance on class rank and test scores, any admissions policy is going to discriminate.

The struggle to find a properly balanced admissions policy will continue no matter what the Supreme Court decides — as will the lawsuits. Diversity is a worthwhile goal; it benefits students, universities and society. Whatever the court's ruling, its importance will not change.

— Austin American-Statesman

(Political) World Series time

Who are these undecided voters? The one thing that seems clear is that there aren't many of them.

The harder question is how anyone who really does plan to vote could still be struggling with whom to vote for.

I always tell my students that for many people presidential elections are a lot like baseball is to me.

I root for the Red Sox. But if they're not going to be in the World Series (sadly, as a longtime fan, that's most of the time), then I don't pay much attention to which teams will be until the very end. And then, for reasons that are not always entirely logical (for instance, damn Yankees), I pick a team and join in the festivities.

It's time to pick a team.

And unlike some years when I hear a lot of "both parties are the same" or "what difference does it make," it's hard to make that case this year. That fact is revealed by the unusually high numbers of people who have made up their minds.

This is not an election in which Romney voters or Obama voters are telling pollsters they are still open to switching. Nor is it one in which people have neutral feelings as to the candidate they're voting for. Most Obama voters really don't like Romney, and vice versa.

And unlike some races in which both candidates have moved convincingly enough to the middle that it really isn't that easy to tell them apart, if

you watch the debates, even while hitting the kitchen and the bathroom and texting on a frequent basis, you can't help but notice the differences.

Should the top 1 percent pay more in taxes? Should the Bush tax cuts be extended for everyone, or only for those making less than \$250,000 (or maybe even a higher number) per year? If 93 percent of small businesses make less than \$250,000 a year, is protecting small business a good enough reason to extend the tax cuts to high earning individuals?

Are you for or against a system in which every American is required to be insured, along with the limits on denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions and subsidies for those who can't afford private market prices?

Should folks in their 40s and 50s get a voucher option to Medicare? Will doing so give them more options, or result in the kind of cherry picking that lands the sickest people on Medicare, resulting in cuts to benefits?

Are you for or against allowing women and their doctors to decide (prior to viability) whether to carry a pregnancy to terms, or should that choice be limited to those who are the victims of rape or incest?

Should government spend more on defense? Romney says no cuts; Obama says the military doesn't want the additional spending Romney is proposing.

Is it possible to offset lower taxes for everyone and higher defense spending with (according to Obama) unstated spending cuts (except for Big Bird and public broadcasting) so that the deficit doesn't grow? Will economic growth be enough to offset those policies? Do you care?

Have the past four years been

a step in the right direction on an agenda the president should be given four more years to complete, or are they proof that Obama can't do the job?

Do you blame Obama for failing to reach his goal of lower unemployment, or Bush for leaving him a bigger mess than anyone expected?

Just how disappointed (if at all) are you with the past four years?

Enough?

If you want to accuse me of stacking the deck in the president's favor, my only response is that I'm trying to be fair.

But the larger point is that it's hard for anyone who is committed to one candidate (as I obviously am) to be truly fair in this election, which is why it's so hard to understand how anyone could still be trying to make up their mind.

Economists will tell you ("Freakonomics" has a chapter on this) that one vote doesn't count. But even a relatively small group of voters can make the difference in a close election.

My mother called me in the middle of Election Day 2000 to tell me that a lot of the women in her condo building were afraid they had made a mistake on their ballot. Call Al Gore, she said. Sure, I'm going to call Gore and tell him what my mother said. My mother, may she rest in peace, lived in Palm Beach County, Fla. Sorry, Al.

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Forget fiestas, celebrate heritage

It's an awkward month, covering the second half of September and the first half of October. But it's not as awkward as the way we celebrate it. We call it Hispanic Heritage Month, but it has little to do with heritage.

Hispanic Fiesta Month would be a better name. To many Latinos, this is mostly a time to party like there is no manana.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, you hear little talk about the role Latinos have played in making this nation great; you see little recognition of nearly 500 years of Hispanic presence in North America.

Instead, we go to concerts, parades, cocktail parties, banquets, street festivals and a variety of other fiestas where we wave flags and tell each other we are very proud of being Latinos.

And there is nothing wrong with that, as long as we know what we are celebrating.

Unfortunately, because our American education has deprived us access to our own heritage, because American history so often fails to recognize the accomplishments of our Latino American ancestors, because our role models were hidden, many of us don't have a clue of what the fiestas are really about.

We were never told why so many U.S. cities, states, rivers and other landmarks have Spanish names, or that Spanish was spoken and taught in North America long before a word of English was uttered here. We learned more about Lewis and Clark than about Ponce de Leon, De Soto, Cabeza de Vaca, De Onate, Coronado and hundreds of other Spanish explorers.

We were led to believe that Ponce de Leon discovered only the current state of Florida, when in fact he discovered North America. We were told that the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth

Rock in 1621, instead of Spanish conquistadors in St. Augustine, Fla. in 1565; that "America's Birthplace" was Jamestown, Va. instead of St. Augustine, Fla., and that this country was explored, settled and colonized from East to West, instead of South to North.

Perhaps that's why, at our Hispanic Heritage Month events, sometimes we have too many good times and not enough substance, and why our rich Hispanic American history remains hidden, even during the month when we are expected to promote it.

Hispanic Heritage Month was designated by Congress in 1988 to replace the Hispanic Heritage Week, which had been observed starting on Sept. 15 since 1968. The month — from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 — has its awkward calendar designation because it was designed to coincide with the September independence days of several Latin American countries and the Oct. 12 anniversary of the discovery of America. It was designed that way because it was supposed to be about history, and because historical events were expected at this time every year.

Of course, this is the time to celebrate the beauty of our Spanish and Latin American music, language and culture, a month for wearing ethnic costumes, waving flags, marching in parades and attending cocktail parties.

This is the time when Latinos should be arming ourselves with historical ammunition, to defend ourselves from those who would attack us with stereotypes and misconceptions.

Occasionally, you see some community activists and educators making an effort to put the heritage back into Hispanic Heritage Month by sponsoring events with less salsa and more substance. In fact, some progress has been made in schools offering multicultural education programs. But generally, teaching of the role of Hispanics in history is very limited.

Before the British settled in Jamestown in 1607, the Spanish had explored territory that now covers more than a dozen states. They had established the first settlement — St. Augustine — in 1565. They had discovered the Mississippi River and many other North American landmarks.

Since Ponce de Leon discovered North America in 1513 almost 500 years ago, Hispanics have been making huge contributions to what is now the United States of America.

Their achievements have been mostly ignored by American historians, but they should not be forsaken by Latinos on Hispanic Heritage Month.

