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All-District teams recognized by Big Spring Board of Trustees

Upcoming Event

February is
 Heart Health Month and
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Feb. 14
 Valentine's Day

Feb. 15

Run2Love2Run
 10 a.m.
 Comanche Trail Park
 SM Energy Pavilion
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Feb. 18

Life Center Luncheon
 Hotel Settles
 11:45 a.m.
 Tickets available

March 7-8

Cowboys and Heels
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Health Fair is set for
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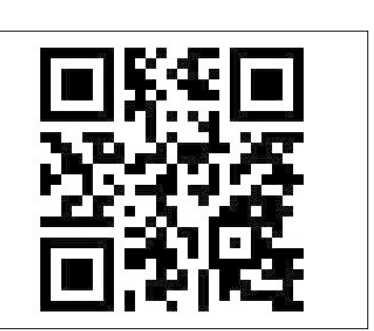


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HERALD photos/Savannah Geer

The Big Spring Board of Trustees recognized the Boys All-District Football Team (pictured above left) and the All-District Girls Volleyball Team (pictured above right) during the Thursday evening school board meeting. Recognitions of the student accomplishments topped the agenda, as well as the receipt of donations.

By **SAVANNAH GEER**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Board of Trustees met Thursday evening inside the High School Board Room.

Leading the meeting were two special recognitions of student athletic accomplishments. First was to the All-District Lady Steers Volleyball team, second was the All-District Steers Football team.

After the recognitions, the Board of Trustees discussed and went on to approve receipt of three donations unanimously; Eagles Lodge is donating \$4,000 dollars to pay off any out-

standing lunch balances and to help restock the toiletries in a locker that is kept full of things students might need. Also received was a donation from The National Football League in honor of Ryan Tannehill in the amount of \$10,000 dollars.

"We didn't know anything about this. We were informed the winning team in the AFC, who Ryan plays for (Tennessee Titans) gives every player on the team a \$10,000 donation to be given to their high schools' football program," Superintendent Jay McWilliams said.

The final donation of the evening was a Memorial Tree

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Social Security scams on the rise; protect and prevent

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Whether it's a phone call from your own phone number, or someone trying to give you millions of dollars, the scams seem to be endless in the world of technology. There is yet to be an exact science to figuring out who is going to be scammed next, but the best advice to be given is for everyone to take precautions.

"While there are times when social security employees may reach out to make contact, it is generally to those who have ongoing business with the agency," Rosalie Alviar, Dallas Region Public Affairs Social Security Administration, said. "However, Social Security employees will never threaten, or promise a Social Security benefit approval,

or increase, in exchange for information or money."

The Social Security Administration is issuing tips and advice on how to stay safe when it comes to common scams making their way around through calls and e-mails. There has been a rise in scammers pretending to be government employees. During these calls or through e-mails, there may be demands for immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action or other threats.

According to Alviar, Social Security representatives will not tell you your Social Security number has been suspended, and they won't demand immediate payment. They also will not require a specific means of debt repayment such as debit cards, retail gift cards, or cash.

"If there is a problem with a person's

Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter," she said. "If payment is needed, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it."

For those who feel they have received a scam call, it is recommended to hang up and do not give them money or personal information. After hanging up it is recommended to report the scam not only to local authorities, but to the Social Security Administration offices.

A few key points to protect against scams are:

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Let's talk engineering: BSHS hears from Texas A&M



Courtesy photo

Future Engineering students at BSHS listen carefully to Texas A&M Engineering Program Specialists. Students choosing an Engineering pathway are prepped by taking AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC while attending BSHS. Dr. Seghier's students rank among the states' best in scoring perfect 5s on their AP exams. Last year, 2015 BSHS' Tyler Bryan was the Aggies' Engineering student of the year. Texas A&M-Concho Engineering Academy with Midland College offers first and second year A&M Engineering students an opportunity to begin their Engineering studies in West Texas through MC. Students carrying a GPA of 3.5 can transfer their credit and courses to Texas A&M's Engineering school after obtaining their Associate's Degree through Midland College.



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Obituaries

Patsy "Pat" Allen



Patsy "Pat" Allen, 88, of Coahoma, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Eddy Pitchford, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Stamper, Texas to Chester and Iva Hale Kiser. Pat married Donald Alton Allen Dec. 16, 1950, in Big Spring.

She attended Coahoma High School and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1950. She loved sports and was a standout basketball player while at Coahoma. She was also a cheerleader and drum major. After transferring to Big Spring for her senior year, she loved being on the volleyball team as Big Spring had no girls' basketball at that time. After marriage, she played softball on a city league.

Pat worked for Montgomery Ward Co. and later Arco Oil and Gas Company and retired in 1985. She enjoyed fishing, sewing, quilting, and cooking and loved being with her children and grandchildren.

She was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Don Allen; one son, Bruce Allen and wife, Marsha; one daughter, Cathy Ward and husband, Ronnie, all of Coahoma; four grandchildren, Shea Chapman and husband, Paul, Kirk Allen and wife, Jennifer, Derek Ward and wife, Mendy, all of Coahoma, and Jill Gernentz and husband, Ryan of Midland; eight great-grandchildren, Katie King, Sam King and wife, Hanna, Lexi King, Wesly, Daniel, and Breely Chapman, Kelsey Sanders and husband, Trace, Kacee, Kristin, and Tatum Allen, Cooper, Thayne, and Paige Gernentz, and Easton and Emma Ward; one great-granddaughter, Natalie Chapman; and two sisters, Mary Anderson and Judy Pherigo both of Coahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Floyd, Fred, and Robert Kiser; and three sisters, Opal Kiser, Shirley Wilcox and Fern Roberts.

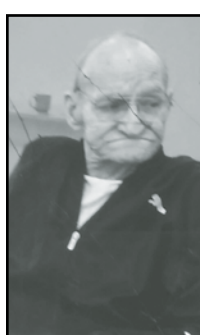
The family would like to give their sincere thanks for the Big Spring Skilled Nursing Center for their love and care of Patsy Allen.

The family suggests memorials to the Coahoma Church of Christ building fund, P.O. Box 120, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Nelson Burrow



Nelson Burrow, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 3, 2020. Grave-side services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Nelson was born Jan. 7, 1937, in Modesta, California to Chrestine and Oral Lee Burrow. He was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corp. He was a retired computer tech who invented first electric cash register. He moved to Big Spring in 1994 from California. He was a Baptist.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Ysa Rubio Sr.



Ysa Rubio, Sr., 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, February 12, 2020. A memorial service will be at St. Thomas Church at 4:00 PM Saturday, February 15, 2020. A reception will follow from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Ryan Hall

Ysa was born September 16, 1960 in Big Spring to Sofia and Francisco Rubio. He was in business with his father and brothers in "Chico and sons concrete". He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Ysa is survived by two daughters: Brandi Nicole Pelletier of Big Spring and Brittany Henry of Dallas; two sons: Ysa Rubio, Jr. and his wife Tacheena

of Wilmington, NC and Jacob Rubio and his wife Stefanie of Big Spring; one sister: Patsy Rubio of Big Spring; ten grandchildren: Arianna Olivia Pelletier, Madison Rubio, Anysa Rubio, Alejandra Rubio, Benjamin Rubio, Kaelyn Headrick-Rubio, Rylan Rubio, Grayson Rubio, Kaylen Flores, and Kaeden Flores; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents: Sofia Mendoza Rubio and Francisco "Chico" Rubio, Ysa was preceded in death by three brothers: Frankie Rubio, Robert Rubio and Fred Rubio, Sr.; and three sisters: Delma Rubio, Debra Rubio and Mary Lou "Sandy" Rubio.

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

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA**, 36, of 1515 E. 17th St., was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500)
- **JOSHUA JAMESDEAN THOMAS**, 50, of 5320 S. Southfork Ave. Odessa, Texas, was ar-

rested on warrants for failure to appear, and speeding over the limit.

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 14th St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 5300 block of N. Service Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

300 block of S. Gregg St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild Dr.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther Kind Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 97 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500)

• **BILLY JOHN ROSAS**, 38, was arrested by DPS on a war-

rant for parole violation.

• **JOSHUA JAMESDEAN THOMAS**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, and speeding over the limit.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Rd. No transportation was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

ter.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th St. 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.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March. No transportation was needed.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E. 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING/SHED FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way. The fire was contained.

