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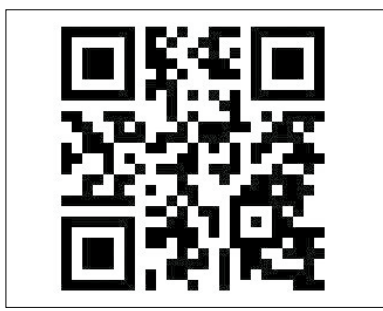
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United Way accepting agency applications for 2021 campaign

Deadline for applications is set for March 30

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is now accepting applications for the 2021 year for non-profit agencies who would like to seek supporting funds. This past year the United Way supported 14 local agencies and is looking to support more in the coming year.

"Every year local non-profit agencies have an opportunity to reach out to us and apply to become a supported agency," United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Executive Director Christian Fair, said.

Any 501C3 non-profit agency located within Howard County is eligible to apply and be considered for acceptance of a supported agency. Applications can be submitted now through March 30. Applications can be e-mailed upon request or picked up at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third - inside the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce/Big Spring EDC building.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat
The Big Spring and Howard County United Way had 14 local supported agencies for the 2020 campaign. Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 campaign season.

"Being able to support local agencies who are meeting the needs of our community is our focus," Fair said. "Throughout the year the board works hand in hand with supported agencies to not only raise awareness in the community about the United Way, but also about the agencies and the services they provide to our community."

She continued, "I would say it's a safe bet to say most everyone in Howard County has been on the receiving end of one of our agencies, knows someone who has, or even volunteered for one of them. Big Spring and Howard County residents are blessed to have a wide range of support services right here in our community whether it be health care, financial support, help with meals, childcare or a traumatic life event."

In addition to fundraisers held throughout the year, there are a few informational events as well as allow for area businesses wanting to get involved to have an opportunity to find out more about the United Way and ways to offer support. The Loaned Executive meeting takes places in the Spring and offers an opportunity for large and small businesses to hear about the agencies and provides tips on how to

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Coahoma, Big Spring traffic restrictions, expected increased traffic due to track and softball

Herald Staff Report

Spring sports have arrived; students across Howard County are practicing and getting ready to compete in softball, baseball, cross country and track. With the Cross Roads Classic Softball tournament, which began Thursday and is hosted by Big Spring ISD, taking place through Saturday, increased traffic will be evident across the county.

Coahoma ISD issued a press release regarding heavy traffic flow expected at Coahoma ISD Campus for now through Saturday. With the increased traffic, parking restrictions will be enforced during school

hours. According to the press release, weather conditions forced a change of venue. With this change, in an effort to assist Big Spring ISD, both

uled for this weekend, Coahoma ISD expects heavy traffic flow around the campus beginning Thursday through Saturday. In order to alleviate congestion, the following

track meet must park their vehicles at the Bill Easterling Stadium parking lot during school hours - Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Coahoma and Forsan ISDs have offered their softball fields for the tournament. Each game has an 80-minute time limit. However, coupled with CHS's track meet sched-

parking restrictions will be in effect around the Coahoma campus through the end of the activities on Saturday:

- Teams, fans and family attending softball games or the

• Access to the Coahoma elementary and high school parking lots will be restricted to faculty and for parent drop-off and pick-up only during school hours - Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Both these lots will be open for parking to those attending athletic events after school hours and all day on Saturday.

Team buses will be allowed to drop off their teams near

See **TRAFFIC**, Page 3

Cancelling upcoming election to be discussed by Stanton City Council during Monday's meeting

By **SAVANNAH GEER**
 Staff Writer

The City Council of the City of Stanton, Texas, will meet in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the Stanton City Council Chambers.

According to the agenda, the meeting will kick off with public comment which is limited to five minutes for each speaker wishing to express their concerns, followed by consideration and possible action on the Feb. 10, 2020, minutes.

The City Council of Stanton will consider and take action on canceling the May 2, 2020, City Election due to "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected" and adopt an ordinance canceling Mayor and Council Election. If the council decided on cancelling this scheduled election, there will be a separate election for Street Maintenance Sales Tax to continue as scheduled.

Council members will consider and take action on scheduling the next Council Meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

In addition to the next meeting date, the council will be

considering and possibly take action on Eric Coronado (EJ's) request to purchase 20' easement located on blk 1, sunset place.

- Other items on the agenda include:
- Consider and take possible action on appointing Sally Pooteet, and reappointing Shannon Day and Jack Madison to the Economic Development Corporation Board for a two year term.
 - Consider and take action on Economic Development Reports and Projects.
 - Consider and Take action on accepting a bid for interior remodeling of Police Department Office •approximate cost for the remodel is \$42,546
 - Consider reports from City Administrator and the Chief of Police.
 - Consider and take action on Feb. bills.

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Obituaries

Wilma Heckler



Wilma Heckler, 87, of Luther died Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Wilma was born Nov. 15, 1932, in Big Spring. Wilma along with her husband Gus farmed in the Luther Big Spring area. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Wilma loved to cook and do anything she could to help anyone. She was a very sensitive person with a caring heart. She loved the Lord and her time in prayer.

Wilma is survived by three sons, Kyle “Handy” Heckler and his wife, Patsy of Big Spring, Danny Heckler of Big Spring, and Jeremy Heckler and his wife, Christina of Arlington; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her beloved cat, Kitty Tom.

In addition to her parents, Clara and Madison Milton Denton, Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Gus Heckler; one sister, Priscilla Dean Atkins; one brother, Milton Denton; and one step-son, Preston Denton.

Pallbearers will be Case Heckler, Taylor Heckler, Lanny Swanson, Chris Hamby, Jimmy McNutt, and Roy McNutt. Honorary pallbearer will be Kyleigh Heckler.

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

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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.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• 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. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burckham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL D. JHOVON PHILLIPS**, 19, of 613 Linda Lane, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **TAMARA RENEE AUSTIN**, 35, of 101 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested on warrants for failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and an outstanding warrant from another

- agency.
- **MAIGEN ROSE DAVIDSON**, 28, of 1212 E. 17th St., was arrested on a citation for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than 4 grams)
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3400 block of E. I-20.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on Bell and W. 4th, at FM 700 and Goliad, and at Gregg and FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

400 block of S. Birdwell Lane, and in the 1300 block of Colby Ave.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2900 block of Sword Dr., and the 3500 block of E. I-20.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore St.,
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- **TAMARA RENEE AUSTIN**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrants for operating a mo-

tor vehicle with expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **MAIGEN DAVIDSON**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than 4 grams), and driving without the safety belt being secured.

tor vehicle with expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **JOHNATHAN LANGDON**, 33, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for driving while intoxicated - a violation of probation.
- **MICHAEL D. JHOVON PHILLIPS**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the N. Service Rd. I-20 near Mile Marker 178. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 186 on I-20. 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.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Bowden and Dawson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Scenic Volunteers will be having their annual jewelry sale April 7 and 8, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Medical Plaza, right next door to the hospital.

• Kindred at Home will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be on site. See Nicole Doose to sign up. The Sponsor Code is BSKindred. Eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a picture ID.

• AARP Driver Safety Course will be taking place on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Class takes place at the Big Spring Senior Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Why take the AARP Smart Driver Course? Because driving has changed since you first got your license and doing so could save you money. Please call 267-1628 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting their annual pancake supper on Tuesday, March 3. the supper will be held at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the Pancake Supper help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that retirement or other life changes

may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you.

AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

• 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.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, March 2 and Tuesday March 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 43. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 48. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 65. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 56.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 75.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 77.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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the softball field, but must park at the football stadium.

