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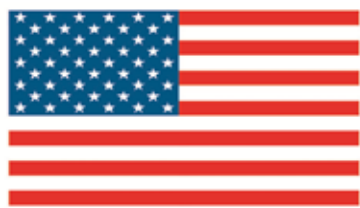
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BSHS Art Room

*Sheriff Debate*  
BSHS at 10 a.m.  
More details to come

Feb. 1

*Big Spring's Got Talent*  
Applications being accepted.

Feb. 7

*Chamber Extravaganza*  
Howard Co. Fairgrounds

Feb. 8

*Big Spring Symphony*  
presents:  
*Beethoven is 250*  
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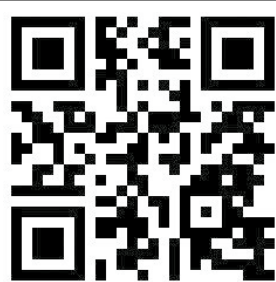


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## BSISD Culinary: Dinner is served

*Students prepare dinner for School Board Appreciation*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

A wave of gratitude and an atmosphere of appreciation filled the room, during the Big Spring Independent School Board of Trustees meeting held Thursday evening.

Routine business filled the agenda and the school board went through housekeeping items such as approval of the last board meeting, receipt of financial reports, and heard report regarding Cooperative fees paid by Big Spring ISD. Upcoming election dates were provided to the board of trustees as well. In the upcoming election, District 1 and District 3 seats for the BSISD Trustees will be

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*Courtesy photo/ KBest Media*  
Chad Wash (right) was presented with his appreciation basket by Big Spring Intermediate Principal Patsy Sanchez (middle) and Superintendent Jay McWilliams (left). Each of the board members received a basket during the meeting.

## Ham Radio classes being offered to the public

*Looking for a hobby, expand communicate, classes are available*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Ham Radio Training Course for Technician Class Certification beginning next Monday. Classes will meet Monday, Jan. 20, Thursday, Jan 23, and Monday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 30. Classes will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. After classes are completed there will be an opportunity to test for those wanting to obtain their licensing.

"This is a hobby that keeps your mind active," Henry Hunter, past president of BSARC, said. "It provides a way for us to talk worldwide without cell phones."

The classes are free to those wanting

to take part. According to Hunter, the only cost will be for those wanting to take the test. The testing fee will need to be paid to the American Radio Relay League.

"This is one of the ways we can give back to the community," Hunter said. "Not only do we give back to the community, but it's a great way to give back to the hobby."

According to Hunter, there are three different levels of training and the classes being offered will be beginner level. The basics of Ham Radio communication will be discussed, including a bit of technical teaching with the radios and a special focus on courtesy rules.

"There are a lot of venues for this hobby," he said. "This hobby can be used

with events around town, help in severe weather, and be a lifeline should a disaster occur."

The BSARC has provided services at area and local events, such as bike races and assisted in Skywarn classes. There are 20 club members in the Big Spring club, with about 15 being heavily active.

"The FCC requires anyone operating a HAM Radio to be licensed, but they do not have an age requirement," he said. "This is a hobby for anyone age 5 to 100. If you are looking for something to keep your mind active or just a way to be connected, this is a good hobby."

He continued, "Being able to talk

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## Coahoma ISD students get their shake on

*Title named 'The Great Shake' 2019 winner*

Special to the Herald

Nick Tuttle was named the champion of the Coahoma Junior High School's (CJHS) first Great Shake event held recently.

The Great Shake is an all-day event to showcase students' abilities to greet and communicate with members of the community and test how they can conduct themselves in a professional environment.

Rounds one and two were held in the morning at the CJHS gymnasium. Students visited six stations which contained a greeter, who score each contestant on their effort.

After narrowing the field to 50, each student underwent a second, more difficult round. The third round was held just before lunch when the 14 semifinalists sat down for two-minute interviews with area businesspersons.

Following a lunch break, the top six finalist were whisked off to three local businesses — Bulldog Steel, B&E Roustabout and Western Bank — to visit with representatives for a one-



*Courtesy photo*  
Nick Tuttle was named the 2020 CJHS Great Shake champion. He is shown pictured in the middle with his trophy along the competition's five other finalists. They are from left, Brynn Rodgers, Macie Olivas, Leah Grantom, Baylor Wright, and Savannah Cantu.

on-one, in depth interview. Those finalists were Tuttle, Savannah Cantu, Brynn Rodgers, Baylor Wright, Macie Olivas,

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## Obituaries

### Thomas Oran Vick



Thomas Oran Vick was born May 27, 1932, in Damon, Texas, to Oran Henry Vick and Mary Jane (Suchma) Vick, and went home to the Lord Jan. 3, 2020. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1951 and served two years in the U.S. Army. He received an Associates Degree from Howard College. He was employed by Sinclair Oil and Gas and its successors from June 15, 1951, until he retired March 1, 1993. He was a longtime member and deacon of the 14th and Main Street Church of Christ in Big Spring. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Louise Porter Vick. They were married March 7, 1952.

Survivors include three sons, Gregory Thomas Vick and wife, Diane, Stanley Louis Vick and wife,

Ginger, Scott Dwayne Vick and wife, Tiffany; eight grandchildren, Stanley Louis Vick, Jr. and wife, Andrea, Dr. Amanda Vick and husband, Eric Ramirez, Bethany Vick DuBose and husband, Dr. Daniel DuBose, Nathan Vick and wife, Addie, Hilary Vick Crowell and husband, Travis Crowell, Tanner Vick and wife, Jennifer, Zachary Vick and wife, Jordan, and Tristan Vick and wife, Jessica; 15 great-grandchildren, Logan Vick, Avery Vick, Ty DuBose, Addie Kate DuBose, Jace DuBose, Brooks DuBose, Orin Vick, Bailey Crowell, Roslyn Crowell, Lillian Crowell, Everly Vick, Janie Vick, Lucy Vick, Eleanor Vick, and Jackson Vick.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Steve Reagan



Steve Reagan, a longtime newspaper journalist, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, in Abilene after a brief battle with cancer. He was 65.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., Snyder, Texas.

Steve was born in Big Spring on Oct. 9, 1954, to Bascom Reagan and Bennie Pearl (Mitchell) Goswick. He graduated from Big Spring High School and then entered the United States Air Force where he was an air traffic controller, stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

After his military service, he returned to Big Spring, eventually joining the Big Spring Herald for several years before working as an administrative assistant to the Howard County district attorney. He later rejoined the Big Spring Herald where he worked more than 25 years during his career. He moved to the Snyder Daily News in February 2017, and was just recently promoted to managing editor. He was an award-winning reporter and columnist during his time in Snyder.

Steve was active in the Kiwanis Club and was a former president of both the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring and the Kiwanis Club of Snyder, where he had worked with the club's scholarship program.

Steve was very appreciative of the warm reception he received when he moved to Snyder, and he had many special friends in both Big Spring and Snyder.

Steve loved the Texas Rangers, taking walks around town, taking pictures of sunsets and writing. He worked hard to provide accurate and fair coverage of the news and genuinely cared about the communities he served. He was greatly loved by anyone who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brothers and sister, Danny Reagan and his wife, Candy, of Abilene, Coy Reagan and his wife, Cheryl, of Livingston, Eve Martin and her husband, Mike, of Sonora, and Jim Goswick and his wife, Cheryl, of Odessa; numerous nieces and nephews; and several very special friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Snyder, the Snyder Education Foundation, Calvary Baptist Church or Hendrick Hospice Care.

*Paid Obituary*

### Faye Moore



Mrs. Faye Moore, 98 of Big Spring, Texas, formerly of Snyder, died on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, in Big Spring, Texas.

Services for Mrs. Moore will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Mr. Eddie Pylant officiating. Internment will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Faye was born on Nov. 2, 1921, in Snyder, Texas, to Wyatt and Henrietta (Shipman) Sturdivant. She married Paul Edward Moore on Oct. 13, 1940 in Dunn, Texas, when she was 18 years old. After her great-grand children were born, she simply became known as "Great", a name that stuck for many reasons.

