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Off on his own

While GOP rivals debate, Trump holds separate event

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — As his rivals made their final case to voters ahead of Iowa's kickoff caucuses, Donald Trump was headlining a show of his own.

Just three miles from the site of the final GOP presidential debate before voting begins, Republican front-runner Donald Trump held what amounted to a cross between his typical rally and a fundraising telethon to benefit veterans.

Between his usual talking points on issues like the country's trade imbalance and media camera angles, Trump read out the names of wealthy friends who'd pledged major contributions to veterans' causes. Later he announced the event had just cracked raising \$6 million. When he announced he'd pledged \$1 million himself, the crowd erupted in cheers.

It was the latest example of how Trump, a billionaire businessman and former reality television star, has completely rewritten the rules of campaigning, turning typical protocol on its head. Trump decided to boycott the debate due to a feud with debate host Fox News and organized a competing event instead.

Trump opened by telling the students and veterans packed into a 775-seat auditorium at Drake University that he would have preferred to be at the debate, but felt he had little choice.

"You have to stick up for your rights. When you're treated bad-

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No injuries in Thursday fire



A residential fire was reported at the intersection of 10th and N. Gregg St just after 3:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. The Big Spring Fire Department responded to the call. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Skywarn class set for Feb. 16

By AMANDA ELSTON

Managing Editor

Calling all weather enthusiasts! The National Weather Service is offering a Skywarn weather spotter class in Big Spring on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Skywarn is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters that report and describe local storms in their community to the National Weather Service.

"Although Skywarn spotters provide

essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a Skywarn spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms," reads the National Weather Service website. "In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threatened lives and property."

The class, offered at City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street, will cover the basics of thunderstorm de-

velopment, the fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather features, information to report, as well as how to report it.

"NWS and the Big Spring Police Department encourages anyone with an interest in public service an access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the Skywarn program," read a press release sent out by the BSPD.

Training to be a Skywarn weather spotter is free and will last about two hours.

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CASA to hold volunteer training

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

A few hours of training paired with a few hours a month volunteering can make a huge difference for a child and their future.

"More than 24,000 children in the Texas foster care system need caring adults to advocate for them," said Kathy Harmon, Marketing Specialist for CASA of West Texas.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers help get the child through the foster care system as quickly as possible and into permanent homes.

Harmon said that last year 46,823 abused and neglected children were in the Texas foster care system and that

"More than 24,000 children in the Texas foster care system need caring adults to advocate for them."

Kathy Harmon
 CASA of West Texas

172 of those children were from Howard County. They were separated from family, siblings, friends and loved ones and placed into a setting far from home. There were many children going through these traumatic ordeals without an advocate to speak on their behalf.

"Child Protective Services workers usually handle two

or three dozen cases, each of which can involve multiple children. As a result, many children fall through the cracks, stay in foster care longer than necessary and may not receive the help they need to begin to heal. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, permanent home," said Harmon.

CASA of West Texas

watched over 349 children last year for seven West Texas Counties. The CASA volunteers speak for the abused and neglected children; they accompany them to court, they check on them in their foster homes and bond with the child to help them understand that they have a friend and somebody fighting for them.

"These abused and neglected children who, through no fault of their own, ended up in foster care. Unfortunately, more than half of the children in care do not have CASA volunteer," said Harmon.

CASA volunteers are given a child to advocate for. They

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Obituaries

Charles "Chuck" Preston



Charles "Chuck" Walter Preston, age 69, of Norman, Okla. passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016. He moved to Big Spring, Texas in 1978 and went to work at the Big Spring State Hospital. During this time of his life he met the love of his life; his best friend and soul mate, Merrie Lee Roberts. Chuck later owned and operated his own private practice for eight years called "Social Workers Consulting Service" serving the Midland and Odessa areas. In 1993 he went to work at the Big Spring West Texas V. A. Center which lead to his transfer to OKC, V. A. Hospital in 1995. Chuck made his home in Norman and worked at the V.A.

hospital until he retired in 2006, ONLY because of his failing health.

Chuck leaves behind his wife of 31 years, Merrie Preston of the home; Three children, Josh Preston and wife Yvette, Big Springs, Texas, Tiffany Bohrer and husband Joe of Guthrie, Okla. and Jimmy Cox and wife Amy of Lubbock, Texas.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell, Okla. Followed by a Sunday Funeral Service on Jan. 31, 2016 at the Assembly of God Church in Laverne, Okla.

Arrangements are by Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Memorials may be sent to the Josh Preston Medical Fund, 708 W. 18th St., Big Spring, TX. 79720. Read full obituary and send online condolences @wilsonlittle.com.

Paid Obituary

Glenn D. Phillippe



Master Sergeant Glenn D. Phillippe, 95, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The family will receive friends Friday from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Raul Garcia, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Glenn was born Dec. 4, 1920 in Pinkstaff, Illinois to Garnett (McCarty) Phillippe and Martin Phillippe. He married Laura Carie on Dec. 14, 1944 in Denver, Colorado.

He entered the United States Air Force on January 5, 1942 and retired on Aug. 31, 1962 as a Master Sergeant. His awards included: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal with 2 Silver Loops, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Air Force Longevity Service Award

with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

He and his wife moved to Big Spring 41 years ago from California and established their home here. He continued working after his military retirement working at Western Car Volkswagen, Lester Humphrey and then retiring from Big Spring Independent School District as a book custodian. He was a great story teller, making Venetian glass beads and turning them into jewelry pieces, fishing, golfing and traveling the country in his RV. He was a devoted, faithful Christian and a member of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

Glenn is survived by his wife of 71 years, Laura Phillippe of the home; two daughters: Carol Griffith Sims and husband Jim of Tyler; Judith Lynn Phillippe of Lindale; one son: Gregory Phillippe and wife Linda of Big Spring; grandsons: Matt Griffith of Jackson, Miss., Andrew Griffith of Tyler, Adam Gillihan and Michael Gillihan and wife Sheryle of Ft. Worth; nine great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and Hangar 25.

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

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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/30	Sun 1/31	Mon 2/1	Tue 2/2	Wed 2/3
77/47	76/42	72/35	52/23	48/23
Sunshine. High 77F. Winds WSW at 15 to 25 mph.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 20s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM

Texas at a Glance



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Beaumont	71 51 Sunny	Lubbock	75 37 P Cloudy
Brownsville	73 54 Sunny	Lufkin	73 47 Sunny
Brownwood	77 40 Sunny	Midland	75 42 P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	74 53 P Cloudy	Raymondville	78 53 Sunny
Corsicana	74 48 Sunny	Rosenberg	72 52 Sunny
Dallas	75 47 Sunny	San Antonio	77 43 Sunny
Del Rio	78 42 Sunny	San Marcos	75 44 Sunny
El Paso	68 43 Clear	Sulphur Springs	73 48 Sunny
Fort Stockton	76 46 P Cloudy	Sweetwater	75 43 Sunny
Gainesville	73 41 Sunny	Tyler	74 48 Sunny
Greenville	72 45 Sunny	Weatherford	77 44 Sunny
Houston	74 52 Sunny	Wichita Falls	77 41 Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
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Boston	39 30 Cloudy	Minneapolis	34 30 Cloudy
Chicago	35 32 P Cloudy	New York	42 27 P Cloudy
Dallas	75 47 Sunny	Phoenix	75 48 P Cloudy
Denver	61 37 M Cloudy	San Francisco	60 50 Cloudy
Houston	56 38 P Cloudy	Seattle	49 39 Showers
Los Angeles	76 52 M Sunny	Saint Louis	49 38 M Sunny

Police / Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DEVONNE ALYSS VALENCIA**, 18, of 3820 Acacia Trail Rd. The Colony, Texas, was arrested on a charge of theft of property, less than \$100, shoplifting.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of Andree St., the 400 block of S. Birdwell and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of E. 17th St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of N. Monticello St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CASSIE LYNN HARRIS**, 52, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more offense.
- **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 25, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for robbery.
- **ALYSSA RHEA HOLMES**, 31, was booked by the RSO on a warrant for parole violation.
- **DEVONNE ALYSS VALENCIA**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, less than \$100, shoplifting.
- **HENRY E. GRANT**, 43, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **MATTHEW RAY MIRANDA**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for fraudulent use/possession of identifying information.

