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Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade tomorrow

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

It's almost that time...can you hear the bells and carolers? Feel the chill in the air? See the twinkling lights on the houses and Christmas trees?

When the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade makes its way down Scurry Street tomorrow evening, two honored guests from up north will take the place of honor at the end of the parade: Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"We knew Santa was going to be here, but we recently received word that Mrs. Claus would be joining him in the annual Christmas Parade,"

said Herald Publisher Rick Nunez. "We invite everyone out to share in the joy of Christmas with the whole community."

This year's parade starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, said Nunez. The parade kicks off from the intersection of 24th and Scurry streets, and heads northward down Scurry to Fourth Street. At Fourth, the parade jogs east for a block, turning south on Main, where the parade ends and floats can be unloaded.

"Scurry is really perfect because it runs right in front of the Herald, and down in front of the Heritage Museum where people sit out in front and

watch it," Nunez said. "And it keeps the flow on Gregg moving along."

This year's parade theme is "Christmas Across the World," said Nunez. Nunez said the parade usually draws about 60 entries.

"We always plan to have about 60. Last year, I believe we had close to 58 or 59," he said. "We always get a lot of entries at the last minute. They're not judged, because, of course, they haven't filled out the form, but a lot of people don't want to judge, they just want to participate. We want to encourage as much participation as possible."

Nunez said this year, several help-

ful folks on horseback will help guide the parade and keep it moving.

"This year we'll also have a couple of individuals on horses that will be helping us," he said. "Traditionally we always use golf carts to line everybody up, but now we have a couple of people on horses as well."

People can literally get into the parade at the last minute, he added.

"I will be at the corner of 24th and Scurry, because I will be the one that will have everyone set up according to their number," Nunez said. "I will tell them where they'll need to go and

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Coahoma FFA is state-bound



Courtesy photo
Eight Coahoma FFA students headed to Huntsville Thursday to participate in state FFA Leadership Development Events set for Friday and Saturday on the campus of Sam Houston State University. Pictured are from left to right, front row, Brylea Gordon, Aubrey Green, Emilee Custer, Macee Grant, and back row from left to right, Coahoma FFA advisor Aaron Custer, Seth Brooks, Micah Worley, Selina Baldwin, and Julia Cox.

Special to the Herald

After a successful performance at area contest, eight Coahoma FFA students are turning their attention to state Leadership Development Events (LDE) competition set for today and Saturday.

According to Aaron Custer, this is largest number of successful state qualifiers for the Coahoma FFA chapter to date under his advisorship of the program.

"It's awesome. We are excited," said Custer, who is also the agricultural

teacher at Coahoma ISD. "Coahoma has always been known for our FFA kids and how responsible they are and how well they exceed. Leadership has been one of the things we've focused on the most. It helps every kid, not just today, but in the future."

Thursday morning, Coahoma High School students along with the cheerleaders and the drum corps cheered on the competitors as they headed out to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Those students are Julia Cox, who qualified in Junior Creed; the Ag Advocacy team of Selina Baldwin, Macee Grant, Brylea Gordon, and Seth Brooks; and the FFA Radio Broad-

casting team of Aubrey Green, Micah Worley, and Emilee Custer.

The young group consisting of three freshman, four sophomores, and a junior will be going up against the best competitors in the state today during prelims. Finals will be held Saturday.

"There are two heats of 10 teams in each heat," Custer said. "The top five from each heat will make the finals. The final 10 teams will be the top in the state of Texas. Our immediate goal is to get out of the heats and into the finals."

Custer said the students will continue to focus on the fundamentals as well as pushing and supporting each other to give their best presentation.

"Our program fosters a positive atmosphere where we leave the negativity and drama out. We build each other up. When one group makes it to state, the other group is happy for them," Custer said. "We have two advocacy teams, and Wednesday, the other advocacy team was helping this other team going to state, helping them fine tune their presentation and get better so they could have the best performance they can. This team was knocked out by the other team at competition, but they are out there helping them. It shows a lot about the character of the kids and who

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Congressional candidate Levario to meet local Dems Dec. 11

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Earlier this year, Jodey Arrington (R-Texas) took office as the representative for the 19th Congressional District and began serving the local area in Congress.

Next year, he'll be up for re-election, and the Howard County Democratic Party wants to introduce you to his competition.

Miguel Levario of Lubbock will be at Big Spring's Train Car Cigar Bar, 100 S. Main, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, for an evening of "Drinks with Dems," according to a press release from the local Democratic Party.

Levario, a Demo-

crat, plans to run for Arrington's seat as representative from the 19th District.

"We're visiting again to Big Spring, this is our third time down there in the past seven months," said Levario. "We're simply continuing to build relationships down there in Howard County and getting to meet folks and letting people get to know me and know what our platform is and what we're trying to promote. What's good for here in West Texas."

The Howard County Democratic Party aims to introduce local citizens to Democratic candidates, said group spokesperson, Rebecca Moughon.



Levario

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Obituaries

Jerry Gibbs



Jerry Gibbs, 82, of Robert Lee, Texas died at home on Nov. 29, 2017.

Jerry was born March 17, 1935, to G.G. and Lillie Grace Gibbs in Snowmac, Okla., the youngest of eight children. Stricken with polio at the age of eight, Jerry actively participated in school sports where he was able, even becoming a Golden Gloves boxer in high school and college. He graduated from Andrews High School and pursued his graduate and Master's degrees at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, where he met Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Phillips. They were married Dec. 30, 1955, and began a life together sharing a love of horses, children, wildlife and education.

Jerry began his teaching career at Corpus Christi, and then taught at Huckabee, Buffalo Gap, Garden City, Coahoma and Robert Lee. While Jerry and Liz made new homes and new friends in several communities, they chose to raise their sons, Mitchell and Kyle in Robert Lee where Jerry devoted himself as an educator, helping hundreds of children learn, dream and aspire.

Jerry served as high school Principal and then Superintendent of schools for 20 years at Robert Lee ISD before retiring in 1992. Following his retirement, Jerry developed an interest in photography, and traveled frequently to Yellowstone National Park and to Alaska to enjoy and photograph elk, bear, and landscapes. He never lost the spirit of an

outdoorsman and hunter, but found many beautiful expressions of that passion in his photography.

In 2001, Jerry lost his wife and partner, Liz, to her battle with cancer. He was fortunate a few years later to find a new friend, companion, and wife in Yvonne Devoll; and, in recent years, a special caregiver in his son Kyle, both of whom remained by his side throughout his illness.

Jerry is survived by two sons, Mitchell Gibbs of Round Rock, Kyle Gibbs of Robert Lee, Skylar Caddell of Round Rock; and a loving niece, Marsha Turpin of Bloomfield, N.M.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at the funeral home with family present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to receive visitors. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee at 2 p.m. with longtime peer and friend William Hood officiating. Co-officiants are Ronnie Ruff and Clyde Dukes. Interment will immediately follow at Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers include JP Skipworth, Corey Pitcock, Bill Burns, Aaron Hood, Matt Reid, and Lynn Gully. Honorary pallbearers include, Jack Woodley, George White, Kenneth Chandler.

For their support during these final days, Mitchell and Kyle share a special gratitude to Hospice of San Angelo for serving as a source of strength and guidance.

The family especially appreciates the outpouring of love expressed to Jerry over many years, in which he found great comfort.

Online condolences may be made at www.shaf-ferpioneer.com.

Paid Obituary

Hilda Herrera



Hilda Herrera, 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Hilda was born March 8, 1956, in Sterling City, Texas, to Elizabeth Gaitan Rodriguez and Moses Rodriguez. She married Marcelino Herrera in 1984.

