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BSISD Board of Trustees announce upcoming election dates

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer
 The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees convened yesterday afternoon to discuss their annual delinquent tax report, upcoming election dates, and provided various updates regarding COVID-19 and enrollment.



Courtesy photo/KBest Media
Big Spring Board of Trustees were each adopted by a school and recognized with a gift basket. Pictured is Patsy Sanchez with BSI honoring Julie Harris.

year and included the following statistics: The total delinquent tax roll as of approximately June 30, 2020, totaled \$1,257,675; the total delinquent tax roll as of Oct. 9, 2020, now totals approximately \$2,097,542 with the addition of the 2019 turnover in July; the total DTR includes approximately \$78,408 of 33.05 taxes to be removed from the DTR, making an actual DTR of \$2,019,134; as of Dec. 14, 2020, the initial turnover has already been reduced by just over -40% in the first five months of collection; also as of Dec. 14, 2020, the total delinquent tax roll for Big Spring ISD totals \$1,931,536.

President Fabian Serrano called the meeting to order and a moment was taken for prayer and pledge. Trustees also gave a moment for public comment, but after none was made, the Board moved into the annual delinquent tax report.

Mott LLP are the delinquent tax attorneys for the local taxing entities. The annual report given was for delinquent tax collections for the past

Tracy Crites with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott LLP noted large turnover increases for BSISD

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Upcoming Events

City and County offices will be closed Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Large Item Pick Up Jan. 20 deadline to schedule Jan. 19

SMMC Virtual Hiring Event Jan. 19-20

Silver Wings Ball 5:30 p.m. cocktails 6:45 p.m. dinner The Club at Silver Hills Jan. 30

Big Spring Area Chamber Banquet 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11

Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance when possible.

Heritage Museum hosting the Caboose Watercolor Art Show through Feb. 23

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer
 The Caboose Watercolor Society in collaboration with the Heritage Museum is hosting The Caboose Watercolor Show from Jan. 12 through Feb. 23. The art show will take place during regular museum hours Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Heritage Museum is also offering virtual tours of the exhibit

it during the dates listed. The Caboose Watercolor Society began in Big Spring in 1997. The name for the society was derived from the location of where the organization first began in downtown Big Spring. Three of Big Spring Art Association members— including Carole Berry, Linda Rupard, and Kay Smith – began The Caboose Watercolor Society in order to promote art throughout the



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Pictured at right is a piece done by local artist Kay Smith at one of the previous Caboose Watercolor Art Shows at the Heritage museum.

COVID-19 Updates

At this time, Scenic Mountain Medical Center does not have any Covid-19 vaccines in house. Updates can be found on the SMMC website.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/14/2021:
 • 11 Covid-19 positive patients
 • 3 in ICU & 2 vents

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 14:
 • 2839 tests
 • 735 positives for 25.9% positivity rate
 • 6 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 13, 903 patients have tested of which 225 were positive for a rate of 24.9% positivity. 6 tests are pending.

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

Gregg Street Clinic
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910 S Main St
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 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

West Texas Medical Plaza
 1501 W 11th Place
 Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Big Spring Urgent Care
 1700 W. FM 700
 Suite B

Affordacare
 710 S. Gregg Street

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

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Thank a Veteran Day



Courtesy photo/Kellie Stolle
The featured Veteran of the Month for January is Nicholas Marrero. He served in the United States Army.

"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day", and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."



Courtesy image/KBest Media

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018. God Bless our veterans!

If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.

Special to the Herald

West Texas VA Medical Center
 Each month, Big Spring recognizes the 15th of the month as Thank a Veteran Day. This is an opportunity to raise awareness and remind the community about not only the sacrifices that were made for our freedom, but to highlight those who made those

sacrifices. This month, our featured Veteran is Nicholas Marrero. Marrero served in the Army from April 2002 to April 2007 as a Military Police Officer, had split service, and re-enlisted from July 2009 to April 2012 and served in the field artillery.

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Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday, Jan. 16. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will take place from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. American Legion is located at 3203 W Hwy 80. To call in an order, 432-263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

• Large Item pick up for District 1 is taking place Jan. 20. The last day to schedule a pickup is Jan. 19 (Monday). Those 60 and older who are in need of assistance to get items to the curb, contact ALSA Car Club or Nick Ornelas, City Council representative for District 1.

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid. Both classes will be virtual.

• A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

• 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 (Big Springsymphony.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.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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 in the Cactus Room. This month they will meet on Jan. 20 in the Cactus Room. 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 group will be meeting at Dragon China. 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 2nd 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 garyl-teagle1987@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.

• 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JACE DELANE MINCE**, 31, of 7206 S. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of warrant – other agency.
- **JAMES ELTON SHERROD**, 23, of 801 E. Front Street, Stanton, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 53, of 405 N. Moss Lake Road, was arrested on charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence and warrant – other agency.
- **BRENDA THOMPSON PARTON**, 51, of 600 Tubb Loop Road, was arrested on a charge of violation protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/school.
- **KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN**, 37, of 1400 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on charge of warrant – other agency (x4).
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster Street.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3500 block of E. I-20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of 1st Avenue.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Johnson Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on charges of motion to revoke parole/theft property (\$100 to \$750), expired registration, driving while license invalid (DWLI), and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **EDGAR RAUL CORDOVA**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JACE DELANE MINE**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fail to comply sex off duty registration to reg life/annual.
- **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.
- **BRENDA DEAN PARTON**, 51, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of violate bond/protective order.
- **JAMES ELTON SHERROD**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 12 block of Val Verde. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of Conally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Barnes. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 5th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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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 Sat-

urday 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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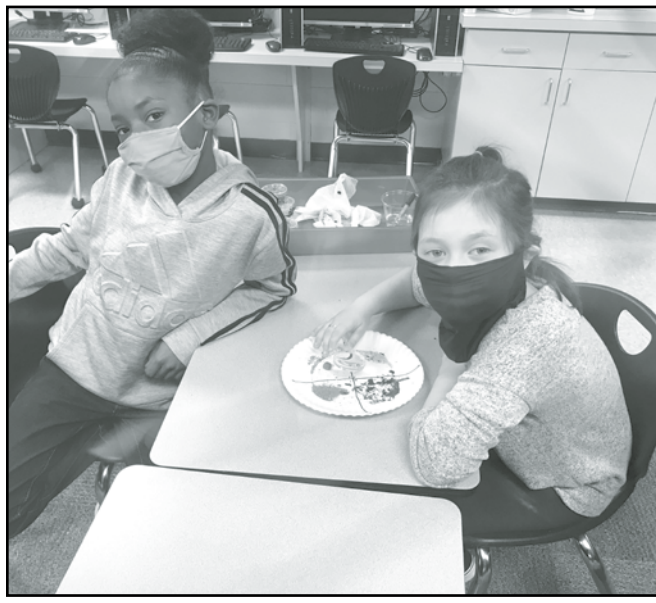
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Playing in the dirt ... Forsan 3rd Graders learn about soil properties in science class



Courtesy photos

Third graders explored soil samples on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 in Mrs. Rhodes' Science class at Forsan Elementary. During the introduction lesson, students described the properties of four different sample by observing it before and after they added water. They were amazed that each one had unique qualities. Every student reported to have learned something new. One student even commented that they never knew learning about soil could be so much fun.

