



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
A Big Spring firefighter picks up debris after crews extinguished a house fire in the 1500 block of Scurry this morning.

Isaiah 58 needs community support for week-long drive

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

Hey, Howard County, Isaiah 58 is seeking your help again.

This time, instead of a one-day food drive, the non-profit agency is calling for a week-long effort.

“Isaiah 58 is launching into this new year with challenges like never before,” said Donny Waight, Isaiah 58 spokesman. “Our goal is to provide assistance without

regard to why, but how. How can we feed our people, Gods’ children? Isaiah 58 is very grateful for this community and all its support.”

Currently, Isaiah 58 serves approximately 400 people each week.

“We don’t just provide them enough food for a day or two days, we provide enough food for a week,” said Waight. “These people are not bums. These are good people who are having a tough time of it. And the numbers are growing all the time.”

Residents are urged to drop off non-perishable food at any number of places in Big Spring beginning Monday. The drive will continue all week.

Drop off locations include Spring Plaza, Higginbotham-Bartlett True Value, Harris Lumber, Wal-Mart, H-E-B, Big Spring City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the Polly Mays Annex. Participants who have already pledged to help include city

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Weaver appointed FISD trustee; will run in May

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Darren Weaver is a busy man, and his life is about to become even more hectic as he adds school board trustee to the list of his responsibilities.

Weaver has been appointed to fill the vacant trustee position left by the death of Tim Ballard on the Forsan Independent School District board. He is the minister of Forsan Baptist Church and is currently pursuing a master’s degree of divinity at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Added to that list, he is the father of a 2-, soon-to-be 3-year-old.

“This is one of those things I have prayed about it and just felt like it was

something that God had put in front of me,” Weaver said. “I had spoken with Mr. (Randy) Johnson, the superintendent, about it. One thing led to another. I just have a burden for kids and their education. I want to make sure I can do what ever I can to help facilitate for Mr. Johnson, so he is able to do his job with as much freedom as possible.”

Weaver earned his bachelor’s in Christian ministry from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and now has six years of working experience in the field. He has lived in the Forsan area for the past two years, and said he was well aware of the school district’s reputation before moving to the community.

“I’ve known a lot about

this school district because of previous work history that I’ve had with other schools in other areas, and Forsan has just always been at the forefront of an exemplarily education from what I’ve always heard.”

Weaver officially filed to run for the at-large position Wednesday. Filing continues through Feb. 28. The two other at-large positions up for election are held by Glen Graves and Becki Wash. Applications to file an intent to run for the board can be obtained at the Forsan ISD administrative office, 411 West 6th St., Forsan.

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

Musicians sought for 10th Powwow

Herald Staff Report

Need a place to showcase your music? How about a powwow?

That’s right, the 10th Annual Big Spring Powwow, to be specific. Committee members are putting out the call for local musicians to showcase their talents during the April 5-6 event.

“We wish to have local musicans perform with a Native American flute player during our evening break (April 5), blending different styles of music together — a jam session, so to speak,” said Randy McKinney, Powwow Committee vice president. “There will not be time for a full band to set up so we are primarily looking for acoustic guitar players, percussionists and vocalists.”

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact McKinney at 432-267-4843.

As usual, the Powwow will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Admission will be \$3 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free with an adult.

Obituaries

Donnie Wayne Hale



Donnie Wayne Hale, 64, of Westbrook, Texas, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, Jan. 29, 2014.

He is the son of the late Floyd and LaVada Hale. On Dec. 22, 1972, he married Judy Chambers at the Westbrook Methodist Church. He was a 1970 graduate of Hobbs High School in Hobbs, Texas. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1970-1975 and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant. In 1976, he began his career in the oilfield working for Mabee Petroleum. In 2004, he retired from Anadarko Petroleum Corp, began his own oil company, in addition to going to work full-time with his two sons. Donnie was a strong supporter of Westbrook ISD and was currently serving as president of the WISD Board of Trustees.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Chambers Hale of Westbrook; one daughter, Sheila Holt and her husband Jay of Coahoma; two sons, Brad Hale and wife Dieder of Westbrook and Jim Bob Hale and wife Mandie of Westbrook; six grandchildren, Jayden Holt, Reagan Hale, Conner Holt, Sadie Hale, Cooper Hale and Donnie Creed Hale. He is also survived by three sisters, Donna Ginkinger of Westbrook, Diane Petty and husband David of Westbrook, Pansy Fernandez and husband Paul of Westbrook; and two brothers, Eddie Hale and Ray Hale and his wife, Cindy, all of Westbrook; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and LaVada Hale; and his brother, Wendell Hale.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Services will be held at 22nd and Austin Church of Christ in Colorado City, Texas, on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at 2 p.m. Burial is to follow in the Westbrook Cemetery.

Services are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.kikerseale.com

Paid obituary

Mary Dean Cuthbertson



Mary Dean Cuthbertson, 88, of Houma, La., formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, in a Houma nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at the

Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mary was born Dec. 21, 1925, in Texas and married Vernon Cuthbertson Nov. 17 1944, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 26, 1998.

She worked in the canteen at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring. After the death of her husband and sons, she had moved to Houma to be closer to her daughter.

Survivors include one daughter, Glynna Witt and husband Gary of

Houma, La.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Hattie Mae Thompson Gill; two sons, Vernon Lawrence "Larry" Cuthbertson Jr. and Jerry Dean Cuthbertson; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

• **MARK WILLIAM EDWARDS**, 55, of 2510 Peach St., was arrested Thursday on three warrants for fail to appear and theft less than \$50.

• **LISA MARIE DIMIDJIAN**, 45, of 1100 Thorpe, was arrested Thursday on two counts of assault – family violence threat or offensive touch.

• **CRYSTAL RENEE HINOJOSA**, 26, of 1401 Princeton was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• **PEDRO ROSENDO AGUILAR**, 52, of 312 NE Piner, was arrested Thursday on two warrants from another agency.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the 2500 block of Gunter and the 1800 block of Donley.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at the 100 block of

Moore Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported at the intersection of Gail Highway and County Road 36, the 1800 block of E. FM 700, the 600 block of E. 16th St. and the 1500 block of E. 4th St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at the 2500 block of Gunter.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at the 500 block of E. 16th St.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 1200 block of Wood and the 1100 block of Thorpe.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOSE URIAS** was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous con-

viction.

• **PEDRO ROSENDO AGUILAR** was booked by HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation and issuance of a bad check.

• **CECILIA GANDAR GRANADOS** was booked on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.

• **MARK WILLIAM EDWARDS** was booked by BSPD on three counts of fail to appear and theft.

• **LISA MARIE DIMIDJIAN** was booked on two counts of assault family violence.

• **CRYSTAL RENEE HINOJOSA** was booked on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.

• **LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS** was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

• **LAHOMA JURDAN** was booked by BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport and

public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** call reported at the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL** call reported at the 100 block of Jonesboro. One patient transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** call reported at the 800 block of Baylor.

• **TRAUMA** call reported at the 00 block of Fordham Ave. One patient transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** call reported at the 1900 block of Marcy Dr. One patient transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** call reported at the 2500 block of Hunter. One patient transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** call reported at the 3600 block of Conally.

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• Healthy Woman is “Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years” on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.–6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. “The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,” Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women’s Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a

Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim

Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

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

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone’s life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it’s visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a

difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don’t have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information call 267-1628.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

DRIVE

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employees, 7-Eleven (Alon) stores and Big Spring,

Coahoma and Forsan school districts.

Big Spring schools are planning a contest to see which campus can collect the most non-perishable food, according to Waight.

“We will be announcing more participants during the week,” he added. “We appreciate all our

partners and supporters.”

Isaiah 58 is a non-denominational organization. Food is handed out from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at 809 Scurry.

CANNON

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and in 1972 received a master’s from Texas Tech in economics. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1974. He is licensed to practice before the state courts of Texas and New Mexico. He served as Midland mayor and as a councilman for a number of years and also has served on numerous civic and business boards.

Cannon announced his candidacy Dec. 7 and since then has visited several parts of the district campaigning, including several trips to the northern area.

“Those people may have a different economy than we do. They rely on farming and ranching more than we do, but they are just like we are,” he said. “They have the same kind of beliefs that we do. They are very independent in the way they think. They don’t like the government sticking its nose into their business. They respect the

government, they respect the role of the government, but they think government has gone too far. In that sense, they are really no different than we are. They just live a little bit north of us and its a little bit colder up there.”

Water, transportation and education were some of the issues Cannon touched on briefly, stressing that the state is not giving the district a “fair shake” in investing back the money into the community.

“We are sending a lot more money down to Austin than we are getting back,” he said “That’s an issue and that is something I think we need a strong advocate down there doing what they can trying to get some equality into having us treated properly

because we are a huge net contributor to the state. We provide much of the food, fiber and energy that the state relies on for its economy, and we are not getting a fair shake.

“Another issue is transportation with the influx of people,” he said. “I think there’s good reason to believe that the Texas Department of Transportation probably needs to be cleaned up a bit. That it’s not operating efficiently. I think there’s also a signification question to whether or not our roads are being properly funded. I think we need to take a good

serious look at that.”

In regards to education, Cannon said he supported the idea that parents should be able to choose which school their children attend.

“My impression of education right now is that we are way too top heavy. We have way too much bureaucracy in Austin,” Cannon said. “We’ve got a lot of special interest that is trying to maintain the system the way it is, and our local people and our local districts are suffering.

“The money is being used up,” Cannon continued. “It is being used so they can pontificate

from on high what the district needs to be doing. There is no question that we need to have minimum standards, and we need to try to demand excellence from our children and our schools but really that needs to be done at the local level, and I think that once again that is part of our system that needs to be looked at very seriously. We need to somehow try to inject the competitive spirit and the free market both into our education system as well as in our Department of Transportation.

Early voting for the March primary begins

Feb. 18 and continues through Feb. 28. Election day is March 4.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

The state of our union

So the economy, it turns out, is better than it's been since Barack Obama took office. We are better off today than we were five years ago.

Who knew?

Oh, I guess we knew that the housing market is recovering and unemployment is down, and some baby boomers are actually beginning to retire. But it hardly feels like morning in America.

The economy may be better, but the president isn't getting much credit. The number of Americans who approve of the way he is handling the economy has dropped below 40 percent — the kind of numbers that were giving his advisers heartburn during the fiscal fights of 2011.

Of course, as awful as the president's numbers are, Congress and the Republican Party are doing even worse. It's not just the president we disapprove of; it's the whole small-d democratic government.

How can the best system of governance ever created by men and women produce such a bunch of incompetent bums?