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

Support Groups

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, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Take note

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The Howard County Clothing and Textile kick off will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The program is for students in grade three through high school interested in the fashion industry. For more information, contact Melissa Deeter, Howard County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Science, at 432-364-2236.

Cook-off

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles is hosting its 14th Annual Chili Cook off on Saturday, Jan. 30. Cook teams of 1-3 people need to register at the Eagles Lodge at 8 a.m. with supplies to cook a minimum of 5 pounds of Chili. Chili must be cooked on site. Judging will take place at 11:30. If interested in judging, please contact David Pope at 432-816-8462. All-you-can-eat-chili will be available to the public for \$10 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Eagles Lodge is located at 703 W. 3rd St. Proceeds will go to benefit the Big Spring Crossroads Young Marines and the West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday - Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 - 16 and you must provide a birth certificate.

Meetings

The Big Spring Art Association meets every

third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

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.

Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016

or 213-7960.

Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

CASA

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work with that child, and only that child, until the child is through with court dates, foster homes and is finally placed in a permanent home. In a world that

constantly changes for that child, the CASA volunteer is the only constant for many of the children.

Training begins Feb. 15 from 5:30 - 8:45 p.m. to become a CASA volunteer. There will be orientation to assign on-line courses and an introduction to the CASA/

GAL Volunteer Role.

On Feb. 17 from 5:30-8:45 p.m. will be developing cultural competence training.

Feb 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. is domestic violence, communicating as a CASA/GAL volunteer, midway evaluations and policies and procedures training.

Session four is on Feb. 22 from 5:30-8:45 p.m. is training on report writing.

The final training takes place Fe. 24 from 5:30-8:45 p.m. which will include wrap up and policies and procedures.

Throughout the process, the senior CASA

volunteers will help answer questions and walk new volunteers through the different processes.

There will also be four hours of court observation.

Before the classes begin, a face to face interview and an application must be completed.

"Consider becoming

a CASA volunteer and make a difference in a child's life and your own," said Harmon.

For more information visit www.casawtx.org or call Harmon at 432-683-1114.

TRUMP

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ly, you have to stick up for your rights," he said.

In an interview with several reporters aboard his plane at the Des Moines airport before the event, Trump said that he'd been in touch with Fox throughout the day.

"The time to change my mind was two days ago," he said. "It's too late. When you look at the lines, what am I going to do? Tell thousands of people that, by the way folks, I'm going to go do the debate?"

Fox News Channel issued a statement saying Trump had offered to appear at the debate upon the condition that Fox contribute \$5 million to his charities, which the network said was not possible. Trump's campaign responded with a counter-statement saying that, if "FOX wanted to join in that effort and make a contribution Mr. Trump would have welcomed that."

Trump's decision posed potential risks

with just days to go before Iowa's caucuses. While recent polls show him pulling ahead in the state, he remains locked in a close race with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in Iowa. And his decision was seen by some voters and local party leaders as a slight to those still making up their minds.

But Trump said he wasn't concerned. While some might take issue, he said: "You're going to have a lot of voters that like that we didn't get pushed around."

About halfway through the event, Trump yielded the stage for Staff Sgt. John Wayne Walding, an Afghanistan war veteran who lost his leg to sniper fire, to speak powerfully about his experience overseas and about coping with the aftermath of war at home. Trump was later presented with a ring from a veterans group representing the number of veterans who commit suicide after returning home.

Trump was joined at his event by two of his rivals - Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum - who briefly spoke. Huck-

abee praised Trump for bringing them together, saying the three may be competing against each other, "but tonight we are colleagues in unison" for the cause.

Santorum spoke standing slightly to the side of Trump's podium, joking he didn't want his picture taken with the Trump campaign sign.

But in many ways the event was typical Trump. Moments after saying he would skip his usual campaign mainstay of reading off his poll numbers, Trump pivoted to a summary, bragging about his "amazing polls" and leading "by substantial margins in Iowa and every single state."

Later, as he introduced Walding, Trump offered the following: "He should be much more famous than me, 'cause he's a lot much more courageous than I am."

"I'm financially courageous," Trump added, but not so good at the other stuff.

Trump's campaign did not disclose on Thursday which groups would receive money

raised from the event, but representatives had spent the day reaching out to various groups, in some cases inquiring about their programs and finances. Among those contacted were the Green Beret Foundation, which provides care to veterans, and Fisher House, which provides free or low cost housing to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers.

Trump launched a website earlier Thursday to collect donations. Contributions collected there were funneled to The Donald J. Trump Foundation, Trump's nonprofit charitable organization. The page says: "100 percent of

your donations will go directly to Veterans needs."

As for the debate, Trump predicted it would have far fewer viewers without him on the stage.

And his event offered some similar trappings. Reporters covering his event were ushered to a filing room with five long rows of tables, where they watched via closed circuit television.

When it ended, Huckabee sauntered into the filing room to answer reporters' questions, giving it the distinct feel of the post-debate spin room just down the road.

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Chris Limon, 56, died Thursday. He will lie in state Friday, January 29, 2016 from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Donna Kay, 69, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11:45 AM at Trinity Memorial Park.

Glenn Phillippe, 95, died Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

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Could Ted Cruz be disqualified?

If you attend a presidential campaign event, you may come across someone wearing colonial garb or an Uncle Sam costume or body paint. But a Ted Cruz rally in Iowa last weekend featured something possibly unprecedented: guys dressed up as Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This was not a random choice of attire. The guys in scarlet tunics were protesters, who passed out copies of Cruz's Canadian birth certificate to highlight the questions about his eligibility for the American presidency. The Constitution says the president must be “a natural born citizen” of the United States.

There is no dispute that the Texas senator was a U.S. citizen from birth, since his mother was an American. Donald Trump has raised questions, though, about whether Cruz, being born in the great state of Alberta, qualifies as “a natural born citizen.”

Cruz dismisses the issue. “It's settled law,” he says. “As a legal matter it's quite straightforward.” In fact, it's never been settled, it's not straightforward and some experts don't agree with his reading.

The fact that it was Trump who raised the issue made it deeply suspect. But though it's unlikely that anything coming out of Trump's mouth is true, it's not impossible. And his claim that this is an unresolved question that could end up throwing the election into doubt happens to be correct.

When it comes to parsing the crucial phrase, Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe has noted, “No Supreme Court decision in the past two centuries has ever done so. In truth, the constitutional definition of a ‘natural born citizen’ is completely unsettled.”

Tribe says that under an

originalist interpretation of the Constitution — the type Cruz champions — he “wouldn't be eligible, because the legal principles that prevailed in the 1780s and '90s required that someone actually be born on U.S. soil to be a ‘natural born citizen.’”

Cruz retorted that this is just what you'd expect from a “left-wing judicial activist.” But Tribe, an eminent constitutional scholar, is not so predictable. He surprised gun-rights advocates years ago, before the landmark Supreme Court decisions on the Second Amendment, when he said it protects an individual right to own firearms.

Even if he's a judicial activist, the Supreme Court might agree with him. Cruz should

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know as much, because he has denounced the court for its “lawlessness,” “imperial tendencies” and, yes, “judicial activism.”

Nor is Tribe alone among experts. University of Chicago law professor Eric Posner says, “The ordinary meaning of the language suggests to me that one must be born on U.S. territory.” Chapman University's Ronald Rotunda, co-author of a widely used constitutional law textbook, told me a couple of weeks ago he had no doubt that Cruz is eligible. But when he investigated the issue, he concluded that under the relevant Supreme Court precedents, “Cruz simply is not a natural born citizen.”