BSISD

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and future plans to repair the impact it made. "Your turnover was up almost \$600,000. That's a big increase in turnover. I think that's directly related to COVID and oil prices. That's something to keep in mind that we need to work at," Crites said. "The 2019 tax year was turned over to us July 1, 2020, and we've already reduced that about 41%. That's a good start... Last year was a good start, we just had a bad ending with COVID. This year we're looking to push that through. I'm going to be disappointed if we're not over 60%."

Trustees then moved into the upcoming election dates for the May 1, 2021 Election. There are two Trustee chairs up for election and include District Two, who currently has Maria Padilla up for re-election, and District Four, who currently has Melissa Miller up for re-election.

During the meeting, Director of Business Services Melissa Tarbet noted that the first day to file is Jan. 13, 2021, and the last day to file is Feb. 12, 2021. Early voting begins on April 19, 2021.

Trustees also held action on a resolution to enter into a Joint Election Agreement (JEA) with the City of Big Spring. According to Tarbet, the resolution was simply a formality that occurred every year and needed to be voted on per the upcoming election.

Trustee Tom Olague made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Trustee Julie Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

Afterward, the Board began to discuss HB3 Goals and considered the adoption of three goals.

The goals are listed as follows, according to Assistant Superintendent Raimi Thompson: The Early Childhood Literacy goal states the percentage of third-grade students that score "Meets Grade Level or Above" on STAAR reading will increase from 24% to 44% by June of 2024. The Early Childhood Math goal states the percentage of third-grade students that score "Meets Grade Level or Above" on the STAAR math will increase from 36% to 44% by June 2024.

Several Trustees spoke on the need to have more college-ready students and what it would take to get them there. Ideas were discussed on creating a CCMR goal to have more students TSI compliant, to further break down barriers of attending higher education, and create an expectation of moving onto college after high school.

"A large number of our seniors are enrolled in our College Prep Course and that's where we're getting most of our CCMR points from. I would like to see them pass the TSI," Thompson said.

Thompson made note that efforts are being made to make BSISD a testing site in order to better serve its students. There was even conversation regarding making the TSI a final exam for the College Prep Course or having a shuttle and funding for students to take the TSI test at Howard College.

"We have Howard College in our backyard, there's no reason why we're not having more kids attend Howard College," Thompson said.

Eventually, Trustees decided to adopt a CCMR goal that states the percent of graduating students that exceed the threshold for CCMR Outcomes Bonus for college or career ready will increase from 0% to 24% by August 2024.

Once a goal is adopted, the Board cannot lower the goal's amount until after four years. Board goals are also required to be posted on the school's website by the end of the month.

Trustee Manny Chavira moved to approve the HB3 Goals and was seconded by Trustee Tom Olague. The motion passed in a 6 to 0 vote.

Prior to the Superintendent's Report, the consideration of approvals for donations also took place with donations given by an anonymous donor in the amount of \$2,500 to be used how BSISD chooses and a donation from Jacob Cavazos in the amount of \$2,500 to be used towards baseball uniforms.

Trustee Maria Padilla moved to approve the donations and was seconded by Trustee Manny Chavira. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Jay McWilliams also discussed employment recommendations that included two new Marcy Elementary employees, which were approved by the Board.

Afterward, the Board adjourned into a lengthy Executive Session to discuss and deliberate personnel issues.

Other topics discussed during the meeting included:

- * Report on cooperative fees paid by Big Spring ISD
- * Approval of Dec. 10, 2020 Board Minutes for regular meeting
- * Financial reports
- * Superintendent's Report
- * Board training requirements

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VETERAN

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"The time spent during my deployments not only helped me learn about other people and to serve my country," said Marrero. "But helped me learn more about myself as a person."

Marrero completed two combat tours to Iraq and one to Afghanistan over his two service periods.

He went on to explain that his fondest memories are of meeting some of the best people he had ever met and being able to visit other countries - something he likely would never have done if not for his service in the Army.

Departing the Army and joining civilian life, Marrero quickly realized that the transition was not going to be easy.

After separating from the Army for the second time, Marrero decided to go to college, where he earned his associate degree in Psychology, and subsequently earned his bachelor's degree.

"As a Veteran, I went into the field of Social Work with the mindset of helping other Veterans," said Marrero. "I was fortunate enough to start an internship on a PTSD unit during my last year of graduate school, which really made me want to continue to work with VA."

West Texas VA Health Care System is honored to have Marrero as part of team. Marrero joined the WTVAHCS in September 2020 as a Social Worker, focusing on Housing and Urban Development programs which serve homeless Veterans.

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Honoring local veterans for their service



Courtesy photo

H.D. Carroll and his son are both veterans. H.D. Carroll (pictured on the right) served in the U.S. Army. He was on active duty from Feb. 15, 1956 until he was released from active duty on Feb. 28, 1962. Carroll - a combat aid man in the medical branch - was honorably discharged.

ART

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community of Howard County. There are currently six members, with Estelle Howard (aged 102) still continuing to paint.

Typically, members will meet at each other's studios to critique their different works of art. The Caboose Watercolor Society does not host regular meetings and attempts to delve into different forms of medium together.

"We do this to promote art as a cultural endeavor," The Caboose Art Society member Kay Smith said. "It's for the art education and for the community and we'll continue doing it as long as we're still functioning."

For this exhibit, there will be various types of mediums being used. The show will include works with acrylics, mixed media, collage, and ink. There are also times where themes and subjects are chosen for each artist to provide their take on such as western or cats.

"We're looking forward to adding different media - such as mixed media - to our array of work," Smith said.

Usually, there is a reception held in order to meet the artist, but due to the current pandemic, one will not take place. The Caboose Watercolor Society invites the community to attend the event and relish in the talented artists in Howard County.

"Come out and explore each artist's work and see some different styles and approaches to making it," Smith said. "It's just new, novel ideas that we have, that no one has seen before."

Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry. For more information, contact the Heritage Museum at 432-267-8255.

