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Safety in the Sanctuary class offered through Howard College

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The past few years the need for heightened security in public areas, schools, shopping malls, and even churches has increased drastically. In an effort to help equip and train more organizations, especially congregations, Howard College will be offering a special course, called Safety in the Sanctuary, on May 16 in Big Spring and April 18 in Lamesa. This will be the first in a series of trainings that will be offered throughout the year.

“There are many factors to be considered for safety, from the parking lot to the pulpit and everything in between,” Ray Rivera, Dean of Adult, Continuing and

Career Technical Education at Howard College – Big Spring Campus, said.

The course will focus on being proactive before weapons come into the situation and is directly focused on church security teams.

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According to Rivera, the main focus of the course will be prepare, prevent, protect and defend.

“It’s important to be careful, to be a war of surroundings,” Rivera said. “We are lucky to have this class taught by a man with wisdom and experience that those attending can take

back to their churches. We want to encourage churches to send their teams.”

The class will be taught by Dr. Edward Smith, who has conducted more than 300 trainings across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Dr. Smith is a retired police officer and a Disaster Response Chaplain. He has also done disaster training as facility support in the West Texas Region.

Once a participant has completed the first course, they are encouraged to continue adding to their training. A couple of courses highly recommended as follow-up include Stop the Bleed and CPR.

“The important thing to remember is that it’s important to do what you can inside the church,” he said. “It’s about accessing the situation, mug shot awareness, knowing how to defuse situations and more.”

Rivera said it would be best if each congregation – this training is non-denominational and open to all- would

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Eagle Scout award presented in special ceremony

Special to the Herald

Justin Jaeger, Sunday, received the Boy Scouts of America’s highest achievement, the Eagle Scout award, in a ceremony Sunday at the Church of Latter Day Saints in front of friends, family and members of his Scout Troop.

The rank of Eagle Scout is bestowed to a Boy Scout following considerable effort, planning and diligence, according to the Boy Scouts of America manual but what makes Jaeger’s award more endearing and sentimental is the amount of time he was involved in scouting before receiving its highest award.

Jaeger’s Eagle Scout Award has been 29 years in the making.

A young Jaeger started Cub Scouts at eight years of age, often alongside his father, Bruce, who served as



Courtesy photo
Justin Jaeger (center) received the Eagle Scout Award, Sunday, in a ceremony in Big Spring. Pictured with Justin is Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers CEO, his father and mother, Bruce and Vernie Jaeger, and Scoutmaster Marshall Horn.

his leader many times but most importantly served as his mentor.

“I am my father’s boy,” Justin said.

Justin lives with Down syndrome, an intellectual and developmental disability, his mother, Vernie Jaeger said but that hasn’t ever

stopped him from reaching out to people in need.

“He has a good heart and just wants to help others,” she said recently during a break in Justin’s programming at the West Texas Centers Howard County Vo-Tech site in Big Spring. “Everything he does is to help other people.”

As Justin moves through the many rooms of the Howard County Vo-Tech Center, he does so with authority. Vernie said because of Justin’s sense of caring for others, he believes he is responsible for the happiness of his 50 or more coworkers who come to the Center daily to perform jobs and learn new skills.

“He’s very much in charge,” his mother, Vernie said laughingly.

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Successful support at annual Life Center fundraiser

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

The Life Center-Big Spring held their annual fundraiser luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, at the Hotel Settles. It was a packed house with every table at capacity.

“I am so excited about the support we received at our annual fundraiser this year,” says Tracy Watson, The Life Center-Big Spring Director. “I want to thank Big Spring and just say I appreciate everyone who came out for this event. The money raised this year will be used to support not only our day-to-day operations in Big Spring, but will help us expand our services by adding an RN to our staff. In the future, we are looking at expanding our current building and offering sonograms services for



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez
Tracy Watson, Life Center Director, spoke during the annual fundraiser luncheon. There was a full house for the event held at Hotel Settles.

qualifying clients.”

In case you don’t know what The Life Center does, according to their website, they are a non-profit, faith-based alternative to abortion advocating sexual wellness through three areas of outreach: teaching about sexual risks, helping through pregnancy, and healing through restoration. The Life Center promotes the value of human life at every stage of existence and development. The Life Center supports mothers and fathers experiencing pregnancy and promotes sexual wellness in the West Texas community. They offer practical educational tools, spiritual support and mentoring to women and men, and helps equip them to choose, enjoy,

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- **ISIAH CLEMONS**, 18, of 4212 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) in a drug free zone.
- **GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III**, 30, of 1407 Owens St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **CHEZARAHY FUENTEZ VELASQUEZ**, 35, of

4083 N. State St., was arrested on charges of evading arrest, and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 6700 block of E. Midway Rd.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5400 block of N. Service Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JUSTIN LEE ALVARADO**, 24, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
 - **GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces)
 - **ISIAH CLEMONS**, 18, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces) in a drug free zone.

- **SEVERIANO LAWRENCE CORDOVA**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for wrong, altered, obscured license plate, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and failure to appear.
- **CHEZARAHY FUENTEZ VELASQUEZ**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention, and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of E. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **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 500 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Lancaster and 8th St. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the N. Service Rd. I-20. No transportation was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transportation was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E. 13th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Holy Trinity Youth Group and sponsors will be hosting a Mardi Gras celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center on the church campus. Casseroles, desserts, candy, soft drinks and much more! Door prizes and games for all to enjoy.

• Mitchell County Hospital will be having a Book and Gift Sale on Tuesday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 4 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great products at great prices! Mitchell County Hospital is located at 997 W. Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas.

• Benefit fundraiser for Deb and Buddy Arrick will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2 p.m. until close, at Apt. 9 Saloon, located at 1800 N. Birdwell Lane. Deb is currently battling cancer, and all money raised will go toward medical bills and expenses. Please come out and support Deb and Buddy!

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

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you.

AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services,

and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

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

• 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. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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.

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WEDNESDAY

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

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

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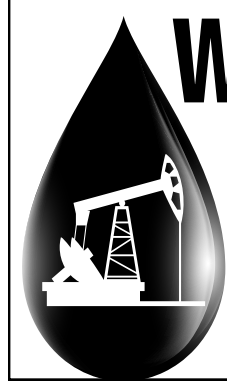
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And pursuing his Eagle Scout project was an outreach of his natural desire to help others, she said.

When planning for his Eagle Scout project, Joyce Horn, the wife of his Scoutmaster, Marshall Horn, saw a need for outside furniture at the Anderson Accelerated Campus. More importantly, they needed furniture so they could eat their lunch outdoors from time to time.

Joyce Horn suggested that Justin and Marshall construct a picnic table for Justin to fulfill the rank of Eagle Scout. One of the final steps to becoming an Eagle Scout requires a signifi-

cant service project.

Justin, along with members of his scouting community and his family, spent the past year planning, ordering materials and constructing the picnic table. Construction was completed in September and the picnic table was placed at the Anderson Alternative School in October much to the delight of school district employees, Bruce Jaeger said.