Catholic University law professor Sarah Helene Duggin wrote in 2005, “Natural born citizenship is absolutely certain only for United States citizens born post-statehood in one of the fifty states, provided that they are not members of Native American tribes.”

Steven Lubet, a Northwestern University law professor, spies another possible land mine. Cruz qualified for citizenship because his mother was an American citizen (unlike his father). But “under the law in effect in 1970, Cruz would only have acquired U.S. citizenship if his mother had been ‘physically present’ in the United States for ten years prior to his birth, including five years after she reached the age of fourteen,” Lubet wrote in Salon.

That raises two questions: Did she live in this country for the required amount of time? And can the Cruz family prove it?

Whether the justices would take the case is another question. Unless some state election official bars him from the ballot on constitutional grounds or a rival candidate goes to court, it's unlikely a lawsuit would get a hearing. But if that happens, the Court may elect to resolve the matter — and no one can be confident of the ultimate verdict.

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Why cheap oil isn't bad for the environment

It stood to reason that collapsing prices for oil would make clean energy relatively more expensive. That would dampen the public's craving to install solar panels and build wind turbines.

Well, let's try to reason again. A lot of opposing forces are shaking the old assumptions. In the jaws of bargain oil, the U.S. Department of Energy expects Americans to increase their use of renewable power this year by almost 10 percent. Why is this time different?

Consider solar power. Over the past 18 months, the price of oil has fallen by 75 percent, yet the installation of solar panels proceeds apace. The advocacy group Solar Foundation reports that jobs in solar energy increased last year by more than 20 percent. Most of them were for installers.

As for wind power, Denmark-based Vestas, one of the big three wind-turbine companies, says that business continues to boom in North America, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Its stock price doubled last year.

What's going on? For starters, while the price of oil has fallen, so have the costs of green energy technologies. For another, strangling air pollution in China and India has fed a desire for clean energy greater than the urge to find the cheapest source.

And international alarm over carbon's role in global warming has taken root in concrete ways. It appears that vows to cut fossil-fuel use at the Paris climate-change summit are being taken seriously.

In this country, Congress

recently extended tax credits for new wind and solar projects. President Obama's Clean Power Plan, meanwhile, is requiring states to cut power-plant emissions.

Sharply lower oil and gas prices have translated into enormous savings for consumers. Some developing countries have used their newfound cash to cut subsidies for gasoline. Countries dependent on imported oil are using the savings to invest in wind power, according to Vestas.

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That's not great environmental news. On the other hand, SUVs and trucks are now so much more fuel-efficient than in the past.

Within the fossil-fuel world, a sharp drop in oil prices has rearranged the economics with environmental benefits. As The Economist magazine explained, “Cheap oil has a green lining, as it drags down the global prices of natural gas, which crowds out coal, a dirtier fuel.”

Another green lining is that it makes drilling in hard-to-reach places, such as the Arctic, less

economically feasible. This offered good timing for Obama's proposal to extend “wilderness” designation to millions of the acres in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Drilling and mining are off-limits in wilderness-designated areas. ANWR has long been a battleground between environmentalists and oil companies.

Some economists worry that the oil-price “tax cut” isn't doing much for the American economy because consumers seem to mostly be saving the money instead of spending. Cheer up. Saving should be regarded as deferred spending, and in any case, it's about time Americans amassed an economic cushion.

Of course, the drop in energy prices has hurt oil-and-gas-producing parts of this country, Alaska in particular. Happily, the economies of oil-producing Texas and North Dakota have become considerably diversified. Energy is not the only game. Certainly, oil and gas are not. Texas has become America's biggest producer of wind-powered electricity.

Renewable energy is not the environmental plaything mocked years ago by the drilling interests and their politicians. Two months ago, in the midst of an oil-price tumble, Goldman Sachs said it was quadrupling its bet in alternative energy to \$150 billion. Hard numbers have clearly taken over the debate, and clean energy is winning.

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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who
love me. I will protect those who trust in my
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Psalm 91: 14-16

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rains he sends are an expression of his
grace. Once more the autumn rains will
come, as well as the rains of spring.*
(Joel 2:23)

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Did you ever wonder: How holy is God?

Do you remember the water from the Rock at Horeb? Moses led the Israelites from the lake of water at Rephidim into the Wilderness of Sinai. The first day they arrived at the foot of Mt. Sinai God called Moses up onto the mountain.

For the safety of the people, God set boundaries around the mountain. This was to help the people understand how extremely holy God is.

Moses told the people how they must prepare to meet God. They must desire in their hearts to draw near to God. The people must cleanse their hearts of earthly concerns and desires. They must bathe their bodies and wash their clothes.

On the third morning, God came down to the top of Mt. Sinai. There

was loud thunder and lightning and a heavy cloud on top of the mountain. Above the sound of lightning and thunder they heard the sound of the shofar, the ram's horn, blowing very powerfully. And the people in the camp shuddered.

Moses brought the people to the foot of the mountain. They saw the top of the mountain smoking because God had descended in a pillar of fire, and the whole mountain shuddered exceedingly. The sound of the shofar grew stronger and louder.

Does this remind you that God led the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night? But now He wanted them to know Him personally as their God. This time God wanted to come closer to His people.

God warned them again not to break through the barrier trying to reach Him. They still did not understand how holy God was.

When Moses was on top of the mountain, he asked to be able to see

God's face. But God could not permit this. Even Moses, whom God loved so much and who served God for so many years, could not look upon God's face.

So He placed Moses in a cleft in the mountain and God put His hand across the opening. Moses was permitted to see only the glory that surrounded God.

When God began to speak, His voice was so majestic and so strong that it terrified the people. They said to Moses, "Everything Hashem has spoken we shall do! We have heard the voice of God and it is too much for us. Moses, you go up and speak with God; then you tell us what He said."

Do you understand all of this? Are you able to even imagine such majesty? Wouldn't this be like approaching a gigantic electric generator and holding out your hand to grasp the electrode?

Let's think about this for a minute. Do we give any consideration to how

holy our God is?

We live our lives in the midst of much sin and corruption. It is just considered normal life, right?

We sample the fun for curiosity... this is okay because we are "saved." We flippantly say, "Well, He is a forgiving god!"

We watch lustful and profane TV programs; then if we go to church on Sunday, that pays our penance.

We taste the sugar to see what draws people in. But we are safe because we have claimed Jesus as our Savior! He has our backs!

However in living like the world, we have turned our backs on Him.

How holy our God truly is! We must clean up to stand in His Presence.

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Church News

Lift Every Voice

The Applause Music Series continues its concert season with an evening promising hope and inspiration.

The Lift Every Voice concert will involve individuals and choirs from Midland, Big Spring, Sweetwater and other areas coming together.

"Our powerful lineup of local talent promises something for audiences of all ages," says Mila Gibson, director of the music series.

Tickets are \$10 per person and the performance takes place Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium. (400 Locust St., Sweetwater.)

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Seth Bailey will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night Bible study is on hold until sometime in February of 2016.

A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and classes will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us once we begin again.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com.

First Christian Church

Sundays begin at 9:15 a.m. with fellowship in our sitting area. Sunday school is at 9:45 and Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. All are welcome to stop by to pay us a visit.

Sunday, our guest Minister, Joel Miller will be

preaching a sermon entitled "Work Together" based on the Scripture text Romans 14: 10 - 19. A favorite passage is "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God". Come hear what message God wants Joel to share with you.

We are grateful to have Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault leading our worship through their gift of music. The choir is working to prepare some beautiful hymns such as, "There's a Song In the Air" and "Fairest Lord Jesus" plus a few more beautiful songs to enhance our worship.

Assisting to Serve this Sunday are Dan Miracle as Liturgist and Elder as well as Erma Dunne as Elder. Shirley Lee and Joyce Davis will assist us as Deacons.

