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## Chamber honors Stewart, McDonald

*Duo named man, woman of year at annual banquet*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Two people who could almost be considered "professional" volunteers received top honors at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

Howard Stewart and Gloria McDonald, who have loaned their services to a variety of community causes over the years, were named Man and Woman of the Year by the chamber.

Stewart was hailed as a "tireless, enthusiastic, positive-thinking guy who has the energy and ability to follow through with any task he undertakes — and that is a lot" by presenter Marc Marchesseault, the previous year's honoree.

Stewart retired after a 30-year career at Big Spring Independent School District. After two years, however, he became "bored," Marchesseault said, and went back to work full time with the GEO Group.

But it is his volunteer work within the community which received the most attention Thursday — among the many activities Stewart is active in includes Relay for Life, the regional council for the American Cancer Society, Comanche Trail Triathlon and the Festival of Lights Christmas display at the city park.

"What an honor!" Stewart exclaimed after receiving the award. "But ... I didn't do this by myself. There have been a lot of people looking out for me over the years ... This has been a great life. Thank you."

Like Stewart, McDonald also is active in several community activities, including Relay for Life, Dora Roberts Rehab Center, American Heart Association and United Way.

"She walks the walk and talks the talk," said presenter Sherry Hodnett, the previous year's female honoree.

"This award doesn't belong to just me," McDonald said. "It belongs to many, many people ... I consider this Big Spring's greatest honor, and I thank you

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HERALD photos/Steve Reagan  
Clockwise, from top: Gloria McDonald, left, addresses the crowd after being named the Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year; New Chamber President Jim Clements, left, presents a gift to outgoing president Jan Foresyth; Howard Stewart, left, receives the Man of the Year award from present Marc Marchesseault.

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## Prosecutor killed near Kaufmann County courthouse

**By DANNY ROBBINS**  
Associated Press

KAUFMAN, Texas — An assistant district attorney was shot and killed Thursday morning near the North Texas courthouse where he worked, and authorities said they were searching through his cases to try to find clues about why he may have been targeted.

Mark Hasse, 57, had exited his vehicle in the parking lot behind the Kaufman County Courthouse annex and was walking toward the building when a masked gunman shot him multiple times just before 9 a.m., Kaufman County

*"I hope the people that did this are watching because we're very confident that we're going to pull you out of whatever hole you're in. We're going to bring you back and let the people of Kaufman County prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law."*

Mike McLelland  
Kaufmann County District Attorney

authorities said. Hasse was taken away in an ambulance, but it's unclear if he died at the hospital or en route.

Investigators were talking to witnesses and had some

leads but had not arrested anyone as of Thursday afternoon, Kaufman Police Chief Chris Aulbaugh said. He urged the public to come forward with tips. The suspect

or suspects were believed to have fled in a brown or silver older model Ford Taurus. Officials didn't immediately indicate any motive for the shooting in Kaufman, located about 33 miles southeast of Dallas.

"I hope the people that did this are watching because we're very confident that we're going to pull you out of whatever hole you're in. We're going to bring you back and let the people of Kaufman County prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law," District Attorney Mike McLelland said at a news confer-

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## Obituaries

Dixie Marie  
(Ballard) McClellan

Dixie Marie (Ballard) McClellan, 69, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at her home after a short battle with cancer.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pat Ray, pastor of Prairieview Baptist Church, officiating.

Dixie was born in Medford, Ore., on Feb. 7, 1943, to Edgar and Martha Ballard.

Dixie graduated from high school and business college in El Paso and resided in Oklahoma, Mexia and Snyder before moving to Big Spring in 1998. She worked for various banks and newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma and South Plains Implement (previously Porter Henderson) in Big Spring.

Dixie is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bill McClellan of Big Spring; two sons, David Miller of Big Spring and Corey Miller (wife Mary Jane) of Bayview, Texas; one daughter, Jeanette Walker

(husband Anthony) of Spring, Texas; three grandchildren, Brandon Hill of Houston, Hannah Hill of Houston and Sammy Miller of Bayview; brother Earl Ballard (wife Jeanne) of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; one sister, Linda O'Connell (husband Van) of Mexia, Texas; brother-in-law Bob McClellan (wife Aiko) of Kerrville, Texas; sister-in-law Susan Parker (husband Don) of Kerrville; nephews, Mitch Ballard of Nashville, Tenn. and Matthew Ballard (wife Kim) of Teague, Texas; four nieces, Anna O'Connell of Cherry Hill, N.J., Jamie Russell (husband Scotty) of Cameron, N.C., Vanessa O'Connell (husband Randall) of Mexia and Amanda Ross (husband Alan) of Liberty Hill, Texas; and 21 great-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Big Spring Home Hospice and Prairieview Baptist Church for their loving and tender care. Also, for the thoughts and prayers of her many friends, both personal and business, throughout her illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society or the Texas Parks System, Texas Department of Wildlife.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Meredith Kendall



Meredith Kendall, 38, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services will be at a later date.

She was born May 12, 1974. She was an accountant for the Indianapolis Pacers. She moved to Big Spring from Terlingua in 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Caldwell of Big Spring; one son, Carson Kendall of Big

Spring; and her mother Annette Thompson of Indiana.

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Maria Del Carmen  
'Carmelita' Nieto

Maria Del Carmen "Carmelita" Nieto, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, at Parkview Nursing Center. Vigil service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with funeral services following at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 6, 1932, in San Antonio to Francisca Nieto and

Pedro Barerra. She moved to Big Spring more than 30 years ago from Falls City, Texas. She worked as a housekeeper and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her cousins, Patricio Nieto and Viola Cooper of Big Spring and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by her cousin, Isidro Alaniz of Tyler and several other cousins.

Arrangements are made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## David Cortez Chavarria



David Cortez Chavarria, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Visitation and viewing will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

He was born Oct. 22, 1955, in Adrian, Michigan to Benita and Bruno Chavarria. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1975 until 1978, serving in the Infantry-Recon. He moved to Big Spring in

1978. He worked as a welder, also at Burger King and Jiffy Car Wash. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by one son, Matthew Chavarria of Lubbock; two daughters, Brittney Chavarria of Lubbock and Bessy Kirkpatrick of Killeen; two brothers, Robert Alex Chavarria of Pampa and Bruno Cortez Chavarria of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Rocha and Annette Chavarria, both of Seminole and Caryn Gonzalez of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Albert Chavarria and Rolando Chavarria.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Roger Dale Soles

Roger Dale Soles, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (75 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- MARIA TERESA HOLGUIN, 44, was jailed to serve sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- ADDISON KYLE COOLEY, 23, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 72, was jailed on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JENEVA MIRELES, 44, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for theft of service.
- DESTINY NAHOMA TORRENCE, 19, was jailed on a charge of public nuisance/condition or place.
- GABRIEL HINOJOSA OLIVAS, 34, was jailed on a Presidio County warrant.
- BLUFORD ALLEN JONES, 30, was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was jailed on a

charge of public intoxication with previous convictions.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Thursday:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of W. Interstate 20. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 2600 block of S. Highway 87.
- FALSE CALL was received in the 800 block of W. Interstate 20.
- SMOKE SCARE was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Jr.

## Take Note

• Jury duty for the 118th Judicial District Court, originally scheduled for Monday, has been cancelled.

• The Freaks of Nature car club and C&D Truck Accessories will be holding a car show Saturday to benefit the Gonzales family at Sugars Bar — located at 3430 E. Interstate Highway 20 — from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Sergio Gonzales was killed in a traffic accident on U.S. Highway 87 on Dec. 13. Proceeds from the benefit will go to benefit the family and offset costs. Entry fee for the show is \$10. Musical band Forgotten Road will perform from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. There is a \$5 admission. For more information, call 432-714-4311.

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

• 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 appliances.

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 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432 268-7535.

• 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.

• 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.

## Support Groups

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

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the

last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first

and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the build-

ing. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

ing many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. Call Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

• Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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# Republicans face balancing act on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans face a delicate balancing act as they embrace an unprecedented shift in their views on immigration reform — and no one better exemplifies the potential risks and rewards than Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

Rubio has courted conservative commentators in recent weeks, outlining a set of principles for changes in immigration law that include a path to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants who live in the United States. He's in the vanguard of a growing list of prominent Republicans who see their election-year pummeling among Hispanic voters as a wakeup call to address a broken immigration system and repair their standing among an evolving electorate.

As an emerging Republican star, Rubio could burnish his resume for a 2016 presi-

dential campaign by steering immigration reform through the Senate. A bipartisan Senate group that includes Rubio reached agreement this week on a wide-ranging immigration plan that includes a citizenship provision.

Other Republicans are moving on the issue. A bipartisan group in the House is working on a similar proposal. Last week in Charlotte, N.C., most members of the Republican National Committee agreed that the GOP must improve its tone and message on immigration. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, an influential party member, used an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal to urge the nation to "seize the moment" on bipartisan reform.

Yet the politics of immigration remain perilous for any Republican. The GOP establishment runs the risk of alienating passionate support-

ers of hard-line immigration policies. Despite Rubio's well-received outreach to influential conservatives like radio hosts Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity, opposition already is forming.

"Rubio's bill is nothing but amnesty," wrote conservative columnist Ann Coulter, referring to it as "a wolf in wolf's clothing."

Republican Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana told radio host Laura Ingraham on Wednesday that his Republican colleague was "amazingly naive on this issue. This is the same old formula that we've dealt with before."

The set of principles agreed to by the four Democratic and four Republican senators — the Republicans are Rubio, John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Jeff Flake of Arizona — would create a pathway to citizenship for

illegal immigrants. But that pathway would be contingent on securing the border and tracking people living in the U.S. on visas. It also would include changes to the legal immigration system, the noncitizen or "guest" worker programs and requirements for employer verification of immigration status.