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Maria Soliz, 65, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Arlyne Lynn Morton, 88, of Colorado City, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Psalm 91: 14-16



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Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

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, January 17th - Join us this Sunday at 11:00AM for our onsite & online worship service.. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, January 20th - Join us ONSITE & ON-LINE this Wednesday at our 7:00PM worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. Let us explore the Bible together and see 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 11:00AM worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday 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 9:00AM (onsite) 11:00AM (onsite & online) and Wednesday at 7:00PM (onsite) for worship services.

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

NazFamily Church

This Sunday
Where do you stay? I have always thought that is an interesting way to ask where someone lives. It is one of those unique phrases, but I think it really resonates with me today. We may pass through all kinds of places, but we chose where to stay, to dwell, to abide. And what is growing in our life is directly related to our dwell-

ing place. You won't want to miss this Sunday as we continue exploring First John together and learn to Abide in the Anointing.

The Bridge
The New Year ushers in a new time and location for the NazFamily Bridge Campus. This Sunday, the



Bridge will begin a 5:00pm worship service at our 1400 S. Lancaster location. All are welcome!

Dell McGuire Memorial
We will be hosting a Memorial Service on Saturday, January 16th @ 1:00pm to remember and celebrate the life of Dell McGuire. All are invited. Please continue to lift up the McGuire family in your prayers.

Food Boxes
Every Tuesday & Thursday we make food boxes available in our church office from 10am - 12pm for anyone in need. If you know someone who needs an extra blessing they can come by the office at that time or contact us at 432-267-7015.

Connect
If you would like to begin a vibrant relationship with God as a follower of Jesus, or if you would like to learn more about how you can get involved at NazFamily Church, one of our pastors would love to talk to you. Please contact us at church@nazfamily.org.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our ser-



VICES. 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.

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 a.m., Worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Doctrine of The Bible. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To contact the church office or Pastor Brian Michaelz, call 432-517-4821. This coming Sunday.... Pastor Michaelz sermon will be: "Simple Peace"

John 16:33
The life of our congregation is a balance between long lasting traditions, strong biblical teaching, enthusiasm for rational thought and true Christian love and support. We believe in what God is doing in our lives. We invite you to see if His Spirit is calling you to find a place to grow here at First Christian Church.

The pandemic and quarantines have been transformational moments for our world and our churches. We

now have an incredible opportunity to hit the reset button. God is reminding us how really important the Church is.

Don't let excuses stand in the way of what you know God is calling you to do. God will strengthen you and empower you to do what he has called you to do.

First Christian Church is a place where you can belong, meet some great friends and experience a new beginning in life.

To find out more information about First Christian Church or to see the online service join Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/group/fccbigspring

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.

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!!

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or email us at aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am 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.

The readings for this Sunday are 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 , 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and John 1:43-51. The psalm is Psalm 139:1-10

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back . 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.

Pope says women can read at Mass, but still can't be priests

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis changed church law Monday to explicitly allow women to do more things during Mass, granting them access to the most sacred place on the altar, while continuing to affirm that they cannot be priests.

Francis amended the law to formalize and institutionalize what is common practice in many parts of the world: Women can be installed as lectors, to read Scripture, and serve on the altar as eucharistic ministers. Previously, such roles were officially reserved to men even though exceptions were made.

Francis said he was making the change to increase recognition of the "precious contribution" women make in the church, while emphasizing that all baptized Catholics have a role to play in the church's mission.

But he also noted that doing so further makes a distinction between "ordained" ministries such as the priesthood and diaconate, and ministries open to qualified laity. The Vatican reserves the priesthood for men.

The change comes as Francis remains under pressure to allow women to be deacons — ministers who perform many of the same functions as priests, such as presiding at weddings, baptisms and funerals. Currently, the ministry is reserved for men even though historians say the ministry was performed by women in the early church.

Francis has created a second commission of experts to study whether women could be deacons, after a first one reported on the history of women deacons in the early church.

Advocates for expanding the diaconate to include women say doing so would give women greater say in the ministry and governance of the church, while also helping address priest shortages in several parts of the world.

Christmas unites community after fire guts historic church

NEW YORK (AP) — At Christmases past, parishioners at Middle Collegiate in New York City rejoiced over gospel hymns, carols and soul tunes played on a Steinway piano that is now only metal and ashes after the historic church was destroyed this month by fire.

"Our brass doors are warped, our glass is shattered, our beams have fallen down," said the Rev. Jacqui Lewis, the church's senior minister. "The sanctuary is gutted. We are gutted."

It seemed a tragic coda to an already-difficult year in which the congregation has met only virtually for nine months due to the pandemic. But amid the grief, Lewis asked parishioners to "worship God with joy" when they observed the fourth Sunday of Advent last weekend.

And they did — remotely, still, for safety reasons. Kids and teens sang carols in front of Christmas trees at home, parents lit candles and smiling families wished each other season's greetings, all reinforcing Lewis' and congregants' conviction that the church is more than the beloved stone building where they formerly gathered.



Submit your church news to the Big Spring Herald and let the community know how to join in on your services this holiday season. Email church news to editor@bigspringherald.com

Reflections: A Vaccine For the Ages

Now that a vaccine is available, it seems like the holy grail, the cure all that will make it possible to keep our grandchildren, host friends for dinner, visit restaurants, attend church, go to the movies and travel. I have vague memories of those days and long for them once again.

All over the world, nations and peoples are lining up to be vaccinated. We are grateful to the medical and scientific community that has broken all records to develop an effective vaccine that will deliver us, and to the front line workers who have cared for Covid casualties.

Not everyone wants a vaccine. Not everyone trusts them. It seems like the best bet to me, but it is confusing. I called my primary care physician's office to see if they had access to the vaccine. They said I would have to call a specialist. I called a specialist who had treated me a year ago. They said I needed to call my primary care physician. So far, I have signed up on two lists that promise to call when they have a vaccine available. But, for now, I will remain cautious, distanced from friends and family and wait.

This is my first pandemic. This has never happened in my lifetime. But then, I am only 74. My grandparents went through the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918, but they never talked about it. I guess the atrocities of World War I overshadowed it. But then, they never talked about that either.

On the other hand, I have been living through a far more deadly pandemic all of my life, a pandemic that has afflicted every generation since the dawn of humanity. It is far more insidious and deadly than Covid-19. It is the pan-

demical that afflicts us all.

Everyone recognizes the symptoms of this universal deadly disease: lying, theft, lust, selfishness, greed, anger, prejudice, deception, envy, jealousy, violence. The Bible puts it this way, "Sin entered the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). Here lies the root of our suffering in the world. Just as James says, "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel" (James 4:1-2).

Fortunately God has provided a "vaccine," a cure that not only deals with the consequences of sin, but destroys the power of sin. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried and that He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures. ... Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is your victory? O death where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:57)

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting [g]the members of your body to sin as [h] instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you" (Romans 6:12-14).

