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## The Red Kettles are out, and bells are ringing



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**The Red Kettle Challenge is once again taking place and volunteers are still needed.**

**By IRIS RANGEL**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The famous red kettles are coming back to town and need their fair share of volunteer bell ringers with them. The Big Spring Salvation Army is seeking holiday volunteer bell ringers from Nov. 21 - Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

According to the Salvation Army of Big Spring Corps Officer and Administrator Lt. Benjamin Godwin, the Red Kettle Campaign first began in 1891 in San Francisco and made its way to Howard County in 1936. The annual red kettles are one of the Salvation Army's primary fundraising efforts of the year.

"When people volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, the change that is dropped into the red kettle directly helps change lives and instills hope in those who come to us during their time of need," Godwin said.

The Salvation Army provides food, clothing, after school care, Christmas assistance, and much more throughout the year for the ones who need it most in the community. Any donations the Salvation Army is given for Howard County directly goes back into the community.

"The Red Kettle Campaign has an important impact in the Big Spring community and all of Howard County. It allows the Salvation Army to run its operations throughout the year and provide food, clothing, after school care, rental and bill assistance, as well as spiritual and physical care," Godwin said. "It also allows the community to gather around an event which promotes volunteering

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported:  
 • 23 Covid-19 positive patients  
 • 6 in ICU & 4 vents  
 • 17 in MedSurg/Telemetry  
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SMMG & SMMC Testing through 12/3:  
 • 2,027 tests  
 • 539 positives for 26.6% positivity rate  
 For the month of December, 91 patients have tested of which 29 were positive for a rate of 32% positivity.

Howard County has reported:  
 • 2,124 positive cases  
 • 36 Covid-19 fatalities  
 • 1,425 recoveries  
 • 663 active cases

\*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients/SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19; info obtained from Texas Health Department website

**Upcoming Events**

**Operation Love Letter** is accepting letters to be distributed to area nursing home residents. Drop off locations are located throughout town.

City offices available by appointment or electronic communication only

**Chamber of Commerce Annual Toy Drive** Deadline: Dec. 10

**Angel Trees** are out in the community. Deadline: Dec. 11 for angel adoption.

**Christmas Tree Forest** is open at Heritage Museum.

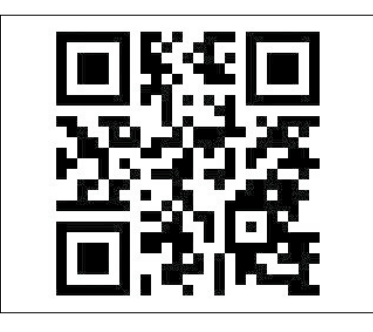
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## United Way of Big Spring food distribution taking place at Blankenship Field on Saturday, Dec. 12

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be hosting their final food distribution of the year on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. The food distribution will take place at Blankenship Field parking lot and will be a first come first serve basis.

"This has been a year of unexpected downturns across the community, and we are thankful and grateful that we are able to do our second grocery distribution," Christian Fair, Executive Director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, said. "We hope the bag of groceries helps relieve some of the financial burden and stress this holiday season."

Recipients are asked to enter the drive thru from 10th Street and exit onto 11th Place. Volunteers will place groceries in the vehicle so there is no need for those attending to exit their vehicles. Those coming to receive groceries are asked to bring a form of identification showing they are a Howard County resident.

"We have some amazing sponsors in our community who are constantly answering the call when it is extended, and it is through their support, along with our T-shirt fundraiser we did earlier this year, that allows us the opportunity to offer support like this."

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HERALD file photo

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be holding the second food distribution on Dec. 12. This will be a first come, first serve basis. Those attending will need to proof of Howard County residency.

## Merry Market hosted by Hotel Settles on Saturday

**By IRIS RANGEL**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Hotel Settles is hosting a Merry Market this weekend to spread some holiday cheer. The Merry Market will be held on Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Ballroom and Mezzanine area. Attendees are encouraged to shop various vendors and enjoy a few specialty beverages.

"We will have some of our favorite vendors from our previous markets and vendors selling holiday items which will be perfect for gifts. We will also have hot chocolate to keep you warm and holiday music playing throughout the event," Hotel Settles' General Manager Emaan

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## Obituaries

### Tomas Nava Sanchez

Tomas Nava Sanchez, 74, of Big Spring passed away on Dec. 2, 2020 in Big Spring, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Eufrosia Gonzales

Eufrosia Gonzales, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday with a Vigil at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



Eufrosia was born on March 13, 1934 in Marfa.

She is survived by two daughters: Lupe Padron of Big Spring and Susie Campos of Big Spring; one son: Antonio Gonzales of Coahoma; 13 grandkids; 23 great grandkids; and 2 great great grandkids.

She was preceded by husband Guadalupe Geronimo Gonzalez in 2007; three sons: Manuel Gonzales, Sr., Praxedis Gonzales, and Albert Gonzales; two grandchildren; one great grandchild; her parents: Praxedis and Gabriela Gonzales; one brother; and one sister.

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

### Maria De La Garza

Maria De La Garza, 74, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.

• Forsan's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in Boomtown Parade has been cancelled this year. The parade was originally supposed to take place Dec. 5, but in the best interest and safety of the community, the parade has been cancelled.

• The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website ([BigSpringsymphony.org](http://BigSpringsymphony.org)), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• After the Thanksgiving break, CISD will follow the below schedule. Nov.30-Dec.3rd In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec.4 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec. 7-10 In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec. 11 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec.14-17 In Person Instruction. Remote Friday's provide the district with the opportunity to deep clean, separate for 72 hours, and time to be intentional on student learning. Each campus administrator will provide more detailed information. On these remote learning Fridays, lunch will be available for pick up between 10 a.m. and Noon.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at [mybigspring.com](http://mybigspring.com).

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled, for safety reasons. Santa will be making his rounds through the community with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department providing the ride. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at [jennysales@yahoo.com](mailto:jennysales@yahoo.com).

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote

personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at [garylteagle1987@gmail.com](mailto:garylteagle1987@gmail.com).

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3100 block of Lintner Road.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3000 block of W. 4th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th Street.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 600 block of NE 8th Street.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Anderson Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Brent. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of E. 4th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4 block of Highland Cove. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin Street. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Washington Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **OUTSIDE-TREE RUBBISH FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of S. Owens. The fire was contained.

## 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.

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# Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 58. West wind 5 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 53. North wind around 5 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 60.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 62.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

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

• 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.

• 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. Toasty Tuesday is also a

2021.

• 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

# Special Election Deadline Date for ballot placement released and more

Yesterday afternoon the City of Big Spring released a Public Service Announcement regarding the Special Election Deadline. The PSA reads as follows:

December 5, 2020, is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the Special Election to be held on March 6, 2021 to fill the unexpired terms of City Councilmembers from districts five and six. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is January

4, 2021. December 5, 2020, falls on a Saturday; therefore, the first day to file in person will be on the following Monday, December 7, 2020.

Please submit all Candidate Applications and Campaign Treasurer Appointments to the City Secretary's Office located at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. City Hall hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed from noon to 1:00 PM for lunch).

## MARKET

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Campbell said. The Settles' Merry Market will be along the same lines as the recently held Summer Markets hosted by the Settles, but with a bit of a holiday twist. The Merry Market will allow for attendees to have a one stop shop experience to check a few names off their Christmas list.

"This will be similar to the Summer Markets with a little more holiday cheer! I am excited to see the fun crafty items

our vendors will have. We will also have two art galleries set up. These artists offer unique pieces for purchase for the art lover on your list," Campbell said.

In conjunction with the Merry Market, the Hotel Settles will also be hosting a Downtown Passport giveaway. A downtown passport can be found at various boutiques and restaurants across Big Spring and at the Merry Market. Once the downtown passport has been filled, participants can turn it in at the Hotel Settles' front desk on Sunday, Dec. 6 for a chance to win three prizes - including a night at Hotel Settles, a

dinner at the Settles' restaurant, and boutique gift cards.

