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Run for the Wall arrives in town Saturday

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Residents on the west side of Big Spring may hear a loud rumble on Saturday morning. Hundreds of motorcyclists and their entourages will be rolling in at 10 a.m. and making a stop at the Vietnam Memorial as part of their nationwide trip to Washington, D.C. by Memorial Day. The group will hold a small wreath laying ceremony before heading on to Colorado City and ending the day in Grand Prairie. The public is welcomed and encouraged to greet these travelers who are mostly U.S. veterans on the way to remember their fallen soldiers from all wars. The Vietnam Memorial is located at Rackley St. and Swords Dr. "Every one needs to be there about 9:30 a.m. because when those motorcycles start coming in, the police escort is not going to let other traffic in," said Jerry Groves, who has helped coordinate the annual Run for the Wall in Big Spring in years past. Groves, a Vietnam era veteran, went on the trip last year for the first time after serving 10 years as a coordinator for the Big Spring stop. It was also his first time to visit the national Vietnam Memorial Wall. "Everywhere we stopped, See **RUN**, Page 3

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The walking Aggie



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

John Ball, Texas A&M Class of 1978, is in the middle of a 2,673-mile walk across the country, raising funds to endow a ring scholarship for A&M students. He expects to end his 170-day trek when he reaches Daytona Beach, Fla. in mid-August.

Former A&M student on trek to raise money for class rings

By STEVE REAGAN

It seems for all the world like some sort of Aggie joke: Did you hear about the Aggie who walked across the country just to buy some rings? But it's no joke; Texas A&M University student John Ball — class of 1978 — is roughly halfway through his trek across the United States in his quest to raise scholarship money to purchase class rings for his fellow Aggies. Ball, who passed through Big Spring late last week, is an avid walker — he estimates he logs over 2,000 miles a year — who decided to put his passion to good use. "I had thought a long time about walking coast-to-coast ... and finally decided to do it before I got too old," the 58-year-old San Antonio resident said. "Then I started getting the question, 'Are you doing this for a cause?' Well, it wouldn't be more difficult See **AGGIE**, Page 3

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Church slates concert

BY LYNDEL MOODY

It's going to be hot at First Presbyterian Church — hot as only a fiery furnace can get. The children's and adult choir of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a public performance of "It's Cool in The Furnace."

The musical tells the story found in the book of Daniel of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and their friend Daniel who face the Babylon King Nebuchadnezzar. The story occurs during the Jewish diaspora beginning in 597 BCE when a portion of the population of the Kingdom of Judah were exiled to Babylonia.

The musical will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the church's sanctuary.

"In this classic musical by Buryl Red, these boys make a crucial decision whether to follow God's law," said Susan Dawes, a member of First Presbyterian Church. "The children and youth singers and instrumentalists of First Presbyterian Church invite you to come hear the story."

Admission is free. First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary is located at the corner of Eighth and Runnels streets.

What: "It's Cool in The Furnace" music concert

Where: First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday

Admission: Free.

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Lady Buffs advance

The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes display their regional quarterfinal championship trophy following their win over Follett in Hermleigh Wednesday. Forsan will now advance to the regional semifinals to face either Haskell or Archer City. See Page 6.

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Obituaries

Alicia M. Paredez



Alicia M. Paredez, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 11, 2015, at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Alicia was born March 15, 1940 in Big Spring, Texas to Refugia (Torres) and Julian Moncada.

She married Esequio Paredez on Jan. 2, 1960 in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and loved gardening and yard work. Her favorite hobby was Bingo and going gambling. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Esequio "Chickie" Paredez of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Ann Iturralde and husband Manuel, Jo Jo Paredez

and her partner, Alma Gusman, and Rachel Martinez and husband Jason, all of Big Spring; one sister, Aurelia Garcia and husband Ricardo of Alice; seven grandchildren, Vanessa King of Midland, Mark Iturralde, Nick Iturralde, Derek Jae Gusman, Jonathan Cervantes, Matthew DoPorto and Christian K. Martinez, all of Big Spring; four great grandchildren, Aydin King, Kyra King, Ryker King and Rylee King, all of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Robert Paredez; three brothers; and four sisters.

Pallbearers will be Mark Iturralde, Nick Iturralde, Mathew DoPorto, Derek Jae Gusman, Albert Rodriguez and Peter Carrillo. Honorary pallbearers will be Aydin King, Christian Martinez, Joe Martinez, Frank Martinez, Gilbert Martinez and Jonathan Cervantes.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Beverly McMahon



Beverly McMahon, 72, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park with Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Big Spring to Nell and Jack Franklin. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Beverly married Clyde

McMahon in 1992. She had owned the Final Touch in Midland and Picante in Big Spring. She was very active in the Chamber of Commerce and was the Chamber's Woman of the Year in 1994. She was very instrumental in saving the Dora Roberts Center. Beverly loved life, family, friends and travel. She was always willing to help others.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Clyde McMahon of Big Spring; two sons, Mike Madry of Big Spring and Brad Madry and his wife Tabitha of Brock; two step-sons, Craig McMahon and his wife Molly of San Antonio and Cavan McMahon and his wife Donna of Fredericksburg; two sisters, Jackie Curtis of Palisade, Colo. and Ola Jean Franklin of Helena, Mont.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Steve Madry on June 21, 2008; and one sister, Linda Rodeheaver on March 15, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to a charity of their choice.

Honorary pallbearers will be Justin Hobbs, Eddie Cole, Max Moore, Steve Bodine, Rick Hamby and Don Finkenbinder.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

James Clifton Ferguson



James Clifton Ferguson, 96, of Bryan, Texas, went to be with our Lord on May 5, 2015

Clif was born in his grandparent's home in Vivian, La., on Aug. 19, 1919.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Dale Howard Ferguson; his parents, James Ferguson and Edna Barker Ferguson; and his brothers, Don Ferguson, Austin Ferguson and Turner Ferguson.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Elaine Ferguson Moore and her husband, Marshall Lee Moore; his grandchildren, Victoria Elaine Moore Pruett, Jason Daniel Pruett, Samuel Travis Moore, Kelly Dianne Suggs Moore and Ethan Lee Moore; and his great-grandchildren, Ellie Ann Moore and James Daniel Pruett.

Clif grew up along with the West Texas oil boom and welded Liberty Ships in the early days of World War II.

In 1944, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in combat as a B.A.R. man and first infantry scout in France and Germany For his combat service, Clif was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star.

Following the war, he attended the University of Texas. He served for 30 years in public schools, teaching history and math in Forsan, Ackerly and Coahoma. Clif will be remembered as a quiet and private man who loved Texas history and deeply loved his family.