She is survived by her husband Marcelino Herrera of Big Spring; one son, Tony Rodriguez (Yvette LeJeune) of Austin; one stepson, Scott Herrera of Big Spring; six grandchildren and three brothers: Moses Rodriguez of Sterling City, Johnny Rodriguez of Abilene and David Rodriguez of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

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

James Henry Gibbs



James Henry Gibbs, 72, of Big Spring, passed away on Nov. 25, 2017. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James was born on Sept. 25, 1945, in Lamesa, Texas, to Willie Gibbs, Sr. and Edna Dupree Gibbs.

James leaves his memory to his life partner Margaret of Big Spring; four daughters, Tina, Sabrina, and Daphne of Bryan and Ethel of Big

Spring; two sons, Jaime of Dallas and Joe of Fort Bragg, NC; one brother, Freddie Ray of Bryan; two brothers in law, Elijah of Big Spring and Ivory of Snyder. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• **AMANDA LYNN BALTAZAR**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant forgery financial instrument.

• **ROBERTO VALDERZ BALTAZAR**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convention.

• **THOMAS OLIVER BRADBERRY**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of littering bottles, trash, display fictitious registration, open container in vehicle-driver, two counts of weedy lot-subsequent offense, two counts expired registration, and two counts of accumulated items-subsequent.

• **JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parent contribut-

ing to non-attend.

• **CRYSTAL LASHIEL COBLE**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of no seat belt-driver.

• **BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of controlled substance less than or equal to 4 to 200 grams.

• **AMANDA NICHOLE EDMONDSON**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of hinder secured creditors less than or equal too \$500, and charges on resist arrest search or transport, escape from custody, and evading arrest detention.

• **ANGELA VIOLA GARRARD**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of assault family violence, failure to appear, theft less than \$100, and fraud use/possession identifying information.

• **MAURICIO GARCIA HERNAANDEZ**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of two counts driving while license invalid, no liability insurance, violate promise to appear, speeding - 82

mph/75 mph, violate promise to appear, seven counts on failure to appear, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, safety seat sys, child pass, child under 8 unless taller than 4'9" not secured, expired registration, fail to control speed.

• **TRACY HUDGINS**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500.

• **JON PATRICK MORRIS LEOS**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with previous convictions, and unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

• **WILLIAM PIERCE**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of probation violation.

• **APRIL MARIE SOLIS**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of cruelty to livestock animals.

• **ERIN CLEO STANSBURY**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **APRIL MARIE SOLIS**, 25, of 1804 Morrison Dr., was arrested on a warrant of cruelty to livestock animals.

• **WILLIAM P. PEIRCE**, 56, of 1010 S Nolan St., was arrested on a warrant of probation violation.

• **TRACY DANE HUDGINS**, 47, of 703 Vikky, was arrested on a warrant of theft of property less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500.

• **THOMAS OLIVER BRADBERRY**, 50, of 2705 Ann Drive, was arrested on warrants of littering bottles, trash, display fictitious registration, open container in vehicle-driver, two counts of weedy lot-subsequent offense, two counts expired registration, and two counts of accumulated items-subsequent.

• **AMANDA NICOLE ED-**

MONDSON, 29, of 1501 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on warrants of hinder secured creditors less than or equal too \$500, and charges on resist arrest search or transport, escape from custody, and evading arrest detention.

• **ANGELA VIOLA GARRARD**, 44, pf 1425 E 6th St., was arrested on warrants of assault family violence, failure to appear, theft less than \$100, and fraud use/possession identifying information.

• **CRYSTAL LASHIEL COBLE**, 30, if 2710 S Anderson, was arrested on a warrant of no seat belt-driver.

• **ROBERTO VALDEZ BALTAZAR**, 43, of 710 Creighton St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convention.

• **MAURICIO GARCIA HERNAANDEZ**, 41, of 505 NM 8th St.,

was arrested on warrants of two counts driving while license invalid, no liability insurance, violate promise to appear, speeding - 82 mph/75 mph, violate promise to appear, seven counts on failure to appear, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, safety seat sys, child pass, child under 8 unless taller than 4'9" not secured, expired registration, fail to control speed.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of S Gregg St., the 3000 block of Rice Rd., and the 500 block of S Birdwell Lane. was arrested

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W HWY 80, was arrested

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of S Goliad St., was arrested

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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

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

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"We are a local group, we are with the Howard County Democratic Party. We meet twice a month, and this is just one of our goals, to have sort of a forum or an informal get-together to make

candidates available to meet with citizens if they choose," Moughon said. "We have done this before; we didn't do a lot of publicity on it. We are just trying to do something informal and kind of fun to give citizens a chance if they want to meet the candidate." Levario, an El Paso native, is a history professor at Texas

Tech University. According to his website at levarioforcongress.com, the candidate "...has always been a determined activist, serving as a faculty adviser for the Tech Student Democrats, working with the 2012 and 2013 LULAC Youth Summit and was a panelist at the 2016 Lubbock Regional Latino Policy Sum-

mit." Moughon said the local Democrats are planning additional events for the future. "We're planning on possibly even hosting a debate if we have a couple of candidates that want to do that, in the future as it gets closer to election time," she said. "We're just trying to facilitate and

just be active." For more information about the Howard County Democratic Party, visit www.facebook.com/howardcountytxdemocrats.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Officials: Trump might declare Jerusalem the Israeli capital



AP photo

In this March 17, 2003, file photo, an Israeli border policemen guards the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv as other Israelis line up for U.S. visas. U.S. officials say President Donald Trump is poised to again delay his campaign promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. But they say he'll likely temper the blow to his supporters by declaring the holy city as Israel's capital.

By **MATTHEW LEE**, AP Diplomatic Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is considering recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, officials say, a highly charged declaration that risks inflaming tensions across the Middle East but would be a way to offset a likely decision delaying his campaign promise to move the U.S. embassy there. Trump's announcement is expected next week and follows

months of internal deliberations that grew particularly intense in recent days, officials familiar with the talks said Thursday. They described the president as intent on fulfilling his pledge to move the embassy but also mindful that doing so could set back his aim of forging a long-elusive peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, who claim part of Jerusalem as the capital of an eventual state. The officials, who

weren't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the outlines of Trump's plan emerged from a meeting of his top national security advisers at the White House on Monday. Trump himself was expected to drop by the meeting for 15 or 20 minutes. He ended up staying for at least an hour and grew increasingly animated during the session, according to two officials briefed on what happened. Trump is likely to issue a waiver on moving the embassy by Monday, officials said, though they cautioned that the president could always decide otherwise. The White House also is considering a possible presidential speech or statement on Jerusalem by Wednesday, according to the officials and an outside administration adviser. Another possibility involves Vice President Mike Pence, who is set to travel to Israel in mid-December, making the Jerusalem announcement during his trip, one official said. Pence said Tuesday that Trump is "actively considering when and how" to move the embassy.