• **OUTSIDE RUBBISH/**

TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of N. Runnels. The fire was contained.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6000 block of Craig. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. No transportation was needed.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of N. E. 6th St. 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.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transportation was needed.

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Weather



Today: Patchy freezing fog before 9 a.m. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 55. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 46.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Tuesday: A slight chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 55.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain before midnight, then a chance of rain, snow, and freezing rain. Cloudy, with a low around 31.

Wednesday: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 38.

Wednesday Night: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 28.

Thursday: A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 38.

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

BSISD

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donation for Blankenship Field. The donation consisted of four trees, one from the class of 1969, one from the class of 1979, and two different organizations that each donated in honor of former Big Spring High School Graduate Eric Stinson. The trees will be planted at Blankenship Field on April 14, during a short ceremony.

Another topic of discussion

was the Public Hearing Regarding the 2018-2019 Texas Academic Performance Report where Big Spring Independent School accountability was ranked a D.

"We did see some gains, and we are closing that gap in those performance levels," Assistant Superintendent, Reami Thompson said.

Other items discussed during the meeting include:

- Approved minutes - Jan. 16, 2020 meeting
- Financial reports
- Approval of employment rec-

ommendations, including administrators, directors, and coordinators.

- School Board Trustee Election Order and Appointments for the May 2020 election
- Approval of the resolution on the Anderson Turnaround plan
- Safety and Security update
- Enrollment report

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Take Note

on the AARP web site https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

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

- 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.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every

month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

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

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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March 7-8:
Cowboys and Heels Trade Show
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March 7-8:
Big Spring Propector's Club's 51st Annual Gem, Mineral Show
Howard County Fair Barn
Sat. 9am-5pm & Sun. 10am-5pm

March 21:
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Something to think about...

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. It can be a day filled with sappy, romantic gestures, which reminded me of something a friend did a few years ago. His wife thought it would be really nice for them to get them a couples pedicure. She dropped a hint or two... dozen. To his credit, no matter how uncomfortable it made him, my friend decided it would be worth it to demonstrate his deep love for his wife. So he booked it.

Now, he is a working man. He wears thick boots everyday and has never had a pedicure in his life. He had no idea what he had just gotten himself into. Bless those little ladies, they worked on his rough feet until every callosus was gone and the skin was as smooth as a baby's bottom. Needless to say the process was pretty painful, but even worse, he could barely walk for a week. Every time he put on his boots and tried to walk around, it was like his feet were on fire. His skin was raw and fresh. He never thought about his steps as much as he did after that experience.

The Prophet Isaiah tells us, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Every time that I hear those words, I think of my friend and I'm reminded that God wants to do something similar in our hearts. It is so easy to develop thick skin to protect ourselves. The world has a way of developing deep callouses in our spir-

it and hardening our heart, but God wants to take out our heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh. That can be a painful process, and it will definitely cause us to watch our walk more carefully, but I believe it is the only way we will be living out what Paul tells us in Romans 10:

"...for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'" ~ Romans 10:13-15 NLT

In a world filled with fake news and half truths, people need an encounter with the Truth and are desperate to hear Good News! I believe that we are on a mission right here in Big Spring! We are sent to share God's love with all that we encounter. This week you will engage all kinds of people - at home, at work, at school, at the store, on the road - they may be family, friends, neighbors, or even strangers - may we be a people, led by the Spirit, searching for every opportunity to share our hope in Christ through our words and our life. You don't need a pedicure to have beautiful feet in God's eyes. But you do need to have the Father's heart!



RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

Reflections: Birds

I grew up in Texas, often wakened by the rasp of blue jays outside my window, frequently entertained by mockingbirds with their collection of stolen songs. Buzzards circled in the sky. On the ground, close up, they are hideous creatures, but high overhead, riding the wind, barely moving their wings, they looked majestic.

When we moved to Rochester, Minn., I watched the Canadian geese migrating to and from the fields in their V-formation. Sometimes they passed so low overhead I could hear the wind in their wings, not to mention their constant honking. I later learned they can fly 70 percent further in formation than they can fly alone.

I camped with my sons in the Boundary Waters, a wilderness region of rivers and lakes on the Canadian border. A bald eagle built her nest in the top of a lone tree on a rocky island less than 50 yards from our camp. When she circled overhead the sun glistened off her white head.

We owned a beach house for a few years on Galveston Island. I never tired watching the sea gulls balance on the wind, descending delicately to the shallow surf where they laughed and danced on stick legs. They seemed to think it was hilarious. I watched the pelicans swoop in squadrons over the breaking waves. One or more would suddenly drop in a vertical dive, splash in the surf and return to the sky with an unsuspecting fish.

In Colorado our house looks out on an open marsh. Every spring the red-

wing black birds return to build their nests in the tall grass, and, as in Minnesota, the Canadian geese occasionally fill the sky from one horizon to the other.

In every region and every climate birds survive and thrive. They are masters of the air, the forests, the land and the sea. No wonder Jesus encouraged us to "consider the birds."

"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26).

"Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:28-29).

He who cares for the birds of the air will doubtless care for you. You are of great worth to God. Look to the birds and listen to their song.

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BILL TINSLEY

How good is grace?

Moreover, the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21

God's promise is to do everything for us, even the desire, ability, courage and strength to do His will (Philippians 2:13). It cannot possibly get any simpler or easier than this. We will never find a better deal anywhere. So, we rest and wait on Him. We trust that He is using our weaknesses to perfect His strength. We relax, knowing that Christ uses our sin to reveal the glory of His grace.

How far does God expect us to push this envelope? How much advantage does God expect us to take of the simplicity which is in Christ? His riches are inexhaustible, His grace reaches

further than our vilest sin, He made Christ to be sin for us and nothing will ever be able to separate us from His love...nothing. The only way to abuse the gospel of the grace of God is by mixing it with the Law.

Grace is for our sin. Grace is for our inability to keep the Law. Grace is our power and peace with God as we struggle with our corruptible flesh. Grace takes the guilt and condemnation of sin from us. How far does God expect us to push this envelope? Well, how much faith is too much faith? There is no such thing as risking too much in grace, or trusting it too much because - where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Martin Luther said - let your sins be strong, but let your faith in Christ be stronger.

How good is grace? It is so good and big that we will never ever exhaust its reserve nor reach its boundaries because the moment grace draws a line, it ceases to be grace.

How good grace is!



TOM SLOAN

Red Like Crimson

Wasn't the snow beautiful? We had three days where we couldn't do much of anything but stay home. As children, we went out on snow days and played all day long. I know children and adults were out playing in ours this last week.

As a mother who was concerned about her children's safety lest they get lost in a snow bank, Momma always bought red outerwear. Red coats, red mufflers, red gloves, and red snowsuits were the order of those days. We played all day long in the cold, sledding down hills, making snowmen, snow forts, and piled up the snow balls for one long siege of snowball fights.

We lived around the block from the school. So on snow days we would walk home, round the corner, and be pelted with snowballs from Daddy. He piled them on the hood of the car so he would be ready for us. We stuffed our pockets and had two snowballs in each hand, and the war was on.

After the snowball fight, Daddy would help us build a snowman bigger than he was. Then his six children would enter our warm house, drink hot chocolate, and eat popcorn for our afternoon snack. What a beautiful time we had.

Memories are so sweet to me when God sends the snow on our fair city, here in Texas. I still make hot chocolate to drink on cold days the way Momma made it.

When I read in God's word to us, several scriptures are precious to me. One is in Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Another is Job 9:30, "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean." And another in Psalms 51:7, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." One where Mother had us dressed in red is from Proverbs 31:21,

"She is not afraid for the snow for here household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet, but He provides the blood of His precious Son to make us clean. He did that on the cross when He died for us. As His children we can stand before Him cleansed whiter than snow from the sin that so easily besets us.



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

Happy is He

Webster's says, "Happiness is a state of pleasurable content with one's life." Happiness therefore, is not a child of circumstances but a child of faith.