A funeral service will be held graveside at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Please share memories and tributes to Clif at www.hillierfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Travis Mazy



Travis Mazy, 98, went to join his beloved "Sug" on Monday, May 11, 2015. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Highway 277 South with burial following in Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015 at the funeral home.

Travis, the second of four children, was born in Bynum, Texas to Shelie and Mary Mazy on Sept. 1, 1916. In 1923, the family traveled by horse drawn wagon to the Abilene area where they worked on various dairy farms in the area residing in Elm-dale, Wylie, and Abilene. In 1937, he met and married his helpmate and love of his life Virgie "Sug" Ellison.

He continued to work in all phases of the dairy industry from milking cows through the processing and home delivery. He worked for Longhorn Creamery, Primrose Jersey Farms, and Foremost Dairies. In 1960, he changed careers and became a

sales representative for a nationwide mercantile company.

He moved to Big Spring where he worked serving the cities of Big Spring, Lamesa, Coahoma, and Stanton. He was continually in the top five sales representatives of the company in the nation. He was highly regarded by the customers he served and by all who knew him. He retired in 1987 and returned to Abilene continuing in several endeavors.

Travis is preceded in death by his much loved wife, Virgie; infant son, Tommy Ray; parents, Shelie and Mary Mazy; two brothers, J.B. and Melvin Mazy; and a sister, Helen Ellison.

Survivors include his son, Donald Mazy; daughter-in-law, Elaine; grandchildren, Charlayne Deming Hatch and Roger Deming; great-granddaughter, Jenna Hatch; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Integracare Hospice, 1665 Antilley Rd., Abilene, TX 79606 or Alzheimer's Association, 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Abilene, TX 79605.

You may view and sign the guestbook at www.elliott-hamil.com

Paid obituary

Charles Arriola Viera

Charles Arriola Viera, 61, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at his residence. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday

at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Martha Merworth

Martha Merworth, 56, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frankie Bair

Frankie Bair, 94, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD, 37, of 1505 Bluebird St. was arrested on warrants for speeding in school zone, driving while license invalid and expired driver's license.
- JACKIE TRUETT HOLMES III, 34, of 1904 E. 25th St was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- MARY GUTHRIE NELSON, 53, of 800 Edwards St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and a warrant for another agency.

- ZZACKRAY ALLEN OLYER-RHODES, 22, of 1712 E. 15th St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
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- WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS, 36, of 7805 N. Service Rd. was arrested on warrants for terroristic threat places person in fear, possession of drug parapherna-

lia, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported on W. 4th St. at the Presidio ABC park and the 16000 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson St.

• WELFARE CONCERN was reported in the 800 block of Edwards Blvd and the 2600 block of Fairchild Drive.

• CITIZEN ASSIST/REQUEST OFFICER was reported in the 900 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

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Patty Winters

Patty Winters, of Plainview, formerly of Vincent, died Thursday, May 14, 2015, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Take note

- American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry this Saturday. Plates are \$12 each, with serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084.

- The Big Spring Art Association area wide art show will be held May 23-30. Entries will be accepted Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Judging will be at 2:30 p.m. Categories are 1. oil/acrylics; 2. pastels; 3. photography; 4. mixed media; 4. watercolor; 6. 3D/sculpture, pottery, jewelry, stained glass; and 7. graphics and charcoal. All work must be original and completed within the past two years. No copy work will be accepted.

Entry fees are \$10 per item for BSAA members; \$15 per item for non-members; and \$10 per item for students. Cash prize and ribbons will be awarded.

For more information, contact Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; kay197smith@aol.com or Ruby Bruns, 432-664-1942, rubybruns@yahoo.com.

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations and two general — will be offered.

Individual preregistration is \$20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the

noon meal.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamu.edu, or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

- The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

- The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

- SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured

in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721.

Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

AGGIE

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to walk for a cause than walk for no cause at all, so it got me thinking."

Ball, an avid Aggie who holds football season tickets, contacted the A&M Former Student Association, which suggested he raise money to help students purchase class rings.

"Those rings can be pretty expensive, \$1,000 or more for male rings," he said. "A lot of students go into debt going to college. Getting an

Aggie ring is pretty special, so I decided to raise scholarship money for those rings."

Ball is hoping to raise at least \$25,000 to endow a ring scholarship at A&M to purchase one or two class rings every year.

Although he's been an experienced walker for years, Ball admitted he wasn't totally prepared for a cross-country hike.

"As far as physical preparation was concerned, I was prepared," he said. "My feet, on the other hand,

were not accustomed to carrying a 45-pound pack on my back. For the first month, I had a pretty significant challenge with my feet, but I changed the type of shoe I wore and the foot problems went away."

He scheduled his journey so as to minimize carrying too much food and water at one time, and purposely mapped out his trip in the southern half of the U.S. to take advantage of warmer temperatures. He planned to camp outside more than he has to date, mainly because of

the generosity of people he's met along the way.

"By this point, I had planned to camp out over 20 nights, but I've actually camped out only twice — in Arizona and New Mexico," he said. "All other nights, I've stayed in motels or in people's homes. People have just been so nice to me. Some have picked me up, driven me to their homes for the night, then dropped me off where they found me. A lot of other people have stopped to give me food or water or just to talk.

"I thought the walk would be the adventurous part, but really, the the adventurous part has been meeting people," Ball added. "People who don't know me from Adam would pull up on the side of the road and, the next thing you know, they're letting me spend the night at their house."

He started his walk in San Diego, Calif. March 1 and plans to complete his trek Aug. 17 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"I have to be (in Daytona Beach) that day," he said. "I'm meeting fami-

ly and friends there, and we're going on a Disney cruise the next day."

To keep track of Ball's journey or to donate to his scholarship fund, visit his website, www.thewalkingaggie.com

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

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even in D.C., I had total strangers come up to me from the time we got to Colorado City and on and thank me for my service," Groves said of the patriotism he saw along the trip last year.

As part of the ceremony, the Vietnam Memorial Committee will be holding a surprise unveiling of a new feature at the local memorial. The new addition was created by the Big Spring Leadership class, Groves said.

Run for the Wall begins each year with cyclists heading from Cali-

ornia across the nation, picking up more riders along the way, before arriving in Washington D.C. On Memorial Day eve.

Run for the Wall was started in 1989 as an effort by two veterans James Gregory and Bill Evans. The young men wanted to education others that thousands

of men and women were still unaccounted for in military action through the year.

According to the Run for the Wall mission statement, the event was created to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing

in action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those killed in action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspring-herald.com.