Post Script: With this column, I'm announcing the creation of a new web site designed to keep the real spirit of Hispanic Heritage Month alive the rest of the year. [HiddenHispanicHeritage.com](http://www.hiddenhispanicheritage.com) (<http://www.hiddenhispanicheritage.com>) features my ongoing series — this one is No. 27! — on America's Hidden Hispanic Heritage. You may have read some of these columns when they were distributed by the Creators Syndicate and published in web sites and newspapers, but you didn't see them as you will now, alongside the many photographs I've taken during my travels to many historic landmarks.

My pilgrimage in search for our hidden Hispanic heritage has turned into "a bucket list of places, ideas and historical evidence to help reconnect Americans with their Hispanic roots."

And this is a web book in progress. I'm just getting started!

My bucket list is much longer and there are many more places for me to visit, photograph and write about. Stay tuned!

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The advantages that come with age

With a presidential election just days away, reporters and news anchors are searching their archives for political sound bites that have changed history. Among their favorites is a clip from a 1984 debate between Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale. When asked about his age, President Reagan quickly



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retorted, "I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience."

When we consider age as a measure of an individual's qualifications, we sometimes make the mistake of exploiting both the young and the old. Fortunately or unfortunately, young, cutting-edge minds sometimes live in stiff bodies and wisdom often springs from minds embedded in bodies that lack the symptoms of age.

Throughout history, many have tried to determine the

relationship between age and ability. American author Samuel Clemens, better known as humorist Mark Twain, calculated that age is simply an issue of mind over matter. "If you don't mind," said Twain, "It doesn't matter."

Another great thinker, businessman and poet Samuel Illuman advocated that the number of years a person has lived is not synonymous with his age. He maintained that old age is the result of deserting one's ideas. "Years may wrinkle the skin," he said, "but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

When we claim that too

many flips of the calendar have taken our youth and our usefulness away, we might consider the admonition of a French author, Andre Maurois. He concluded, "Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy person has no time to form."

While we may not be able to outrun age by staying busy, we can prevent it from overtaking us in our idleness.

When we sit down and do nothing, we let age take us captive to discouragement and negativity. Age, unchallenged, would tie us to our chairs, impair our thinking

and thwart all zeal for living.

Although the world often demeans age, the Scripture upholds the positive aspects of growing old.

The patriarch Job gives us a bit of insight into the characteristics associated with aging: "Wisdom is with aged men, With long life is understanding" (Job 12: 12 NASB).

As many of us have discovered, age does have some setbacks, but age also has some advantages.

May God grant us the wisdom to recognize both and accept age as a measure of time rather than a standard for evaluating a person's worth.

Church news

David and Karen Garrett in Concert

David and Karen Garrett of DuoPraises Ministries will present a concert of Christian music at East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday. This concert is sponsored by East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Gateway Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Sand Springs. The Garretts have been in the Big Spring area several times in recent years.

A fellowship and potluck supper will follow the concert. For more information, contact East Fourth Street Baptist at 267-2291 or Dwayne Wheat at 270-4328.

First Christian Church

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

We celebrate communion every week. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the communion table.

This Sunday — which will be 21st Sunday after Pentecost in the Christian Calendar — the Rev. Ken McIntosh message will be "The Greatest" from Mark 10: 35-45

Elders will be Jackie Simpson and Joyce Davis; deacons will be Laura Sickles, Dan Miracle, Shirley Lee and Mary Terrazas; worship leader will be Dan Miracle, communion prep will be Mary Terrazas and Dam Miracle; children's church will be Laura Sickles; the greeter will be Dan Miracle; homebound communion will be Joyce Davis.

This Sunday at 12:15 p.m., the Church will hold its monthly board meeting.

On Sunday evening, the youth will be at First Presbyterian Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Each week, Isaiah 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

On Saturday at Crispy's Café, Breakfast with the Guys will convene at 8:30 a.m.

Every Monday, the TOPS Group will meet at the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. for weigh-in and the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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

College Baptist Church

Men's and Boy's fellowship will take place at 7 p.m. at College Baptist. All men of College Baptist and boys from sixth grade up are invited to attend. There will be food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday school leaders appreciation day is Nov. 14. There will be a pot-luck meal after the morning worship service.

High Attendance Sunday will be Nov. 4. This is also the day of time change when we "fall back" one hour, so don't forget to set your clocks on that Saturday night before you go to bed. Our Sunday School goal for that day is 185.

The Reach Texas Mission offering is coming along very well. We hope that even after we reach our goal, people will give more. Because with this offering, we are able to start new churches and to help out people after storms, floods, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters.

The Southern Baptist Association of Texas goes into these disaster areas with clean water, blankets, hot food, laundry and shower facilities and then helps with the clean-up. These people volunteer their time, but need money to pay for the needs

of the victims, the food, etc. Many of these people who go in to help are retired senior citizens. None of the money donated to this offering goes for administration.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as CCC continues its month of "Appreciation." October is when we give recognition to all of our general staff/helpers, directors, elder, pastor and church. Each Sunday of October we will be focusing on each group.

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

Also, please mark your calendars and join us on Oct. 28 for CCC's 2012 Annual Member Appreciation Celebration. A special message will be given by Senior Pastor Barney Carbajal III of Abundant Life Christian Center in Belen, N.M.. Pastor Carbajal will be joined by his wife, Sandi.

Also on Oct. 28, we will dedicate our East Wing (a.k.a. "Kovenantville") for grades 1st through 6th, and "The Dugout," which will be for our youth in grades 7th through 12th.

On Wednesdays from 5:50-6:60 p.m., we will continue our Overcomers R&R class (please note the time change.) For more information on this class, please contact us at the number listed below.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months- kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U College Ministry (18-24 years); men's and women's Ministries; and marriage enrichment.

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

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

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

The youth group meets Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for supper, handbell choir and a special youth-oriented financial planning course led by Susan Holstedt. Anyone who is willing to provide the meal is asked to sign up on the sheet in the church narthex.

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

The Session held its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Our first Mission Fair, "Hey! What'cha Doin'," will be Saturday at 11 a.m. with worship led by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble and continuing through 8:30 p.m. There will be a number of workshops and a mission exchange from churches across Tres Rios Presbytery. We will have a light lunch and a catered supper for participants. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for October is Janie Conley.

The lectionary for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9,24,35; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45. The choir will offer the anthem, "Sing to the Lord with Joy" by John Carter and "O Lord of Heaven" by Orlando di Lasso for the offertory. The Rev. Gamble will deliver the sermon.

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

First United Methodist Church

Saturday morning, First Methodist will host Big Spring's Church Women United from 11 a.m.-noon. The meeting's theme is "Building A World Fit For All God's Children." Kay Crites and other Midland residents will speak on the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program. All interested women are invited to join us for this important meeting.

Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at both services of worship on Sunday. Morning services are held at 8:30 and 10:50. This week, the children's choir will perform. This will be the first public appearance for the newly reorganized group calling itself JAM (Jesus And Me). They practice each Wednesday evening under the direction of Stacy Barr and Christi Mikiska, who also are making plans for a Christmas performance for this group.

Each Sunday, Becky Woodall and crew lead the children's church in the youth hall. This is for children four years old through fourth grade. The current study series is titled "Extreme Sayings." Children are invited to come sing, dance and learn about Jesus each Sunday morning.

Wednesday at noon, we have a noon Bible study and luncheon, with Pastor Bill leading the study. The meal will be catered by Cowboys with serving beginning at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings at 5:30, Real Life meets for a meal in Garrett Hall, followed by children's choir, Epic Youth, Beth Moore Bible Study, Financial Peace University and Disciple One.

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously of their time, talents, gifts and dedication to the work of The Lord's Acre. It was indeed a special time for everyone who came, visited, laughed and shared as we participated in this very unique way to further God's work. Total count amounted to \$42,000 to further the various missions of our church. Blessings to everyone who gave from their hearts.

It's now time to go to work on our newest project, "Operation Christmas Child." You are asked to take a regular-size shoe box and fill it with age-appropriate gifts, plus \$7 for shipping. You may choose a boy or girl in age groups of 2-4,5-9 and 10-14. Deadline for drop-off is the week of Nov. 12-18; however, we plan to make a display of these gifts as the number grows, so as soon as you have yours ready, bring it to the church. Brochures with more complete information are available at the church office.

Remember, Trunk or Treat is coming up on Wednesday, Oct. 31; set up is on the back parking lot. We needs lots of candy and lots of volunteers in order to make this a Halloween celebration to be remembered by the children of Big Spring. Wear a costume (or not) and join the fun.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of

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downtown Big Spring. Our website is www.fumcbs.org and our telephone number is 267-6394. We welcome you to any and all services and events.

Forsan Baptist Church

We will host a "Trunk or Treat" on Wednesday Oct. 31 from 5:30-7 p.m. There will be a hot dog supper and plenty of treats for the kids. Bring your kids of all ages and enjoy a safe environment this year.

On Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. we are continuing an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. We are able to provide CD copies of Bible study times as well as our Sunday morning services to any who may be interested.

Our Fellowship Hall expansion is almost complete, with phase two to begin shortly thereafter. Phase two will encompass expansion of our sanctuary with the addition of a choir loft. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the progress.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have resumed and will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Holy Eucharist services begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The Education For Ministry course of study is open to anyone interested in the Episcopal church. ERM is held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The evening prayer service on Wednesday begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

The Episcopal Church Women's courtyard sale, scheduled for this Saturday, has been postponed until a later date.

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

First Baptist Church

The Mary Hill Davis Offering for reaching those in the state of Texas, "Many Faces. One Hope," had a church goal of \$5000. Thanks to faithful giving, we surpassed this endeavor.

October is the month we remember those in our world who go hungry on a daily basis. We received our Texas shaped banks which will be collected on Oct. 28. You are asked to not only fill the bank with loose change, but place it on your table and, as your family gathers for a meal, to pray for the hungry.

This Sunday, we will distribute the Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child, our opportunity to be a missionary to a child in a foreign land. Samaritan Purse trains thousands of teachers to present "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson discipleship program to those who receive the gift which may be their only Christmas present. Help us fill more

than the 306 boxes that impacted families with the Gospel last year. These will be collected Nov. 11, so get your shopping done and pray for the children who will be reached.

Upward Basketball registration is happening now. Girls and boys, kindergarten through sixth grade area-wide, will participate in this activity which teaches team skills and Christian values. Call the church at 267-8223 to get more information.

AWANA meets every Sunday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. for boys and girls ages four through sixth grade. This time is spent in learning Bible verses and fun activity in preparing the children for spiritual living. All are invited and you may call for a ride.

Our Fall Festival is Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Admission is one canned good to be used in the food pantry in serving the needs of our community.

All children are invited to participate in a safe environment.

On Sunday evening at 6 p.m., John Hall, known as Big John, will return for a concert in our sanctuary. He is a well-known gospel singer and all are invited to this free performance. Following the concert, we will honor Sharon Tant with a reception in the north foyer for her 19 years of service as the church hostess. Church members are asked to bring finger foods for this reception which includes attendees for the concert.

First Baptist is located at 705 W. FM700 with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:50. Todd Keller is interim Minister of Music, and we welcome him as he leads us in worship. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Please be our guest at our Movie Night on Saturday at 6 p.m. The movie is "October Baby" and admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available.

"Celebrate Recovery" is now meeting at SCF Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. "Celebrate Recovery" is a program designed to help anyone struggling with hurts, hang-ups and bad habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process.

The "Between the Lines" women's ministry meets the third Friday of the month at 6 p.m.

Our annual Harvest Event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4 from 5-7 p.m. Many fun activities, games and events are planned for the whole family, including free food, games, crafts and prizes.

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

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

The Sunday morning sermon series for October is "Choices, Choices, Choices." You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

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

Our weekly men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday in the dining

room at the church. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

"Wings" dance academy meets Tuesday evenings for girls ages 4-12.

Boys Scouts meet at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

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

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

East Side Baptist Church

Come join us for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

We will begin our gospel meeting Oct. 28 at the regular Sunday times, then continue the following Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. each night. Special speakers are scheduled for each service and Rosie O'Tool will provide the music.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

We meet for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading the service and Jacque Mauch leading the music. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will continue its study on "Who Understands Faith?" with Jacque Mauch leading the discussion on "Simon Wants to Buy Faith," taken from Acts 8:9-24.

At the Charge Conference, the following leaders were elected to serve for 2013: Lay Leader, Billy Bates chair, and Glenn Phillippe and Nancy Wagner, members; SPRC, Amy Meadors, chair, and members Bill Lovelace and Laura Phillippe; Trustee, Dewayne Wagner, chair, and members David Petree and Madeline Boadle; recording secretary, Nancy Wagner; treasurer, Bill Lovelace; financial secretary, Clea Britton; lay leader Bill

Lovelace; and communion stewards, Laura Phillippe and Amy Meadors.

Church Women United will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday in Garrett Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The members are again making plans for their annual Trunk and Treat on Halloween.

The church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. For more information on the church or the use of its food pantry, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is Lannon Martin. Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

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

Mid-Week classes begin this week - meal and fellowship is at 5:45 p.m. with class from 6-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Bobby Roeber will present the readings this week. The readings reference "True Wealth is Found in The Lord."