The Trump administration insisted the president hasn't made any decisions on the embassy. White House spokesman Sarah Sanders on Wednesday called an earlier report saying Trump would order an embassy move as "pre-mature." "No decision on this matter has been made yet," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said Thursday. Moving the embassy could spark widespread protest across the Middle East and undermine an Arab-Israeli peace push led by president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. Trump's campaign season promises won him the support of powerful pro-Israel voices in the Republican Party. But as president, he has faced equally forceful lobbying from close U.S. allies such as King Abdullah II of Jordan, who have impressed on him the dangers in abandoning America's carefully balanced position on the holy city. Under U.S. law signed by President Bill Clinton in 1995, the U.S. must relocate its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem unless the president waives the requirement on national security grounds, something required every six months. If the waiver isn't signed and the embassy doesn't move, the State Department would lose half its funding for its facilities and their security around the world. Republicans have championed embassy security since a 2012 attack on American compounds in Benghazi, Libya. All presidents since Clinton have issued the waiver, saying Jerusalem's status is a matter for Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate. Trump signed the waiver at the last deadline in June, but the White House made clear he still intended to move the embassy. Trump's approach appears to thread a fine needle, much like he did with the Iran nuclear deal. After vow-

ing to pull out, Trump in October decertified the agreement as no longer serving America's national interests. But he didn't announce new sanctions or take any other step to immediately revoke the accord. Now, as then, he faced significant resistance from his top national security advisers. At Monday's White House meeting, Defense Secretary James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson made the case that moving the embassy in Israel would pose a grave danger to American diplomats and troops stationed in the Middle East and Muslim nations, the U.S. officials said. King Abdullah II, who met Pence and Tillerson this week in Washington, made the same argument, telling the vice president and others that any change to the embassy in the absence of an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal would create unrest and instability throughout the region and drive up anti-American sentiment, according to the officials. After a lengthy back and forth at the White House meeting, Trump and his inner circle appeared to accept those concerns but insisted that the president had to demonstrate his stated commitment to move the embassy, the officials said. The discussion then turned toward waiving the embassy move for another six months but combining it with recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital, which the Israelis have long sought. Any change in U.S. position is delicate. The State Department recently advised

American diplomatic posts in predominantly Muslim nations that an announcement about the embassy and Jerusalem's status is possible next week, and advised them to be vigilant about possible protests, officials said. Inside the Trump administration, officials said debate now centers on how to make a Jerusalem announcement without affecting Israeli-Palestinian "final status" negotiations. One option under consideration is to include in any such statement a nod to Palestinian aspirations for their capital to be in east Jerusalem. The U.S. also faces legal constraints. Recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital without a peace deal could run afoul of U.N. Security Council resolutions that don't recognize Israeli sovereignty over the city. Washington has a veto on the council and could block any effort to declare the U.S. in violation, but any such vote risks being an embarrassment and driving a wedge between the United States and many of its closest allies.

PARADE

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line up. They'll have to be at the tail end, right before Santa Claus. There's nothing after Santa." The parade's grand marshal this year will be Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan; while parade judges will be Howard County Attorney Josh Hamby, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, and Terry Telchik of the Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau. The Herald invites everyone out for the parade, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas! "We look forward to everyone coming out, and we always want to make it even better than before," Nunez said. For more information about the parade, call the Herald at 432-263-7331. Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

FFA

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we are and what we are trying to make out here in our ag chapters." Area competition, where the eight students qualified for state, was held Nov. 18 on the campus of Howard Campus. Forty-nine Coahoma FFA chapter students competed in 12 team/individual con-

tests at area, where nine teams/individuals place in the top five. Two of those teams placed in the same event. The students' performance at area contest earned the Coahoma FFA Chapter its first Sweepstakes trophy for the top Leadership Development - Single Teacher Department in Area 2. "It was the greatest day Coahoma FFA has had in LDE at an area

contest," Custer said. "I am very proud of every single student that competed and represented our school. These kids are talented and there is no limit on what they will achieve." FFA is a national youth organization focused on developing personal growth, leadership, and career success to its members through agricultural education.

Arts & Entertainment This Weekend – Downtown

<p>Justin Langston December 1 Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge 123 S. Main 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Live music</p>	<p>A Heavy Metal X-mas II December 2 Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge 123 S. Main Begins at 6 p.m. Live show featuring several live metal bands</p>
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December 2:
Breakfast with Santa:
Heritage Museum.
8am-12pm

December 2:
North Pole Shopping Extravaganza:
Heritage Museum.
8am-6pm

December 2:
Big Spring Herald Lighted Christmas Parade
6pm

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When Isaiah told Hezekiah that God had extended his life fifteen years, Hezekiah asked for a sign from God. Isaiah asked, "Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?"



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Hezekiah answered, "It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps. So let the shadow go back the ten of the steps it had gone on the stairway of Ahaz." (2 Kings 20:9-11 paraphrased)

This 'stairway of Ahaz' was a type of ancient clock that worked on the order of a sundial. It was an isolated rock stairway. The morning hours were measured by the shadows on the staircase climbing up. A platform

marked high noon when the sun was directly overhead. The length of the shadows on the descending steps measured the hours of the afternoon.

Hezekiah thought it would be simple for God to make the sun go forward ten steps. But it would be very difficult for the sun to be moved backwards for ten hours.

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Around 1990, NASA scientists, working with great calculations, found their answer to off exactly ten hours! They finally attributed this to God's sign to Hezekiah!

Envoys from Babylon, the capital of Assyria, came to bring gifts because of Hezekiah's illness. Now Hezekiah became prideful, and he showed them all the wealth that Judah had accumulated.

Isaiah came again to Hezekiah. "Because you boasted about the wealth of

Judah, all of your wealth and many of your descents will be carried off to Babylon." But Hezekiah was relieved to hear that it would not be in his lifetime!

Hezekiah's son, Manasseh, became king of Judah at age fifteen, and he did evil in the sight of the Lord. He rebuilt the altars to the idols and erected Asherah poles. He worshipped the stars and defiled the Temple of the Lord. He practiced sorcery and divination and consulted fortune tellers. He even sacrificed his own son in the fire to Molech!

As Isaiah had prophesied, Assyria attacked Judah and carried all of Hezekiah's treasure to Babylon and all of Jerusalem was taken captive. Many of Manasseh's descendants were made eunuchs and were servants in the palace of the king of Babylon. Manasseh was bound with bronze shackles and was led away by a hook in his nose!

In his distress, Manasseh called out to the Lord God and humbled himself greatly before Him. The Lord had mercy on Manasseh. The king of Babylon released him and returned him to Jerusalem.

Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God. He rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David. He removed all the altars to the pagan gods and restored the Temple.

He ordered all the people of Judah to again worship God Almighty.

At Manasseh's death, his son Amon became king of Judah. He reigned only two years. He forsook the Lord and committed all the evil that his father had committed in his youth.

His counselors and officials conspired against him and assassinated the king in his palace. Then the people of the land rose up and killed the ones who had assassinated Amon. They made his eight-year-old son, Josiah, king over Judah.

Church News



Mark your calendars, the Live Annual Drive Through Nativity starts Dec. 8th through the 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come enjoy the magic of the Christmas presentation in the comfort of your vehicle while you view stunning scenes of the life and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Set up for Nativity is this Saturday morning. Come for breakfast at 8 a.m. and stay to help set up for this year's spectacular event.

Advent Sunday starts this week. Come celebrate the birth of Jesus. Service starts at 10 a.m. Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week the message comes from Luke 2:25-32 and is called Christmas on Purpose.

The Forsan Christmas Parade will take place this Saturday, Dec 2. The parade will begin at the high school and go down Avenue H, turn east down 461, north up Rex Avenue, and west down Main, ending at the church. The parade will end in the church parking lot, and refreshments will be offered in the fellowship hall afterward, with Santa and Mrs. Claus in attendance, as well as the Grinch.

The Children's Christmas Program will take place during morning worship on Dec. 18.

Wednesday youth and children's activities continue throughout the school year. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by class at 6 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Pastor Derrell's message is "Hope," and the scriptures are from Mark 13: 24-37, I Corinthians 13: 4-10, and Psalm 42: 1-5. If you've

ever felt like giving up hope, this message is for you. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The Church is thankful to be able to share the Christmas Musical called "Our Savior." It will be presented for the community on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3, through the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation. There are skits, a children's choir, an adult choir, dancers, full orchestra, drama, and special effects that make it an experience you will not want to miss. Singers, musicians, and cast members from Big Spring, Howard College, and the surrounding area are preparing for this dramatic presentation of the Birth and Life of "Our Savior." You may view promotional videos of "Our Savior" on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. Please contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

All Church Christmas Caroling will be held on Wednesday, December 6, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. All ages of carolers will sing for members of the congregation at their home or in the nursing homes. Then they will enjoy supper together at the church at 6:45 p.m.