Rubio, the son of Cuban-American immigrants, has argued that the system is broken and amounts to a de facto amnesty, with millions of people living in the U.S. without any chance of gaining legal status.

His proposal would include a number of triggers before illegal immigrants could apply for a green card. They would need to register with the federal government and pay back taxes and fines to qualify for a work permit. They would be ineligible for any federal benefits and

would need to begin a long process of earning their citizenship — essentially getting in the back of the line.

"We have to deal with it in a way that's compassionate but also responsible," Rubio said in an interview with Fox News host Bill O'Reilly.

Republicans have tried this before. In 2007, Republicans led by McCain tried and failed to adopt comprehensive immigration reform under President George W. Bush. In the years since, Democratic efforts to pass the DREAM Act, which would offer citizenship to young illegal immigrants who were brought into the country by their parents, failed to pass muster.

During the 2012 presidential primary campaign, Republican Mitt Romney opposed the DREAM — Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors — Act and emphasized

his support for a border fence and a policy he described as "self-deportation." The hard-line approach may have helped Romney fend off Republican challengers but those positions later hurt him with Latinos in the general election against President Barack Obama.

Obama won 71 percent of the Hispanic vote last fall compared with 27 percent for Romney.

## BANQUET

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for it." Another special award was handed out to Brint Ryan, the Big Spring native who spearheaded the renovation of the Settles Hotel, which recently reopened after being shuttered for

more than 30 years. Kris Ryan, who accepted the award on behalf of his brother, thanked several local residents and organizations for their help in bringing the seven-year project to fruition, including former Mayor Russ McEwent, the local Economic Development Corporation and other agencies.

"A lot of people thought this would never happen," Ryan said. "And without any of these pieces to the puzzle falling into place, this would not have happened."

The other highlight of Thursday's banquet as the "passing of the gavel" from outgoing Chamber President Jan Foresyth to her succes-

sor, Jim Clements. Clements sounded a note of enthusiasm for Howard County's future as he took the reins of the chamber.

"It is a dream of mine to give back to the county which has given me and my family so much," he said. "Howard County is on the verge of making a move ... We have new businesses popping

up all over town, new homes and new families ... I believe we are in the right place, at the right time, with the right people to get the job done."

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## SHOOTING

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ence Thursday afternoon.

He said his office, the county and state had suffered a "devastating loss" and called Hasse a spectacular prosecutor who would not be easily replaced. He said Hasse, who worked in a variety of areas such as organized crime, knew the dangers of his job but readily accepted them.

Doug Lowe, longtime district attorney in nearby Anderson County, said Hasse's death is disturbing for all who prosecute crimes in Texas.

"We are a tight group of people, and my heart bleeds for his family and his office," Lowe said. "This reminds us all that we deal with some very, very bad people."

Lowe said he keeps a pistol in his office but

plans to start taking it with him.

"This is pretty scary," he said. "I may be packing heat for a while."

Local law enforcement officials decried the shooting as an attack on the criminal justice system.

"We understand that we may come into contact with violent people, but this is the next level," Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said at a news conference.

Hasse, who previously worked as an assistant prosecutor in Dallas County, had worked in Kaufman County for three years. McLelland said Hasse worked hard and took work home with him at night and on weekends. He called him the office "story-teller."

Investigators gathered in a parking lot adjacent to the annex where the prosecutor was shot. Yellow tape and law

enforcement vehicles blocked the area from spectators. Aulbaugh said a \$20,000 reward was being offered.

"It's going to take a long time to get over this," said Wayne Gent, an attorney whose law office is on the courthouse square. "And the thing is — everybody's vulnerable."

Gent said he had a security system installed at the courthouse when

he served as Kaufman County judge but that no system could prevent a shooting that occurs outside.

"How do you protect against that?" he asked. Carolyn Mikeal, who works at an insurance agency on the square, said the shooting is a stunning development for the usually quiet community.

"It's just a shock," she said. "A small county

like this — it's the last thing you expect to happen."

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# EDITORIAL

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

# In gun debate, Box oversteps

Over the weekend, Collin County Sheriff Terry Box posted a four-paragraph item on his personal Facebook page stating his refusal to enforce potential new gun regulations. Almost immediately, it energized pro-gun chat rooms, prompted widespread media attention — and widened the divide in the debate.

“Neither I, nor any of my deputies, will participate in the enforcement of laws that violate our precious constitutional rights, including our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms,” Box wrote.

Box is not the first sheriff to threaten to ignore gun laws. In fact, he’s not even the first in Texas. Nationwide, more than 100 have made similar statements, including two others in Texas.

And that’s cause for concern. When those charged with enforcing laws take it upon themselves to decide which of those laws they’ll enforce, there is a problem. While Box later told The Dallas Morning News that he’d first consult with lawyers and the district attorney if he took issue with a law, that was a detail he conveniently left out of his Facebook post.

It’s worth noting that the sheriff made this pronouncement on his personal Facebook page, rather than as an official statement. Using social media allows him to cherry-pick his audience — and while this superheated rhetoric could certainly inspire Facebook friends and pro-gun supporters, it does little to advance the debate.

Unfortunately, that type of grandstanding is becoming all too prevalent among Texas’ elected officials. The previous week, Texas Attorney General and prospective gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott used Twitter to threaten a “double-barreled lawsuit” if a city passed an ordinance banning gun shows on city property.

Some officeholders seem to be climbing over each other to plant the highest gun flag. Rep. Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands, made headlines when he said he would file a bill that would jail and-or fine federal agents attempting to enforce any federal bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Toth has not yet filed his “Firearms Protection Act,” but a similar bill from Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, has been filed. Otto’s HB 53 would fine and-or imprison local, state or federal officials who try to ban, limit, tax or even register guns or ammunition.

It’s doubtful that Otto’s measure would garner the requisite votes needed to pass. And federal law supersedes state and local measures. That just underscores what a waste of legislative energy this is when state lawmakers have so many real issues that need attention.

Even worse, such efforts — Box’s post included — only serve to inflame passions on either side of this debate rather than find common ground.

— Dallas Morning News

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we trust in You, Lord, and Your word. Amen

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# Marriage without pregnancy

The briefs opposing gay marriage in the two cases currently under consideration in the Supreme Court are strange to say the least. Unlike past battles, the briefs do not argue that homosexuality is immoral. Major step forward. Sex is fine. Marriage is the problem.

Why? In short, because gay partnerships do not produce unwanted pregnancies.

Limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples is justified because it “reflect(s) a unique social difficulty with opposite-sex couples that is not present with same-sex couples — namely, the undeniable and distinct tendency of opposite-sex relationships to produce unplanned and unintended pregnancies. ... Unintended children produced by opposite-sex relationships and raised out of wedlock would pose a burden on society.”

You read that right. Limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples prevents out-of-wedlock births. “It is plainly reasonable for California to maintain a unique institution (marriage) to address the unique challenges posed by the unique procreative potential of sexual relationships between men and women.” Since same-sex couples “don’t present a threat of irresponsible procreation,” they don’t need to get married.



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Respectfully, this makes absolutely no sense. For one thing, heterosexual marriage does not prevent children from being raised by unwed mothers. If only. For another, the fact that gay couples do not have unintended pregnancies is hardly a reason they should not be allowed to marry. If only those who could have children were allowed to marry, there would be no reason to allow any woman over a certain age to marry.

And yet we do. Of course we do. My two favorite stories in last Sunday’s New York Times Style Section, which reports on weddings and relationships (I am not the only one who calls it the ladies’ sports page), report on late-life marriages.

In one, there is a beautiful picture above the wedding announcement of a 97-year-old bride (she is keeping her name) and her 86-year-old groom, a widow and a widower who met five years ago.

The other is a first-person account by Eve Pell, who married when she was 71 and her husband-to-be was 81, titled “The Race Grows Sweeter Near Its Final Lap.” They met when he was 77, because they belonged to the same running club, and she devised a plan with a mutual friend to invite him to a screening at the friend’s home. Very “seventh grade,” she wrote. “We had nothing to do but love each other and be happy. ... We followed our hearts and gambled, and for a few years, we had a bit of heaven on earth.”

Neither of these marriages, like so many others, was neces-

sary to serve the state’s interest in promoting two-parent families. They were based, pure and simple, on what Pell calls “one of the most precious blessings available to human beings — real love.”

Nearly half a century ago, the Supreme Court held that this blessing should not be limited to couples of the same race, as it had been in Virginia. In 2013, it is time for the Supreme Court to hold that it should not be limited to opposite-sex couples, any more than real love is.

This court does not want to be remembered as the court that decided the Dred Scott decision of its time: a case that held that a slave could not sue in federal court for his freedom, a case that is regarded in retrospect as one of the lowest moments in the history of the Supreme Court. I think the Chief Justice John Roberts knows that. I think Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the landmark opinion in Lawrence v. Texas striking down Texas’ sodomy laws, knows that.

I think the opponents of gay marriage are fighting a battle they will not win, and the weaknesses in the briefs filed by these distinguished lawyers reflect that.

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# Hispanic heritage: On display, hidden

Editor’s Note: This is the 28th part of an ongoing series, “America’s Hidden Hispanic Heritage.” To read previous columns in the series, go to [www.hiddenhispanicinheritage.com](http://www.hiddenhispanicinheritage.com)

On a concrete courtyard in upper Manhattan, a group of Hispanic boys were playing stickball, totally oblivious of the treasures that hung on the other side of the walls that embraced their play area.

“Do you know what’s inside?” I asked them, pretending to be clueless and pointing to one of the buildings.

“Some kind of museum,” one of them responded.

“You don’t know what kind?” I insisted.

The boy shrugged his shoulders and went back to his game.

Sometimes our Hispanic heritage is hidden right before our eyes!