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

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this SAFE internet site is something to check out.

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'Same kind of different as me'

I like to read. Always have. As a kid, I rode my bike to our local library with my friends to browse and check out books. When I met my wife, we spent our evenings together in the library at Baylor University and, across the years, libraries have remained one of our favorite places to visit on our "dates." When we moved to Waco, Texas two weeks ago, one of the first things we did was sign up for our library card. Most of the books I read soon evaporate from my memory. But, once in awhile, a book sticks with me. "Same Kind of Different as Me" is one of



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those books that stuck. Apparently the book has been out since 2005. But sometimes, it takes a book a long time to find me. "Same Kind of Different as Me" is actually two stories — the story of an illiterate black man named Denver who was raised in the cotton fields of Louisiana and ended up homeless on the streets of Fort Worth; and another about an upwardly mobile white man named Ron Hall who graduated from TCU and made a fortune in the art world.

They each tell their story and detail the remarkable intersection of their individual journeys.

Maybe I was drawn to the book because Ron Hall spent his childhood summers on a farm near my boyhood home of Corsicana.

His descriptions of Cor-

sicana resonated with my memories growing up on Collin Street, one of the signature brick streets that reflect the glory days when the city boasted more millionaires per capita than any other town in Texas.

Maybe I was drawn to the book because Ron and Denver intersect in the slums of Fort Worth east of downtown where my wife started her teaching career 40 years ago. But the true stories of Ron Hall and Denver Moore are not the main stories in the book.

They represent other stories: the story of our country and its culture.

Ron represents those who rise from middle class with professional opportunities that can lead to great wealth. He also represents the dangers of that path that include temptations for greed, mate-

rialism, shallow and broken relationships.

Denver represents the alarmingly huge segment of our population that falls between the cracks, victims of prejudice, oppression, injustice and neglect. He also represents the dangers of that downward spiral that includes temptations of bitterness, anger, isolation and despair.

But the greatest story underlying and connecting all of these is God's story. Ron's wife, Deborah, is the entry point for His work, one person who was open, willing and obedient who became the catalyst for connecting these two broken men from different ends of the social spectrum.

In a day when many look to government to heal our wounds and solve our social problems, "Same Kind of Dif-

ferent As Me" serves as a reminder that the real solution to our personal and social problems lies within us.

It is often buried beneath our own prejudices and fears, but it can be unlocked and released with the keys of acceptance, trust, faith and love, all the things Jesus demonstrated and talked about.

God wants to use each of us, whatever our race, whatever our circumstance, whatever our background to make a difference in the world. You can learn more about Ron and Denver's stories by visiting their website, <http://www.samekindofdifferentsame.com/>.

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

National/world news in brief

Officials: CIA report blamed militants, not mob, within 24 hours of Libya attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA station chief in Libya reported to Washington within 24 hours of last month's deadly attack on the U.S. consulate that there was evidence it was carried out by militants, not a spontaneous mob upset about an American-made video ridiculing Islam's Prophet Muhammad, U.S. officials have told The Associated Press.

It is unclear who, if anyone, saw the cable outside the CIA at that point and how high up in the agency the information went. The Obama administration maintained publicly for a week that the attack on the diplomatic mission in Benghazi that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans was a result of the mobs that staged less-deadly protests across the Muslim world around the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks on the U.S.

Those statements have become highly charged political fodder as the presidential election approaches. A Republican-led House committee questioned State Department officials for hours about what GOP lawmakers said was lax security at the consulate, given the growth of extremist Islamic militants in North Africa.

And in their debate on Tuesday, President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney argued over when Obama first said it was a terror attack. In his Rose Garden address the morning after the killings, Obama said, "No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character or eclipse the light of the values that we stand for."

Romney, Obama going back on the attack in Va., Fla. battlegrounds after brief comedic truce

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are returning to the sometimes-nasty rhetoric of a close presidential campaign after a brief truce, renewing their focus on two battleground states and preparing for next week's final, perhaps pivotal, debate.

Romney and Obama set aside their differences — mostly — to poke fun of themselves and each other Thursday night at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner. On Friday, it's back to campaigning in Florida and Virginia, two of just a handful of states that will decide the election, now less than three weeks away.

While they're both focused on the South, an NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist polls released Thursday showed Obama retaining his lead over Romney in Iowa and Wisconsin, two Midwestern battlegrounds. Obama's campaign circulated a memo highlighting the president's strength during the early voting period in Ohio, where Romney has largely staked his hopes of winning the White House.

But both kept relatively light public schedules as they planned to spend the weekend preparing for the third and final presidential debate, set for Monday in Boca Raton, Fla. Obama was leaving for the Camp David presidential retreat to prepare, while Romney planned preparations in Delray Beach,

Fla.

As deadly airline crashes decline, new government safety rules get tougher to justify

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been 43 months since the last deadly airline crash in the United States, the longest period without a fatal domestic accident since commercial aviation expanded after World War II. That sounds like unvarnished good news, but one consequence of having such a remarkable record is that it's difficult to justify imposing costly new safety rules on the economically fragile industry.

In analyzing costs and benefits, federal rules assign a value of \$6.2 million to each life saved. Even modest changes in regulations can cost the industry hundreds of millions of dollars when spread across a number of years.

"The extraordinary safety record that has been achieved in the United States ironically could be the single biggest reason the (Federal Aviation Administration) isn't able to act proactively and ensure safety into the future," said Bill Voss, president of the industry-funded Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va., which promotes global airline safety.

Last year, the FAA revised rules on pilot work schedules and rest periods to address concern that tired pilots were making mistakes, sometimes with fatal results.

Starved, brutalized, left to die: Austrian probe reveals gruesome fate of Nazi-era disabled

HALL, Austria (AP) — Forensic crews scraping away dirt from the remains of the Nazi-era psychiatric patients were puzzled: The skeletal fingers were entwined in rosary beads. Why, the experts wondered, would the Nazis — who considered these people less than human — respect them enough to let them take their religious symbols to their graves?

It turns out they didn't.

A year after the first of 221 sets of remains were exhumed at a former Austrian hospital cemetery, investigators now believe the beads were likely nothing more than a cynical smokescreen, placed to mislead relatives attending the burials into thinking that the last stage of their loved ones' lives was as dignified as their funerals.

But skeletons don't lie. Forensic work shows that more than half of the victims had broken ribs and other bone fractures from blows likely dealt by hospital personnel. Many died from illnesses.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

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What, if anything, would you now bid with each of the following five hands?