"I think it is always great to bring out our community to safely support our local vendors. Many of them have not been able to operate their businesses during this trying time. We encourage everyone to wear a mask and safely social distance themselves from other shoppers," Campbell said.

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locally and helping those in our community who may be less fortunate than us."

In response to the ongoing pandemic, the Big Spring Salvation Army will be providing volunteers with daily PPE safety kits including branded masks, disposable gloves and aprons, and disinfectant. There will also be strict safety protocols to ensure the health and safety of potential donors and bell ringers.

Signing up to volunteer is also easier than ever this year with online signup now available. According to Godwin, there are no requirements to become a volunteer bell ringer during the Christmas season. Potential volunteers can simply go to [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) and select the location, date, and time you would like to ring.

If you would prefer to directly give back during the week of Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving Day, The Salvation Army is also seeking volunteers to help plate and deliver meals to residents in town. Volunteers would need to sign up for two to three hours a day during Thanksgiving week or on Thanksgiving Day.

If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, contact [ben.godwin@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:ben.godwin@uss.salvationarmy.org) or call 432-352-2005 to schedule and opportunity to volunteer.

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## Take Note

weekly clean up effort that takes place around town at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The locations is normally announced on the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Page along with in the Monday edition of the Big Spring Herald. Toasty Tuesday will pick up again in the Spring of

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.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now.

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Rudolfo DeLeon, Jr. 86, died Sunday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil at 7:00 PM on Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Demitrius Pruitt, 53, died Tuesday. Private family services will be held Saturday at 1:00 PM at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Shirley White, 87, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margie Barron, 93, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jack Merrill, 67, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Life Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

H. D. Lopez, 70, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eufrasia Gonzales, 86, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Maria De La Garza, 74, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## FOOD

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During the distribution, Covid-19 precautions will be followed. All volunteers will be wearing masks and those coming through are asked to wear a mask in their vehicle as well, while speaking with volunteers.

"Doing a giveaway like this is out of the ordinary for United Way, especially during the campaign, but we have some amazing sponsors, H-E-B, Delek, Martinez Welding and NuStar as well as Blue Energy who have all stepped up to offer their help and support to our community while we all try to maneuver through this pandemic," Fair said.

Fair continued, "Holidays can put a financial strain on families any year, but this year we have been hit so hard with so many obstacles United

Way wanted to try to offer some relief and help our community at least have a nice warm Christmas meal."

The 2021 campaign for the United Way will continue until the end of the year. Those wishing to donate or offer support to any of the local agencies can contact the United Way office at 432-263-5201 or reach out to any of the board members.

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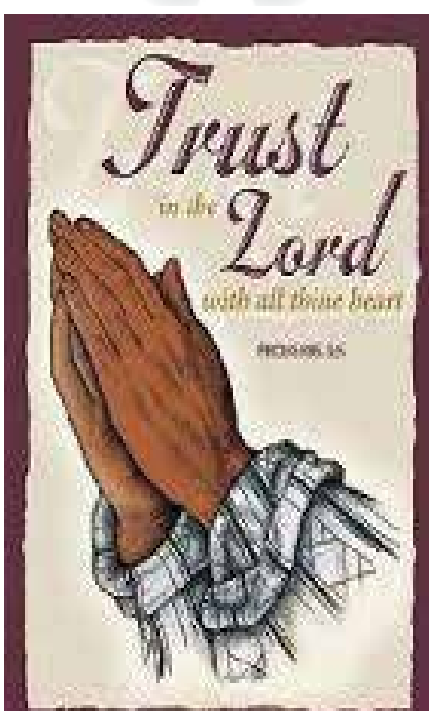
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# Church News

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

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We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship.

Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Dec. 6 – Join us this Sunday for Christmas at Cornerstone at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Join Chosen Generation Student Youth Ministry at their very own 11:00AM Sunday Service in the Youth Sanctuary. This is a live worship service geared for Senior and Junior High Students. Come experience authentic worship, connect with friends and discover what it means to be accepted, loved and CHOSEN!

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Join us this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. We have Bible classes for all stages of life, from toddlers and teens to classes for adults. Together we explore the Bible and what it tells us about the God who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

Transportation Ministry – You need a ride to church? CCC offers pick-up services on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office.

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CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email us at info@ccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.ccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

## NazFamily Church

This Sunday

Buying gifts, cleaning house, hanging lights, decorating, preparing meals, going to parties, writing cards, traveling – there is a reason that they talk about the “hustle and bustle” of the Season. It is the time that we celebrate the coming Prince of Peace and yet true peace seems so elusive in our chaotic world. “The best metaphor for our world today is astronauts speeding through the cosmos, but with their life-supporting capsule pierced by a meteorite fragment. But the Church resembles Mary and Joseph traveling from Egypt to Nazareth on a donkey, holding in their arms the weakness and poverty of the Child Jesus: God incarnate.” (Carlo Carretto) Join us this Sunday as we discover true peace in the One born on that Silent Night.

34th Annual Live Nativity

With all the hustle and bustle in this season, we invite you to come, slow down, and be reminded why we celebrate Christmas. NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity on Dec. 11, 12, 13 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Kids Christmas Program

There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child's perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of the amazing moment that Almighty God entered this world as a child. Our NazKids Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 13th. Come hear our children share the greatest story ever told.

Annual Ornament Exchange

December 19th is our NazLadies Annual Ornament Exchange at 6 p.m. It will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. Don't miss it!

Christmas Eve

On Dec. 24 at 6:30p.m. we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate together.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by social gathering outside the church in the Courtyard & Bennett Garden. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer 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.

Facebook – Live Streaming

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website – www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/. What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

Upcoming Event

Christmas Eve service will be on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 p.m. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. All our Welcome.

## Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit for a body of believers is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for Him. If you believe that, please come and worship the King with us! Sunday School starts at 10 AM, Worship begins at 11 AM, and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 PM. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. 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.

Please join us at our Advent Services on the first 3 Wednesday's in December. They will begin at 7 p.m. Our second Advent Service will be on Dec. 9.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, and Mark 11: 1-8. The psalm is Psalm 85.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has restarted. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are studying Lutheranism 101. Please come and join us.

Bobby Roeber will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts”. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To contact Pastor Brian Michaelz or the church office, call 432-517-4821.

This coming Sunday.... Pastor Michaelz sermon will be

Prepare The Way of the Lord Isaiah 40:1-11

If you or someone you know would like to be placed on the FCC prayer list, please contact the church office or tell one of the members.

What is Advent? - Some people may think Advent serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. That is only part of the story. For many unfamiliar with the liturgical year there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. That is part of the story, but there is more to Advent.

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word “adventus” meaning “coming”. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany. The celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1) his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29) and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little correlation between Advent and Christmas.

Today the season of Advent last for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The new Christian year begins with the twelve day celebration of Christmas, which last from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on Jan. 6.

We invite you to come as you are to give thanks for everything in a fresh way. If that sounds good to you, we would enjoy meeting you.

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water.

Worship Service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!!

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The congregation expresses appreciation to Avery Tubb and Ashley Smith for their vocal duet of :O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” as the offertory during worship last Sunday. Thanks to Vicki and Elden Miller for lighting the Advent Candle on the First Sunday of Advent and to Kay Kennemur as the Psalm reader for December.

First Presbyterian Church now has a Sermon Podcast on iTunes. The sermon from last week may be found at www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons.

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, one may go to www.fpcbigspring.com and select Daily Prayers. Rev. Allen Cross also posts a Weekly Devotional at that website, which may provide food for thought or help during time of stress or feelings of isolation. The devotional is posted on Wednesdays.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to join in

the study by Zoom can find the link to the meeting in Faith Notes or online at the First Presbyterian Fellowship group on Facebook.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch meets in Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

The Service Committee is asking for people to bring turkeys to the church kitchen for donations for Christmas. Service Committee also has food bags in the Narthex to be picked up by members to put in one's car to give to someone in need. There is an Angel Tree with cards listing needs for seniors in the community to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Committee meetings for the month: Fellowship meets Thursday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. in the parlor; Communications, Monday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. in the parlor; Worship, Friday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. in the parlor; December Session meeting is Thursday, the 17th, in Fellowship Hall.