"A lot of us helped make the table," Bruce said. "It turned out very nice."

"I would tell my Dad, 'I need your help,'" Justin said. "I love my dad so much. I am my Dad's boy."

Justin said the most difficult part of the project was properly installing the table legs and correctly screwing everything together to make the table

sturdy. "We did not cut any corners," Justin said. "I assigned people the jobs they needed to do."

"Marshall (Horn) worked so hard," Justin said. "He helped me get the measurements."

The project was well worth the effort, Bruce said. School district employees have enjoyed using the table. That makes Justin very happy. Helping people is in Justin's blood, Vernie said. "He is a caregiver and he likes to stay busy."

Justin recently donated 50 homemade caps to veterans from his vast supply of handcrafted caps. He makes about two a day, Vernie said. "He's literally made thousands."

Justin started making the caps years ago as mission work for his

church.

He likes to stay busy and he needs to know things, Vernie said. "Even as a small kid, we tried to make him independent. It's very important for him to help and to know things."

Justin is a great cook, Vernie said and a loving caretaker to his uncle, who is living with Alzheimer's disease. Justin also is instrumental in caring for Uncle Carl's dog, a Chihuahua and Terrier mix.

Scouting has been a part of Justin's life for 29 years and he has no plans on stopping any time soon. "I want to be working with Marshall and helping others," Justin said of his future with scouting.

Texas couple sentenced to a combined 140 years in prison for conspiracy to produce child pornography and other crimes against children

Editor's Note: The following is a press release from the Texas Department of Justice regarding a case that was tried outside of Howard County involving two Big Spring residents.

Special to the Herald

A husband and wife from Big Spring, Texas, were sentenced today to a combined 140 years in prison for crimes against multiple children.

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox of the Northern District of Texas and Special Agent in Charge Ryan L. Spradlin of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) made the announcement.

Christopher James Regan, 38, a former shipping logistics manager, was sentenced to 90 years in prison after pleading guilty in October 2019 to conspiracy to produce child pornography and two counts of producing child pornography. Tanya Marie Regan, 35, was sentenced to 50 years in prison after her October 2019 guilty plea to conspiracy to produce child pornography

and possession of prepubescent child pornography. The sentences, which were imposed by U.S. District Judge Mark T. Pittman of the Northern District of Texas, also included lifetime terms of supervised release for both defendants.

According to court documents, Christopher and Tanya Regan sexually abused and produced child pornography of multiple children, and they possessed and distributed child pornography to one another as well. The Regans also engaged in graphic discussions about the sexual abuse of children over several online platforms.

In plea papers, the pair admitted that at Christopher Regan's direction, Tanya Regan repeatedly videotaped herself sexually abusing children for Christopher Regan's sexual gratification.

When law enforcement seized electronics from the home, several graphic videos had been deleted, but were still stored in the recycle bin or on unallotted space on various SD cards. Undeleted videos were stored in a computer folder titled "users\tanya_000\pictures\privatevids\minor."

HSI's San Angelo, Texas, office,

the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the High Technology Investigative Unit within the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) investigated the case. Substantial assistance was provided by the HSI offices in Lubbock and Tyler, Texas, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Center for Mission and Exploited Children. Trial Attorney Kyle P. Reynolds of CEOS and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ann Howey and Jeffrey R. Haag prosecuted the case along with former Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell H. Lorfing.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and CEOS, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.



Weather

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 62. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 74. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

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

LIFE

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and nurture healthy relationships.

If you were not able to attend the fundraiser, but would like to help with The Life Center-Big Spring's mission and future building and endeavors, you can go to website tcdonor.org, stop by The Life Center-Big Spring at 1801 S. Main

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select a couple of members from their security team to send to the classes. The course is a faith based approach.

"It's important that we do our best to protect the shepard and the sheep," Rivera said. "We want to help with the awareness that license to carry is a tool, but there are other factors to consider to protect our places of worship."

For those wanting to sign up mem-

bers of the church security team, call 432-264-5000 and reserve a spot. Class sizes are limited, but a waiting list will be started once capacity is reached. There will be two classes held on May 16; the first session will be from 8 a.m. until Noon. The second session will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those on the waiting list will be contacted when the next class is set.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Reflections: *Beyond Religion*

A young friend wrote on his Facebook page, "Religion is still the opiate of the masses." He got some interesting responses. One person agreed with him. Another wrote, "It can't be. If it was, I would take it for recreational purposes." Of course the statement originated with Karl Marx when he was developing the Communist Manifesto, the philosophical foundation that would eradicate religion in Russia for 75 years. When I visited Moscow and Lenin's tomb 21 years ago, the hopeless despair left in atheism's wake was palpable.

My first inclination, like many, is to jump to the defense of religion, but that might not be the most thoughtful response. After all, religion killed Jesus. The Roman government reluctantly carried out the crucifixion only after Pilate had repeatedly tried to release Jesus concluding, "I find no fault in him." It was the religious leaders of Jerusalem who incited the crowds and demanded Jesus be crucified.

Mankind is incurably religious. Every culture on every continent has spawned religion, and, more often than not, the results have not been good. 9-11 and the Twin Towers serve as a monuments to the deadly effects of Islamic Jihad. ISIS has terrorized the world. The Hindu caste system of India consigns millions to poverty without hope.

The Christian religion can also become corrupt, self-serving and self-absorbed. Perhaps Dan Brown's novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, found credibility with so

many because they suspect that religion can become vicious if its survival is threatened. The mentally unstable often use religion to justify atrocities against the innocent. We cannot forget the 909 people, including women and children, who voluntarily drank cyanide out of religious devotion to Jim Jones in Guyana in 1978.

Sometimes religion is not just an opiate, it is a poison.

Jesus, on the other hand, makes people less selfish, more generous, fills them with hope and leads them to sacrificial efforts to help others. Jesus transformed a little Albanian girl named Agnes

into Mother Teresa who spent her life caring for the poor of Calcutta. Faith in Jesus made William Wilberforce the leader of reform in England to abolish slavery in the British Empire. Faith in Jesus inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe to write the book that Lincoln credited with igniting the Civil War. Faith in Jesus Christ changed a backwoods playboy from North Carolina into Billy Graham who preached grace and forgiveness to millions. Faith in Jesus catapulted Martin Luther King Jr from the backstreets of Atlanta into the forefront of the Civil Rights movement.

The list goes on. Jesus Christ goes beyond religion. He transforms us into better people and the world into a better place.

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Something to think about...

"Give up!" Have you ever found yourself proclaiming those three simple words in defeat? Maybe all the goals you set at the beginning of the year don't seem to be working out. You cancelled that gym membership and the new book you were so excited about is gathering dust on the shelf. We are all tempted to throw in the towel from time to time. There are days we just want to crawl back in bed and wave the white flag of surrender.