Whether it was for family or others, she was always willing to give of her home or of herself. She was known for walking with her sister in the evenings, taking care of the sick in her back room of the house, fixing the hair of the ladies at the retirement home, or volunteering at the hospital. She loved reading her Bible, watching the Dallas Cowboys, playing 42 or doing jigsaw or crossword puzzles, and then especially loved getting Christmas cards from her friends and family over the years. They

had two children during their marriage, Judy Roever and Debbie Jenkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Roever and husband, Bobby, of Big Spring, Texas; four grandchildren, Eddie Pylant and wife, Sally, of Plano, Texas, Darren Pylant of Abilene, Texas, Carly Pyburn of Lubbock, Texas, Julie Guess and husband Grant, of Midland, Texas; eight great-grandchildren, Joshua, Caleb, Tanner, and Isabella Pylant, Sarah O'Hearon and husband, Aaron, Rebecca and Nathan Pyburn, Maia Guess; four great-grandchildren, Adalynn and Adam Richardson, Wyatt and Driscoll O'Hearon; one son-in-law, Wayne Jenkins and wife, Vickie of Midland, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wyatt and Henrietta Sturdivant; her husband, Paul Edward Moore; one daughter, Debbie Jenkins; four sisters, Virgie Jewel Sturdivant, Thelma Gregory, Ann Eicke, and Ima Lee Lambert; five brothers, Ivy Gray, Louis, Everett, Earl, and R.L. Sturdivant.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st St., Snyder, Texas 79549

Online condolences may be posted at [www.bell-cypertseale.com](http://www.bell-cypertseale.com), Bell-Cypert-Seale, 3101 College Ave., Snyder, Texas, 79549; phone 325-573-5454; fax 325-573-6001; email [cypertseale@yahoo.com](mailto:cypertseale@yahoo.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Rodolfo "Rudy" Hernandez Jr.



Rodolfo "Rudy" Hernandez Jr., 49, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Rodolfo was born Oct. 24, 1970, to Olivia and Rodolfo Hernandez Sr. in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Catholic Church.

Rodolfo is survived by two sons, Rudy Hernandez III of Big Spring, and Marcus Hernandez of Big Spring; two daughters, Adrianna Hernandez of Big Spring, and Victoria Hernandez of Big Spring; parents, Olivia and Rudy Hernandez Sr. of Big Spring; three sisters, Lori Gang and Wesley Smith of Big Spring, Eva Gonzales and Jason of The Colony, and Lita Martinez and Chris of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rodolfo was preceded in death by Simon and Manuela Moron and Isidro and Leonor Hernandez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8

### p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### Kim Dianne Dorsey

Kim Dianne Dorsey, 54, passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **STEVEN D'WAYNE RICH**, 41, of 410 Kenneth Rd., was arrested on warrants for expired registration, expired drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, three counts of failure to appear, and another outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ANDREW ROSENBERG**, 48, of 1504 S. Main St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **HAYLEE DAWN LAWSON**, 20, of 3708 Caroline, was arrested on two outstanding warrants from other agencies.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Curry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87 One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of S. Owens St.. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Collins. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Carlton. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Sheriff Report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **HAYLEE DAWN LAWSON**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for changing lanes when unsafe, and no driver's license.
- **ROBERT ADAM MATA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of burglary of a building, and criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **KEITH DEVOUL RENTERIA**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for six counts of bail jumping and failure to appear, and a parole violation.
- **STEVEN DWAYNE RICH**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear, two counts of expired registration, expired drivers license, and three counts of failure to appear.
- **ANDREW JOHN ROSENBERG**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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# SHAKE

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and Leah Grantom.

Although this is the first time CJHS has hosted the event, The Academy program at Coahoma ISD has twice held the competition. Tuttle and Rodgers were both finalists in the 2019 Academy's Great Shake and Rodgers was named co-champion.

# RADIO

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worldwide, without a cell phone is amazing. Ham Radio opens up a world of communication. The channels are always busy. With a cell phone you call someone,

but with Ham Radio you can just send out your call sign and talk to someone, anyone who is on."

For those wanting to find out more about the local club, Hunter suggested to Google W5AW and it will take you to their website. For more information or to sign up for the classes, email Henry

Hunter at [hhunter@poka.com](mailto:hhunter@poka.com) or Pepper Sullivan at [wpsull911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpsull911@sbcglobal.net).

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# Weather



**Today:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 9am, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 9am and noon. Cloudy, with a high near 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 55. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 53.

**Monday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

# BSISD

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up for election. The election for city and school elections will take place May 2.

Once the routine business wrapped up, the board went through a generally small list of action items, including the review and approval of updates to the Board of Trustees and Operating Procedures. Approval was provided on a repayment and release of claims agreement with Kylee Portocarrero for reimbursement of salary overpayments. Acceptance was also granted for an anonymous donation to the BSI Activity account. The donation was in the amount of \$4,000 and can be used for students and other activities.

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution to enter into a joint election agreement (JEA) with the City of Big Spring and approved a contract with Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the School Trustees Election for May 2, 2020.

After the meeting concluded, the Board of Trustees went to the Family Faith Center Hall where they were welcomed by a meal prepared by the Culinary Arts students and tables decorated by stu-

dents across BSISD campuses. Centerpieces were created by Anderson Accelerated students and Pre-K students created place mats. A true representation of the talent and opportunities at Big Spring ISD were displayed at the reception.

"We are extremely blessed to have such a supportive school board at BSISD," Jay McWilliams, BSISD Superintendent, said. "We work together as a team in order to provide as many opportunities for our students as possible. Our Board is to be commended for truly making decisions based on the best interest of kids."

Other items on the agenda included: Approval of employment recommendations Approval of Personnel issues including: employment, resignations, reassignment, duties, performance problems and evaluations.

Superintendent's Report which included a list of resignations and retirements, discussion on enrollment and the mid-year BSISD Superintendent Report along with information on the Midwinter conference.

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# Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will be having a fish fry, Saturday, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location is 3203 W. Hwy 80. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call 263-2084.

• Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service will be held at Baker's Chapel AME Church, on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at 12 p.m. The church is located at 911 N. Lancaster. National Theme King Center King's 2020 Vision, "The Beloved Community-The Fierce Urgency of Now." There will be guest speakers and grab 'n' go lunch, at no charge. For more information, contact Mrs. Willia Leford at 268-8233.

• The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Ham Radio Training Course for Technician Class Certification. The class will meet Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are: Monday, Jan. 20, Thursday, Jan. 23, Monday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 30. Upon completion of the classes, a testing date will be scheduled to accommodate those in the class. For more information, email Henry Hunter at [hhunter@poka.com](mailto:hhunter@poka.com), or Pepper Sullivan at [wpsull911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpsull911@sbcglobal.net).

• Do you want to learn English or develop your computer skills? Permian Basin Adult Literacy can help you reach your goals! Classes available in English language learning and computer literacy. Classes are Tuesdays, beginning January 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Howard College Anthony Hunt Library, 1001 Birdwell Lane. There is a \$25 enrollment fee. For more information, contact Hunter Smith at [hsmith@pbalc.org](mailto:hsmith@pbalc.org), call

432-682-9693, ext. 402, or go to website [pbalc.org/permian-basin-adult-literacy-students/](http://pbalc.org/permian-basin-adult-literacy-students/)

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like:

• Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare

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## Something to think about...

My 6 year old daughter, Elise, loves hanging upside down. The other day we found her hanging from a bar reading a book. Last night she decided to stand on her head while we watched a show together. I'm not sure if it is good for her health, but I know it is fun to look at the world from a different perspective. I remember often hanging upside down as a child pretending that the sky was beneath my feet. Of course, all the blood rushed to my head, so maybe that's what's wrong with me.

When Jesus invites us to enter His Kingdom as little children, I sometimes wonder if he meant for us to "stand on our heads" more often. I certainly believe that He invites us to see the world from a whole new perspective.

Tony Campolo is one of my favorite speakers. He told a story about growing up in the city of Philadelphia. He was kind of a rambunctious and rowdy kid. He and a few of his friends, on occasion would get into a good bit of "trouble". One day they decided that they would break into a corner store



RICHARD  
SCHNEBERGER

near his apartment. (Kids I am not advocating this.) He said, "We didn't steal anything. We did something far worse. We went around and changed the price tags on just about everything in the store. The next morning, people found that radios were selling for ten cents apiece, while bobby pins were priced at ten dollars. What was valuable had been made cheap, and what was cheap had been made valuable.