The Angel Tree Gifts and Clothes for Kids Team will host a dinner and party on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

A "Polar Express" Movie Night will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all ages in the Partee Building.

On Sunday Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 there will be only one worship service those mornings, at 10:45 AM.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, A Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service will be held in the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

Evening Adult Bible Study, "Real Life," continues on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible Study is also offered. The Adult Bible Study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

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

First Christian Church

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

Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:15 with coffee & donuts.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.

Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called "The Thrill of Hope" which is taken from Romans 15:13. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship serving at the Lord's table will be Shirley Lee and Joyce Davis. Welcoming you will be Dennis and Laura Stapel.

Helping to enhance worship with music are Choir Director, Tara Trowbridge and Music Director, Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are presently working on are, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and "Softly and Tenderly."

It's not too early to start making your Christmas Eve plans. First Christian Church invites you to join them for a "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service," Sunday Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

If you would like more information regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The LORD with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse welcomes you to be a part of this vibrant growing group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night sched-

ule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. Join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they welcome in the Christmas season through worship and praise of Almighty God. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture titled "All I Want for Christmas: Peace." Inspired by Luke 2:14, listeners will reflect on God's good-will toward all mankind, manifested in the sending of The Messiah, Jesus Christ, while gratefully acknowledging and accepting divine peace in their souls through faith in Him. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a variety of classic songs of the season which celebrate God's indescribable gift: Jesus. These include: "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," and "Song of Christmas Joy." Honoring God with a special selection, the Worship Choir will sing "A Christmas Alleluia." Lighting the Advent Candle will be Charles and Selina Diaz. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in grade level rooms in 'Kids' City' on the first floor, while youth, college students, and adults meet in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class and direct you to coffee; come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Sunday evening will be a time for Sunday School group Christmas parties. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 267-8332 for details about the teen Christmas party.

Tuesday December 5 at noon, the Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It) club invites you to join them in the church dining room for a delicious lunch and some delightful company. Bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Mark your calendars for Sunday Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. when the FBC annual "Mingle and Jingle" will be held in the Family Life Center. The Worship Choir and Drama Ministry will present "Come Let Us Adore." Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth for teens. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details.

Mother's Day Out meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. Merry Christmas. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7.

Spring Creek Fellowship

The date for the MHMR Christmas Party is Dec 10th after Church. If you would like to help with gift bags, etc. please contact Reneah at 432-213-6964 or on FB. This year we would also like to give the house personnel something, possible in the form of gift certificates. Thanks for your support.

If you have a Special Needs child and would like for them to meet Santa, he will be available at the church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Please call the church office for more information.

The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree will be up soon! Gifts will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Please take an angel or two and help connect children with their parent who is incarcerated. This means so much to the kids and the parents!

Don't forget our annual Christmas Eve Cookie Give Away! We will need as many cookies as you can bake to deliver to those working on Christmas Eve! Please share your favorite holiday cookie!

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please fill out the forms left on the seats in the Sanctuary or contact the church office.

Our Food Bank is now officially open the 2nd and



Courtesy photo

This photo shows Porter's Grocery on Saturday, Nov. 25 and the 1st Presbyterian Youth Bell Choir and some of their Presbyterian supporters.

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4th Saturdays of each month! If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the church office. Fresh produce, canned goods and many other delicious and nutritional items are available. Donations are needed for our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the building. This is an ongoing ministry and food is needed to keep it stocked for those in need. Please consider donating on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry, the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry or the "Yard Sign Fundraiser," please contact Kay Elder.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

The Kingdom Warriors Men's Ministry is now in the "Wild at Heart," study by John Eldredge. They meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Come a little early and visit. Contact Chris at 425-9664 for more information.

The Cheeze Nips Women's Ministry meets for Bible study at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Space is limited so contact Jen at 425-5141, to reserve your spot.

Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations.

Find out about our new Connection Groups for Fall! Our men will continue with "33," "Walk Through the Gospel", a study of Paul and his writings in the New Testament, "Marriage on the Rock" and "Discovering Who You Are In Christ" are all in session now. A new Connection Group, "Pray Like This" by Steven Gaines will start Nov. 7th. Sign up at the lemonade stand in the garden area.

A new adult Connection Group, "Finding Your Identity in Christ," meets at 9:15 a.m., in Room 4 of the Adult Connect area. Harvey Davis and Tracy Watson will be facilitating this study.

All volunteers who work with our children and youth must pass a background each year. Please contact Chelsea Wells to make sure you are up to date.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Our Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Check our Spring Creek App." With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. We will also have a Bible reading plan. Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings: Sunday at 8:15 a.m. is Classical Worship Service. At 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. -Sunday School/Connection Groups. At 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. At 10:45 a.m. to noon is Worship Service. At 5 p.m. is Prayer Meeting. Tuesday at noon-Narcotics Anonymous. At 7 p.m. is "Cheeze Nips" Women's Bible Study. Wednesday-Community Groups-various times and places. Thursday at 7

p.m. is "Wild At Heart" Men's Bible Study. Friday at 7p.m. To 8 p.m. is the Narcotics Anonymous. Saturday at 7:30 a.m. is the Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. For those singing in the cantata, practice on that piece will begin at 6:30 p.m. Last week was a busy week at First Presbyterian. Friday morning at 9 a.m. the Youth Bell Choir played Christmas song on the chimes at Porter's Grocery to inaugurate the Christmas season of giving for the Salvation Army. Several church members were there to listen and support the choir.

Saturday morning, Nov. 25, at 8:30 a.m., several men of the church cooked and served breakfast to about 40 people in the Fellowship Hall, beginning what is hoped to be a monthly occurrence. Local cowboy poet (and elder) Tom Koger recited some cowboy Christmas poetry. Tuesday, Nov. 28 at noon, Presbyterian Women Annual Cookie Project and catered lunch takes place in Fellowship Hall. Women are asked to bring cookies to pack and mail to the college students and shut-ins out of town and to deliver plates of cookies to local shut-ins. Thursday, Nov. 30, there will be a special cantata practice for any singers who plan to sing in the Christmas musical "Peace Has Come," which will be presented during the worship hour on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Sanctuary. The practice begins at 6 p.m. Jennifer Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector is Jim Little. Communion servers are Buddy Cochrane, Paula Farquhar, Louise Hitch, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater. Ushers for the month are Velen Esquivel, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater. The lectionary passages for the First Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 40:1-11. 20-24; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; and Mark 1:1-8. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "Child of Light" by Lloyd Larson. The Choir will present the anthem "Emmanuel" by Allen Pote/Tom Long, and the Offertory will be "Trumpet Tune," by Vivaldi, with Glen Burch on the trumpet. During the ser-

Reflections: Advent

The turkey has been carved and every morsel of meat stripped from its carcass. We have dined on left over dressing, turkey sandwiches, and I guess we are destined for turkey soup. The Black Friday lines are gone leaving behind happy shoppers who braved the wee hour crowds and got the good deals. Bleary-eyed workers at Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy are trying to catch up on their sleep. Across America, shoppers turned to the blue glow of computer screens searching for the best deals on Cyber-Monday.

This weekend, a blast of fall blew copper colored leaves across the yard. Families scrambled outside their houses with giggling children. Mothers gave advice and helped as fathers struggled to untangle strings of lights to adorn the roof and, in some cases, stretch across the yard. Rooftops began to glow with red, green, yellow and blue lights. This week we set up the Christmas tree in our window. I will have to tinker with the lights to get them all lit, but it is a start. In a matter of hours, the season shifted from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

In some ways, Christmas is a unique American cultural holiday. Over the last two centuries our forefathers developed traditions that define the season: the Christmas tree, Christmas cards decorated with

snowmen and snow flocked trees, eggnog, fruitcake, and, again, turkey and dressing. We have added electric lights that twinkle in the night; fairy tales, Santa and Rudolph; A Christmas Story with Ralphie's Red Ryder BB gun and his dad's leg lamp; Miracle on Thirty-fourth Street and It's A Wonderful Life. We adopted A Christmas Carol from England and The Nutcracker from Russia.