Maybe you are tempted to give up on something more significant. Every day people give up on their marriage and walk away from their family. Others have simply given up on their faith family and walk away from the church. Attempting to do life together doesn't seem to be worth all the struggle and pain. The writer of Hebrews calls out like a coach to those who want to quit, "Don't give up!" He writes:

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." ~ Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

"I don't need to go to church to

be a Christian!" That is a statement I hear from time to time. The truth is that you don't go to church, you are the church. But, I believe that some assembly is required. Regardless of how challenging it can be to put all the pieces together at times, we truly need each other to experience life the way God intended. Scripture is clear - we cannot separate our vertical relationship with God from the horizontal relationships with one another. We were created for community. We were made for each other.

Eugene Peterson says, "The gospel pulls us into community. One of the immediate changes that the gospel makes is grammatical: we instead of I, our instead of my, us instead of me." We gather together in

Christian community to encounter the manifest presence of God in our lives, to seek the Lord with all our heart, renew our spirit, to deepen in our walk and hold fast to the faith, to build each other up, to serve and work together for the Kingdom's sake. Christ gave himself up for the church, and despite all of her faults and failures, He loves the church. I believe it is God's chosen vessel to bring His presence, healing, hope, and salvation into the world.

We need each other. We are better together. Don't give up!



RICHARD
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But I Think

Recently I had a conversation with a minister who continually said, "but I think." I do not recall him ever using a scripture to state his positions, just "but I think." Now let me tell you what I think:

1. I have obeyed the Gospel only, having believed on Christ as the Son of God and Savior of men; having sincerely repented of my sins; and having publicly owned Him as my only Redeemer, I was baptized in the "name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19-20), for or "unto the remission of sins," (Acts 2:38); and I did this "Calling upon the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). I did nothing more. People who did that in New Testament times were by "The Lord" "Added to the church" (Acts 2:46-47) as children if God or Christians! Doing only those things today produces only the results produced in that day. The Lord will add to the church precisely that same kind of material or converts He added in that day.

2. "The church" the Lord added people to in that day is the church He adds them to today. There was just one church in that day to which the Lord added the saved. Do you ask which church that is? I reply; it is the same church to which the Lord added the saved in the New Testament times. God has created no other church: The one He created in A.D. 33 is here today and is that church to which He adds all the saved. There is no new church.

3. "The Church" Established in the New Testament times by Christ, "Upon this Rock I will build My church." (Matthew 16:18). No other has ever been built by divine authority. The church is here today. It was the church of Christ then, it is the

church of Christ now. Christ built it, loved it, gave Himself up for it (Ephesians 5:25), purchasing it with His own blood, (Acts 20:28). Therefore, it is His. Every congregation of it is His, hence they are collectively called, "The Churches of Christ." (Romans 16:16). See that? There is, therefore, not a congregation of the true church that is not Christ's. He claims each and every one, thus constituting each congregation the Church of Christ in that locality. They are God's because "Christ is God's," (1 Corinthians 3:23). Both God's and Christ's are possessives, meaning ownership.

4. The church built by Christ was and is the only church to which the Lord ever added anyone. All other religious bodies have to be joined - must be entered "by works" of human devising. I belong to the church which Christ built - the church of Christ - because the Lord added me to it by His own grace and power. He added them, so He added me to it when I obeyed Him as His people did in the days of the apostles; as He added them, so He added me when I did what they did. Neither they nor I joined the church of Christ; we were added when we obeyed the gospel, being Baptized into Christ upon which the Lord added us to the church as the body of Christ, into which baptism brought us. (I Corinthians 12:12; Galatian 2:20; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27). I belong to this church because it is the only church recognized by the Lord. The one purchased with the precious blood of His beloved Son.

Now it is not what I think or he thought, it is what the Word of God says. Now there is a real, "but I think."

Come study with us. Ralph



RALPH
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A Constant Reminder

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16

Does the grace of God make us better people? I don't know. I guess that would depend on your definition of good. If being Law, then, no, grace does not make us better people. If being good means clinging to Christ and following Him, then yes, grace makes us better people. But if being good means living a sinless life, then no, grace does not make us better people. If honest about our sinful con- yses, grace makes us better people. Someone asked one time - how can I feel God's presence in my life? I believe that is found in God's love. If you have the love of God, then you will have felt His presence in your life.

God's presence in our lives is revealed to us by His love. It seems that this would be contradictory to what we have been taught about God. I was taught that if you want to feel God's presence in your life, you must be faithful, pure and holy. But if we dwell in God's love we dwell in Him and He dwells in us.

Do we cling to Christ because we are religious or because we are desperate for Him? Do we follow the Good Shepherd's voice because we feel the need to show that we are good, pure and faithful, or because we have not been good, pure or faithful? Do we follow Christ because there is something good in us or because we know that in us, that is, in our flesh, dwelleth no good thing?

God's love in us is a constant reminder that we need Him, and that without Him, we can do nothing good.



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On Sunday, Feb. 23 Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Transformed Minds" from Romans 12:1-2. God expects us to learn and grow in our faith by even changing our minds!

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, and youth meetings which all meet at 6 p.m. The children's choir will resume meeting after Spring Break. The praise team rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The College Ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Howard College.

"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. 26: Ash Wednesday Services, 12:30 p.m. Garrett Hall; 6 p.m., Sanctuary
- Feb. 27-Mar. 1: Men's Walk to Emmaus
- March 2-3: Food2Kids Sacking, 1107 N.W. 7th St.
- March 4: First Lenten Luncheon, Holy Trinity Catholic Church
- March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 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.

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. 23 - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Van transportation- We have an active van ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride, please contact the church office.

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

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

information.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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



First Baptist Church

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength." Isaiah 40:28-29

You're invited to become part of the family of First Baptist Church 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 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.

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

College Baptist Church

SEND, First Priority, Bible teaching, preaching from God's word, backpack 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 will meet Tuesday, March 3, at the 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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS



The Transfiguration of Our Lord Feb. 23, 2020

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

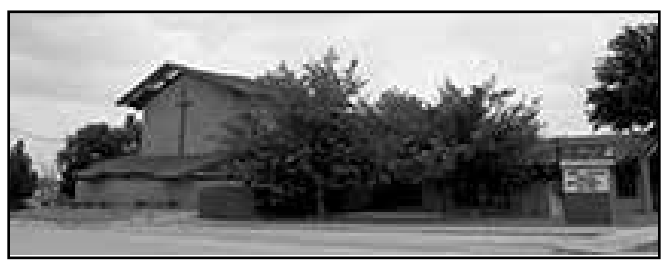
Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

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

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

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.

CHURCH

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• Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26

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.



First Presbyterian Church

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

Monika Robinson asks everyone to check out the church's website at fpcbigspring.com to see what is happening there. It is still under construction, and she welcomes input from any member of the congregation.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Pastor Nominating Committee meets at 5 p.m. in the Library. At 6 p.m., the Fellowship Committee meets in the Parlor.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet Feb. 20 at Evita's in Spring Town Plaza (1801 E. FM 700). The Finance Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the Library.

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. 16, were Ellen Austin, Buddy Cochrane, Jim Little, and John Yater.

Royal Padden II will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Lectionary passages for Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday are Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; I Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9. The choral Introit is "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place." Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the Children's Moment.