You can imagine the kind of chaos that ensued the next day." People don't like it when one disrupts their value system.

I believe that is what has happened in our world. It is like someone broke in and changed the price tags. Our values are all mixed up! Everything is upside down and as long as we keep going along with the value system of our world then we'll be headed in the wrong direction. We think we're going up, but we're really going down. We think this or that will make us happy, but we end up miserable. "Things were made to be used and people were created to be loved.

The problem with our world is that we love things

and use people."

At the center of Jesus message He is telling us that the value system of the world is upside down. We need a new perspective to truly follow Him. When is the last time you stood on your head?

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." ~ 2 Corinthians 4:18

The world has a way of orienting our focus toward earthly things. Our lives so easily become consumed by material matters and before long we are focused on chasing after the things of this world. This is why spiritual disciplines are so crucial in the journey of discipleship. Scripture reading, study, prayer, fasting, and corporate worship all help us reorient our focus away from temporary things toward the eternal. It is through these practices that God gives us a new perspective.

My prayer is that the Lord will turn our lives upside down and inside out as we seek His Kingdom together! May we focus on the things that really matter!

## We had a mean mom

We had the meanest mother in the world.

While the other kids on our block enjoyed candy, cake and coffee for breakfast, we had to eat cereal. They were treated to soda pop and burgers for lunch. We were stuck with sandwiches and milk.

Our mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times - like criminals on parole. She had to know where we were going when we left the house and who we were with every time we left the house.

We had orders when to be home and excuses were acceptable when we failed to be on time. She also broke the child labor law. She made us work. We were forced to wash dishes, make our beds, vacuum floors, mop the kitchen, wash baseboards, cook, and iron our own clothes if we wanted them ironed.

We had to do all kinds of rotten jobs. like take out the trash and keep up the yard. Our mother must have stayed up nights thinking of things for us kids to do. We never had a minute to just relax or fool around.

Mom was like a judge when it came to "facts." We had to tell everyone exactly perfect - the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. She could have been on the Supreme Court.

By the time we were teenagers our friends knew we had a very mean Mom. When guys came over to get my sister and me Mom embarrassed them to death by making them come to the door. Other kids could run to the car when they heard the horn toot but Mom wouldn't stand for any horn blowing in front of our house. I forgot to mention that

Mom's nuttiness nearly made old maids and bachelors out of us. Our friends particularly the girls were allowed to dated at 12-13 but we couldn't go out until we were 25.

As you can guess, our mother was a complete and total failure. None of us kids were ever in any serious trouble for rioting.

We never spent the night in jail for civil disobedience. You can not imagine the shame we felt when other kids told us about freaking out and getting busted for being at underage drinking parties. We had to sit there like squares without a blamed thing to tell.

Mu brother never failed a class, graduated with honors all they through his doctors degree at Florida State, held on of the most important jobs in the US, never in favor of war but contributed to our nations success in all. We couldn't see burning our draft cards or going to Canada and giving up citizenship forever. We felt it was to much like copping out.

I've given a lot of thought to how I was going to raise my children and how I did it. Although Mom was awfully mean I'll have to admit we all turned out pretty well. Now None of us ever went the pill or drug route.

We all seem to be in good shape, physically and emotionally. And each of us had a pretty good idea of what we wanted to do with our lives. Most of our friends whose mothers were easy going or too busy to pay attention to them are having a lot of trouble.

I've decided if my kids think half as much of me as I did my Mom I'll be very proud. Guess mean can't be all bad.

Have a great weekend, Ralph



RALPH  
ANDERSON

## Choosing the good part

Luke 10:41-42 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Mary had chosen to sit a Jesus' feet and listen to His words while her sister Martha was frustrated with her for not helping fix supper. Martha even went as far as to ask Jesus to give Mary a kick in the seat of the pants for not serving. She asked - don't you care, Jesus, that I am left alone to do all the work? No, Jesus didn't feel bad because Mary had chosen that good part.

Is receiving a gift a bad thing? Does God consider us as lazy loafers for choosing to accept the gifts which He has so freely given to us in His Son? Does God write us up in His book as being some sort of thieves or good-for-nothing bums for enjoying His free gifts? Is it indifference on our part as we sit at Jesus' feet enjoying His gracious words? Is Jesus mad at us for being attracted to His easy yoke or light burden? No. As a matter of fact, at His feet, we hear Him say - you have chosen that good part, and

it will not be taken away from you because this is exactly where you need to be.

Is it possible to get or have too much of Jesus? No, because life's burdens are too heavy without Him. There is not even the slightest possibility that Jesus' sacrifice was too sufficient. It is impossible to have too much eternal life because hell is too eternally hot. Furthermore, I have never heard anyone say that God had blessed them too much.

One of the best aspects of choosing that good part is that it will never be taken away from us because that good part is needful. And that good part is the scandalously liberating grace of God.

he won when Jesus died. He was defeated when Jesus rose again to live in Heaven.

Got any mountains you think are impossible, trust Jesus. He will take you through or over the mountain. Got any rivers that seem uncrossable, trust Jesus. He will either give you a boat, or show you how to walk above the circumstances. The key is trusting Him, not looking at the enemy. We don't fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

Trusting Jesus to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life is the only way we will make it to Heaven. Try it, you will find His peace and purpose when you do.

## When the enemy comes in like a flood!

When I was a child, I made lots of enemies. They were friends who became my enemies or enemies who became my friends. One such friend I had in 6th grade. She was a new student, and I was asked by my teacher to help her feel welcome. So I showed her where to put her jacket, where to put her lunch, and some of the things and places to do and go while we were waiting for school to start. I really liked her, because I didn't have many friends.

After that first day, the other girls in class started in on both of us to fight each other. I didn't want to fight my friend so I told them no. Then they ganged up on both of us in the ladies room at lunch time. They shoved my friend toward me and it didn't last very long. I told them I wouldn't fight her, and they blocked the door so we couldn't get out. They shoved us together again and I thought my friend was going to hit me. I grabbed her wrists and shoved her against the wall. In the process she hit a sprained ankle

against the wall and screamed out and started crying.

I immediately let go and she crumbled to the floor in pain. The other girls started yelling that I had won the fight.

After that I told my teacher what had happened, that we didn't want to fight and I was sorry my friend got hurt. The girls all got detention. Talk about enemies! Wow! I think if I was able to speak to them today, they would still remember that incident.

The other girl is a facebook friend. Two months after our tussel, she called me and asked to be my friend again. We have been ever since. Life has a way of twisting and turning that is amazing.

The only enemy a Christian has is Satan. God is stronger than Satan because he was a created being just like the rest of Creation. That being our premise in which to live our lives, we ought to have a resource to defeat him. That Resource is Jesus Christ, our Saviour, or Redeemer, the One Who defeated Satan on the Cross. Satan thought



LILLIAN  
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## Reflections: Who is Jesus?



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He is the most controversial person who ever lived. His own family thought him mad. The people loved him. One of his closest friends betrayed him. The Jewish court convicted him of heresy. The Romans killed him. He never earned a degree and had no formal schooling. He was never elected to office. He never wrote a book. When he died he owned nothing beyond the clothes on his back. But, within three centuries of his death, the entire Roman Empire worshipped him.

More books have been written about him than

any other individual who has ever lived. Entire libraries have been devoted to understanding his life and his teaching. He changed the course of western civilization and, today, two thousand years since he was born, millions are turning to him in Africa and Asia and South America. Who is Jesus?

Leo Tolstoy, arguably the greatest Russian novelist spent much of his life wrestling with the teachings of Jesus. In his later years he wrote The Kingdom of God is Within You, an attempt to implement the teachings of Jesus.