A story has often been told of a fairy who came to the residence of a man who was resting after a hard days' work. The fairy said, "We hear you are the happiest man in the world." The man who had finished his days work replied, "Not so, because I work so hard to provide for my home." The fairy then, as the story goes, took the man on a journey through the country and told him he might exchange places with anyone he wished, but when he was shown what it meant to be rich, he declined. Secondly, he chose a man of power in the government but when shown what it meant to have such power he again declined. He said to the fairy, "You were right, I am the happiest man in the world and don't know it.

Happiness therefore, does not consist of money. Happiness does not consist of power. The book of Ecclesiastes reveals the experience of Solomon who avowed that such does not bring peace of mind. Happiness is not found in giving one's self to the pleasures of this world. Moses refused the way of sin "choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than enjoy the pleasures of

sin for a season."

What then is happiness? Happiness consists of right thinking. The Bible states, "Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that has understanding' (Proverbs 3:13). Paul said, "Happy is he that judges not himself in that which he approves." (Romans 14:22).

Paul's final exhortation to the brethren at Philippi was concerning their thoughts. He said, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8).

Happiness consists of right living. The Psalmist in referring to the prosperity and security of Israel said, "Happy is the people that is in such a case: yes happy is the people whose God is Jehovah." (Psalms 144:15).

The preacher Solomon said, "This is the end of the matter: all has been heard; Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Happiness consists then of right conduct. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people cast of restraint; but he that keeps the law, happy is he."

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John 20:22

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(Joel 2:23)

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Church News

First Baptist Church

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us. But to Your name give glory because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.” Psalm 115:1

The people of First Baptist Church extend a heartfelt invitation to join them Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and 5:30 p.m., as they gather in grateful adoration of The Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will continue the sermon series ‘The Jesus Story’, and listeners will embrace the marvelous truth, that through Jesus Christ we can know God, and experience His glory.

FBC offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning worship service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS').

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

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

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

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

Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are requested by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org to save your place and learn more.

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

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

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

Monday February 17, church offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

College Baptist Church

Isaiah 1:18 is time out for God's beautiful snow pure picture of scripture. SEND, First Priority, bible teaching, preaching from God's word, back pack ministry, Women of the Word Pizza Inn gathering, Men's rally, are all ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church, located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Our ladies WOW group met Tuesday, Feb. 4 at Pizza Inn. The men met at Circle 6 for the annual men's rally, Feb. 10.

We invite you to come join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. GA's at 5 p.m. for grades first through fifth girls' missions. Then Bible study for youth and adults at 6 p.m. Wednesday we have a craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all beginning at 7 p.m.

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

First United Methodist Church

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

On Sunday, Feb. 16, Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Practicing the Presence of God" from Ephesians 3:14-19. How does God hope we will relate to Him? Awareness of God's presence throughout the day is God's goal for us. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Wednesday noon Bible study meets in Garrett Hall. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible study from the Book of John. The Community Lenten Lunches will begin on Wednesday, March 4.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, women's Bible study, children's choir, and youth meetings which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The College Ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Howard College.

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

Other events on the church calendar include:

- Feb. 14-17: Youth Ski Trip
- Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday Services, 12:30 p.m. Garrett Hall; 6 p.m. Sanctuary
- Feb. 27-March 1: Men's Walk to Emmaus
- March 2-3: Food2Kids Sacking, 1107 N.W. 7th Street
- March 4: First Lenten Luncheon, Holy Trinity Catholic Church
- March 27-29: Confirmation Retreat

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library, and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is cancelled this week because the choir director is at a professional meeting in San Antonio.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet Feb. 6 at Pizza Inn (FM 700).

The newly-formed Communications Committee which was to meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.6 in the parlor, was rescheduled for Feb. 12, at identical time and place (after Bible study since there is no choir rehearsal). Anyone is welcome to come to any of the church committee meetings.

The Worship Committee, chaired by Dave Wilson, meets Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. in the parlor.

Presbyterian Women meet Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. in the library, then adjourn to the theater room for Lesson 6 of the study of the Ten Commandments titled Love Carved in Stone by Eugenia Gamble.

Looking ahead: Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday Service will be in the Chapel at 7 p.m. The Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. in the library. This month's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, Feb. 29, at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Ushers for Sunday, Feb. 9 were Ellen Austin, Claudie and Rip Patterson, and Danny Kenemur.

Nancy Koger will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Lectionary passages for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany are Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37. The Choral Introit is "Surely the Presence of

the Lord Is in This Place." Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon

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

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

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

Bo Vizcaino 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.

NazFamily Church

- 20/20 Vision

This week will be filled with sappy, romantic gestures. Valentine's Day is coming up on Friday. We celebrate love in our culture, but often our expressions of love don't go deep enough. We don't often reflect the character of the self-sacrificing love we see in Christ. Paul tells us: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV) God is love. I won't tell you not to buy flowers, cards, or candy this Valentine's Day (I don't want to get anyone in trouble), but I would challenge us all to find a concrete way to express God's genuine love, agape love, sacrificial love toward others. Join us at NazFamily Church this Sunday as we discover what it means to Love Others Faithfully.

- Alpha

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

- Alabaster

Give up a want to meet a need. For over 50 years, the Alabaster Offering has gone to help build churches, schools, and ministry centers around the world. On Sunday, Feb. 23, we will receive an Alabaster Offering. Won't you consider giving up a want, maybe a daily one like soda or coffee, or others like going out to eat or forms of entertainment, and save that money to help meet needs around the world.

- Man Camp

This is unlike any retreat you've experienced; because it's not a retreat - its Man Camp! We'll dive into God's word over 4 sessions and enjoy fantastic food and fellowship. A horseshoe, pingpong and fishing tournament are available as well as hitting the links at Squaw Valley Golf Course and much more. Late night activities, disc golf, snacks, and the Man Cave are all up for grabs! All the activities will be held at Camp Arrowhead on March 20-22. You won't want to miss it. Sign up today!

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At

CHURCH

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Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Books of Acts, verse by verse.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

Happenings for February

• Shrove Tuesday – Feb. 25

We will have Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, bacon, and eating together as a community before the symbolic fasting of Lent begins. All the community is welcome and there is not a charge for the meal.

• Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, we start the Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday service. We have a service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. From that day until Easter, we will be into 40 days of Lent.

This service is open to everybody in the community, and we hope and pray you will join us as we begin the Lenten Journey.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

• Sunday, Feb. 16 - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportu-

nity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Let's hear it for the girls! Join Women's Far Above Rubies for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship. We welcome women of all ages and ask that you bring your favorite dish to share. We will gather in the ARC from 6PM-8PM. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

• Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 111 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigspring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Our First Wednesday Meal and Worship for February will be held on Feb. 12 due to the bad weather last week. Bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert at 5:30.

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality/Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

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

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

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

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

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

Weekly Happenings:

• Sunday
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service

12 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

• Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study

• Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

• Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

• Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

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

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

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

Can we pray for our political opponents?

Esther J. Cepeda

Most Sundays at our church, "Pastor Leslie" begins service with a welcoming prayer asking for strength to "love our neighbors, all our neighbors." Last week, she decided to dump her planned sermon to let the congregation share their ideas about what responsibilities people of faith hold in these times.

"In these times" was deliberately vague. But I was heartened that in addition to naming political polarization and amnesia about the suffering of the poor and homeless amid news of our "booming economy," several members of the nearly all-white congregation despaired about immigration.

The owner of a neighborhood restaurant was beside himself because, out of nowhere, two of his longest-serving employees had their work permits revoked by immigration authorities.

Others noted the general fear in the community — not just fear that immigrants have, but that all of us have who love and depend on those immigrants.

In that moment, I felt there was nowhere I could go to get away from the daily traumatic burden of carrying grief and worry about what's happening both at the border and in communities all over America.

The news stories bring an unending torrent of pain: There are still so-called "unaccompanied alien children" being held in detention centers in Chicago and across the country as a result of President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance enforcement policy, which separated children from their families so parents could be prosecuted for crossing the border illegally.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement is still reportedly treating immigrants and their friends and family cruelly and without regard to their humanity.

Last week, an unarmed Hispanic man was shot in the face by ICE agents as he attempted to intervene in an ICE house arrest. According to the victim, the agents attempted to detain his housemate without identifying themselves or explaining on what grounds they were making the arrest.

The Trump administration used the incident to double down on so-called sanctuary cities — Attorney General William Barr announced lawsuits, the withholding of funds and possible criminal prose-

cution against cities that do not cooperate with federal immigration detainers.