The Discovery Class begins a study by Adam Hamilton for the Advent season entitled Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph. This study follows Joseph from humble carpenter through the nativity and will conclude December 27.

The Youth Bible Study, led by Tom Koger, meets in the Youth Room.

The Children's Class continues the Advent study with a lesson on “A Prophet Is Born” for December 6. Nancy Koger is teaching this class.

The Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship in the parlor between Sunday School and worship has resumed. Paula Farquhar is host for this week.

Lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Advent are: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8: Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. His sermon topic is “Messengers.”. Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano.

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. A copy of the liturgy for the service may be downloaded from the website or by receiving a copy by calling the church office

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

## Life Church

We are excited to open our doors and welcome our Life Church friends to the campus this Sunday. In order to meet this Sunday we will continue to follow the guidelines that have been set and provided by the Texas State Attorney General: limited capacity, proper spacing between seats and rows, sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected, if you or someone in your family have underlying health issues we are encouraging you to watch and participate in the service remotely. Masks are encouraged to be worn. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the sanctuary.

Join us in the Life Church Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for an experience in the Word and in Worship.

Ladies, you are invited to join us every Wednesday at noon for our Seek Prayer Group. The Zoom meeting information for Seek can be found on our One Sisterhood Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/onesisterhoodbigspringtx/

Champion Culture Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/

Life Kids will have their classes this Sunday. Our Nursery is available for those ages newborn to 2. Our Toddlers class serve those ages 3 & 4. Our Elementary class serves those ages 5-10. Visit and follow the Life Kids Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Life-Kids-Life-Church-Big-Spring-TX-1654730487977488/ for more information.

Our Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach team will be going to visit our neighbors around our campus on Saturday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. The purpose of this ministry is to find the need and fill it.

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website www.golifechurch.net

## 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. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 a.m., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KBYG-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, Pastor Ricky Carstensen, began an Advent Season Series, “And He Will Be Called” Wonderful Counselor. Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Lord. Jesus is our advocate and lives to make intercession for us. Jesus is in the perfect position, sitting at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is also our advisor, John 14:16-18, through the person of the Holy Spirit, Jesus has come into our lives to guide us and enable us to live our lives pleasing to the Father. This next week will be the second week of our Advent season and Pastor Ricky will be sharing his Advent series



# Reflections: Flying in Formation

Recently I started the day outside on our deck under a clear pre-dawn sky. The stars were brilliant, Orion settling in the west. A meteorite streaked across the sky just before the east began to fade into gray. No sooner had the crimson and gold dissolved into the soft pastels of morning than the geese began to fly.

I heard them honking in the distance and watched as a long line.

The beauty of migrating geese is one of the things I love about Colorado. Who taught them to fly in formation? Scientists who study this phenomenon say the V formation reduces drag and adds lift for each goose. By flying together in this way, they increase their range by 71%. And, since the lead birds put forth the greatest effort, they rotate the lead position.

They don't do this because of any legislation or decree. They are not obeying anyone's order. They do it because it is their nature to do it. They fly this way because they have learned over many millennia that they need one another for survival. Life is easier when they fly in formation.

Watching the geese at sunrise reminded me of the unique global challenges we all face, including the Covid pandemic, poverty and famine. To survive and thrive we need to fly in formation. Not because our elected



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officials tell us to, but because we need each other. During Covid, that means wearing a mask, washing our hands, remaining six feet apart. During and after Covid, it means providing for the poor, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, opening doors of opportunity for the underprivileged.

The Bible consistently teaches us the importance of "flying in formation." John the Baptist who introduced Jesus said, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" (Luke 3:11).

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:35-40).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do nothing out of selfishness or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but each of you looking to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

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## Happy Birthday

When I was a child, my parents and older siblings celebrated my birthday in a big way. I got a present from everyone in the family. The most special present I received was a five dollar bill from my little grandmother. It was so awesome a gift because she always sent it so it would get to our house the day after my actual big day. I got to open a letter with a card and that five dollar bill all by myself.

The anticipation of receiving things from her was a different kind of emotion. I knew she loved me, even though she had eight other grandchildren to love. When she would come to visit the three months in the warm months of summer, we would sit for at least two hours a day playing table games. We would have long talks about my future and her past. I learned so much listening to her tales of her own childhood, I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Now I'm approaching my later seventies and have my own two grandchildren. When I visit them in a place called Little Elm, we play table games. We talk about their future and my past. It's funny how what goes around come around. I always try to send them something for their birthday.

But the biggest birthday we celebrate is Christmas. It's not about the presents they give me, or the presents I give them. It's about what we do for the One whose birthday we are celebrating. Jesus probably wasn't born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. But America and most of the Christian world celebrate it on that day. When we get to Heaven, I'm sure He will straighten out our theology on that subject, as well as every other misconception we have.

But think a moment about how the celebration will be up there. We probably won't be giving gifts to each other. We will be so focused on Jesus and what He did on the cross for us, we won't have time to think about anything but Him.

I'm wondering if that would be a better scenario at this time of year than how we are planning to give what we give to other. We should focus more on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus than anything of lesser value. I wonder how that would change the way we treat other. Something to think about!



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## That You May Know

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:12-13.

If you have believed on the name of the Son of God, you have eternal life...end of story. However, if you have not believed on the name of the Son of God, then, you do not have the Son and consequently, you do not have life.

Have you believed on the name of the Son of God? If you have not believed, I want to invite you at this time to believe on His Name. Believe on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in this very instant, you will be saved. You will be saved once and for all, eternally, unconditionally; no expiration dates and no kickers. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, without the need of baptism, or church attendance, or tithe giving. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and at this very moment, you will be saved - no need to keep the Ten Commandments, or perform a single good work...ever. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ - that's it; nothing else. Do not promise God that you will stop sinning, because you will never be able to fulfill this promise. Instead, believe only. Do not tell God that you promise to be a good Christian - just believe. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and He will take care of making the changes in your life that He deems necessary after you believe only on His Name.

John says - these things I have written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life. Do you know whether or not you have eternal life? If you know, you know, and if you don't know, then you don't know. If you do not know, there is only one Person who can teach you and that Person is the Holy Spirit of God. And the Holy Spirit is a good teacher because He reminds us of the fact that, on the cross, Jesus said... it is finished.



TOM  
SLOAN

## Learning about division at Forsan Elementary this week



*Courtesy photos*  
This week the students are learning about division and how to relate it to the multiplication facts they are learning each week. Today the students used tiles and put them into equal groups. Then they wrote the multiplication / division fact family that represented that fact.

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# Big Spring Steers 2021 Powerlifting schedule released, first meet January 9

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers powerlifting team is coming off a record-setting season where they had almost 20 team members that qualified for Regionals. Both the boys and girls teams had solid showings in a year where the coronavirus shut down sporting events shortly after the Regional Meet. Big Spring will be returning to the gym early next month for their first meet of the new 2021 season and new Head Coach Sawyer Roberts will be ready to lead his team of powerlifters through a competitive season.

Out of the five regular season meets that the Steers competed in last season, the boys won three of the meets and finished second in the other two meets. The boys' team also tied the school record of 11 lifters qualifying for the Regional Meet.

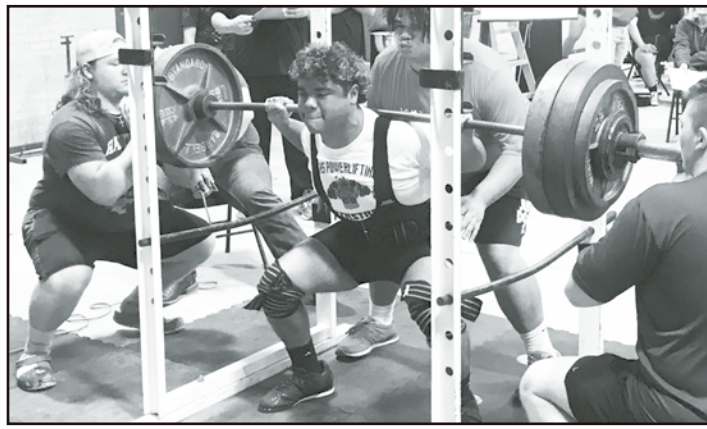
The Big Spring girls' team also put together a string of consistent strong performances at the meets throughout the season and added a school-record 11 more Regional qualifiers to the ranks.