“Coahoma ISD asks drivers to please be vigilant while driving and be on the lookout for pedestrians, especially students, heading to and from school or to athletic events. Thank you for your assistance to help keep our kids safe,” Coahoma ISD Administration representative stated in the press release.

Big Spring High School is also expecting in-

creased traffic on Friday related to the track meet. In anticipation and for safety, between 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. today (March 6) East 11th Place from State Street to Owens Street will be closed to traffic. The street was also closed Thursday between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Those traveling around the area schools this weekend are encouraged to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings.

To contact the Big Spring Herald staff, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call the office at 432-263-7331.

Take Note

Association meets the third

Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

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- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- The Big Spring Art

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

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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Cindy Salazar-Gonzalez, 45, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Wilma Heckler, 87, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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run a successful fundraising campaign within your own business. The annual meeting allows another opportunity for the agencies to be recognized, while receiving their allocations for the year.

“Our allocations are determined by a committee comprised of community members and board members,” Fair said. “Each year after the fundraising season concludes, we pull together a committee who will hear from the supported agencies and then allocate the funds. The agencies are then able

to utilize their funds to aide in the services provided to our community.”

She continued, “For those who do not know about United Way or want to find out more about the support that goes out from the United Way, I encourage them to speak with our agencies, stop by my office and let me tell you about what we do and why community support is so important.

For more information or to apply for consideration as a supported agency, call Christian Fair at 432-267-5201.

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March 21:
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Reflections: *Image and First Impressions*

As the presidential race heats up, candidates are vying for the best image and a positive first impression, but, historically, image and impressions are often deceiving.

Abraham Lincoln was called an ape. His voice had a Midwestern twang. He only had one year of formal education. Edwin Stanton first met him in Cincinnati in 1855. Lincoln had been invited to assist Stanton in an important civil case. Stanton described him as a "tall, rawly boned, ungainly back woodsman, with coarse, ill-fitting clothing, his trousers hardly reaching his ankles, holding in his hands a blue cotton umbrella with a ball on the end."

After Lincoln introduced himself and suggested, "Let's go up in a gang," Stanton decided to have nothing to do with him. He even refused to invite Lincoln to dine at his table.

Lincoln was elected president in 1860 with less than 40 percent of the popular vote. When he delivered the Gettysburg Address, few listened. The Chicago Times panned the speech stating, "The cheeks of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat, and dish-waterly utterances."

Abraham Lincoln is now regarded as perhaps our greatest president. Every year millions visit his memorial that overlooks the mall in Washington, D.C. And the speech that the Chicago Times called "silly and flat" is memorized by most students of American history. Edwin Stanton, who later served as his Secretary of War, choked through tears when Lincoln drew his final breath and said, "Now he belongs to the ages."

By contrast, in an open and free election on March 29, 1936, Adolf Hit-

ler received 98.8 percent of the German popular vote. His spellbinding oratory and promises mesmerized an entire generation. He was proclaimed the savior of Germany. At his peak, more than a million gathered in Nuremberg each year to praise and adore him.

But beneath those appearances lurked a sinister ego-maniac who would exterminate approximately 20 million people including Jews, the mentally ill, the infirm and the elderly. Today, Hitler's name is synonymous with evil. References to him have been virtually erased in Germany, except for the Document Center in Nuremberg, preserved as a reminder of the nation's darkest days.



BILL
TINSLEY

Describing Christ 800 years before He was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." (Isaiah 53:2-4).

Public images and first impressions are often deceiving. What truly matters, for each of us as well as our leaders, is that which is within. The Bible says, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

Something to think about...

I'll never forget the time that my Dad took my older brother, sister, and me into the Rocky Mountains on a wilderness, survival trip. I was only 10 years old at the time, and it wasn't really my idea of fun. I would much rather have spent the weekend at a theme park or playing games, but my dad is an outdoors man. He loves camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, just about anything in the wild and wanted to share that passion with his children, even if we were less than excited.

For Dad, the harsher the conditions the better, but he knew enough not to wander into unknown territory without a guide. He hired this guide named Ernest to lead our trip. Ernest was a real mountain man. He lived in the mountains and knew the terrain like the back of his hand. He looked exactly like one would expect. He was a burly man, with a thick beard, and leathery skin. He wore animal hides as his clothing. His cabin walls were covered with the heads of once living creatures; trophies of his conquest over nature.

He led us into the mountains with very little gear. Deep in the wilderness, Ernest showed us how to build snow caves to sleep in, to make a fire without matches, how to track and trap animals, and how to survive in the wild. It was a bit like the show Survivor, but in the mountains and without a tribal council or tv cameras. Of course, all that my sister and I could think about was getting back to Grand-

ma and Grandpa's house to have a cup of hot chocolate, but we were stuck.

It was good that we had Ernest with us. We were only in the mountains for three days, but it snowed over three feet over those three days. Without a guide to lead us, we might have never found our way back home again. We could have ended up as one of those terrible news stories that people talk about for months, but Ernest knew the way and led us out of the mountains back home again.

It would be foolish to embark on a difficult, treacherous journey into the wilderness without a guide and, yet, people do it all the time. People all around us attempt to make it through this life's journey without a guide who knows how to survive the world and lead us back home. Even our Lord understood the importance of following a guide on this journey. "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness..." (Luke 4:1) If Jesus needed a guide in life, then I certainly do.

The good news is that we have the best guides available through the Spirit and the Word. They are an accurate GPS as we navigate this life, our true God Positioning System. If we are going to find the way, then we have to follow our guide. You can trust that He knows what direction we should go. May He lead us through the wilderness this week as we follow Him on our long journey home.



RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER

Calvary

The saddest story of God is Calvary. Taking its rise in God's love, concerned in the councils of the eternities, from age to age, receiving ever new fulfilment, Calvary's history goes.

A far cry it is from the Garden of Eden to Calvary, but they have very intimate relations. The tragedy of one is the reason for the tragedy of the other. In Eden, we see the beginning of the tragedy which is to end on Calvary, and the agony of atonement for sin which we see on Calvary has to do with the tragedy of sin which we learn in the garden of Eden.

Calvary casts its shadow and blessed radiance from Golgotha through the stormy chasms of human history to the foundation of the world! And from Golgotha, the place of the skull, to Pilate's court, where, with scourge, they seamed His quivering flesh until it started up in red scars.

And on to Gethsemane's garden, where the roots of His divined emotion put forth their crimson tears.

And on to the upper room, where He changed the fruit of the vine into the perpetual symbol of his blood.

And on to the Mount of Transfiguration, where Moses and Elijah talked of His coming death (Matt. 17:3).

Reaching Nazareth, where by toil of his hands and the sweat of His brow, in the carpenter's shop, He

sanctified all labor.

Reaching to Bethlehem "Where, the glorious form wherewith He was wont at Heaven's high council table to sit in the midst of Tribal unity, he laid aside."

And from Bethlehem, where heaven put out its brightest star to mark His birthplace, cross four dumb centuries, and beyond, the cross throws its shadow and immortal radiance to Solomon's Temple.

And ever the victim, whether lamb or bullock, or turtle dove, on the altar of the Tabernacle.

And over the blood-stained lintels of the Passover night, where the keynote of the cross sounded forth in the depth of remote antiquity and foreshadowed a deliverance greater far greater.

And beyond that to the withered garden where despair pitched its pavilions upon the sterile and blasted fields of man's lost estate. "And I will pit enmity between the and the woman, between thy seed and her see: he shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15).