Now, it doesn't help that the key to getting elected these days is raising money. If I asked you with which of your friends and family members would you entrust your family's future, you probably wouldn't base that de-

cision on who has the most rich friends, or who is best at getting folks to part with their money, much less invest it in 30-second ads. So there's that problem, to be sure.

When I first started teaching, many of my best students really did want to change the world through public service. Then there was the period when they all wanted to "go Hollywood." Now, they just want jobs, and the government isn't hiring.

But that's not the whole story. There are good and decent people on both sides of the aisle — or at least they were good and decent before they got to Washington, and hopefully they will be good and decent when they go home.

But when they set foot in those hallowed halls that gave me the shivers the first time I entered them as a Girl Scout so many years ago, something goes very wrong. Instead of calling on their best selves, these great institutions turn would-be statesmen and women into poorly behaved hellions.

Everyone knows that no matter how much voters claim to hate Congress, they return their own members with stunning regularity. So they must be pleased with something. Right?

Quite the contrary. All those safe districts have created new dangers. Instead of worrying about how to hold onto the "moderate middle," the only worry is holding onto your party's nomination — which is to say, beating back the ideologues who consider John McCain to be a



SUSAN ESTRICH

Gay marriage's hidden American history started in Spanish

The word, as originally written in Spanish, was "diablura," which has been translated to English in at least two ways: "wicked" or "devilish." But it was the way Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca described an issue that is very contentious in society today: same-sex marriage.

Perhaps he was being a bit judgmental. But what he said is not as important as when he said it. His observations were made almost 500 years ago. Cabeza de Vaca was a Spanish conquistador, and he was describing gay marriages among Native Americans.

"During the time I spent with these people I saw one devilish thing, and that was a man married to another man," Cabeza de Vaca wrote in his 1542 book, "La Relacion" ("The Account"). "These are impotent, effeminate men and they go about covered like women and they perform the tasks of women, and they do not use a bow, and they carry very great loads."

Long before the British colonists arrived, Cabeza de Vaca trekked across North America — from present-day Florida to Arizona — and same-sex marriage was just one of the many fascinating images he gave to a 16th-century Europe hungry for knowledge about the lives of the natives of the New World.

Nowadays, if you search the Internet for the history of gay marriage in North America, you are likely to find someone quoting Cabeza de Vaca. Yet most Americans know very little of his amazing feats — if they know of him at all.

Some people know him only as the shipwrecked conquistador who ended up living with the natives, first as their slave and later as their witch doctor, but not much more. He is part of America's hidden Hispanic heritage.

Some background: Cabeza de Vaca was one of the officers — the treasurer — on the 1527-1528 Panfilo de Narvaes expedition sent to the New World by King Charles I of Spain to establish a permanent settlement in Florida. After stops in Hispaniola and Cuba, and landing near Tampa Bay in April of 1528, Narvaes led some 300 men on an overland expedition that was nearly extinguished by tropical storms, diseases and attacks from the natives of Florida.

Having lost contact with their own ships, the 252 marooned and starving survivors ate their horses, built five boats and sailed west along the Gulf Coast, where many more, including Narvaes, drowned in storms along the way.

By September 1528, when they were swept onto and stranded on the place they named "The Island of Misfortune" (Galveston Island, Texas), only a few dozen survivors remained. And by the time they got off this island and trekked on foot for several years across Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, only Cabeza de Vaca and three others had survived.

Among the four survivors who managed to hook up with Spanish forces in present-day Mexico was Estevanico, an enslaved black man, born in Morocco, believed to be the first African to step ashore on what is now the continental United States.

The story of these four survivors, the first Old World explorers to cross the North American wilderness, is relatively unknown to most Americans, who tend to be more familiar with the expedition of Lewis and Clark, which happened some 276 years later.

Their attempts to coexist with the many native groups they encountered in the American Southwest created the captive narrative adventures that made Cabeza de Vaca's book a hit in Europe a few years later. Many of his shipmates were killed or enslaved by the natives of the Texas Gulf Coast; he survived by becoming a medicine man and trader, moving from tribe to

"liberal."

Compromise? No reason to. One of my old friends described his experience as a member of the Democratic minority in the House as like a high-school football player sentenced to the same Groundhog Day ritual of humiliation: Get up, suit up, lace up, head to the field/floor where you already know you will fight and lose, and then, when it's finally over and nothing has been done, go back and do it again the next day.

It does not bring out the best in people.

So on the night of the State of the Union, we all pay lip service to the idea that our elected officials should work together, work for us, unite us and not divide us.

And then, the next morning, every member of the House and the incumbent senators seeking six more years will go back to focusing on how to head off a primary challenge from the tea party, how to raise more money and dig up dirt on anyone who might take them on, how not to make the sort of mistake that could turn the hard core against them, and how to ensure that they will be here next year, same time, same place, to complain about how it's all the other side's fault that nothing gets done.

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tribe.

A deeply religious man who believed he had the power of healing, Cabeza de Vaca isn't known by most people for becoming America's first evangelical preacher. Long before the Pilgrims and the Puritans brought religion to New England, Cabeza de Vaca had prayed and preached throughout the Southwest.

Most Americans don't know that although he was among the very first of the conquistadors to make contact with Native Americans, he also was one of the most conscientious and respectful of human rights.

He was the first European-American historian. The first American history book — covering the time he spent living among various groups of Native Americans between 1528 and 1536 — was Cabeza de Vaca's "La Relacion" ("The Account"). It was written in Spanish and published in Spain in 1542. It was republished later as "Naufragios" ("Shipwrecks").

Some American historians would tell you that "History of Plymouth Plantation," written from 1630 to 1651 by William Bradford, is the first American history book.

Some even call Bradford, who arrived in America on the Mayflower in 1620, "The Father of American History." But they are the ones who begin counting American history in the 17th century and see it only from a British perspective.

Cabeza de Vaca's account of almost eight years traveling across North America, originally written as a report to the king of Spain, preceded Bradford's 21-year depiction of Plymouth by 109 years!

In fact, other American history books were written in Spanish long before the Mayflower dropped an anchor off Plymouth Rock, including Pedro de Castaneda's "Relacion de la Jornada de Cibola," an eyewitness account of the Francisco Vazquez de Coronado expedition from

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New Spain (Mexico) through the territory that now covers Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas from 1540 to 1542, and Garcilaso de la Vega's "La Florida del Inca o Historia de Adelantado Hernando de Soto" ("The Florida of the Inca or the History of Commander Hernando de Soto"), which was based on firsthand accounts by members of the 1539-1543 de Soto expedition through today's Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

It may be mostly hidden from American history, but there is no way of denying that 16th-century North American literature was written by Spanish explorers who returned to Spain and published their journals. And while most Americans may not be aware of this today, some prominent Americans didn't forget it.

"The ancient part of American history is written chiefly in Spanish," wrote Thomas Jefferson in 1787, as he tried to make another argument that would be contentious today: He believed that Americans should learn how to speak Spanish!

"With respect to modern languages," Jefferson wrote, "French, as I have before observed, is indispensable. Next to this the Spanish is

most important to an American. Our connection with Spain is already important, and will become daily more so."

Those prophetic words are not among Jefferson's best-known quotations. Unfortunately, they are part of America's hidden Hispanic heritage — just like the descriptions of homosexuality written by Cabeza de Vaca and other Spanish explorers and missionaries during that "ancient part of American history" that was "written chiefly in Spanish" and mostly ignored by American historians.

And although the Native American concepts of gender and sexuality were treated with contempt in that early Spanish-American literature, although homosexuality was seen as abhorrent based on the Spanish/Christian mores of the 16th century, evidence of its existence has been diminished by historians who choose to ignore the history of pre-British America.

Nevertheless, Cabeza de Vaca's descriptions of how same-sex marriages functioned in North America almost 500 years ago are certainly noteworthy at a time when some segments of society still have difficulties accepting them.

Similarly noteworthy are his many accounts of the first contacts between Europeans and Native Americans. His vivid descriptions of the peoples, and flora and fauna of pre-Columbian North America are truly fascinating. When he explains the division of

labor between men and women in the America of the 1530s, Cabeza de Vaca notes that men did all the hunting, while the women literally carried the workload of nomad groups who were constantly relocating. And since gay men performed the tasks of women, they were considered a valuable asset when helping the women carry heavy loads.

"And among these, we saw many of them, thus unmanly as I say, and they are more muscular than other men and taller," Cabeza de Vaca noted. "They suffer very large loads."

Written almost like an adventure novel instead of the typically boring expeditionary literature, Cabeza de Vaca's book opened a new frontier for the imagination and greed of European explorers. He described North America as a special place where miracles happen and created unfounded speculation that other explorers could go back to North America and find mythical cities of gold.

He triggered several other expeditions, which, although failing to find golden cities, brought de Soto, Coronado and many other Spanish explorers to what is now the United States. They created more pre-British American history and literature.

We don't give him proper credit, but let's face it: It was Cabeza de Vaca's book that started the Hispanic migration to North America.

Frankly, perhaps more amazing than Cabeza de Vaca's finding of gay marriage among Native Americans is the fact that it has taken Europeans and their descendants almost five centuries to accept it.

Who knows? Perhaps if we had paid more attention to what Jefferson called "the ancient part of American history," gay marriage would be ordinary now. And if more Americans recognized that our history was first written in Spanish, perhaps our Hispanic heritage would not be so hidden.

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Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church meets each Sunday at 2401 E. 24th St. at 10:30 a.m. Singing begins at 10:30, with preaching at 11. On first and third Sundays, preaching is by Elder James Taylor of Ralls, Texas. On the second and fourth Sundays, we meet for singing, Bible study and fellowship. On Sundays when we have preaching, lunch follows. We invite one and all to come worship with us. For more information, contact Pamula Jones at 432-517-5266.

Living Waters

Living Waters a new church starting in Big Spring that is committed to a dynamic spirit filled worship service is looking for worship team members. We are looking for all instruments, vocalist, soundman, as well as a worship leader. If you are new to the area and looking for a place to fit in, love praise and worship music, and are committed to exploring cutting edge sounds, we would love to have you. Come and be a part of this new work God is starting in Big Spring. Call 267-7971.

East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church would like to welcome everyone to come hear Pastor Doug Shelley as he brings God's message each service.

We have a nursery and Sunday school classes from beginners through senior adults. We also have Children's Church.

Times are 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 10:45 church service; and 1:45 p.m. church service. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

Need a ride? Not a problem. Call 267-15. We are located at 1108 E. Sixth (corner of Sixth and Settles). Hope to see you there.

First Church of the Nazarene

Many exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Chic Shaver will be here Feb. 2 through the 5th for revival services. Join us Sunday. 2 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., then the 3rd through the 5th at 6:30 p.m.