POLICE

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- NOAH SIDNEY BRAKE, 17, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- ALBERT RAY BUSTAMANTE, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

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sion of marijuana less than 2 ounces in a drug free zone.

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- ASHLEY ANN TAYLOR, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole vio-

lation.

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Opinion

Is terrorism panic subsiding?

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One lesson of American history is that in times of war or crisis, American presidents, lawmakers and citizens often lose their minds. Another lesson is that they eventually regain their senses. When it comes to national security in the age of terrorism, it looks as though the national fever has broken.

When Congress passed the Patriot Act in October 2001, it gave the federal government greater authority for foreign intelligence and terrorism investigations. In those panicky days, the impulse was to say: Do whatever you have to do, and if the ACLU isn't happy, do more of it.

But even those who wanted to unleash the national security state didn't realize what they were creating. Not until 2013, when leaks by Edward Snowden exposed the actual scope of government surveillance, did we find out how far the Bush administration and the Obama administration were willing to go in sacrificing privacy.

Snowden let us know that by 2006, the National Security Agency was collecting and storing records of virtually every phone call made in the United States. Not just calls by al-Qaida operatives and Hezbollah sympathizers: calls by Serena Williams, Tom Hanks, Uncle Zeke and, of course, you.

The NSA created this program under a section of the Patriot Act that even the most paranoid anti-statists never dreamed could be stretched so far. It came as a particular surprise to one James Sensenbrenner of Menomonee Falls, Wis., who as the Republican chairman of the House Judiciary Committee actually wrote the law.

“I can say that if Congress knew what the NSA had in mind in the future immediately after

In the years since the World Trade Center came down, many Americans, including the judges who ruled recently, have come to realize the sober fact that some steps to prevent terrorism are excessive, useless or both.



STEVE CHAPMAN

9/11, the Patriot Act never would have passed, and I never would have supported it,” said Sensenbrenner after the Snowden revelations. When Congress renewed the crucial provision in 2011, many or most members still didn't know how it was being used.

Recently, a federal appeals court ruled that the domestic phone records collection is illegal because it goes way beyond what Congress had in mind and any plausible reading of the text or other legal powers. The relevant section of the Patriot Act, it said, “cannot be interpreted in a way that defies any meaningful limit.” The government's broad reading of the law, it said, threatens “an unprecedented contraction of the privacy expectations of all Americans.”

If Congress wants to let the NSA gather and store every phone record from every American from now till the end of time, the court declared, it will have to man up and say so.

That it has not done — and may not be willing to do.

The relevant section of the law expires June 1. The House Judiciary Committee recently gave bipartisan approval to the “USA Freedom Act,” which would end the phone records collection and curtail the government's access to such information. It would be able to obtain these records only to investigate specific individuals for specific suspicions.

Hardliners oppose any effort to

stop this indiscriminate snooping. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said the House bill would “neither keep us safe nor protect our privacy.” Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., insisted the phone records collection is needed to prevent the next 9/11.

In fact, as a way of preventing terrorism, it has been a gargantuan waste. The president's own blue-ribbon review panel extensively queried NSA officers and concluded that “there has been no instance in which NSA could say with confidence that the outcome would have been different without” the program.

The independent, congressionally created Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board said it had never “directly contributed to the discovery of a previously unknown terrorist plot or the disruption of a terrorist attack.” A federal district court reached the same conclusion.

Never have so many Americans had their privacy invaded to such a huge extent for such microscopic benefits. Politicians who, in the wake of 9/11, never had the idea that such measures were needed now tell us they are indispensable.

It's a classic exercise in covering bottoms. If no terrorism occurs while the program is in operation, the supporters can claim credit. If terrorism does occur, they can say they did all they could. If civil liberties suffer, that merely confirms our leaders' steely resolve.

In the years since the World Trade Center came down, many Americans, including the judges who ruled Thursday, have come to realize the sober fact that some steps to prevent terrorism are excessive, useless or both. It took a long time, but sanity is making a comeback.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The left is so wrong on trade

The left's success in denying President Obama fast-track authority to negotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership is ugly to behold. The case put forth by a showboating Sen. Elizabeth Warren — that Obama cannot be trusted to make a deal in the interests of American workers — is almost worse than wrong. It is irrelevant.

The Senate Democrats who turned on Obama are playing a 78 rpm record in the age of digital downloads.

Did you hear their ally, AFL-CIO head Richard Trumka, the day after the Senate vote? He denounced TPP for being “patterned after CAFTA and NAFTA.” That's not so, but never mind.

There's this skip on the vinyl record that the North American Free Trade Agreement destroyed American manufacturing. To see how wrong that is, simply walk through any Wal-Mart or Target and look for all those “made in Mexico” labels. You won't find many. But you'll see “made in China” everywhere.

Many of the jobs that did go to Mexico would have otherwise left for low-wage Asian countries.

Even Mexico lost manufacturing work to China.

And what can you say about the close-to-insane obsession with CAFTA? The partners in the 2005 Central American Free Trade Agreement — five mostly impoverished Central American countries plus the Dominican Republic — had a combined

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economy equal to that of New Haven, Connecticut.

(By the way, less than 10 percent of the AFL-CIO's membership is now in manufacturing.)

It's undeniable that American manufacturing workers have suffered terrible job losses. We could never compete with pennies-an-hour wages. Those low-skilled jobs are not coming back. But we have other things to sell in the global marketplace.

In Washington state, for example, exports of everything from apples to airplanes have soared 40 percent over four years, to total nearly \$91 billion in 2014, according to The Seattle Times.

About 2 in 5 jobs there are now tied to trade.

Small wonder that Sen. Ron Wyden, a liberal Democrat from neighboring Oregon, has strongly supported fast-track authority.

Some liberals oddly complain that American efforts to strengthen intellectual property laws in trade deals protect the profits of U.S. entertainment and tech companies. What's wrong with that? Should the fruits of America's creativity (that's labor, too) be open to plundering and piracy?

One of TPP's main goals is to help the higher-wage partners compete with China. (The 12 countries taking part include the likes of Japan, Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico and New Zealand.) In any case, Congress would get to vote the finished product up or down, so it isn't as if the public wouldn't get a say.

But then we have Warren stating with a straight face that handing negotiating authority to Obama would “give Republicans the very tool they need to dismantle Dodd-Frank.”

Huh? Obama swatted down the remark as wild, hypothetical speculation, noting he engaged in a “massive” fight with Wall Street to get the reforms passed. “And then I sign a provision that would unravel it?” he told political writer Matt Bai.

“This is not a partisan issue,” Warren insisted. Yes, in a twisted way, the hard left's fixation over big corporations has joined the right's determination to undermine Obama at every pass.