A reminder that First Christian Church will host a luncheon after worship this Sunday in Farewell to Joe and Hollis McCright. It is going to be Super Bowl Themed and should be a lot of fun. We wish Joe and Hollis good luck in their future endeavors and ask God's blessings on them as they leave us.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. unless we have sick children or weather prevents us from coming in. You can reach us at 432-517-4821. If we can't come to the phone we will gladly return your call.

As always, if you have questions regarding our services, Isaiah 58 or if you just need someone to pray with you, please don't hesitate to call.

First Christian Church of Big Spring, is located at 911 Goliad St.

First Presbyterian Church - Big Spring

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. January ushers are Susan Holstedt, Lane Reynolds, David Wilson, and Paschal Odom. Jim Little is Lector.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 7:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

The Children's Choir will sing "The Perfect 10" and "Making Choices" during the Children's

Moment. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir, joined by the Young Women's Choir and the Male Chorus, will offer "Come and Be Joyful" by Hal Hopson as the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, will meet at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Children's Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. and the Young Women's Choir at 5:15; the Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday evening the Male Chorus practices at 5:15, the Youth Handbells at 6:00, and Youth Group at 7:15 p.m.

The church's Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner, which was previously planned for Sunday has been changed to Feb. 14. It will be held in Fellowship Hall following morning worship on that Sunday.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are skating the Hart's back to Zambia on Monday, Feb. 15. Bring your family to skate for whatever donation amount the Lord puts on your heart. 100 percent of the proceeds will go towards helping Shawn and Lauren Hart head back to Zambia to continue the work they have been called to do. They will also take this time to meet and greet anyone who doesn't yet know about their mission and the work they have been called to do. Let's all come out and support this great cause. Monday Feb. 15 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Skateland Reloaded at 2906 W. 8th St. in Big Spring.

You are invited to our new Classical Worship Service Sunday at 8:15 a.m. We are excited about this more traditional service with more traditional hymns we all grew up singing. This worship service is in addition to our Contemporary Worship Service at 10:45. Please join us for a morning of uplifting music and timely messages from God's Word.

A new session of our Chronic Pain Management group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Join us for a "United Night of Worship" Sunday, at 6 p.m. at the City Auditorium. This is a combined effort between Spring Creek Fellowship, Family Faith Center, Cornerstone Church and Life Church coming together to provide an amazing night of worship for the whole community.

If you are interested in attending the Marriage Conference at Gateway Church Feb. 12-13, contact Lloyd or Chelsea Wells for more information.

"Grief Share", a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 - 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to



Courtesy Photo

First Baptist Church's Triple LLL (Living Longer & Loving It) participants enjoy a get-together featuring friends, food, and a program. Bring a friend and join them at noon Tuesday Feb. 2 at First Baptist Church located at 705 W FM 700.

One Spirit

In Ephesians 4:1-6, the Apostle Paul is pleading with Christians, those who are members of the body of Christ, to remain united. In our last article, we noticed from Scripture that there is only one body which is the church, yet men have divided from each other and there are many "churches" today. Next on Paul's list of ones, he writes that there is one Spirit. This is the first reference to a member of the Godhead, or Trinity. Paul will include the Lord and the Father later in the list.



GREG SURLES

Jesus had promised on the night he was betrayed that after he was gone the Helper (Holy Spirit) would

come. In this context it is important to understand that these promises made by the Lord were directly to his apostles. In John 13 they gather in the upper room to observe the Passover together. They remain in that room until the end of John 16. This is crucial to our understanding of the promises that Jesus makes in these chapters.

The work of the Holy Spirit is revelation. The product of his work is the inspired Scriptures. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:21, *For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit* (ESV). Back in John 14:26 Jesus told the apostles, *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you* (ESV). John 16:13, while still in the upper room with only his apostles Jesus said, *When the Spirit of*

truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come (ESV).

Thanks to the Holy Spirit, we have God's word preserved for us today. What a blessing that is. God's word is the means by which the Spirit can convict the world of sin and righteousness (John 16:8). Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, *All Scripture is breathed out by God [inspired (literally God-spirited)] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work* (ESV).

When Paul is reminding believers that there is only one Spirit, he is reminding them that God's revelation is consistent. Jesus, in his prayer to the Father in John 17:17, said, *Sanctify them [the apostles] in*

the truth, your word is truth (ESV). If we are going to be united as the body of Christ, we must be united upon the inspired word of God!

One last thing. If the Spirit guided the apostles into all truth and by inspiration they wrote those things down for us, then how can someone today say that the Spirit has told them something that is not found or authorized in God's word? The Spirit speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures. The Spirit does not tell you one thing and me another. The Spirit does not tell someone if they don't get a million dollars from people then they will die. That is dividing the Spirit! Paul writes by inspiration that there is ONE Spirit. May all followers of Jesus be united upon God's word, the whole of God's word, and nothing but God's word. Amen!

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lance Church of Christ.

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attend. For more info on "Grief Share", visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts and prayer shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our Worship Team, contact Clint Bratcher. We need your talents.

"Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more info.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
8:15 a.m. - Classical Worship Service-More traditional music, etc. than our current Worship Service

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Sunday school/connection groups

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

10:45 a.m. - Noon - Worship Service

Tuesday-

Noon - 2 p.m. - Prayer team

Noon - Narcotics anonymous

6 p.m. - Pain management group

Friday-

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Narcotics anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m. - Weekly men's prayer breakfast and fellowship

10 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds of Hope" crafting fellowship

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Grief Share"

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. Contact us at 432-714-

4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Our desire is to follow only the word of God and not be divided by the teachings of man.

Sunday:

Bible study - 9 a.m.

Worship - 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday:

Ladies class - 9:30 a.m.

Bible study and devotional - 7 p.m.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Join CCC Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the Bountiful Blessings Sunday.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, come out and join the community at the City Municipal Auditorium for an awesome night of worship and expectation.

Sunday, Feb. 7 - 28 at 9 a.m. our "Receiving the Vision Course" will start a new class. If you would like to attend or know more about this course and/or about Cornerstone Covenant Church and the vision for this ministry feel free to contact Valerie, Member Services/HR Director at 432-264-0015.

Monday, February 8th at 6 p.m. Our Far Above Rubies woman's small group will be gathering in the Green Room for a time of enjoyment and laughter. Make your own Valentine box just like in elementary school and either make or buy a valentines card and bring it to the party. Bring a dish to share and your T.V. tray.

Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. the S.U.R.G.E singles ministry will be getting together at Joe's Italian Bistro for a time of laughs and fellowship

then a movie will follow (TBD). Be sure to invite a friend. At 6:30 p.m. the 50s and Over ministry will be gathering at KC's steak house for their 2016 Valentines Dinner. Please R.S.V.P by Feb. 11.

If you would like to get ready for Tax season early, be sure to get your request in for you giving records. Contact the Front Office at 432-264-0015.

Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/cccbigspring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue the message series on the topic of salvation. We will be looking at "The Bright Future." The message comes from Acts 26:12-20.

Our new Sunday evening study is called "Does This Mean Me?" It will deal with discerning which passages in the Bible are descriptive stories, which are instructions for us in the modern day, and which are exemplary to apply to our lives.

Our second annual Spare It and Share It happens Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. This is a sharing program designed like sale, but instead of monetary exchange, all items are to be either spared for others or shared with others.

We will have a men's breakfast at 9: a.m. on Feb. 6. That same evening we will have a church-wide activity night to include indoor games for all ages.

Regular youth and children's activities continue on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 4 p.m. Youth and children's meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes will begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA's for girls, RA's for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age 3-5. We also have a Bible study geared

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toward adults.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 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.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse invites you to join the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church in praising and worshipping God Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select a service time that fits your schedule, and come unite with us as we glorify our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, and receive a message from God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church – Big Spring

All area teens are invited to take part in the Discipleship Now retreat beginning tonight. Registration gets underway at 8:45 p.m., with the first session starting at 10 p.m. Enter through the east Family Life Center Doors. It's not too late to attend this special time of spiritual growth and fellowship. Cost is \$25, and scholarships are available upon request; come early to secure a T-shirt in your size.