Next Sunday many churches will light their first candle for Advent. The Advent, of course, refers to birth of Jesus Christ. He came in much different circumstances, with none of the traditions we have added. And He came for all nations. As Zechariah predicted, "Many nations will join themselves to the Lord in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you." (Zech. 2:11).

Today, there are more Christians in South America, Africa and Asia than there are in the United States and Europe. Many of the traditions we enjoy at this season are unknown to them. But we share one thing in common, the "Advent" of God's only begotten Son who has saved us from our sins.

I think I enjoy the American Christmas traditions as much as anyone. But, as the seasons turn, I hope I will not be distracted from concentrating on the single most important event in human history, God's unspeakable gift in Jesus of Nazareth.

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



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vice the Chancel Choir, joined by singers from St. Mary's Episcopal and from Howard College, will present the Christmas musical "Peace Has Come."

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

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS First Sunday in Advent Dec. 3, 2017, "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com. Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 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. Our Wednesday Evening Advent Services will begin on Dec. 6 at 7p.m. We will serve a meal from 5:30-6:30p.m. We will begin a new mid-week Bible Study class in January. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb. The youth will have a class led by Dolline Budke.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week. 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." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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Hawks blow 23 point lead, hang on to beat NMJC 68-66 in conference opener

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Wednesday night's basketball showdown between the Howard College Hawks and the New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) Thunderbirds started out as a potential blow-out but proved to be a thriller late in the second half. The Hawks held a comfortable 23 point lead at halftime and watched it slip away point-by-point late in the game. Howard College was able to hold off NMJC with a final score of 68-66 in an overtime-threatening battle that went down to the final seconds of the game.

The Hawks got off to a hot start and never took their foot off the gas for the remainder of the first half. Just seven minutes into the game, Howard worked their way up to a quick 20-5 lead thanks to efforts at the rim by RicQuial Smoot, Derrick Green, Andre Ferguson, Amari McCray, Garrick Green and the hot-hand Jake Hutchings.

NMJC had no problem scoring points from the paint while the Thunderbirds had turnover issues, could not establish an offensive rhythm and couldn't sink any shots. After calling a couple of timeouts to regroup, NMJC started to look a little more alive and was determined to not let the game become out of their reach.

Hutchings, who has been putting up phenomenal shooting numbers so far this season for the Hawks, sank two back-to-back shots from beyond the arc and followed with a long jumper to add eight points to their lead, and did it all within 60 seconds.

Howard's Ferguson sank a three-point shot in dramatic fashion right at the halftime buzzer, and the Hawks sat at a 42-19 lead heading into the second half.

It is unsure what went on in the Thunderbird locker room during halftime, but it must have been something good as NMJC came out looking like a completely different team. Howard's comfortableness

atop a 23 point lead may have had a little to do with it, but the Thunderbirds came out firing. They forced Hawk turnovers, had excellent ball movement, executed plays and buried shots left and right. The Hawks maintained firm control of the boards, but NMJC didn't miss many of their second half shots.

After outscoring Howard 43-18 so far in the second half, a layup from Thunderbird, DeAnthony Owens, gave the Thunderbirds a two point lead with under two and a half minutes remaining in the game.

Howard reclaimed the lead with a layup from McCray and a successful shot from McCray and a successful shot from way downtown by Jack Pagenkopf. A few shots from behind the charity stripe with four seconds remaining in the game from Jeremy Hayes and Ferguson added a small cushion to their lead that would carry them until the final buzzer. With a final score of 68-66, the Howard College Hawks prevailed against the Thunderbird's of NMJC exceptional come back attempt, and got a win for their first conference game of the season.

Hutchings lead the Hawks in points with a total of 18 for the game, followed by McCray with 14, Hayes with 11, and Ferguson and Pagenkopf with seven points each.

"I told them at half time you know, sometimes it's harder to play with a lead. If you are up eight or ten, it's not that big of a deal. When you are up 23, sometimes you tend to shut it down mentally. Normally you can withstand it, but if it gets below ten then all the pressure goes to the team that had the big lead, because the players can only think about 'oh my god we are going to blow this lead.' We will focus on learning from that second half on how to play with a lead, but the first half we were awfully good," said mens head basketball coach Scott Raines. "We guarded well, we made shots and the ball moved around well. We just got a little careless in the second half, so the the

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Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith

Howard College's Amari McCray goes up for a basket in their conference opener against New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

Lady T-Birds remain undefeated after dominating Lady Hawks 75-49

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) women's basketball team continued its scalding start to the season Wednesday night by blowing out Howard College 79-49, which put them at an 11-0 record on the year. The Lady Thunderbirds rode a big first-half lead en route to the one-sided victory, as they outscored Howard 21-8 in the first quarter and 24-13 in the second.

The Lady Hawks were hemorrhaging points from the paint to NMJC and couldn't penetrate their defense or make a basket to stay alive. By the end of the first half, Howard had found themselves in a deep hole. Having only made eight out of their 37 first half shots, compared to NMJC's 22 buckets off of 32 attempts, the Lady Hawks sat at a 45-21 deficit.

The second half went better for Howard as they were able to find a little momentum and make some good plays, but NMJC was still able to continue its stretch of never allowing a 60-point game from an opponent this season.

In catch-up mode, the Lady Hawks started sinking threes, which came on shots by Rebecca Laberge who made two, Addy Moseley, Kaki Simpson and Corbyn Cunningham, late in the game in hopes of decreasing their 33-64 deficit heading into the fourth quarter. It wasn't near enough, but they shrunk NMJC's 31 point lead to a 26 point lead by the end of the game, making the final score 49-75.

Corbyn Cunningham lead the team in points with 15 for the game, followed by Laberge with 13, Kendal Alsup with 9, and Moseley and Simpson with 5 each.

"I think in all my years here its probably been the best New Mexico team that Coach Sanders has had. They're ranked fifth in the nation, they're big, they shoot the ball, and they are really good defensively. They've got two or three major college players and are really well coached and well disciplined. They can kill ya, they have the size, they have the perimeter fire power, so it's basically pick your poison," said head women basketball coach Earl Diddle. "With that being said, I don't think we got off to a very good start. I thought we were a little flat coming out and we could just never really recover from that. I thought we continued to battle. We got through about the first five minutes of the game and I thought we started playing a little better. We ended up playing a lot better than we started, but we just didn't have any answer for their size, the number of size that they have. I thought we got them to turn the ball over, which was good, but we just couldn't sustain much momentum. Thats another thing, I'm not sure on the exact number of turnovers but they (NMJC) scored a lot of points on turnovers."

The Lady Hawks will look to get off to a hotter start in their next one as they will make their way to Snyder, Texas on Saturday to face off against the Western Texas college Lady West-erners in another conference game.

"We really have a tough game up there and they pose a real problem for us. They have size and they shoot the ball well from the perimeter. They are also very good defensively. It is a conference game, and we have got to come up there with a little more fire to start the game than what we showed tonight."



Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith

Howard College's Rebecca LaBerge works around a defender in their conference opener against New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

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Dear Annie: For 37 years, I've been married to a sociopath. When "Robert" and I met, he was sweet, charming and thoughtful. His father was an alcoholic, mean physically and emotionally. Robert said he never wanted to be like that. When our first child

was born, he was a good father. But when I was pregnant with our second child, things changed. He cheated on me. When I had the child and was released from the hospital, I waited for three hours for him to come pick me up and meet his new daughter. He never came. He was out with another woman. I was going to

leave, but he sought forgiveness. Being in a deep depression, I agreed. In the years since, he's cheated on me many more times.