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.

First Christian Church

We are coming up on the last Sunday before Lent, Feb. 26. Why are many Christians so long-faced, somber and morose that they appear to be so miserable that you would think they lost their last

friend? A true Christian is a radiant personality exuding life, joy, and enthusiasm. How come? It is not put on. It comes from God whose glory is reflected upon those who live in his presence. If one lives in his presence, there is no way to hide the fact, because the reflection is inevitable. If God is a personal experience, there is no hiding it. If one lacks the radiance, the solution is to get close to God.

If you do not have a church home, come visit First Christian Church, located at 911 Goliad. Fellowship in the sitting room with coffee and donuts starts at approximately 9:15 a.m., and worship starts at 10:50 a.m. Come as you are; everyone is welcome at First Christian Church.

Crestview Baptist Church

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

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the first five chapters in the book of Psalm. On Sunday and Wednes-

day nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Attributes of God.

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

NazFamily Church

20/20 Vision

"Who is my neighbor?" Some of us know our neighbors pretty well. We may talk to them often and even consider them friends. Others don't know their neighbors at all, we couldn't even tell you their names. Many would say we are blessed with good neighbors, but some believe they have bad neighbors. Then Jesus flat out tells us, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets hand on these two commands." What does it look like to love my neighbor? Who is Jesus really talking about? Join us this Sunday as finish up our 20/20 Vision Series and explore what it means to Love Community Authentically.

Ashes 2 Fire

Get ready for a journey that will take the ordinary moments of our lives and infuse



them with the extraordinary presence of our God. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will embark on a journey that will take us from Lent through Easter to Pentecost, from penitence to praise to power. All are invited to join us for a special Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

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!

Stresses multiply for many US clergy: 'We need help too'

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Laurie is among America's most successful clergymen -- senior pastor at a California megachurch, prolific author, host of a global radio program. Yet after a youthful colleague's suicide, his view of his vocation is unsparing.

"Pastors are people, just like everyone else," Laurie said by email. "We are broken people who live in a broken world. Sometimes, we need help too."

Laurie's 15,000-member Harvest Christian Fellowship, based in Riverside, California, was jolted in September by the death of Jarrid Wilson, a 30-year-old associate pastor. Wilson and his wife, parents of two sons, had founded an outreach group to help people coping with depression and suicidal thoughts.

"People may think that as pastors or spiritual leaders we are somehow above the pain and struggles of everyday people," Laurie wrote after Wilson's death. "We are the ones who are supposed to have all the answers. But we do not."

There is similar introspection among clergy of many faiths across the United States as the age-old challenges of their ministries are deepened by a host of newly evolving stresses. Rabbis worry about protecting their congregations from anti-Semitic violence. Islamic chaplains counsel college students unnerved by anti-Muslim sentiments. A shortage of Catholic priests creates burdens for those who remain, even as their church's sex-abuse crisis lowers morale. Worries for Protestant pastors

range from crime and drug addiction in their communities to financial insecurity for their own families to social media invective that targets them personally.

Adam Hertzman, who works for the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, witnessed firsthand the emotional toll on his city's rabbis after the October 2018 massacre that killed 11 Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue.

"Somehow in the U.S. we expect our clergy to be superhuman when it comes to these things, and frankly that's an unrealistic expectation," he said. "They're human beings who are going to feel the same kind of fear and numbness and depression that other people do."

It's difficult to quantify the extent of clergy stress, nationwide or denominationally. But a 2018 Gallup poll bears out a widely shared impression that clergy no longer enjoy the same

public esteem as in the past. Only 37% of American rate members of the clergy highly for their honesty and ethics, the lowest rating in the 40 years Gallup has asked that question.

"Not very long ago, they were seen as one of the pillars of the community," said Carl Weisner, senior director of Duke Divinity School's Clergy Health Initiative. "There has been some loss of status... and that does add to stress."

Yet Weisner says the challenges of ministry are often offset by the rewards.

"There's a gift of meaning in the work that not a whole lot of other professions have," he said.

Stress — and rewards — come in many forms for Rodney McNeal, 54, an Army veteran and hospital social worker who has pastored Second Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana for nearly eight years.

Officially, the African American church has 300 members but only about 130 attend a typical service, he said.

"They don't understand that I get tired like they get tired," he said. "They want you to be at their beck and call."

He has attended five seminaries but never completed them. The courses, he said, didn't cover the things he sees on the job.

"The preaching part is the easy part," he said. "Had I known the ugly side of ministry -- the hospital visits, burying the dead, being in the room when someone is dying and trying to comfort their family... Had I known all that, I don't think I would have accepted being a pastor."

When he began, McNeal rarely took time off, straining his marriage.

Although he has tried to create a work-life balance, he visits sick congregants on his lunch break and, if he gets off his job at 4:30 p.m., tries to make two or three home and hospital visits before he picks up his children.

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Former Big Spring track star Kaitlyn Mathews finding success at Angelo State

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

If you take a ride through Angelo State University's campus, you will see the top athletes from the school plastered on banners across campus. One of the athletes depicted on the banners is former Big Spring track star Kaitlyn Mathews.

Mathews has been making her mark at the collegiate level and is currently in her junior year. After winning the state title for triple jump in high school, Mathews took her talents almost 100 miles to the southeast. Her speed and jumping ability had caught the eye of a local Division II track and field coach and he was determined to bring her onto the team.

"I knew that Kaitlyn could do a lot of stuff and for our program here at ASU we like to have girls that can do a lot of stuff and she was one that fit the bill," Angelo State coach Tom Dibbern said.

She competes as both a sprinter and a jumper at Angelo State and is off to a great start to her season. Mathews' 4x400 relay team has already qualified for Nationals and it is still early in the season. Her group finished in the Top 10 at the New Mexico Collegiate Classic against many top-tier Division I track and field programs.

In addition to the relay, Mathews also still participates in the triple jump and long jump. Dibbern believes that the triple jump is the event that Mathews has the highest potential ceiling. She has shown her skill in the competition all the way back through high school and is still working on perfecting her craft.

"She's just as good in the 200m as she is in the 400m. She's as good in the 400m right now as she is in the triple jump," Dibbern said. "I think she can jump 43 feet before she gets out of here. She's really well-balanced and I think she has a chance to win the conference meet outdoors and make four or five events."

Mathews is the Big Spring record-holder in the 400-meter dash and the triple jump and has contin-



Courtesy Photo

Kaitlyn Mathews is displayed on banners across campus as the face of Angelo State's women's track and field team.

ued to improve in both events in her time at Angelo State. Battling against top competition from across the nation has undoubtedly pushed Mathews to become a better athlete and she has never seemed out of place. The 200m dash and 400m dash are a test of speed, endurance and an excellent running IQ.

Both are some of the most difficult events in track and field. Mathews has made her mark at both while at Big Spring and continues to do so now three years into her college career.

Like any sport, there is always room for improvement. Mathews was voted team captain this season and makes her mark by leading by example. That does not mean that she is a finished product on the track but she is a tremendous leader who her teammates will follow into the fire.