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- ♠AQJ6 ♥KQJ82 ♦AJ94 ♣7
- ♠7♥QJ964 ♦AKJ85 ♣K7
- ♠AK9 ♥AQJ1043 ♦KJ3 ♣8

1. **Two hearts.** Partner's double says he expects to beat two clubs two or three tricks, but he is probably counting on you for the three defensive tricks an opening bidder is normally assumed to have. However, since your hand is basically offensive rather than defensive, you should not allow the double to stand.

When you overrule the double by bidding two hearts, partner will know you are subpar from the standpoint of high-card values, but over par from the standpoint of trick-taking potential if hearts are trump.

2. **Pass.** Although you have a minimum opening bid with only 12 high-card points, you should accept the double. Your three trumps add greatly to your defensive values, since the more trumps you have in

conjunction with partner's trump length, the more tricks your side will take.

3. **Three clubs.** Here you take the double out, not because you think the contract won't be defeated — West will surely not make two clubs doubled — but because game in some denomination is a certainty, and slam is a possibility. The danger is that the penalty you can exact might not compensate for the game or slam you miss. Three clubs guarantees a club void and asks partner to name a new suit or support hearts. If partner next bids three notrump, you will pass.

4. **Pass.** Here you accept the double, despite your as-yet-unexpressed distributional values, largely because your opening bid is normal from the standpoint of high-card values. In addition, your K-x of trumps should prove especially valuable on defense and should help produce a juicy penalty.

5. **Three hearts.** Game in hearts is very likely, and you indicate this by jumping to three hearts. It is doubtful that the potential penalty would repay you for the game that you can almost certainly score.

In general, you do better by respecting partner's penalty doubles, but you should still treat the double of an overall as a suggestion, not a command.

Tomorrow: Detection through deduction.

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TODAY

- Football**
- Big Spring (5-1) at Snyder (2-4), 7:30 p.m.
 - Stamford (6-1) at Forsan (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
 - Coahoma (1-5) at Sonora (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
 - Stanton (3-3) at Crane (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
- Open week — Grady (5-2), Sands (4-3), Garden City (1-6)

- Volleyball**
- Big Spring at Snyder, F, V, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6 p.m.

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The 1-5 Coahoma Bulldogs will travel to Sonora today with the hopes of overcoming injuries and getting a district win against the 4-2 Boncos. The Forsan 5-2 Buffaloes will be hosting 6-1 Stamford — a state title contender — and 3-3 Stanton heads to Crane (4-2). Big Spring (5-1) is on the road against Snyder (2-4), while the six-man teams in the area are all on open weeks.

Cowboys look to continue dominance of Panthers

STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — To get the win they so desperately need, the Carolina Panthers need to beat a team they can't seem to — at least not in the regular season. The Panthers have lost eight straight to the Dallas Cowboys, a stretch that dates to 1998. Four of those losses came in Charlotte, where the teams will square off Sunday.

Carolina's only win over Dallas during that span came 10 years ago in the playoffs.

Both teams came into the season with high expectations and were expected to contend for division titles, but instead find themselves plagued by inconsistent quarterback play.

The Cowboys (2-3) have lost two straight, including a tough 31-29 loss last week against Baltimore in which they botched clock man-

agement.

The Panthers (1-4) are reeling even more, having lost three straight games before the bye week.

"This one's obviously important because we both have a losing record right now and we both need to get going," said Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. "The sense of urgency will be great on both sides of the ball, I know that."

Dallas coach Jason Garrett said his team needs to start winning the turnover battle, where they're a minus-8 on the year. Romo has thrown nine interceptions, while the Panthers have only come up with one pick.

"It's something that has really hurt us," Garrett said. "Last year we were among the better teams in that area. It's such a predictive statistic in the NFL."

No one could have predicted the Cowboys would rush for 227

yards and lose last week against Baltimore.

The problem this week is they'll be without running back DeMarco Murray, who is out with a sprained foot, and will depend on Felix Jones to carry the load against Carolina.

Jones was a non-factor in Dallas' first four games with three carries for 13 yards. But he showed he can produce if called on, with 18 carries for 92 yards rushing and a touchdown against the Ravens.

Replacement running backs have had success against the Panthers in the past, including this season.

Andre Brown stepped in for Ahmad Bradshaw in Week 3 and ran for a career-best 113 yards and two touchdowns in the New York Giants' 37-6 rout of Carolina.

"I was ready when I was

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AP photo

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo is tackled by Baltimore's Courtney Upshaw during last week's one-point loss to the Ravens. The Cowboys are looking for a win against Carolina on Sunday.

NHL labor talks looking bleak

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL and the players' association agree on one thing: Thursday was a bad day at the negotiating table.

Any optimism that existed following the NHL's offer earlier this week of a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenue was dashed when the union countered with three proposals that were quickly rebuffed. "Thoroughly disappointed," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said Thursday after the brief bargaining session at union headquarters.

There were no smiles on the players' side, either, as it now seems likely more games will be canceled, and a full season won't be played.

"This is not a good day," union executive director Donald Fehr said. "It should have been."

No new talks have been scheduled.

The players' association offered multiple options in response to the NHL's offer on Tuesday that called for an 82-game season and a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenues between owners and players.

Bettman said that proposal was the "best that we could do" and added that the sides are still far apart.

"None of the three variations of player share that they gave us even began to approach 50-50, either at all or for some long period of time," Bettman said.

"It's clear we're not speaking the same language."

Bettman said he was still hopeful the league can have a full season, but time is running out to make that happen.

"I am concerned based on the proposal that was made that things are not progressing," he said.

Tannehill among NFL rookie QBs winning at record rate

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — As a rookie starter, Ryan Tannehill learns on the job, and since the season began he has become better at stepping forward in the pocket, throwing past tall pass-rushers and avoiding passes into coverage, especially at crunch time.

Even his slide improved. The Miami Dolphins quarterback was gently scolded by a teammate during the exhibition season for his brazen scrambling, and Tannehill now tries to hit the ground before tacklers arrive.

"He understands his value to the team, and how he needs to be able to play the next play for us," offensive coordinator Mike Sherman says.

All five rookie starting QBs in the NFL have showed their value this

season. They're not only playing, but winning — at least some of the time. Last week the quintet of Tannehill, Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III, Brandon Weeden and Russell Wilson went 4-1. "That's a little different from what people would assume would happen to rookies," Sherman says.

The one-week victory total tied for the second-most by first-year starting quarterbacks since 1970, according to STATS LLC, supporting the argument that this crop of new QBs ranks with the best ever.

But wait. The record of five victories in one week was set in 1974 by this group: Jesse Freitas of San Diego, Larry Cipa of New Orleans, Larry Lawrence of Oakland, Mike Boryla of Philadelphia and Tom Owen of San Francisco. Each ended up in obscurity,

not in the Hall of Fame.