According to ICE, the target of the arrest was released by the New York City Police Department on charges of possessing forged papers even though he had been deported to Mexico twice and had been convicted of assault in 2011. Basically, the administration blames NYPD and sanctuary city status for an unarmed bystander getting shot in the face during a federal house raid.

Less violent, but equally heartbreaking, are the stories of U.S.-born children separated from their parents because, for instance, their dad was granted a deportation deferral but their mom wasn't. Or the stories of states refusing to accept legal refugees who need communities in which to settle. Or the stories of immigration officials arresting, detaining and deporting immigrants who were lured to immigration offices for interviews as they sought legal status based on their marriages to U.S. citizens.

I sat thinking about all the angst rocking immigrant communities as, one by one, people shyly asked for the microphone and said it was our responsibility to also recognize and savor all the good that was happening in the neighborhood and the world.

They also said that it is our responsibility to not

tune out of what's going on because it's so painful. And that it's our responsibility to have humility.

And, I thought, courage.

The courage to keep fighting for what we believe is right even when it's obvious that the people who hold the highest titles and positions can lie and act in their own self-interest with impunity.

And the courage to do what Pastor Leslie asked us to do. She said that we would not be praying for the poor, the weak and the pained.

This week we were asked to pray for the rich, those in positions of power and those who lead.

They, Pastor Leslie said, were the ones who needed our blessings, appeals and the divine guidance to find humility, wisdom and brotherly love.

Courage is not bravery — it means doing something despite intrinsic fears.

It will take courage to not see our political opposites as enemies. It will take courage to not be overwhelmed with fear about what the next four years will bring and not act out of anger instead of seeking to understand.

Humans are hardwired to cluster into tribes and respond to outsider threats by uniting against the "other." Will enough of us have the courage to pray for the political or national "other" over the next eight months?

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Lady Hawks blown-out by Odessa on road



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Pictured above left: Point guard Tatym Barnes and forward Anais Bonnemaïson fight through a screen on defense in Thursday night's big loss. Pictured above right: Makayla Thomas inbounds the ball to an awaiting Barnes.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

ODESSA -- The Howard Lady Hawks (7-20, 3-9) were dominated from the opening tip-off on Thursday night in Odessa. In their second meeting in exactly one month, the Lady Hawks fell behind early and were never able to dig themselves out of the hole they were in. The Odessa Lady Wranglers (20-7, 9-2) are currently the second-place team in the conference and they showed their versatile skill-sets in a 53-26 drubbing of the visiting Lady Hawks. Howard played their worst game of the entire season on Thursday night. The offense failed to convert on their first 15 shots and they fell behind 24-0 before scoring their first basket more than midway through the second quarter. The pairing of Lady Wrangler inside-outside shooters Yanina Todorova and Geovana Lopes stretched the Howard defense too wide at times and left Odessa with many wide-open looks. Todorova would finish the game with 11 points while her frontcourt counterpart scored

a game-high 16 points through her dominance on the low-block.

That duo had 20 points at halftime and had assisted in building a 31-3 lead at intermission. It was the Lady Hawks' worst offensive night of the season. No one on the team could find an inch of defense the lockdown Odessa defense. The only shot that Howard converted on in the first half was a wide-open look for starting point guard Tatym Barnes from beyond the arc. Barnes would finish the game with a team-high nine points.

Howard shot an abysmal 18.8 percent from the floor and was only able to account for nine field goals in the entire contest. Even when given easy opportunities to score at the free-throw line, the Lady Hawks were able to make only half of their free throws in the game.

After trailing big for the entire first half, the Lady Hawks out-

scored an Odessa team that was on cruise control for the final two quarters. Following halftime, the Lady Wranglers simplified their offense and closed out Howard for the second time this season.

UP NEXT: Howard will host Midland next Monday at 5:45 p.m. inside of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

Hawks stumble in second half, fall to Odessa Wranglers 85-69

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

ODESSA -- An offensive explosion from the Odessa Wranglers (14-11, 7-5) in the second half on Thursday sent the visiting Howard Hawks (14-13, 4-9) home with a disappointing 85-69 loss.

In a game that Howard coach Scott Raines was describing as a playoff game earlier in the week, the Hawks looked to be playing well throughout the first half. They went into the break holding onto a 45-38 lead and things seemed to be working right for the Hawks.

"It's a game that we played extremely well in the first half and thought we put ourselves in a good position to win but tip of the cap to Odessa," Raines said. "They really, really competed at a high level in the second half and took it to us."

But in the second half the Wranglers dominated the offensive boards and gave themselves countless second-chance opportunities. Howard guard Darrell Green was the leading force for the Hawks and he finished the game with 27 points on six made three-point attempts.

Green's other backcourt members had an off night and the Hawks lost the lead a few minutes into the second half. Starting guard Klay Brown was nothing like his usual self and he did not score a point the entire game. And after a strong first half that included 11 points from point guard

Tucson Redding, the Aurora, CO native had an extremely quiet second half and would finish the contest with 14 points.

"We had eight or nine guys in the gym shooting last night so I don't think it's ever a lack of work or a lack of ability," Raines said. "We have not made enough shots between 7:30-9:30 at night. Intentions are good but I don't know why they weren't falling tonight."

Three players finished in double-digits for the Wranglers and they were led by guard Tavon Jones' 20 points. Two Wranglers also finished the night with double-digit rebounds as they completely controlled the boards throughout the second half on the way to an important conference victory.

With the loss, Howard has been knocked further down in the standings and they are currently in the midst of a rough streak. With a few games remaining in the regular season, it will be a wait-and-see approach to how the Hawks will perform the next time they hit the hardwood.

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Big Spring HS set to receive \$10,000 donation from NFL

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

Big Spring High School will soon be on the receiving end of a \$10,000 donation courtesy of the National Football League. This is very exciting news and the money will be put to good use.

Through the NFL Foundation Pro Bowl Giveback, players on the winning Pro Bowl team may apply for a \$10,000 NFL Foundation grant to be donated to the high school or youth football program of the player's choice.

Former Steer quarterback Ryan Tannehill was on the winning side of the Pro Bowl this season as the AFC defeated the NFC 38-33. Following the win, Tannehill was made aware of the possible donation and made a call to Principal Mike Ritchey.

"(Ryan) got a hold of me and I told him 'If I would've known that, I would've paid attention to the game a little closer,'" Ritchey said. "He just asked me if he could

share my contact info with the NFL and that they would be getting in touch."

With a gracious donation coming their way, it will next be important for Big Spring to decide what to spend the money on. Ritchey and his staff have decided already that the money should go to the football program. On the football field is where Tannehill made his name so Ritchey believes it's only right that the football program benefit from this donation.

The school has not received the check yet but Ritchey is expecting the phone call to come any day now.

"I haven't heard from the NFL at this point, but every day I'm thinking 'Okay, cell phone give me a call or give me a text,'" Ritchey said. "It would be awesome to put the money to good use back into our athletic program in some capacity."

Until then, the school board will be able to fantasize about what the money will be used to improve.