When Martin Luther King, Jr.'s home was bombed in 1956,

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(Joel 2:23)

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# Church News

## First United Methodist Church

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

On Sunday, Jan. 19, Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Food, Clothing, Time and Priorities" from Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus had a lot to say about what is most important in life. The choir anthem is "Majesty". Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets in Garrett Hall. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible Study of the Book of John.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, women's Bible study, children's choir, and youth meetings which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The College Ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Howard College.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday. Men's Step Studies meet at 8 a.m. on Sundays in Youth Hall.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- January 20: MLK Service, Baker's Chapel AME Church, 12 p.m.
- February 1: Wesleyan Covenant Association Gathering, Lubbock, LakeRidge UMC (10-2)
- February 2: Youth Fundraiser Dinner, Garrett Hall, beginning at 11 a.m.
- February 3 and 4: Food2Kids Sacking, 5:30 p.m., 1107 N.W. 7th
- February 7 and 8: "Disciple Now" Youth Weekend
- February 26: Ash Wednesday Services, 12:30 p.m., Garrett Hall; 6 p.m., Sanctuary

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

## College Baptist Church

Wow! Victories are ours against the enemies of the Lord! We welcome visitors and friends with loving arms. Whatever your need, God can help you with it. Time to renew your commitment? How is your vision? Is it 20/20? What a unique opportunity we have to increase our eyesight as we dive into a brand new year. SEND, First Priority, bible teaching, preaching from God's word, back pack ministry, these are all our ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church, located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We invite you to come join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. GA's at 5 p.m. for grades first through fifth girls' missions. Then Bible study for youth and adults at 6 p.m. Wednesday we have a craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all beginning at 7 p.m.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of all seasons. No matter the program, we enjoy the worship time. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us. Get your spiritual 20/20 vision on and come and be a part in these joyful activities with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429 for more information about this exciting, loving church.

## First Baptist Church

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

It's a new year, and there's no better time to become part of a church family than now. First Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to come together with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in grateful adoration of The Rock of Ages: Yahweh Tsuru. Worshipers will honor God in song through a blend of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. The message from Scripture will

encourage listeners to reflect on the consistency of God's love and provision throughout the ages. FBC offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning worship service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org). (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS' ).

At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place, FBC coffee shop, is open, and you're invited to have some coffee and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

At 9:30, Bible study/Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m., you're invited to gather in the parlor, across the hall from the chapel, for a time of prayer. This is a special time of focused prayer for our community, and church body. Don't miss the blessing.

Evening worship service begins at 5:30 in the chapel, and is a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week.

Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are required by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223 or go to [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) to save your place and learn more.

Wednesday evening schedule includes: 5:45 p.m. children's activities; 6 p.m., adult Bible study, and worship choir practice; 6:15 p.m. youth activities-contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6:15, and join the fun!

At 7:30 p.m., the worship band rehearses, and there's room for you if you play an instrument. Contact Music Minister Alan Schantz at 267-8223 or just stop by Wednesday evening if you're interested in being part of praising God through participation in the worship band.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to hear about available openings for your little ones. To learn more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 May God draw you ever closer to Him each day of 2020.

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

- Sunday, January 19: Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.
- Monday, February 10: Let's hear it for the girls! Join Women's Far Above Rubies for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship. We welcome women of all ages and ask that you bring your favorite dish to share. We will gather in the ARC from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.
- Van transportation: We have an active van ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services. CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email

us at [info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:info@cccbigspring.org). You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

### Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2020

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

We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m., and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has stopped for the month of December. Please join us for our Advent Services every Wednesday evening at 7:00. A meal will be provided at 6:00pm and the service begins at 7:00pm. We will have a Christmas Eve Service at 7pm and a Christmas Morning Service at 10am. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library, and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. in the church library.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet Jan. 16 at Locals on Wasson Road.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. in the library for a brief business meeting followed by the Bible study of Lessons 4 and 5 of the study Love Carved in Stone by Eugenia Gamble.

Last Sunday during worship, Elders for the Class of 2023, Kay Kennemur, Doug Mays, and David Wilson were installed as members of the Session, after the Ordination of Doug Mays. The other two had previously been ordained and served as elders.

Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, John Yater, Doug Mays, and Jake Patterson.

Susan Wilson will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday, Jan. 12.

Lectionary passages for the Second Sunday after Epiphany are Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:39-42. The Choral Introit is "Surely the Presence of the Lord." Rev. Jim Longstreet, retired minister from Odessa, will deliver the sermon. The offertory will be "My Jesus I Love Thee."

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org) We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# CHURCH

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## Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Join us for Warehouse Worship Night on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Great worship music and fellowship for everyone.

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, come see us. Sponsored by Spring Creek Fellowship Church. Located in the mall across the hall from the movie theater. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

"PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces" is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry

• "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry  
The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center. You may see the quilt in the foyer.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the mall.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday  
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups  
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.  
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Worship Service  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church  
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday-  
6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4  
7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday-  
Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday  
7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday  
7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org)

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

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

## NazFamily Church

• 20/20 Vision

Let's do a little word association. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word - Missionary? It seems that we often associate the word "missionary" with faraway places, different languages, strange foods, and exotic cultures. In our minds, to be a missionary one has to leave everything they know and go to a place far, far away. But the word "missionary" comes from the Latin root "missio" which simply means "sent". God is a sending God. One of the most beloved verses of all time John 3:16 reveals that God is on a mission, "For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." In all four Gospels Jesus sends His disciples on a mission. If you are a follower of Christ then you are a missionary. Join us this Sunday as we discover what it means to Live on Mission.

• Alpha

Got questions? Life is full of questions. Some are relatively trivial: What should we have for dinner? What are we going to do this weekend? What should we watch? But then there are the deeper questions of life: Why are we here? Why do bad things happen to good people? What happens when we die? The Alpha Series is a 12 week study designed to help us explore the deeper questions of life and faith. We will begin the journey at NazFamily Church on Wednesday, Jan. 15. There will be a family meal at 5:30 p.m. and the series will begin at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

• NCA Chili Cookoff

Nazarene Christian Academy is hosting a Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction on Feb. 1, 2020, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you would like to be entered into the chili competition, call NCA at 432-263-0203 ext. 203 to be entered. There is a \$10 donation to enter the competition. To come enjoy the silent auction and enjoy some chili, it is \$10 donation per person. NCA is not just a school, but it is a school on a mission to raise up a new generation of Christian leaders. Come on out and support NCA.

• SuperBowl

NazFamily is joining with The Bridge and PBOEM for a Super Bowl watch party at the Elite RV Clubhouse on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. This is a family friendly outreach event. Bring some snacks and invite your friends to come watch the big game together.

# WHO

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he stepped out on the front porch to quiet an angry crowd that threatened to do battle with the police. He said, "We must love our white brothers, no matter what they do to us. We must make them know that we love them. Jesus still cries out in words that echo across the centuries: 'Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; pray for them that despitefully use you.' This is what we must live by."

Jesus remains popular in the United States. A Barna Group survey concluded that two out of three Americans claim to have a personal relationship with Jesus "that is currently active and influences their life." But who is the Jesus whom two thirds of Americans claim to know?

In his book, Imaginary Jesus, Matt Mikalatos creates a fictional story in which Jesus is seen according to the image of the beholder. In so doing, he introduces "King James Jesus," "Magic 8-ball Jesus," "Testosterone Jesus," "Free Will Jesus," "New Age Jesus," and "Meticulous Jesus." Which leaves us asking again, "Who is Jesus?"