So are these 2012 guys really fancy passers, or merely a passing fancy?

To judge their potential, a more meaningful statistic might be their 13-16 record going into Wilson's game with Seattle against San Francisco on Thursday night. That .448 winning percentage won't get anyone to the playoffs, but the rookies were nonetheless on pace to break the season record of 26 victories by first-year quarterbacks set in 2004.

That group included Ben Roethlisberger, Carson Palmer and Eli Manning, but also Craig Krenzel, Drew Henson and Ken Dorsey.

At the moment, the 2012 rookies look more like Big Ben than Ken, although all of the newcomers have been humbled at times.

"They're probably all

dealing with the same issues — trying to play at a high level, and once they play at a high level, be consistent," says Browns coach Pat Shurmur, who is grooming Weeden. "That's what they're grinding through. I think all rookie quarterbacks to some degree grind through the first season, and I see that from our guy. I think Brandon is grinding through it. He's having pockets of success, and then he's making mistakes, and I'm sure that's the case with all of them."

Weeden threw two touchdown passes on his 29th birthday Sunday against Cincinnati to lead the Browns to their first win. He leads all of the rookies in passing yardage but also leads the NFL with 10 interceptions.

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The Sagittarius moon reminds us that we are all travelers in some way. This is true even if we've never left our country or home state; journeys don't have to take place in physical space. Sometimes a great distance is traveled in emotional depth, spiritual understanding or capacity to love. And with the right intention, anything can be a journey.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may find yourself in a constant state of management, with an endless to-do list that absorbs your time. Could you reassign some of your tasks to someone else? Delegation equals freedom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Cool down and relax. There is nothing to be gained from rushing around. Besides, you look more confident and in control when you move slowly. The world will wait for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be inexplicably drawn to an odd adventure. This road may seem potentially unpleasant and downright difficult, but no matter. It's the kind of thing you do just so you never have to do it again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're an excellent driver, so try to steer the action where you want it to go. The same goes for conversation. Otherwise, you'll tune out and get lost in your own thoughts, alienating the speaker.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Status matters. The perceived authority of the people involved in a deal will affect how it goes down today. Whether in business or your personal life, do all you can to build your good name.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Trying to do a task perfectly robs you of the wonderful floating feeling of engagement in the same way that watching the clock prevents you from enjoying the moments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're an expert politician, partly because you realize that politics doesn't only pertain to large organizations. Politics is alive in every transaction between human beings. You'll play the game well today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It takes maturity to understand that much that happens in a day depends on what a person did the night before. Every action sets up the next action. Tonight's agenda changes as you use this principle as your guide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much to be gained in the process of leaving. When you say goodbye to a situation, you are also saying goodbye to the person you were inside that situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll have an opportunity to publicize your cause, make your request widely known or send a message to more people than you've ever been able to reach before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes all it takes is a little push to send you flying. This is usually true when you've already tested your wings and have them fully extended, just waiting for someone to dare you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are not a contrarian. For you to play devil's advocate, or to adopt any conflicting point of view, you have to have an excellent reason — for instance, it's really what you believe.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 19). The year brings a rebirth of your intellectual life, and you'll be drawn to new interests, teachers and art forms. You'll reap personal benefits from institutions and political and economic trends. A controlling force of the past will be eliminated in December. Loved ones celebrate a May accomplishment. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 43, 1, 23 and 15.

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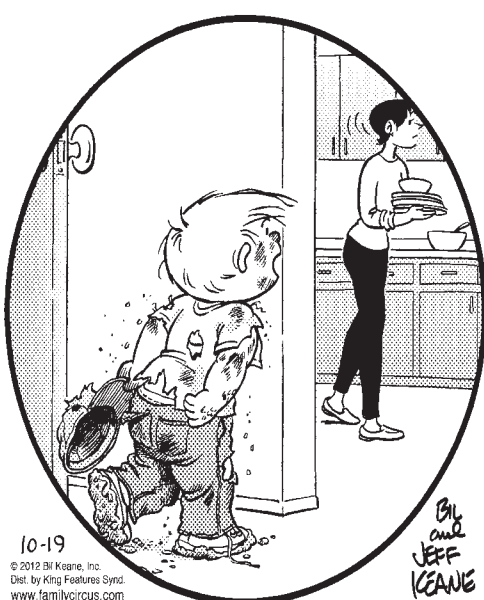
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12 :AM :30	High School Football: Midland High vs. Midland	Mar de Amor	Raymond Faith	Insider	Pagado	Pagado	(:05) Today		Mani Justice	Browns Browns	Flying Wild Alaska	The Walking Dead	Gangland	Movie: Drumlino, Orlando Jones	Good	NASCAR	SportsCenter	
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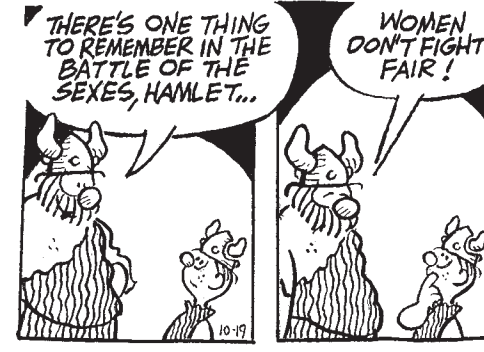
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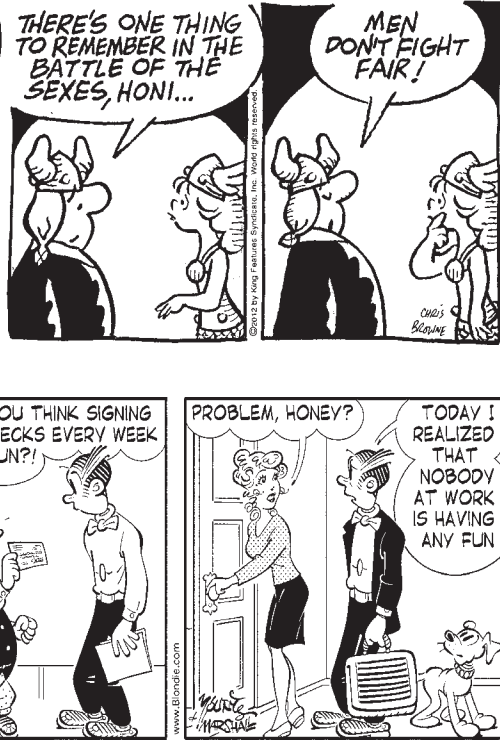