MTV. is back at 6:30 for the youth on Wednesday nights. Thrive for college and career seeking young adults with Colter Morgan happens Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the commons area. And Prime Time Fellowship is the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday at noon, bring your lunch for class

with Leonard.

Sunday service is at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary; Youth and children's classes are at 9 a.m.; Children's Church is at 10 in the Fellowship Hall; Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday night prayer is at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Wednesday evening classes for all ages are at 6:30.

Listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can hear a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in Big Spring. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50. Both meet in the Sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45. A nursery is provided. The 10:50 service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Sunday, we're launching a new message series entitled "Christ-like Influencer." What kind of person do you and I need to be in order to positively influence the people around us for Christ? That's what spiritual growth and maturity are all about!

In addition to the new message series, the congregation will be observing the Lord's Supper. During the 10:50 worship, the Celebration Choir will sing "This Is the Day" by Cindy Berry. Larry Thibeaux will sing "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" for the offertory.

During Youth Sunday School, Patrick Isaac Rodriguez Ruiz is taking students through the fruits of the Spirit.

This Sunday, children in pre-school through second grade will continue a series called "Altitude." This Sunday's lesson is entitled "I Will Do My Best," taken from 2 Chronicles 2-6 when Solomon builds the Temple.

First and second grade class will be learning lessons from the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

This Sunday's lesson is taken from the book of Philemon where Paul intercedes for Onesimus. This week's Main Point is "As A Follower of Christ, I Will Work For Peace!"

Children in grades 3-5 will continue the series called, "Jesus, The Real Life." Through this series,

the tweens will come face to face with the real Jesus. This week's lesson is entitled "Jesus, The Early Years," taken from Luke 2.

Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays. Normally, Children's Church is held during the 10:50 service only for children 4 years old through fifth grade. A nursery is available for children 3 and younger during the Sunday school hour and 10:50 worship.

Noon Bible study on Wednesday is currently going through an exploration of The Apostles' Creed.

Supper on Wednesday nights is at 5:30 in Garrett Hall. Classes for all ages begin at 6. First United Methodist Church is developing a discipleship process for adults that will be implemented next fall. However, a group of leaders are testing the curriculum on Wednesday nights.

We also have a group of young parents who are exploring a new study entitled "Parenting with Grace."

EPIC Youth will be continuing a series called "Prison Break," finding hope in hopeless situations. The series is an exploration of the book of Philippians. This week one of our seniors, Connor Steel, will be preaching about how we deal with our scars.

Students gather with the church family at 5:30 p.m. for supper before heading over to the Youth Building at 6.

This Sunday evening, our Epic Youth Ministry will hold its third annual Super Bowl Party at the home of Richard and Pam Steel.

Children's Day Out is open Monday and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children from 4 months to pre-K. For more information on any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumchs.com or phone the church office.

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Forsan Baptist Church

Our message series titled, "Coping with Change" is in full swing Sunday mornings. This Sunday, we will be revisiting the Book of Acts with a message called "Riding the Storm Out." Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. Sunday evenings, we are in a DVD study called "The Story." It is comprised of a video segment and study guide, and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God's story.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth, and an adult Bible study.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

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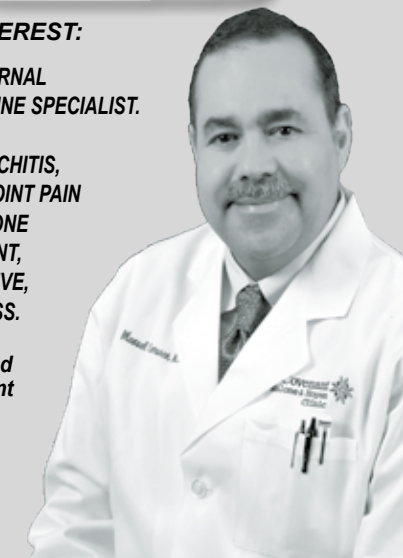
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

What Is Your Ideal Valentine's Date?

Jennifer Yanez Dinner And A Movie With The Love Of My Life

Jennifer De Los Santos A night out in the town! A couple glasses of wine. A room to die for with a bed full of roses! And waking up next to the man I love

Jennifer Perry-Gillespie I'm not so mushy gushy so my idea valentine date would be taking all 4 of our kiddos to dinner and a movie for family time

Belinda Garcia Chocolate kisses thrown around with flowers

Robert N Patsy Barton Dinner and nice adult conversation.... just paying attention to one another

Jesse Erin Harmon Go on a date with Adam Levine (AKA People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive of 2013) where we'll ride 4 wheelers over green hills, like the ones that are the background to every old Windows computer, then we'll cool down by paddle-boating across the Amazon river. Afterward, we'll run a marathon, hand in hand, for a good cause like to fight world hunger or something, and THEN he'll propose, while we're eating dinner at a fancy restaurant that's located inside of a volcano, where I'll kindly say "no thank you", so that I can forever be known as the woman who broke his heart, the one he'll never be the same without. :) Afterward, I'll return to Big Spring, act like nothing ever happened, and we'll all live happily ever after. Amen.

Terri Murphy A romantic get away!!!

Three day get away anywhere with a beautiful beach to watch the sun rise and to watch the sun set!!!

Tiffanie Starkey Candle light living room with a picnic set out on the floor. Nothing better than being in the home you created together and one on one conversation with no distractions.

Courtney Holdampf Go skydiving and when we land have a meal and roses waiting. Adrenaline and romance. lol.

Kimmy Huff Flowers, hand written letter, & a candle light dinner at home!

David Salazar ...me and my wife like going out to eat and then to SHOOT a few games of pool...plus it's our anniversary that day also...she's not very hard to please ...

Linda Lemon Garza Start off with a Valentine's arrangement with a note requesting your presence for dinner at a nice restaurant by candlelight table arranged privately away from everyone else some soft music then some dancing

Sharon Wright Just being together...no gifts...thanking God for leading us to each other and for sending us the greatest Valentine's gift ever...JESUS...full of love

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First Baptist Church

Sunday at 9:30, you're invited to attend the "New Beginnings" class which will answer a different important question each week in February. Pastor Mark Lindsey will be teaching the sessions, starting with "Who am I?" The series is focused on getting to know First Baptist Church, what we believe, how we operate, and how a person finds their place among the many functions of the church. Everyone is welcome to participate, from long-time FBC members, to those new to the congregation, and to those who may have questions about God and want to explore what it means to be part of a church family.

Additionally, at 9:30 there are Sunday school classes available for all ages and life stages. Greeters at each entrance will help you find your class, and show you where you can get a cup of coffee. Come early for fellowship and to get acquainted.

FBC worship service starts at 10:50, and Pastor Lindsey will share the Word of God as we continue to focus on what it means to be a true disciple of Christ.

We are excited to welcome Melody Rogers to our staff as worship arts coordinator.

Melody enjoys using her God-given musical talents for His glory, and also encourages others to worship Christ through music. She has a degree in music education which certifies her to teach vocal and instrumental music in grades K through 12. Additionally, Melody is currently adjunct music professor at Howard College.

AWANA, the fun Bible verse memory program for children, meets Sunday at 5:30.

Sunday is Team Night; wear your favorite team's color or jersey, and it's OK if your favorite team is AWANA! All children K-grade 6 are welcome.

Tuesday, the LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) club meets at noon in the dining room. Elvira Connor from the YMCA will present the program "Exercising with a Chair." Bring a friend and come in the east doors for some food, fellowship and fun.

Thursday, Feb. 6, the Mission Center will be open from 9-11; this includes the food pantry and clothes closet. For those wishing to give, no clothing donations are needed at this time; however monetary gifts and food items are always appreciated.

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What do our ancestors really give us?

It has finally happened. Our adult daughter, who never was overly sentimental, has discovered an ancestry website. Suddenly she is spending all of her free time researching her heritage. Her roots have finally taken hold, and she is digging up trivia about her ancestors on all sides of her family. She is even talking about going on a family history trip to take pictures of tombstones and remains of deserted houses.

I suppose that as we get older, we all have the need to know who we are. Somehow just knowing our parents and grandparents doesn't seem like enough. The desire to know more about who we are forces us to delve into the unknown or forgotten. Curiosity urges us to dig deeper.

Once the genealogical dig has started, a successful find prompts us to keep on digging.

Family names passed down from generation to generation start sounding so familiar that we feel bonded to strangers whom we have never met. Our imaginations assign flesh and bones to names that are centuries old. Personalities evolve from handwritten notes on the yellowed ledgers of history.

The question remains. What do we really get from our ancestors? The gene pool is a game of chance. Why does one child in a family get blonde hair while siblings from the same parents have dark hair? Why are some eyes brown and others blue? Why are some legs long and others short? Why does a receding hairline appear in generation after generation of family pictures?

Perhaps there are other traits that can be fished from the genetic pool. Intellectual ability to some extent seems to be passed along from one generation to another. Things like musical ability or athletic ability may also be a part of the mix, although environment, training, and opportunity certainly influence development of these talents.

When it comes to our spiritual nature, the person who has a rich spiritual heritage certainly has an advantage. However, the statement that God has no grandchildren is true. We can't rely on our parents or grandparents relationship with God to get us into heaven.

The Scriptures says, "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33NASB).

Those of us whose ancestors left a spiritual heritage are blessed, but the real issue is whether or not we have confessed Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Bonnie Wheat is a minister's wife and an author. She can be reached at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Crossroads Advisory Board

regrets to announce that we were unsuccessful in meeting the deadline to raise the needed funds to open an office to serve Howard, Martin and Glasscock Counties.

Although we missed the deadline, we have faith in the generosity of our community and would like to provide one last opportunity.

If we can complete our goal to raise the necessary funds by May 1, 2014, we can still open the office.

If we have not raised the necessary funds by then, we will split funds donated between three charities serving children in Howard, Martin and Glasscock Counties.

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The Mission Center is located on Lancaster behind H-E-B.

FBC Mother's Day Out program is in session each Tuesday and Thursday, and is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or call 267-8223 for more information about this and available openings in the program for your little ones.

Upward basketball continues each Saturday; go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed schedules. A special ceremony is planned Feb. 22 as an end to the season. Come and cheer on these young athletes.

All area teens are invited to be a part of FBC youth group. Youth meet Sunday mornings at 9:30, and Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6 in the second floor youth department. Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini leads this growing group, and is dedicated to helping teenagers build a strong foundation in God's Word as a spiritual base for their lives.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6 in our Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the pace of your life or have circumstances gotten you down? Stop by the church or call 267-8223 and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus, who is The Living Hope.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join this growing congregation for worship services at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Bring a friend as we gather in praise of our Savior Jesus Christ, who is doing great things in, and through, the deaf community in the Big Spring area. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming February series entitled, "Intentional Living: Becoming One." We currently live in a time when marriages are constantly being attacked socially, politically, financially and spiritually. But remember, God has not left us without solutions and the answer is found in the Word of God. Join us as share some biblical principles concerning the importance of marriage and how to survive onslaught from the enemy of our soul.