On the other side of that wall, there are masterpieces by Goya, El Greco, Sorolla, Velazquez and Murillo. There are Spanish paintings, drawings and sculptures dating back to the Middle Ages. There are prints, textiles, metal works, ceramics, glass and many other unique antiquities by Spain and Latin America’s most prominent artists. There are more than 600,000 books, manuscripts, documents and letters that go all the way back to the 10th century.

They were playing stickball in the courtyard of the Hispanic Society of America Museum and Library, right in front of an impressive statue of the legendary Spanish liberator El Cid, and they had no clue that they were only a few feet away from a fountain of knowledge about their own heritage — “the most extensive collection of Hispanic art and literature outside of Spain and Latin America.”

But I couldn’t blame those boys for not having discovered their roots. I couldn’t even blame their parents when they too are oblivious to having such an amazing place right in the middle of their predominantly Hispanic neigh-

borhood of Washington Heights on the upper west side of Manhattan.

After all, as luck would have it with most things that have to do with Hispanic heritage, this wonderful museum and library has long been regarded as one of the “hidden treasures” or “best kept secrets” of New York City.

Art critics and travel writers usually blame its obscurity on its location, which is on Broadway, between 155th and 156th Streets, near the George Washington Bridge. Since it’s in the middle of the city’s Dominican-American barrio a few miles north of the many midtown Manhattan museums frequented by New York tourists, this museum is visited by considerably fewer people than even the less important galleries in Midtown.

But it’s not just the tourists that miss seeing the largest collection of Spanish treasures this side of Madrid’s Museo del Prado. Amazingly, most New Yorkers, including many Latinos, don’t even know it exists!

This proves that to rediscover America’s hidden Hispanic heritage, sometimes you don’t have to travel a long distance to some remote Spanish mission in the Southwest or California, to Old San Juan or Santo Domingo’s Zona Colonial, or to the first permanent settlement in Florida. Sometimes, even if you live in the Northeast, there is hidden Hispanic heritage just waiting to be rediscovered.

“We are a rare books library. ... We are a prints and photographs department. We are a study center, particularly medieval studies. ... We are a publications program, and we are a museum — so there is an awful lot going on under the roof and a lot that people don’t see,” explains Marcus Burke, the museum’s senior curator. “Although anyone can go in the library, it’s open on demand to any adult with a serious interest in Hispanic culture.”

But what about the youth? What about the stickball players I met a few years ago?

In the past few years, Burke says, things have changed dramatically.

“We have an extremely ... proactive education program,” he says. “We go out to local schools. We bring school children in

constantly.”

While many tourists still may stay in Midtown, the museum has embraced the Dominican-American community that surrounds it. Now the museum recognizes the huge potential of being in a neighborhood of immigrants who came to New York with a good understanding of their Spanish colonial heritage.

Burke says several museum employees now are Dominicans, and new collaborations have been initiated with art institutions in the Dominican Republic. He says now community music and dance groups are frequently asked to perform at the museum.

As you enter the Hispanic Society of America, where admission is free, you feel yourself going through a time warp that takes you back several centuries, not unlike the time travel one makes when entering the Spanish churches and mission throughout the Southwest and California, or the Castillo San Marcos Fortress in St. Augustine, Fla.

Once inside this time warp in upper Manhattan, one is immediately confronted with the museum’s most renowned painting: Francisco de Goya’s “Portrait of the Duchess of Alba” (1797), a lady dressed in black and pointing a finger to the floor, as if imperiously demanding that you kneel before her.

“North Americans tend to think of ourselves as ‘America,’ right? But it was Latin America that was the first America,” Burke says, explaining that Latin America had art and culture long before North America. “And it’s that America that we exhibit — the first America.”

And that makes me a huge fan. For my series of columns in search for “America’s Hidden Hispanic Heritage,” I expect to spend more time in New York’s Dominican barrio, where that heritage is waiting to be rediscovered. Stay tuned. I’m going treasure hunting in upper Manhattan.

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## Church News

### College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans spoke on "A Biblical Look at God's Ministers" this past Sunday morning. He spoke of the qualifications for bishops, pastors and deacons in the church. God's word in 1 Timothy 1-7 sets very high standards for its leadership in the church. The Bible makes it clear that if a man desires the position of bishop, he desires a good work as he would oversee the body (the church).

In speaking of deacons, the Bible calls them servants. If a person is looking for glory and recognition, they should not seek this office. If you will read 1 Timothy chapter 3, you will find a long list of qualifications for both bishops and deacons.

A group of people from College Baptist and a few others met at Parkview nursing home Monday evening to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and member of our church.

Her name is Jo-Ann Potter and one of the highlights of her life is the celebration of her birthday each year. Jo-Ann has been in the nursing home a lot of years but she has a good outlook on life. She writes a newsletter each month for the residents of the nursing home and it is very interesting. She has a very sharp mind and a smile for all who come to visit with her.

College Baptist choir, under the leadership of Jamie Scott, has started work on an Easter musical called "Still the Cross." It is arranged and orchestrated by Dave Williamson.

Practice is each Sunday evening at 7. You don't have to audition for the choir, just come and sing with us.

If you would like to attend Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and stay for church services at 11, and need a ride, call the church at 432-267-7429 ahead of time and they will make arrangements for the church van to pick you up and take you home afterwards.

### First United Methodist Church

Sunday our senior pastor, the Rev. Bill Ivins will continue his sermon series "Kingdom Quest" with scripture readings from Acts. We are especially privileged to have as our guest organist Dr. Charles Webb, who is in Big Spring having performed with the Big Spring Symphony on Saturday night. Webb, who served with the Air Force in Big Spring during the 1950s, was instrumental in the design and installation of our pipe organ. The organ itself has just had major re-vamping and the sound is wonderful. Having Dr. Webb back to once again play for us is very exciting.

Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes in between at 9:45 a.m. And we are happy to announce the completion of our new Sunday nursery, located on the first floor adjacent to Garrett Hall. Our nursery has been overflowing Sunday mornings with babies and toddlers. The Philathea Class made the move that made the new nursery possible; we salute them for their willingness to make possible this wonderful new addition.

Pastor Bill is currently teaching from 1 Timothy at the Wednesday Noon Bible Study. Lunch will be catered by Al's Barbeque with serving beginning at 11:50 a.m. Real Life Wednesday begins serving the evening meal at 5:30 p.m. with activities for all ages following the meal.

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 21, there will be a new Financial Peace University study starting up. The course will be taught by Scott McKenzie and Richard Steel. Contact the church office for additional sign up information.

We have 33 members of our congregation who will be going to Nicaragua in March. Preparations are near completion with a request for crayons, ink pens, washable markers and pencils. On your next visit to the store, pick up one or two of these and leave them in the church office. These items will be used by our youth volunteers who will be conducting Bible school during this mission.

February 10, Bishop Dan Solomon will preach at both services of worship. Our congregation will honor him with an all-church lunch following the late service. The Family and Parish Life Committee will be in charge and will furnish the meat, hot rolls and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

For complete information on scheduling and special events, check out our website at [www.fumcbs.org](http://www.fumcbs.org). We are First United Methodist Church in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the Chancel Choir practices at

6 p.m. Wednesday. The Children's Choir practices Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The Youth Group will not meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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

Nancy Little is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgists for last Sunday were Donovan Salinas, Alanna Salinas and Glen Burch. Danny Kennemur is liturgist for February. Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin and Isabella, Jarle Boe, and Robert Bennett.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

The Chancel Choir will present "Thee We Adore" by Frederick Candlyn for the anthem and "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell for the offertory. Tom Koger will deliver the sermon in the absence of the Rev. Holstedt, who will be attending his mother's 90th birthday in Wyoming.

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, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

### Forsan Baptist Church

Currently on Sunday mornings we are examining the ministry of Jesus as He taught, healed and fed thousands on His way to that fateful week in Jerusalem. On Sunday evenings we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and Wednesdays we have begun a study called "The Seven Stages of Peter's Life."

Our sanctuary remodel is moving rapidly. Dry-wall is completed, baptistery construction is underway, carpet has been ordered, windows are on the way, and the new sound system has been pre-wired. We will also have our pews reupholstered as part of the renovation. 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, 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.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Super Bowl Smash! Sunday at 4 p.m. Bring your favorite football munchies and cheer for your team!

"Word Weavers" is a new local Christian writers group forming for anyone who loves words and wants to learn how to be a better writer. Join us Feb. 7 at 5:15 p.m. Visit our website at [word-weavers.com](http://word-weavers.com) for more information.

Give your marriage a special gift this Valentine's Day with the "Lifelong Love Affair" marriage seminar with a live simulcast from Gateway Church. In his newest book, "Lifelong Love Affair," Jimmy Evans shows us how to embrace God's dream for your marriage, how to cultivate romance and fun and how to help fulfill your spouse's needs. We invite you to join others Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. to transform your marriage into a lifelong love affair!

"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Connection group invites you to join us Saturday mornings Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A different skill will be taught each week of the month with new skills added as requested. Lessons will go from basic sewing and fiber arts to more complex skills as we progress in levels of experience. Anyone with an interest is invited to come and learn or teach if you are so led. Bring a friend.

Come check out our Sunday School/Connection Groups with 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 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Big Spring Classical Academy is in session with classes for Pre-K and kindergarten. Visit our website at [bigspringclassical.org](http://bigspringclassical.org) for more information.

The Big Spring Homeschool Educational Co-operative is offering classes for high school and junior high homeschool students.

The "Between the Lines" Women's Ministry

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## Strength more than getting lid off the pickle jar

We live in a strange, changing world where traditional values are constantly being flipped under the guise of progress and equality. There has been much debate recently about the role of women in the military. Some have endorsed the idea that women should go into combat. Others have questioned whether women really have the physical strength and stamina to endure the demands of battle.