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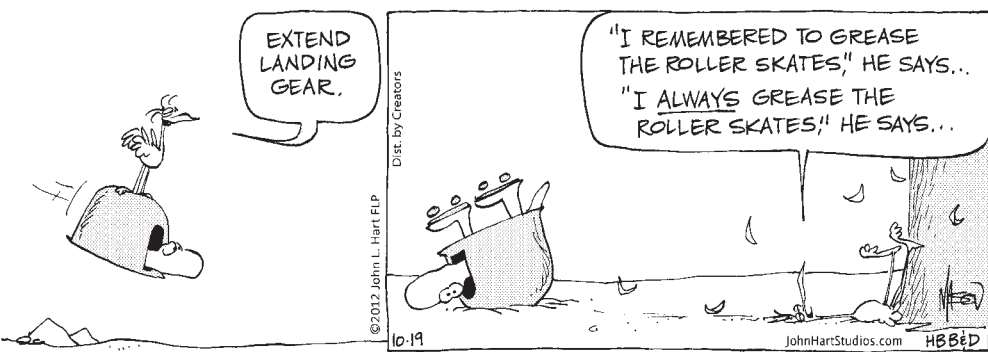
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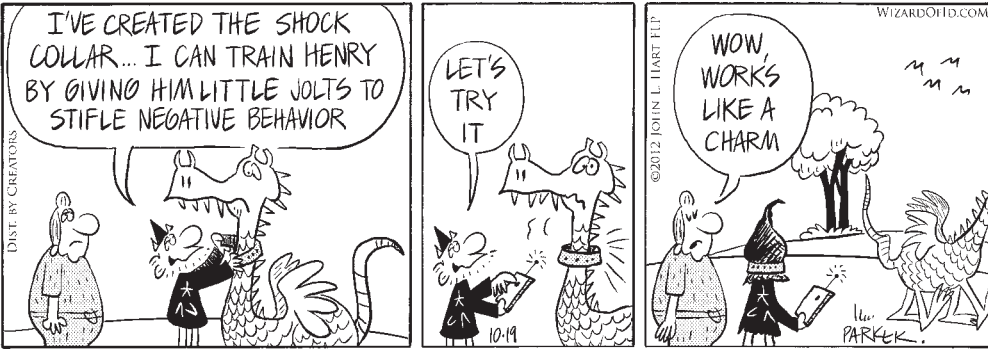
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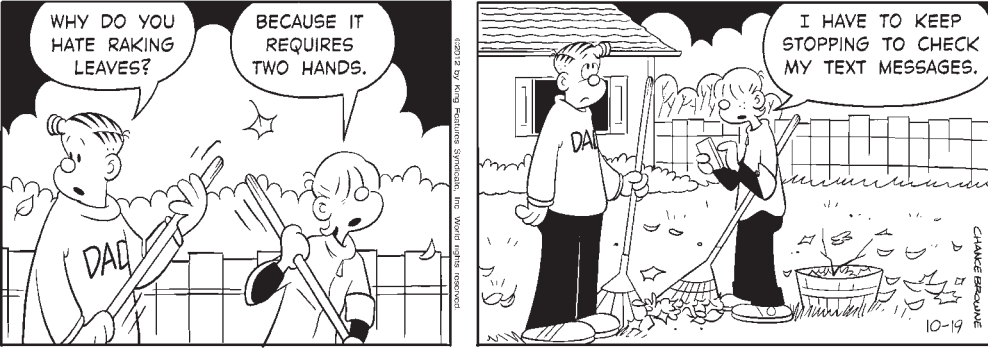
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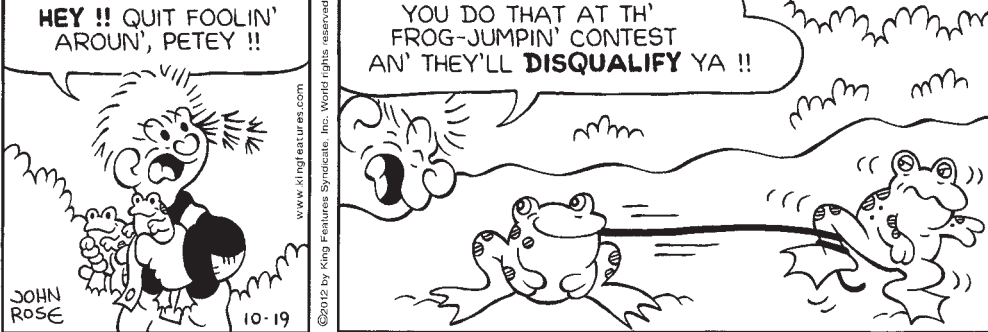
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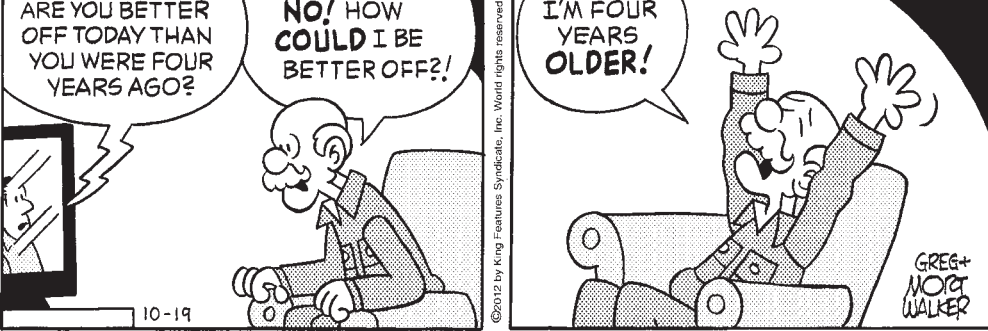
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2012. There are 73 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 19, 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value, to close at 1,738.74.
On this date:
In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.
In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.
In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.
In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.
In 1936, H.R. Ekins of the

New York World-Telegram beat out Dorothy Kilgallen of the New York Journal and Leo Kieran of The New York Times in a round-the-world race on commercial flights that lasted 18-days.
In 1944, the play "I Remember Mama," by John van Druten, opened at the Music Box Theater on Broadway.
In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.
In 1960, the United States began a limited embargo against Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.
In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner 5 flew past Venus.
In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.
In 1982, automaker John Z. DeLorean was arrested by federal agents in Los Angeles, accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million of cocaine to salvage his business. (DeLorean was acquitted at trial on grounds of entrapment.)
In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's

shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age 78.
Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 94. Author John le Carre (juh kah-RAY) is 81. Artist Peter Max is 75. Author and critic Renata Adler is 74. Actor Michael Gambon is 72. Actor John Lithgow (LIHTH'-goh) is 67. Feminist activist Patricia Ireland is 67. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 67. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 64. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 60. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 55. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 54.
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 All My ___ (Miller play)
5 One-stripe Gls
9 Imply
14 "Say that again?"
15 Maltese money
16 Eels in sushi bars
17 Tolstoy title character
18 Open slightly
19 Something peeled
20 Start of a quip
23 Outstanding
24 Sesame Street regular
25 Stop for a while
29 Did research
33 Worried
34 Moving about
37 Homer's conclusion
38 To the ___ (completely)
39 Middle of quip
40 Columbus landfall of 1492
41 Rocks in a glass
42 Harry Potter series teacher
43 Printer supply
44 Short-legged dog
46 Highway warning
48 Peels
51 Pastor, for short
52 End of quip
59 Mandel of TV