All area parents are invited to attend a special session Saturday from 1-2 p.m. focusing on raising youth to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. There is no fee for this session, and you do not have to have a teen attending DNOW. Event speakers Jon and Teresa Harper will lead this time of Biblical instruction and support. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

"For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ." proclaims God's Word in Galatians 3:26. Come celebrate this unique and amazing relationship with Our Creator as we meet to worship Sunday at 10:50 a.m. The service will be a special time of honoring God for His encompassing presence and goodness during the Discipleship Now

youth retreat. Evangelist/speaker Jon Harper, from the Houston area, will bring the morning message focused on the weekend's theme of "Identity", which implores us to remember that 'because of Christ, we are more than a number'. Skylar Davis and Band will lead the worship music. If you cannot attend, we invite you to worship with us through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday school groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering in The Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding your class and some coffee. We'd love to meet you this Sunday.

All area children are invited to participate in evening activities from 5:30-7 p.m. This is a special time of music, Bible stories, and games; contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for details.

Evening worship service starts at 6 p.m., and presents a focused time for worship, Bible study, and reflection in preparation for the week ahead.

Tuesday February 2, come join our Triple LLL (Living Longer & Loving It) group at noon for a fun time of fellowship and food. Bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Upward Basketball season continues, and you're encouraged to come cheer on the participants during the games. Schedule information can be found at fcbigspring.org.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups.

Go to fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 for details.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

The 9 a.m. Traditions service on Sunday morning features our pipe organ, the Celebration Choir led by Gershom Garcia, and the classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by our worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Gershom Garcia, Adrian Calvio, and many others. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins, will be preaching a sermon entitled "Restart Your Health". The message is part of a series Pastor Ivins recently began entitled "Restart Your Life!"

To go along with the new series, First Methodist is also launching several new groups to help people restart their lives in 2016. Those new groups include Divorce Care, Financial Peace University, and First Place 4 Health. For more information on these new groups, please visit the church's website at fumcbs.com.

We'll also be celebrating strong marriages with our Sweetheart Banquet on Sunday Feb. 14. The cost of the banquet is \$40 per couple and includes a delicious meal catered by the Blue Ribbon Café, childcare, and door prizes. For more information, please visit our website at fumcbs.com or phone our church office at 267-6304.

Pastor Ivins is teaching a new study in the Gospel of Mark at Wednesday Noon Bible Study this coming week. Meal service begins at 11:50 a.m. in Garrett Hall. There is a small fee for the meal. All are welcome.

Our Children's Ministry will begin working on an Easter musical entitled "Crown Him with Many Crowns" on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Children who are age four through fifth grade are invited to participate. The musical will be presented on Sunday, April 3 during the 11 a.m. contemporary worship service.

The church's Lenten observance is just around the corner. First United Methodist Church will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at Noon on Feb. 10.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, First United Methodist Church will host the first of the Lenten Lunch Series at Noon in Garrett Hall. The series will then move to First Baptist Church on Feb. 24, followed by the Salvation Army on March 2, and First Presbyterian Church on March 9.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First United Methodist Church is located just off Greg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.



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"Thank You Jesus for 'good-hair' days!" Come see what's happening at the Children's Sunday School program at First Baptist Church each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Year Ended August 31,

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REVENUES	
Operating revenues	
Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$4,150,470)	\$ 3,784,684
Federal grants and contracts	3,674,792
State grants and contracts	586,130
Local grants and contracts	12,868
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	938,759
Sales and services of educational activities	363,384
Auxiliary enterprises (net of discounts of \$1,140,457)	259,837
Other operating revenues	509,751
Total operating revenues	<u>10,130,205</u>
EXPENSES	
Operating expenses	
Instruction	9,724,068
Public service	1,047,065
Academic support	3,131,692
Student services	2,061,395
Institutional support	5,724,173
Operation and maintenance of plant	3,810,866
Scholarships and fellowships	2,411,217
Auxiliary enterprises	2,103,818
Depreciation	2,108,847
Total operating expenses	<u>32,123,141</u>
Operating loss	(21,992,936)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	11,446,649
Property taxes for operations	5,542,489
Property taxes for debt service	1,647,492
Payments in lieu of taxes	148,822
Federal revenue, non operating	4,436,533
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	38,060
Interest on capital related debt	(896,481)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(16,911)
Other non-operating revenues	425,717
Net non-operating revenues	<u>22,772,370</u>
Income before other revenue	779,434
Other revenue	
Capital contributions	223,303
Increase in net position	1,002,737
Net position – beginning of year	42,663,933
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(4,283,312)
Net position – beginning of year, as adjusted	<u>38,380,621</u>
Net position – end of year	<u>\$ 39,383,358</u>

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girls' basketball
Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Ozona at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.
Loop at Sands, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Ozona at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Loop at Sands, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com



Howard College's Aubrie Elliott (15) is fouled while shooting in a game earlier this season. Howard College swept both the men's and women's contests against Clarendon Thursday night. The Lady Hawks won, 87-46, to improve to 6-2 in conference play, while the Hawks downed Clarendon, 93-84, to improve to 3-6 in league play.

File photo

No. 7 Howard opens softball season today

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Batter up.

The calendar may still say January and basketball season may be in high gear, but diamond time at Howard College is fast approaching.

Check that ... it's here now.

The Howard College softball team begins the spring portion of its season today when the Hawks travel to Temple to take on Temple Junior College in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. The Hawks will play another doubleheader

Saturday, this one in Waco against McLennan College, before making their home debut Wednesday with a doubleheader against Weatherford College.

Coach Kelly Raines' Hawks are coming off one of their most successful seasons in the program's history — one in which they went 48-13, collected conference and regional titles, and earned the school's second trip to the National Junior College Athletic Conference.

They enter the season ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA poll.

SMU looks to rebound from 1st loss of season

DALLAS (AP) — With no postseason possibility because of NCAA penalties, No. 13 SMU was looking for a perfect season.

Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown never got caught up in talk about going undefeated, but some of his players had openly discussed the goal of winning every game they played.

Well, now the best the Mustangs can do is win 29 of their 30 regular-season games before being done the first Sunday in March, before the American Athletic Conference tournament and a week before Selection Sunday for the NCAA Tournament.

"We're still the only team in the country with one loss," Brown said.

SMU (18-1, 7-1 American) stayed undefeated longer than any other Division I team this season, but return home Saturday night against Memphis (13-7, 4-3) coming off a loss for the first time. A second consecutive AAC regular-season title is still in reach, and 29 wins would be a school record.

After their snow-delayed loss at Temple on Sunday, the Mustangs had a lengthy flight delay — during which they watched the end of the

AFC championship game on the plane before unloading for dinner at a Brazilian steakhouse and a snowball fight. They eventually got on another plane and arrived home well after midnight before a couple of days off.

"The guys, we treat each other like brothers, so we pick each other up. After you go through adversity, it's how you bounce back," freshman guard Shake Milton said. "Guys were being like themselves again, and we were having fun. I guess that's what it's about."

Senior point guard Nic Moore shook off any notion that the Mustangs were devastated after the 89-80 loss in which the Owls hit 14 3-pointers.

"Now we get to see what we're made of," Moore said.

Indiana was the last team to finish a season undefeated, when winning the national championship 40 years ago. The first undefeated NCAA champ was San Francisco in 1956 and the only other teams to accomplish that feat are North Carolina (1957) and UCLA (1964, 1967, 1972 and 1973).

"We realize it would have been an unbelievable accomplishment," Brown said. "We've got an incredible group of kids."

Forsan tops Irion County

FORSAN — A win's a win, whether it's weather-delayed or not.

The Forsan-Irion County boys' basketball game finally tipped off after a one-day delay caused by weather, but the result was one Forsan fans found worth waiting for: The Buffaloes gradually wore down visiting Irion County to take a 41-28 victory and remain undefeated in district play.