Not surprisingly, some lawmakers have suggested a government funded study to assess the upper-body strength of the women who would be assigned such rigorous tasks. As an experienced observer of life, I think there might be a less expensive way to determine body strength. Why not form an obstacle course that includes a row of tightly sealed pickle jars. Any woman who can consistently get the lid off a pickle jar without asking for help ought to qualify for combat duty.

The real problem with measuring strength, however, is pinning it down long enough to be measured. Strength is a fluctuating quality of uncertain origin that tends to thrive or crumble under duress.

In an effort to calculate the intensity of an intangible quality, we tend to categorize by placing descriptors in front of the word

"strength." We talk about physical strength, intellectual strength, mental strength, emotional strength, and spiritual strength. We speak of strength of character and strength of will. Sometimes we totally lack the words to express our thoughts when we try to describe the strength that we see in other people.

Although many have failed to define strength, former First Lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt, did an admirable job of describing the strength she had observed in women. She said, "Women are like teabags. We don't know their strength until they are in hot water."

Another famous person, Mahatma Gandhi of India, said, "Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."

A more contemporary public figure, Oprah Winfrey, advocates that "where there is no struggle, there is no strength."

While many of us would agree that strength is often generated by hot water, stubbornness of will, and struggle, the apostle Paul would argue that his strength came from a different source. He wrote, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NASB).

Maybe strength is not about our ability to get the lid off the pickle jar. Perhaps it is about knowing who to call on for help when the lid won't budge.

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## On images and 1st impressions

In his day, he was called an "ape." He was considered ugly by most and his voice had a Midwestern nasal twang.

He only had one year of formal education. Edwin Stanton first met Abraham Lincoln in Cincinnati, where Lincoln had been invited to assist in an important civil case. Stanton described him as a "tall, rawly boned, ungainly back woodsman, with coarse, ill-fitting clothing, his trousers hardly reaching his ankles, holding in his hands a blue cotton umbrella with a ball on the end."

After Lincoln introduced himself and suggested, "Let's go up in a gang," Stanton decided to have nothing to do with him. He even refused to invite Lincoln to dine at his

table. Stanton would later serve in Lincoln's cabinet as Secretary of War.

Lincoln was elected president in 1860 with less than 40 percent of the popular vote. When he delivered the Gettysburg Address few listened. The Chicago Times panned it stating, "The cheeks of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat, and dishwatery utterances."

He is now regarded as perhaps our greatest president. Every year, millions visit his Memorial which overlooks the mall in Washington D.C. And the speech that the Chicago Times called "silly and flat" is memorized by most students of American history.

By contrast, in an open and free election on March 29, 1936, Adolf Hitler received 98.8 percent of the German popular vote. His spellbinding oratory inspired and mesmerized an entire genera-

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## ► News in brief

### Wyo. House approves Bible class for high school bill

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The state House of Representatives has approved a bill that would make it clear Wyoming public high schools can offer elective biblical study courses.

The House voted 44-15 in favor of the bill Thursday. House Bill 130 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Republican Rep. Stephen Watt, of Rock Springs, says the intention of his proposal isn't to advocate for or against any particular religion.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled several times that public schools can offer classes about the Bible but can't use it for devotional purposes.

### Judge throws out Archdiocese suit over mandate

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Catholic Charities over the government's health insurance mandate to fund contraception, calling the suit premature.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that U.S. District Judge John Ross in St. Louis dismissed the suit on Tuesday. Ross cited the government's intent to make changes in the law, and he cited the fact that religious and nonprofit groups were given until August to comply.

The suit filed in May claimed the mandate violated religious liberties. But Ross wrote that the challenged regulation "is not sufficiently final for review."

### Mormon church to expand Mexico training center

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church is turning a church-owned school in Mexico City into what will become its second-largest missionary training center in the world.

The move is to address an unprecedented influx of new missionaries. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced in October that it was lowering the minimum age for missionaries: from 21 to 19 for women; and from 19 to 18 for men.

Applications for new missions are up two-fold since the announcement, with older missionaries and new, younger missionaries planning to go out at the same time.

The new missionary training center in Mexico will be able to hold 1,500 missionaries when it opens in June at the end of the current school year, said Mormon church spokesman Michael Purdy. The old training center had capacity for 150. Missionaries preparing to serve in Mexico and North,

Central and South America will be sent there.

The missionary training center in Provo is the largest of the 15 centers worldwide with a capacity of 5,000.

"Church leaders made the decision after considering every immediate alternative that could alleviate the demand at the Church's other missionary training centers around the world, including the MTC in Provo," Purdy said in a statement.

Men serve two years while women go for 18 months.

### Pastor in same-sex parent dispute remains jailed

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A pastor was taken back to jail Thursday for continuing to refuse to tell a grand jury what he knows about a woman who fled the country to escape a custody dispute with her former lesbian partner.

Kenneth Miller, a Mennonite pastor from Stuarts Draft, Va., and U.S. District Court Judge William Session III continued their philosophical discussion about deeply held religious beliefs versus the needs of the law.

Miller told the judge that the week he has spent in jail has strengthened his resolve that his beliefs require him to follow God's law when they conflict with civil law. He said he is willing to pay the price, even if it means more time in jail.

"If I were to bring testimony against a fellow member of Christ's kingdom, for honoring Christ's kingdom's laws, I would be disloyal to his kingdom and to Christ," Miller said.

Miller has refused to testify about another man involved in the 2009 flight of Lisa Miller and her daughter, Isabella, rather than allow the girl to spend time with Lisa Miller's ex-partner. The Millers are not related.

Sessions told Kenneth Miller that the pastor wasn't being asked to pass judgment on the target of the grand jury investigation. Rather, Sessions said, he simply would be recounting the facts, an essential part of the law enforcement process and critical to the smooth functioning of the criminal justice system.

### New bells en route for Paris' Notre Dame cathedral

VILLEDIEU-LES-POELES, France (AP) — Nine enormous bronze bells have made their way on flatbed trucks from a Normandy foundry to what is hoped will be their home for centuries to come, Notre Dame Cathedral, helping the medieval edifice to rediscover its historical harmony.

The bells, named after saints and prominent Catholic figures, will be on display at the Paris cathedral from Saturday through Feb. 25.

Then, they will be hoisted to its iconic twin towers, where they will replace older bells that became discordant.

The new bells are scheduled to ring for the first time March 23, in time for Palm Sunday and Easter week.

Eight of the nine new bells were cast in a foundry in the Normandy town of Villedieu-les-Poeles. The ninth — a "bourdon," or Great Bell, named Marie — was cast in the Netherlands and then sent to Normandy to join the others.

The president of the foundry rang the bells, to the cheers of onlookers, before the nine new bells were sent on a convoy of trucks Thursday from Villedieu-les-Poeles to Paris.

They are joining the cathedral's oldest surviving bell, a Great Bell named Emmanuel, to restore the 10-bell harmony originally conceived for Notre Dame's bell towers.

### Church vandalisms being handled as hate crimes

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Police are investigating vandalism at two Southern California churches as hate crimes.

Vandals broke into Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in Arcadia early Wednesday and smashed two religious statues and a DVD player. Several rooms were ransacked but nothing was taken.

Last week, vandals broke into the Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia.

Police say clergy robes were thrown on the ground, a fire extinguisher was discharged and a religious portrait on a wall was set on fire.

A guitar and sound equipment was stolen.

Sgt. Tom Le Veque tells the Pasadena Star-News that detectives aren't sure if the crimes are related.

### Mass. Catholics pull invitation to Islam critic

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester has rescinded an invitation to a speaker at a men's conference after Muslims objected to what they call the speaker's anti-Islamic views.

The diocese on Wednesday withdrew an invitation for Robert Spencer to speak at the March conference. Spencer, a Catholic, runs blogs and has written books that some consider anti-Muslim.

A spokesman for the diocese says Spencer's appearance at the conference "is being seen as harmful to Catholic-Islamic relations."

## CHURCH

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Cookbooks are available. Cost is \$15. Call the church office to get a copy.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday- 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open with snacks and fellowship; 10:45 a.m. to noon, worship service. You can listen to recent sermons on our web page at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org); 5 p.m., Girls Bible Study.

Monday- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Women.

Tuesday- 1:45 p.m., Praying Effectively for the Lost; "Wings" Dance Academy meets for girls ages fourth through 12.

Wednesday- 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Meal; 6 p.m., Bible Study and youth and children's activities; 6 p.m., Boy Scouts.

Thursday- 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Men; 7 p.m., "Crazy Love" college age Bible study by Francis Chan.

Saturday- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship.

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

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### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship, followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is Restoring Hope to the Hopeless. Last week, Pastor Willard began a new series entitled The Church: Give No Place to the Devil! with title of "Hope for Marriage," taken from Ephesians 5:22-33. This week he will continue in the same series, with title of "Hope for the Family," which will be taken from Ephesians 6:1-4.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study will be Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class has been moved to Thursday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be located in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact the church office.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months- kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (first through sixth grade); Chosen Generation (seventh through 12th grade); Covenant U-College Ministry (18 through 24 years); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship

101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, see our multimedia department. Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens) For more information, contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

### Messiah in the Passover

Brian Slater of Tel-Aviv, Israel will be conducting a Messiah in the Passover demonstration. Messiah in the Passover begins with the traditional Passover Seder table — complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that the Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

Messiah in the Passover gives the Christian community insight into the Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

This demonstration will be held at 10:50 a.m. Feb. 17 and is open to the public. The First United Methodist Church-Stanton would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend. The church is located at 208 E. St. Anna Street in Stanton. For more information, call 756-2303.