DOWN

1 Did laps, perhaps
2 Cry of disbelief
3 iPod model
4 Don't change
5 Female fowl
6 Japan's highest peak
7 Movie set vehicle
8 More peeved
9 Less cowardly
10 Tooth material
11 Parting words
12 Seasoned
13 Lose zip
21 Bird feed
22 Unaffiliated, informally
25 Indian honorific
26 New York city
27 1992 Grand Slam winner
28 Actress Delany
30 Boast of
31 Hot coal
32 Book with a lock
35 Oil additive
36 Consequently
39 Beginning bars
40 Persuade
42 Landlubber's lack
43 Usual SAT taker
45 First-aid device
47 Threatening words
49 Singer/actor Zac
50 Courtroom worker
52 Kind of carpet
53 Large volume
54 Victor's cry
55 David Copperfield character
56 Valid
57 Wait, with "on"
58 He and she

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Tigers sweep Yanks, head to World Series

DETROIT (AP) — Phil Coke stormed into Jim Leyland's office and sprayed the veteran manager with some of Detroit's celebratory bubbly.

When Leyland tried to take cover in a bathroom, Coke chased him — a fitting scene involving an unsung reliever whose role changed with little warning and a skipper who never stopped believing in his team.

"I just reminded everybody when we took our punches all year, 'You know what? Let's just wait till the end, and then if we have underachieved, I will be the first one to admit it,'" Leyland said.

"So hopefully we've quieted some doubters now. The guys just stepped it up when we had to."

Leyland and the Tigers are heading to the World Series now.

ROOKIES

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Weeden will go head to head with Luck on Sunday when the Browns play at Indianapolis. Luck, the No. 1 pick in the April draft, ranks next to last among all starting QBs with a completion percentage of 53.4 and has thrown seven interceptions.

"He's really, really trusts his arm, and sometimes it will get him into trouble, and sometimes it will make him look great," Browns cornerback Joe Haden says. "When he tries to squeeze those passes into those windows,

sometimes it's intercepted and sometimes it makes him look like Peyton Manning."

"I see the guy that we all were hoping we could have drafted," Shurmur says. "He's doing a really smart thing — he's throwing the ball to Reggie Wayne a lot, which confirms why he went to Stanford. He's obviously got the skill and ability to be an outstanding player."

Among the rookies, Griffin has by far the best numbers, including the most highlight-reel plays. The Heisman Trophy winner leads the league with a completion percentage of 70.2, ranks second in yards per attempt and

is on pace to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

"You hear about how good these guys are coming out of college, but you don't really know until you get a chance to work with them," Redskins QB coach Matt LaFleur. Wilson is only rookie QB whose team is above .500, and he leads the group in touchdown passes. Tannehill has the Dolphins tied for first place in the AFC East at 3-3, while throwing for more yards in his first six games than any Miami rookie, including Dan Marino.

"He's got to be the best rookie QB out right now," rookie teammate Jonathan Martin says.

COWBOYS

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coming in and even more ready right now," Jones said. "It gives you a boost of confidence to go out there and play."

The Panthers are hoping a bye week means a new beginning. They suffered a pair of close losses against Atlanta and Seattle to dig a serious hole.

Cam Newton turned in a stellar season as a rookie in 2011, but con-

tinues to struggle when it comes to closing out games.

He fumbled against the Falcons with a chance to put the game away and then one-hopped a pass to tight end Ben Hartsock on a fourth-and-goal at the 1-yard line late in a loss to the Seahawks.

The Seattle game was perhaps Newton's worst in 21 pro starts as he completed just 41.4 percent of his passes (12 of 29) for 141 yards — both career lows.

That prompted Newton to do some soul searching during the bye week.

He got help from his father Cecil Newton, who told him it's easy for someone to stand out when you're 4-1, but it takes a courageous leader to stand up and lead the troops when you're 1-4.

"At the end of the day, playmakers are going to have to make plays," Newton said. "When that play allows for something to happen, it's not a time for somebody to clutch up and go in a shell. It's time for the flower to grow."

Coach Ron Rivera said Newton's biggest problem has been a lack of consistency.

"He can get hot and you see those flashes of him doing those things and then something will happen that won't be as consistent or right along the lines of what you need," Rivera said. "That's what we're really looking for, not just from him but from the team as a whole — consistency."

Although Newton insists "all of our goals are still achievable," the

odds are stacked against the Panthers reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

Since 1978, only seven of 156 teams have rebounded from a 1-4 start to make the postseason. None have won the Super Bowl.

"The season is far from a wash," Newton said. "It's time for us to prove it. There's a lot of expectations going into this season. And for us to get the vibe going and pick up the vibe for this whole season, it's just going to have to start this game."

It won't be easy.

The Panthers lost three-time Pro Bowl center Ryan Kalil, one of the team's emotional leaders and probably its best offensive lineman, to a season-ending foot injury last week. That's had a domino effect on the offensive line with three players shifting to new positions.

"In battle when one soldier dies that's not a time for mourning," Newton said. "You take the loss as a loss, but somebody is going to have to take ownership and pick up the rifle and keep shooting."

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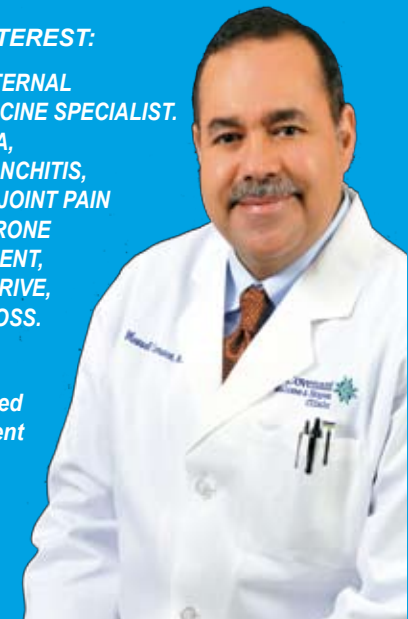
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