NJCAA Men's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Florida SW St	26-1	396	1
2	Pearl River	18-0	374	2
3	Ranger	23-2	347	4
4	Indian Hills	24-3	340	5
5	Mineral Area	24-1	335	3
6	Cowley	23-3	328	6
7	Tyler	21-1	309	7
8	Vincennes	22-3	304	8
9	Salt Lake	23-4	264	11
10	Tallahassee	23-4	241	15
11	W. Wyoming	23-3	208	14
12	Murray State	19-3	198	17
13	N. OK Tonka	21-3	189	9
14	Clarendon	21-3	171	10
15	John A. Logan	19-5	165	16
16	Colby	21-4	135	22
17	USC Salkehatchie	20-4	122	20
18	Triton	22-5	120	13
19	Gulf Coast St.	20-5	105	12
20	South Plains	17-6	90	NR
21	NE Mississipp.	19-1	75	NR
22	Central FL	22-5	72	NR
23	Caldwell Tech	23-1	62	24
24	Moberly Area	20-6	40	21
25	Dyersburg St.	20-3	35	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Harcum (34), Otero (33), Georgia Highlands (28), Casper (20), Barton (15), Eastern Arizona (12), Olney Central (9), South Georgia State (8), Angelina (7), Wallace-Selma (6), Butler (2), Southeastern (2), Temple (2), Kilgore (1), Northeastern (1)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Otero (18), Harcum (19), Casper (23), Southeastern (25)

NJCAA Women's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	South Plains	26-0	175	1
2	Trinity Valley	23-1	168	2
3	W. Nebraska	21-1	161	3
4	Shelton State	21-2	154	5
5	NW Florida St	21-4	147	7
6	Hutchinson	23-2	140	6
7	Chipola	21-4	133	9
8	Gulf Coast St.	18-4	126	4
9	Jones	16-2	119	10
10	Tyler	20-4	112	11
11	Central AZ	22-3	105	13
12	Florida SW St.	22-5	98	14
13	New Mexico	15-7	91	8
14	Wabash Valley	21-2	84	15
15	S. GA Tech	25-2	77	16
16	Casper	22-3	70	17
17	Odessa	18-7	63	19
18	Midland	17-5	56	18
19	Seward Count.	19-5	49	12
20	Wallace State	19-4	42	20
21	Gillette	23-3	35	21
22	E. Florida St	20-6	28	22
23	Bismarck St	22-3	21	23
24	Blinn	19-5	14	24
25	Three Rivers	22-5	7	25

RECEIVING VOTES:

Moberly Area (5), Vincennes (4), Salt Lake (3), Utah State Eastern (2), Cochise (1)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

None

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Diamondback E&P LLC 500 W. Texas Ave., Ste. 1200 Midland, TX 79701-4203, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Devonian 31, Fusselman, Montoya, Simpson, Silurian, Ordovician, Ellenburger, Cottonmouth Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 12.3 miles Northwest of Big Spring, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,440' to 11,955'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of

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publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#10460 Feb. ##, 2020

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Hannathon Petroleum, LLC, 223 West Wall Street, Suite 800, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation, Galveston Lease, Well No. 2. The proposed injection well is located ±3.75 Miles North of Sand Springs, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9,400 to 11,000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#10463 Feb. 14, 2020

CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

INVITATION FOR BIDS ON SALE OF REAL PROPERTY - TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS

In accordance with Section 272.001 of the Local Government Code of Texas, the City of Coahoma ("City") is soliciting sealed bids for the immediate cash sale of the following described real property ("Property"), to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Property No. 1: 200 S. Adams, Coahoma, TX 79511/Lots 1 and 2 Block 7 Furrh Addition City of Coahoma, consisting of approximately 0.275 acres.

Property No. 2: 416 S. P' St., Coahoma, TX 79511/ Lots 8 and 9, Block 7 Furrh Addition, City of Coahoma consisting of approximately 0.138 acres.

Hereinafter referred to as "Property No. 1" and "Property No. 2" and referred to individually and collectively herein as "the Property or the Properties." A more detailed description of the Properties or arrangements to inspect the Properties may be obtained from City Hall at (432) 394-4287 or 122 N. 1st

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Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511 or viewed on the City's website www.Cityofcoahoma.tx.civgo.vt.org under Public Notices and on City Hall's outside Public Notice Board.

MINIMUM BID. The Minimum Bid for Property No. 1 is \$10,000.00; and the Minimum Bid for Property No. 2 is \$8,000.00. It is the intent of the City to award the sale of Property to the highest responsible, qualified bidder. Conveyance of Property No. 1 will be by Special Warranty Deed and conveyance of Property No. 2 will be by Quitclaim Deed.

RESTRICTED USES; POSSIBILITY OF REVERTER. It is the intent of the City to award the sale of Property to the highest responsible, qualified bidder, for residential purposes. The Property's uses shall be restricted and limited to construction or placement of stick-built or modular residential structures placed pursuant to a valid city permit. Any default by the Buyer, successors or assigns, in this restriction and limitation shall cause conveyance of the Property pursuant to this invitation for bids to be null and void and the Property shall immediately and absolutely revert to Grantor.

BID OFFERS. The prospective Buyer must submit one (1) original and one (1) exact duplicate copy of an offer for either Property with all the information requested and in the required format. A separate offer must be submitted for each Property, combined offers will not be considered. Questions about the offer format may be directed to City Secretary, Tammy Griffith. All bids must bear original signatures and figures. City employees and officials may not bid on this Property, and any such bid will be disqualified and not accepted. All bids must be submitted on an official Bid Form. The bidder must supply all the information requested on the Bid Form.

SEALED BID SUBMISSION. All bid offers must be in writing and addressed to City of Coahoma, Tx 79511, and may be submitted by personal or courier delivery or by mail, FedEx or UPS delivery to 122 N. 1st, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma Texas 79511. Bids will not be accepted by telephone, facsimile, or other electronic means. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes which shall be clearly marked outside with the bidder's name and the words "Bid on Sale of Real Property - Property No. 1, 200 S. Adams St., Coahoma, Texas" or "Bid on Sale of Real Property - Property No. 2, 416 S. P' St., Coahoma, Texas." Bidder must provide full firm name, address, and other contact information. The signature block must include typed name of signatory and title.

The City of Coahoma's normal business days/hours are Monday through Thursday 8-5 and Friday 8-12.

CLOSING TIME. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 20th day of February, 2020 ("Closing Time") and opened soon thereafter.

GLASSCOCK GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN FEBRUARY 18, 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons in Glasscock and Reagan Counties, Texas:
The Board of Directors of the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will hold a public hearing to discuss, consider, receive public comments, and potentially act upon adoption of the District Management Plan.
The Public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District office: 132 N. Main St. Garden City TX, 79739. Comments on the proposed Management Plan may be presented in written or verbal form at the hearings, and persons interested in submitting written comments on the proposed Management Plan in advance may do so by sending comments to the District at P.O. Box 208 Garden City TX, 79739. Any person who desires to appear at the hearings and present comments may do so in person, by legal representative, or both.
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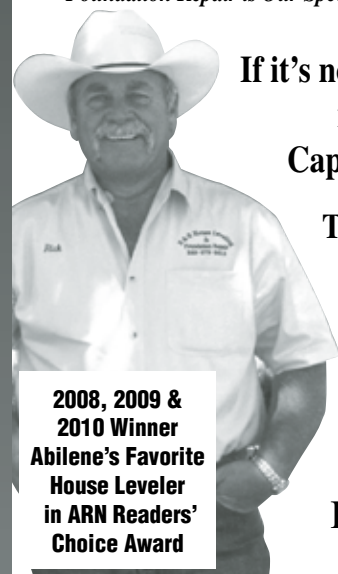
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Annie's Mailbox

A Warning About Blood Clots

Dear Annie: Last year, I lost my dad. He had stage IV cancer, but that's not what killed him. In fact, after his first few months of chemotherapy, a scan showed that the cancer was mostly gone. Then, a few weeks later, he died suddenly in his sleep. We declined to do an autopsy, but from talking to doctors it seems that there's a good chance it was a blood clot. I have since learned that there is a strong association between cancer and blood clots, and I felt compelled to write here and share some information. Both chemotherapy and cancer increase the risk of blood clots. The CDC reports that blood clots are the second-leading cause of death among people with cancer. According to the National Blood Clot Alliance, blood clots affect 900,000 people every year in the U.S., and 1 in 5 blood clots are related to cancer and cancer treatment. NBCA notes that the risk of a dangerous blood clot "is greatest in the first few months after a cancer diagnosis." The more advanced a cancer is, the higher the risk of blood clots. Other risk factors include personal or family history of blood clots, hospitalization, bone fractures, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, smoking and traveling for

more than four hours. Symptoms of a blood clot include: --Swelling, pain or tenderness in the arms or legs. --Skin that on the arms or legs that is discolored and/or warm to the touch. --Difficulty breathing. --Chest pain that intensifies with a deep breath. --Faster than normal or irregular heartbeat. Although blood clots can be deadly if left unchecked, they are preventable and treatable. I encourage anyone undergoing treatment for cancer to talk to their doctor about their risk for blood clots. More details are available at stopthecdot.org. -- Missing My Dad

Dear Missing: I am so sorry for your loss, and I'm happy to print this potentially life-saving information here.