Jesus was the first person to pose this question. When His popularity was growing so

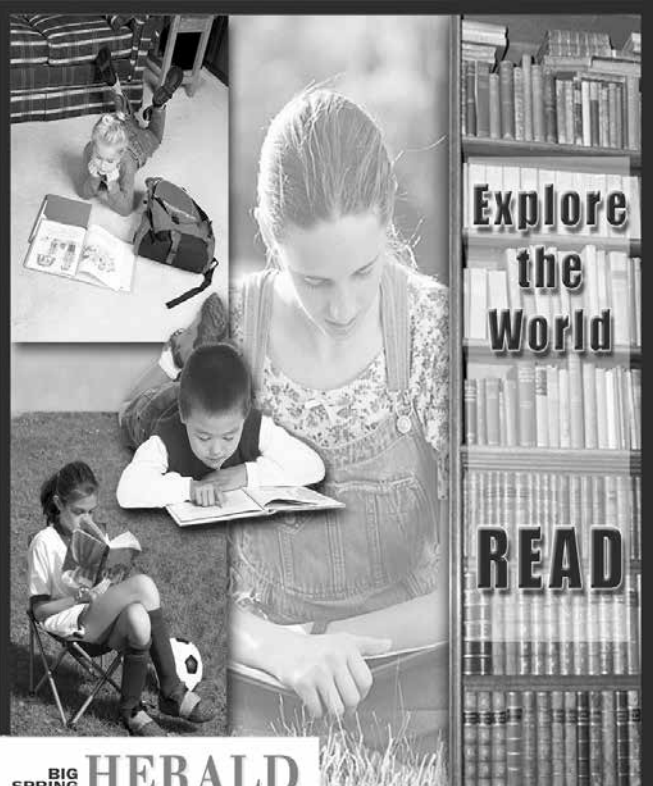
that thousands thronged to see and hear him, He took his twelve disciples aside and asked them the question, "Whom do men say that I am?" The disciples looked at one another and began repeating what they had heard others say. "Some say you are John the Baptist," they said. "Others say you are Elijah. And still others say you are one of the prophets." After hearing their response Jesus put the question to them more personally. "Who do you say I am?" In both accounts, Peter was the one who spoke first. "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." Peter's confession was confirmed when Jesus was raised from the dead and appeared to His followers for more than forty days with many convincing proofs. (Acts 1:3).

When Jesus asked the question, He was looking for more than a confession, a creed or mental assent from his followers. If they believed in Him, Jesus expected them to put their faith into action. Elsewhere he said, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not the things that I say." "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Perhaps the most important

questions any of us will face in this life are, "Who is Jesus?" and, "Am I doing what He said?"

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

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### Hawks drop close game to rival Midland



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Pictured above left: Hawks' forward Lacey Watson meets his man near mid-court in the back-and-forth loss on Thursday night. Pictured above right: Guard Will Ellis puts up a floater over a Midland defender.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

MIDLAND — There was a barn-burner in Midland on Wednesday night when the Howard Hawks went into the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center and came out with a nail-biting 60-55 loss.

"You get a lot of justice in sports and the justice tonight is that Midland won," Hawks coach Scott Raines said. "I thought No. 12 was so special for them. He was so tough. A lot of us in college basketball believe the best team wins and tonight solidified that."

Midland starting guard Glency Lopez was an unstoppable force all night long from all over the court. The freshman from Brazil frustrated the Howard bench while closing out the game with a big-time three-pointer that sealed the Chaparrals' win.

The first 13 points of the game were scored by Lopez and his fellow starter Thomas Miles. The Chaparrals' had zero points come from off of their bench. Howard is known for having such a deep rotation but on Thursday night were unable to stop the Midland on Thursday night.

Both teams delivered a low-scoring, defensive battle with Howard and Midland committing more turnovers than both teams would have liked. The

Hawks had a difficult time closing out on the perimeter defensively as the Chaparrals' were able to knock down several unguarded three-pointers. The 50/50 calls underneath the basket seemed to go in Midland's favor throughout the first half and Howard was left reeling to get back into the game.

The Hawks responded.

Howard finished the first half on a 17-4 run led by Klay Brown's three made shots from beyond the arc in a row. Whenever Howard needs to score points quickly, Brown and sophomore guard Eric Reed Jr. are always there to deliver. But on a night dominated by guard play, two of the best starting forwards combined for two shots on basket. In a close battle between two rivals, the Hawks will need more production out of the front-court the next time that these teams meet.

"Jevon got into some foul trouble early and I think some kids let that get to them mentally," Raines said. "Our guards are not big-time drivers... so if you can't throw it inside and score, and then your guys don't really drive it all that great, you have to be able to knock down a couple shots."

Starting point guard Tucson Redding scored a stealthy 19 points to lead the Hawks. Following an impressive performance in a win over Odessa on Monday, Redding was unable to power his team to the win against a well-coached Midland squad.

In the second half, there seemed to be a dozen lead changes in a game where both teams were clawing for the win. After back-to-back shots from beyond the arc left the Hawks with a 53-49 lead, everything seemed to unravel. With a chance to kill some clock and pad their lead, the Hawks turned the ball over a couple of times and the Chaparrals scored six quick points to take back their lead with just over two minutes to play.

The Hawks would only be able to muster up two more points in the disheartening 60-55 loss.

With more conference games to be played it will be more the Hawks' to improve in this week they have off before their next game. Even with a close loss to a good team, the Howard Hawks' confidence seems unwavering. With more practice and better execution the Hawks will be a tough team to beat.

"I promise that we won't think about anything other than getting ready for next Thursday," Raines said.

UP NEXT: The Hawks will travel to Snyder next Thursday night to take on Western Texas at 7:30 P.M.

Shawn Moran is the sports editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

### Lady Hawks cannot handle Midland shooters in 77-32 loss



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Pictured above left: A Midland defender steals the ball from the Lady Hawks near the sideline. Pictured above right: Starting point guard Tatym Barnes brings the ball the court.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

MIDLAND — Wednesday night was one the Howard Lady Hawks would like to quickly put in the rear view mirror after a 77-32 demolition handed to them by the hands of the Midland Lady Chaps.

"We just limped into the game," Lady Hawks Coach Earl Diddle said. "I feel like we got off to a really bad start with our tempo, we took some hurried shots, and that wasn't the gameplan."

Howard was outscored 42-9 in the first half and were beaten by seemingly every type of offense. In the first quarter, the three-point shot was the go-to method of scoring for the Lady Chaps. Midland knocked down five-of-eight from beyond the arc in the first 10 minutes and jumped out to a 19-5 lead. After beginning the game on a 11-0 run, Midland took advantage of their timeout in-between the first and second quarter to switch up to a more post-up game. Midland forward Michaela Kucera collected eight points in the second quarter and put the pressure on the Lady Hawks interior defense.

Midland outscored Howard 23-4 in the second quarter and headed into the half with an extremely comfortable 42-9 lead. A mixture of errant passes, lack of depth, and an inability to find the open shot forced Howard into nine first-half turnovers and an insurmountable deficit.

"They are a top team and they shot the ball really well tonight," Diddle said. "I think we got a little frustrated and they bodied us up and it took its toll on

us." The dominant performance by Midland continued into the second half. Howard was able to have their highest-scoring quarter of the game but still trailed by 38 going into the fourth.

Howard was led in scoring by starting point guard Tatym Barnes and her eight points. Meanwhile, the Lady Chaps had multiple players score in double-digits. Midland is the No. 18-ranked team in the nation and they showed one of their conference foes why on Wednesday night. A team that is normally plays up to their opponents' competition level, Howard was unable to stick with Midland.

"We've got to get them frustrated, run them through screens, cut properly, separate properly," Diddle said. "With the tempo I don't know what they were thinking because (fast-paced) wasn't the plan."

There is still plenty of basketball to be played in the 2019-20 season and the Lady Hawks will be looking to finish out strong. With a depleted roster and practically no bench depth, Diddle has his work cut out for him in this last month of the season.

UP NEXT: The Lady Hawks will travel to Snyder next Thursday night to take on Western Texas at 5:45 P.M.

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### Lamb and Goat Show results from 2020 Howard County Junior Livestock Show on Wednesday afternoon

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Reserve Champion Southdown - Claire Wegner

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Reserve Champion Medium Wool: Bryce Hamlin

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Reserve Middle Weight Division: Bryce Hamlin

Champion Finewool: Joseph Mosino  
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The new deal you come up with will be totally free of old baggage and will have the best chance of blossoming into results that satisfy all parties and promote goodness in the world.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** To give someone what they weren't expecting and didn't ask for is a chance to blow someone's mind -- or annoy them. Either way, it's a risk that you might just be daring (or bored) enough to find worthwhile.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Honor the instinct to conserve your energy. Probably,

you sense that this drama swirl just isn't worthy of your engagement. Also, there's something exciting on the horizon that you'll want to be ready for.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Communication will be complicated. It's not so easy to express the emotions that come up -- yet you'll feel compelled to. This could be the perfect storm from which comes great art.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're an expert, and this is just the beginning of what you'll become. Here comes a scenario you're over-qualified to deal with, and yet solutions elude you. It's an opportunity to cast your net wider.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Sometimes you talk off of the top of your head and it doesn't come out the way you want it to. But most people hear your intentions and your heart. Either that or they hear what they want to hear, which you can't control anyway.