Trade agreements have a thousand moving parts. The U.S. can't negotiate with the other countries if various domestic interests are pouncing on the details. That's why every president has been given fast-track authority over the past 80 years or so.

Except Obama.

It sure is hard to be an intelligent leader in this country.

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Celtic folk band makes stop at St. Mary's



Cunningham
(Herald Photo)



Jones
(Herald Photo)

A large crowd attended the Piper Jones Band concert held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Tuesday night.

The stop was just one of many for the duo as they continue on their multi-city/state tour for their new album, "The Wandering Stars."

The hour-and-a-half concert consisted mostly of Celtic folk music with a few American folk tunes thrown into the mix.

Band member EJ Jones is known well in Big Spring by many. He has played in the St. Mary's St. Andrew's Day for the last number of years.

He is an internationally-known bag piper, who has toured with the Celtic folk band, Clandestine.

Frances Cunningham, who played the bouzouki, has been a member of the Mike Snider String Band, playing weekly on the Grand Ole Opry.

Parents Corner

Ingenuity ingrained into the American spirit

American ingenuity is something we have all admired throughout our history.

The ability to do something no one else has ever done, to invent something no one else has ever thought of, or to supply an answer to a pressing need.

Americans have been at the top of the list in doing these things from the beginning of our country.

If we truly believe in the comment that we are only limited by the scope and size of our own personal vision, then we will be challenged to open that scope and increase that vision.

Such is the story of the Grand Forks, N.D. Flour Mill. In 1893 there was an economic depression that hit our country and making a living was extremely difficult. Along the railroad line there were multiple small flour mills that were struggling for their existence and flour sold for the small amount of \$2 per hundred pounds. The future was bleak and business operating capital was critical.

Then an idea hit one of the workers of the Grand Forks Mill; American ingenuity at its best. Tom Amidon asked his boss if he could try an experiment. He said his wife had been serving his family a delicious breakfast made from middlings, which is the best part of the wheat berry, and serving it to them in a

grain soup form. Amidon suggested that this could possibly be sold as a breakfast cereal. The boss was interested and since no extra money was needed to develop this product, he told Amidon to give it a try. Amidon painstakingly cut out cardboard cartons by hand and enlisted the assistance of the company's printer to help him find a picture to put on the carton.

Mr. Mapes, the printer, asked what they would call this new product. Amidon said, Cream of Wheat. Amidon built crates from the mill's waste lumber to ship ten crates of his new product, along with the regular flour shipment to the New York mill brokers, and waited for the results.

After his shipment arrived in New York, and to the excitement of everyone at the Grand Forks Mill, a message came from the brokers: Forget the flour; send us a car load of Cream of Wheat.

Soon flour production was abandoned and the entire facility was converted to manufacture the new product. By 1897 the demand for Cream of Wheat had outgrown the capacity of the plant and all business was moved to Minneapolis.

And you know the rest of the story.

We have all heard the comment that inventions come from needs and as long as needs exist there will be inventions. We live in a country that has been fertile for the creation of inventions. Let's hope this never changes, and that the scope and size of our own personal visions continue to enlarge.

Darrell Ryan is the BSISD director of school safety



DARRELL RYAN

Don't let the slobber fool you, your dog could be a brainiac



In this file, Wallis Brozman is aided by her service dog, Caspin, while going through a shopping mall in Santa Rosa, Calif. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg, File)

BY SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When her muscles locked and left her unable to move or speak, Wallis Brozman was glad she had a genius for a service dog.

Brozman, who has a movement disorder called dystonia, had taken her golden-Labrador retriever mix, Caspin, outside for a potty break without attaching the pulling harness he wears to guide her. Suddenly, she couldn't move.

"I couldn't talk or yell. I had no phone to text a message. I thought I would be stranded until someone found us," said Brozman, who lives on her own in Santa Rosa, California, with a wheelchair and Caspin, who understands English and sign language.

Caspin put his neck under her hand until she got a finger looped on his collar.

"Then, very slowly, he started to pull me forward. He pushed the door open. Then he stayed by me until I could function enough to get into bed," she said.

Caspin ranks as a Protodog, a spontaneous pooch that bonds easily and can solve problems on its own or with people, according to dog

intelligence measures created by scientists and trainers. The Dog-nition Assessment uses 20 games to determine a dog's level of empathy, communication, cunning, memory and reasoning.

People believing they have a smarty pants for a pet can see if their dog fits the bill on Nat Geo Wild's three-part series "Is Your Dog a Genius?" airing May 15-17.

"People will learn about and come to a new understanding of their best friends," said host Brian Hare, who helped develop the assessment as an associate professor of evolutionary anthropology and member of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University in North Carolina.

It costs \$19 to get the list of games to play with your dog at www.dog-nition.com. After you record the results, Duke puts together your pet's profile. A dog will be dubbed an Ace, Charmer, Socialite, Expert, Renaissance Dog, Protodog, Einstein, Maverick or Stargazer.

For example, "Aces" are problem-solvers, socially elite, bond well and are good at almost everything. They also try to get away with bad behavior and then rely on a sweet face or some

nuzzling to get themselves out of a pickle.

"Einsteins" are the brainiacs. They can solve new problems by looking at the facts in front of them, a key attribute of a genius. However, like brilliant people, Einstein dogs can be socially awkward.

The games show dog brainpower isn't measured like man's — with an IQ test.

"We don't deal in numbers," Hare said. "In the animal world, we recognize there are lots of kinds of intelligence, and they vary widely. You can be a genius in one area but not in another."

In one of the games, you put down two overturned paper cups, allowing the dog to watch as you put a treat under one.

You point to the empty cup and see where your pet goes. Both show a kind of genius: If Fido goes to the empty cup, he's good at following orders and bonding. If he goes the other, he's able to rely on his own devices — and gets the treat.

Brozman and her dog will be guests on the show, and she says there's no question 8-year-old Caspin is smart in many ways. His problem-solving

skills make him most valuable to Brozman, but she says she doesn't ask the impossible.

"No matter how many times I ask him to build me a rocket ship, he won't build me a rocket ship," she said. "He'll bring me the parts, but building the rocket ship depends on me. So it's a collaborative relationship, and you have to be realistic about what your dog is capable of doing."

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2015 NJCAA Division I National Softball Championships

Keller powers HC to win in 10

Elder hurls gem in relief as HC rallies for 4-3 win

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Kylee Keller hadn't really hit the ball all that well in her first four trips to the plate on Wednesday night. In fact, in the first seven innings of their NJCAA Division I National Softball Championships opener against Jefferson College, she had left four runners on base.