Dear Annie: Growing up, I was always in and out of foster homes. Today, my parents and siblings are not there for me or my children. But my husband and his family have been wonderful to my children and me. They're not even like in-laws at all; I see them more like my real family than anything else. My parents never get my kids anything for Christmas, not even a card, yet they give all my nieces and nephews gifts (including, this past year, new iPhones). My children are older now and are used to it. They don't really mind it. But I can't seem

to get over the fact that my parents expect us to reach out to them when they don't reciprocate. If I approach my parents to talk about this subject, they turn it around and make us the bad guys. I just don't know what to do anymore. I always come to extended family outings just to keep the peace. We distance ourselves aside from those events. I'm so hurt by their ways. What to do? -- Sad Adult Daughter

Dear Sad: First, internalize the following: Your parents' cold behavior is not a reflection on you. And it doesn't mean that they don't love you. It simply means that they have some severe limitations that make it impossible to have the type of relationship you'd wish to have with them. I suggest attending counseling to help you establish some healthy boundaries. You might also find solace in reading "Toxic Parents: Overcoming Their Hurtful Legacy and Reclaiming Your Life" by Susan Forward, a defining work on the subject of toxic parents. It is remarkable how you have thrived despite your parents' shortcomings. You have developed deep, loving relationships with your husband, children and in-laws. They are your real family, in the most meaningful sense. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2020

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

but not as deep as the one after that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind will wander. When it does, know this is not a random or uncharted path. Your thoughts are following the map that was drawn up and laid out by your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "I love you" is like the waterway of the Zen saying, "You can never step in the same river twice." You could say those three words a million times, and they would still mean something different with each utterance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Attraction isn't strictly about the essence of two people. Circumstances matter. Environments matter. This is why filmmakers employ set and lighting designers. These vibes don't conjure themselves!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friendship, romance, compassion -- you've a form to match any of love's many forms. Honestly, there's not one that's better than the other for you. You wear them all wonder-



fully.

and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 33, 38 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: Surrendering to the heart's flame, the madness of the world goes up in smoke. TAURUS: Affection happens in jokes and strokes and in the right signal at the right time that says, "I get you." GEMINI: Beauty's startling force, it changes things, opens and closes them, artfully wounds and scars. CANCER: The impression you make doesn't just impact the moment; it creates an appetite. They keep coming back. LEO: Your mind flows to a powerful attraction, love's potential -- so sticky. VIRGO: The more you love someone, the less you're able to talk about it. LIBRA: When you experience something new with a loved one, the relationship renews, too. SCORPIO: You imagined this and now here it is, fully blossomed in your life. What other wonders will you make happen by flowing love to the idea? SAGITTARIUS: The mystery of love is a blinding one, though other senses will be employed to navigate the fountain's torrents. CAPRICORN: That smile! Suddenly, music breaks through and all love songs are true. AQUARIUS: When you connect, it's a perfect lock. It quickly feels as though you're the only two people in the entire world. PISCES: It's like when you're looking for someone in a crowded place -- there's only one face that matches the features held in your heart. Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com. COPYRIGHT 2020 CREATORS.COM

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Day of Hearts

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your story is yours to tell and yours to style, too. Embellish, edit, light it differently, play with the music -- experiment with the way you see it. Telling your story is as much for you as it is for them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The best way to have fun with another person is to loosen the reigns on control a bit. Do the things you think are fun, and then leave room, without attaching yourself to the other person's reactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Each person has a bit of chaos inside -- that's the storm of humanity. Sometimes the internal weather is more severe. Whether you run from or chase the condition, it's not hard to see the remarkable beauty in it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's pretty simple really; the more you focus on enjoying people, the more you enjoy them. The trick is in being unselfconscious enough to lose yourself in the experience of another person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The most touching exchanges happen when busy people make time for each other. This means more than expensive gifts ever could. Money is a renewable expense; time isn't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes people don't fall in love at all. Rather, they walk into love fully aware that the next step is going to get them deeper into it,

him to continue bidding than a two-diamond response.

2. Two hearts. This deliberate slight underbid is preferable to two clubs or one notrump, either of which partner might pass. The heart raise has a better chance of coaxing another bid from him because the announced trump fit will increase the overall value of his hand.

3. Two notrump. Ordinarily, this would indicate 13 to 15 points, but after passing, the jump to two notrump shows 11 or 12 points, balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suits.

4. Two clubs. The practice of naming your longer suit first is followed here, as usual. You intend to bid spades next over partner's expected heart rebid. Partner is thus apprised that you have only four spades and greater length in clubs. Game is very unlikely if partner passes two clubs.

5. Four hearts. It would be unwise to risk a three-heart bid that partner might pass, since your hand is much more likely to produce 10 tricks than nine. Reappraised in support of a heart bid, your hand becomes worth at least 13 points. This gives you the requisite 26 points needed for game, but only you know the combined total. If you play "splinter" bids, a jump to four diamonds, indicating heart support and a singleton or void in diamonds, is an alternative call.

Tomorrow: Haste makes waste.

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Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass ?

- What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?
- ♠8♥Q953♦AQJ75♣1094
 - ♠A8♥Q54♦J62♣K7643
 - ♠Q95♥J2♦KJ73♣AJ62
 - ♠K163♥9♦Q74♣KQ985
 - ♠J103♥A10872♦KQ94♣6

1. Three hearts. Responses by a player who has previously passed are in an entirely different category from those made by a player who has not passed before. Obviously, a player who previously passed has denied the values for an opening bid. A player opening in third or fourth position is consequently not obligated to bid again if, in his opinion, there's no reasonable chance for a game opposite a passed partner.

In the given case, a two-diamond response, showing 10 or more points, therefore would not compel partner to bid again, as it would if South had not passed initially, and the last thing you would want your partner to do is to pass two diamonds.

By the same reasoning, the jump-raise to three hearts is not forcing. Partner can pass whenever, in his judgment, he feels four hearts cannot be made. However, the raise to three hearts is much more likely to induce

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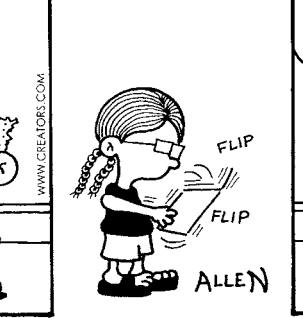
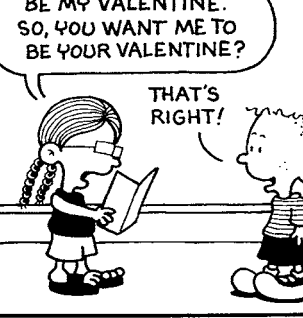
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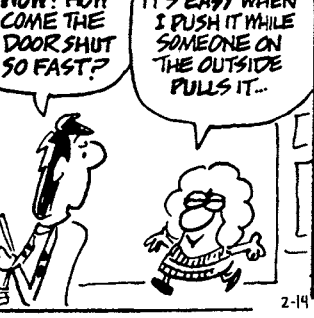
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2020. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 14, 2018, a gunman identified as a former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, killing 17 people in the nation's deadliest school shooting since the attack in Newtown, Connecticut, more than five years earlier.

On this date: In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1913, labor leader Jimmy Hoffa was born in Brazil, Ind.; college football coach Woody Hayes was born in Clifton, Ohio; sports broadcaster Mel Allen was born in Birmingham, Ala.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian forces reached the Rhine River in Germany.

In 1949, Israel's Knesset convened for the first time.

In 1967, Aretha Franklin recorded her cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" at Atlantic Records in New York.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1984, 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient when the surgery was performed at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (she lived until November, 1990).

In 1985, Cable News Network reporter Jeremy Levin, held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, escaped from his captors.

In 2013, double-amputee and Olympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his

girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home in Pretoria, South Africa; he was later convicted of murder and is serving a 13-year prison term.

American Airlines and US Airways announced an \$11 billion merger that turned American into the world's biggest airline.

Ten years ago: The Americans broke through the Nordic combined barrier at Vancouver as Johnny Spillane won the silver, the first U.S. Olympic medal in the sport dominated since its inception by the Europeans (Jason Lamy Chappuis of France won the gold). Jamie McMurray won the Daytona 500. The Eastern Conference edged the West 141-139 in the NBA All-Star game in Arlington, Texas. Larry Ellison's space-age trimaran completed a two-race sweep in the 33rd America's Cup. Death claimed best-selling British author Dick Francis at age 89 and Doug Fieger, leader of the power pop band The Knack, at age 57.

