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Big Spring ISD warns: Solicitation scam making rounds

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD officials are warning the public of a possible scam after receiving reports of individuals collecting funds to purchase instruments for the Big Spring High School band.

"Big Spring ISD has received reports that individuals are soliciting funds for

band instruments from the public. This is a scam," according to a Facebook post on the district's page. "No organization affiliated with the Big Spring ISD is asking for money for band instruments."

George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator, said he learned about the alleged scam Thursday evening.

"I received a call by one of the assistant band directors," he said. "A lady from his church contacted him about someone soliciting donations for band instruments."

The band program does solicit for instruments occasionally, Bancroft said, but only asks for used instruments, not for funds.

"The band does have an instrument drive sometimes

but it's for instruments," he said. "They usually do that in the spring."

"They don't do it every year, but they ask for old instruments," he said. "You know, those instruments you don't play anymore and just stick in a closet somewhere."

If someone from the public has concerns regarding anyone soliciting for funds in the district's name, Bancroft en-

courages them to contact him personally.

"They can call me because I know who to contact to check it out," he said.

Bancroft can be reached by calling 432-816-7246 or 264-3600.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com.

Medicare launches revamp

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Heart attacks and broken hips cause much suffering and worry as people grow older. This year, Medicare wants to start changing how it pays for treatment of these life-threatening conditions, to promote quality and contain costs. Beneficiaries and family members may notice a new approach.

Hospitals and doctors in dozens of communities selected for large-scale experiments on this front are already gearing up. The goal is to test the notion that better coordination among clinicians, hospitals, and rehab centers can head off complications, prevent avoidable hospital re-admissions and help patients achieve more stable and enduring recoveries. If results back that up, Medicare can adopt the changes nationwide.

The cardiac and hip fracture experiments are the latest development in a big push under the Obama administration to reinvent Medicare, steering the program away from paying piecemeal for services, regardless of quality and cost. It's unclear whether Donald Trump as president will continue the pace of change, slow down or even hit pause.

Trump's Health and Human Services nominee, orthopedic-surgeon-turned-congressman Tom Price, has expressed general concern that the doctor-patient relationship could be harmed by Medicare payment changes seeking to contain costs. And the Medicare division that designed the experiments — the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation — is itself under threat of being abolished because it was created by President Barack Obama's 2010 health care law.

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A winning campaign



HERALD file photo

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan helps to kick off the Salvation Army's 2016 Red Kettle Campaign in November. Agency officials said the campaign exceeded its goal by \$2,000.

Salvation Army exceeds donations goal in kettle drive

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

2016 went out with a bang for the Salvation Army of Big Spring. According to an announcement on the church's Facebook page, the Red Kettle Campaign this year exceeded its goal by \$2,000.

"Thank you, Big Spring! We have exceeded our goal for the Red Kettle campaign by \$2,000," said the message, posted Dec. 24. "Your generous

support allows us to do what we do throughout the year. Remember, the bells may stop ringing for now, but The Salvation Army of Big Spring continues to serve all year long. God bless you and Merry Christmas!"

Lt. Josh McKain, the local Salvation Army's corps officer in conjunction with his wife Rachel, said the church had set a lofty goal for this campaign: \$45,000.

"That's about \$10,000 more than last year," McKain said. "I think the goal

last year was \$35,000."

The Red Kettle Campaign kicked off its local fundraising effort Nov. 19 with an opening ceremony held at Porter's Grocery Store.

"This is our major fundraiser for the Salvation Army for the year. One hundred percent of the funds that are raised in this campaign go directly back to the community through the services and programs that we pro-

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HOPE grant applications being accepted

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Applications for the HOPE (Help Our Pupils Excel) Foundation's Innovated Teaching Grants are still being taken.

The program is meant to help support Big Spring ISD teachers implement creative

ideas in the classroom by supplying financial backing to help turn those ideas into reality, according to Linda Conway of the HOPE Foundation.

The HOPE Foundation, established in Nov. 2014, is a nonprofit corporation that awards grants to Big Spring ISD teachers to help them

implement innovative and creative instructional activities in their classrooms that might not be possible without this funding, according to a news release from foundation.

Last year was for the first

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"Daddy, will you be joggin' by a store that sells batteries?"

HAGAR

I THINK DEEP DOWN WHAT YOU REALLY WANT IS A HUG!

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND WHEN I GIVE MY WIFE ALL YOUR JEWELS, I'LL GET THAT HUG!

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WHAT'S THAT?

I CALL IT A 'PEEPOLE'!

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I'M NOT GONNA LIE... YOU LOOKED A LOT BETTER ON PINTEREST

BLONDIE

YOU POOR THING!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR SOME HOT CHOCOLATE?

HOW LONG DOES HE PLAN TO STAY?

UNTIL SPRING

AGNES

I'M SUFFERING FROM MY OVER-INDULGENCE AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

YOU HAD DIP.

YES, BUT TOO MUCH DIP. I VOW I WILL NEVER HAVE DIP AGAIN. DIP IS OFF THE PLAYLIST OF MY LIFE.