Mark your calendar to join us Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 for the "Becoming One" simulcast marriage conference with Pastor Jimmy and Karen Evans. This event is free, but registration is required.

Also, save the date for the 2014 spring revival, "Unity in the Body, which will be held March 26-29 at 7 nightly. Wednesday, March 26 at 7 will be the revival opening with a "Night of Worship." Join with us as we praise, worship and pray for "Unity in the Body" in our surrounding communities.

CCC is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. We meet Wednesdays at 7, Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. We are located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015; or find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org

Spring Creek Fellowship

Our SCF cooking team will host a benefit to raise funds to help cover medical costs for Julia Wilson on Saturday at "Froyo's & More" on FM 700 from noon to 6. They will be selling a brisket sandwich with beans, potato salad and dessert for \$10. "Froyo's & More" will also donate \$1 for each benefit meal sold. Come and show your support for Julia and her family! If you would like to help or make a donation, contact the church office.

Come watch the Super Bowl game with us Sunday. The game starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite football-watching food to share!

We are beginning a Prayer Shawl Ministry as a

part of our Sewing Seeds of Hope crafting ministry. We meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl or want to join us in this ministry, come meet with us!

We will be hosting a men's conference at Circle 6 Lodge in Stanton the weekend of April 26. For more details, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Between The Lines" Women's Ministry will be hosting a yard sale from 8 until 2 on April 26. I you have donations for this sale, bring them to the church.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Our food teams are regrouping and will be ready to provide wonderful meals for us soon. Adult Bible Study, Youth, Boy Scouts and children's activities start at 6:15 on Wednesday nights.

"Free Indeed" is collecting sleeping bags, socks, toboggans, scarves and gloves for the homeless. You may bring them the church or contact the church office to drop these off.

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 at Spring Town Plaza. Everyone is welcome.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes are back in session from the holiday break. Visit our website at http://bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Connection groups meet at 9:15 a.m. Sunday; Holy Grounds Cafe opens at 10:15 and worship service is at 10:45. Wednesay services are at 6:15 p.m. and a men's prayer breakfast is Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

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

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First Presbyterian Church

The Children's Choir meets at 4:20 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets in the library at 5:17, and the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Ushers for February are Bob Bennett, Buddy Cochrane, Ellen Austin and Jenn Patterson. Communion servers are Jerry and Katie Grimes, Lucy Odom, Marcos Salinas and David Wilson. Liturgist for the month is Danny Kennemur. Nancy Little is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday.

We appreciated the presentation during the worship hour about her mission trips to Uganda, which our congregation helped to make possible, by Tania Aviles from El Paso. The music offered by our Children's Choir and Youth Bell Choir, led by Susan Dawes, was a welcome addition to the service last Sunday.

This has been a busy week at First Presbyterian, with the potluck meal and annual congregational meeting following worship last Sunday. Tuesday, members of the congregation met with Ann Philbrock of the New Beginnings group to learn what their study of our church had revealed. Wednesday, those who have volunteered to be small group leaders met to get instruction about how to lead the small group meetings during the ensuing months. We hope this work will lead our church in exciting new directions.

Facilities Committee Chair Paschal Odom has scheduled a Church Work Day for Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone is asked to come help clean up around the outside of the premises, as well as inside the building.

Next month, on Feb. 16 and 23, the Service Committee is having its annual Hygiene Drive, asking for toiletries and health care products to give to those in need. That committee wishes to thank Drs. Amy Reese, John Meyers and Richard Cauley for donations of tooth brushes.

Lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "The Gift to Be Simple," arranged by Dale Wood.

Also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.bpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

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Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the readings this week.

Our Wednesday night Bible study is titled "I am Second" by e3 Partners. On Wednesday be watching Trevor Brazile. He was born in Amarillo, Texas. He is a United States rodeo champion. He is a 17-time world champion and has won 11 all-around titles. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mid-Week classes are in session for the youth. A light meal is served from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

AG files brief in Hobby Lobby case

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's attorney general has filed a brief in support of Hobby Lobby as its challenge to a portion of the Affordable Care Act moves forward at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hobby Lobby is challenging a portion of the nation's new health care law that would require it to supply certain types of contraception to its employees. The Supreme Court is slated to hear arguments in March.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt said the federal law violates the free exercise rights of Hobby Lobby's owners, who oppose contraceptive methods that can kill a fertilized egg. A federal judge has stopped enforcement of the law as it pertains to the Oklahoma City-based company.

Pruitt filed a friend of the court brief that says Oklahoma's laws protect religious freedom rather than deprive it.

Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and open One Club. Partner responds One Diamond. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠KJ6 ♥AQ ♦9874 ♣QJ95

2. ♠AK8 ♥J ♦QJ93 ♣AJ962

3. ♠AQ4 ♥AJ ♦Q5 ♣KQJ843

4. ♠9 ♥AQ96 ♦K82 ♣AKQJ6

1. One notrump. It is rare not to raise partner at once with four-card trump support, but here it is better to suppress the raise in favor of the more illuminating notrump rebid.

This tells partner you opened with minimum values and a balanced hand, which is exactly what you're looking at. Two diamonds would suggest more in the way of distributional values — for example, five clubs, four diamonds and 3-1 or 2-2 distribution in the major suits — and would also be more forward-going. The notrump rebid paints a far better picture of your hand.

2. Three diamonds. Here you have better diamonds as well as values well above a minimum opening bid. Both of these features can best be expressed by a jump-raise. The double raise, which shows 16 to 18 points in high cards and distribution,

is not forcing; partner may pass, but if he does, there is almost surely no game. If partner bids three notrump at his next turn, you will, of course, let him play there.

3. Three notrump. You can't settle for less than game, and you shouldn't risk any bid that might leave you in an under-game contract.

What sometimes happens in this situation is that the opening bidder jumps to two notrump or three clubs — neither of which is forcing — and screams bloody murder when his impoverished partner passes. It is far better to take the strain off partner by jumping to three notrump straightaway, invoking the trusty principle of bidding what you think you can make.

4. Two hearts. The jump in a new suit (a jump-shift) is 100 percent forcing and compels partner to continue bidding until at least a game is reached. At this point, there is potential for a game in hearts, diamonds or clubs, and possibly notrump if partner has spades stopped. Furthermore, partner does not need all that much for a slam to be made, and he should be apprised of that possibility right away.

Tomorrow: Clear choice.

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Steers, Lady Steers look to regain form against Loboes

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

For the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' basketball team, do-or-die time has arrived.

Big Spring heads into tonight's showdown with the Monahans Lady Loboes in dire need of a win to bolster its postseason playoff hopes. The Lady Steers enter to-

night's showdown tied with Snyder for third in the District 4-3A race.

A victory over Monahans in front of the home fans in the Steer Gym would be huge. Not only would it erase the memories of Tuesday's loss to state-ranked Wylie, it would send Big Spring into Tuesday's regular season finale in good shape to claim one of the

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Team	Overall	District	Team	Overall	District
Wylie	21-3	6-0	x-Wylie	23-5	8-0
Monahans	23-4	5-1	Greenwood	10-16	6-2
Big Spring	9-9	3-3	Big Spring	16-9	3-5
Greenwood	6-17	3-3	Snyder	12-11	3-5
Sweetwater	12-6	1-5	*Sweetwater	8-12	3-4
Snyder	1-11	0-6	*Monahans	4-12	0-7

district's four playoff berths. Monahans enters tonight's

game at 0-7 in district play, and at 4-12 overall. The Lady

Steers are 16-9 and 3-5.

The Big Spring boys' team will be facing a stiffer task. Fresh off a loss to district-leading Wylie, the Steers will face a Monahans team that is 23-4 and currently second in the district standings.

The Steers come in sporting a 9-9 season record, and a 3-3 district record.

WJCAC BASKETBALL

Take That!

Hawks roll past Chaps

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

Howard College men's basketball coach Scott Raines didn't see anything flashy about his team on Thursday night. And that was perfect fine by him.

In fact, it is exactly what he wanted.

The Howard College Hawks collected double-digit performances from four players and cruised to a thrilling 77-61 victory over the Midland College Chaparrals in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The win gave Howard College its sixth win in its last seven outings and, more importantly, sent the Hawks into their bye week in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

"It was a workman-like game for us," said Raines, whose team improved to 19-4 overall and to 7-2 in conference play. "You have got to be happy with a 16-point win over your biggest rival. There were things I thought we could have done better, but that is just me as a coach being nit-picky, but overall it was a good win for us."

The Hawks got off to a good start offensively against the Chaps. After being held scoreless for the first 2:32 of the game, Eric Weary Jr. got the Howard College offense in gear by pushing in a

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Howard College sophomore Demeco Herrera battles Midland College's Kenan Guzonjic for position in the low post during the second half of the Hawks' 77-61 victory on Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

MC deals Lady Hawks another WJCAC setback

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

Ellyn Avery has some fond memories of growing up in the Forsan-Big Spring area. Unfortunately for the Howard College Lady Hawks, now she has another one.

Avery, the daughter of former Big Spring High School girls' basketball coach Jim Avery, pumped in a game-high 18 points on Thursday and helped power the Midland College Lady Chaparrals to a 71-45 win in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Avery helped Midland College withstand an early push by the HC women. She sank four three-pointers in the first half and keyed a 16-3 run

over the final eight minutes of the first half that put the Lady Chaps up by 14 at the half, at 35-21.

A graduate of Grady High School, Avery attended Forsan Elementary as a kindergarten and first grader. She moved to Jim Ned as a second grader when her father assumed the coaching duties there, and returned to the Crossroads area prior to her senior year when the family relocated to Lenorah.

The Lady Hawks had opened the game with a flurry, building an 11-2 advantage before the wheels came off.

"I thought we got off to a great start," said HC head coach Earl Diddle. "Then

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Big Spring's Valerie Goodblanket slides into home during a 4-run third inning for the Lady Steers on Thursday afternoon.

Lady Steers pound C-City in scrimmage

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

Big Spring High School shortstop Valerie Goodblanket got the Lady Steers' 2014 preseason off to a memorable start on Thursday afternoon at the BSISD Softball Complex. She slapped the first pitch she saw over the centerfield fence and sparked Big Spring to a 14-8 romp over the Colorado Lady Wolves in their preseason scrimmage opener.