Five years ago: A Danish gunman attacked a free-speech seminar and a synagogue in Copenhagen, killing two people; the shooter was later slain by a special police team. Actor Louis Jourdan (LOO'-wee zhor-DAN'), 93, died in Beverly Hills, California. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine, 87, died in Fresno, California.

One year ago: William Barr was sworn in for his second stint as the nation's attorney general; he succeeded Jeff Sessions, who'd been pushed out of office by President Donald Trump after Trump denounced Sessions' decision to recuse himself from the Russia investigation. Amazon abruptly dropped plans for a big new headquarters in New York after politicians and activists objected to the nearly \$3 billion in incentives that had been promised to the company. European aviation giant Airbus said it would stop making its superjumbo A380 in 2021 after struggling to sell the plane, the world's biggest passenger jet.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 99. Actor Andrew Prine is 84. Country singer Razy Bailey is 81. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 78. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 77. Movie director Alan Parker is 76. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 76. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 73. TV personality

Pat O'Brien is 72. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 72. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (doo-SAY') (Beausoleil) is 69. Actor Ken Wahl is 63. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 61. Actress Meg Tilly is 60. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 60. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 59. Actress Sakina Jaffey is 58. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 57. Actor Zach

Galligan is 56. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 56. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 54. Former tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 53. Actor Simon Pegg is 50. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 48. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 48. Former NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe is 48. Actress Danai Gurira is 42. Actor Matt Barr is 36. Actress

Stephanie Leonidas is 36. Actor Jake Lacy is 34. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 34. Actor Brett Dier is 30. Actor Freddie Highmore is 28.

Thought for Today: "We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love." — R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Member of the 700 Club?
- 4 Racetrack service area
- 10 Four starters
- 14 Expression of discovery
- 15 Word from the Arabic for "desert"
- 16 Juice name prefix
- 17 Ruler measure
- 19 Dance done to klezmer music
- 20 "... for ___ know"
- 21 GPS heading
- 22 Hauls away
- 23 Quark-binding particle
- 25 It's not earning interest
- 29 Sports "encore" network
- 31 Early Cronkite employer
- 32 Stale, say
- 33 Friend of Fidel
- 34 Common Muslim name
- 35 Food that may be rolled
- 36 Title of the puzzle
- 40 Hunk of marble
- 41 Wire ___ glasses
- 42 Lines of admiration
- 43 Result of electron loss
- 44 Law and Order VIPs
- 45 Hurried tempo
- 49 Aerial battles
- 52 Donated
- 53 Bank (on)
- 54 Halloween costume accessory
- 56 Omery

- 57 Julius Caesar adversary
- 58 City center second home
- 61 Showing great enthusiasm
- 62 Nothing-to-it task
- 63 Chromosome determinant
- 64 Perks (up)
- 65 Latter-day nomads
- 66 It ends for RI in mid-fall
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- 1 Cost, so to speak
- 2 Calms down
- 3 Evoke
- 4 Inflation stat.
- 5 Purina alternative
- 6 Proposition to be proven
- 7 Appraised

- 8 Beryllium bearer
- 9 49 Across setting
- 10 Explosive exclamation
- 11 It might have lunch
- 12 Places for traveling toddlers
- 13 Chain letters
- 18 Den member
- 22 "That's enough!" text message
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- 26 Slow time
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- 30 Weak-willed one
- 34 Aspiration
- 35 Not to be repeated
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- 38 Londoner's fast food
- 39 Old-style "Got it, dude"
- 40 Science Kid of TV
- 44 Cable channel for renovators
- 45 Dramatic digressions
- 46 Disinclined
- 47 Got emotional, with "up"
- 48 Right after this program
- 50 Publicizes or criticizes
- 51 Birds do it
- 55 Steady look
- 57 Tube top
- 58 It might be lunch
- 59 Angry feeling
- 60 Vietnamese New Year

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Louisville, defending champ Vandy college baseball favorites

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

With almost all of its pitching staff back from the team that made the program's deepest postseason run, Louisville begins the season Friday ranked No. 1 in three of the six major polls.

Defending national champion Vanderbilt lost six everyday players but is atop the other polls largely because it returns possible No. 1 draft pick Austin Martin and postseason pitching sensation Kumar Rocker.

Louisville coach Dan McDonnell embraces the high expectations.

"When six of your top eight arms come back and you finish third in the country, and with good position players, you feel like, OK, we're probably going to be ranked pretty high this year," McDonnell said. "We tried to prepare for the kids before Christmas as to what the rest of the country will think about us. You have to be mature in how you handle that."

Reid Detmers, the 2019 Atlantic Coast Conference pitcher of the year, Bobby Miller and Luke Smith make up the weekend rotation. Each started games in the College World Series. The Cardinals also have a proven closer in Michael Kirian.

Third baseman Alex Binelas, a freshman All-American last year, is among five position players who are back from a 51-18 team.

The Cardinals lost all three of their games with

Vanderbilt last year, including two in the CWS. The last was in a bracket final, with the Commodores scoring twice in the ninth inning for a 3-2 win.

The teams have a regular-season game scheduled May 5 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Vanderbilt has two of the college game's biggest names in Martin and Rocker.

Martin played mostly third base last year but is able to play shortstop or even in the outfield. He flirted with .400 last year, finishing at .392, and is in line to join Atlanta Braves shortstop and ex-Vandy star Dansby Swanson as a No. 1 draft pick.

The 6-foot-4, 255-pound Rocker won 12 games as a freshman, struck out 19 while throwing the first no-hitter in the NCAA super regionals and was the CWS Most Outstanding Player. Rocker probably will remain the No. 2 starter, with Mason Hickman (9-0, 2.05 ERA) moving from Sunday to the Friday spot.

Vanderbilt went 59-12, setting a Southeastern Conference record for wins, and tied the league record with 13 players taken in the draft. Even with a revamped outfield and new starters at first base and shortstop, the Commodores remain the team to beat. They open Friday with a rematch against CWS finals opponent Michigan in Scottsdale, Arizona.

"You put this 'V' star on your chest," Martin said, "you're going to have a target on your back. That's a given. Everybody wants to beat Vanderbilt regardless of what happened last year. That's just the mentality everybody has."

ARIZONA STATE (38-19)

No drop-off is expected by one of the top offensive teams in the nation. The Sun Devils batted .310, hit 94 homers and averaged better than eight runs a game. Spencer Torkelson has gone deep 48 times the past two years and has a strong supporting cast. The Pac-12 favorites brought in a top-10 recruiting class.

CAL STATE FULLERTON (27-26)

The Titans locked up coach Rick Vanderhook through 2024 before last season and then missed the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1992 and failed to win 30 games for the first time in the program's 45-year history. Vanderhook has reconfigured his coaching staff to lead what will be a young team. The Titans are the the preseason Big West favorites.

FLORIDA STATE (42-23)

Mike Martin Jr. takes over for his father, the all-time wins leader in college baseball, and will field a team that brings back five position players, two starting pitchers and three relievers who appeared in the CWS. Reese Albert, who hit nine homers despite missing 18 games because of injury, will be

counted on to bolster the offense. Ten-game winner CJ Van Eyk is the ace of a strong pitching staff.

FLORIDA (34-26)

The Gators won their fewest games since 2013 and didn't make the CWS for the first time since 2014. SEC coaches nonetheless picked the Gators to finish second in the conference. The spotlight will be on starters Tommy Mace and Jack Leftwich — poster boys for Florida's struggles on the mound (5.37 ERA) — and prized freshman left-hander Hunter Barco. Six everyday players are back from an offense that has pop.

GEORGIA (46-17)

The Bulldogs will go as far as their starting pitchers take them. Emerson Hancock's 1.99 ERA was the best by a Georgia starter since 1977. Cole Wilcox got better as his freshman season progressed. In SEC play, he went 3-1 with a 2.57 ERA and .188 opponent batting average. With the top three hitters gone, offense is the biggest question.

MIAMI (41-20)

The Hurricanes made an NCAA regional for the first time since 2016 and are looking to go farther in Gino DiMare's second year. The main contributors from a potent offense are back. Alex Toral hit 24 of Miami's 85 homers. Fifth-year senior Brian Van Belle won 10 games and anchors the pitching staff. The Canes also are excited about No. 2 starter Chris McMahon.