"She's really quiet but I think everybody knows where they stand with her and I think she's got the ability and does bring some of those younger kids along with her," Dibbern said.

There is still time left in the season and Mathews will be working toward that 4x400m relay at the Outdoor Championships in May.

Mathews has ran a 25.63 in the 200m dash and a 58.22 in the 400m dash this season. She is the lead-off sprinter in the 4x400 and has recorded the third-fastest time for an Angelo State women's sprinter this season. The relay team had an impressive 3:47.56 in the 4x400 and will be preparing for the national title that is in a few months.

She has also triple-jumped 39' 1.25" and long-jumped 17' 6.25". Mathews is an all-around athlete who is continuing to succeed on the track and will be for the next couple of years. Her continued improvement and leadership have made their mark on Angelo State. The team captain is going to continue to push herself and her teammates but her coach knows that there is always room to grow.

"She just needs to stay the course and do what she's been doing," Dibbern said. "She's only going to get better as she starts to figure things out more."

In the meantime, Mathews will continue to be the face of the Angelo State women's track and field program.

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

Local boys' basketball playoff matchups are set



HERALD File Photos

Pictured above left: Big Spring guard Zephaniah Nelson successfully goes for a steal in a game from earlier this season that was held at Howard College. Pictured above right: Head Coach Cory Richardson talks to his players in the huddle in a game last month in Ozona.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The playoffs start next week and there are two local teams that will be participating in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The 4A-District 5 Big Spring Steers (18-16, 2-6) will be taking on the 4A-District 6 Burkburnett Bulldogs (22-9, 7-1) next Tuesday night at Abilene High School at 6:00 p.m. The game will feature two strong offenses that will be looking to put their strong shooting on display. Head Coach Kris Hise will be work-

ing his team hard in practice leading up to the game as they try to snap their current three-game losing streak.

On Monday night, the Forsan Buffaloes will travel to Hermleigh to take on the Haskell Indians at 6:30 p.m. in their first round game. Starting forward Zane Riffe will need to continue his hot second half-of-the-season scoring stretch for the Buffs to advance to the next round.

Both teams will need their role players to step up in crucial situations to win next week and the intrigue is building to see who steps up to the win-or-go-home challenge.

James Harden, Rockets roll to 135-105 rout of young Warriors

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Russell Westbrook vowed to better control his emotions down the stretch of the regular season. They sometimes get the better of him and he realizes he's under the watchful eye of referees because of his reputation, but he won't ever back down.

James Harden had 29 points and 10 assists, Westbrook added 21 points and 10 assists before being ejected, and the Houston Rockets beat the cold-shooting Golden State Warriors 135-105 on Thursday night in the teams' first game back from the All-Star break.

Things got testy with 6:04 to play when Westbrook collided with several Warriors, including bumping Damion Lee but "it wasn't on purpose." After a replay review, Westbrook received his second technical of the night and was ejected.

"I'm always the one that gets painted to be a bad guy in the whole situation," Westbrook said, hinting he might review his technicals to see whether he has a case to get one rescinded.

"... I'm in a position of like, 'Oh well, Russ is being Russ,' which nobody knows what that means.

But I've got to do a better job of holding myself accountable to a very, very high standard. I will make sure I leave no room for error to allow somebody and people to paint me out to be a guy that I'm not. I think it's unfair that after all that I'm the only one that gets a tech or kicked out. That's not fair"

P.J. Tucker scored 15 points. He made all five of his 3-pointers as the Rockets knocked down 25 total — a franchise record allowed by the Warriors. Houston set an NBA record with 27 3s in a win against the Suns last April.

Robert Covington added 20 points as the Rockets ran away with this one early after losing 116-104 at Chase Center on Christmas Day.

Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points in the Warriors' fifth straight loss and also their fifth consecutive at home. Draymond Green dished out seven assists after getting nine in each of his previous two games.

"He's one of those guys people have said he's overrated now for a couple years," coach Steve Kerr said of Wiggins. "He's become underrated."

The Rockets, missing guard Eric Gordon for a third straight game with a bruised left leg, raced to a 16-4 lead.

Westbrook was hit with a technical foul at the 7:38 mark of the first quarter, when the Rockets made 8

of 12 3-pointers to take control. Harden shot just 6 for 16 from the field — 3 of 12 on 3s — but made 14 of 15 free throws.

Golden State started 5 of 16 and missed its initial 11 3-point attempts. When Jordan Poole finally connected from deep with 4:52 left in first half, Houston already had 13 3s.

THOMPSON UPDATE

Klay Thompson will not play the rest of the regular season as has been the plan all along, though the Warriors said it definitively before the game.

Thompson tore the ACL in his left knee last June 13 during the deciding Game 6 of the NBA Finals against Toronto and had surgery July 2. He was re-evaluated over the All-Star break and the team said Stephen Curry's Splash Brother is expected to be ready to go for training camp in late September.

"It's been a very frustrating year for Klay but I think he's almost out of the woods," Kerr said. "He's a couple months away from this season ending and him moving toward a summer of preparing for the next season with his teammates, so I think that's a much better place for him to be emotionally."

An update on Curry's recovery and progress from a broken left hand is planned for Feb. 28 and he expects to be back on the court in March.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mars Presents Challenge to Self-Care

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A feeling of longing and a longing for feeling -- these are the human elements behind the meaningful accomplishments of the day. You'll be on the lookout for this in yourself and others wherever you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before making a choice, make sure that the lineup of options is actually the best you can do. "Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil." -- Jerry Garcia

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The difference between challenging yourself and forcing things can be subtle. There's no need to get there faster or show up stronger. Anything that feels pushed is probably wrong.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once the thing you love gets popular, you'll have less access to it. Right now, it's pretty wonderful to love

something that others don't get yet. It allows you the chance to flow appreciation to it openly and without competition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been working hard and the temptation will be to play just as hard. Perhaps "hard" is not going to help matters. What can you do to make both work and play a little easier on yourself?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your love is not a bubble that will pop when it smacks upon a sharp reality. Your love is made of tougher stuff, a durable elastic not duplicated anywhere else in the universe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It happens so very rarely, but this is one of those times. Truly, you'll be better off if you lose your usual diplomacy and get something off your chest. Speak the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Getting out of a stuck place will be about the same no mat-

ter what kind of "stuck" it is. Jiggle, jostle and turn. Move until something about the situation changes. Wiggle until you're free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're new, you have to work a little harder, smarter and more creatively than the others. There will be a way to defer to the big shots and still be powerful in your own right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone doesn't have to know what you're good at. If you know, that's enough. The confidence you feel will come through in your posture and your being,

no words necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There you go thinking of who you might have been were certain turns not taken. It's only a helpful flight of fancy if it changes your thought process for the next turn. Otherwise, the best policy is: no regrets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll give more than they were expecting. You'll give more than you were expecting. Things just happen in the moment, and it's in everyone's