"I was very happy with the way the girls played," said BSHS head coach John Sparks. "They were focused at the plate. We made a few errors in the field, but that is to be expected this early in the year."

Goodblanket, who signed a collegiate letter of intent on Wednesday with Howard College, gave Big Spring a huge boost in her first at-bat. Hitting from the right side, she jumped on a pitch and turned it into a home run that helped spark a 7-run first inning.

Overall, Goodblanket went 4-for-5 from the plate in the 7-inning scrimmage, including an infield single from the left side in the third.

The Lady Steers stretched their lead to 8-2 with a run in the third, and then tacked on four more in the third to grab a 12-3 cushion.

In addition to Goodblanket, the BSHS squad also picked up solid play from freshman pitcher Mariah Sarmiento and Sidney Oliva.

"It was a good start for us," said Sparks. "The younger girls stepped up."

Big Spring will return to play on Saturday morning when they play Lake View and Abilene High in a pair of scrimmages in San Angelo. The team will scrimmage Forsan on Monday.

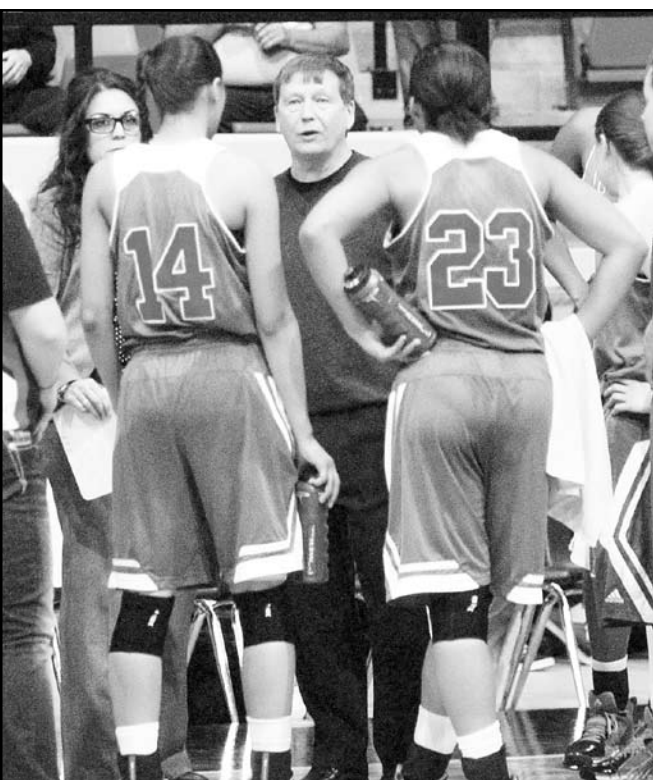
The BSHS girls will open the 2014 season on Feb. 10 in Midland against Midland Christian.

LL baseball sign-ups slated

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

The registration fee is \$85 per child and will provide a full uniform.

Parents must provide a valid birth certificate at registration.



Howard College head coach Earl Diddle talks with members of his team during a time out in the Lady Hawks' game against Midland College.

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TO WHOM it may or may not concern from 11:45 this date 1-14-2014 I, Jerry Don Jones will not be responsible for any debts incurred on the part of Mrs. Dianne Jones. Whether in her name or another and I hereby render all and any future debts on her part to be hers, alone (as she has requested), and not mine or my future company or companies. Any questions, can be mailed or hand carried to 609 Brian Road, Big Spring, Tx 79720. Signed this date 1/14/2014 Jerry Don Jones.

Cemetery Lots

4 TRINITY Memorial Park Cemetery Lots, Garden of Meditation, Lots 378 & 379, Spaces 1 & 2. Value \$2070 each. Asking \$1650 each. Call 409-781-6240.

Garage Sales

1306 PENNSYLVANIA, Saturday 8am-noon. Lg window unit, nintendo Wii, movies, 2013 Dell laptop, washer/dryer, bath vanity w/corian top, knife set, furniture, women's clothing, small weight bench/weights, Too many items to list..

INSIDE SALE: 1810 N Hwy. 87 across from State Hospital, Friday & Saturday. 30 + Years of great stuff. Furniture, kitchen items, glassware and more.....

INSIDE SALE: 2413 South Anderson Road, Friday and Saturday 9:00-2:00. Saddles, horse clocks, pictures, rocking horses, McCoy pottery & Coca-Cola collectibles, and lots of misc. stuff. Call (432)213-5631.

INSIDE SALE: 809 East 3rd, Saturday 9:00-4:00. Furniture, appliances & lots more.

MULTIFAMILY GARAGE Sale- Saturday 8-1 at 2nd & Goliad. Dvd's, Cd's, Furniture, Baby Stuff, Dishes, Clothes for Men, Women & Children, Coahoma Bulldog Stuff, Home Decor & So Much More! Low prices!!!

Help Wanted

ACCOUNT MANAGER
 Needed: Requires Good Driving Record, Computer and Phone Skills. Benefits Include: Health, Dental, 401K & Paid Vacation. Apply in Person at Credit World, 1611 S. Gregg.

BIG SPRING Country Club is excepting application for Cook and Salad/Dessert Prep. Baking Experience Preferred. No phone call please. Apply in person at 2401 Driver Road.

BLAST MASTERS has all positions available for:
 *Crew Operator
 *Crew Tech
 *Sales positions
 Must have valid Drivers License, will train, Come by 1711 Snyder Hwy., Pick up application. No phone calls please.

BLUE BELL Creameries is seeking a responsible, dependable Full Time Shipping Clerk. Position involves physically working with ice cream products in a cold environment. Must be 18 years old and have reliable transportation. No experience necessary, we will train. We offer competitive pay and great benefits. Apply in person at: 401 East Interstate 20.

CAT CONSTRUCTION needs Backhoe Operator. Experience a Must. Apply in person 600 S.E. Broadway, Coahoma.

DAY'S INN needs Front Desk and Maintenance person. Apply at Front Office @ 2701 South Gregg Street.

INGRAM CONCRETE, a stable and growing company, is currently seeking CDL MIXER DRIVERS for full-time positions located in Big Spring, TX. Compensation based on driving experience. Paid weekly. Home daily/week-ends. Guaranteed hours. No waiting period for medical insurance. Full benefits. Please apply at 605 North Benton or call 432-264-0125 for more information. EOE M/F/D/V

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Email us at dominos@clearwire.net with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you!

As always, come on down to our location at **2111 S. Gregg Street** and apply at any time! Or apply at **www.indeed.com** EOE (coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

EVENING CHILDCARE POSITIONS Part & Full time positions available. Apply at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

FRANKLIN & SON, a family owned business for 52 years, is seeking Bobtail Truck Drivers. Class B CDL with Hazmat & Tanker certification required. Competitive pay, insurance, uniforms, and paid vacation included.

Contact Terry Franklin 432-756-2808 or tcf@franklinandsoninc.com

GARTMAN AC & PLUMBING Needs- Licensed Journey Plumber \$20-\$25per hour and AC Duct Installer- salary based on experience. Apply in person, 3206 E. FM 700 or call 432-263-1902.

GLOBE ENERGY Services has a clerical position open. If interested, please fax resume to 432-263-2803.

HAIRSTYLES AND Manicurist needed at Hippy Chic Salon. Under New Management. Call Brandy 432-816-6228.

HELP WANTED:
 A family owned and growing Big Spring Oil Company needs individual with primarily geological/geophysical experience with management skills. Prefer some engineering experience also. Must be able to assume multiple responsibilities with a desire to grow with this family owned growing company. Must be willing to live in Big Spring. Company will pay partial moving expenses. Salary is negotiable with insurance, etc.

Please send resume to Sharp Image Energy, Inc., PO Box 1888, Big Spring, Tx 79721 or email to mdevans@basin-net.net

HIRING EXPERIENCED CDL Truck Drivers for local area, pay \$17-\$18 per hour depending on experience. Off every other weekend. Call (432)270-5951.

INTERESTED IN becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant? Sterling County Nursing Home will be offering classes beginning February 18, 2014. If interested call Ashley Porter for more info. at 325-378-21.4.

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MATURE, CHRISTIAN persons needed for busy Christian preschool. Are currently hiring part-time caregivers, substitutes and a part-time custodian. Apply in person at 118 Cedar Rd.

NEED FULL Charge Bookkeeper, full-time position with benefits. Send resume or inquiries to P.O. Box 2511, Big Spring, TX 79721.

NEED TRANSPORT/BOBTAIL Driver for fuel deliveries. Starting Salary \$22.00 per hr., all full medical benefits paid, retirement plan, vacation and sick leave. Must have CDL, hazmat & good driving record. Come by 1st & Johnson, Park Fuels/ Chevron, Big Spring. (432)263-0033.

NEEDING CLASS A CDL, Heavy Equipment Operator, starting pay \$20-\$26, insurance and retirement available. Pick up application at 1305 East Airpark Drive, 432-264-6600 or email resume to jaredphillips@philfab.com

NEEDING LODGE Monitor part-time, Lodge Manager full-time, Thrift store manager, Thrift store clerk, Thrift store truck driver and Boys & Girls front desk clerk part-time, program aide part-time and program coordinator part-time. Must be 18 yrs. old. For further information contact Salvation Army at 811 West 5th or call 432-267-8239.

NEIGHBORS CONVENIENCE Store now hiring cooks, cashiers, stockers. All Shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

NOW HIRING Part Time Maintenance at WES-T-GO. Apply in person, 1800 Gregg.

NOW ACCEPTING Resumes For Plant Operator @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Please Send Resume To: Plant Supervisor 11703 E. FM 846 Coahoma, TX 79511 Or Fax (432)399-4290 Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

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PART-TIME MAINT TECH needed for Property in Big Spring. Applicant must have strong organizational skills and enjoy working outdoors. Ability to work independently with minimal supervision. Hourly, Flex Schedule. Apply at Knollwood Heights 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd.

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RUSTY'S OILFIELD Service In Stanton has immediate openings for Mechanic, CDL Driver, Roustabout Pushers and Helpers. Must have valid drivers license. Apply in person at 3327 W I20 in Stanton. 432-756-2821.

SEEKING LINE walker for natural gas processing plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Must have valid Texas driver's license and be able to pass drug screening. Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines. Send resume to: Plant Supervisor, 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, TX 79511 or email carcher@wtggas.com or fax 432-399-4290.

SHELL STAR STOP looking for Managers, Assistant Managers and Team Members. Full & Part time employees needed. Apply in person at any Shell Star Stop in Big Spring. Drug Free Environment.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
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STANDARD ENERGY Services in now hiring Class A & B CDL Drivers for pump trucks, vacuum trucks and hot oiler. Top Pay w/excellent benefits. Package including 401k and safety bonus. Drivers paid weekly. Please contact Tom 806-777-0876.