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



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Something to think about...

"Actions speak louder than words!" Max DePree, the well-known businessman and author, is fond of saying that beliefs shape practices. What we really believe will inevitably impact our behavior. What we do flows from what we hold to be true. What DePree is getting at is something that Jesus also clearly teaches. What we think we believe and what we actually believe are not always the same thing. Our actions reveal

what is really in our heart.

Then again, what we believe and the truth are not always the same thing either. I might sing (in my best R & B voice), "I believe I can fly! I believe I can touch the sky!" But, I don't actually believe I can fly. If I really believed that, then you might see me jump off Hotel Settles. What we believe inevitably impacts our behavior. Of course, if I did back up that belief with action, I would find it was a stupid belief. It's not true. I cannot fly, some days I can barely walk. What we believe is not always based on the Truth. Faulty faith can be dangerous and deadly.

I know that is an extreme example, but I offer it to make a point. There

are all kinds of things that we say we believe, we may even think we believe, but in reality we don't believe it at all. Our actions tell another story. Here is an honest question: if we cannot give some of our time or money to God, what makes us think that a we would lay down our lives for Him? And if we haven't laid down our lives, then we are not fully following Jesus.

We might call ourselves a Christian. We may say that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, but what do our practices tell us? In Matthew 7:21, Jesus declared, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Those words come

after what we often refer to as the Sermon on the Mount, which is full of clear, but difficult teaching. Jesus then follows it by saying, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who build his house on the rock." In other words, Jesus tells us, "Your actions, your behaviors, the way you live your life testifies if you are true disciple or not." It is not about our lips it is about our lives. I have to ask, do you really believe Him? What are you going to do about it?

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ~ 1 John 3:18 NIV



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Expectations

Christmas has come and gone. Did you get what you expected? The New Year arrived with snow—not what Howard County expected—I'm sure. Now we are into our third week of a snowy New Year—What are we expecting now? Elections are basically over—with some regrets for one party—elation for another. But what do you expect?

For some people this world is not our home—we are only passing through. For others this is the only heaven they will see—we won't go any further with that thought. But for those who claim Heaven as their eternal home—what do they expect?

I really don't think we will celebrate Dec. 25th as the birthday of our King Jesus. I really don't think we will celebrate Jan. 1st as the New Year. I really don't think we will have elections for a new King. Jesus is the only one worthy of worship.

I do know the place He has been preparing for my eternal Home since He left this earth, will be perfect. I do know the Presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords will fill all of Heaven with His glory. I do know in Whom I have

believed and know that He is able to deliver me from this place of uncertainty.

When things don't turn out the way we think they should, we need to focus on what's really important. When we are disappointed with life, we need to turn to the Giver of life. When people lose their lives to Covid or accidents, or other calamities, we need Jesus to comfort and sustain us in every situation.

He is the Master of the wind and waves that threaten our very existence. We can trust Him to lead us through the mayhem of another year, and show us the way through the maze called life.

Life isn't fair, it doesn't play by our rules, and it certainly has its consequences for wrong choices. But Jesus came to give His World life, and that more abundant. No one can go down the wrong path when we trust Him. The expectations of the righteous in Jesus will find joy, peace, and contentment. Try Him—you will find Him worth more than any of your own expectations.



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Jesus' New Commandment

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

Jesus' new commandment is not in addition to Moses' ten. This is a brand-new commandment. This commandment is not subservient to Moses' ten commandments because it completely replaces the ten. When Jesus says that He is giving us a new commandment, He is not saying that there are now eleven commandments instead of ten. Neither did Jesus give us this new commandment that we might better keep the ten. On the contrary, Jesus gave us a new commandment because we were never able to keep the ten.

Everything that Jesus has done for us has been founded on His easy yoke, His light burden, and His meek and lowly heart. And when He tells us that

He has given us a new commandment, He is talking about a commandment that is simple and easy to keep because He says – love one another, as I have loved you. Jesus loved us by loving us first. The old commandment says – love thy neighbor as thyself. But what am I supposed to do on those days when I cannot love myself because I have broken one of the ten commandments? I guess my neighbour is out of luck because I'm gonna judge him just as I have judged myself for being a law-breaker. In this case, I cannot love because the only thing that I have to give and convey is the guilt and shame of my sin.

I have never been able to love my neighbour as myself for two reasons. First, I don't see much in myself that encourages me to love myself. Can someone please tell me how I am supposed to love myself if all of my righteousnesses are as filthy rags? Second, I have never been able to love my

neighbour as myself because I am too self-centered. On the days that I was able to do enough "good" things so as to love myself, I didn't want to share any of my self-love with anybody because I had worked too hard to do enough "good" to love myself (I was too busy loving myself).

But under Jesus' new commandment, I can always love my neighbour, even on the days when I do sin because I am no longer under the curse of the old commandment. Jesus' new commandment empowers me to love my neighbour because this is God's love, not mine. And the best way to love my neighbour is by telling him about Jesus' new love commandment – that God loved us first.



TOM
SLOAN

Sheriff: Pastor dead, 2 hurt in shooting at Texas church

WINONA, Texas (AP) — A 21-year-old man who hid from police in an East Texas church was charged with first-degree murder and felony assault in a shooting that left the pastor dead and two other people injured Sunday, a local sheriff said.

Authorities had been using dogs and drones to search for the man late Saturday in woods near Winona following a car chase, and the pastor of the nearby Starrville Methodist Church discovered him hiding in a church bathroom Sunday morning, Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said at a news conference.

Smith said police were initially pursuing the man because he was suspected of brandishing a shotgun through the sunroof of a Volkswagen Jetta he was driving Saturday. Authorities believe the suspect, identified as 21-year-old Mytrez Deunte Woolen of Marshall, Texas, broke into the church after police had left the area around 2 a.m. Sunday.

Pastor Mark Allen McWilliams, 62, drew a gun and ordered Woolen to stop, Smith said, but Woolen grabbed the weapon and began shooting with it. McWilliams was killed, a second person was injured by gunfire and another was hurt in a fall.

Woolen then stole the pastor's vehicle and fled east before being arrested by deputies in nearby Harrison County, Smith said.

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Sands vs Borden County; Mustangs fall short



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Last Friday the Sands Mustangs took on Borden County. At the end of the night, the girls ended up defeating the Borden County team and the Sands Mustangs boys team ended up falling short.

Milton sparks 76ers past undermanned Heat 125-108

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Shake Milton scored 31 points and Ben Simmons had 10 points, 10 assists and 12 rebounds to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 125-108 win over the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

The Sixers swept the two-game home set against a Heat team that continues to play with a depleted roster because of COVID-related issues. Jimmy Butler, Bam Adebayo and Goran Dragic sat out, and the Heat were roughed up early by Milton, Tyrese Maxey and Tobias Harris.