best interest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). This is a year of exploration, and you'll see many things you never did before. The spirit of adventure will be your guiding light. One key starting point will be the moment you extend a hand to someone outside of your circle. The bonus you get in May is well-earned, and you'll reinvest in July. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 22, 10 and 46.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Your charms are working. You can take that to the bank or to wherever you want to take it this weekend. TAURUS: You'll be in tune with the music of a relationship and empowered to change the station when you need to. GEMINI: Some people just have a sense of who would go well with whom. Listen and learn from the matchmaker. CANCER: A significant conversation will take place. The "what" matters little;

the "how" matters a lot. LEO: Your enthusiasm will be catching and so will your lack of enthusiasm, so go where the excitement is. VIRGO: You have everything you need and more. LIBRA: Your powers of intuition will be especially strong when focused on a loved one. SCORPIO: Emotional restraint will serve you well. Keep cards close to the vest. SAGITTARIUS: You'll never regret the sweet connection you made with someone you never would have known if you hadn't had the nerve to say "hi." CAPRICORN: You're willing to relinquish control or take it back. This is the flexibility that leads to interesting play. AQUARIUS: You're finding your way. Everyone is. Allow yourself margins of error. PISCES: So much good will come from talking with strangers.

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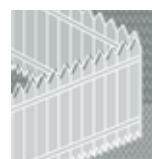
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Annie's Mailbox

Lost My Appetite

Dear Annie: My parents live in a tiny Midwestern town with one restaurant. It's a mom and pop place with really delicious food, and many of the locals are regulars, including my parents. The owner, "Martina," is extremely sweet and accommodating and does most of the work including the cooking. Her husband, on the other hand, does very little except sit down at the tables with customers and annoy them. He brings up politics, religion and other topics that repeatedly offend customers. It's the Midwest, so everyone is too polite to say, "GO AWAY!" They also really enjoy Martina and her cooking. No one wants to hurt her feelings, so no one has let her know that he's driving away business with his behavior.

Martina seems oblivious to how much he annoys people. She mentions how tight money is and how hard it is to stay above water in her business, and I want to tell her that

banning her husband would certainly improve her income. Is there a polite way to do so?

Personally, I can't stand him and only get carryout when I visit my parents, but I know that the locals appreciate having a place to catch up with neighbors and prefer to eat there. Several have stopped going because of him. Is there a way to let her know how he's affecting her bottom line without offending her? -- Ban the Booth Bully

Dear Ban the Booth Bully: I'm sure this woman is aware her husband is a thorn in her restaurant's side. If he's that prickly in public, just imagine what a bramble he is at home. Perhaps her seeming obliviousness is a coping mechanism: She can't convince her husband to change his behavior, so she does her best to tune it out. So rather than go to her with the issue, I think you ought to address it right at the source. The next time you're in town, dine in at the restaurant. If and when this bully tries to

push his way into your conversation, summon up the courage to push back (with words, of course). Politely but firmly say, "I'm not interested in discussing politics or religion," or "Respectfully, my parents and I haven't seen each other in a while and would like some time to catch up on our own here," or something to that effect. Once word gets around, others may follow suit. At the very least, you'll have given Martina something to point to should her husband insist that customers don't mind his antics.

Remember: It's not rude to stand up to rudeness.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to the advice you gave to the letter writer "A Little Gratitude." The letter writer was very frustrated at the double standard her mother had regarding the giving and receiving of packages via the mail.

In short, it's a petty, childish problem and not worth getting upset over.

If that's all it takes

to frustrate someone they should count their blessings. Either they have way too much time on their hands or way too little stress in their life. I wasted way too many years on similar circumstances with my mother, who was suffering from a form of dementia for nearly 20 years before it was diagnosed. There were not the usual, obvious symptoms. Psychological disorders are abundant and have no age limits.

Confronting someone over such matters rarely results in a positive outcome. You can't control what other people do, only the way you react to it. -- Been There, Done Enough of That

Dear Been There: That is perhaps the single universal piece of advice. It's a point worth reminding ourselves of on the regular, and I appreciate your bringing it up.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are East, defending against Four Spades, the bidding having gone: North — 2NT; South — 3 spades; North — 4 spades.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J 6 2
♣ A Q

EAST
♠ 6
♥ A J 9 2
♦ K 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 3

Your partner leads the seven of hearts, and declarer plays low from dummy. Plan your defense.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A J 7 6 4 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ 7
♣ Q J 9

EAST
♠ 10 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 10 5 3
♣ K 10 8

1. The best chance to defeat the contract is to play the deuce of hearts at trick one! If you make this play, the contract is likely to fail. Assuming West's seven is his fourth-best heart, it will win the trick when you play the deuce on it. Partner should then deduce that you allowed him to hold the trick because you wanted

him to shift to a club at trick two. If you played the jack of hearts instead at trick one, declarer would make the contract if he had as little as:

♠ A 10 9 8 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 5 3
♣ 7 4 2

Whatever you did next, declarer could not be stopped from scoring 10 tricks consisting of five spades, four diamonds and a club. A club shift by partner at trick two, however, would allow your side to collect two hearts, a club and a diamond for down one.

2. Win the jack of hearts with the king and lead a low spade toward dummy's 10-5! This safety play guards against either opponent holding all four missing trumps, which is the only realistic threat to the contract. If North holds the K-Q-9-8, he can score only two trump tricks regardless of how he defends. But if you started by playing the ace of trump from your hand, or by leading a trump from dummy, North would score three trump tricks, and you would finish down one.

If South turns up with all the missing trumps, he will also be unable to score more than two trump tricks if you begin by leading a low trump to the ten.

Tomorrow: Fancy footwork.
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ANSWER:



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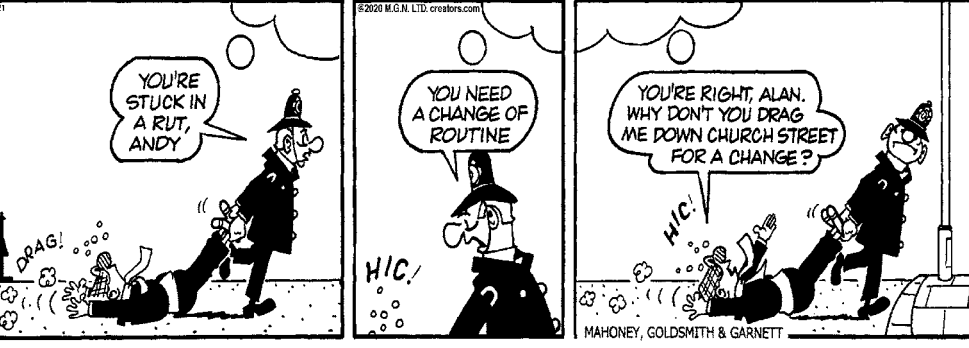
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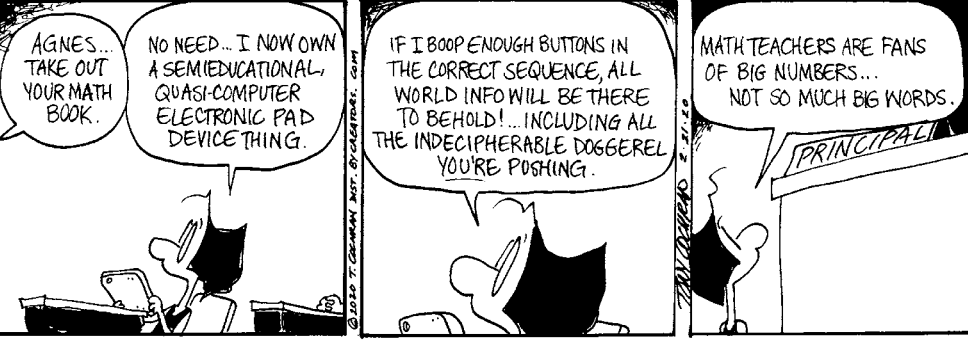
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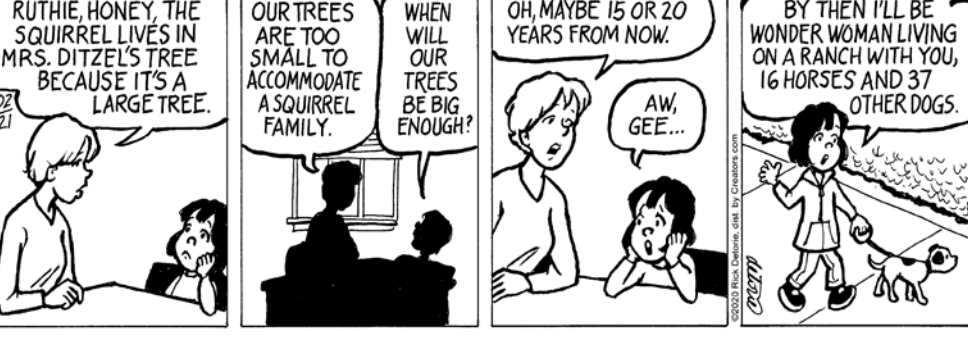
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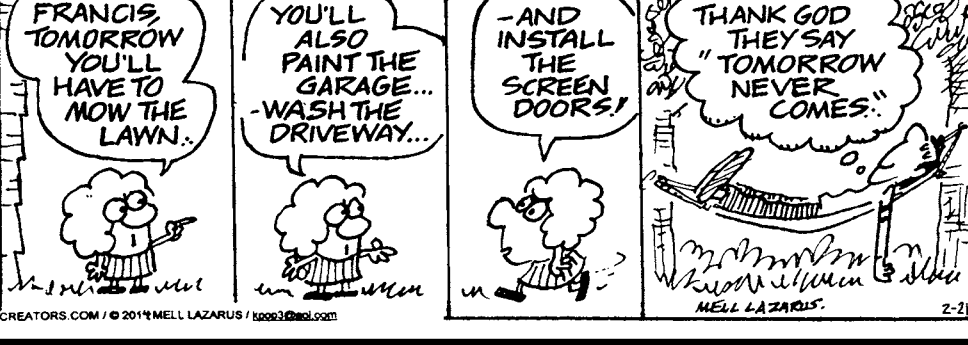
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2020. There are 314 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 21, 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).
 On this date:
 In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.
 In 1862, Nathaniel Gordon became the first and only American slave-trader to be executed under the U.S. Piracy Law of 1820 as he was hanged in New York.
 In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.
 In 1958, the USS Gudgeon (SS-567) became the first American submarine to complete a round-the-world cruise, eight months after departing from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.
 In 1964, the first shipment of U.S. wheat purchased by the Soviet Union arrived in the port of Odessa.
 In 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)
 In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.
 In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board.
 In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi (yah-mah-GOO'-chee) of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville (AL-buhr-vihl) Olympics; Midori Ito (mee-doh-ree ee-toh) of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S., the bronze.
 In 1995, Chicago adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean by balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada.
 In 2013, Drew Peterson, the Chicago-area police officer who gained notoriety after his much-younger fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, vanished in 2007, was sentenced to 38 years in prison for murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio.
 In 2018, the Rev. Billy Gra-

ham, a confidant of presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died at his North Carolina home; he was 99. A week after the Florida school shooting, President Donald Trump met with teen survivors of school violence and parents of slain children; Trump promised to be "very strong on background checks" and suggested he supported letting some teachers and other school employees carry weapons.
 Ten years ago: A mistaken U.S. missile attack killed 23 civilians in Afghanistan. (Four American officers were later reprimanded.) The United States stunned Canada 5-3 to advance to the Olympic men's hockey quarterfinals in Vancouver. Bode (BOH'-dee) Miller finally captured his elusive gold medal, winning the super-combined for his third medal in three events. Spectator Susan Zimmer, 52, was killed at the NHRA Arizona Nationals at Firebird International Raceway in Chandler when a tire flew off a crashing dragster and struck her.
 Five years ago: U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter made his international debut with a visit to Afghanistan to see American troops and commanders, meet with Afghan leaders and assess whether U.S. withdrawal plans were too risky to Afghan security. Activists, actors, and politicians gathered in New York City at the place where civil rights leader Malcolm X was shot to death 50 years earlier. Jazz trumpeter Clark Terry, 94, died in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
 One year ago: Peter Dinklage, who rose to teen-idol fame in the 1960s playing the lovably clueless bass guitarist in the made-for-television rock band The Monkees, died at the age of 77. Teachers in Oakland, California, went on strike in the latest in a wave of teacher activism that had included walkouts in Denver, Los Angeles and West Virginia. North Carolina's election board ordered a new election for the state's last vacant congressional seat; Republican Mark Harris had dropped his bid to be declared the winner after conceding that his lead was tainted by evidence of ballot-tampering. (Republican Dan Bishop won a special election in September.) Opening the first-ever Vatican summit on preventing clergy sexual abuse, Pope

Francis warned 190 bishops and religious superiors that their flocks were demanding concrete action to punish predator priests and keep children safe.
Today's Birthdays: Movie director Bob Rafelson is 87. Actor Gary Lockwood is 83. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 81. Actor Peter McEnery is 80. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 80. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 77.