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THE BEST Western in Big Spring has immediate openings for Front Desk and Housekeeping positions. Please apply in person or email your resume to bestwesternpalaceinn@gmail.com.

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WESTERN TRUCK Trailer & Welding is now hiring for Experienced Diesel Technician *Excellent Pay Scale *Great Working Conditions *Monday through Friday *8AM to 5PM
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Miscellaneous

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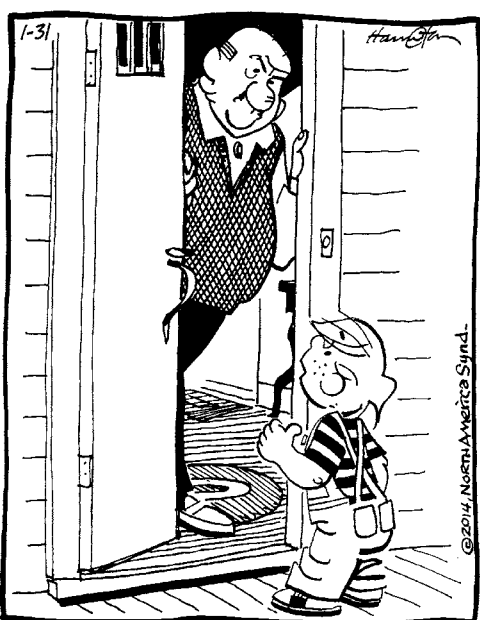
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"DO A LOT OF THINGS MAKE YOU NERVOUS, MR. WILSON, OR IS IT JUST ME?"

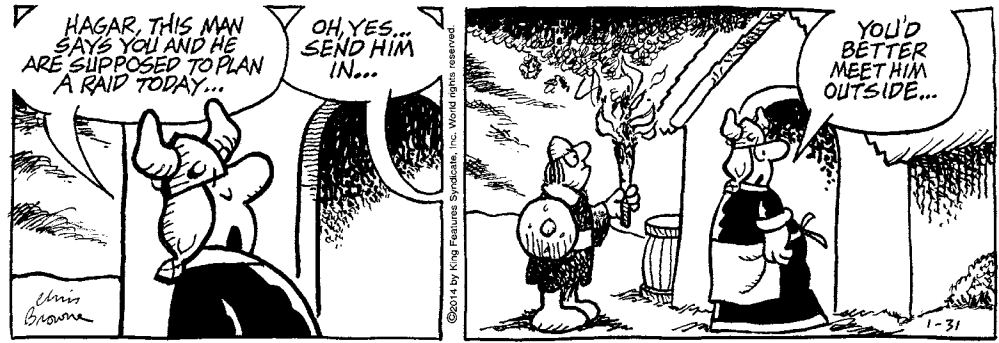
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"How 'bout we cook up some American toast this morning 'stead of French toast? Okay, Mommy?"

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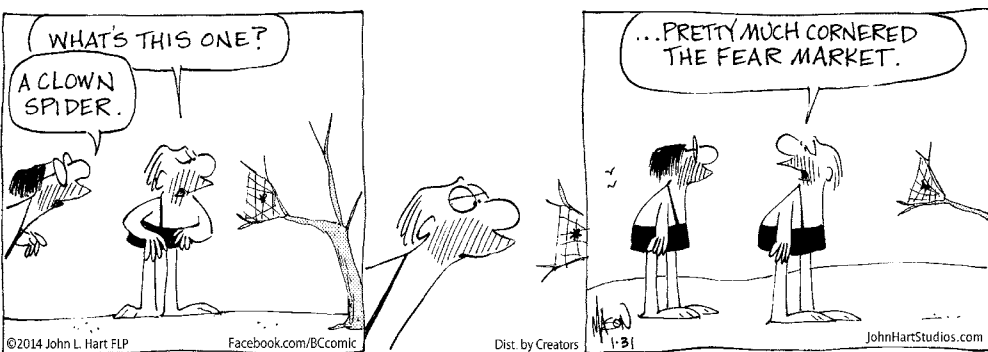
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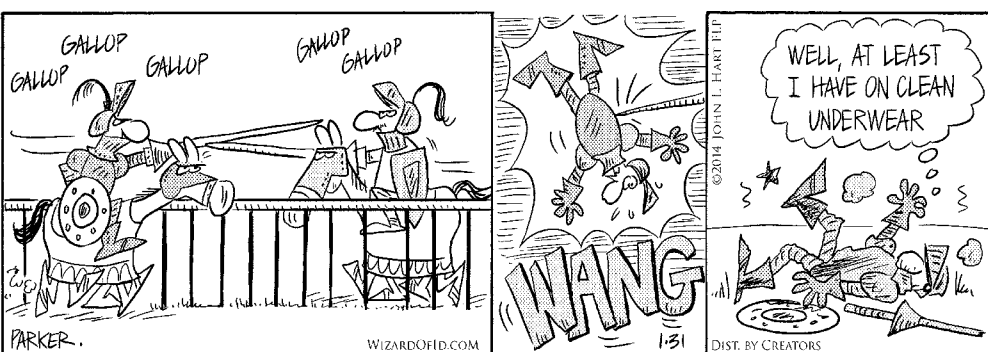


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A CLOWN SPIDER.

...PRETTY MUCH CORNERED THE FEAR MARKET.

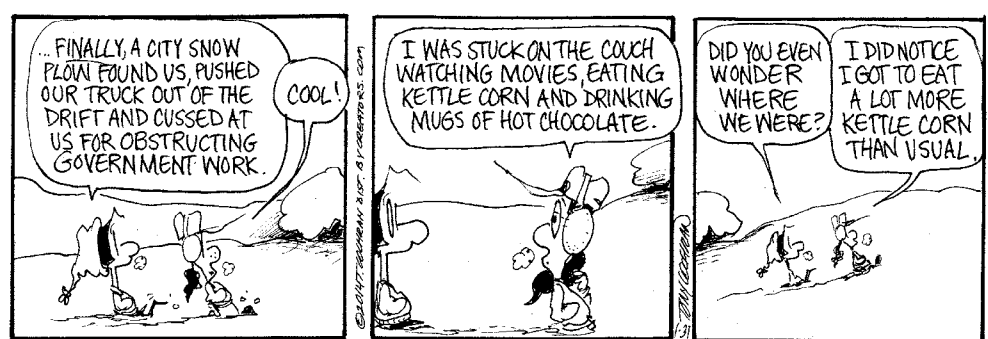
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WELL, AT LEAST I HAVE ON CLEAN UNDERWEAR

AGNES



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...FINALLY, A CITY SNOW PLOW FOUND US, PUSHED OUR TRUCK OUT OF THE DRIFT AND CUSS'D AT US FOR OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT WORK.

COOL!

I WAS STUCK ON THE COUCH WATCHING MOVIES, EATING KETTLE CORN AND DRINKING MUGS OF HOT CHOCOLATE.

DID YOU EVEN WONDER WHERE WE WERE?

I DID NOTCE I GOT TO EAT A LOT MORE KETTLE CORN THAN USUAL.

HI AND LOIS



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WAY TO SHRED, MAN!

RIP IT UP, BRO!

I TAUGHT CHIP EVERYTHING HE KNOWS ABOUT RIPPING AND SHREDDING.

THE OTHER COAST



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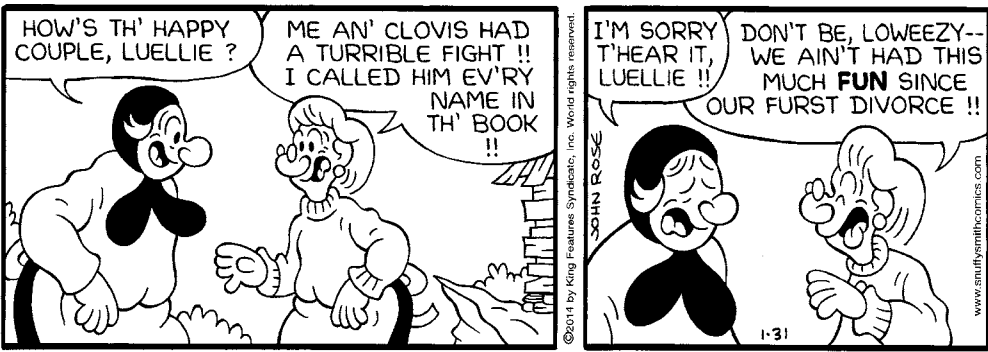
BARK BARK BARK BARK

GOOD THING I'M ON A LEASH, OR I'D HAVE SHOWN THAT DOG A THING OR TWO.

YOU AREN'T ON A LEASH.

I FORGOT IT'S CASUAL FRIDAY.

SNUFFY SMITH



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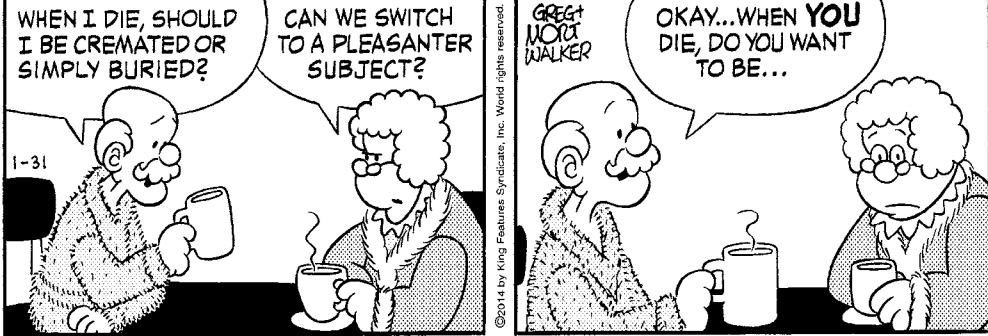
HOW'S TH' HAPPY COUPLE, LUELLIE?

ME AN' CLOVIS HAD A TURRIBLE FIGHT !! I CALLED HIM EV'RY NAME IN TH' BOOK !!

I'M SORRY T'HEAR IT, LUELLIE !!

DON'T BE, LOWEEZY-- WE AIN'T HAD THIS MUCH FUN SINCE OUR FURST DIVORCE !!

BEETLE BAILEY



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WHEN I DIE, SHOULD I BE CREMATED OR SIMPLY BURIED?

CAN WE SWITCH TO A PLEASANTER SUBJECT?

OKAY...WHEN YOU DIE, DO YOU WANT TO BE...