I went back to work. Robert got off work at an early hour and was supposed to pick up the kids from day care. But he wouldn't. He often went out all night "fishing," yet he never caught any fish.

When the kids became teenagers, he started abusing them verbally. My two elder children and I eventually ended up in therapy, where we learned to deal with this man. Now they are in their 30s, and they still bear emotional scars from things he did or said. Robert has always refused counseling, but the way. He will not

discuss his moods with the family doctor. He thinks the problem is everyone but him.

I became disabled a few years ago. We have a younger child, a 16-year-old, and my main concern right now is protecting him. Robert is technically still my husband but is never around; he calls just to make sure I'm taking care of his stuff. He will be 59 1/2 in a few months, and he's planning on taking the money in his 401(k) and leaving us all.

Robert and I have properties. He promised that each child would be added to the deed of one place. I also need his medical insurance, and I feel that I am entitled to half of everything plus child support and maybe even spousal

support. But I cannot get the money to retain a good lawyer. How do I leave this man and not be a pauper so I can protect my minor child? -- Desperately Need Help

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Dear Annie: I have a solution for "Free Bird," the man who wants to be clothes-free but whose wife does not want to attend nudist events.

He said he re-searches nudist lo-

cations online. If he found all-male events, he could satisfy his joy of being naked outside, and his wife would be satisfied that his joy is not being around naked women. -- Linda

Dear Linda: I like your idea. It's a simple, practical way for "Free Bird" to find a like-minded flock without ruffling his wife's feathers. Thanks for writing.

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	SOUTH	NORTH
1.	1 ♠ 2 ♠	1 NT
2.	1 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass	1 NT 3 NT
3.	1 ♠ 2 ♦ 3 ♣ Pass	2 ♣ 2 NT 3 NT
4.	1 ♠ 2 NT 4 ♠	2 ♦ 3 ♠
5.	1 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♣	1 ♠ 2 NT

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1. Six. Rarely would you have only five spades. You would probably pass with 5-3-3-2 distribution, and bid your second suit with 5-4-2-2 or 5-4-3-1 distribution. A typical hand might look something like ♠AQ7632

♥8 ♦AQJ ♣843.

2. Six. The jump to three spades indicates six or more spades, and you would be unlikely to pass three notrump if you had seven spades. Your hand could be ♠KQJ952 ♥AJ ♦Q84 ♣A7.

3. Five. Your most likely distribution is 5-1-4-3, since you passed three notrump and would probably not do so with 6-0-4-3, 5-0-5-3 or 5-0-4-4 distribution. Your hand might be ♠QJ972 ♥J ♦AK85 ♣KQ4.

4. Five. Partner's delayed support of your opening spade bid is likely to be based on only three spades, but as you almost surely have five spades, it would be normal to accept that suit as trump. Also, you can't have six spades, since you would have rebid the suit rather than bid two notrump at your second turn. A typical hand would be ♠KJ843 ♥K5 ♦K96 ♣A92.

5. Three. Partner has only four spades, judging from his two-notrump bid. If you had four also, you would indicate this by bidding three (or four) spades at this point instead of three clubs. You probably have a hand such as ♠KJ6 ♥72 ♦A5 ♣KQ9764

Tomorrow: Structural visualization.
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			3	6			1	
7	5		1	9				3
		5				3	4	
1	6							
	9						7	
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2	3	7	9	1	6	5	8	4
9	8	6	5	4	7	1	2	3
5	4	1	2	8	3	9	6	7
3	9	4	8	5	1	6	7	2
1	6	7	2	9	3	4	8	5
8	7	5	6	2	9	3	4	1
7	5	8	1	9	2	4	3	6
4	2	9	3	6	5	7	1	8
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ANSWER:

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus Enters Sagittarius

Each new friend presents a world of opportunity. People who limit themselves to a small and constant social group are cutting off their chances for adventure. Venus enters Sagittarius and immediately starts to heat up the social energy. Take advantage of the dose of courage she injects into our atmosphere. Broaden your base. Smile and say hi.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've earned the chutzpah you have, but you need a little more for what you want. You don't get to have the confidence for free. The price of confidence is doing what scares you. First you dare; then you become daring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's hard to put a price on learning. But if you gain even one insight that changes you, makes you think differently, gives you a degree of comfort or inspires you to be more, whatever brought you to that was worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's something you keep locked away in your heart that's become a part of you, reflected in your every move. Take it out; re-examine; and decide if it still belongs there. If not, toss it. If so, polish and return.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What keeps you good even when you don't feel like being good? Principles. Your principles will now be the restraint keeps you on the path of being the best possible version of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everything moves, not necessarily forward. Some backward slides are a positive relaxation of hypervigilance. Some backward slides are dangerous regression. Know the difference. In the latter case, take preventive action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). If you believed that whatever or whomever you'd like to add to your life was within the realm of possibility, what would you do to get ready? Do that. Because with this kind of clearly defined wish, amazing things can happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's hard for some to clock the moves you're making, because you're simply going too fast for them. You're a blur! There's no reason to slow down, either, since there are plenty at your pace who will keep you company.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you write your priorities down, much will become clear about your life, what's working and what's not. Today, the tic-tac-toe model will work well. If you have more than nine priorities, it's too many.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people don't know the value of a thing until other people point it out. But if it's not apparent to them, is it really valuable or not? Maybe good things are only good to those who see the goodness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When others throw stones at your ideas, don't even bother throwing them back. It's a waste of time and energy. Collect the stones as if they were a gift. Use them to build your empire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your cravings will be informants that point to an underlying need, a nutrient that your diet is lacking or an emotional nutrient that is currently absent in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You may not know exactly what you want to do now, and that's OK. As long as you have a framework that guides you, you'll be in a fine position. Opportunity will arise that you had no idea was in the realm of possibility.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1).

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WEEKEND

LOVE FORECAST:

ARIES: You don't want to be liked automatically. You want to feel you've earned it. **TAURUS:** You will hustle for a result and get that result, plus the admiration of someone new. **GEMINI:** Don't be afraid to show interest. Your interest is part of what makes you attractive. **CANCER:** Meeting new people will only enhance the relationships you already have. **LEO:** With the Venus change favoring your fiery nature, you've the chance to light up a relationship by fanning a spark into a flame. **VIRGO:** You've a nose for trouble and a fascination with it, too. **LIBRA:** You can tell right away if someone's energy is good for you, so act on that intuition.