## TINSLEY

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tion. He was proclaimed the German messiah and savior of Germany. But beneath those appearances lurked a sinister hatred that would exterminate approximately 20 million people, including Jews, the mentally ill, the infirm and the elderly. Today, Hitler's name is synonymous with evil. References to him have been virtually erased in Germany, except for the Document Center in Nuremberg, preserved

as a reminder of the nation's darkest days.

Describing Christ eight hundred years before He was born, Isaiah wrote, "he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and

afflicted." (Isaiah 53:2-4).

Image and first impressions are often deceiving. What truly matters is that which resides within the heart. The Bible says, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7).

Whether in the media or on the street, we must learn to look beyond the manipulated image and the first impression to discern the hearts of others. At the same time, we must cultivate

what is within our own soul. Jesus made this point plain: "You clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. ... first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also." (Matthew 23:25-26).

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## Increase in threats but drop in intelligence, local help frustrates U.S. in jihadist hotspot

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is struggling to confront an uptick in threats from the world's newest jihadist hot spot with limited intelligence and few partners to help as the Obama administration weighs how to keep Islamic extremists in North Africa from jeopardizing national security without launching war.

The spread of militants across Libya, Algeria and Mali — many are linked to al-Qaida — is in part a natural outgrowth for terror networks that have been pushed out of places like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen. But it also reflects a rise in local extremist movements that have been emboldened since the September attack on a U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

U.S. counterterrorism officials agree that extremists have almost no interest in attacking America at home. However, U.S. and Western interests in North Africa — primarily military bases, diplomatic missions and business facilities — and Americans traveling there are at increased risk.

Government intelligence and analysis gleaned from the region indicate that America's ability to contain, or respond to, threats from North Africa is harder than it was in war zones like Iraq and Afghanistan because intelligence is not as well developed or available, a senior U.S. official said Thursday.

"We do not have the resources, footprint or capabilities that we have in other theaters," said the intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of releasing intelligence analysis. Moreover, the official said, "it's not clear we have a natural partner with whom we can work," meaning that African nations are unwilling or unable to help with counterterrorism measures.

## Hagel emerges from grueling confirmation hearing with solid Dem support for Pentagon job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bruised and battered, Chuck Hagel emerged from his grueling confirmation hearing with solid Democratic support for his nomination to be President Barack Obama's next defense secretary and relentless opposition from Republicans who repeatedly challenged their former GOP colleague.

Mathematically, Hagel has the edge as he looks to succeed Defense Secretary Leon Panetta as the nation's 24th Pentagon chief. Democrats hold a 14-12 advantage on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said the panel could vote as early as next Thursday, contingent on Hagel's prompt response on some lingering questions.

Levin expressed optimism about Hagel's prospects and praised his performance in nearly eight hours of testimony Thursday.

"I think his answers were honest and forthright and he did very well," Levin told reporters. "I hope that there will be some, who maybe were skeptical but who are undecided before this hearing, will maybe now look at him in a more favorable light. But I think there are a whole lot of folks who basically decided before the hearing that they were going to vote against him."

Unclear is whether Republicans will try to block the nomination of a Cabinet choice, especially when they have argued — when a Republican occupied the White House — that presidents should have their nominees.

## AP Interview: Clinton lashes out at Benghazi critics, says she still has contributions to make

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is leaving office with a slap at critics of the Obama administration's handling of the September attack on a U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya. She told The Associated Press that critics of the administration's handling of the attack don't live in an "evidence-based world" and their refusal to "accept the facts" is unfortunate and regrettable for the political system.

In her last one-on-one interview before she steps down on Friday, Clinton told the AP that the attack in Benghazi was the low point of her time as America's top diplomat. But she suggested that the furor over the assault would not affect whether she runs for president in 2016.

Although she insisted that she has not decided what her future holds, she said she "absolutely" still plans to make a difference on issues she cares about in speeches and in a sequel to her 2003 memoir, "Living History," that will focus largely on her years as secretary of state.

Clinton spoke to the AP Thursday in her outer office on the seventh floor of the State Department less than 24 hours before she walks out for a final time as boss. She was relaxed but clearly perturbed by allegations from Republican lawmakers and commentators that the administration had intentionally misled the public about whether the attack was a protest gone awry or a terrorist attack, or intentionally withheld additional security for diplomatic personnel in Libya knowing that an attack could happen.

An independent panel she convened to look into the incident was scathing in its criticism of the State Department and singled out four officials for serious management and leadership failures. But it also determined that there was no guarantee that extra personnel could have prevented the deaths of

the U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three other Americans. Clinton herself was not blamed, although she has said she accepted responsibility for the situation.

## Negotiators talking through ventilation pipe to Ala. captor in bunker; standoff enters 3rd day

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. (AP) — More than three days after he allegedly shot a school bus driver dead, grabbed a kindergartner and slipped into an underground bunker, Jimmy Lee Dykes was showing no signs of turning himself over to police.

Speaking into a 4-inch-wide ventilation pipe leading to the bunker, hostage negotiators tried again Thursday to talk the 65-year-old retired truck driver into freeing the 5-year-old boy. One local official said the child had been crying for his parents.

Dykes is accused of pulling the boy from a school bus Tuesday and killing the driver who tried to protect the 21 youngsters aboard. The gunman and the boy were holed up in a small room on his property that authorities likened to a tornado shelter, something common to this area of the South.

"The three past days have not been easy on anybody," Dale County Sheriff Wally Olson said at a news briefing late Thursday. He said authorities were communicating with the suspect, and their primary goal was to get the boy home safely.

"There's no reason to believe the child has been harmed," he added.

## Retired L.A. cardinal relieved of some church duties in fallout from sex abuse scandal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cardinal Roger Mahony, who retired with a tainted career after dodging criminal charges over how he handled pedophile priests, was stripped of duties by his successor as a judge ordered confidential church personnel files released.

The unprecedented move by Archbishop Jose Gomez came less than two weeks after other long-secret priest personnel records showed how Mahony worked with top aides to protect the Roman Catholic church from the engulfing scandal.

One of those aides, Monsignor Thomas Curry stepped down Thursday as auxiliary bishop in the Los Angeles archdiocese's Santa Barbara region. Gomez said Mahony, 76, would no longer have administrative or public duties in the diocese.

"I find these files to be brutal and painful reading," Gomez said in a statement, referring to 12,000 pages of files posted online by the church Thursday night just hours after a judge's order. "The behavior described in these files is terribly sad and evil. There is no excuse, no explaining away what happened to these children."

The fallout was highly unusual and marks a dramatic shift from the days when members of the church hierarchy emerged largely unscathed despite the roles they played in covering up clergy sex abuse, said the Rev. Thomas Reese.

## Official: Israeli warplanes fly over southern Lebanon and close to Syrian border

BEIRUT (AP) — A Lebanese security official says Israeli warplanes have flown over southern Lebanon.

The official says the flights were seen heading from southern Lebanon toward the eastern Bekaa Valley that borders Syria. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Israel had no comment. Friday's flights come two days after officials said Israel launched a rare airstrike inside Syria, targeting a convoy carrying anti-aircraft weapons bound for Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese militant group allied with Syria and Iran.

The Syrian military denied there was a weapons convoy. It said low-flying Israeli jets crossed into the country over the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and bombed a scientific research center.

## Metal detectors, armed officer at Atlanta middle school where student shot in the neck

ATLANTA (AP) — A middle school where a 14-year-old boy was shot and wounded in the neck by a fellow student had metal detectors, and school officials were investigating how the shooter made it past them.

Police swarmed Price Middle School just south of downtown Thursday afternoon minutes after reports of the shooting. A crowd of anxious parents gathered in the streets, awaiting word on their children, and later many questioned why they were kept in the locked-down school for more than two hours before being dismissed.

Schools Superintendent Erroll Davis said he sympathized with the parents. He said emergency protocol was followed, but that school district officials would meet Friday to review their response.

Davis said the school of about 400 students does have metal detectors.

"The obvious question is: How did this get past a metal detector?" he asked, referring to the gun. "That's something we do not know yet."

## NYC to mark landmark Grand Central Terminal's 100th birthday with music, speeches

NEW YORK (AP) — Grand Central, once in danger of being demolished, is celebrating its 100th birthday with speeches, a brass band and a rollback to 1913 prices when a slice of cheesecake might go for 19 cents.

The majestic Beaux Arts building, known as Grand Central station although it is technically a terminal, is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations.

As one of New York City's most recognizable landmarks it has served as a backdrop for countless movies and TV shows including "North by Northwest," "The Cotton Club" and "Gossip Girl."

A previous plan to replace the building with an office tower sparked a campaign by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and other preservationists to have it declared a landmark. The fight for Grand Central went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in 1978 that cities have the right to protect historic buildings even if it limits the owner's ability to develop or sell the property.

Onassis' daughter, Caroline Kennedy, will speak at Friday's centennial celebration in the terminal's main concourse. Other speakers scheduled include Mayor Michael Bloomberg and "Sex and the City" actress Cynthia Nixon.

## New national missing kid alert system surprises cell phone owners with shrieking text messages

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The next time a child is abducted near you, your cell phone may shriek to life with an alert message.

A new national Amber Alert system officially rolled out earlier this month to millions of cell phones, and because the alerts are automatically active on most newer phones, the messages have already taken tens of thousands of people by surprise.

The newly-expanded emergency alert system is an effort by FEMA to update the way it reaches people with new technologies, but local officials and others worry that the lack of public education and some initial stumbles may undermine the program's purpose, especially when people are startled and annoyed and choose to opt out.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding Quiz

Some sequences of bidding are regarded as impossible — that is, you simply can't have a hand that fits the bids you've made. In each of the following sequences, specify whether South's last bid is Possible or Impossible.