Jocelyn Gonzales came extremely close to first-place and finished higher than any other Steer lifter. If Covid-19 had not canceled the remainder of athletics last spring, Gonzales would have competed in the State Meet in Waco. She had squatted 400 pounds, benched 185 pounds, and deadlifted 375 pounds for a total of 960 pounds in her respective weight division. Gonzales would have continued a tradition of Lady Steer Powerlifters lifting in the State Meet, joining Carlie Roberts who lifted at State multiple times, and Hailey Hyatt, who lifted at the State Meet in 2019.

Nevertheless, she will be looking to come back even stronger for her senior season and should be a serious contender throughout the Region and the entire state.

The 2020 Lady Steers were able to win just their second team title in school history with an early-season win at the Andrews Meet last spring and continued the hot streak the entire season.

All-around it was a strong season from both the Steer and Lady Steer lifters. Big Spring began to make a name for themselves in the powerlifting community last spring and will look to build on that momentum when they get back to competing in meets next month. After having over 20 lifters to qualify for the Regional Meet last spring, the Steer powerlifters will be looking to add to that number for another record-setting season.



HERALD File Photo

**A Big Spring powerlifter works their way through a heavy squat lift last spring.**

The following is the 2021 schedule, times and dates are subject to change:

- Meet One (1/9): Boys & Girls Meet @ Big Spring JH Gym
- Meet Two (1/23): Boys & Girls Meet @ Coahoma
- Meet Three (1/31): Boys Girls Meet @ Andrews
- Meet Four (2/13): Boys & Girls Meet @ Eldorado
- Meet Five (2/18): Boys & Girls Meet @ San Angelo
- Meet Six (3/6): Girls Regionals @ Monahans
- Meet Seven (3/13): Boys Regionals @ Sundown
- Meet Eight (3/19-3/20): Girls State Meet @ Corpus Christi
- Meet Nine (3/27-3/28): Boys State Meet @ Abilene

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

# Bulldogettes shutdown Lady Cats for 54-33 win



Courtesy Photo

**Julia Cox (3) keeps her eye on the hoop as she prepares to shoot through a couple of Lady Wildcat defenders.**

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes were effective in shutting down the Grady Lady Wildcats to earn a 54-33 victory in a non-district game held on Tuesday night.

The Coahoma girls varsity squad kept Grady to only one basket in the first quarter while scoring 12 points of their own.

MaKynlee Overton scored first for the Dawgettes after she was fouled at the 7:14 mark. The CHS senior nailed both shots and sank a two-point basket 43 seconds later.

By the end of the quarter, Madi-

son Rodgers drained a shot thanks to an assist by her sister, Brynn Rodgers, to increase the lead to 10-2. Julia Cox capped off the successful quarter when she picked off the ball from Grady and headed down the court at full speed for the goal.

After the short break, the Lady Wildcats were able to brush off their slow start and scored in the double digits in the second quarter. However, the Bulldogettes continued their drive ending the half up 11 points (29-18) thanks in part to multiple 3-point goals from J. Cox and M. Rodgers.

Returning from the locker room, the Dawgettes continued to score in the double digits while playing great defense to fend off Grady's offensive attack. With the win, Coahoma improved to 3-2 for the season.

Overton, J. Cox, and M. Rodgers tallied double digits for Coahoma. Overton led with 16, J. Cox had 14 points, and M. Rodgers earned 11.

Next: Coahoma travels to Fort Stockton on Friday. JV plays at 4:30 p.m. The varsity game starts at 6 p.m.

# Changes for Friday night Big Spring basketball games



HERALD File Photos

**Above left: Senior Jacqueline Belew goes up for a shot. Above right: Senior Kyler Seymore grabs a rebound. Senior Night is Friday.**

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sports Writer

Big Spring ISD announced schedule adjustments for Friday night's Big Spring basketball games. Both 9th Grade games have been canceled. The JV teams will both play at the Junior High. The Lady Steers JV will play at 4:30 p.m. with the Steers JV following directly behind them with a 6 p.m. game.

The Lady Steer and Showtime Steer Varsity teams will have Senior Night and will both play in Steer Gym. The Lady

Steers will play at 6 p.m. against Pecos with the Showtime Steers following behind them with a 7:30 p.m. game against Reagan County.

In addition to those changes, there are protocols that will need to be followed at the Junior High games at Levelland on Monday.

Levelland Middle School asks that you please self check before you enter the gym. Do you have a fever? Have you had any other COVID symptoms? We love to see your faces, but safety

first!  
• Please, enter with a mask. You will be asked to have one as you are checked into the gym.

• Students 8th Grade and under must have parents to enter games.

• No Student athletic passes accepted! All students K-12 must purchase a ticket.

• Please, parents try to come to the games on time so that people watching can be rotated out and help manage capacity and social distancing.

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# Grady surges past Coahoma Bulldogs for 43-18 win Tuesday



Courtesy Photo

**Isaiah Martin heads down the court against Grady this week. Special to the Herald**

COAHOMA — The Grady Wildcats rallied in the fourth quarter to surge past the Bulldogs for a 43-18 win on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats erased Coahoma's eight-point lead in the fourth quarter, but the

Bulldogs didn't give up the game easily.

With 18 seconds left, senior Isaiah Martin nailed a 3-point basket (43-45) to give Coahoma one last chance for the win, but the Bulldogs were not able to capitalize. The Wildcats' tough defense kept Coahoma at bay, and were able to force the Bulldogs to foul which padded their lead by three more points before the final buzzer sounded.

Martin led Coahoma in points amassing 16 including two 3-point goals. D'Kota Harrison also scored in the double digits including a 3-pointer in the third quarter. The CHS senior tallied 11 points for the night.

Next: Coahoma (0-2) hosts Eldorado for a non-district game on Friday. The JV plays at 5 p.m. and varsity takes the floor at 6:30 p.m. Both games are at the CES competition gym.

# NCAA Football Schedule

## THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Louisiana Tech (4-3)	@ North Texas (3-4)	5:00 p.m. (CBSSN)
Air Force (2-2)	@ Utah State (1-4)	8:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

## FRIDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
#25 Louisiana (8-1)	@ Appalachian State (7-2)	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

## SATURDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
#4 Ohio State (4-0)	@ Michigan State (2-3)	11:00 a.m. (ABC)
#5 Texas A&M (6-1)	@ Auburn (5-3)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN)
#15 Oklahoma State (6-2)	@ TCU (4-4)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN2)
Western Carolina (0-2)	@ #17 North Carolina (6-3)	11:00 a.m. (ACCN)
Rice (1-2)	@ Virginia (7-0)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN+)
Toledo (2-2)	@ Northern Illinois (0-4)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)
Kansas (0-8)	@ Texas Tech (3-6)	11:00 a.m. (FS2)
Texas (5-3)	@ Kansas State (4-5)	11:00 a.m. (FOX)
Nebraska (1-4)	@ Purdue (2-3)	11:00 a.m. (BTN)
Penn State (1-5)	@ Rutgers (2-4)	11:00 a.m. (FS1)
Memphis (6-2)	@ Tulane (5-5)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN+)
Arkansas (3-5)	@ Missouri (4-3)	11:00 a.m. (SECN)
Liberty (9-1)	@ #18 Coastal Carolina (9-0)	1:00 p.m. (ESPNU)
Troy (4-5)	@ South Alabama (4-6)	1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Bowling Green (0-4)	@ Akron (0-4)	1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Eastern Michigan (0-4)	@ Western Michigan (4-0)	1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
UL Monroe (0-9)	@ Arkansas State (3-7)	2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
#6 Florida (7-1)	@ Tennessee (2-5)	2:30 p.m. (CBS)
West Virginia (5-3)	@ #9 Iowa State (7-2)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
#12 Indiana (5-1)	@ #16 Wisconsin (2-1)	2:30 p.m. (ABC)
#19 Iowa (4-2)	@ Illinois (2-3)	2:30 p.m. (FS1)
#24 Tulsa (5-1)	@ Navy (3-5)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Boston College (6-4)	@ Virginia (4-4)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN3)
Buffalo (4-0)	@ Ohio (2-1)	2:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
Vanderbilt (0-8)	@ #8 Georgia (6-2)	3:00 p.m. (SECN)
Stanford (1-2)	@ #22 Washington (3-0)	3:00 p.m. (FOX)
Georgia Tech (3-5)	@ North Carolina State (7-3)	3:00 p.m. (ACCN)
San Jose State (4-0)	@ Hawai'i (3-3)	3:00 p.m.
Ball State (3-1)	@ Central Michigan (3-1)	4:30 p.m. (ESPNU)
Florida Atlantic (5-1)	@ Georgia Southern (6-4)	5:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
#23 Oregon (3-1)	@ California (0-3)	6:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Colorado (3-0)	@ Arizona (0-3)	6:00 p.m. (FS1)
Colorado State (1-2)	@ San Diego State (3-3)	6:00 p.m. (CBSSN)
#3 Clemson (8-1)	@ Virginia Tech (4-5)	6:30 p.m. (ABC)
South Carolina (2-7)	@ Kentucky (3-6)	6:30 p.m. (SECN)
#1 Alabama (8-0)	@ LSU (3-4)	7:00 p.m. (CBS)
#10 Miami (FL) (7-1)	@ Duke (2-7)	7:00 p.m. (ACCN)
Baylor (2-5)	@ #11 Oklahoma (6-2)	7:00 p.m. (FOX)
Houston (3-3)	@ SMU (7-3)	8:00 p.m. (ESPNU)
Fresno State (3-1)	@ Nevada (5-1)	9:30 p.m. (FS1)
Wyoming (2-2)	@ New Mexico (0-5)	9:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
Oregon State (2-2)	@ Utah (0-2)	9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

## SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Western Kentucky (4-6)	@ Charlotte (2-3)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)



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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Opening lead quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Which card would you choose as your opening lead with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ K3 ♥ Q987 ♦ KJ94 ♣ 752
- ♠ Q6 ♥ J63 ♦ J9742 ♣ A83
- ♠ Q853 ♥ 8742 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 64
- ♠ J10972 ♥ 5 ♦ 9876 ♣ K72

**1. Two or five of clubs.** Generally speaking, defense is either active or passive. In some deals, you attack to try to achieve the best result; in others, you try to avoid any lead that may cost your side a trick.

Here, the danger of handing declarer a trick by leading anything but a trump is self-evident. Partner cannot have many high cards, so your best chance to defeat the contract lies in letting declarer work out his own salvation.

**2. Queen of spades.** Here aggressive action is called for. True, the queen of spades appears to be a wild stab in the dark, since it is not supported with the king or jack. Nevertheless, it offers the best prospect of beating the contract.

Basically, your hope is that partner has the king (or ace) of spades and

that you can take three tricks by scoring a spade, a club and a spade ruff. Perhaps the chance of this materializing will prove to be only a pipe dream, but the fact is that no other defense is more attractive. Holding the ace of trump, it seems sensible to attack boldly in an effort to acquire two more tricks.

**3. Queen of diamonds.** This time you must depend on partner for tricks, and your best chance is to try to develop a trick or two in diamonds. If partner has the king or ace, you are well on the way to exploiting declarer's most likely weak spot.

There is no way of knowing just how strong dummy's hearts are, but your goal should be to establish your side's diamond tricks before declarer can develop his heart tricks.

**4. Five of hearts.** There doesn't seem to be much of a chance to set the contract unless you can get a heart ruff. Your main hope — not unlikely on the bidding — is that partner has a quick entry of some kind. If so, a heart ruff might easily become the setting trick after you have gained the lead with the king of clubs.

Leading the top card of a sequence is ordinarily very desirable, but in this case, holding the K-x-x of trump behind declarer, the singleton lead is more likely to succeed.

Tomorrow: First things first.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Sagittarian Timing

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your values are such that you can watch the same television show as the person next to you and see something completely different. If you're also able to discuss that civilly, then you're with the right person.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Be there a while without trying to make sense of it. Life resists being forced to conform with one theory or another. When it does, something tangible will be lost, which does not even compare to the intangible loss sustained.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When you're in the mood and you put your mind to it, the energy you create around yourself is magical. Now, you'll do this when you're not in the mood and create the same effect.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Should you let the other person go on in a wrong belief unchallenged? Maybe not much would happen in the short term, but what will happen if you continue to do so over time?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Without good leadership, it is possible that everyone does a small piece of a job and the end result is hundreds of small pieces instead of one finished job. This is why you want to know both the leader and the plan.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have your ways of making order out of disorder, but it's fun to try new ones, too. You may find that you can have and notice more of what you like just by orga-

nizing it a little differently.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The journey gets more pleasurable when you focus

not only on the end result but also, and often, on the little milestones you hit and benefits you pick up along the way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Not everything that's on the surface is superficial. In this material world, certain objects resonate deep within you as though they fit into some sort of inner form. This magnetism will be a source of good fortune.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You get the sense that you are armoring up for all of the battles, not just one. True, you are in it for the long haul and committed to doing what it takes today, tomorrow, next year and beyond.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In the way that Gothic architecture was built ever-taller as though to reach the heavens, you are building something impressively up and up, aspiring to sail it right over the rainbow.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It may feel as though you're dealing in two different worlds. However, everything you're dealing with in one world is linked to the other, and by more than just your

presence in both worlds. Look for correspondence.

**PI-SCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

If you have to think about something or make a decision about it, then you are using willpower. How can you extract the extraneous thought processes out of the task, thereby more easily turning it into a habit?

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 4).** If in a year's time you had to give a Yelp review of experiences in 2021, it would be full of rich details of excellent highlights that add up to a resounding five stars. Your optimism and openness will pave the way. In one instance, you'll turn a small opportunity into a big deal and include loved ones in your good fortune. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 22, 9 and 13.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** You are looking for qualities that involve not only common sense but also uncommon sense, as a partnership with such a type could go far. **TAURUS:** First impressions won't stick. Stay in there a while and you'll turn a corner. **GEMINI:** You don't often concern yourself with matters of carriage and posture, but one power pose could change the whole

dynamic between you and someone you like. **CANCER:** After a bit of compromise a relationship settles into a sweet groove. **LEO:** Because you're strong and generous, you'd rather err on the side of being overly sensitive to others than risk being overly attuned to your own sensitivities. **VIRGO:** Making a meal for someone will be a unique act of love. Connection happens with all of the five senses -- divine. **LIBRA:** You will hear what you want to hear but not in the timing you want to hear it. Should that count? **SCORPIO:** The lines between friends and lovers can blur with the smooth beauty of oil paint. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your body tells you what's believable, not just your ears. **CAPRICORN:** Give yourself permission to do something different. It doesn't have to be right. **AQUARIUS:** You'll be pleasantly surprised by something. Remember what it is, and tell someone special. **PI-SCES:** There are qualities outside of the usual bodily perceptions that inform your romantic choices. You can trust their subtle influence.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Sagittarius appear to the world as one blurry fireball lighting up everything in its path this weekend as their combustible chemistry and curiosity launch this hot couple through the endeavors and environments they explore together. It's a flame that will continue through the months to come as long as fresh fuel is injected into their collective atmosphere.

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

ANSWER:

### When the Bite Impacts Past the Attack

**Dear Annie:** I live in Texas in a small neighborhood and am still relatively new to this area. Two years ago, a traumatic event happened to me not long after I'd moved in.