That promise, dropped as a sun into man's firmament, was the center, prospectively, of all these stars which were to succeed each other in the darkness and illuminate that long way unbroken from Eden to Calvary - Calvary, the abyss of the world's greatest sorrow, the summit of the worlds highest hopes.



RALPH
ANDERSON

Water, Water Everywhere!

And nary a drop to drink. In West Texas, this is not a very true statement most of the time. We get inundated with water when the spring and fall rains hit.

In Northern Nevada, we were flooded in the Fall with rains so much that our bridge over the Humboldt River was covered. That bridge led to the railroad station that was also flooded over. Then in the Spring, when the mountain snows began to melt, we were again flooded over by that river. In the Winter and Summer, it was a playground of boating, swimming, and skating. Water was and still is so important. Someone said if weather they could also be production. That may be our God is still in control? terns to cool and warm the so we could grow crops to and water the crops. But don't know why.

There is an account in the Bible about two men who built the same kind of house. They didn't use the same foundation and the other used sand. The storm still came on both houses. The one with the rock foundation withstood the storm. The one with the sand didn't, but the same storm was on both houses.

The point is, build our life on Jesus and His way. The spiritual storms will come on everyone, but the life not built on Jesus will be destroyed. The life built on the world will wash away in the flood. The life built on Jesus will stand throughout eternity.

Up there we will have the river of life with food bearing trees on both sides and water everywhere, with lots of water to drink.



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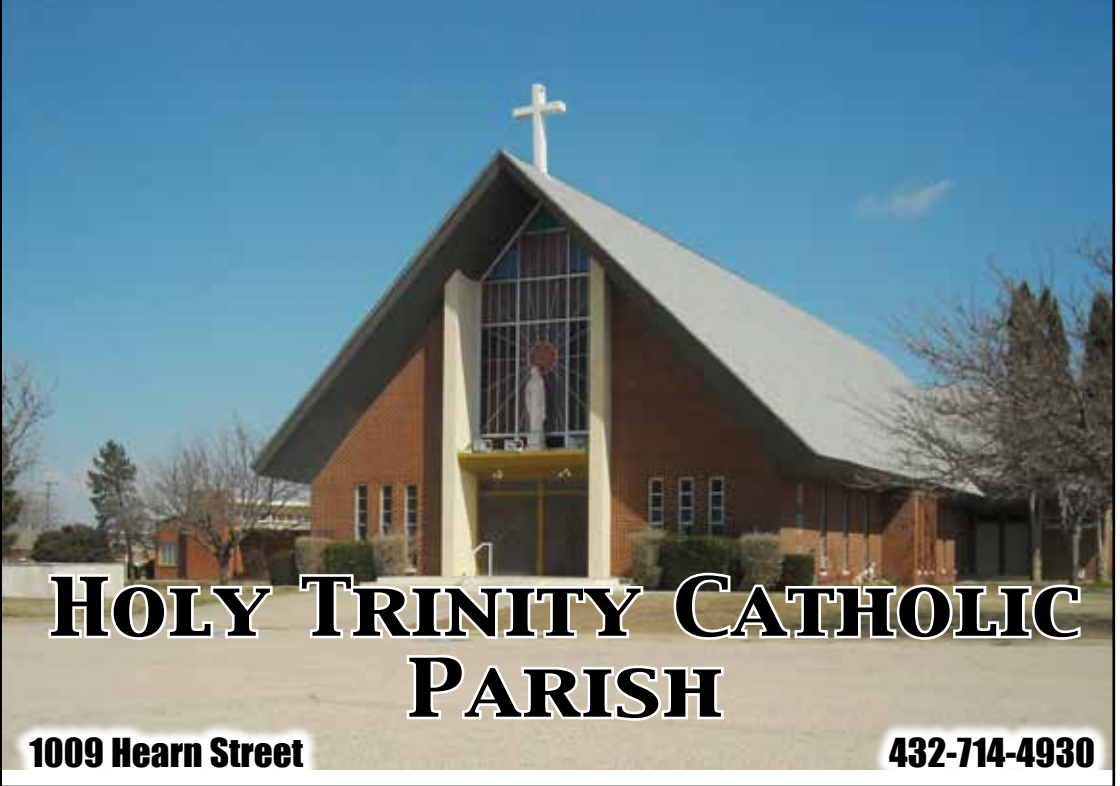
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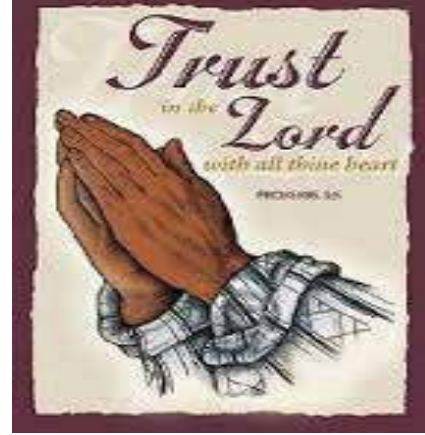
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Church News

First Presbyterian Church

REMINDER: This Saturday night, set your clock ahead one hour!

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

Monika Robinson asks everyone to look at the church's website at fpcbigspring.com to see the weekly improvements. It is under continuing construction, and she welcomes input from any member of the congregation.

Tuesday, March 3, the Pastor Nominating Committee met at 5 p.m. in the Library.

The Lenten Luncheon series began this week on Wednesday, March 4, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Father Christian Rabone of St. Mary's Episcopal as speaker. Next week's luncheon will be at First Baptist Church; Sonia Scott will be the speaker.

Friday, March 6, Tres Rios Presbytery will hold the Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wayne Larson will represent FPC Big Spring as a delegate.

Nest week the communications committee meets Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m. in the library. Tuesday, March 10, PNC meets at 5 in the library; worship committee meets at 6 in the parlor. On Thursday, March 12, the service committee meets at 5 p.m. (time change) in the parlor, and the worship committee meets at 6 in the library. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the committee meetings.

Ushers for Sunday, March 1 were Susan and Dave Wilson, Danny Kennemur, and Royal Padden Jr. Communion Servers were Louise Hitch, Tom Koger, Doug Mays, and Susan Wilson. Doug Mays provided the refreshments for the Take Ten fellowship time.

Paula Farquhar will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday, March 8.

Lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Lent are Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17. The choral Introit is "God So Loved the World," by John Stainer. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Choir will present the anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," by William Smith as the Offertory.

Don't forget: spring forward! Time change this Sunday morning.

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 a.m., 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 We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

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, March 8- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and 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.

Saturday, March 7- Join Men's 41 Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. in the ARC. Ephesians 2:10 states: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Calling all men, Come on out! We have a place where men can get together deal with real issues, find a solution so they can conquer and overcome.

Monday, March 9- 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. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more

information.

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, March 8, Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Hands And Feet Of Christ" from Luke 10:29-37. Jesus is counting on us to be his hands and feet. That's why he told the parable of the Good Samaritan. 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 from the Book of John. The Community Lenten Lunches continue on March 11 at First Baptist Church at 11:45 a.m., and the public is invited. The Lenten Lunches are held at different churches, rotating from church to church between March 4 and April 1.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, women's Bible study, and youth meetings which all meet at 6 p.m. The children's choir will resume meeting after spring break. The Praise Team rehearsal is at 7 p.m.. The College Ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Howard College. During the upcoming spring break some of these activities will be cancelled.

"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:

- March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11: Lenten Lunch at First Baptist Church, 11:45 a.m.
- March 12: Emmaus Community Gathering, 7 p.m., Nazarene Church (Meal at 6 p.m.)
- March 22: Confirmation classes begin at noon, Partee Building, for jr. high students
- March 27-29: Confirmation Retreat
- March 29: Fifth Sunday Service (only one worship service, at 11 a.m.)