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2014. There are 334 days left in the year. This is the Chinese New Year of the Horse.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1863, during the Civil War, the First South Carolina Volunteers, an all-black Union regiment composed of former slaves, was mustered into federal service at Beaufort, S.C.

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of all the Confederate armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Gold Reserve Act.

In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

In 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16-9-minute sub-orbital flight.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1974, legendary movie producer Samuel Goldwyn, 94, died in Los Angeles.

In 1980, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands announced she would abdicate on her birthday the following April, to be succeeded by her daughter, Princess Beatrix.

In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Have a rustic experience

5 Slacks shade

10 Nobel scientist

14 Actor Epps

15 Hawkeye Stater

16 Gimlet ingredient

17 Fit to serve

18 Moves in on

19 Wedding rental

20 Fonda film of '57

23 Lithium-battery

24 Prefix for day or way

25 Elite group

27 Adventure

31 Most lucid

34 Jersey Shore network

35 Seth MacFarlane, at the 2013 Oscars

37 Canon fodder

38 Louisville's river

40 Gridiron position

41 Less than a little

42 Pillages

44 Sweeping tales

47 Bring to bear

48 Complicates

50 Act to settle

52 Spingarn Medal awarder

54 Creative knack

55 Former

57 Nicholson film of '70

63 Chevy's hybrid

65 Tag line

66 Halo

67 The Dragons of ___ (Sagan book)

68 Take the honey and run

69 Criticize

70 Robin's retreat

71 Dispersed

72 It can follow anything

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1 Wheedle

2 It means "both"

3 Senegal neighbor

4 Stereo component

5 Animal, for one

6 Weed whacker

7 On vacation

8 Destiny

9 City maps on state maps

10 Unfavorable

11 Cusack film of '88

12 Cartridge filler

13 Garish light

21 Blue shade

22 Impressively done

26 Poetic adverb

27 Wharton title character

28 Ringwald film of '84

29 Cools down

30 30 minutes after the NYSE opens

32 Have a feeling

33 Something shady

34 Forest growth

36 Outer limit

39 High-fiber veggie

43 Pole, for one

45 Made suitable

46 iPhone assistant

49 Panoramas

51 Cool and calm

53 Painter

55 A hood may cover it

56 Ore deposit

58 Hide away

59 Cry of alarm

60 Winnow

61 Momentous times

62 Aforementioned

64 Basic cable channel

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BSCC to hold 4-man scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person golf scramble on Feb. 22-23.

Entry fee is \$100 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday. A 1 p.m. shotgun start will be held on both days.

Entry includes 1 muligan each day and BBQ on Saturday. Practice rounds available on Friday.

The field will be flighted by the first round score. The number of flights determined by the number of entries.

Call (432) 267-5354 for more information.

Steers to scrimmage Midland on Feb. 4

Highschoolbaseball fans will get a break from the winter blues on Tuesday when the Big Spring Steers' baseball team begins its preseason scrimmage schedule. The Steers' varsity and JV teams are slated to play Midland on Feb. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. at Steer Park.

Big Spring will close out its pre-season slate on Feb. 8 in Abilene with bouts against Abilene High and Cooper. The AHS scrimmage will start at 11 a.m. Cooper's game will be at 3 p.m.

Big Spring opens the regular season on Feb. 17 in Shallowater.

CGA to hold 4-man scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Feb. 16 as part of its membership drive.

Entry fee into the "build tour own team"

event is \$35 per player. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 apiece.

Players should sign-up prior to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be held at 10 a.m.

HAWKS

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layup that tied the score at 2-2. Moments later, Jalin Barnes highlighted a 7-0 run by pulling up from the corner and drained a three-point shot that staked the Hawks to a lead they would never relinquish. He followed that shot by coming away with a steal near midcourt and turning it into an easy layup.

Barnes lit up the Chaps' defense in the first half. The freshman scored 10 of his 15 points in the initial 20 minutes of play.

Midland College managed to fight its way back from there. The Chaparrals, despite a three-point bomb from

Torrian Epps, went on a mini-run midway through the first and pulled to within 13-9 on three straight free throws from Daniel Hernandez.

That was as close as the Chaparrals would get. Howard College stretched its lead to 10 over the ensuing three minutes with an 8-2 spurt. After Darius Johnson had hit a short jumper to start the run, the HC men collected another trey from Barnes and a free throw from Eric Weary Jr. before sophomore point guard David Joseph capped the run with an alley-oop pass to the rim that Weary slammed home.

Weary's dunk gave Howard College a 21-11 lead with 10:25 left in the first half.

Weary scored seven of his 11 total points in the first half.

Joseph knocked down a three-pointer late in the half and enabled the Hawks to head into the half with an 11-point lead, at 39-28.

As a team, Howard Col-

lege hit on 43.8 percent of their attempts from the field in the first 20 minutes of play, including 4-of-7 from behind the three-point line.

The Hawks padded their lead even more in the second half. Sparked by clutch shots from Lis Shoshi and Joseph, the HC men opened the second half with a 22-18 run that staked the team to a 61-46 lead.

Joseph spearheaded the Hawks' second-half success. He poured in 10 of his 15 points in the frame.

Travis Charles also hit double figures for the Hawks in the win. He finished with 11 points, and tied with Weary for the team's lead in rebounding with eight.

Demeco Herrera almost hit double-digits offensively against the Chaps. He chalked up eight points in the contest.

With the loss, Midland suffered its fifth loss in their last six games and slipped to 10-11 for the year. The Chaps are 2-6 in conference play.

WOMEN

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we made some turnovers. We went through four or five possessions where we just gave the ball away. They (Midland College) are too good, too quick and shoot the ball too well to do that."

"Once we got ourselves into a hole, we threw away the shovel. We just stopped digging," he added.

Freshman guard Gabby Gonzales led the Lady Hawks' effort in the first half. She scored six of her 10 points in the frame.

Things didn't get any better for Howard College in the second half. The Lady Chaps, backed by a 32-12 advantage in rebounding, outscored the HC women by a 36-24 clip in the final 20 minutes.

Bailey Wipff and Jericka Smith finished as Howard College's top scorers. Both pitched in 11 points.

Overall, Midland College outrebounded the Lady Hawks by a staggering 57-26 clip.

With the loss, Howard College fell to 11-12 for the season, and to 2-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.



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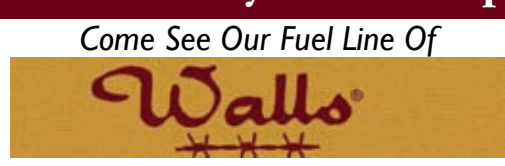
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HISTORY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER FOCUS: QUALITY OF LIFE

Origin of the Chamber concept

The concept of various businesses joining together in a mutual effort to increase commerce had its beginnings in Europe hundreds of years ago. Primarily as a defensive tactic, traders banded together for protection against common enemies and to establish policies to govern trade. This was eventually extended as a means to exert influence on governments and legislation. The first organization of businesses was evidently in Marseilles, France, where the first use of the term, “Chamber of Commerce” has been documented. This fledgling group was established by the city council in 1599 — more than four centuries ago. The idea caught on and spread to Germany and eventually throughout Europe.

The concept comes to America

The modern Chamber of Commerce is more of an American development. The New York State Chamber is the oldest Chamber of Commerce in America, formed in 1768 and chartered by King George III in 1770. That makes it older than the Declaration of Independence, so Chambers of Commerce are not a new development.

Local chambers

The first local chamber was founded in Charleston, S.C., in 1773. This was followed by New Haven, Conn., and then to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1800. The trend spread rapidly across the country soon after. By 1870 there were 40

local Chambers of Commerce in the United States. Today there are more than 5,000 Chambers of Commerce.

The primary function of protecting commerce remains the same, but it is interesting to follow the changes and adaptations of the Chamber functions through the years as chambers have adjusted to the changing needs of society. Today the role of Chambers of Commerce has expanded to address socioeconomic concerns and social needs, going far beyond its original intent several centuries ago.

The prosperity of individual businesses depends on the development of the community. The success of individual businesses serves to increase the prosperity of the community and the resulting prosperity bounces back to the benefit of the local business owner. It’s a win-win deal.

National chamber

President William Howard Taft sent a letter to Congress in 1911 addressing the need for a “central organization “in order to “keep purely American interests in a closer touch with different phases of commercial affairs.” A few months later the U. S. Chamber was born.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce began in 1912 and today claims a direct membership of 300,000 businesses and 3 million in state and local chambers. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce is not the same as local and state chambers, which focus on local and state issues. The U.S. Chamber is concerned with national issues and dealing with the fed-

eral government.

International chamber

The chamber concept functions on a global scale as well. The International Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the world. Founded in 1919, it now has hundreds of thousands of companies under its umbrella in over 130 countries. With headquarters in Paris, it is a watchdog of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization.

The primary purpose of the ICC is to promote trade and investment, an open market for goods and services and encourage the free flow of capital.

Chambers require free enterprise and private initiative

America as a nation stands for

freedom and the Chamber concept can only be found where private initiative and free enterprise exist. Chambers of Commerce serve a function internationally, nationally and locally, with a proven record of success for the benefit of local business and commerce, as well as on a much larger scale.

Your chamber

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By Ralph Higgins, a writer for the Green Business Chamber and contributor to ChamberMe.



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Information about the city, various civic groups and businesses can be obtained at the office, located at 215 W. Third.

With the help of its board of directors and many different committees, the Chamber strives to improve the quality of life and business climate in the Big Spring area.

The staff consists of Debbye ValVerde, executive director, and Nancy Davenport, executive assistant.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors many different activities and events throughout the year, including the Business

Before Hours and Business After Hours programs, designed to bring local merchants together for socializing and networking at different locations.

Annually, the Chamber hosts a banquet designed to recognize its members for their hard work throughout the year, and presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards.

The Chamber also sponsors such events as a toy drive, Pops In The Park, the Health Fair, West Texas Ag Luncheon and the State of the Community Series.

Leadership Big Spring, Junior Leadership and Senior Leadership are also sponsored and hosted through the Chamber.

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He was a contributing editor (2004-2012) to CCH’s Guidebook to Texas Taxes and has been repeatedly cited for excellence. He has been named the CEO of the Year by the Houston Work-Life Roundtable and has received the Patriot Award for Employer Support of



the Guard and Reserve; the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award; 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Service Award; the 1997 Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of Northern Texas (UNT); the Distinguished Alumni Award from Pi Kappa Alpha; the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Beta Pi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi; and the Customer Service CEO of the Year from the Customer Service Institute of America and International Council of Customer Service Organizations.