MICHIGAN (50-22)

The Wolverines were the feel-good story of 2019. They made it to the CWS finals in their first trip to Omaha since 1984 and their runner-up finish was their best since the 1962 team won the national title. Erik Bakich's club lost a couple big bats, but much is expected from Jordan Nwogu and Jack Blomgren, among others. Jeff Criswell will be the No. 1 starter, and Willie Weiss is back as the closer.

OKLAHOMA STATE (40-21)

The buzz around the Cowboys is about the newcomers. The recruiting class was ranked as high as No. 3, Kaden Polcovich is Big 12 preseason newcomer of the year and Bryce Osmond is preseason freshman of the year. The switch-hitting Polcovich hit 12 homers at Northwest Florida State and is projected to start at second base. Osmond is in line to be the Cowboys' No. 2 starter.

TEXAS TECH (46-20)

Tim Tadlock has coached four of his past six teams to the College World Series, with the 2019 Red Raiders making it to the final four. Tech is ranked as high as No. 3 and favored to win the Big 12. Dylan Neuse, Brian Klein and Braxton Fulford are the core of an everyday lineup that should be potent again despite losing a couple sluggers. John McMillon, Micah Dallas and Clayton Beeter headline the pitching staff.

UCLA (52-11)

The defending Pac-12 champion Bruins set school records with 52 wins overall and 24 conference wins. They also were the No. 1 national seed in the NCAA Tournament, losing a thrilling super regional at home to CWS runner-up Michigan. There's plenty of returning talent, led by All-American Garrett Mitchell and the nation's top closer in Holden Powell, and a recruiting class ranked among the top five.

NBA Standings

Eastern Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
Milwaukee Bucks	11-1	46-8	119.6	107.5
Toronto Raptors	8-4	40-15	112.9	106.6
Boston Celtics	7-5	38-16	113.1	106.2
Miami Heat	8-2	35-19	111.7	108.4
Philadelphia 76ers	9-4	34-21	108.6	106.2
Indiana Pacers	6-6	32-23	109.7	107.6
Brooklyn Nets	5-8	25-28	110.5	111.0
Orlando Magic	8-4	24-31	103.9	105.4
Washington	4-8	20-33	115.6	119.8
Chicago Bulls	6-8	19-36	106.4	109.5
Detroit Pistons	5-9	19-38	108.0	110.6
Charlotte Hornets	1-6	18-36	102.9	110.2
New York Knicks	2-10	17-38	104.8	111.7
Atlanta Hawks	4-5	15-41	110.2	118.9
Cleveland Cavaliers	4-8	14-40	106.1	115.0

Western Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
L.A. Lakers	7-2	41-12	114.7	107.3
Denver Nuggets	9-0	38-17	110.4	106.7
L.A. Clippers	6-2	37-18	115.9	110.3
Utah Jazz	5-5	36-18	111.3	107.2
Houston Rockets	6-4	34-20	118.2	114.5
Dallas Mavericks	7-2	33-22	116.4	110.5
Oklahoma City	6-4	32-22	110.4	107.9
Memphis Grizzlies	4-5	28-26	113.0	114.4
Portland	4-8	25-31	113.4	115.3
San Antonio Spurs	3-5	23-31	113.2	114.5
New Orleans	3-7	23-31	115.7	117.2
Phoenix Suns	5-7	22-33	112.4	113.6
Sacramento Kings	5-5	21-33	107.9	110.8
Minnesota	2-9	16-37	112.4	115.9
Golden State	1-8	12-43	106.3	114.7

PLAYOFF PICTURE

EAST: (1) Bucks, (2) Raptors, (3) Celtics, (4) Heat, (5) 76ers, (6) Pacers, (7) Nets, (8) Magic

WEST: (1) Lakers, (2) Nuggets, (3) Clippers, (4) Jazz, (5) Rockets, (6) Mavericks, (7) Thunder, (8) Grizzlies

NHL Standings

Eastern (Atlantic)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Boston Bruins	35-11-12	82	192	144
Tampa Bay Lightning	37-15-5	79	203	152
Toronto Maple Leafs	30-19-8	68	203	189
Florida Panthers	30-20-6	66	198	188
Montreal Canadiens	27-25-7	61	180	180
Buffalo Sabres	25-24-8	58	162	178
Ottawa Senators	18-27-11	47	147	191
Detroit Red Wings	14-40-4	32	120	216

Eastern (Metro)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Washington Capitals	36-15-5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh Penguins	34-15-6	74	182	150
New York Islanders	33-16-6	72	166	151
Columbus Blue Jackets	30-17-10	70	148	139
Philadelphia Flyers	31-19-7	69	184	170
Carolina Hurricanes	32-21-3	67	181	157
New York Rangers	28-23-4	60	181	174
New Jersey Devils	20-25-10	50	152	195

Western (Central)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis Blues	32-15-9	73	178	160
Colorado Avalanche	33-16-6	72	200	154
Dallas Stars	32-19-5	69	151	142
Winnipeg Jets	29-24-5	63	174	176
Minnesota Wild	27-23-6	60	173	181
Nashville Predators	26-22-7	59	178	183
Chicago Blackhawks	25-24-8	58	166	181

Western (Pacific)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Vancouver Canucks	32-21-5	69	190	175
Edmonton Oilers	30-20-6	66	181	176
Vegas Golden Knights	28-22-8	64	182	178
Calgary Flames	29-23-6	64	164	178
Arizona Coyotes	28-23-8	64	165	162
Anaheim Ducks	23-26-7	53	146	173
San Jose Sharks	24-28-4	52	147	187
Los Angeles Kings	20-33-5	45	142	186

PLAYOFF PICTURE

EAST (Atlantic): (1) Bruins, (2) Lightning, (3) Maple Leafs

EAST (Metro): (1) Capitals, (2) Penguins, (3) Islanders

WILD CARD: (1) Blue Jackets, (2) Flyers

WEST (Central): (1) Blues, (2) Avalanche, (3) Stars

WEST (Pacific): (1) Canucks, (2) Oilers, (3) Golden Knights

WILD CARD: (1) Flames, (2) Coyotes

Seguin scores as Stars beat Maple Leafs 3-2

TORONTO (AP) — The Dallas Stars got off to a fast start in each period — and held on at the very end.

Tyler Seguin snapped a 17-game goal drought, Ben Bishop made 27 saves and the Stars beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 on Thursday night.

"Not the prettiest of games on our end," Seguin said. "But we greased it out."

Denis Gurianov and Radek Faksa also scored for Dallas (33-19-5), which earned its third straight victory.

Toronto (30-20-8) dropped to 2-3-1 over its last six. Auston Matthews scored his 41st goal for the Maple Leafs, and Zach Hyman got his 17th.

Toronto goaltender Frederik Andersen stopped 16 shots after missing four games with a neck injury.

"They're very well-structured and don't mind if it's a sleepy type of night," Maple Leafs captain John Tavares said. "We tried to stay with it. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it done."

Dallas scored 80 seconds into the first, 24 seconds into the second and 81 seconds into the third, using structure and physical play to snuff out Toronto attacks and keep things mostly to the outside.

"You're playing against a team that knows how to make it hard on you defensively," Leafs coach Sheldon Keefe said. "You can't spot them a lead just because you make it even harder. That's a real tough team to play against when you're chasing a game."

Dallas opened a 3-1 lead after Tavares was sent off for tripping early in the third. Making his NHL debut with veteran forwards Alexander Radulov and Joe Pavelski sidelined by injuries, Jason Robertson's initial shot popped over to Seguin, who buried his 12th of

the season in the arena where he used to watch games as a kid.

A native of nearby Brampton, Ontario, Seguin scored his first goal since Dec. 28 against Colorado.

"Didn't know when it was going to happen," Seguin said. "Figured it was going to be something off my head or off my butt."

Andersen stopped Gurianov on a breakaway midway through the third, and Bishop robbed William Nylander at the other end.

The Leafs pulled their goalie with three minutes to go and Hyman made it 3-2 on a rebound with 1:19 left. But Bishop and the Stars held on.

"They just play a really structured game," Matthews said.

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