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

College Baptist Church

Get ready for Revival, March 22, 2020, with Bro. Steve Payson. SEND, First Priority, Bible teaching, preaching from God's word, backpack ministry, Women of the Word fellowship, 3/10/2020, are ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Choir is getting ready for Resurrection Sunday in April.

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 where 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 to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

You're invited to join the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. as gather in grateful adoration of Yahweh Tsebaoth: The LORD Almighty, The LORD of Armies, The LORD of Hosts. Music Minister

Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will continue the sermon series "The Jesus Story", and listeners will embrace the marvelous truth: that through Jesus Christ we can know God, and experience His glory. 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: fpcbigspring.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, March 11, FBC is hosting the Community Lenten Lunch at noon in the Family Life Center. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special time of focusing on Christ, and preparing for Easter through prayer, worship, and reflection. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, March 14, is the monthly Men's breakfast at 8 a.m. in the church dining room. Guys, be sure to ask some men you know to this time of fellowship.

Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are requested by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223 or go to fpcbigspring.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 Roger Stafford at 267-8223 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 fpcbigspring.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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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 Kohl or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

Our Wednesday evening Bible study has

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stopped for the Lenten season. Please join us for our Lenten services every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m., and the service begins at 7 p.m. We will have a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. on April 10. We will have our Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11 from 10 till noon. Bring your kids and join us! Our Easter service will be on April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join us.

Phillip Reid 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.

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.

NazFamily Church

• This Sunday
Where were you born? That is a pretty common question. As we are getting to know someone new, we will often ask about their roots because we believe that it tells us something significant about who they are. In a midnight meeting, Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one will see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. We are born into a family, a community, a culture - in the same way Jesus says we need to be reborn through the water by the Spirit to enter into God's family, Christian community and a kingdom culture. Be here next Sunday as we explore Nic's question: How Can This Be?
• Community Egg Hunt

It is that time of year. Time to start collecting candy and supplies for our annual community-wide Easter egg hunt that will be on Saturday, April 11. Let's continue to love our community authentically through this great event.

• Lenten Lunch
Several congregations in the Big Spring area come together during the season of Lent providing a lunch and time of devotion each Wednesday leading up to Easter.
• Men's Breakfast
The most important meal plus the most im-

portant activity equals Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us for a special breakfast this weekend as some of the NazLadies cook for the men. It is always a time of good food, great fellowship, and faith building together on Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m.

• Alpha Special Session
Got questions? Alpha is a place to ask the deeper questions of life and faith. We are gathering each Wednesday to explore those questions together. Everyone is also invited to join us for a couple of special sessions on Sunday, March 8 and March 15 at 5:30 p.m. You won't want to miss it!

• Man Camp
This is unlike any retreat you've experienced because it's not a retreat - its Man Camp! We'll dive into God's word over four sessions and enjoy fantastic food and fellowship. A horseshoe, pingpong and fishing tournament are available as well as hitting the links at Squaw Valley Golf Course and much more. Late night activities, disc golf, snacks, and the Man Cave are all up for grabs! All the activities will be held at Camp Arrowhead on March 20 - 22. You won't want to miss it. Sign up today!

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. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the first five chapters in the book of Psalm. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Attributes of God.

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

Our First Wednesday Meal and Worship for this month will be held on March fourth. Bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert at 5:30.

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!

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.

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.
"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:
- Hospitality/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 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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org
"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Jesus Chose Us

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16

No one has ever possessed the power or ability to seek God. By nature, we choose to not seek God; to run as far and fast from Him as is humanly possible. The fact that there is none that seeks after God, but that He has sought us out, should speak loud and clear to the greatness of His love, mercy and grace. He came looking for us and by His grace, we simply said "yes" because He gave us the power to do this "yes" in us because He made us an offer we could not refuse. We said yes to God because His idea, not ours.



TOM SLOAN all we need to comes looking for us. No faith-promises, works or effort is expected from us - a simple "yes" is more than sufficient. For this reason, we are safe and secure as we rest in the simplicity that is in Christ. The fact that on the cross, Christ said - it is finished - tells us that God is in control and that we can rest in Christ.

We were born into a world which was already created before we got here by God and for His pleasure (Revelation 4:11). Because of this, He has justified us freely by His grace - for His pleasure (Ephesians 1:5-6). But this pleasure is not just any pleasure, it is God's good pleasure. God brought us into a world which He created for His pleasure and then placed us in Christ according to the good pleasure of His will.

I challenge you to try and imagine just how safe we are in Christ...if you can.

Science and Religion

Did you know that the man who first formulated the Big Bang theory was a Jesuit priest? Georges Lemaitre was a Jesuit-trained mathematician, astronomer and physicist who surmised that the recession of nearby galaxies could be explained by an expanding universe, and went on to develop what he called the theory of the primeval atom (later referred to as the "Big Bang" theory). Lemaitre postulated that if we extrapolate backwards from the observable fact of an expanding universe we come to a point in the distant past when the entire mass of the universe was concentrated in a single point, the "primeval atom," as it were, from which time and space as we know them came into existence. Lemaitre believed that this event was essentially the creation of the physical universe, and although Lemaitre wasn't prone to mixing scientific and religious explanations, he didn't see any conflict here. Gregor Mendel, the man who is usually considered the father of modern Genetics, was an Augustinian friar. His work with pea plants established many of the rules of heredity, giving us the terms "recessive" and "dominant" with respect to inherited traits. Mendel's work is important because it explains an important mechanism by which species change over time. Religion is sometimes seen as the benighted cousin of ignorance and superstition, but in reality, truth is one. There is only conflict if we insist on reading ancient religious texts as scientific treatises, which they were never intended to be.

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Steers drop both games on first day of Levelland Linedrive Classic

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

LUBBOCK — Thursday afternoon was the start of another early-season tournament for the Big Spring Steers (4-3-1) at the Levelland Linedrive Classic. The Steers faced off against the Canyon Eagles early in the day and were hit with a 15-0 wake-up call.

“When you play a team like Canyon, you have to be able to think that you can play with them,” Steers manager Daniel Carrillo said. “I think there was a lot of hesitation about if we could and whatnot... We’ve got to get a whole lot mentally tougher.”

Canyon is one of the top teams in the state and they showed it on Thursday afternoon. Right out of the gate, the Eagles scored five runs in the first inning and chased off starting pitcher Kyler Seymore after one inning.

Big Spring recorded only two hits by lead-off man Javarious Ford and Eli Cobos in the game and had only three batters reach base.

There were some mishaps on the defensive side as well. Multiple infielders recorded errors by missing a ball on a skip or overthrowing their intended target. These mistakes helped the Eagles extend their at-bats and put more points on the board.

Whenever they were given the opportunity, the Eagles would attempt to steal the next base. Over the course of the game, they stole over five bases. That includes two Canyon baserunners stealing home on a pair of wild pitches.

After the Steers recorded an inside-the-park home run earlier this week, Canyon made one happen on Thursday.

Wind seemed to be a huge factor throughout the game and seemed to create an obstacle for a young Steers team that they were not used to playing in.



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

Dillon Guzman sends a pitch towards the plate during Thursday afternoon’s big loss to Canyon.

“They had to play in it too,” Carrillo said. “There wasn’t a ball that we mis-played that the wind caused. It’s just about coming and being ready to play.”

Even when a ball was nicely hit by a Big Spring batter, the outcome never went as expected. In the bottom of the second inning, third baseman Michael Munoz hit a nice ball into shallow centerfield. It looked like the ball was going to fall for a solid base hit that could have possibly given the Steers a jolt offensively. But instead, the Canyon centerfielder made a beautiful diving catch to send Munoz back to the dugout.