Ryan was on the Super Bowl XLV Host Committee and is the inaugural member of UNT’s Dallas Founder’s Circle. He is a frequent speaker on the state and local tax topics, as well as on “best places to work” practices. He regularly appears as a speaker for organizations like the Institute for Professionals in Taxation,

National Business Institute, Tax Executives Institute and the Dallas, Houston, El Paso and Fort Worth Chapters of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Dallas/Fort Worth State Tax Association, the Institute for Professionals in Taxation and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He also chairs the Ryan Foundation, a non-profit that has donated \$2.7 million and countless hours to such organizations as the American Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, American Forests, United Way and the Red Cross. He serves on the Texas Affiliate Board of Blue Cross Blue Shield; is a member of the Junior League of Dallas Community Advisory Board; serves on the board of trustees for the Pi Kappa Alpha

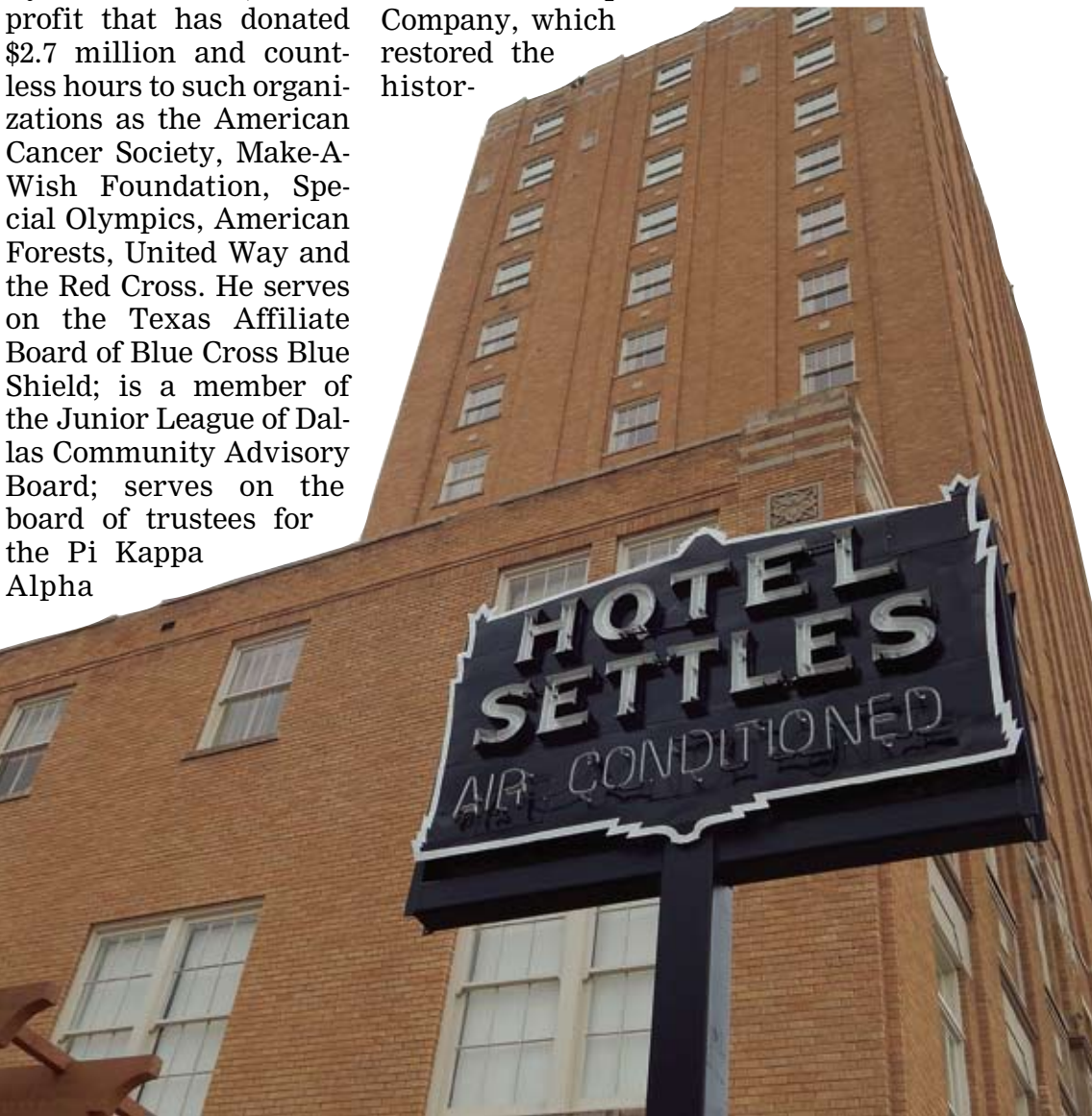
Foundation; recently assisted with the building of a private residence and an educational facility that was deeded to UNT, Dallas; is a board member of the American Heart Association, Friends of Wednesday’s Child, Habitat for Humanity in Dallas and Dream Dallas; co-founded Texas Gov. Perry’s Super PAC; and is on UNT’s Accounting Advisory Board and College of Business Advisory Board.

Ryan is CEO of Settles Hotel Development Company, which restored the histor-

ic Hotel Settles in Big Spring. The building is one of the most historically significant structures in Texas.

A native of West Texas, he also has oil, gas and agribusiness interests in Howard County.

He resides in Dallas with his wife, Amanda, and their five daughters. He enjoys spending weekends with his family and can often be found at Y-Princess events and school functions with his daughters.



WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS TEAM EFFORT

What a blessing it is to be involved with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. This is such an exciting time to live in Howard County. There are new businesses cropping up all over the area and the existing businesses are experiencing growth as well.

This past year has been great under the leadership of Jim Clements and I want to take this oppor-



tunity to thank him for a great job during 2013. I will strive to continue on the path of growth and

pride in our community.

The future of Howard County has never looked brighter and the Chamber is focused on optimizing the opportunities that are sure to come. For these opportunities to be fully realized, we as a community must come together and work toward our common goals.

We have all witnessed the growth, whether it be the increased drilling activity, new housing being constructed or new businesses opening. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan — as well as the rural areas — are experiencing this growth and

the Chamber is blessed to be a part of it.

Your Chamber is a voluntary organization whose members are your neighbors and friends who are working together to not only improve the economic environment but also ensure that the cultural and social aspects of our community are not forgotten.

These dedicated members do their part by serving on the board, working on committees and being cheerleaders for our community. I encourage everyone to come aboard and be a part of this great organization.

Our theme for 2014 is “Progress in Motion.” I love this message as it means for us to be successful in our lives, whether professional or personal, we must take action.

Without action, we will not reach our full potential as individuals and as a community. So I ask each of you be a part of this team effort to support our communities and continue to make Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and all of Howard County a great place to live.

We are truly blessed!
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OUR STRENGTH IS OUR PEOPLE

I have experienced an exciting and rewarding 2013 as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and I have to admit that I am sorry to see it come to an end!



I've attended local events, met with government leaders in Austin, and even ridden elephants at events that inspire me to believe that great things will continue to happen in our area communities.

As the year began, I recognized that the role our Chamber plays in the success of our community is vital. The staff and volunteers bring a positive energy of unity

to every event they touch, from the ribbon cuttings that herald the opening of a new business and new members, to the events that pull various entities together for the betterment of our community. We are blessed to have an active Chamber of Commerce.

It's a hopeful sign that we've added 27 new members to our roll this year. It's exciting that we've seen an influx of people to our community, and it's encouraging to see improvements in so many areas of our lives. With that being said, we must continue to be ever vigilant and supportive of our Chamber. As 2014 unfolds under the leadership of Bruce Schooler, I'd like to encourage you to support him, the board of directors and the staff as they continue to engage new-

comers and new businesses to our community.

Please consider the impact that programs like the Health Fair, the Ag Appreciation, the job fair and the Annual Chamber Banquet have on our community. Remember the events that raise money and awareness for the various causes that are supported by our chamber and other organizations — Relay for Life, Pops in the Park, and the Festi-

val of Lights, just to name a few.

Each one of us has a stake in the success of all these efforts and each one of us has a role to play. Our strength is our people and our people are our strength. Let's meet the challenges of 2014 with enthusiasm and a renewed vigor.

Sincerely,

JIM CLEMENTS
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CHAMBER WORKS ON A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce works on a democratic system, with board of directors members selected for three-year terms.

President-elect is selected by the current and past president.

That recommendation is presented to the board of directors, who then vote on approval of the incoming president.

Officers for each division of the chamber are selected by the president and incoming president, who make their recommendations to the executive committee. An affirmative vote brings the recommendations to the board of directors, who then also vote



their approval of the officers.

Each year, new members are selected through a nominating process that allows the general membership population to submit nominations. These nomi-

nations are then voted on by all chamber members, and new members are selected.

Annually, five new board members are placed on the chamber board and five members retire.

Once a vice president has been selected, it is that officer's responsibility to form a committee comprised of chamber of commerce members. The chamber of commerce leadership structure is divided into officers, vice presidents, retiring directors, ex-officio directors and directors who are grouped into three-year increments.

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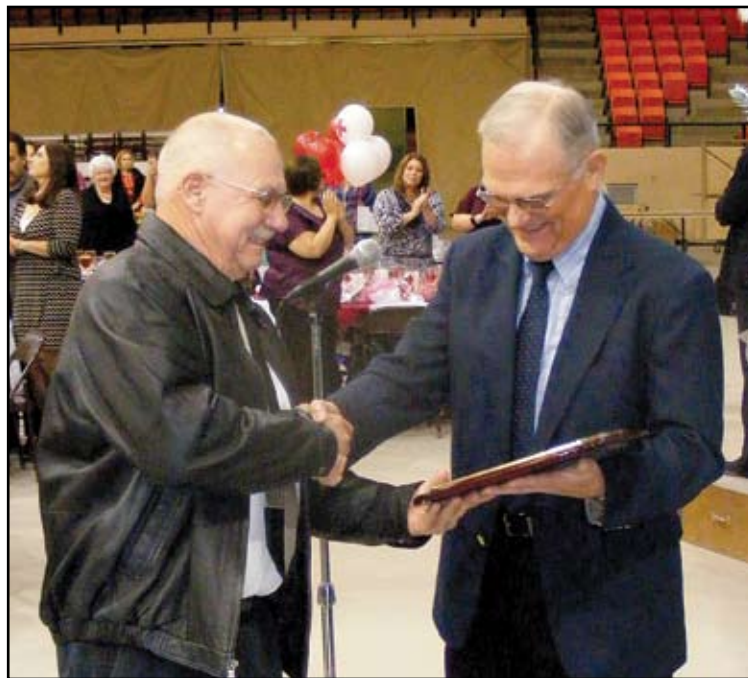
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