Forsan led 15-10 after one quarter, but clamped down defensively in the second to give itself some breathing room — the Buffs limited Irion to only two points in the stanza en route to a 23-12 halftime advantage — and was never seriously threatened after that.

Kobe Richardson and Walker Park led the Buf-

faloes with 15 and 10 points respectively.

"We had a good, solid game," FHS coach Gary Huckabee said. "We are still learning, growing and making some good improvement."

The Buffaloes return to action tonight at home vs. Ozona. Tip off is at 8 p.m.

Forsan girls fall to Irion Co.

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes found a slow start too much to overcome as they dropped a 44-36 decision to Irion County in a weather-delayed contest Wednesday night.

A two-point first quarter forced the Lady Buffs into comeback mode for practically the entire game. They fought back to cut their defi-

cit to two points heading into the final quarter, and even grabbed a short lead in the fourth, but were outscored by Irion, 16-10, over the final eight minutes.

"Irion County is a big, athletic, and physical team that played better than us (Wednesday)," FHS Coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "The girls could have quit after the poor first half, and I was proud of them for battling back in the second half. We had our chances late in the game to win this one, but we all know it doesn't come down to the final seconds of a game — we've got to put four quarters together in order to win the big games."

Forsan, which is third in district with a 7-3 record, returns to action tonight at home against Ozona.

Fister, Astros agree to \$7 million deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Fister was impressed by what he perceived as the Houston Astros' will to win.

"The choice to come here is driven from the top down," Fister said Thursday after agreeing to a \$7 million, one-year contract. "We're trying to win a World Series here, and that's your ultimate goal. That's why you come to the ballpark every day."

He was 5-7 with a 4.19 ERA in 15 starts and 10 relief appearances last season for Washington. He was 16-6 with a 2.41 ERA for the Nationals in 2014, when he finished eighth in NL Cy Young Award voting.

"We feel good about the person that we're getting as well as the pitcher that we're getting," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "There were other options out there."

"We looked at a lot of them, but we feel good about this as the piece that makes the Astros the best franchise for 2016."

The 31-year-old right-hander is 65-63 with a 3.42 ERA 167 starts and 13 relief appearances in seven major league seasons that also included time with Seattle (2009-11) and Detroit (2011-13). His 1.77 walks per nine innings is the lowest among active pitchers with 1,000 or more innings.

"I know Doug Fister makes us better," manager A.J. Hinch said. "I know he's going to make big starts for us and, ultimately, when you wake up in January and you're in the manager's chair and Jeff calls and says we've got Doug Fister signed to a contract, I wake up a pretty happy man."

What if missed PAT decides Super Bowl?

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Pro Football Writer

All of a sudden, an extra point can provide some extra drama.

Instead of the most blah, no-doubt-about-it gimme in an NFL game, the kick that comes after a touchdown — turning six points into seven — is not quite as much of a sure thing now, because the distance was pushed back from 20 yards to 33 this season.

Imagine a Super Bowl decided by a flubbed kick following a TD. Seem far-fetched? Certainly used to be: No one has missed a PAT in the Super Bowl in a quarter-century.

Things have changed. After all, the Denver Broncos got to their Super Sunday matchup against the Carolina Panthers on Feb. 7 in Santa Clara, California, thanks in part to a botched extra point by New England Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski in last weekend's AFC championship game.

"Do you want a game to end on a missed extra point rather than going to overtime? I think that would be very anticlimactic. I don't think most fans would want to see a game end that way," said Jay Feely, a kicker for a half-

dozen NFL teams over 14 seasons from 2001-14.

NFL kickers had never made worse than 99.3 percent of their extra-point tries across any season from 2010-14, but the league-wide rate dropped to 94.2 percent this season — the lowest mark in 35 years, according to STATS.

Here's another way to look at it: There were a total of eight misses in all of 2014; that total was exceeded by Week 2 of 2015.

"I wouldn't say I view it as an extra point anymore," Panthers kicker Graham Gano said. "Extra points are gone. Now it's just another field goal."

Gano practices more from the new spot, the right hash mark at the 23-yard line.

"I wasn't a fan of when they changed it. Nobody wants their job to be harder," Gano said.

"But I think the better you are at being a placekicker, the more valuable you are going to be. I feel like I did a good job of hitting them this year, and in the years to come, it will make me a valuable asset to the team."

He is 65 of 68 on PATs this season, including the playoffs.

The other Super Bowl kicker, Denver's Brandon McManus, is 37 of 38.

McManus notes that the greater length of the kick means players need to warm up, which they didn't need to do before. And that can be an issue right after a defensive TD, because unlike when his offense has the ball and is driving toward the end zone, a score happens unexpectedly.

"You have to run 50 yards this way to get your helmet, then you've got to run 80 yards back the other way," McManus explained. "The biggest issue is just refocusing, knowing you didn't get to warm up at all. You might have been on the sideline for 30 minutes."

Gostkowski sent an extra-point attempt wide right early in New England's 20-18 loss to Denver, forcing the Patriots to try to go for a 2-point conversion in a failed attempt to send the game to overtime in the closing seconds. It was his first missed PAT in nine years, ending a league-record run of making 523 in a row.

For any NFL kicker's leg, a 33-yard field goal is no big deal. But the mental pressure of a 33-yard extra point changes everything.

"Everyone in the stands and at home thinks you have to make it or else you're not worth anything," McManus said.

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Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2015. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2016.

When is the deadline to file?

The last day for filing 2016 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions at your local appraisal district:
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#8946 January 29 - February 10, 2016

A Variety of Homes Exemptions could lower Your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower SCHOOL taxes this year...and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead

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exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled-or if you are 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2016 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home. **** PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a disabled veteran who receives form the Veterans Affairs (VA) – (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does qualify as of January 1, 2012.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2015, you will not need to re-apply for 2016 unless required by the chief appraiser. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home or if you have moved to a new home – you will need to file for an exemption for 2016. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact your appraisal district at:

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ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Howard County Appraisal District Office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred – but not cancelled- as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year.

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The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties or delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral contact Howard County Appraisal District at:

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2016 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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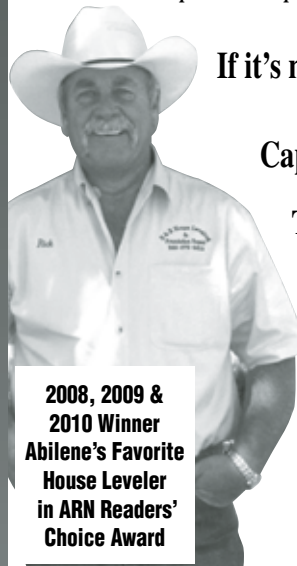
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Legals

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#8956 January 29 & 31, 2016

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

#8957 January 29, 2016

Legals

ConocoPhillips Company, 600 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX 77079 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

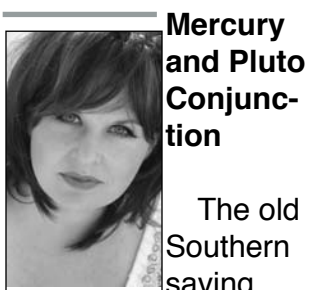
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg-San Andres Formation, Settles, W.R., Well No. 66. The proposed injection well is located 1 mile South West of Forsan in the Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval from 2100 to 2600 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#8957 January 29, 2016