Big Spring failed to get any consistent play from the mound and cycled through four pitchers before the game was called after four innings.

“This wakes them up and humbles them a little bit,” Carrillo said. “I tell them all the time I don’t want to be the best in Big Spring or Howard County, I want to be the best in Texas. That’s my standard and I’m not backing down from that. Sometimes you need a reality check

and I think we got that today.”

Carrillo will be looking for his team to learn from their mistakes made against Canyon and put those lessons to good use throughout the remainder of the tournament and the rest of the season.

UP NEXT: After dropping their second game on Thursday to Shallowater by a score of 5-3, the Steers will be back in action in Lubbock on Friday. They will play Levelland and Estacado on Friday afternoon.

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

Coahoma finishes third at their home Invitational golf meet



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above left: Tanner Purchell prepares to hit the ball at the Coahoma High School Invitational golf meet on Tuesday. The Coahoma freshman shot a team-best of 82 over 18 holes of play. Pictured above right: Julia Cox putts toward the hole.

Special to the Herald

Tanner Purchell led the Bulldogs to a third place finish at the Coahoma High School Invitational golf meet held at Comanche Trail Golf Course on Tuesday.

Playing in soggy conditions, the Coahoma freshman shot a team-best of 82 over 18 holes of play. Ky Kemper also had a stand-out day on the links for the Bulldogs. He penciled in a score of 88. A.J. Gutierrez, Cutter Atkins, and Nick Gonzales rounded out the Bulldogs solid performance. Gutierrez carded a round of 103 while Atkins and Gonzales scored 107 and 116 respectively.

The Coahoma team ended with a mark of 380, just seven strokes behind Wall. Clyde came in first with a score of 330. Rounding out the top five teams were Forsan and Winters with marks of 382 and 389 respectively.

Individually, Coahoma’s Jonathon Schneider, Rance Redden, and Rowdy Atkins played well on Tuesday. Schneider fired off a round of 105 while Redden shot 127 and Atkins turned in a score of 100.

On Monday, Julia Cox led the Bulldogettes team in the Coahoma girls tournament also held at the Comanche Trail Park Golf Course.

The high school junior, who placed second in the Forsan tournament held last week, shot a round of 95. She was followed by teammates Makayla Chavez with a score of 107 and Providence Dickson, who carded a round of 108. Hartlie Smithie and Zoie Joslin rounded out the Bulldogette team with marks of 116 and 120 respectively.

As a team, the Coahoma girls team finished fourth with a score of 426 and three strokes behind Slaton

at 423. Clyde came in first with a mark of 393 edging out Forsan by 17 strokes. Denver City rounded out the top five with a score of 454.

The Coahoma golf team is off to a great start to the season. Last week, the girls team of Cox, Joslin, Chavez, and Smithie finished the Forsan Invitational in second place. The boys team of Kemper, Atkins, Aaron Turnbough, Gonzales, and Purcell finished fourth out of nine teams.

Next: Coahoma travels to Baird to play in the Jim Ned High School tournament at the Shady Oaks Golf Club. The girls meet is on March 16 and the boys play on March 18.

Coahoma High School Invitational
Comanche Trail Park Golf Course
Big Spring, March 2-3, 2020 (18-holes)

Girls
Team Results (local players only)

Coahoma — Julia Cox 95, Providence Dickson, 108, Zoie Joslin 120, Makayla Chavez, 107, Hartlie Smithie 116.

Jordyn — Neely Poitevint 120, Zoey Ruiz 116, Jordyn Keeton 107, Savannah Heidleberg 139.

Forsan — Brianna Elliot 95, Sara Tarbet 94, Kacie Hudson 108, Taryn Spivey 114, Faith Raspe 113.

Team Standings — 1. Clyde 393, 2. Forsan 410, 3. Slaton 423, 4. Coahoma 426, 5. Denver City 454, 6. Slaton 482.

Medalist Standings — 1. Alexis Graham, Clyde 87; 2. Taylor Anchetta, Clyde 90; 3. Kardian Williams, Grady 92.

Medalists — Braylee Stone, Colorado 119; Bra-

dlee Phillips, Colorado 131; Lexi Santana, Colorado 134; Lakyn Sandlin, Sands 100; Kardian Williams, Grady 92; Ella Hoff, Fosan 129; Kara Roberts, Garden City 117, Shelby Braden, Garden City 125.

Boys Teams Results (local players only)

Coahoma — Ky Kemper 88, Cutter Atkins, 107, Nick Gonzales, 116, Tanner Purcell 82, A.J. Gutierrez 103.

Forsan — Rylee Yanez 91, Trevor Cole 102, Cameron Allen 90, Kade Nichols 101, Zane Riffe 100.

Garden City — Brock Braden 87, Logan Seidenberger 106, Levi McQueen 99, Ryder Gass 117, John Michael Alegria 116.

Sands No. 1 — Bryce Hamlin 94, Cash Walker 103, Cody Staggs 102, Riley Webb 121.

Sands No. 2 — Anthony Aguilar 127, Jaden Flentge 120, Kaleb King 120, Landon Kelly 111.

Stanton — Payton Barnhill 92, Cody Hancock 99, Gavren Moore 114, Nathan Robles 140, David Iseman 121.

Team Standings — 1. Clyde 330, 2. Wall 373, 3. Coahoma 380, 4. Forsan 382, 5. Winters 389, 6. Slaton 405, 7. Garden City 408, 8. Sands No. 1 420, 9. Denver City 422, 10. Stanton 426, 11. Sands No. 2 478.

Medalist Standings — 1. Carson Andrews, Clyde 73; 2. Gem, Paint Rock 76; 3. Zack Wheat, Winters 77.

Medalists (local players only) — A.J. Tomlinson, Sands 109; Nolan Park, Forsan 87; Braden Welch, Grady 83; Angelo Holley, Stanton 140; Jonathon Schneider, Coahoma 104; Rance Redden, Coahoma 127; Rowdy Atkins, Coahoma 100.

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Contact Amanda Duforat 432-263-7331 Ext. 230 or email editor@bigspringherald.com for questions or to submit your resume.

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Public Notice

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Annie's Mailbox

Abusive Daughter-in-Law Concerns Mom

Dear Annie: I'm a very concerned mother of a 30-year-old son, "Jesse," who's in an abusive relationship with his girlfriend "Adriana." They share a newborn child together. Adriana is divorced. Not long ago, her ex-brother-in-law physically attacked Jesse, because Jesse exposed the secret affair that Adriana and her former brother-in-law had been having. I'm convinced that she is a narcissist. She has caused so much unnecessary grief, having Jesse arrested under false pretenses, manipulating the law to fit her sick, twisted selfishness and greed. Jesse is a hardworking good man, and unfortunately, these are

his decisions. However, I've chosen not to participate in any of their family gatherings, due to Adriana's disrespectfulness toward me. She uses manipulative antics to divide my family. I love my son; it upsets me to watch him suffer in silence. I appreciate any suggestions you might be able to offer. -- Mom in Turmoil

Dear Mom in Turmoil: Stay outside the fray. Report the assault of your son to the police, if you haven't already, and call them if you believe violence is imminent. Aside from that, don't involve yourself in the dysfunction. Detach as much as possible -- not only by sitting out those family gatherings but also by putting Adriana out of

mind. Your son is mired in a toxic situation, but you can't pull him out of it until he's ready to take your hand.

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for more guidance on helping a friend or family member who you believe is in an abusive relationship.