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| South | West | North | East |
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| South | West | North | East |
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| 2 ♥   | Pass | 3 ♦   | Pass |
| 3 NT  | Pass | 4 ♣   | Pass |
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| North | East | South | West |
| 1 ♣   | Pass | 2 NT  | Pass |
| 3 ♣   | Pass | Pass  |      |

1. Impossible. Two notrump indicated 20 or 21 points, balanced distribution and all-around strength. Having spoken his piece by opening two notrump and responding to North's Stayman inquiry, South can-

not logically carry on to six spades when his partner might have as little as five or six high-card points for his bids. It is wrong to punish partner for trying to get to the right game contract. If there is a slam in the hand, the impetus must come from him.

2. Possible. In general, when responder names a new suit, opener cannot pass. But there is an exception to this rule if opener specifically rebids one notrump, limiting his high-card strength. The two-heart bid here can therefore be passed. With a game-going hand, North could jump to three hearts to force South to bid again.

3. Possible. Four notrump is not Blackwood in this sequence. North should have 16 or 17 points and is inviting a slam in notrump if South has a maximum for his opening notrump bid. If South has a bare 15 points, he should pass.

4. Impossible. Two diamonds was a jump-shift indicating 17 or more points and interest in slam. Therefore, at least a game contract must be reached. North is most likely still angling for a slam and is seeking more information.

5. Impossible. Two notrump promised 13 to 15 points and committed the partnership to game. South cannot make a bid that is forcing to game and then change his mind a moment later. North is presumably unhappy with notrump, but that doesn't mean South can pass.

Tomorrow: Try the impossible.  
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Howard College's Cameron Forte goes for a dunk and gets fouled by a Frank Phillips player during a game Thursday in Borger. The Hawks won 94-69. Forte had a game-high 29 points. HC will be back in action Monday at Midland College.

# Hawk men, women rout Frank Phillips

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

BORGER — Continuing their four-game road trip, the Hawks visited Frank Phillips College on Thursday where they picked up another conference win, downing the Plainsmen 94-69.

That puts the Hawks in the top of the pack, where they are battling New Mexico Junior College, Odessa College, South Plains College and Midland College for conference supremacy.

"We're all kind of bunched up," Howard College Head Coach Mark Adams said.

The Plainsmen were overwhelmed from the start.

Cameron Forte scored a game-high 29 points for the Hawks, who led FPC by 18 at the half.

"(Forte) had a really good game," Adams said. "Jacob Thomas also played well and so did Goran (Huskie). We got off to a good start. We scored off our defense and when we do that, we are at our best. I thought we did well off the break and we had a lot of turnovers and we capitalized on them."

The Hawks (19-3, 6-2), will have their work cut out for them Monday as they make the trek to Midland College. The Chaparrals defeated HC during the first round of WJCAC play.

"It will be a tough game," Adams added. "They are the only team that has beaten New Mexico Junior College and they have some big guards. It will be difficult to match up with them. But we are playing better now, I am looking forward to a good

game."

Tip off is slated in Midland for 7:45 p.m. HC long road trip will end at Clarendon College on Thursday and will play their next home game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Feb. 9 against South Plains.

BORGER — The Lady Hawks have had some problems finding their rhythm since WJCAC play began, but they seem to be hitting their stride after winning three of four, including a 30-point rout of Frank Phillips College on Thursday.

HC Head Coach Earl Diddle said the 73-43 performance was a team effort.

"We moved the ball extremely well," Diddle said. "Teiona (Tarrall) scored well, Marion (Lemonnier) passed the ball well, as did Destinee (Thrash). We not only shot well, we distributed the ball well and I think that made all the difference in the game. We played a very focused game and I think it was our best defensive game all year."

The Hawks (15-8, 3-4), will try to utilize their momentum as they head to Midland College on Monday. HC lost to the Lady Chaps the first time around.

"We are trying to climb back," Diddle said. "We have to go out there and really commit to rebounding the ball and taking care of the ball. They are a good team and they are making a run for a conference championship, so we have to go out there with a little chip on our shoulder. It is a big game for us as well as them, it won't be for the faint of heart."

# Warriors down Mavs 108-95 for third straight win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Although Klay Thompson won't admit it, without Stephen Curry on the court, Golden State depends on him even more for offensive production. He turned in another big night.

David Lee finished an assist short of a triple-double, Thompson scored 27 points and the Warriors beat the Dallas Mavericks 100-97 Thursday night.

"I have the same mindset going in. I try to score, be a play maker and play some defense," Thompson said. "I'm going to take those shots any way."

Thompson connected on 11 of his first 14 shots two days after scoring a career-high 32 points in the Warriors' 108-95 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"He's a knockdown shooter, as good as it gets, and he defends his tail off," Warriors' coach Mark Jackson said. "He knows without Curry on the floor we need him to score more."

Lee had 15 points, a season-high 20 rebounds and nine assists, and Jarrett scored 13 points, including two free throws with 2 seconds left to help the Warriors win their third straight. Harrison

Barnes had 12 points.

Andrew Bogut, in his second game since returning from injury, was also a big factor for the Warriors. In limited playing time, he had three blocked shots, including one when the Mavericks had a chance to win the game in the final seconds.

"You have to pick and choose your spots," he said. "Defense is where I am most valuable to this team."

O.J. Mayo scored 25 points to lead the Mavericks, who dropped their second straight. Vince Carter added 22 points and Shawn Marion 18 as Dallas failed to reach 100 points

for the first time in 10 games.

Dallas lost in Portland two nights ago when Mayo was called for a charge with under 2 seconds to play, giving LeMarcus Aldridge the chance to sink a basket at the buzzer.

"The game came down to the call that wasn't made," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Brandan Wright got hit in the arm. And it's obvious. It's two nights in a row. It's very tough to take, with as hard as our guys are fighting, to not be on the free throw line with a chance

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## Area Sports Calendar

### TODAY

- Girl's Basketball
- Big Spring at Monahans, 6:15 p.m.
  - Seagraves at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
  - Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
  - Brownfield at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
  - Dawson at Sands, 6:30 p.m.
  - Loop at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
  - Robert Lee at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

### Boy's Basketball

- Big Spring at Monahans, 7:30 p.m.
- Seagraves at Forsan, 8 p.m.
- Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.
- Brownfield at Stanton, 8 p.m.
- Dawson at Sands, 8 p.m.
- Loop at Grady, 8 p.m.
- Robert Lee at Garden City, 8 p.m.

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

# Black ex-coaches say NFL's Rooney Rule is broken

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Three black former NFL head coaches say the league needs to rethink its Rooney Rule for promoting minority hiring after 15 top vacancies — eight head coaching jobs and seven general manager positions — were all filled by white candidates since the regular season ended a month ago.

"I know the concept is good and something we need to do," said Tony Dungy, who was with the Indianapolis Colts during the 2006 season when he became the first black coach to win a Super Bowl. "Obviously, it's not working the way it should."

The Rooney Rule, implemented in 2003, was named for Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney, who steadfastly pushed the league to require every team to interview at least one minority can-

didate every time there is a coaching or general manager opening.

Before the rule went into effect, the NFL had had only six minority head coaches in more than 80 years. Since it has been in place, 12 have been hired.

But none were hired this year to replace the two black coaches who were fired — Romeo Crennel in Kansas City and Lovie Smith in Chicago — and the one fired black GM, Rod Graves in Arizona.

Herm Edwards, former coach of the New York Jets and Kansas City Chiefs and now an ESPN analyst, has called for not only revising the rule but perhaps even changing its name.

"When you use the Rooney Rule and not correctly, you put a little bit of a bad mark on Mr. Rooney's name, and that is

not good," Edwards said Wednesday. "If it keeps going this way, we might need to take his name off the rule. It is not being used in the right manner that Mr. Rooney meant it to be."

Robert Gulliver, the NFL's executive vice president of human resources, said that the hiring results were "disappointing" and that he expects to make revisions in the rule.

The Fritz Pollard Alliance, a group of minority coaches and front-office, scouting and game-day NFL officials, wants the Rooney Rule expanded to apply to coordinators, assistant head coaches and club president positions.

Unlike Dungy and Edwards, Jim Caldwell is still coaching, albeit as

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## Dear Margo: A Letter from a Hatfield (No McCoy)

Dear Margo: I am writing because I take offense to a response you gave. The letter was about a woman's father and stepbrother cremating her sister and dumping the ashes in the stepbrother's backyard without consulting the rest of the siblings. You made reference to the Hatfields and McCoy's and called their whole family the Hatfields.

My grandmother happens to be a descendant of the Hatfield family. To insinuate that the whole family is heartless, as you did, is disrespectful and irresponsible. Just because one branch of a family has been associated with less than stellar behavior does not mean the rest of the family shares those traits.

My grandmother and the rest of her family are very giving people without a mean bone in their bodies. I realize you are trying to provide a simile to which people can relate, but you should try to use a more current reference in the future.

Condemning a whole family line based on the history of one particular patriarch and his family

is unfair. — *Hatfield Descendant*

**Dear Hat:** You are certainly touchy, my dear, about a famous feud that started in the 1860s. According to Wikipedia, the names of your family and the other group entered the folklore lexicon to characterize any bitterly quarrelling rival parties. It has become a part of the language as a shortcut that everyone understands. I did not say, nor would anyone infer, that your dear granny was heartless or mean.

As for my using a more current reference in the future, what would you suggest — the Madoffs and the Markopoloses? Alas, the name "Hatfield" is legendary, and I hope you become less thin-skinned about that long-ago history. I actually know a descendant of John Wilkes Booth who is not the least bit sensitive — and his ancestor assassinated a beloved president. — *Margo, optimistically*

### Something Important To Be Aware Of...

**Dear Margo:** I'd like to respond to an answer you gave to the grandmother

whose grandchild seemed a little off and uncommunicative. While I mostly agree with your advice to this woman, I would like to point out something I believe you may have missed.