Consider, the 76ers led 73-58 at the break — with only nine combined points from All-Stars Joel Embiid and Simmons. Embiid has emerged early as one of the top players in the NBA, and a 45-point, 16-rebound game Tuesday against the Heat was one of his best. He had only nine points on Thursday, but was barely needed.

Duncan Robinson led the Heat with 22 points and Gabe Vincent had 21. Simmons had a triple-double a day after he was dangled as trade bait to Houston in a potential deal for James Harden. Harden landed in Brooklyn in a trade that not only made the Nets the new favorites to win the Eastern Con-

ference, it could ruffle the relationship between Simmons and the franchise that made him the No. 1 pick of the 2016 draft. Coach Doc Rivers talked it out with Simmons after trade rumors swirled earlier this season. Rivers and Simmons had a brief chat at shootaround, leaving the new Sixers coach to say everything was fine.

"I'm not going to go inside of Ben's mind. Ben was good," Rivers said. "He was great at shootaround. That's all you can hope for."

The Sixers rolled early with the best record in the NBA until COVID issues sent them on a three-game losing streak -- including a loss last week when they had just seven players against Denver -- but have returned to form as more players returned to the active roster. Milton and Matisse Thybulle returned off the bench and Harris, who had 18 points, was back in the starting lineup. Only starting guard Seth Curry, who tested positive last week for coronavirus, remained sidelined against the Heat.

The combination is good enough for Rivers. "I said it before, I like our team," he said. "I like today after the trade that we

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Allen, Jackson set for playoff showdown as Bills host Ravens

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Ravens coach John Harbaugh was immediately impressed by Buffalo quarterback Josh Allen's competitive fire following their first face-to-face encounter in an NFL setting.

It happened in the 2018 season opener, when the then-raw rookie Bills quarterback was shoved into the Ravens' sideline. Allen hopped up and exchanged words with players and Harbaugh before officials stepped in to separate everyone.

"He came up jawing and talking and shoving and pushing," Harbaugh recalled as fifth-seeded Baltimore (12-5) prepares to face the AFC East champion Bills (14-3) in a divisional playoff Saturday night. "Rookie quarterback. Man, I love this guy."

Allen was only in the game for mop-up duty after Nate Peterman was benched upon throwing his second interception, which led to the Ravens building a 40-0 lead in an eventual 47-3 victory.

What struck Harbaugh is how Allen refused to back down, a quality he also sees in Baltimore's Lamar Jackson, who also made his NFL debut that day as Joe Flacco's backup.

"They've come up on the quote-unquote other side of the tracks from a football perspective where they came up the hard way, doubted often, and had to overcome that," Harbaugh said. "I always like the underdog."

Allen, whom the Bills traded up five spots to select No. 7 in the 2018 draft, had accuracy issues and was dismissed for playing at lowly regarded Wyoming. Jackson, selected 32nd in 2018, was questioned as to whether the dynamic mobility he showed at Louisiana would translate to the NFL.

Three seasons later, both are coming off their first career playoff victories and have their teams one win short of appearing in the AFC championship game.

Jackson made his splash last season when he earned NFL MVP honors after leading the NFL with 36 touchdown passes, 43 combined TDs and became the league's first player to top 3,000 yards passing and 1,000 rushing.

And yet, Jackson failed to silence his critics because he was 0-2 in the playoffs before a 20-13 win at Tennessee last weekend. It was a game in which the Ravens overcame a 10-0 deficit — their largest

in a playoff victory — with Jackson sparking the comeback with an electrifying 48-yard touchdown run.

One win isn't enough. "We know how it feels to be hyped up and we know how it feels to be at your lowest point," Jackson said. "We're focused on Buffalo and we're not trying to let the outside noise or anything like that distract us."

Allen blossomed into a star this season by setting numerous franchise passing and scoring records, number finishing fourth in the NFL in completing 69.2% of his passes — a 10.45% jump over last year.

An NFL MVP candidate, Allen is the key reason the Bills matched a franchise record in winning 13 regular-season games and clinched their first division title in 25 years.

Allen benefitted from spending three years being groomed by offensive coordinator Brian Daboll, and the influx of talent brought in by GM Brandon Beane. The most notable addition this offseason was acquiring Stefon Diggs in a trade with Minnesota.

Much like Jackson, Allen prefers putting the past behind him and focusing on the next challenge.

And yet, he remembered his encounter with Harbaugh, and noted how the two laughed about it the following April when they bumped into each other at The Masters.

"My first game, yeah. I've changed a lot since then. My mannerisms and my temper's a little different than it was back in the day," Allen said. "I don't forget those days. They've helped me get to where I am."

PLAYOFF MODE

Baltimore has been playing with a win-or-done urgency since early December, following a 1-4 skid that dropped it to 6-5.

The Ravens were depleted by a COVID-19 outbreak in a 19-14 loss at Pittsburgh before reeling off six consecutive wins.

"We've had our backs against the wall since the Pittsburgh game," Harbaugh said. "I really think our guys have handled everything exceptionally well."

NO MOSS

Buffalo is without rookie running back Zack Moss, who sustained a season-ending ankle injury last weekend. Coach Sean McDermott said T.J. Yeldon will take over the role behind Devin Singletary. The seventh-year player has just 70 yards on 10 carries, and hasn't played since Oct. 13.

STAR POWER

Baltimore accomplished its objective in limiting the NFL's leading rusher, Tennessee's Derrick Henry, to 40 yards on 18 attempts.

Now the Ravens turn their attention to having contain the league's leading receiver in Diggs.

"I feel like we have some of the top run-stoppers in the league up front, and we have some of the top corners on the outside, as well," Baltimore safety Chuck Clark said. "It's a matchup league, and it's a matchup game. So, I like our matchups."

TRIPLE THREAT

The Ravens are only the third team in NFL history to have three players top 700 yards rushing in a single season with Jackson (1,005 yards), rookie J.K. Dobbins (805) and Gus Edwards (723).

The Bills limited the Ravens to only 118 yards rushing in last year's meeting, a 24-17 Ravens win. Buffalo, however, has allowed 150 yards rushing five times this season, one more than the past two combined.

COACHING CONNECTION

Harbaugh and McDermott were members of Andy Reid's coaching staff with the Eagles in the 2000s, and both remain close.

So close, in fact, Harbaugh kidded McDermott upon recalling being introduced to his future wife in Philadelphia.

"I'm like, 'Oh man, I don't know how you pulled this off,'" Harbaugh said. "He married way out of his league."



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Annie's Mailbox

Dating With Autism

Dear Annie: I am
a 36-year-old man
living with my father. I
also have autism, and
because of this, I have
had difficulty in dating
women.