Dear Annie: I am writing regarding the letter from "Sickened," regarding a man that is being sued for a supposedly delinquent student loan from 30 years ago. This sounds like a scam to me, much like the ones that say your car warranty is about to expire or the IRS is calling you. If they have not, they should directly contact the company that originally gave the loan and see if there is

any outstanding debt. -- Wanda in Pleasant Plains, IL

Dear Wanda: I'd initially discounted the idea of its being a scam, since the couple in question has a lawyer (who, I should hope, would have looked into that possibility). However, I received so many responses from readers insisting that this is indeed a common scam, I felt compelled to print your letter to account for the possibility. Read on for yet another perspective.

Dear Annie: Reading the letter from "Sickened" made me think about how bad things happen to good people.

There are companies that make a significant

living by purchasing "accounts receivables." They are purchased in bulk for literally pennies on the dollar. These companies collect what they can and then sell the remainder again for pennies against their pennies. It goes on forever. This poor soul's name was probably on such a list. The AR purchasing company cares not whether it is a legitimate debt or not. Their only concern is how they can "strong-arm" a victim and collect from them.

My first response would be to insist the "collector" forward to me all the documentation they have to support their claim. If they cannot, then a second letter would be to advise them that any further attempt to "prey" on me will be reported

to the state's attorney general.

There is a lot of hearsay in this letter and a 25-year lapse in collection efforts seems odd. The fact that the victim is making payments of principle and interest might legitimize the claim. Again, the attorney general will contact the collector and ask for proof. This will generally end all correspondence. -- Tom B.

Dear Tom: Thank you for this thorough assessment and your recommendations. I'm printing it for "Sickened" and anyone facing a similarly sickening situation.

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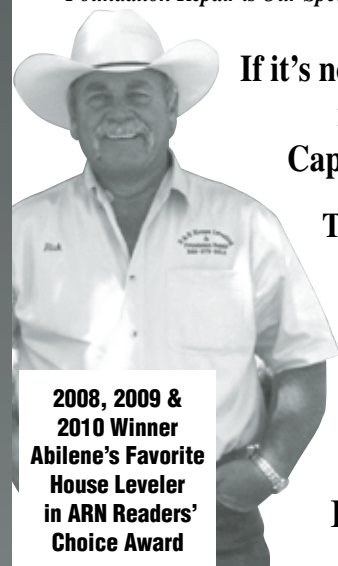
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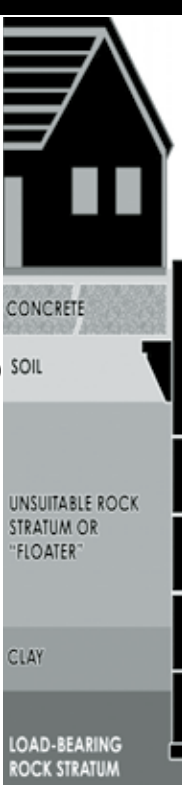
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Leo Moon and Friday

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're working very hard and not being compensated, it's natural to get a bit testy. It may help your attitude to consider that there may be other forms of compensation in play that cannot be tallied at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The right attitude for the moment -- that's the trick -- to match yourself to what's going on around you and then feel around for any points of advantage you might be able to lean into.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The question of doing things for love vs. money will come up. Would you still do this work if you were a multimillionaire? If not, what work would you still be willing to do?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're in a rut, then it's because you settled somewhere that made sense for a moment and repeated an action until it dug a nice groove. Getting out of a rut will be a matter of leverage and different sorts of movement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Making yourself user-friendly sounds like some sort of co-dependent tendency. But actually, anything you can do to make it easier for people to interact with you will benefit one, all and especially you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a feeling of nostalgia that you probably won't be able to shake, and why would you want to? "No wonder the moon in the window seems to have drifted out of a love poem that you used to know by heart."
-- Billy Collins

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get the experience -- the firsthand, in-person, face-to-face, sweat-on-the-pavement experience. There's no story, movie, class or book that could teach you the same thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need to keep some in the reserve today. Hold back because your expenditures, mostly emotionally speaking, will be a little



more intense than anticipated, and it's good to have a buffer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difficult tasks will be all yours if you want them. Why would you? Because no one else does. The mess is everyone's to handle, though only the noblest put their hands to the task.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you're thinking of as an identity can also be thought of as though it were simply a choice that you repeat until it becomes synonymous and inextricably entwined with who you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The value of intimate relationships is impossible to quantify, but if you were to try, the best measure would be through heartfelt expressions that defy the rules of reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe everything has a shelf life. Some expiry dates are a longtime running. For instance, the humble jellyfish has been around for 500 million years. Also, the love you've got going has a pretty good chance of a long existence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). You'll savor the long stretch of peace that comes at the top of this solar return. Serene moments will be shared with a tight group. A long-term project will end lucratively. There's a fair exchange that leads to something much more interesting for you, and as you apply your talent, business just keeps favoring you. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 2, 33 and 10.

Don't try to change anyone's mind. That's a waste of time when there are already so many thinkers out there that are so in line with you. **TAURUS:** It's the constraints of a date -- the time, money and other constraints -- that will give a date character, memorability and, ultimately, make it a great time. **GEMINI:** Your willingness to see it from another person's point of view will be not only appreciated but also desperately needed. **CANCER:** Should those who don't take the time to consider you be afforded the luxury of your consideration? **LEO:** It will be fun to have someone and something to dress up for. **VIRGO:** The sweet nothings are never nothing; they are always something. **LIBRA:** The conscious efforts made on your behalf are indicative of very strong and deep feelings that have been developing over a long time now. **SCORPIO:** You'll purposely apply yourself to matters of love. Avoid seeming too serious though, as this stage should really be fun. **SAGITTARIUS:** Ask a better question of yourself. Here's a good one: How can I make our time together more delightful? **CAPRICORN:** Better to spend more energy and less money. A walk in the park will be better than a seven-course meal. **AQUARIUS:** Dating tip: Make sure to go somewhere you can actually hear the other person talk. **PISCES:** You'll pull together an eclectic group and have a wonderful time.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Pisces are the cosmic match this weekend, each susceptible to the other's charms and drawing out sides of one another that perhaps even they themselves didn't know existed. These two will be especially enamored when their date involves other friends. The excitement of competition will be another boost to the excitement. The fun will be heightened by conversational brevity.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

Your partner opens One Diamond, and the next player doubles. Both sides are vulnerable. What action would you take with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠KJ863 ♥AQ97 ♦Q5 ♣84
2. ♠K74 ♥Q64 ♦873 ♣QJ62
3. ♠52 ♥KJ873 ♦A9642 ♣7
4. ♠KJ96 ♥Q852 ♦J ♣9863

1. Redouble. Action over a take-out double usually takes one of three forms. A pass normally indicates a poor hand, or one where there is no particular reason to bid; bidding a new suit shows a hand between five and nine high-card points where it seems desirable to mention the suit; a redouble announces a hand containing at least 10 high-card points.

The redoubler says nothing about the distributional nature of the responder's hand. The redouble may or may not have support for opener's suit. One possibility is that the best result may be achieved by doubling the opponents when they remove the redouble to another contract.

For this reason, the opening bidder usually passes at his next turn to allow the redoubler to double whatever suit the opponents name. In the given case, you plan to double either one heart or one spade at your next turn, and to bid two spades (forcing) if the opposition bids clubs.

2. One notrump. You should apprise partner of your high-card

strength and balanced distribution at this point. If you don't, it may become awkward later on for you to enter the bidding conveniently. One notrump informs partner that you have scattered values and allows him to compete as his hand dictates. The notrump bid over the double shows six to nine high-card points.