Tomorrow's Horoscope



Mercury and Pluto Conjunction
The old Southern saying HOLIDAY suggests, MATHIS "A frog doesn't know how far it can jump until it is kicked." There will be some extenuating circumstances as Mercury and Pluto put on their frog-kicking boots today and keep them strapped on through tomorrow, too. Whether you identify more with the frog or the boot, it all goes better when you stay loose. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your ruling planet, Mars, is more than the planet of aggression, survival and war. He also governs the protection of resources, especially food. Today you'll do your part to set you and yours up for future bounty. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). While the others are busy gabbing about what they think of each other, you'll be following your curiosity to bigger and more meaningful topics, mostly having to do with ideas instead of people. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Whether or not you are looking forward to that big event, it's going to happen. You may as well get psyched up for it. A fellow fire sign (Leo or Sagittarius) will help in this regard. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). All it takes is a smile and an encouraging word to boost team spirit. They may want you to volunteer for more responsibility. You are

not obligated! Lost objects will turn up tonight. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a fast study. Too fast, sometimes, because you get it on the first try and expect that it will always happen like that. It won't. In order to do things better the second time, you have to do them a second time. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is someone trying to control you? It is very unwise for any to attempt this, as your bristles are serious. You're in the mood to resist authority and delve deeper into a strain of independent thought. Go with it and you'll be lucky. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Perhaps you don't even like the admiration you secretly feel for that roughish someone who, for all his or her wicked ways, still manages to win your affection. Alas, your heart has its own rules. The question is, what's next? **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's like your battery hasn't quite kicked in and you might have to push this car some to get that motor running. Helpful friends will push you. Once you get it moving, it's smooth sailing. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's only natural that the others are thinking of their own stories instead of getting things right in yours. That's why it's imperative that you stay in charge on your end. Get on your own side! It's not selfish! **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll give the others

a sense that you are confiding in them, and this charges the relationships with a special, private energy. Whether or not these are really secrets you're divulging is another matter. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For the specific job of the day, you have no real competition. This is you, doing what only you can, and doing it at the highest, most unique level. These are all reasons to keep your eyes on your own page. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The spotlight swings to you, sets you aglow in a way that makes you feel like the star you are, and then, only moments later, moves again. That's why you have to seize the moment when it's on you! **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 29). You know that unfulfilled dream you were seriously considering giving up? Well, not so fast. You just weren't ready before,

but you're getting there now, and when you apply yourself in February, a new development will make you so happy you hung in there. Abundance comes in March; romance in June! Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 45, 33 and 41. **WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST**: **ARIES**: You'll be applauded for your loyalty. The person you're with really needs that right now. **TAURUS**: No matter how busy you get, you always find time for person in your life who makes you feel special. **GEMINI**: The proverb suggests, "The eagle that chases two rabbits catches neither one of them." **CANCER**: In this romance novel you're living, there are a lot of pages that end in cliffhangers. To be continued. **LEO**: A radical change in your look will lead to a radical change in how you are perceived and received. **VIRGO**: Take charge.

You won't like what happens when you're passive. **LIBRA**: The rub between you and another will bring out the best in you both. **SCORPIO**: All the daydreaming you're doing helps magnetize a desired result in your love life. **SAGITTARIUS**: Are you willing to give up some productivity in the name of love? Because you're about to get distracted in the sweetest way. **CAPRICORN**: Do you know your own strength? The reaction of your counterpart will be telling. **AQUARIUS**: The one who is crazy about you will follow your whimsy regardless of how outrageous or inconvenient it is to do so. **PISCES**: Loved ones need to

feel that you're with them because it's your thrill, not your duty. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND**: Libra and Aquarius are two air-sign intellectuals who find an absolutely effortless "click" together this weekend. Privately, these two will talk to each other about things they wouldn't share with anyone else. Publicly, they form a united front and quickly become the couple with a love that everyone envies. Things get more serious as the moon explores Scorpio on Sunday.
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1	2		9			4	8

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

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

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♥*	Pass
3 NT	Pass		

* forcing

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ J7 ♥ AKQJ952 ♦ 63 ♣ J8
- ♠ 4 ♥ KQ9872 ♦ K974 ♣ KJ
- ♠ 72 ♥ KQJ9764 ♦ A5 ♣ J6
- ♠ AJ8 ♥ KJ8743 ♦ A75 ♣ K

- Pass.** There is no good reason to think that four hearts is safer than three notrump. On the contrary, partner will almost certainly be able to take nine quick tricks in notrump, as your hearts are solid and partner should have a stopper in any suit that is led. At four hearts, you could conceivably lose four tricks, particularly with partner having twice shown minimum values after opening the bidding. The hand can stand four losers in notrump, but not in hearts.
- Four diamonds.** This hand does not figure to lend itself well to notrump and is obviously better designed for suit play. Four diamonds (forcing) permits partner to go on to five diamonds, or possibly show belated support for hearts. Minor-suit games are relatively rare, since most hands with a potential for 11 tricks usually produce at least nine in notrump, but here the likelihood of making nine tricks in notrump is too remote. If partner should make a move toward slam, say by cuebidding five clubs, you will show no interest by retreating to five diamonds.
- Four hearts.** The chance of making four hearts is excellent, while three notrump might prove very precarious. The danger in notrump is that the opponents, having the advantage of the opening lead, might establish their long suit before dummy's hearts can be established.
- It may turn out that both four hearts and three notrump can be made, depending upon partner's hand, but in the long run four hearts will prove the surer bet.
- Four diamonds.** It's almost a sure thing that partner can make three notrump, but passing is not right because there is still too good a chance for a slam. For example, six diamonds would be a strong favorite if partner held:
 - ♦ K92 ♥ 5 ♦ KQ9863 ♣ AJ4
 Investigating a slam by bidding four diamonds does not really jeopardize game possibilities. It keeps the avenue open to both game and slam, and what you do next depends largely on how partner reacts. Thus, if he now cuebids five clubs, indicating the club ace and interest in slam, you would go right to six diamonds.

Tomorrow: Uncanny approach to the play.

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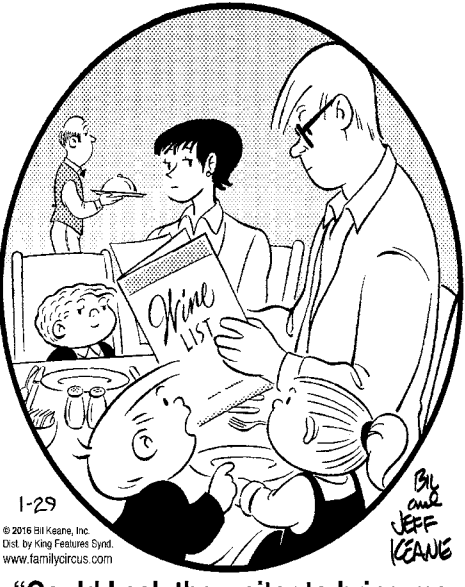
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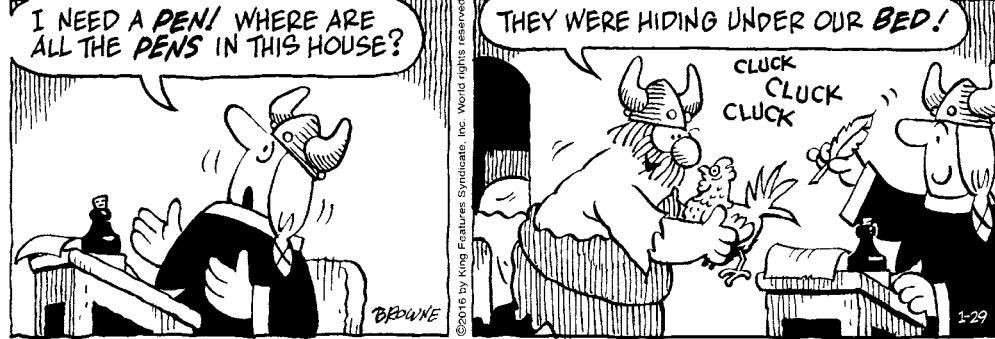
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"Could I ask the waiter to bring me the soda list?"