YUM! IS THAT A DIP SANDWICH?

EYES FRONT, LITTLE MISS REHAB.

HI AND LOIS

SORRY, BUT I'M HAPPILY MARRIED.

HI! WAKE UP!

WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO IN YOUR DREAM?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

THE OTHER COAST

WELL, IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I WONDER IF DOGS MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

YEAH, I USUALLY MAKE A COUPLE.

I DON'T. PUREBREDS GET A PASS.

SNUFFY SMITH

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO NOT SWEAT TH' SMALL STUFF !!

JAIL

HEY !! IS THAT A DIG ?!

BEEBLE BAILEY

I JUST SAW BEEBLE DOING NOTHING FOR A HALF HOUR

YOU MEAN YOU DID NOTHING WHILE YOU WATCHED BEEBLE DOING NOTHING?

OH, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2017. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 2, 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

On this date:

- In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- In 1792, the first classes began at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
- In 1893, the U.S. Postal Service issued its first commemorative stamp to honor the World's Columbian Expedition and the quadricentennial of Christopher Columbus' voyage.
- In 1900, U.S. Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.
- In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.
- In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, New Jersey, on charges of kidnapping and murdering the

20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1955, the president of Panama, Jose Antonio Remon Cantera, was assassinated at a racetrack.

In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento shortly just after midnight.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.) "Singing cowboy" star Tex Ritter died in Nashville at age 68.

In 1981, police in Sheffield, England, arrested Peter Sutcliffe, who confessed to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," the serial killer of 13 women.

In 1991, Sharon Pratt was sworn in as mayor of Washington, D.C., becoming the first black woman to head a city of Washington's size and prominence.

In 2006, a methane gas explosion at the Sago (SAY-goh) Mine in West Virginia claimed the lives of 12 miners, but one miner, Randal McCloy, Jr., was eventually rescued. The roof of

a skating rink collapsed in the German town of Bad Reichenhall (bahd RYK'-ehn-hahl), killing 15 people.

Ten years ago: The state funeral for former President Gerald R. Ford began with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. New York City commuter Wesley Autrey Sr. saved Cameron Hollopeter, a 19-year-old film student who'd fallen onto subway tracks, by leaping down and pulling the teen and himself into the trough between the tracks as a train passed over them. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey opened a school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa. (The school later became embroiled in allegations of abuse; Winfrey apologized and promised an overhaul.)

Answer to previous puzzle

F	A	R	C	E	U	R	L	A	R	K	Y		
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- College official
- Counterfeit coin
- Frighten
- Trade show, for short
- Cone-bearing tree
- Dish-drying cloth
- Sidewalk edge
- Give off
- "Guilty" and "not guilty"
- Garfield's pooch pal
- Conspicuous
- Shouted
- Numerical fact, for short
- Football throw
- Part of Congress
- Bar graph, for example
- Plumbing tube
- Storybook monster
- Short skirt
- Songs
- Cutlet meat
- The Wizard
- Annoys
- Slender stinging insects
- Starting hr. for many jobs
- Makes a knot in
- Not as expensive
- Liquid collected by bees
- Do some snooping
- Approximately
- General vicinities
- Pleasant
- Mexican food in a shell

DOWN

- Hunter's wooden duck
- Radiate, as charm
- Tax deadline month
- Prestigious "Peace" award
- Pays out
- Chauffeured car, for short
- Storage rentals
- "Understand?"
- Tampa neighbor, for short
- Coke or Pepsi
- Weave ___ of lies (be untruthful)
- Genuine
- If not
- Detective's assignments
- Have a meal
- Cowboy-boot attachment
- Eastern Canadian province
- Matures
- Mouse-catching device
- Snakelike swimmers
- "We gotta get going!"
- LP player
- Author unknown: Abbr.
- Bullpoint liquid
- Nuisance
- Stopwatch or hourglass
- Very small
- Nome's state
- Start a new paragraph
- Ship's tracking device
- Hotel's deluxe booking
- Hobo
- Fancy tie
- Chess corner pieces
- Antidrug cop
- Three-tier cookie
- Couch or bench
- Toward sunrise
- Sgts. and cpls.

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Alabama needs to trade scores with Clemson again, can the 18-year-old make the plays in the passing game that Coker did last year? Then again, Hurts' mobility will come in handy against a Clemson pass rush that ranks right up there with Alabama's.

TOP TARGET Welcome to the national title game, Mike Williams. Clemson's top wide-receiver is 6-foot-3, 225 pounds and a few months away from be-

coming an NFL millionaire. He missed just about all of last season while recovering from a neck injury and returned this year to become Watson's favorite target.

Alabama has NFL-caliber talent everywhere, of course, but Williams is a matchup nightmare even for good corners such as Marlon Humphrey and Anthony Averett. Williams had six catches for 96 yards against Ohio State in a 31-0 victory Saturday night. He has 90 receptions for 1,267 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season.

The Tigers will also add Deon Cain to its receiving

corps this time around. As a freshman last year, he was suspended for the championship game. He has been a big-play guy for Watson with nine touchdowns and a 19.4-yard average on 32 catches.