Keller atoned for her struggles in the 10th inning, however. The freshman second baseman lined a game-winning double off the wall that enabled Natalie Baltas to race home and give the Lady Hawks a wild 4-3 come-from-behind victory.

With the win, the Lady Hawks earned the right to face Chipola College in the second round of the 16-team tournament, which is being played in St. George, Utah. Chipola



NJCAA Division I Softball National Championships St. George, Utah Wednesday's Games
#1 Salt Lake CC 5, #16 Western Nebraska 1
#9 Northeastern OK A&M 8, #8 Eastern Arizona 6
#5 Blinn 4, #12 Georgia Perimeter 1
#4 Chattanooga State 11, #13 Navarro 4
#3 Chipola 7, #14 Shelton State 1
#6 Howard 4, #11 Jefferson 3
#10 Miami-Dade, 6:30 p.m. 2, #7 Temple 0
#15 Wabash Valley 2, #2 Wallace State 1

defeated Shelton State, 7-1, in their first-round matchup.

While Keller delivered the blow that finished off Jefferson College, Jessica Elder all but put the Lady Vikings' title hopes six feet under with a stellar effort in relief. The sophomore

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Howard College's Kylee Keller hits a run-doubling double in the bottom of the 10th inning on Wednesday in St. George, Utah, that lifted the Lady Hawks to a 4-3 win over Jefferson College. HC advances to face Chipola College in the second round today at 6 p.m.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

No. 2 seed Wallace St. falls to Wabash, 2-1

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Wallace State saw its national title hopes take a hit with a stunning 2-1 loss to Wabash Valley Community College on Wednesday evening in the first round of the NJCAA Division I Softball National Championships.

The No. 2 seed heading into the tournament, Wallace State managed just three hits against WVCC ace Allison Webs.

With the loss, Wallace State fell into an elimination game against Temple College.

The win sends WBCC against Miami-Dade in the second round. The winner of the WVCC-Miami bout will face either Chipola or Howard in the semifinals on Friday.



Courtesy photo/Iain Sloan

Forsan senior Jordan Matthews prepared to deliver a pitch to the plate during the Lady Buffaloes' 9-4 victory over Follett on Wednesday afternoon in Hermleigh. Matthews, who admitted to being ill prior to the game, struck out 11 batters while allowing just seven hits.

Matthews, Munoz lead Forsan to rout of Follett

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

HERMLEIGH - Moments after watching the Follett Lady Panthers scratch out two runs, Forsan pitcher Jordan Matthews walked into the dugout and didn't hold back. To say the least, the hard-throwing right-hander was unhappy, upset and in a bad mood.

As it turned out, Matthews' unhappiness turned into Follett's sadness.

The FHS senior struck out 11 batters en route to helping carry the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to a convincing 9-4 victory in a regional quarterfinal showdown at Lady Cardinals Field.

"I was most definitely upset with myself," said Matthews. "I just wanted to put them away and get us to the next round."

With the win, Forsan did indeed punch its ticket to the next round of the Class 2A state softball playoffs. The Lady Buffaloes, now 26-9 overall, will

Forsan set to face Albany in area bout

The Forsan High School Buffaloes will make their postseason debut today when they square off against the Albany Lions in the first game of a best-of-3 series in Hermleigh.

Game 1 of the series will get under way at 4 p.m. Game 2 will be played at 11 a.m. on Saturday with a third game, if needed, following.

face either Haskell or Archer City in the regional semifinals next week. Haskell and Archer City are playing a best-of-3 series this weekend.

Forsan didn't waste any time in putting Follett into a hole. The Lady Buffaloes pounded out four runs in their first at-bat and raced to a quick lead.

Keelee White and Kendall Phillips both delivered

clutch hits for the Lady Buffaloes in the first inning.

Forsan stretched its lead to 8-1 in the second by tacking on a run in the second and three more in the third.

Destiny Mata got Forsan's third-inning barrage started by lining a one-out single to left. Two batters later, Phillips smashed a ball off the wall in center for a run-scoring triple.

Phillips didn't have to wait long - or run very fast - to find her way home, thanks to teammate Rosario Munoz. With Phillips at third, Munoz a junior shortstop, turned on a pitch and blasted it over the wall in left-center for her first postseason home run.

"I just wanted to get a hit," said Munoz, who has two career homers. "I wasn't trying to hit a home run. I was just looking to get a hit and get the run in."

It wasn't until the

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Diddle, HC to host youth camps in June

Football season may be on the horizon, but area basketball athletes will get a chance to get in some extra practice in June.

Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle and his staff will be hosting several youth-oriented camps in the first week of June.

According to Diddle, his staff will be holding its annual Little Hawk Camp from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on June 1-4. The camp is designed for students in kindergarten through third grade.

The staff will also be holding an Individual

Shooting/Skill Camp on June 1-4 for students in grades 4-6. That camp will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon each day. A skills camp for athletes in grades 4-12 will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day, as well.

A Girls Shooting and Offensive Move Camp is planned for June 8-11.

The cost for each camp is \$50.

For more information e-mail Diddle at ediddle@howardcollege.edu or call 432-264-5043 or assistant coach Tara Lisle at tlisle@howardcollege.edu or call 432-264-5155.



Courtesy photo

Titans roll ...

The Howard County Titans took first in the Hobbs Global World Series qualifier, which was played on May 3. Members of the Titans include (back row, left to right) Aaron Escamilla, James Alexander, Brandon Valdez, Kobe Cervantes, Brysen Kerby, (bottom row) McCray Jacobs, Gage Miller, Chris Martinez, Joshua Miramontes and Grayson Jacobs. The team is coached by Artie Valdez, Chris Martinez and Manuel Cervantes.

Lady Steers' Oliva honored for efforts

Big Spring junior Mia Oliva received some well-deserved praise earlier this week when she was honored by the Abilene Reporter-News as one of its Players of the Week for the Big Country for her efforts in the Lady Steers' playoff series against Andrews. Oliva was among 10 athletes honored by the paper.

Big Spring's starting catcher, Oliva turned in a stellar performance in the Lady Steers' playoff matchup with Andrews. She went 7-for-9 from the plate in the 3-game series.