3. One heart. With distribution, your hand is worth at least 10 points, but distributional points are not included in a redouble. As to which suit to bid, it is more advisable to bid hearts now and show your diamond support later, since you would prefer to end up in hearts if partner can support that suit.

Then too, given your shortness in the black suits, the bidding is likely to become very spirited, and your side will be better placed if you get your heart suit in now before supporting diamonds later.

4. Pass. There is no need to panic because of your singleton diamond. The odds are very good that the next player will respond to his partner's double by bidding a suit or one notrump. Even if he passes instead, expecting to defeat one diamond doubled, your partner still has a chance to rescue himself if he is unhappy with that contract.

A one-notrump bid would be incorrect, as it would serve to rescue the opposition, who are likely to wind up playing in one of your suits.

Tomorrow: Pressure point.
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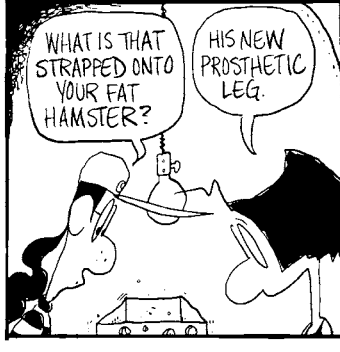
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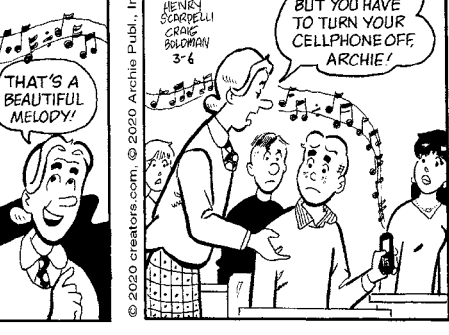
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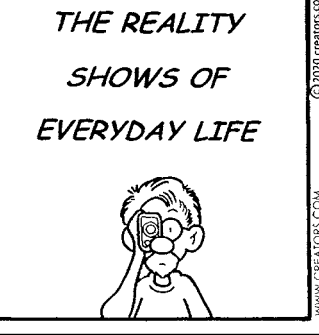
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This Date In History

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in the Gaza Strip praised the operation in a statement, and thousands of Palestinians took to the streets of Gaza to celebrate. Ten years ago: Voters in Iceland resoundingly rejected a \$5.3 billion plan to repay Britain and the Netherlands for debts spawned by the collapse of an Icelandic bank.

Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 80. Actor Ben Murphy is 78. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 76. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 76. Rock musician Hugh Grundy (The Zombies) is 75.

sel is 73. Composer-lyricist Stephen Schwartz is 72. Rock singer-musician Phil Alvin (The Blasters) is 67. Sports correspondent Armen Keteyian is 67.

ick (Megadeth) is 50. Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal is 48. Country singer Trent Willmon is 47. Country musician Shan Farmer (formerly w/Ricochet) is 46.

Jimmy Galeota is 34. Rapper/producer Tyler, the Creator is 29. Actor Dillon Freasier is 24. Actress Savannah Stehlin is 24.

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- 34 "Ditto" 35 Fills with dismay 36 Begin suddenly 39 The King and I actress 40 Scrape together 41 Confirmation query 42 For a real long time 43 NFL stats 45 Weapon with electrodes 46 They're in charge 47 Set-top boxes 52 Suffix for infant 53 FM frequency measure 54 "Sprechen ___ Deutsch?" 55 Due plus uno

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NFL players' union sends labor proposal to members for vote

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL Players Association sent ballots to members Thursday for voting on the proposed collective bargaining agreement, giving the union a week to either ensure another 11 years of labor peace or send the matter back to the drawing board.

The NFLPA announced that votes would be accepted through March 12 at one minute before midnight. The more than 2,000 members will have a window of about 7 1/2 days to examine the 439-page document and cast a yes or no vote. Ratification requires a simple majority. So if only 1,000 ballots were returned, the union would need 501 yes votes to approve.

Every player who was a dues-paying member during the 2019 season received a ballot, the NFLPA said. Votes will be confidential and received by an independent auditor.

"We encourage every NFL player to review the the full collective bargaining agreement and exercise their democratic right to vote," the union said in a statement.

The distribution took place two weeks after league owners voted their approval of the agreement that's a product of 10 months of talks between both sides. The NFLPA's 11-member executive committee initially voted 6-5 against the proposed terms, but last week in Indianapolis during the NFL scouting combine the 32 team representatives voted 17-14 in favor — with one abstention — of sending the CBA to the full membership for approval. The new rules, if accepted, would be in effect through the 2030 league year.

With the owners unwavering in their favor of a 17-game regular season, which would begin as soon as 2021 and no later than 2023, players focused more on safeguards for the additional wear and tear and an increased share of the revenue that would grow with the extra game.

Plenty of high-profile players have adamantly spoken out against the proposal, including Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson, Houston defensive end J.J. Watt, Pittsburgh center Maurkice Pouncey and Minnesota wide receiver Stefon Diggs.

Their primary contention with the terms is that they don't go far enough to reward and protect the players for the extra game. Pouncey went so far as to announce recently on social media he was arranging a contingency fund with fellow critics Mike Pouncey and Russell Okung that would assist young players in the event of a strike.

There's no telling how the full vote will turn out, though, with lesser-known and fringe players outnumbering stars. This CBA would give a bigger boost to the rank-and-file players than usual, with a roughly 20% hike to the minimum salary right away, to \$610,000. That figure would top \$1 million by 2029.

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said last week he believed the proposal would pass. NFL owners initiated a lockout in 2011 that lasted more than four months, but the two sides came together to reach the current agreement right before training camps were to begin. The last time games were lost to a labor dispute was during the player strike in 1987.

NFLPA vice president Sam Acho has been one of the most active supporters. He made the media rounds Thursday, telling SiriusXM radio that he has heard from some players who "are OK playing 17 games for the pay increase."

The owners need labor peace to maximize their leverage in the next round of billion-dollar television contracts, but Acho cautioned against players assuming that reopening negotiations would necessarily lead to a better deal for the union.

"Then you have to consider the potential of there being a smaller pie that you're getting a percentage of," Acho said. "That's where my mind's at."

Among the notable changes in the proposed new CBA:

— The player share of league revenue, currently at 47%, would rise to at least 48% starting in 2021.

— Padded practices in training camp would be reduced from a total of 28 to 16, with a five-day acclimation period preceding summer practices. There would be more mandatory days off during camp and a limit on joint practices with other clubs.

— The 17th regular season game would trigger an elimination of the fourth pre-season game.

— Active rosters would be able to be expanded from 53 to 55 players, with the option of calling up to two players from the practice squad per week. Game-day active lists would increase from 46 to 48 players, provided at least eight offensive linemen are included. Practice squads would go from 10 to 12 players immediately, with a jump to 14 players in 2022.

— Players would see their paychecks spread over a 36-week period each year once the 17-game schedule — which is 18 weeks including byes — is implemented. Currently, they're paid in 17-week installments for the 16-game schedule.