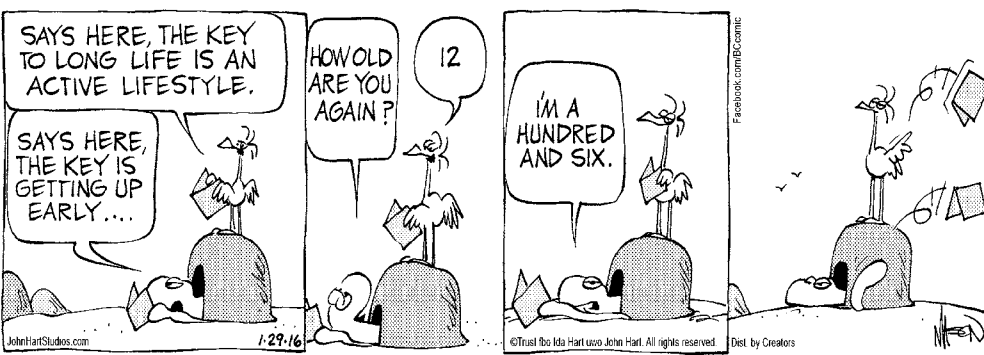
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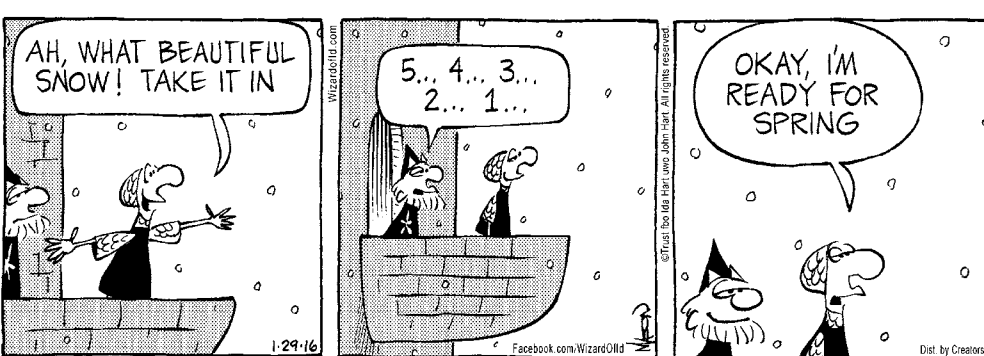
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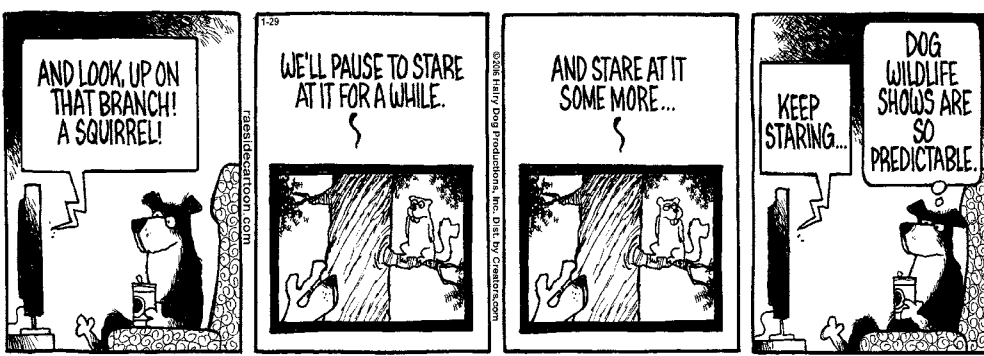
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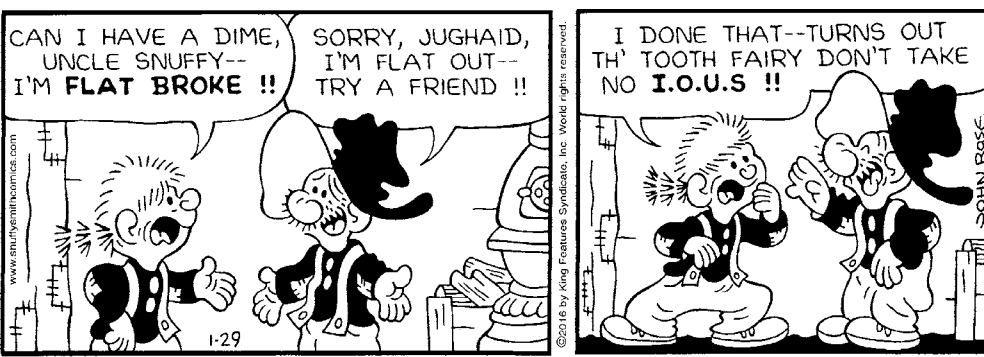
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2016. There are 337 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb' premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Actor Alan Ladd, 50, died in Palm Springs, California.

Australian Open final. Ashley McElhiney, the first female coach of a men's pro basketball team, was fired after an on-court dispute with Sally Anthony, co-owner of the Nashville Rhythm of the ABA.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words like YALIE, NORGE, OLE, PULFICATION, BUG, ONES, SAY, PARMA, TROWEL, KOALA, PEELANDSTICK, MONET, MEET, NEA, IRON, PRIES, TELL, SET, ERAS, TERSE, TOURNEYSEEDS, PERPS, VISTAS, GITO, SIR, TRIP, IDO, BEELEJUICE, LEI, EXPEL, EBSSEN, TAT, SOAPY, TEEMS.

Newsday Crossword

Newsday Crossword puzzle with clues for Across and Down, and a grid with numbers 1-67.

HOT STUFF by Andy Ellis Edited by Stanley Newman

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41 Shade of gray
42 Bound, in a way
45 Unfrozen, as harbors
46 Gotten back
48 Mythical lyrist
49 Contradicts
50 Significant
51 Omen interpreter
55 Belief, in brief
57 Sticky situation
58 A little open
59 Dad's mom's daughter
60 Web filmer
61 O execs
63 Green-lights

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My fiance and I became engaged a year ago. He has many good qualities: He is really sweet most of the time, and he is a good provider. He takes me on nice trips and buys me lovely presents. He even rubs my feet and cooks for me.

However, there are three bad qualities that give me grief. Like all couples, we argue now and then. But about once a week, we stay up all night arguing and can't get to work the next day. He hangs out at the casino into the wee hours of the morning. Last week, he came home at 5:30 a.m. He says he does it just to make me angry. Two weeks ago, he left on Sunday afternoon and didn't return until Monday morning. Then he wonders why I don't trust him.

The other problems are that he drinks heavily and he likes to gamble a lot. I've prayed that God will allow him

to be the man I need and deserve. When we first started dating, I didn't see any of these signs. I knew he frequented the casino, but it didn't seem so bad.

Now he says he will work on coming home so late if I stop fussing. I told him if it happens again, the relationship is over. But he refuses to stop gambling. Can he possibly change? Please help me. I love this man, but I must be insane to put up with this mess. -- Vicki in Vegas

Dear Vicki: You are engaged to a man who is unlikely to change just because you want it and pray for it. Please don't lopsidedly balance minor good points (he rubs your feet) with major difficulties. Gambling is an addiction. Is he in debt? Does he have enough money to keep losing it at the casino? Drinking is a different addiction and can affect his health, as well as your safety. Staying out all night is

a trust issue, and arguing all night is totally unproductive.

It is always a mistake to marry someone and expect him to change. That rarely happens. Please look into Gam-Anon (gam-anon.org) and Al-Anon (al-anon.org) for a better understanding of his behavior. Before marrying him, be sure you have a full report on your joint finances. And we strongly urge you to get premarital counseling. Your fiance sounds like an oncoming train wreck.

Dear Annie: A few months ago, you printed a letter from "Marie," who was looking for nursing home and assisted living facilities for family members who live out of state.

You provided information only on nursing homes. For information on assisted living residences, please suggest that your readers contact Argentum (formerly the Assisted

Living Federation of America) at argentum.org, or write us at 1650 King Street, Suite 602, Alexandria, VA 22314. -- Richard T. Moore, President, Massachu-

setts Assisted Living Facilities Association

Dear Richard Moore: Thank you for this additional valuable information. We hope any of our readers

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