I was on my daily walk through the neighborhood. (I used to go two miles daily, just to clear my head.) I was passing by a neighbor's yard when their three (unleashed) dogs violently attacked me. The dogs dragged me 40 yards through a pasture. Fortunately, three men intervened and saved my life. It was a horrific ordeal, and I still suffer from some injuries that I incurred during the attack. I'll have to self-catheter for the rest of my life. I have PTSD.

My question has to do with the fact that the dog owners were never fined or punished in any way.

I keep trying to tell myself it happened for a reason -- that I shouldn't worry about justice coming out of it. You see,

up until the attack, I was agnostic; I didn't really believe in heaven or hell. But since the attack and those men saving me, I've come to believe that there is a higher power and he is very great and merciful.

I still have problems going out for walks. I probably haven't walked more than 15 feet outside my yard. I still regularly have nightmares about the event and replay it in my head.

The people who own the dogs have more dogs now, just as violent, and they run loose. I keep worrying what would happen if a kid were attacked.

So, should I just accept that as the justice, or is there something else that I should do? -- Sincerely Confused

**Dear Confused:** You can have faith that God will deliver justice in the end while still pursuing justice yourself in the here and now. Your concern transcends even your own personal trauma: It's about making sure that this never

happens to anyone else. You are rightly terrified. From the sound of it, it's not a matter of if these dogs will injure someone else but when.

I urge you to contact your local authorities, repeatedly, if necessary. There's no way that it's legal for your neighbors to allow their dogs to roam free like that, especially when they have a history of violence. The very least they could do is put up a fence.

I hope you are seeking therapy. You've suffered incredibly serious trauma, and untreated PTSD can take a heavy toll both physically and mentally over the long term.

As a supplement to therapy, I would recommend the book "The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma" by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk. I am so sorry that this truly horrible thing happened to you. I pray that one day you can again enjoy your daily walks in the sun.

**Dear Annie:** I feel the same as Holiday

Anxiety, the reader who hates all the hoopla surrounding the holidays. Luckily, I'm retired and can do what I want. I think of every day as special. I think of the holidays as commercial events designed to part consumers with their money. I no longer decorate, except for a small tree. I buy cookies rather than feeling obligated to make them. I've cut back on spending, and I order online. I ask everyone to bring a dish to pass around, rather than doing all the cooking myself. We play games. I'm loving the simpler life. -- Wiser in Wisconsin

**Dear Wiser:** I love that you've found what works for you (though I must add a note of caution not to gather with people outside your household this year, due to COVID-19). May we all minimize stress and maximize merriment.

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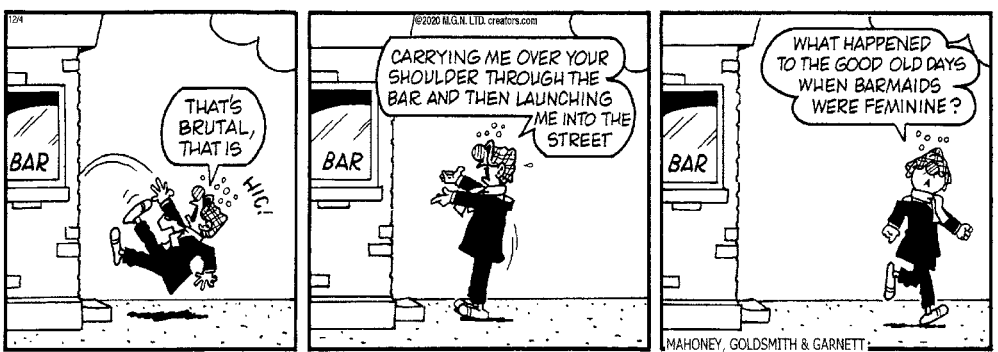
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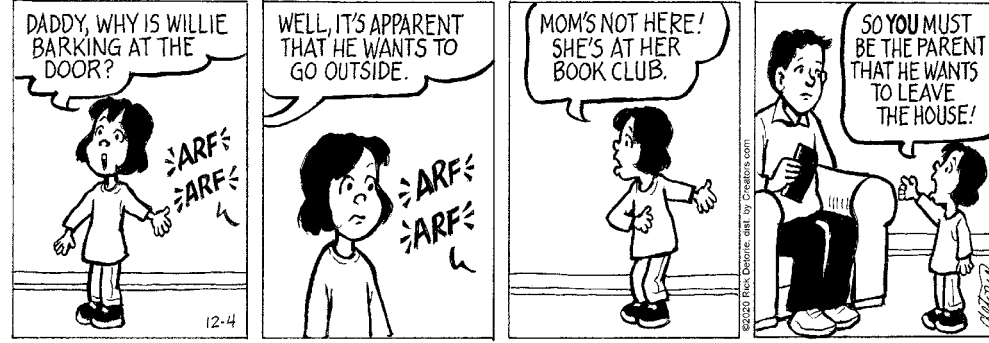
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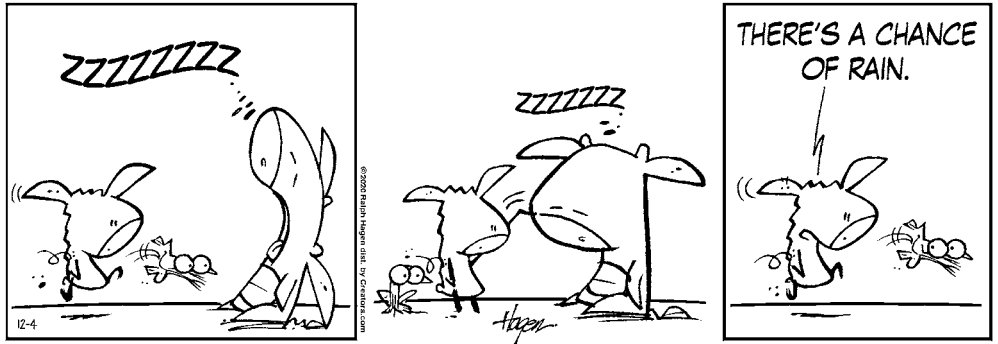
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 2020. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY) Peace Conference.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1956, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered for the first and only time for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.)

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein (FYN'-styn) was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee).

In 1980, the bodies of four American churchwomen slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. (Five Salvadoran national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

In 1986, both houses of Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own investigations of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Leba-

non, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

In 2000, in a pair of legal setbacks for Al Gore, a Florida state judge refused to overturn George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

In 2018, long lines of people wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view the casket of former President George H.W. Bush; former Sen. Bob Dole steadied himself out of his wheelchair to salute his old friend and one-time rival.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama praised a newly sealed trade deal with South Korea as a landmark agreement that promised to boost the domestic auto industry and support tens of thousands of American jobs.

Five years ago: Germany stepped up its contribution to the fight against the Islamic State group, with lawmakers voting in favor of sending reconnaissance jets, a tanker plane and a frigate to provide broad noncombat support to the U.S.-led coalition. President Barack Obama signed legislation reviving the federal Export-Import Bank five months after Congress allowed it to expire. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that an outbreak of E. coli linked to the Mexican food chain Chipotle had expanded to nine states, with a total of 52 reported illnesses.

Actor Robert Loggia, 85, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: The House Judiciary Committee held its first hearing in the impeachment inquiry, with three leading legal scholars testifying that President Donald Trump's attempts to have Ukraine investigate Democratic rivals were grounds for impeachment; a fourth expert called by Republicans

warned against rushing the process. Trump wrapped up a 52-hour trip to the NATO summit in London, where his personal and policy differences with alliance members were on stark display. A U.S. Navy sailor whose submarine was docked at Pearl Harbor shot three civilian shipyard workers, killing two of them, at the military base in Hawaii before taking his

own life.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 87. Pop singer Freddy Cannon is 84. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 83. Actor Gemma Jones is 78. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 78. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 76. Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 73. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is

72. Actor Jeff Bridges is 71. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 69. Actor Patricia Wettig is 69. Actor Tony Todd is 66. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 65. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 65. Rock musician Bob Griffin (formerly with The BoDeans) is 61. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge

is 58. Actor Marisa Tomei is 56. Actor Chelsea Noble is 56. Actor-comedian Fred Armisen is 54. Rapper Jay-Z is 51. Actor Kevin Sussman is 50. Actor-model Tyra Banks is 47. Country singer Lila McCann is 39. Actor Lindsay Felton is 36. Actor Orlando Brown is 33. Actor Scarlett Estevez (TV: "Lucifer") is 13.