**SCORPIO (Oct.**

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



**24-Nov. 21).** Why bother integrating your mind and body? Because any division that exists here cuts you off from your joy. Happiness requires both your body's vital presence and your mind's consciousness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** To go for the short-term gain will be a mistake in the long run. The mature choice seems less appealing, but the immature one will be embarrassing in retrospect.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There is an island within you where you can take refuge, where peace, love and freedom exist

in perpetuity. You don't have to wait until things get difficult to go there.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** We each carry indelible marks of lineage, especially our spiritual lineage. There's no need to worry about what happened in a past life. This one has been full of lessons. You'll apply one in particular today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your powers of concentration will be exceptional today. Wield this well to digest weighty and complex matters. You really could come up with the world's most unique answer.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17).** Truly, this solar journey will be a wild ride. Competition heats up for you. Though it seems counterintuitive to sportsmanship, you approach it with compassion and a sincere desire to learn as much from the game as possible, which enhances your position and makes possible so much more than you dreamed. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 15, 37 and 9.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You'll be embraced by the very person you want this most from. TAURUS: People are more complex than any math problem you could ever work and require the full of your attention to figure out. GEMINI: When your heart is light, no cloud cover can stop you from bathing in emotional sunshine. CANCER: In a mood to share, your usual boundaries go fuzzy. This can work out if you're careful

to put yourself in the company of quality people. LEO: Before love comes laughter. VIRGO: Keats said that beauty is truth, truth, beauty. Does the adage still apply in a post-instagram-filter world? LIBRA: Some of your talents don't translate to those who can't relate, but the ones who get you (SET ITSL)really(END ITAL) get you and will applaud endlessly. SCORPIO: When nerves kick in, it's a blessing. Extra energy equals extra magnetism. SAGITTARIUS: It's easier to avoid temptation when you're with people whose habits you admire. CAPRICORN: A strong inner urge to connect inclines you toward popularity. AQUARIUS: You've a lucky talent for recovery this weekend and will get a chance at regaining something lost. PISCES: Resist the urge to spill your heart or make a confession, as you'll only live to regret it.

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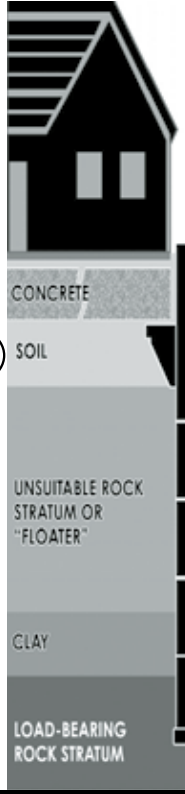
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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Behind-the-Back Talk

Dear Annie: I have a problem with my friend "Julie" that I'm not sure how to handle. She's a really good friend in many ways. She's always there when I'm going through hard stuff. She's generous with food and gifts and other thoughtful gestures. For instance, last year, when she was watching my dog while I was out of town, she took him to the vet when he seemed sick, with no hesitation. And one time when there was an issue with my apartment that required me to be out of the unit for a few days, Julie let me stay with her even though it was on very short notice. You get the picture. When we're on good terms, you couldn't ask for a better friend.

But whenever we have a conflict, she does something I find frustrating and immature. She tells all our mutual friends about our disagreement -- and from her own biased perspective. I've picked up on this over the years because these mutual friends have let slip things that she's told them about

our fights. I've also put it together for myself because whenever she fights with another friend, she tells me all about it. I know that I'm not special and that when we have fights, she does the same thing.

Personally, I think it's wrong to talk negatively about someone to a mutual friend, so I never want to do that myself. But I worry that with everyone just getting one side of the story, people have a skewed picture of me. Should I try to correct the record by letting these friends know my side or just be the bigger person and let it go? -- Ears Burning

Dear Ears Burning: It's bad enough when high schoolers do this. There's no excuse for grown adults to be engaging in this sort of gossip mill. Rather than dive into the mud yourself by trying to explain your side of the story to friends, rise above and address the problem at its source. Confront Julie. Explain how her oversharing (to put it nicely) hurts you. If she continues talking behind your back after that, reconsider how

close you want to be with her.

Dear Annie: I understand and sympathize with "Sleepless in Spokane." My husband of 36-plus years and I have successfully slept in separate bedrooms for over 10 years. I like your suggestion of twin beds. I might also suggest that "Sleepless in Spokane" put a nightstand between the twin beds and use a white-noise machine or even a fan. That is what I do whenever we have company or are on vacation and hubby and I share a bed. -- Been There

Dear Been There: I'm glad to hear that separate bedrooms have worked out for you and your husband. That arrangement truly does seem to do wonders for many couples these days. The white-noise machine is an excellent tip that I should have mentioned in my original answer. Thanks for writing.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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2	9	3	6	1	5	9	8	6
6	2	9	3	6	2	6	8	6
4	7	4	8	3	8	7	7	4
3	6	9	4	1	7	7	8	3
8	5	2	6	9	2	2	6	8
7	3	6	5	6	2	1	4	8
5	4	9	3	7	8	6	2	5

ANSWER:

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Forcing or nonforcing?

Below are six unrelated bidding sequences. Where the question mark indicates in each case, indicate whether you consider the last bid made in each sequence as forcing (compelling you to bid again) or nonforcing (permitting you to pass).

- North: 1♠, 1♥, 2♣, ?  
South: 1♦, ?
- North: 1♣, 2♣, ?  
South: 1♥, 2♦
- North: 1♦, 3♥, ?  
South: 1♥, ?
- North: 1♦, ?  
South: 3♠
- North: 1♠, 2♥, ?  
South: 2♣, ?
- North: 1♣, 3♣, ?  
South: 1♦, 3♦

1. Nonforcing. North might have a minimum opening bid, and South might have a minimum response (six or seven points), so it would not make sense to treat one heart as forcing. If North wanted to assure another response, he would have to bid two hearts (a jump-shift) over one diamond.

2. Forcing. When the responder

(as distinguished from the opening bidder) names a new suit, opener cannot pass. Thus, one heart was forcing, and two diamonds is also.

3. Nonforcing. A jump-raise by opener is merely invitational, allowing South to pass if he has a very weak (six- or seven-point) hand.

4. Nonforcing. One spade would be forcing, and two spades (a jump-shift) would also be forcing, but three spades is a different kettle of fish. Unless you have a specific agreement to the contrary (such as that three spades is a splinter bid, showing diamond support and a singleton or void in spades), three spades is a preemptive bid, pure and simple, indicating something like seven spades to the K-Q-J and nothing else. North may therefore pass if he feels game is unlikely.

5. Forcing. When responder has raised opener's suit and opener then bids a new suit, responder must bid again. Here, North is probing for a game, possibly a slam, so South cannot pass.

6. Forcing. Once South bids over three clubs (which is invitational and not forcing), his side is committed to reaching game. South might have a game (or slam) in diamonds, clubs or notrump in mind and be marking time to allow North to further define his hand. But whatever South's intentions are, North can't pass until at least a game is reached.

Tomorrow: A sleight-of-hand trick.