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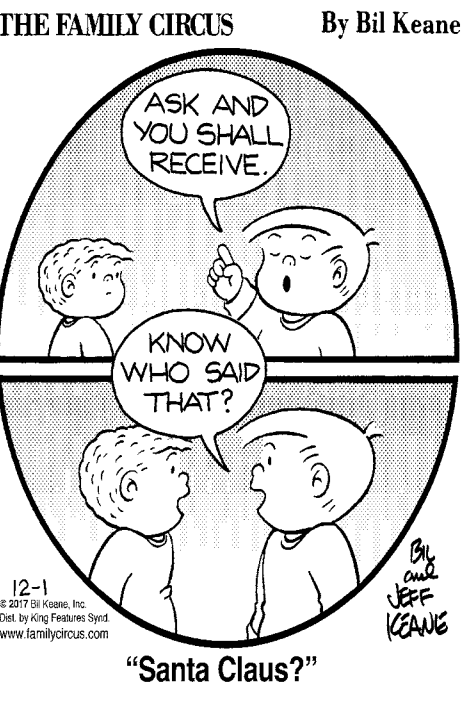
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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	Enamorán-dome	Big Bang Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Caso Cer-rado	News News	Hidden Creation	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Bones	Football Countdown	SportsCenter	UEFA Stars In.	Mod Fam Mod Fam		Gold Rush
7 :PM	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	Rosa de Guadalupe	Hell's Kitchen	MacGyver	Ei César (SS)	Blindspot	News	Wash	Griffith	Reindeer	Big Bang Big Bang	Movie: Ant-Man, Evangeline Lilly (DVS)	College Football: Pac-12 Championship: Teams TBA.	College Basketball	Mavericks Rangers	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Live PD: Rewind	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt
8 :PM		Mi marido tiene	(:01) The Exorcist	Hawaii Five-0	Sangre de mi tierra	Dateline NBC	Light of Southwest	Great Performances	Mama's ALF	Masters of Illusion	Big Bang Big Bang		College Basketball: Creighton at Gonzaga.	Fox Sports Southwest Football Friday	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Live PD	Gold Rush	
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11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero Contacto	Final Scr Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares Combate Américas (SS)	Tonight Show	Creation Shepherd's Heart	Newsline	T. Smiley	King/Hill			SportsCenter	To Be Announced	High School Scoreboard Live	Mod Fam	Live PD	Escobar's Millions
12 :AM	Extra	Quiero Amarte	Two Men Faith	Holly	Videos	Daly	Shabbat		Mani	Hitchcock	Top 30	Movie: Warm Bodies, John Malkovich	SportsCenter	Jalen Fantasy		Mod Fam		(12:06) Gold Rush
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"Is your mother home?" "Hold on... I'll ask her."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Santa Claus?"

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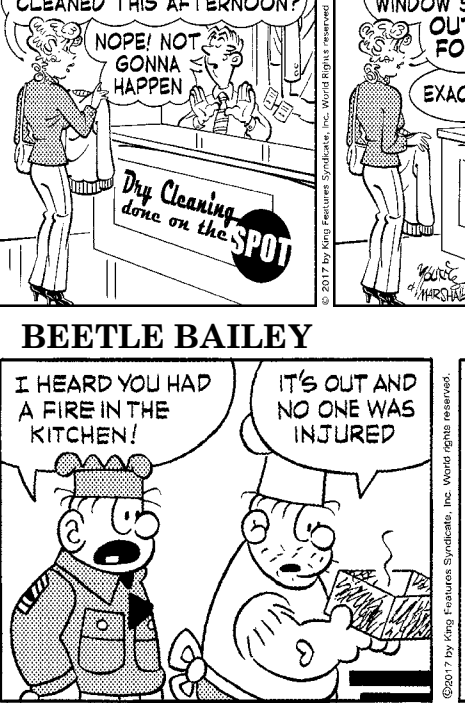
This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2017. There are 30 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 1, 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort. On this date: In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between

John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.) In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves." In 1921, the Navy flew the first non-rigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C. In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in

Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge. In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note. In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks. In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland. In 1973, David Ben-

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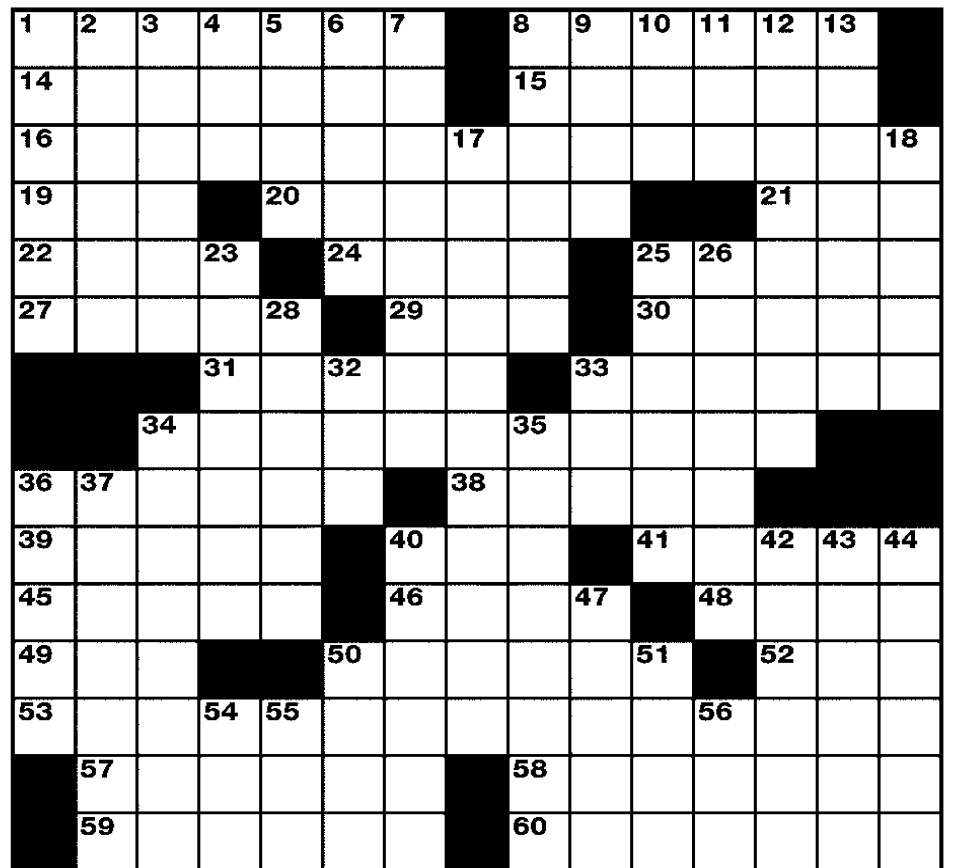


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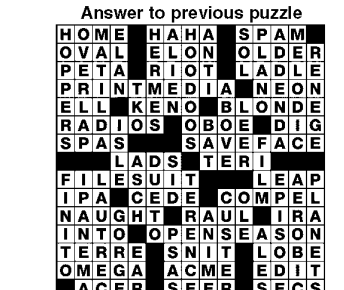
- ACROSS**
- 1 Grocery clerk's machine
- 8 Name on the cover of *A Moveable Feast*
- 14 Causing corrosion
- 15 Cherbourg's region
- 16 With 53 Across, "miles to go" poem
- 19 Mild rebuke
- 20 Films with stagecoaches
- 21 Vitamin std.
- 22 Extremely dry
- 24 ___ a (no)
- 25 Get a cast credit for
- 27 Lugged
- 29 Whisper endearments
- 30 Kennel club category
- 31 Car category
- 33 Photo descriptor
- 34 Author of 16/53 Across
- 36 Airport near Rainier
- 38 Two-tone treats
- 39 *Silas Marner* novelist
- 40 Middle of the second century
- 41 Gourd family fruit
- 45 Highly charged
- 46 Dept. at the Citadel
- 48 Toddler's word
- 49 Smidge
- 50 Squeaking bone, e.g.
- 52 Bylaw, briefly

- 53 See 16 Across
- 57 Voice of the critic in *Ratatouille*
- 58 PR preparation
- 59 Ready to play again
- 60 Patron of Rome
- DOWN**
- 1 Creepy Cruise character
- 2 Jazz trumpeter Sandoval
- 3 Mishandle a ground ball
- 4 Uncommon sense
- 5 Slimming procedure, for short
- 6 Water source near Lake Geneva
- 7 Travel business
- 8 Beginning stage
- 9 Arms of a starfish
- 10 Compass pt.
- 11 Prefix for tourism
- 12 Over first
- 13 Big sellers in bear markets
- 17 Science of seniors
- 18 Yellowish-red
- 23 Chrysler autos of yore
- 25 In full flower
- 26 Gone over, as a span
- 28 Parliamentary procedure
- 32 Big mo. for *Messiah*
- 33 College student's SAT
- 34 Yard-sale ad info
- 35 Corn concoctions
- 36 Skirmish
- 37 Name related to Nellie
- 40 Spoke proudly
- 42 Roundup gear
- 43 Danish port
- 44 Persistent critic
- 47 Long for
- 50 Allotment
- 51 Restaurant review site
- 54 Nine-symbol message
- 55 Un- or in-
- 56 Birth-named, on society pages