For a few years, I
was on the dating web-
site called I Love Your
Accent (I had been on
10 other sites prior to
that), which matches
American and British
singles, but nothing
happened.

Then, last fall, I
downloaded the app
UK Social and became
friends with a British girl
from Birmingham. As it
turned out, she was not

trustworthy. She asked
for money, and I had to
end the conversation.
My mother got upset
and intervened.

Now I am starting
a relationship with
a girl around here
named "Erin." There
is a problem: She is
somewhat nerdy and
has the same condition
I have. What should I
do? Should I wait for
the ideal girl to come
around or stay with
Erin and see what
happens? -- Ethan in
Hanover

**Dear Ethan in
Hanover:** There's no
such thing as an ideal
girl. There is only a
girl who is ideal -- or

close enough to ideal
-- for you. Don't dismiss
Erin simply because
she's "nerdy." If she's
a nerd, that just means
she has interests she's
passionate about.

Strong interests make
people interesting. And
if you both have autism
spectrum disorders,
you might find that
you understand each
other in a unique way.
I say give it a try. You
don't need to make any
major decisions right
away, but go on some
more dates with Erin
and see how you two
get along. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Re-
cently, you printed a
letter from "Betty," who

wrote about the death
of a friend and how she
was treated by family.

I loved her sugges-
tions regarding caring
for the dying. Back in
2013, my 92-year-old
mother went downhill
in a hurry. We called in
the angels from hos-
pice, and they talked
us into using a hospital
bed in a second bed-
room. Even though I
wished there were
some way for her to
continue sleeping with
my dad, she became
too fragile to move.

The day we were
warned that her strug-
gle was not to last very
long, my dad and I took
up a vigil. Most of the

time, we were both with
her, praying the rosary
and talking softly to her,
reminiscing about hap-
py times. Shortly after
midnight, I needed to
take a break and went
into the living room
with the nurse. Not five
minutes later, I heard
my dad's chair creak,
and by the time I got to
the doorway, he was
kissing her goodbye.
He passed me without
a word and went to
bed. I sincerely believe
she was waiting until
she could be alone with
him before letting go.

When my dad and I
had a chance to talk
about it much later, he
agreed that he was
happy to have had

alone time with her. I
thought he needed my
presence to bring him
comfort. I think I should
have given him more
alone time with her.
They had been married
for over 73 years, and
except for during World
War II, they had very
rarely spent bedtime
away from each other.
-- Fortunate Daughter

**Dear Fortunate
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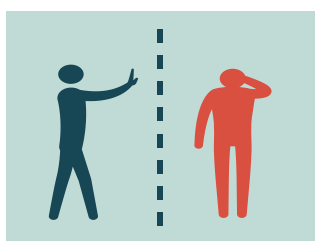
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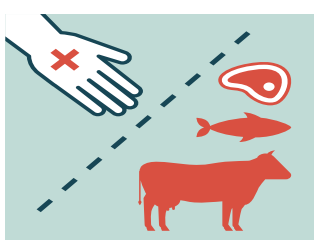
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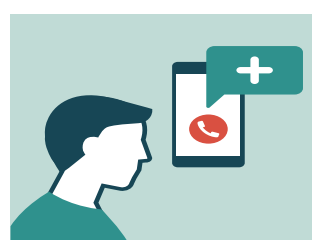
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



In the Last Days of the Capricorn Sun

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A feeling of progress is an exhilarating high. The actual length of the stride forward isn't the point. That it's forward at all -- that's a gift wrapped in the shiny paper of hope.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before you tend to the typical things, carve out time for those unusual pursuits. They will hold you in good stead, becoming more interesting to you as you delve deeper. You, in turn, become more interesting to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The value of love is beyond anything that can be quantified. Those who are counting what has been exchanged are ultimately exchanging something other than love. It's fine, as long as you recognize the difference.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One myth is that people who feel great and have lots of energy get the best results. The truth is that astounding and important things happen from all kinds of moods, so appreciate whichever one you happen to be in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are afraid to require things of people because you want it to be easy for them to be around you. What you're not understanding is that people need to be needed. Requiring something of them is a gift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What is said is important, but who is saying it is even more important. Some words must come from you, and other sentiments will be better received

coming from a different voice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're so concentrated on your deliverables that you don't even consider what it's going to feel like to enjoy the fruits of your effort. Good. It will be a surprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people praise your vision and follow-through, you can't fully bring yourself to accept the credit. That's because you're honest. You realize that you got here, at least partly, by accident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can mostly, but not totally, be your own coach. You need someone to show-off to, impress and be accountable to and encouraged by. This, however, can be accomplished in the briefest of interactions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you work, you work hard. This is why it's so important that you choose the best things to work on. Hint: It's probably not the task being tossed to you. Forget about the others for a minute. What do you want?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You prefer that the people around you be happy, and you'll make efforts to that end, all the while realizing that no one actually makes another person happy, though it's possible to create

environments more or less conducive to joy.

PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). It will be obvious -- the possession that no longer serves a purpose, the baggage that has both spiritual and actual weight, the subscription you don't use or habit that you've outgrown. This calls for ruthless subtraction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 15). The secret to winning at your game is refinement. In matters important to you, you'll review your process, pour over data, invent improvements to try, reassess the data, double down on what's working, cut out what's not and endlessly strive for mastery. Your relentless attitude pays you in an abundance of joy. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 1, 27 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Attractions are made stronger or weaker through pacing. Consider the role that time plays in a seduction. TAURUS: The most eloquent expression is the one that helps the other person feel understood. GEMINI: Love's potency is stronger in a small, specific gesture than a big, general one. CANCER: Let another person talk you up, and then enjoy slightly more respect,

attention and attraction. LEO: Everything matters, but a micro-focus will do more harm than good in relationships. Stay off of the emotional zoom lens. VIRGO: It's more fulfilling to know more about one person and love that person deeply than it is to love many. LIBRA: People evolve. To keep up, make sure to see them with fresh eyes every day. SCORPIO: It's always a charming scenario when you happen to be with a charming person. SAGITTARIUS: Anyone who withholds their stamp of approval until they get the validation of external sources is not self-actualized enough for you to take their opinion seriously. CAPRICORN: Pay attention to the feeling you're getting from the overall interaction. Don't give any specific words or moments more credence than the overall vibe. AQUARIUS: Your guess is probably right, and you'll do well to act on it, though perhaps in secret while you wait for the proof to finally, and inevitably, arrive. PISCES: Just when you think you know what you're getting with a person, what you actually get is surprised.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Pisces and Taurus aren't going to have a comfortable time of it, but comfort can be overrated. Without that friction, there are no sparks. No sparks, no fire. This is why people love to observe the chemistry between seemingly mismatched individuals. It's fascinating to see it and even more so to be inside. The heat of the Pisces/Taurus chemistry will transform them both.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker Bidding quiz

You are South and have the following hand:

♠K8♥5♦KQ1074♣AK963

- 1. You bid One Diamond, your partner responds One Spade, you bid Two Clubs and partner bids Two Spades. What would you bid now?
2. You bid One Diamond, partner responds One Spade, you bid Two Clubs and partner bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?
3. You are the dealer, and the bidding goes:

Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. Rows show bidding actions like 1♦, 2♣, 4♣, Pass, 1♥, 3♦, 4♠.