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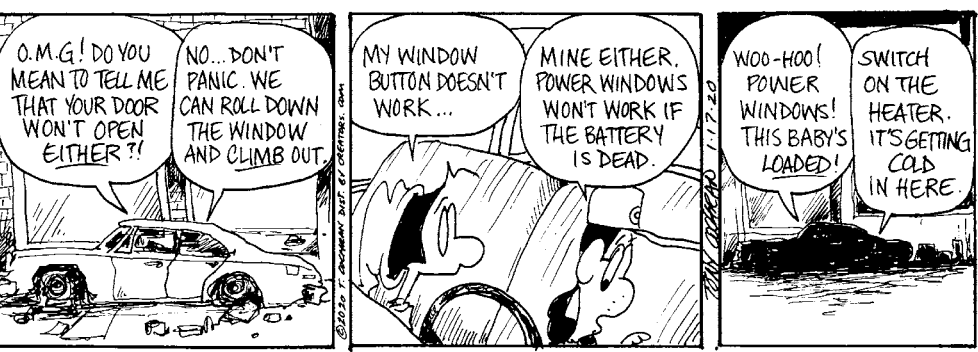
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This Date In History

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On this date:  
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In 1916, the Professional Golfers' Association of America had its beginnings as department store magnate Rodman Wanamaker hosted a luncheon of pro and amateur golfers in New York City. (The PGA of America was formally established on April 10, 1916.)  
In 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.  
In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.  
In 1955, the submarine USS Nautilus made its first nuclear-powered test run from its berth in Groton (GRAH-tuhn), Connecticut.  
In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."  
In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.  
In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape

television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.  
In 1994, the 6.7 magnitude Northridge earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.  
In 1996, Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine followers were handed long prison sentences for plotting to blow up New York-area landmarks.  
In 1997, a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.  
In 2001, faced with an electricity crisis, California used rolling blackouts to cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people; Gov. Gray Davis signed an emergency order authorizing the state to buy power.  
Ten years ago: Pope Benedict XVI paid a visit to a Rome synagogue, where he and Jewish leaders sparred over the World War II-era record of Pope Pius XII. Erich Segal, author of the best-selling novel "Love Story," died in London at age 72. At the Golden Globes, top honors went to James Cameron's "Avatar" as well as the TV series "Glee" and "Mad Men."  
Five years ago: Pope Francis braved an approaching tropical storm to travel to the far eastern Philippines to comfort survivors of the deadly Typhoon Haiyan. Bill Cosby performed to a welcoming Denver audience, despite a protest by some 100 people chanting "Rape is not a joke!" and "No means no!" outside the Buell Theatre.  
One year ago: As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers were set to depart on a previously undisclosed trip to Afghanistan and Brussels, President

Donald Trump denied use of a military plane for the trip, calling it a "public relations event" and saying it would be best if Pelosi stayed in Washington to negotiate an end to the government shutdown; the move came a day after Pelosi called on Trump to postpone his State of the Union address due

to the shutdown. A judge in Chicago acquitted three police officers of trying to cover up the fatal 2014 police shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver, known for her rapturous odes to nature and animal life, died at her Florida home; she was 83.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 98. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 94. Actor James Earl Jones is 89. Talk show host Maury Povich is 81. Pop singer Chris Montez is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Del-fonics) is 75. Actress Joanna David is 73. Actress Jane

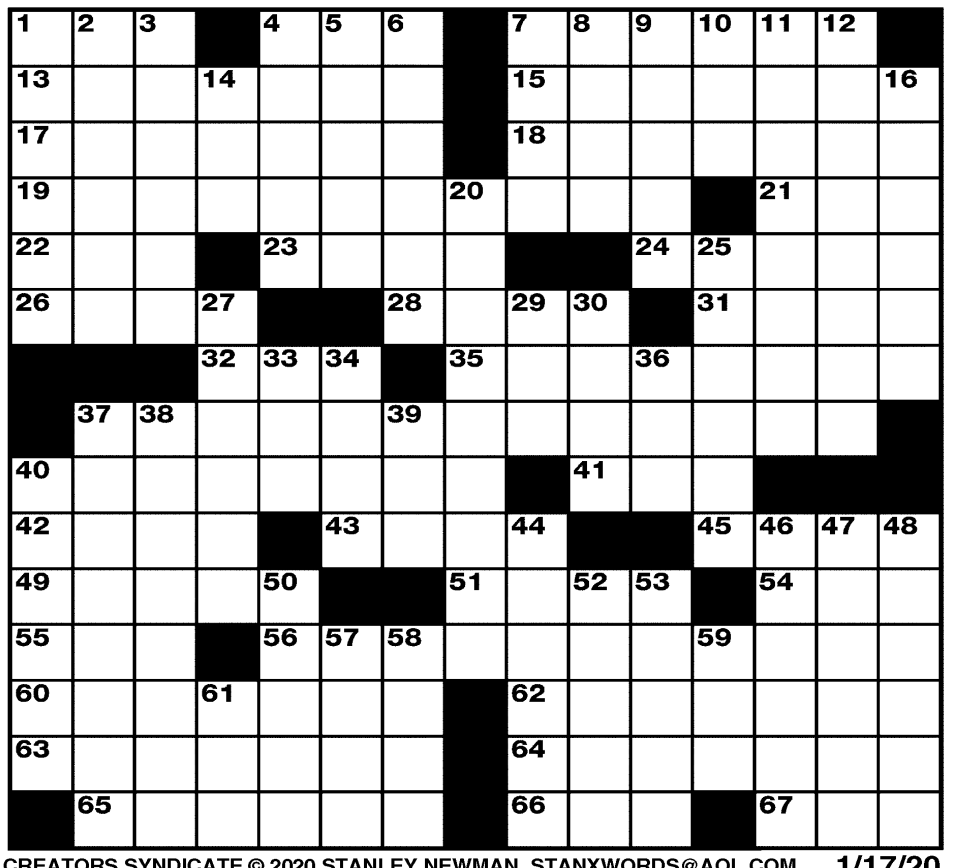
Elliot is 73. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 67. Singer Steve Earle is 65. Singer Paul Young is 64. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 63. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 61. Movie director-screenwriter

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 18 Ultimate source of granite  
 19 Half a tech twosome  
 21 Luau staple  
 22 Sancho Panza's mount  
 23 Water near Niagara Falls  
 24 Turns (off)  
 26 Emu cousin  
 28 Austen novel  
 31 \_\_\_ cream (skin soother)  
 32 Perp's escape  
 35 Conquerors of the Byzantines  
 37 What 19 and 56 Across are credited as founding  
 40 Doggy day care offerer  
 41 Hollywood ending  
 42 Tranquility  
 43 Migratory seabird  
 45 Chaucerian excerpt  
 49 \_\_\_ tectonics (seismology concern)  
 51 Belly filler  
 54 Dietary abbr.  
 55 Rude dude  
 56 Half a tech twosome  
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# Of NFL's Final 4 coaches, Andy Reid is the outlier

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Of the coaches in the NFL's Final Four, Andy Reid is the outlier.

Only Kansas City's coach has been the head man in a Super Bowl. Only Reid is close to having a Hall of Fame-worthy resume. Only Reid has been around for a couple of decades.

So, while Tennessee's Mike Vrabel, Green Bay's Matt LaFleur and San Francisco's Kyle Shanahan might look up to Reid and his career achievements, they also recognize that whichever of them wins the NFL title will be doing so for the first time as a coach.

No, despite his longevity as Eagles and then Chiefs coach, and his 15 trips to the postseason, Reid has never lifted the Lombardi Trophy.

"Listen, you've known me a long time, I'm thinking more about the players than I'm thinking about myself," Reid says. "That's now where I go — I'm trying to get the guys ready, I'm going to make sure I'm ready, then I'm going to go play. I don't really look at it that way: It's more a disappointment for the other teams, they worked their tails off and fell short."

What Shanahan and LaFleur certainly can admire about Reid is his forward-thinking approach on offense. Both of them are bred in offense, and they rarely back off. While Reid has been a bit more conservative — at least until Patrick Mahomes showed up — Shanahan and LaFleur rarely get shy with the ball.

Vrabel has a defensive background, having won three Super Bowls as a linebacker in New England. Though nobody who saw him catch passes, including for a touchdown in the 2005 game against Reid and the Eagles, can forget his hand in the Patriots offense.

That's hardly the only connection among this quartet.

The ties between the Niners and Packers coaching staffs run deep. LaFleur worked under Shanahan on staffs in Houston, Washington and Atlanta before heading in his own direction. LaFleur's brother, Mike, is the passing game coordinator in San Francisco and was blocked by Shanahan this past offseason when Matt wanted to hire him as offensive coordinator in Green Bay.

"It's always a little bit different just because of how close you are with the other person," Shanahan says. "I know Matt and Mike are as close as any brothers could be just like most people are with siblings, but it really doesn't matter. There's a lot of talk to it and stuff, but I mean, there's no feeling when that game goes on, there's no feelings when you're studying and preparing."

"Everyone cares about the other person. I know if we weren't in it, I know he'd be pulling for his brother just like when I wasn't going against my dad (long-time coach Mike Shanahan), I was always pulling for him. But, I know when you go against each other, that stuff doesn't matter. Everyone's got a job to do and everyone is pretty competitive and wants to win, also."