MEN IN THE MIDDLE The newest defensive line terror for Clemson is also the biggest. Freshman Dexter Lawrence checks in at 6-5 and 340 pounds and he has played like an All-American this season. He did not record a tackle against Ohio State but the Buckeyes seemed to shy away from even running in the middle of Clemson's defense because of Lawrence

and second-team All-America Carlos Watkins.

At least partially responsible for moving Lawrence will be 319-pound center Bradley Bozeman, who stepped in for first-round pick Ryan Kelly this season to lead Alabama's offensive line.

The Tide has not lost much at center with Bozeman, but Clemson's line and Lawrence in particular, will be his toughest test.

BO-DOZER That huge tailback wearing a single-digit jersey number for Alabama probably reminds you of Derrick Henry. The Heisman Trophy win-

ner who ran for 158 yards and three touchdowns on 36 carries against Clemson last season is gone, but Bo Scarborough, listed at 6-foot-2 and a questionable 228 pounds, does a pretty good Henry impersonation.

The Tide unleashed Scarborough on Washington for 19 carries and 180 yards. Technically, he is Alabama's third option in the backfield. Damien Harris leads the team with 1,013 yards rushing and a 7.2 average per carry and freshman Josh Jacobs has 551 yards and 6.6 average. None of them carried the ball last season against Clemson

TEXANS

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ing evaluated for a concussion before being cleared.

He came out to kneel down on the final play of the first half with O'Brien telling team radio that he planned to keep Savage in the game.

But Savage was re-evaluated at halftime and diagnosed with a concussion. Oswei-

ler finished the game throwing for 253 yards while sacked three times.

Savage was 5 of 8 for 25 yards before his concussion. Asked if Savage will start if cleared, O'Brien said there will be an evaluation after Osweiler, who signed a \$72 million deal to leave Denver, did a good job.

"I would absolutely love to start this playoff game," Osweiler said.

TEXANS' HEALTH Houston deactivated

six starters against Tennessee, and O'Brien said quarterback Brandon Weeden was the only healthy player in that bunch. O'Brien said running back Lamar Miller, who has missed the last two games, should be available for the playoffs. The others scratched included Jadeveon Clowney, linebackers John Simon and Brian Cushing and cornerback Johnathan Joseph. "We'll have to figure out who's ready to play," O'Brien said.

TITANS' TURN-AROUND The Titans matched

the biggest single-season turnaround in franchise history with a six-win improvement from 3-13 in 2015. The then-Houston Oilers also improved by six wins in 1967 and 1974, and Titans coach Mike Mularkey tied Sid Gillman for the biggest win improvement in his first full season. But they went 2-4 in the division, a tiebreaker that cost them the division title and kept them out of the postseason for a seventh straight season.

"It's just a bad feeling to stomach after this game knowing we were probably the better

team in this division," Titans tight end Delanie Walker said. "But we didn't get the job done."

PLAYOFF MEMORIES

The Texans are itching for a chance to host another wild-card game after being routed 30-0 by Kansas City in this game a year ago. "This has been in our mind since last year when it happened," Texans cornerback A.J. Bouye said.

Cushing said he still thinks about that loss. "The only way to erase that is to go out there and get a win and play way better than we did

that last time."

MURRAY'S FOOT

Titans running back DeMarco Murray wound up leading the AFC and finished third in the NFL with 1,287 yards rushing, and he said after his worst performance this season that he had been playing with a torn plantar plate in his right foot. Murray said his foot hurt enough he needed medication just to practice.

Murray didn't miss a game and turned in the second-best season of his career and seventh-best in franchise history.

ROMO

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with the reads," Romo said.

Mark Sanchez replaced Romo and threw two interceptions to Jordan Hicks in the second quarter. The Eagles took advantage of the second one at the Cowboys 49. Wentz tossed a 6-yard TD pass to Ertz to tie it at 10 going into halftime.

Wentz fired a 20-yard TD pass to Ertz in the third quarter to give Philadelphia a 17-13 lead. Wentz ran over to Ertz, grabbed the ball, jogged over to two-time AL MVP Mike Trout and handed it to him. Trout grew up in nearby Millville, New Jersey and has season tickets for the Eagles on the field behind one of the goal posts.

"You have to have fun out there," Wentz said. "This is still a kid's game they are paying us way too much money to play."

Terrell Watson ran in

from the 1 for his first career TD to extend Philadelphia's lead after a blocked punt late in the fourth quarter.

RESTED Three Cowboys starters were inactive: LT Tyron Smith, CB Morris Claiborne, DE Tyrone Crawford. LB Sean Lee dressed but didn't play.

SETTING RECORDS Wentz broke Sam Bradford's record for most completions by a rookie. Bradford had 354 completions in 2010 after St. Louis selected him with the No. 1 overall pick.

Wentz finished with 379 complete passes. ... Caleb Sturgis set a franchise record with 34 field goals in a season.

ZEKE FALLS SHORT Elliott finished with 1,631 yards rushing, 178 yards shy of breaking Eric Dickerson's single-season rookie record. Elliott is the NFL's rushing champion.

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