Grandma describes her granddaughter as "always an odd child: quiet, aloof and refusing to associate with family unless forced to." Could it be that this poor little girl has an undiagnosed condition on the autism spectrum? I have Asperger syndrome (also called "high-functioning autism"), and kids with Asperger's are generally quiet, have a hard time fitting in with others and have difficulty naming their emotions.

This, to me, certainly sounds like the granddaughter that "Grandma" seems to be giving up on. I read your column every week, and this is one letter I feel passionately about. — *Interested Party*

**Dear In:** Many readers got in touch with me about that letter. Here's another one. The bottom line seems to be that Asperger's is more prevalent than we knew and can go undiagnosed. Something to think

about.

**Dear Margo:** I read your column, which recently included a letter from a Grandma asking whether her 12-year-old granddaughter was a bad person for not grieving over her father's death. I recognized the behavior to be almost exactly as mine was when I was informed of my brother's death, also when I was 12.

Many years later and after some therapy, I was diagnosed with Asperger syndrome (occasionally called high-functioning autism), which, when explained to me, answered practically every "bizarre" emotional behavior, strange question and odd fixation that I had had over the years. It was as if a light switch turned on. All I can say is that understanding that there was an actual reason that I felt the way I did made a huge difference in my ability to cope with emotionally charged situations. — *Sally*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at www.creators.com/dearmargo. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*  
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## Applegate wins Newbery; Klassen takes Caldecott

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Katherine Applegate's "The One and Only Ivan" won the John Newbery Medal for the outstanding book of 2012, while Jon Klassen's "This Is Not My Hat" received the Randolph Caldecott Medal for outstanding illustration, the American Library Association announced Monday.

The Newbery and Caldecott awards are the top honors for children's literature.

Applegate's book tells of a daydreaming gorilla and the life lessons he receives through his friendship with a baby elephant. It was inspired by a real gorilla, one who lived decades without meeting another of his kind before spending his final, happy years at an Atlanta zoo.

Klassen was the author and illustrator of "This Is Not My Hat," his picture story about a fish and his blue hat, and the successor to Klassen's popular "I Want My Hat Back."

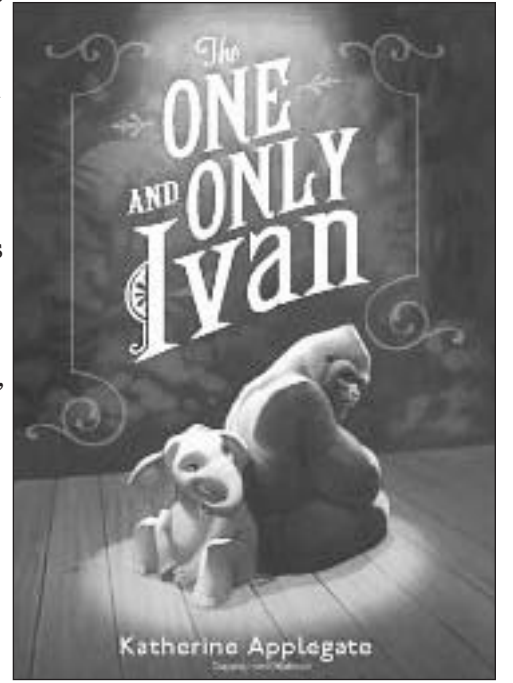
Bryan Collier's illustration for a book edition of Langston Hughes' poem "I, Too, Am America" received a Coretta Scott King prize for outstanding work by an African-American.

Andrea Davis Pinkney's "Hand in Hand" won the King award for best text.

Alire Saenz's "Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" won twice: the Stonewall Book Award, for works about the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender experience, and the Pura Belpre Award for best Latino/Latina author. David Diaz's work on "Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert" won the Belpre for illustration.

Katherine Paterson, 80 years old and winner of the Newbery, the National Book Award and many other honors, received the Laura Ingalls Wilder prize for lifetime achievement.

Steve Sheinkin's "Bomb: The Race to Build — and Steal — the World's Most Dangerous Weapon" was named the best nonfiction book and the "most distinguished informational" book.



## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Fire on the Water

There is something innately disturbing about water that's on fire. After all, what could cause such a thing? Pollution, natural disaster, war...? Almost nothing it could signify means good news. Perhaps that's why the water sign of Pisces is considered a difficult placement for fiery Mars. But stay tuned for the distinct bright side of this transit!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As your guiding planet slips into a water sign, you may feel as though the ideas you spark are being quickly extinguished. That's why you need to surround yourself with similarly bright and hopeful creative people.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Is consistency too much to ask from people? You're so rock solid when it comes to keeping your commitments that you can't wrap your head around the flakey way some people live. Just know that they have their reasons.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). Your popularity secret is simple: You're usually looking for ways to add value to what others are doing. And you take just enough to let others know that you're participating in appreciation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're usually most comfortable in your own space. So when you feel very much yourself in a place outside your home, it will get the wheels of your mind turning. Can you bring elements of this place into your abode?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no such thing as too much loveliness, and you'll quest to fill your senses with the beauty you know is out there. But where is it? You'll have to branch out to find it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you traverse new territory, you'll be wise to bring a machete. Whacking through weeds and brush will be hard work, but only once. Next time your way will be clear.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). The moon in your highly aesthetic sign gives a silver glow to all you do. Don't be surprised if people want to take your picture, scribble notes when they talk to you or document your presence in other ways.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes it feels as though if you don't get the privacy you need, you'll go bonkers. The human animal can be as territorial as a bear, and it's only natural to fight for your space. Just try not to eat anyone.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Tom Jones insisted, "It's not unusual to be loved by anyone..." And yet, if your nearest and dearest enjoys amorous attention that's not coming from you, it's also not unusual to become seriously annoyed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not like you to unthinkingly jump into speech, but an unusual environment can inspire you to make that leap. Likely, it will feel as though there's no time to sort things out; you just

have to act.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your life's work doesn't culminate in a day. The projects you'll be known for will happen over the course of months or years. So forget about the long term, and settle into what you must accomplish today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone likes the way you laugh at jokes, forward conversations in interesting directions and add to collaborations in unpredictable ways. Do you know who your fan is?

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 1). You'll reinvent yourself and make a comeback this year. This month, seek experts and listen to them. The next six weeks bring an interview process — sometimes you're asking the questions, other times you're answering. You'll nab a sweet job in May. June and October bring travel, passion and fun. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 46, 19 and 38.

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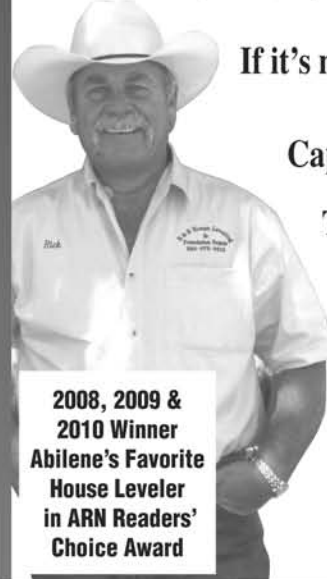
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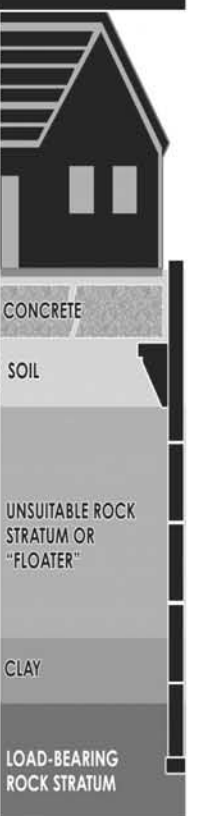
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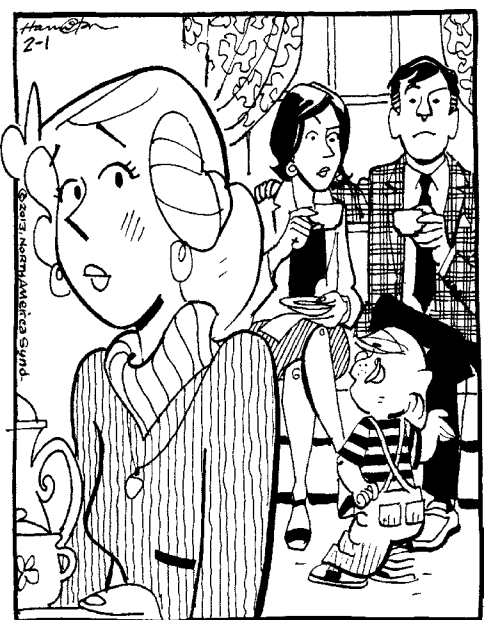