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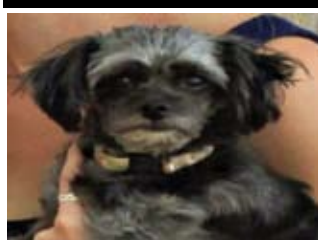
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of WESLEY LELAND YATER, DECEASED were issued on May 8, 2015, in Cause No. P-14374A pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to JOHN YATER.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS affects us every day, though the current Mars and Saturn opposition makes it seem more pronounced. The right thing to do is often not the easiest or most appealing course of action, and yet it's the only one that won't end in regret.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are open to unusual, original and novel ideas, so open, in fact, that sometimes you miss the obvious success key. That's why it helps to have a very pragmatic friend in your mix.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Strategy will be better than impulse. Plan your attack, and at least three people around you will sup-

port you. Earth signs will be especially helpful -- that's Virgo, Capricorn or a fellow Taurus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At first you'll ask without much luck in the way of a response. "I don't know" will quickly change to "I know" when you ask a different question. Prod if you must to get to the root of your problem.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many sales techniques hinge on the belief that the things that are most desirable are in limited supply. Think twice when you're urged to "buy now because there are only three left." There are many more than three left.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a talent for levity and an instinct for fun -- lead with laughter today. There is no need to be self-conscious and overly concerned about what others think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who feel pressured are likely to act out of fear, and the result will lead to regret. How can you take the pressure off? How can

you make it fun?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You value honesty, but do be gentle, because the people around you are more sensitive than usual. Much will be accomplished with a compassionate tone of voice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You seek the kind of understanding that can only come from putting yourself in another person's position. You don't mind walking a mile in another person's moccasins as long as that person's shoe size is similar to yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You approach the day as if it were an experiment, and your curious, playful mindset will keep you from getting frustrated. Whether it goes right or wrong, you learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On the subject of personal and emotional space, everyone has a certain comfort zone. You need a bigger buffer than usual today, and you'll favor those who understand and respect your boundaries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may be building an event up to be much bigger than it needs to be. Try hard, but don't worry if it doesn't work out. There will be more and better opportunities in your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Small issues can escalate quickly. If you run into a problem, meet with the others involved straight away and face-to-face for speedy resolution. Lose old baggage. It's not relevant to who you are now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 14). Tenacity breeds success. June shows you regularly seeing someone special. July brings second chances and a homecoming. A friend will excel within an area you long to master. It's not a contest. Accept the help that's offered to you in September. Barriers to forward movement are eliminated in November. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 22, 20 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Virgo who was born on Aug. 25,

1983. Within the past week, I have had four dreams containing ladders. I am figuring out a way to get either up or down, or even fixing them for use. I am often scared about the height and stableness of the ladder. They always look so wobbly and torn, or there is just something wrong with them. Should I pay this dream much attention?"

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Before you go to sleep, imagine yourself flying up!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg, who declared years ago, "Helping a billion people connect is amazing, humbling and by far the thing I am most proud of in my life." The Taurus was born when the moon, Mars, Saturn and Pluto were in Scorpio, the sign of transformation, suggesting that Zuckerberg will play many roles in his lifetime.

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ANSWERS

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a problem with one of my best friends, and I hope you can help. "Monique" and I recently split the cost of a hotel room so we could enjoy a weekend of shopping and relaxation. We experienced a few problems with the room, nothing major, but Monique complained to the manager and got a coupon for a free night on her next visit. I was excited until she told me she intended to use it with her husband because she's always wanted to go there with him.

I didn't say anything to Monique, but why does this refund belong only to her? We've talked about returning to the place in a few months, and I think the coupon should be used for the two of us. I will find it really difficult to come back here with Monique if I can't get past this.

Would you please explain why she feels this is hers when I paid for half of the room? I wouldn't care quite as much except that we always use my car and Monique only pays for gas now and then. -- Not Trying To Be Selfish

Dear Not Trying: Monique may feel that the refund belongs to her because she was the one who complained. But both of you were inconvenienced by this room, and the refund should be shared. Tell Monique you believe it would be fair to use the refund for your next shopping excursion together. If she refuses, you are under no obligation to return there with her. She will know why.

Dear Annie: I am a woman, 5-foot-10 and 240 pounds. I wear a size 12E men's shoe.

Why do retail stores discriminate against tall women? They have petites, plus-sizes and juniors, while I am lucky to find a pair of pants anywhere, let alone something stylish. I'm stuck between ugly and uglier. Retailers assume all overweight women are short and round. I'm a size 14, but clothing in that size is never long enough.

All I want is a plain T-shirt or a nice pair of jeans that I can try on in a store. I have to order everything online and pay for shipping. When it arrives, I discover it doesn't fit, and I have to return it and wait a week to get my money back.

I'm sick of people telling me to buy men's clothing. It's degrading and depressing. Shoes are even worse. I had to make my own wedding shoes. I couldn't even find them on sites for drag queens.

Please let retailers and designers know that women come in all shapes and sizes, and once in a while, they should use a tall woman as a model. -- Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: Here's the problem with catering to every shape and size: Retailers need to make money. They stock what sells. They can sell a great many things for those of average height and average size, and they have discovered a big market for plus-size women. But apparently, there isn't enough demand for clothes in your size. That is why ordering things online has become such big business, and it's a blessing for those who don't fit into standard sizes and cannot afford to have their clothing or shoes custom made. Please don't give up looking. One of these days you

will find an online store where the sizing works for you, and you won't need to return everything.

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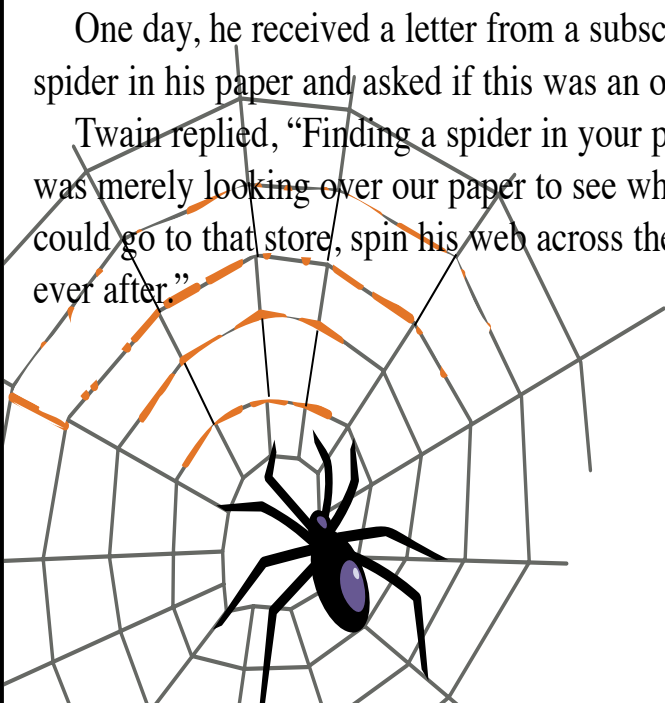
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding a Lot With a Little

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 5
♦ —
♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2

WEST EAST
♠ 7 ♠ J
♥ A K Q 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 8
♦ Q 9 7 5 ♦ K J 10 2
♣ A K Q ♣ J 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 6 3
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A 8 6 4 3
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Dble
5♣ Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal occurred during a national team championship played in San Francisco in 1981. The distribution of the four hands was certainly unusual, with two voids and three singletons scattered around the table. And, as you might expect, the bidding reflected the peculiar nature of the hand.