Matt LaFleur also has a very tight relationship with 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh. They were roommates as graduate assistants at Central Michigan and have been close friends since. Saleh recommended LaFleur for his first NFL job as a quality control offensive assistant with the Texans in 2008-09, when Shanahan was offensive coordinator.

"I was messing with him the other day," LaFleur says. "I asked him to call me. I shot him a text message. I said, 'Hey, would you give me a call? I have a couple questions about your defense.'"

"That was the last of the communication."

Shanahan also spent a year as offensive coordinator in Cleveland when Packers defensive coordinator Mike Pettine was head coach in 2014. Shanahan resigned from that job after one season and left to take the same position in Atlanta.

Vrabel doesn't have any connections in that way. He is the only one of the four who has won a Super Bowl.

"I think there's always experiences that you try to draw from as a player," Vrabel says. "I mean, that's what I have (done). I spent 14 years in the National Football League, and I don't even know how many playoff games, but those were good experiences about preparation and really focusing on what got us to this point from where we were at different points in the season. And then, there's also things that I have to do as a coach to make sure that we're ready."

# Conor McGregor finds structure in life rolling into UFC 246

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Conor McGregor used to train whenever he felt like it, and he stayed up late every night. He would sleep deep into the daylight hours, and he perpetually showed up late for almost any commitment required of a rising mixed martial arts star.

McGregor had reason to believe chaos was his natural environment: He was climbing to the pinnacle of the so-called combat sports, winning two UFC title belts and earning an absurd payday against Floyd Mayweather while becoming the most famous fighter in the world.

But McGregor knows the chaos gradually caught him and consumed him.

The last half-decade of McGregor's public life has been an exhausting stretch of competitive disappointments and continuous legal troubles, including at least three violent confrontations outside the cage. His side career as a whiskey distiller has been more successful than his endeavors in a boxing ring or a cage, where he has competed just twice — and hasn't had his hand raised in victory — since 2016.

McGregor has analyzed what went wrong, and he believes he has identified the source.

"Consistency and structure was missing," McGregor said Thursday after arriving a mere half-hour late to a UFC production facility in the Vegas desert. "Structure. I was sporadic with my work and with my life. I'm a lot more centered now, a lot more grounded and a lot more focused."

That means a regimented schedule for training, sleeping and eating. In fact, McGregor couldn't

lounge in bed these days even if he still wanted to do it, thanks to two alarm clocks in his new Irish countryside mansion: His toddler son, Conor Jack, and his year-old daughter, Croia.

"With activity, with consistency and with structure, I can do anything, like I have done already," McGregor said.

Nearly 16 months after he lost to Khabib Nurmagomedov in his only mixed martial arts fight in over three years, McGregor (21-4) returns to the cage at T-Mobile Arena off the Las Vegas Strip against Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone, a fellow veteran brawler and UFC stalwart attempting to mount a comeback.

McGregor is promising a productive, active year from a fighter who still has fortune and fame but wants to reclaim the championships and the pride he lost.

"I want to be the best version of myself," McGregor said. "Everyone is saying they want the old Conor, the Conor that fought in 2016, the Conor that fought Eddie (Alvarez for the lightweight title). I feel I'm in a better place than that. I have a better skill set than that. I'm more experienced. That's certainly a drive of mine, to be a better version of myself."

Although he can still employ the swaggering persona that abetted his rise to fame, McGregor is notably humble in quieter moments these days. After multiple arrests and police investigations, McGregor has shown interest in keeping his cool.

When he is asked about the downside of worldwide fame, McGregor acknowledges it, but quickly adds: "I also understand that this is not a real problem. People have real problems. I rolled up in a bleeding Rolls Royce truck. My family is back

home, and my son is playing in our Vegas home. I'm very, very blessed."

McGregor moved his family last summer to a new mansion in Kildare, a small town well west of Dublin where he could revel in the quiet beauty of the Irish countryside. When McGregor was still an up-and-coming fighter, he spoke of his desire to own Irish land, and the move has fulfilled it.

"It's a phenomenal property on beautiful grounds," McGregor said. "The Irish air, the trees and the forest are in it. It's like a park in the house."

According to many fans and journalists who have followed his career closely, McGregor's reputation in Ireland has taken several hits with his misbehavior. He no longer sparks the universal adoration that accompanied his rise. His believe is the move to the countryside has the added benefit of keeping him away from people and places that caused trouble for him before.

McGregor is still the biggest draw in the so-called combat sports, as evidenced by the eager headlines whenever he makes an offhand comment about resuming his boxing career against Manny Pacquiao, or maybe Mayweather again. McGregor has no set schedule for the rest of 2020, but he clearly hopes to fight more this year than he did in the previous three combined.

And though many wondered if his recent inactivity would become a retirement, McGregor says he couldn't do it.

"There's still weight on my shoulders, but I love it," McGregor said. "That's what I love to do. I want that feeling. You've got to have that feeling to get in there. It's a pressure game. I'm very happy with the situation now."

# Lillard leads Trail Blazers to 117-107 win over Rockets

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HOUSTON (AP) — After getting off to a disappointing start this season, the Portland Trail Blazers are focused on playing much better going forward.

On Wednesday night against the Houston Rockets they did that, limiting James Harden to his fewest points of the season in a 117-107 win.

"A season is full of ups and downs and we've had more downs this year than ups, but it's a whole second half of the season to play," Damian Lillard said. "We executed and we played like we wanted to win the game ... we've just got to try to sustain that."

Lillard scored 25 points and CJ McCollum added 24 as the Trail Blazers withstood a late surge from the Rockets to get their second straight victory.

The Trail Blazers led by double figures for most of the game, but the Rockets began cutting into the lead in the fourth. A 3 by Ben McLemore got them within five with about five minutes to go.

But McCollum and Carmelo Anthony then made consecutive 3-pointers for Portland to make it 111-100 with four minutes left, and Houston didn't threaten again.

When Hassan Whiteside made four points in a row, capped by a dunk, later in the fourth to make it 115-102, the home fans began streaming for the exits.

Russell Westbrook had a triple-double with 31 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds on a night when Harden scored 13 points. It was the fewest points Harden had scored since he had 10 against Minnesota on Jan. 18, 2018.

Lillard was proud of the work they did against Harden, who entered the game averaging an NBA-best 37.8 points a game.

"We gave him a lot of attention and pretty much just made him give the ball up to other guys and decided were going to live with somebody else beating us," Lillard said. "And it turned out to be a pretty good game plan."

Houston lost consecutive games for the first time since a season-high three-game skid from Nov. 20-24, and has dropped three of its last four.

"Everyone goes through the tough times throughout the course of the year," Harden said. "For us, this is now. We've got to come together and figure out what the problem is and go out there and try to fight through it."

The Rockets had a tough shooting night after losing to Memphis 121-110 on the road Tuesday night and shot just 39.6%. Harden shot 3 of 12 and center Clint Capela was just 7 of 14.

Houston scored the first five points of the fourth quarter, but Portland got 3s from Gary Trent, Jr. and Anthony Tolliver to make it 96-82.

McCollum made all of Portland's points in a 6-3 spurt later in the fourth to leave the Trail Blazers up 102-88.

Westbrook was at the free throw line soon after that, and he and Lillard both received technical fouls for jawing at each other.

Houston finally found some rhythm on offense after that and used a 9-1 run, with 3s from P.J. Tucker and McLemore to cut the deficit to 103-97 midway through the quarter.

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It was a nine-point game when the Rockets' Daniel House made a layup midway through the third quarter, but Portland scored the next seven points, including a 3 from Kent Bazemore, to extend it to 81-65 two minutes later.

Eric Gordon made two 3-pointers after that to power a 6-3 run that got Houston within 84-71.

Houston made six straight points later in the third, but Lillard added a layup for Portland to wrap up the quarter and leave the Trail Blazers up by 13 entering the fourth.

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Trail Blazers: Whiteside had 18 points and 17 rebounds. ... All five players in Portland's starting lineup scored at least 10 points. ... Portland made 11 of 36 3-pointers.

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