New York, sentenced Amy Fisher to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding her lover's wife, Mary Jo Buttafuoco (buh-tuh-FYOO'-koh). (Fisher served seven years.) In 1997, a 14-year-old boy opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three fellow students and wounding five; the shooter is serving a life sentence. Ten years ago: Police in El Dorado, Kansas, identified a body found days earlier as that of Emily Sander, a college student whose disappearance drew added attention after the discovery she was also an Internet porn model named "Zoey Zane." (A suspect was convicted of rape and murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.) Four suspects were charged in Miami in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor. (A fifth suspect was later arrested; all received prison sentences.) Five years ago: Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, then drove to Arrowhead Stadium and committed suicide in front of the team's coach and general manager. Enrique Pena Nieto took the oath of office as Mexico's new president, vowing to restore peace and security. One year ago: During the first stop of a "Thank you" tour, President-elect Donald Trump made a surprise announcement from the stage in Cincinnati, saying he had decided to offer the post of defense secretary to retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis. French President Francois Hollande announced in a televised address that he would not seek a second term in the 2017 presidential election. Former NFL player Joe McKnight, 28,

was shot to death in Terrytown, Louisiana, in what authorities said was a road-rage incident (a suspect is facing a second-degree murder charge). Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 94. Actor-director Woody Allen is 82. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 78. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 78. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 75. Television producer David Salzman is 74. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 73. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 73. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 72. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 71. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 67. Actor Treat Williams is 66. Country singer Kim Richey is 61. Actress Charlene Tilton is 59. Actress-model Carol Alt is 57. Actor Jeremy Northam is 56. Actress Katherine LaNasa is 51. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 51. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 50. Actress Golden Brooks is 47. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 47. Actor Ron Melendez is 45. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard (MIL'urd) is 45. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 42. Singer Sarah Masen is 42. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 40. Actor Nate Torrence is 40. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 39. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 36. Actor Riz Ahmed (Film: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story") is 35. Actor Charles Michael Davis is 33. R&B singer-actress Janelle Monae is 32. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 29. Pop-rock-rap singer Tyler Joseph (Twenty One Pilots) is 29. Actress Zoe Kravitz is 29. Pop singer Nico Sereba (Nico & Vinz) is 27. Actor Jackson Nicoll is 14.



Thought for Today:
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 Dame C.V. Wedgwood
 English historian
 (1910-1997).

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact:

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Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith
Howard College's Jack Pagenkopf works his way around a Thunderbird defender in their conference opener against New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

HAWKS

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momentum went all their way. We will learn from it. In the end, it is a great win for us. Overall, I am really happy. You know when we get to March, we are going to look back at this game and say it was a win. That is all that matters. Long-term thinking, we want to learn and get better from it, and at the end of the day it goes into the W column."

With the big win, this fairly young Hawk basketball team begins conference play 1-0 and will look to improve to 2-0 before heading into the Christmas break, as they will head to Snyder, Texas to face off against the Western Texas College Westerners in another conference game this Saturday.

"We get to go to Snyder on Saturday and they are probably playing as good as anyone

in the league. I think most people would probably say us and Western Texas are playing about as good as anybody, so we just have to bounce back. It won't be too hard to get our guys up, but we aren't going to have to bring them down from this one. Our locker room is pretty subdued right now, and I think it's just more of a sigh of relief," said Raines. "This was the first conference game for all of these guys who have never played together before this year. We have two returners along with all these new guys, so you get in those situations where you tend to wait for someone to take over the game. We just kept waiting and waiting on someone to do something, and they (NMJC) kept getting more and more momentum. What tends to happen in college basketball games, a lot of times there is a little bit of coaching that goes

on but there are usually one or two players who can kind of calm everybody down. The guys are still trying to figure that out and who those guys are. I can't legislate it. I can't say you're this guy and you're that guy. They have to kind of figure that out. If one or two guys will play with that confidence and calm down, then it gets so contagious. So I hope everybody relaxes."



Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith
Howard College's Corbyn Cunningham puts up a shot in their conference opener against New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.



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Howard College's Jeremy Hayes puts up a shot in their conference opener against New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

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Where's my sign?

You have probably heard the phrase, "Seeing is believing." Some people, even when shown something, are still skeptical. Many people feel this way about God. They may make statements like – If God would only give me a sign... or I wish God would just do something to prove to me he is real.

It is interesting that throughout history people have been looking for signs. Even in more modern times, people have claimed to see the image of Jesus in everything from a potato chip to a grilled cheese sandwich.

Unbelievers and skeptics don't want to accept the evidence so they try to move the discussion away from what is there to asking for more. This is no

new tactic, however. Those who opposed Jesus while he was on earth did the same thing.

Matthew 12:38-42, Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here." (ESV)



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3rd grade children by offering character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforcement assistance. We are also needing volunteers. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th- 50 & over small group will be gathering at 7pm for a white elephant exchange/gift limit is \$10.00. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share. We will meet at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

Monday, Dec. 18th- Far Above Rubies- Ornament Exchange & Potluck held in the ARC Academic Resource Center @ 6PM. Bring and share your Christmas ornament and a favorite dish.

Covenant Life New Believers Course - Are you a New Believer? Were you recently baptized? We have a course just for you. Our CLNB Course will be held each Sunday in December from 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center. Members of our Pastoral Care Team will be sharing this 4 week course designed to walk you through the steps of: Salvation, Faith & Assurance, Power of the Holy Spirit and Overcoming Trials.

Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Concert @ 11a.m. Service- The days are getting shorter and the nights colder, meaning the countdown to Christmas is on its way. Join us as we honor and celebrate our Saviors Birth. We will be having a Candle lighting service and our very own Children's Church department will be singing and performing.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

CHURCH

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Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S Service Rd in the Midway area, with Dr. Michael Seay serving as pastor. Services at Midway Baptist Church begin each week with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m., followed by Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. A children's church and nursery are provided. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings, worship begins at 6 p.m. Children's and youth programs are also available.

Every Monday, a morning ladies' prayer and share group meet at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at Midway Baptist Church.

We will be hosting a PJ's and Pancakes breakfast, Saturday, Dec. 16th at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be taking a love offering for Christmas gifts and Dot Ditto will be doing the crafts for us. We would love to have you join us.

Poinsettias are available to purchase for fifteen dollars in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed on the tree made by Chubby Abrego. Please see Jayne Mansfield to purchase.

The Coahoma Presbyterian Church is hosting an area wide tea, Monday, Dec. 4th at 6 p.m. Please meet in the church parking lot if you need a ride. Please join us at Midway Baptist Church!

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Dec. 3rd – Join us this Sunday as we enter the season of sharing and great expectations. We offer both a 9 a.m. 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Starfish Program – Starfish is a tutoring program for 3rd graders. They meet on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6PM-7PM in our Academic Resource Center. The first phase of our STARFISH program is to assist

of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (ESV). So many simply ignore the evidence and trust in themselves (or other people) more than they do God and his word. Faith is trust. Some people are hoping they can stand before the Lord in the judgment and explain that, even though they were trusting in themselves, they feel they were "good enough" to receive eternal life.

Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him (ESV). What or whom are you seeking in this life? Are you trusting in God or yourself? Are you hoping that saying Bible kinds of things and doing religious stuff will make you "good enough" to get to heaven? Are you skeptical and waiting for God to personally show you that he is real or else you won't believe?





Sunday, December 17!

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