At the first table, South opened the bidding, after two passes, with a

perfectly normal one-spade bid. West doubled for takeout, whereupon North jumped directly to five spades!

This was not intended as an effort to get to a slam; on the contrary, North was simply doing everything he could to make it difficult for East to enter the bidding. From North's viewpoint, it seemed likely that East-West could make either a game or a slam in hearts or diamonds, and he was trying to make things as difficult as possible for them.

East and South passed five spades, and West doubled again. Everyone passed, and when the smoke cleared, South had made five spades doubled with two overtricks!

He ruffed the club lead and cashed the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, discarding dummy's heart. He then crossruffed diamonds and clubs until dummy's last two clubs became established, and so finished with 13 tricks for a score of 1,250 points. All this was accomplished with a total of only 13 high-card points in the combined North-South hands!

Remarkably, at the second table the bidding, the play and the outcome were exactly the same, and the deal proved to be a washout!

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

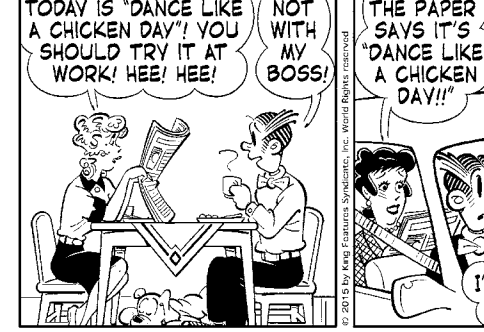


"Soft monies are more expensive than hard monies."

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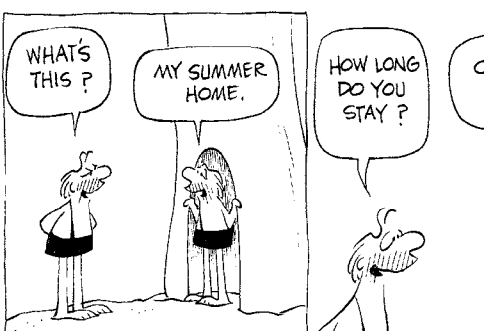
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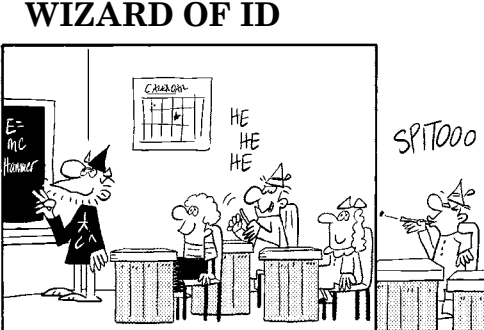
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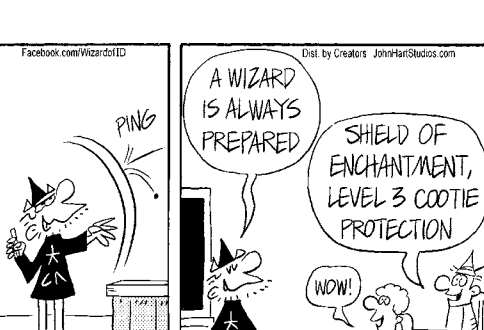
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 14, the 134th day of 2015. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland. (The Pact was dissolved in July 1991.)

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1913, the Rockefeller

Foundation was founded in New York.

In 1925, the Virginia Woolf novel "Mrs Dalloway" was first published in England and the United States.

In 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station. (Skylab 1 remained in orbit for six years before burning up during re-entry in 1979.) The National Right to Life Committee was incorporated.

In 1988, 27 people, mostly teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong direction on a highway near Carrollton, Kentucky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9 1/2 years in prison for manslaughter.)

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on

NBC.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama heatedly condemned what he called a "ridiculous spectacle" of oil executives shifting blame for the BP oil spill in congressional hearings and denounced a "cozy relationship" between their companies and the federal government. Space shuttle Atlantis thundered away on what turned out to be its next-to-last voyage into orbit. NBC canceled the long-running police/courtroom drama "Law & Order" after 20 seasons on the air.

Thought for Today:
"The family you come from isn't as important as the family you're going to have." -Ai Ring Lardner, American humorist (1885-1933).

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Answer to previous puzzle

DIPS	ADDS	RENEW
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Newsday Crossword

HOW'S THE TEAM? by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Towel term
 - 4 Bellyached
 - 10 One of the Vatican's 109
 - 14 Prefix for tourist
 - 15 At some point
 - 16 Wave away
 - 17 It might cause an objection
 - 20 Columbus, for one
 - 21 Reservoir fillers
 - 22 Former flames
 - 23 Tarzan creator's monogram
 - 26 Boiling over
 - 28 Talking bear in a 2012 film
 - 29 Uncultivated
 - 32 Figure out
 - 33 Apple cofounder, casually
 - 34 Keep out
 - 35 Jamaican cooking style
 - 36 Very nervous
 - 40 Figures out
 - 41 Deteriorate
 - 42 Ending for invent
 - 43 More, in El Salvador
 - 44 Showing trust
 - 46 Loathsome
 - 49 Sudden outpouring
 - 51 Cut out
 - 52 Doubtless
 - 53 Relevant, in law
 - 55 Brings dinner to
 - 58 Another name for the mayflower
 - 61 Comics bulldog
- DOWN**
- 1 Lacrosse wear
 - 2 Mountaineering tool
 - 3 Skyrocketed
 - 4 Slot insert
 - 5 Henry's 2nd or 4th
 - 6 Contrition
 - 7 Without delay
 - 8 __ Claire, WI
 - 9 Salon specialist
 - 10 On the go
 - 11 Good dishes
 - 12 Vane designs
 - 13 Vast time period
 - 18 Talk trash to
 - 19 Shove off
 - 24 Overdo the
 - 25 Component of brown rice
 - 27 Cartoon squeal
 - 29 Doze (off)
 - 30 Blue hue
 - 31 Film producer in Argo
 - 33 NBA great Unseld
 - 35 Garfield's owner
 - 36 Wonderland event
 - 37 "See you then!"
 - 38 Gondolier's implement
 - 39 "Like it" alternative
 - 40 MLB execs
 - 44 Stagger
 - 45 Producer of pop-ups
 - 46 Totally destroy
 - 47 Fire up
 - 48 More opaque
 - 50 Threesomes
 - 52 Alphabetic threesome
 - 54 Runners of rhyme
 - 56 Javelin paths
 - 57 Skeptical comment
 - 58 Golf-club part
 - 59 Clause connector
 - 60 X or Y precursor

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FORSAN

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fourth inning that Follett put the Lady Buffs in a bad mood.