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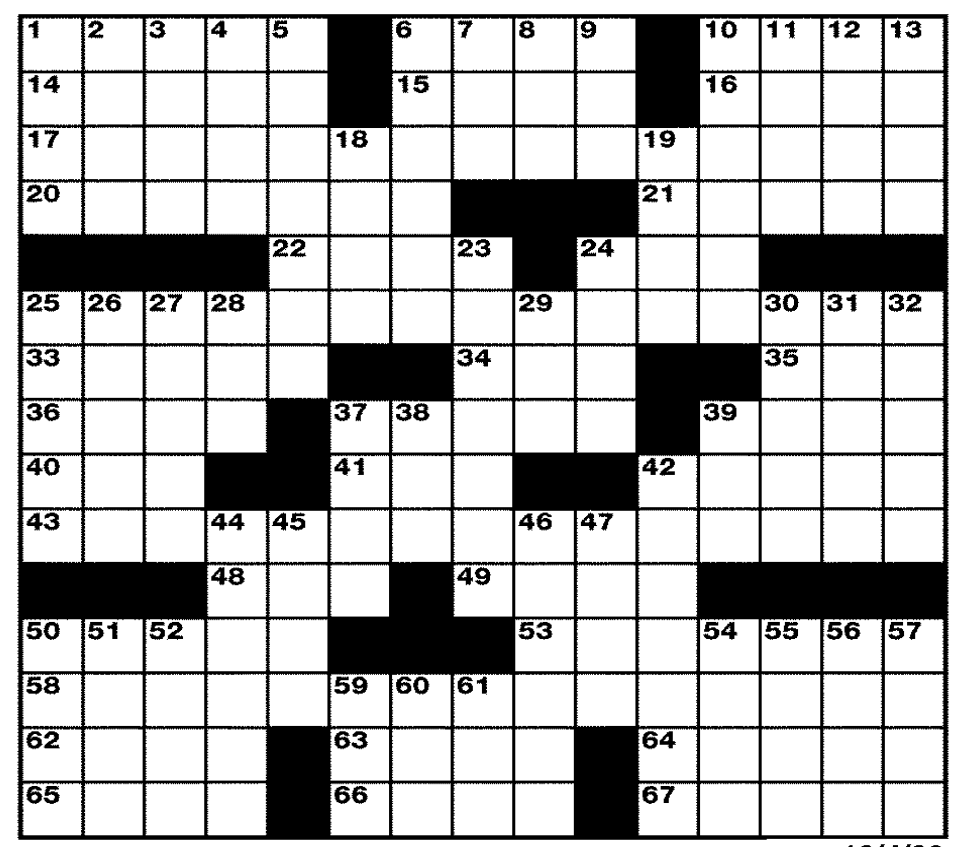
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  - 14 Way weird
  - 15 Bear in the air
  - 16 Natural healer
  - 17 Surface-to-air, part 1
  - 20 Assents
  - 21 Fathomless depth
  - 22 What the tired often take
  - 24 Fearful feeling
  - 25 Surface-to-air, part 2
  - 33 *Portrait of a Lady* author
  - 34 Parlor's production
  - 35 Stem of the sea
  - 36 Put a name to
  - 37 Surface-to-air, part 3
  - 39 Signore's sweetheart
  - 40 Harangue
  - 41 Family name in Nottingham
  - 42 Multi-Oscar lyricist Cahn
  - 43 Surface-to-air, part 4
  - 48 Brief confirmation
  - 49 "Bye"
  - 50 Note beside G
  - 53 Highly significant
  - 58 Surface-to-air conclusion
  - 62 Heckle
  - 63 Frequent pro tennis ailer
  - 64 Utah's \_\_\_ Range
  - 65 Irishwoman who's sung in 10 languages

- DOWN**
- 1 Very much
  - 2 Paranormal light
  - 3 Legal stoppage
  - 4 Sword-shaped bloom
  - 5 Nairobi natives
  - 6 Tuition recipient
  - 7 Time to remember
  - 8 Long-term success for CBS
  - 9 '70s sci-fi guy
  - 10 Main Street merchant
  - 11 Pond's competitor
  - 12 Bedazzles
  - 13 See-through glass
  - 18 Mao successor
  - 19 Rapper's pal
  - 23 Part of West Virginia's border
  - 24 Underground diggers
  - 25 Record-setting activity
  - 26 Extrasensory awareness
  - 27 What Plato spelled his name with
  - 28 United
  - 29 Had the role of
  - 30 Former USO Honorary Chairman
  - 31 Underground diggers
  - 32 Convinces to decide
  - 37 Some made-in-Mexico SUVs
  - 38 Play that introduced "robot"
  - 39 Southern \_\_\_ (Selleck's school)
  - 42 Take quickly and eagerly
  - 44 Anthem excerpt
  - 45 See 59 Down
  - 46 Reddish brown
  - 47 Drains
  - 50 Subdivision section
  - 51 Crème brûlée cousin
  - 52 Averse to activity
  - 54 Muse of history
  - 55 Large portion of yarn
  - 56 Hold 'em ritual
  - 57 Principal part
  - 59 With 45 Down, watches Spot, say
  - 60 Pelican State sch.
  - 61 PD transmission





# Changing of the guard: Rockets, Wiz make Westbrook-Wall deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Russell Westbrook is headed to the Washington Wizards and John Wall is moving to the Houston Rockets in a significant swap of point guards — one an MVP, the other a No. 1 overall draft pick — just weeks before the season starts.

The Wizards shipped a future lottery-protected first round pick to the Rockets on Wednesday night.

"Having the opportunity to acquire a player of Russell's caliber and character was something that we could not pass up when looking at both the immediate and long-term future of our team," Wizards general manager Tommy Sheppard said in a release. "With that said, the decision to part ways with John, one of the greatest players in franchise history, was extremely difficult. What he has meant to our organization and our community is immeasurable and will not be forgotten."

While Wall has played his entire professional career in the nation's capital, the move ends Westbrook's tenure in Houston after just one disappointing season. He arrived from Oklahoma City in July 2019 for Chris Paul and draft picks.

The Rockets had hoped that the 32-year-old Westbrook would be the final piece they needed to win their first title since winning back-to-back championships in 1994-95. But instead, Houston was eliminated from the playoffs by the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers in the Western semifinals. Westbrook was the 2017 NBA MVP and is a nine-time All-Star, but has failed to win a title.

Many questioned whether the pairing of two ball-dominant guards like Westbrook and James Harden would work in Houston, but the longtime friends insisted that it would. After

the Rockets were sent home from the playoffs early again, rumors started to swirl that the two weren't happy in Houston and both wanted out.

But after spending years building their entire team around Harden, who won MVP honors in 2018, the Rockets weren't interested in parting with him. This move could be new general manager Rafael Stone's way of appeasing Harden so the Rockets can continue their quest for a title this season instead of rebuilding without the superstar. Stone was promoted to GM last month after Daryl Morey stepped down before quickly taking a job with the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Westbrook-Wall deal works under the NBA's rules because the two players are owed about the same amount: Each gets more than \$80 million over the next two seasons, plus each has a player option of more than \$45 million for 2022-23.

And both were looking to move on. Wall, the No. 1 overall pick out of Kentucky in the 2010 draft, became the face of the franchise for Washington, a five-time All-Star who repeatedly helped get his team to the playoffs.

But Wall's Wizards never reached 50 wins in a season or made it past the conference semifinals.

Wall, who is 30, has averaged 19 points and 9.2 assists for his career.