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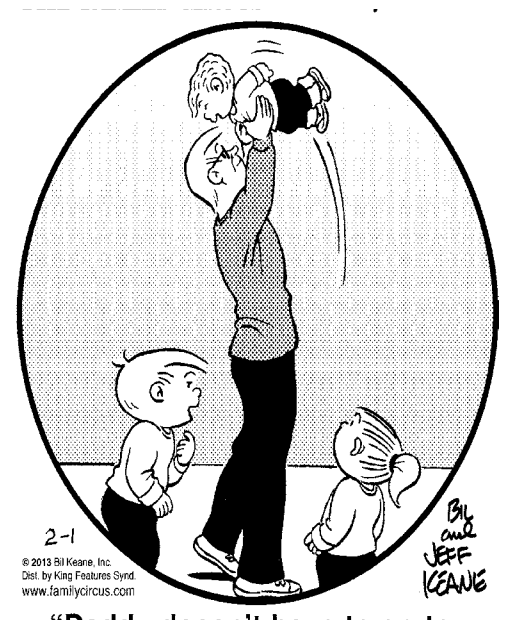
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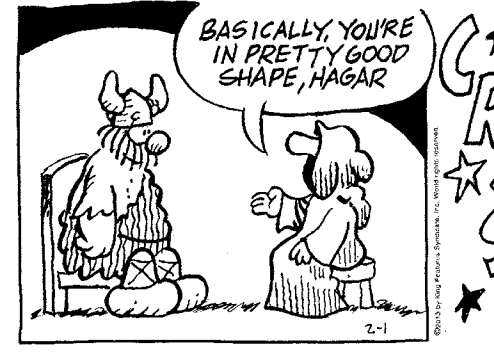
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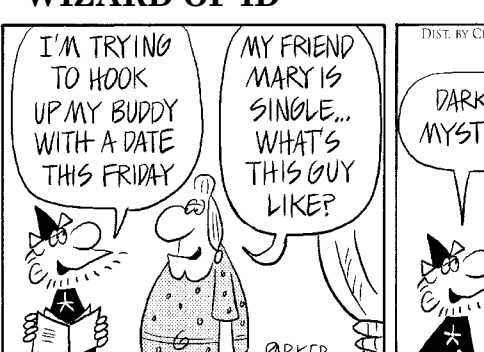
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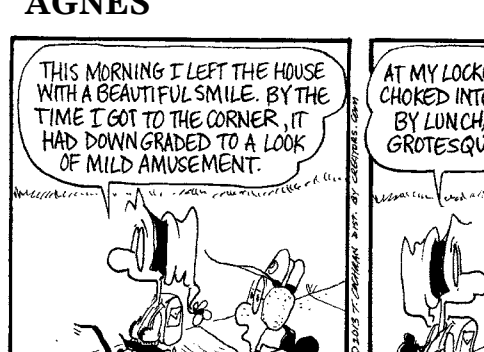
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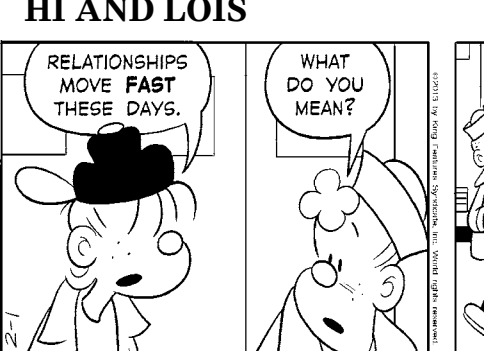
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# Pundits Carville and Matalin enjoy role as Big Easy boosters

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When Mary Matalin heard a baby cry during a Super Bowl news conference this week, she paused midsentence, peered in the direction of the fussing child and asked: "Is that my husband?"

Matalin, the noted Republican political pundit, isn't shy about making jokes at the expense of Democratic strategist James Carville, who went from being her professional counterpart to her partner in life when they were married — in New Orleans — two decades ago.

This week, though, and for much of the past few years, the famous political odd couple have been working in lockstep for a bipartisan cause — the resurgence of their adopted home-

town.

Their passion for the Big Easy and its recovery from Hurricane Katrina was why Carville and Matalin were appointed co-chairs of New Orleans' Super Bowl host committee, positions that made them the face of the city's effort to prove it's ready to be back in the regular rotation for the NFL's biggest game.

"Their commitment to New Orleans and their rise to prominence here locally as citizens made them a natural choice," said Jay Cicero, president of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, which handles the city's Super Bowl bids. "It's about promoting New Orleans, and their being in love with this city, they're the perfect

co-chairs."

Carville, a Louisiana native, and Matalin moved from Washington, D.C., to historic "Uptown" New Orleans in the summer of 2008, a little less than three years after Katrina had laid waste to vast swaths of the city. There was not only heavy wind damage but flooding that surged through crumbling levees and at one point submerged about 80 percent of the city.

The couple had long loved New Orleans, and felt even more of a pull to set down roots here, with their two school-age daughters, at a time when the community was in need.

"The storm just weighed heavy," Carville said. "We were thinking

about it. We'd been in Washington for a long time. The more that we thought about it, the more sense that it made. We just came down here (to look for a house) in late 2007 and said we're just going to do this and never looked back."

Matalin said she and Carville also wanted to raise their daughters in a place where people were willing to struggle to preserve a vibrant and unique culture.

"It's authentically creative, organically eccentric, bounded by beauty of all kinds," she said. "People pull for each other, people pull together. . . Seven years ago we were 15 feet under water. ... This is unparalleled what the people here did."

## RULE

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an assistant. Not only that, his team, the Baltimore Ravens, will play the San Francisco 49ers in Sunday's Super Bowl. But he wasn't even invited to interview for one of the eight vacant coaching jobs, though having a team in the playoffs can be a hindrance to such opportunities.

Fired as the Colts' coach following the 2011 season, Caldwell joined the Ravens as quarterbacks coach. When head coach John Harbaugh fired offensive coordinator Cam Cameron

in December, Caldwell was promoted. With his guidance, Baltimore's offense responded.

Caldwell is no stranger to the Super Bowl, having led the Colts there three years ago after replacing the retired Dungy. It was only after Peyton Manning was sidelined for the 2011 season that Caldwell was fired.

"It has been a great rule and it has worked in the past," he said. "Just like anything else, you have to, after a certain period of time, revisit it and take a look and see if it needs a little tweaking. I think it does in this particular case." Caldwell added:

"That's one of the reasons that the Rooney Rule was put in place, because you're trying to avoid those situations, if possible. We're at that stage where guys like Lovie Smith, who didn't get an opportunity, who had won and been very successful previously ... obviously, there's some concern there, and that's why I think the rule is going to be revisited."

Dungy said he believes the entire system is broken. He cited 21 head coaching jobs changing in a three-year span, which he said indicates owners are making the wrong hires regardless of race.

Edwards said he wonders whether minority candidates get interviewed only to satisfy the rule, even though they have no chance of getting the job. He and Dungy noted that the last black head coach hiring — other than coaches promoted from within, like Leslie Frazier, Raheem Morris, Mike Singletary, Hue Jackson and Crennel — was Mike Tomlin by Pittsburgh, in 2007.

There are currently four minority head coaches: Tomlin, Frazier in Minnesota, Marvin Lewis in Cincinnati and Ron Rivera in Carolina. Minority general managers include Balti-

more's Ozzie Newsome, Detroit's Martin Mayhew, Houston's Rick Smith, the New York Giants' Jerry Reese and Oakland's Reggie McKenzie.

"I am not saying you have to hire a minority candidate. No one is

saying that," Edwards said. "I am saying you can't be blinded. It can't be, 'Who is the guy to interview to get this out of the way?'"

"The problem I have is you don't really abide by the Rooney Rule the correct way," he said.

## MAVS

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to go ahead with 6 seconds left in the game."

Wright avoided the subject.

"We've been getting some tough calls lately, but I'm going to stay out of that," he said. "I'm not in the business of getting fined, so I'm going to leave it at what he said. But you guys have seen the play, so you be the judge."

The Mavericks played without Dirk Nowitzki, who sat out with a right abductor strain.

Richard Jefferson scored five points as the Warriors scored the first 12 points of the fourth quarter to open a 90-79 advantage.

The Mavericks missed their first five shots of the fourth and went scoreless for the first

3:13 before Carter made a pair of free throws to spark a run that evened the score at 92 when Darren Collison hit a short jumper with 4:17 remaining to play.

Jack hit a 3-pointer in front of the Mavericks bench less than a minute later and glanced at the Dallas bench afterward.

The Warriors, who never trailed, upped their lead when Wright was called for a rough foul on Bogut, who tumbled to the court. After reviewing the play, he was also charged with a technical foul.

"I'm always on the floor," Bogut said. "It's the way I play. I was taking a little breather there. Everything is fine."

Dallas again rallied and had a chance to tie it with 43 seconds left. Mayo made one of his two free throws to make

it 98-97.

Jack and Lee each missed a shot on the other end and the Mavericks worked the clock to under 4 seconds. Wright attempted a shot that Bogut blocked to seal the win.

The Warriors led 55-53 at halftime, and Rodrigue Beaubois hit a long 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer to pull the Mavericks to 80-79

entering the final period.

Carl Landry, who finished with 10 points, gave the Warriors their biggest lead of the first half when he made two free throws just over 2 minutes into the second quarter.

The Mavericks lost their second straight to Golden State after winning eight of the previous 10.

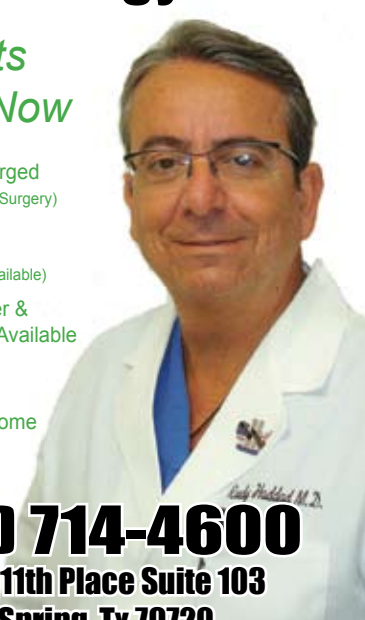
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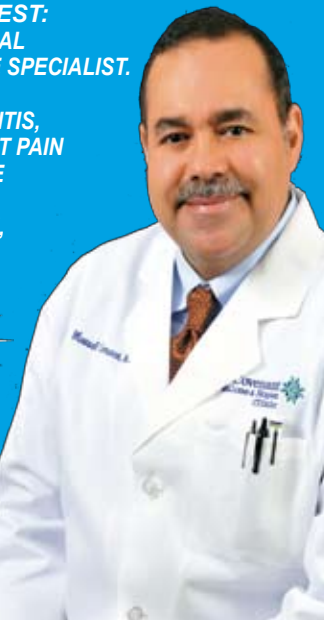
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