1. Three spades. Your hand is by no means a minimum opening bid, so you cannot afford to pass. Nor should you bid three clubs, which might also bring matters to a screeching halt. You should assume that when partner bids spades a second time after you have bid two suits, he is almost certain to have six or more of them. Consequently, your K-8 constitute adequate trump support, and you should show that support -- as well as your extra values -- by raising

partner to three. He might well have something like: ♠QJ9762♥83♦A5♣J84, in which case you'd surely want to be in four spades.

2. Three clubs. It is true that the three-club bid may not reveal your extra values, but at this juncture, it is more important to describe the two-suited nature of your hand. You might well be on the way to a slam, but before you can consider how high to go, you must clarify your distribution.

You need not worry that partner will pass three clubs. Since he has already made two forcing bids, he can't stop bidding now. His next bid should help to clarify where the final contract belongs.

3. Four notrump. Four spades is a cuebid announcing first-round control of spades and interest in a slam, and you should be delighted to cooperate with partner by using Blackwood. How far you go will depend primarily on how many aces partner has. In the unlikely event that he responds with five diamonds, indicating only one ace, you will pass; if he bids five hearts (two aces), you will bid six diamonds; and if he bids five spades (three aces), you will bid a grand slam.

Tomorrow: Ingenuity.

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PEEP! PEEP! BASH!

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HE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU

AGNES

HOW DID YOU GET THIS THING INTO YOUR BEDROOM?

HEH-HEH... I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT SNOW EQUIPMENT.

READY TO FIRE IT UP?

YEP! WITH MY EXPERTISE AT ENGINE MATTERS IT SHOULD NOW BE A RUNNER!

DID YOU PUT ANY GASOLINE IN IT YET?

HM?... ANY WHAT NOW?

ARCHIE

WAIT TILL MS. GRUNDY READS MY PAPER! IT'S SO GOOD IT'S SHOCKING!

DON'T EXAGGERATE! NOTHING IMPRESSES HER!

HARRY SCARLETT OWNS GOLD-DAN 1-15

ONE BIG HAPPY

LOOK AT THIS MESS! I'M GONNA BE IN BIG TROUBLE.

YOU NEVER SEEM TO HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, CYLENE.

AU CONTRAIRE, RUTHIE, I HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH SELF-INDULGENT POUTING.

BUT I'VE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT.

MOMMA

THANKS FOR WATCHING CHUCKIE FOR US AGAIN, MOMMA!

BUT YOU KNEW I WAS A SPORTS FAN WHEN YOU BECAME A GRANDMA!

I WAS THINKING AN "OLYMPIC GRANDMA," NOT A "BASKETBALL SEASON GRANDMA."

THE BARN

YES, SIR, ISE LIKES WINTER!

CRUNCH CRUNCH

GIMME, GIMME!

PERPETUAL NOTIONS

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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2021. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 2020, Chinese officials said they couldn't rule out the possibility that a new coronavirus in central China could spread between humans, though they said the risk of transmission appeared to be low.

On this date:

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1865, as the Civil War neared its end, Union forces captured Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru (jah-WAH'-hahr-lahl NAY'-roo) was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1974, the situation comedy "Happy Days" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of

2007.)

In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

In 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

In 2014, a highly critical and bipartisan Senate report declared that the deadly Sept. 2012 assault on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, could have been prevented; the report spread blame among the State Department, the military and U.S. intelligence.

Ten years ago: Several international envoys — but crucially none from the world powers — got a look inside an Iranian nuclear site at the invitation of the Tehran government before a new round of talks on Iran's disputed atomic activities. Miss Nebraska Teresa Scanlan won the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas. Actor Susannah York, 72, died in London.

Five years ago: Al-Qaida fighters attacked a hotel and cafe in Burkina Faso's capital, killing 30 people. A search began for two Marine helicopters carrying 12 crew members that collided off the Hawaiian island of Oahu during a nighttime training mission; there were no survivors. A federal judge rejected Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's bid for a new trial and ordered him to pay victims of the deadly attack more than \$101 million in restitution. Actor Dan Haggerty, 74, died in Burbank, California.

One year ago: House Democratic leaders carried the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump across the U.S. Capitol in a formal procession to the Senate. The United States and China reached a trade deal eas-

ing tensions between the world's two biggest economies. Russian President Vladimir Putin engineered a surprise shake-up of Russia's leadership while proposing changes to the country's constitution that could keep him in power well past the end of his term in 2024. (Putin ordered the amendments made to the constitution in July 2020 after a week-long vote; critics said the reported 78% approval of the changes had been falsified.) Two U.S. government agencies reported that the decade that had just ended was by far the hottest ever measured on earth.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Margaret O'Brien is 83. Actor Andrea Martin is 74. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy White is 68. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 64. Rock musician Adam Jones (Tool) is 56. Actor James Nesbitt is 56. Actor Chad Lowe is 53. Alt-country singer Will Oldham (aka Bonnie Prince Billy) is 51. Actor Regina King is 50. Actor Dorian Missick is 45. Actor Eddie Cahill is 43. NFL quarterback Drew Brees is 42. Rapper/reggaeton artist Pitbull is 40. Actor Victor Rasuk is 36. Actor Jessy Schram is 35. Electronic dance musician Skrillex is 33. Actor/singer Dove Cameron is 25. Singer-songwriter Grace VanderWaal (TV: "America's Got Talent") is 17.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 With 9 Down and 71 Across, source of quote
 - 7 "Get outta here!"
 - 11 Overused eBay header word
 - 14 Screen wallpaper, for instance
 - 15 Cause ire in
 - 16 Org. for enamel experts
 - 17 Start of a quote
 - 20 NY tech school
 - 21 Ray preceder
 - 22 Yoga class greeting
 - 23 Theater level
 - 25 Ryan's *La La Land* love
 - 27 Isolates oneself
 - 28 Expression of derision
 - 30 Costco alternative
 - 32 South Pacific nation
 - 33 Rush (through)
 - 35 Acts on
 - 37 René's rejection
 - 38 Middle of quote
 - 42 Oscillating appliance
 - 43 Key HS exams
 - 44 Brewing designation
 - 45 Diminutive ending in music
 - 47 Globe's pseudo-contents
 - 49 Unusually energetic
 - 53 To any degree
 - 55 Folks
 - 57 Except for
 - 58 Unravel
 - 60 Calendar header
- DOWN**
- 1 Does rapid rotation
 - 2 Give generously, as praise
 - 3 Make necessary
 - 4 Yawning yap
 - 5 Yemen — Republic
 - 6 Distinction of expression
 - 7 — Lanka
 - 8 Sweetener from tree bark
 - 9 See 1 Across
 - 10 Is abundant
 - 11 Former flat-rate phone service
 - 12 Beethoven's Ninth feature
 - 13 Begins with gusto
 - 18 Totalities
 - 19 Artless individual
 - 24 Architect Saarinen
 - 26 *Federalist* coauthor
 - 29 Cookout serving
 - 31 One-third of sesqui-
 - 34 Some car-wash sponsors
 - 36 Particular undergrad
 - 38 Rapped rhythmically
 - 39 As planned for
 - 40 Never
 - 41 "Never!" group
 - 42 Savored a spread
 - 46 Clarinet range
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 - 50 Where 29 Down are often served
 - 51 "Be that as it may . . ."
 - 52 #40
 - 54 Carpet makers
 - 56 Dismissive demand
 - 59 Storage rental
 - 61 Sooner city
 - 64 Not seen before
 - 65 Online "Enough!"