He has been troubled by injuries of late, appearing in only 41 games in 2017-18 because of left knee surgery, then just 32 in 2018-19 because of a left heel problem that required an operation. While recovering from that, Wall tore his left Achilles tendon and

sat out all of last season.

After a report surfaced that Wall wanted out of Washington, Sheppard said on Nov. 23 that Wall "didn't request" to be moved when they spoke that morning.

"There's no plans to trade John," Sheppard said during a video conference with reporters that day.

He said he and Wall speak "pretty much every other day" and characterized their relationship as "very, very close."

"There's no issues with John and I," Sheppard said then. "There's no issues with John and the Wizards."

But he also reaffirmed that his plan is to build around shooting guard Bradley Beal, whose scoring average of 30.5 points last season was second in the league behind Harden.

After a stretch of getting to the post-season four times in five years, Washington has missed the playoffs each of the past two seasons, losing 47 games

last season and 50 the season before.

Hall of Famer Magic Johnson believes the pairing of Beal and Westbrook will be what the Wizards need to be a contender in the Eastern Conference.

"Everyone now has to watch out for the Wizards! They traded for Russell Westbrook today," Johnson tweeted. "(Westbrook)/(Beal) will terrorize the East and make the Wizards a playoff team."

Wall was beloved in Washington and team owner Ted Leonsis lauded the player and his contributions to the team and city in a series of tweets Wednesday night.

"He has been a great, all-star caliber player and a fantastic citizen and leader in our community," Leonsis wrote. "I am proud of how hard John has worked to come back to the league after two years away from competing. Our fans, our franchise and I will miss him very much."

## NFL SCHEDULE WEEK THIRTEEN

### Away Team

New Orleans Saints (9-2) @  
Detroit Lions (4-7) @  
Cleveland Browns (8-3) @  
Cincinnati Bengals (2-8-1) @  
Jacksonville Jaguars (1-10) @  
Las Vegas Raiders (6-5) @  
Indianapolis Colts (7-4) @  
Los Angeles Rams (7-4) @  
New York Giants (4-7) @  
Philadelphia Eagles (3-7-1) @  
New England Patriots (5-6) @  
Denver Broncos (4-7) @

### Away Team

Washington (4-7) @  
Buffalo Bills (8-3) @

### Away Team

Dallas Cowboys (3-8) @

### SUNDAY

#### Home Team

Atlanta Falcons (4-7) 12:00 p.m. (FOX)  
Chicago Bears (5-6) 12:00 p.m. (FOX)  
Tennessee Titans (8-3) 12:00 p.m. (CBS)  
Miami Dolphins (7-4) 12:00 p.m. (CBS)  
Minnesota Vikings (5-6) 12:00 p.m. (CBS)  
New York Jets (0-11) 12:00 p.m. (CBS)  
Houston Texans (4-7) 12:00 p.m. (CBS)  
Arizona Cardinals (6-5) 3:05 p.m. (FOX)  
Seattle Seahawks (8-3) 3:05 p.m. (FOX)  
Green Bay Packers (8-3) 3:25 p.m. (CBS)  
Los Angeles Chargers (3-8) 3:25 p.m. (CBS)  
Kansas City Chiefs (10-1) 7:20 p.m. (NBC)

### MONDAY

#### Home Team

Pittsburgh Steelers (11-0) 4:00 p.m. (FOX)  
San Francisco 49ers (5-6) 7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

### TUESDAY

#### Home Team

Baltimore Ravens (6-5) 7:05 p.m. (FOX)

## Texas heads to K-State with Herman's future in spotlight

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — The end of Charlie Strong's tenure at Texas was probably sealed with a late-season loss to lowly Kansas.

Four years later, Tom Herman's tenure could likewise be decided in the Sunflower State.

The Longhorns begin a two-game finishing stretch against Kansas State and the Jayhawks with a trip to Manhattan on Saturday, and the dominant storyline this week is whether Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte is counting down the days on Herman's time in Austin.

Recruiting is down. Rumblyings about Urban Meyer taking over the Longhorns are pervasive. Players have continued to opt out, leaving Herman with a depleted roster for the finishing stretch. And perhaps most importantly, Texas likely will sit out the Big 12 title game again, regardless of what happens against the Wildcats and Kansas.

"If you truly love the game of football and you love your teammates and you love this program, and you're doing it for the right reasons, every game matters," Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger said. "It's another opportunity to play the game you love. I think every game matter, regardless of what you're playing for. Obviously it adds a little extra motivation when you have a championship within sight, but it will really show who loves the game of football for the game of football."

Many of the same thoughts are probably running through the Kansas State program.

While the Longhorns (5-3, 4-3 Big 12) have lost all their games by a touchdown or less, the Wildcats (4-5, 4-4) will be trying to rebound from a last-second loss to Baylor in which they controlled the game almost the entire way. It was Kansas State's fourth consecutive loss, a stinging slide in which the team's youth and inexperience has been put on full display.

"It always wears on you, without question," Wild-

cats coach Chris Klieman said. "If you're a competitor or a winner like all those kids are and hate losing, it ticks you off. We have had opportunities. All that being said, you can't let it linger."

Especially when the Wildcats still have an opportunity to end the season in a bowl game.

"Absolutely. We need time and we need practice time. We need development time," Klieman said. "We are a developmental program, and when we lose the time that we did with these guys, we have to find ways to get that back. If a bowl game allows us to get that extra time back, we definitely want to be a part of it."

### MISSING PIECES

Texas had two key players opt of the final two games when left tackle Sam Cosmi and safety Caden Sterns, both of them team captains, announced this week they would enter the NFL draft. That could leave freshman Andrej Karic to protect Ehlinger's backside and Montrell Estell to fill in the gaps in the deep secondary.

Ehling said he would "never do that" when asked about opting out with games left to play, and defensive lineman Ta'Quan Graham said: "I'm kind of disappointed (Sterns) won't be with us to finish the ride, but I'm happy for him."

### MORE ON HERMAN

Herman, who has three seasons left on a contract paying him about \$6 million per year, batted away questions about his future this week, saying he wants to focus on the players. Del Conte has been noticeably silent about the coach and the program in recent weeks.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Texas kicker Cameron Dicker, who booted the winning field against the Wildcats on the final play last season, is doing double duty as the punter for injured starter Ryan Bujcevski. Dicker averaged 40.5 yards on two punts against Iowa State, but

his fake-punt pass attempt came up short of a first down and he barely missed a tying 58-yarder as time expired.

### SENIOR SEND-OFF

Kansas State will honor 20 seniors during its final home game, though Klieman said there's a good chance some of them will be back next season. He began having conversations with those players Monday, but he also encouraged them to enjoy what could be their last chance to play in Manhattan rather than worry about the future.

### THIRD-QUARTER WOES

Kansas State has been outscored 35-0 in the third quarter of the last four games, but Klieman said there is no secret to the problems.

"It's execution. That's the bottom line," he said. "Without question it's hurt us this year in critical times, and we have to keep improving and keep shoring it up because we have to be good in all the quarters."

## Schedule changes for Bulldogettes Basketball

### Special to the Herald

SCHEDULE UPDATE: Start times for the Bulldogettes at Fort Stockton match on Friday have been moved up. JV girls now play at 4 p.m. and the varsity game begins at 5:30 p.m. Game times for the varsity and JV Bulldogs home games against Eldorado are still the same. JV boys begin at 5 p.m. and varsity is at 6:30 p.m. Please bear with us as changes in weather and pandemic conditions can cause multiple adjustments in scheduling.

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## BASKET

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Parents of kids playing the first game, are asked to leave their seat once their daughter is done so accommodations can be made for others coming in to the next games. Same goes for the following games and so on. This is to help allow everyone to watch

their athlete and support their teams, while remaining safe and following UIL and COVID guidelines.

Attendees will be asked to leave a chair/space between you and someone who is not in your family, and only every other row will be open for seating. There will be 50% seating capacity.

Restrooms will be open and sanitized. Please, no outside food

or drink, unless it is water for your daughter.

Go out and support your Steers and Lady Steers in a safe way this Friday night and next Monday in Levelland.

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