NBA Standings

Eastern Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
Milwaukee Bucks	13-1	53-9	119.1	106.7
Toronto Raptors	8-4	44-18	113.1	106.7
Boston Celtics	7-6	42-19	113.4	106.9
Miami Heat	9-3	40-22	112.7	109.2
Philadelphia 76ers	11-4	38-25	109.3	107.2
Indiana Pacers	7-7	37-25	109.3	107.4
Brooklyn Nets	6-9	27-34	110.4	111.5
Orlando Magic	9-5	27-35	105.4	107.1
Washington	4-8	22-39	115.9	120.2
Charlotte Hornets	1-6	21-41	102.1	109.5
Chicago Bulls	6-8	21-41	106.9	110.1
Detroit Pistons	5-10	20-43	107.7	110.8
New York Knicks	2-11	19-43	105.4	112.0
Atlanta Hawks	5-6	19-44	111.1	119.2
Cleveland Cavaliers	4-9	17-45	106.6	114.9

Western Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
L.A. Lakers	8-2	47-13	114.6	107.1
L.A. Clippers	7-3	43-19	116.2	109.7
Denver Nuggets	10-1	42-20	110.8	107.6
Houston Rockets	7-4	39-22	118.7	114.3
Utah Jazz	5-5	39-22	111.5	108.2
Oklahoma City	7-4	38-24	110.6	108.5
Dallas Mavericks	9-2	38-25	116.6	110.6
Memphis Grizzlies	4-6	31-31	112.8	113.7
Portland	4-8	28-35	113.5	115.1
Sacramento Kings	7-5	27-35	108.7	110.8
San Antonio Spurs	3-6	26-34	112.7	114.3
New Orleans	3-8	26-36	116.2	117.4
Phoenix Suns	5-9	24-38	112.0	113.5
Minnesota	2-10	19-42	113.3	117.3
Golden State	2-10	14-49	106.1	114.8

PLAYOFF PICTURE

EAST: (1) Bucks, (2) Raptors, (3) Celtics, (4) Heat, (5) 76ers, (6) Pacers, (7) Nets, (8) Magic
WEST: (1) Lakers, (2) Clippers, (3) Nuggets, (4) Rockets, (5) Jazz, (6) Thunder, (7) Mavericks, (8) Grizzlies

NHL Standings

Eastern (Atlantic)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Boston Bruins	43-13-12	98	222	169
Tampa Bay Lightning	42-20-5	89	235	185
Toronto Maple Leafs	35-24-9	79	235	224
Florida Panthers	33-26-8	74	225	226
Montreal Canadiens	31-29-9	71	209	213
Buffalo Sabres	29-30-8	66	191	212
Ottawa Senators	24-32-12	60	185	234
Detroit Red Wings	15-48-5	35	136	257

Eastern (Metro)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Washington Capitals	40-20-7	87	233	210
Philadelphia Flyers	40-20-7	87	229	193
Pittsburgh Penguins	39-21-6	84	215	183
Columbus Blue Jackets	32-21-15	79	177	182
New York Islanders	35-23-8	78	186	185
New York Rangers	36-27-4	76	224	211
Carolina Hurricanes	35-25-5	75	208	187
New Jersey Devils	26-28-12	64	177	219

Western (Central)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis Blues	40-17-10	90	216	185
Colorado Avalanche	40-18-8	88	226	177
Dallas Stars	37-22-8	82	178	172
Minnesota Wild	34-26-7	75	212	209
Nashville Predators	33-26-8	74	210	215
Winnipeg Jets	34-28-6	74	204	199
Chicago Blackhawks	31-28-8	70	205	212

Western (Pacific)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas Golden Knights	37-23-8	82	219	202
Edmonton Oilers	36-24-8	80	217	209
Calgary Flames	35-26-7	77	204	208
Vancouver Canucks	34-26-6	74	216	208
Arizona Coyotes	33-27-8	74	191	180
San Jose Sharks	29-34-4	62	176	214
Anaheim Ducks	27-32-8	62	174	214
Los Angeles Kings	26-35-6	58	165	206

PLAYOFF PICTURE

EAST (Atlantic): (1) Bruins, (2) Lightning, (3) Maple Leafs
EAST (Metro): (1) Capitals, (2) Flyers, (3) Penguins
WILD CARD: (1) Blue Jackets, (2) Islanders

WEST (Central): (1) Blues, (2) Avalanche, (3) Stars
WEST (Pacific): (1) Golden Knights, (2) Oilers, (3) Flames
WILD CARD: (1) Wild, (2) Canucks

Boo Who? Astros already paying price, Red Sox await fate

By MAUREEN MULLEN

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FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — By recent standards, the heckling the Houston Astros heard at JetBlue Park was rather tame. Some boos during pregame introductions, a chant of "cheaters!" in the ninth inning.

Maybe that's because Jose Altuve, Alex Bregman and rest of their All-Stars were missing from the lineup against the Boston Red Sox.

Perhaps there was another more pointed reason. "It could be here, too," Astros manager Dusty Baker cautioned Thursday. "And then (the Red Sox) got to be careful of the reception."

Major League Baseball continues to look into allegations the Red Sox illicitly swiped signals during their run to the 2018 World Series title. Manager Alex Cora and the team already have split — that was in the wake of his role as bench coach of the 2017 champion Astros and a sign-stealing scandal that rocked the sport and resulted in MLB punishment.

"We're still waiting for our investigation to be over. So it's still there," said Ron Roenicke, who took over for Cora.

"But I think we're pretty focused on what we're doing and what we need to do. And then we'll see what happens with ours. I know (the Astros are) going to have a tough time this year going through what they're going through. But I hear everything that's going on," he said.

Jeered earlier this spring on exhibition stops in Lakeland against the Tigers and Port St. Lucie against the Mets, the Astros weren't harshly targeted by the Boston crowd.

The jeers and taunts, such as they were, were not nearly as loud and robust as the Astros have become accustomed to at other road games this spring. Indeed, they were rather lackluster and mild.

Carlos Correa and Josh Reddick were among the other recognizable names absent from the lineup. None of Houston's starters from the postseason last year made the 2 1/2-hour trip from the Astros' camp in West Palm Beach.

"When they first announced the Astros, there was some booing then, but the individual players no, because nobody knows who they are," said Andrea Dardis, a Red Sox fan from Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Dardis was with her sister, Maria Walsh, from Reading, Massachusetts, and brother, Chris Fas-

ciano, of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

The three were sitting in box seats down the first base line, in an area with some Astros fans and some Houston players' family members.

"There are Astros fans out there, for sure, some cute kids in Altuve shirts," Walsh said. "So, it's kind of hard to boo them when the little kids are there."

Some Red Sox fans, in fact, were downright hospitable.

"We're sitting next to a woman who said that her brother was the starting pitcher for the Astros, Josh James," Walsh said. "And she kind of let people know that and people were cheering for him."

James pitched three scoreless innings in Houston's 5-0 win. Kyle Tucker homered, doubled and singled.

"It's not what I expected," Dardis said. "I was expecting miniature bats banging on stuff. But I think nobody wants to taunt these guys because nobody knows who they are. But it is a little disappointing that there's not more excitement, though."

Baker said he wasn't trying to protect his players from the wrath of opposing fans. It was simply for baseball reasons that he brought a roster of virtual unknowns.

"When you got Altuve that was sick, you got (Yordan) Alvarez dealing with his knee, Bregman played yesterday, Bregman and Altuve went to Lakeland," Baker said. "We got three long road trips, so I wanted everybody to go on one. So, the fact that these guys are hurt or sick and they played yesterday. I'm trying to play them on an every-other day basis."

MLB mandates teams take at least four regulars to all road games during spring training. It was difficult to find four players on the Astros' traveling squad who met that requirement.

"That's the hardest part, to try to have four regulars, it's hard," Baker said. "Especially when, for our team because we don't have a platoon-type team. A lot of teams have platoon players that count. We were told that (the game's starting first baseman Aledmys) Diaz don't count. He's got four years in the big leagues."

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