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LSU spoils No. 7 Texas A&M's perfect season with overtime win Thursday night

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Khayla Pointer scored seven points in overtime and LSU spoiled No. 7 Texas A&M's bid for the best start in program history, beating the Aggies 65-61 on Thursday night.

Pointer banked in a long off-balance 3-pointer to give LSU a 59-54 lead with 2:28 left. Texas A&M (12-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) trailed 62-58 with 19 seconds left, and Kayla Wells' charging foul ended the Aggies' hopes.

Tiara Young led LSU (5-6, 3-2) with 20 points. Faustine Aifuwa had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Pointer finished with 17 points.

Texas A&M's N'dea Jones had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Destiny Pitts' 3-pointer with 49 seconds left gave Texas A&M a 53-52 lead, its first since leading 10-9 in the first quarter. After Jones took a charge, Aaliyah Wilson added a free throw for a two-point lead. Aifuwa scored in the lane to tie it at 54 with 5.8 seconds left. LSU then forced a turnover as Texas A&M didn't get off a shot before the final buzzer.

NO. 2 LOUISVILLE 89, BOSTON COLLEGE 70 LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Dana Evans scored 24 points, Olivia Cochran added 18 and Louisville used balanced scoring to pull away against Boston College.

Louisville (11-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 68-56 entering the quarter and used a 14-6 run over 5:12 for a 20-point lead on the way toward improving to 8-0 against BC (5-6, 1-6) in ACC play.

Hailey Van Lith and Kianna Smith each added 13

points, and Elizabeth Balogun had 11 for the Cardinals.

Cameron Swartz and Ally Vantimmeren each scored 17 points for the Eagles.

NO. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 106, VANDERBILT 43 NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Victaria Saxton scored 20 points and South Carolina routed Vanderbilt to remain perfect in the Southeastern Conference.

The Gamecocks (9-1, 4-0) have won 20 straight after going undefeated in league play last season, and they are four wins away from their longest SEC winning streak. South Carolina won 24 straight between Jan. 3, 2016, and Jan. 26, 2017.

Brea Beal also scored 17 points, Destanni Henderson added 12, and Laeticia Amihere had 11. Koi Love led Vanderbilt (4-3, 0-2) with 18 points.

NO. 9 MARYLAND 90, MINNESOTA 73 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Diamond Miller scored 23 points, Chloe Bibby had 22 and Maryland beat Minnesota for its ninth straight victory.

Katie Benzan added 20 points for the Terrapins (10-1, 6-0 Big Ten).

Jasmine Powell led Minnesota (2-7, 1-6) with 22 points and eight assists. Sara Scalia added 14 points.

NO. 11 OREGON 57, NO. 10 OREGON 41 TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Aari McDonald scored 16 points and Trinity Baptiste had 14 points and six rebounds to help Arizona beat Oregon, snapping a 10-game losing streak in the series.

Sam Thomas had 10 points and six rebounds for

the Wildcats (9-2, 7-2 Pac-12). They scored 17 of the first 19 points and led by 21 in beating Oregon the first time since the 2016 Pac-12 Tournament.

Nyara Sabally had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Ducks (9-3, 7-3).

NO. 18 INDIANA 66, PURDUE 45 WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Grace Berger had 22 points, five rebounds and seven assists, Mackenzie Holmes scored 20 points and Indiana outscored Purdue 20-3 in the second quarter.

Holmes scored 14 points in the first half — while Purdue had 15 — and Berger beat the halftime buzzer with a 3-pointer for a 17-point lead. Indiana (8-3, 6-1 Big Ten) has won by at least 21 points in each of its conference victories.

Kayana Traylor led Purdue (5-5, 2-4) with eight points.

GEORGIA 67, NO. 23 TENNESSEE 66 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Que Morrison scored 13 of her 17 points in the third quarter when Georgia erased a 17-point deficit and the Bulldogs held on to beat Tennessee for their first win in Knoxville in 25 years.

Gabby Connally also had 17 points for Georgia (11-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference).

Rennia Davis had 15 points for Tennessee (8-2, 2-1). Tamari Key added 14.

HEAT

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are the same team."

Milton sank all three 3s and scored 19 points in the half and Maxey, a first-round pick out of Kentucky, continues to shine with his enthusiasm and floaters that made him an instant fan favorite. Sixers fans on social media were seemingly more outraged when Maxey, who scored 15 points, was rumored as part of a Harden deal more than how they felt about Simmons possibly leaving town.

"As long as I'm here, I'm going to try to make Ben a better player," Rivers said. "And to me, that is the most important part of our relationship."

EMBIID AND SIMMONS

Embiid had a brief scare when he went up for a basket and slammed his head on the court when he was fouled by Chris Silva. Embiid came up hold-

ing the back of his head after the non-shooting foul. Sixers were yelling "He shot the ball! He shot it!" at the refs, to no avail. No worries, the Sixers kept possession and Maxey connected on an alley-oop to Simmons for a 61-47 lead.

TIP-INS

Heat: F/C Meyers Leonard sat out with a strained left shoulder.

76ers: F Mike Scott left in the first half with a sore right knee. ... Milton was 11 of 15 from the floor with seven assists.

HE SAID IT

"This is who we are and we have to develop those competitive habits." — Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, on his undermanned team.

UP NEXT

Heat: Return home for a Saturday game against Detroit.

76ers: Play Saturday at Memphis.

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