Trailing by seven, Follett strung together a pair of hits and used an FHS error to score twice and pull to within five, at 8-3.

Matthews, who admitted to not feeling well prior to the game, didn't waste any time in taking out her frustrations on the Lady Panthers. She led off the FHS fifth by lining a double off the wall in center. She scored moments later to build the FHS lead to 9-4.

The big hits by Munoz and Matthews gave the Lady Buffs the spark they needed defensively.

In the top of the sixth, Phillips and White help squelch a Follett threat. The FHS second baseman, Phillips came away with a defensive gem early in the frame by roaming near the foul line behind first base to snag a pop. White added a running catch in left seconds later to end the frame.

In the seventh, Matthews slammed the door shut. She struck out the final two batters she faced to secure the team a trip to the regional semifinals.

"Before the game started, I wasn't feeling very well," she said. "But I knew I had to go, I think I came out and surprised myself. I just knew I wanted us to get past this round."



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Howard College's Shelby Ume settles under a fly ball in left field during the Lady Hawks' 4-3 win over Jefferson College in the first round of the national softball tournament in St. George, Utah.

Deadline looms for Brady's appeal of 4-game suspension

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady's challenge to his four-game suspension by the NFL is set to begin.

The star quarterback of the defending Super Bowl champions is expected to appeal by the deadline of 5 p.m. Thursday. The suspension was issued Monday for his part in the deflation of footballs below the league-mandated mini-

mum for the AFC championship game.

His agent, Don Yee, said shortly after the suspension was announced that the appeal would be filed. The New England Patriots have not said if they'll appeal their penalty — a \$1 million fine and the loss of a first-round draft pick next year and a fourth-rounder in 2017.

Yee has criticized the suspension that was

based on an investigation headed by NFL-appointed Ted Wells. On Tuesday, Wells was critical of Yee in a conference call with reporters.

That report issued April 29 said that it was "more probable than not" that Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans by two team employees to prepare the balls to his liking. They inflated the balls below the league minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch.

It also said Brady and the team were not fully cooperative with the investigation, which contributed to the penalties.

Redwine, C-City to face Merkel in regional q'finals

Big Spring still has an interest in the state softball playoffs ... albeit, a distant one now.

The Colorado City Lady Wolves, backed by the play of senior first baseman Alicia Redwine, will face off with the Merkel Lady Badgers in the Class 3A regional quarterfinals this weekend at Abilene Christian University. The best-of-3 series is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Redwine, who was born in Big Spring, is a former volleyball standout at Big Spring Junior High School. She moved to Colorado City following her eighth grade year after the death of her grandfather.

The Lady Wolves also have another tie to Howard County. The team is coached by former Coahoma standouts Ami Martinez and Liz Conley.

WIN

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sophomore came on in relief in the third inning and promptly shut down the JC offense. She allowed just one hit over the ensuing 7 1/3 innings.

The winning pitcher in the Lady Hawks' Region V West championship game against Midland College, Elder faced just one batter of the minimum in her first outing at the JUCO national tournament, and retired the Lady Vikings in order in six of the seven innings she started.

The Lady Hawks, now 46-12 for the season, got off to a quick start against Jefferson College, which had entered the game leading the nation in wins with 55.

After HC starter Arielle Charuk had overpowered the Lady Vikings in the top of the first, Corinna Liscano got the HC offense going, reaching base on a fielder's choice that retired Lady Hawks' lead-off hitter Courtnee Laughlin.

Samantha Ohmie drew a walk from JC starter Mackenzie Hoelting to start the inning Jaelyn Young followed by slapping a ball to third that was misplayed to load the bases. Baltas made the Lady Vikings pay for the miscue. She singled to center moments later to drive Liscano home with the game's first run.

Hoelting, who pitched all 10 innings for 2-th-ranked Jefferson College, managed to escape further damage. With the bases loaded, she got Keller and Katie Reyes to pop out to short and strikeout, respectively, to end the threat.

The Lady Vikings rallied back in the top of the second. They turned a pair of walks and two infield hits into a run that tied the game at 1-1.

Jefferson College chased Charuk from the mound in the third. The Lady Vikings opened the inning with back-to-back doubles by Morgan Oliver and Alex Linck that put JC on top 2-1. They tacked on a run-scoring single two batters later to put the Lady Hawks in a hole, 3-1.

One batter later, JC shortstop Karli Leeper singled to put runners on

The Howard College Lady Hawks' matchup with Chipola in the second round of the NJCAA Division I Softball Championships will be broadcast locally on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM beginning at 6 p.m.



out the contest. The HC women, who put runners on base in almost every inning, stranded a total of 10 in the first nine innings of the game.

Howard knotted the game in the bottom of the sixth by taking advantage of Jefferson College's miscues.

After Ashley Gonzales had walked to lead off the frame, Shelby Ume dropped down a sacrifice bunt to move the runner to second. One out later, Gonzales raced home with the tying run when the JC left fielder misplayed a drive off the bat of Liscano.

Elder, backed by a diving catch on a line drive by Ohmie at first, made sure the Lady Vikings didn't mount a comeback. She retired the next 15 batters she faced in order to send the game into the bottom of the 10th.

Baltas, who finished the game by going 3-for-5 from the plate, started the HC frame with a single to right. After taking second on a wild pitch, she raced home on Keller's game-winning double.

first and second.

The hit forced HC head coach Kelly Raines to go to the bullpen, bringing in Elder to relieve Charuk with two outs in the third.

Elder responded to the challenge immediately. She retired the Lady Vikings' Allie Craft quickly to end the uprising.

The Lady Hawks managed to get one of the runs back in the bottom of the third. Ohmie led off the frame by drawing a walk and then raced to second moments later on a single by Young.

Baltas collected her second RBI of the contest from there, driving Ohmie home with a run-scoring single to center.

Offensively, Howard College struggled to get runners home through-



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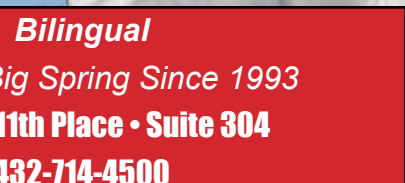
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