Actress Tyne Daly is 74. Actor Anthony Daniels is 74. Tricia Nixon Cox is 74. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 73. Rock musician Jerry Harrison (The Heads) is 71. Actress Christine Ebersole is 67. Actor William Petersen is 67. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 65. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 62. Actor Kim Coates is 62. Actor Jack Coleman is 62. Actor Christopher Atkins is 59. Actor William Baldwin

is 57. Rock musician Michael Ward is 53. Actress Aunjanue Ellis is 51. Blues musician Corey Harris is 51. Country singer Eric Heatherly is 50. Rock musician Eric Wilson is 50. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 47. Singer Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) is 43. Actor Tituss Burgess is 41. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is 41. Actor Brendan Sexton III

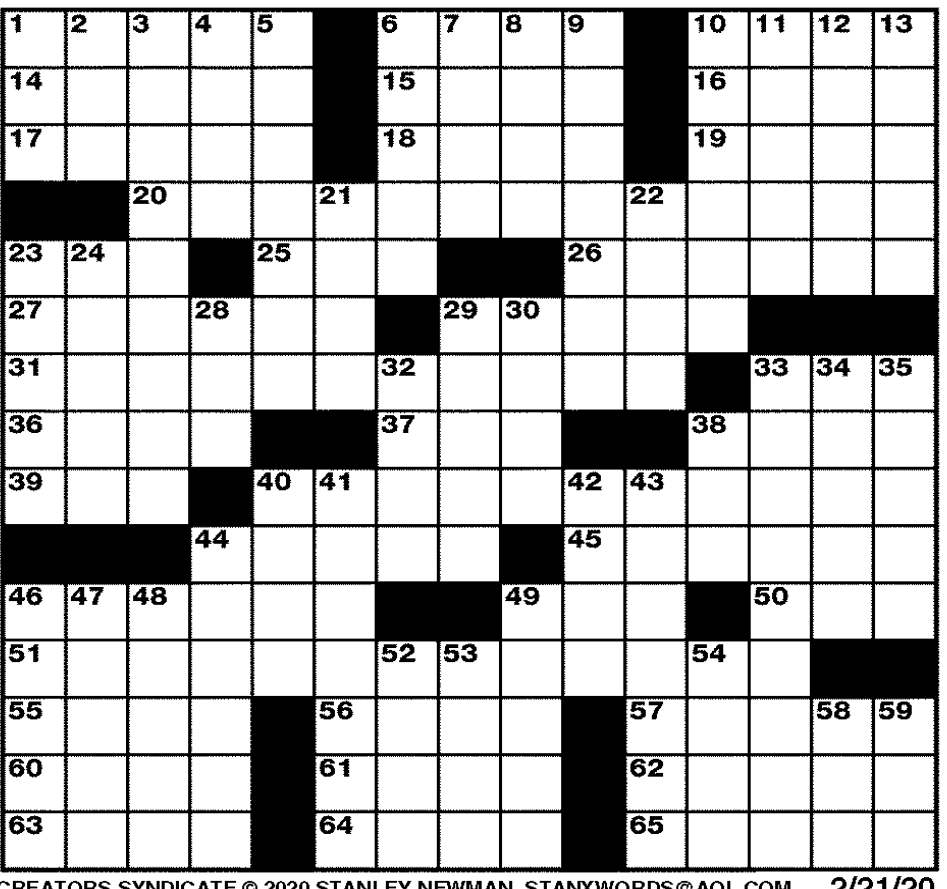
is 40. Singer Charlotte Church is 34. Actress Ashley Greene is 33. Actress Ellen Page is 33. Actor Corbin Bleu is 31. Actress Hayley Orrantia is 26. Actress Sophie Turner is 24.
Thought for Today: "There is nothing more horrifying than stupidity in action." — Adlai E. Stevenson, American politician and diplomat (1900-1965).
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Desolate
 - 6 Door's side post
 - 10 Schools of whales
 - 14 Capital northeast of Vientiane
 - 15 Purview
 - 16 Big name in rocket boosters
 - 17 Rwandan natives
 - 18 Piece of cake or cookie
 - 19 Guru's student
 - 20 Start of a quote
 - 23 Putative power
 - 25 Flimflam
 - 26 High principles
 - 27 Luminous galactic nucleus
 - 29 Certain traffic app fan
 - 31 End of quote
 - 33 Fiction, for short
 - 36 Part of MA
 - 37 Talk like
 - 38 Metaphor for a predicament
 - 39 Native language west of 14 Across
 - 40 Film in which 51 Across speaks
 - 44 No longer au courant
 - 45 Water near Olympus
 - 46 Alphabetically first state capital
 - 49 Toasted treat
 - 50 Tartar scraper user: Abbr.
 - 51 Source of quote
 - 55 2015 award for Hamilton
 - 56 Schifrin of film scores

- 57 At a stymech
- 60 Fabric flaw
- 61 Sacred image
- 62 Let loose
- 63 Rotarians' relatives
- 64 General Mills brand
- 65 Aesthetic appreciation
- DOWN**
- 1 Common cinema sound, and title of puzzle
 - 2 Frat letter
 - 3 Certain soup alternative
 - 4 One-sided win
 - 5 Stadium's big-screen diversion
 - 6 Medea's mate
 - 7 River near the Leaning Tower
 - 8 Malt-and-honey drink
 - 9 Christen
 - 10 Word from Icelandic for "gusher"
 - 11 "Hi" or "Bye"
 - 12 Autocrat
 - 13 Huffy moods
 - 21 '90s Senate presider
 - 22 Tributary verse
 - 23 Hold a candle to
 - 24 "Over" starter
 - 28 Urgent signal
 - 29 Exhausted, so to speak
 - 30 Solemn approval
 - 32 Gossipy report
 - 33 Phantom's "All I Ask of You" et al.
 - 34 Troy story
 - 35 Freezing temps
 - 38 Corn Belt beast
 - 40 Well-reasoned
 - 41 Charming and unspoiled
 - 42 Soft mineral
 - 43 Allot
 - 44 Varied aspects
 - 46 Subject of Verdi 33 Down
 - 47 Name tag
 - 48 Precipice
 - 49 Yankee's Stadium's setting
 - 52 Jet speed measure
 - 53 Spiny houseplant
 - 54 Elsa's Frozen sister
 - 58 Trivial quibble
 - 59 Part of DC



Answer to previous puzzle

TUCK	GRAB	DIOR
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FLIP	FILM	CRITIC
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NFL owners approve negotiated terms for new labor agreement

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has put the labor ball in the players' hands.

In a somewhat surprisingly strong decision, the 32 team owners voted Thursday to "accept the negotiated terms on the principles of a new collective bargaining agreement."

Details of that agreement were not forthcoming from any of the owners or Commissioner Roger Goodell. They quickly scurried from a Manhattan hotel without nothing more than "sorry, can't help you," or "I can't comment" when asked about the proposed CBA.

Now the onus is on the players, who have a conference call Friday involving the union executive committee and player representatives. The NFL Players Association said it would not comment

Thursday on the NFL's announcement.

Such quick action by the owners indicates their eagerness to replace the 10-year labor agreement that concludes in March 2021. Several elements of a new CBA could be implemented for the upcoming season should the players vote in favor of it.

That, of course, is no given. Should the players vote against accepting this proposal or seek further negotiations, the NFL has said the current agreement would remain in place for 2020. A league statement put a deadline on acceptance by the union, saying "since the clubs and players need to have a system in place and know the rules that they will operate under by next week."

The league's business year begins March 18.

Among the items in that proposal, according to several people familiar with the negotiations but speaking anonymously because they are not authorized to release such information:

— A 17-game schedule, which always has been a stumbling block in talks with the NFL Players Association. More roster spots per team would be a must for the players.

A 17th game would preferably be played at neutral sites, which one of the people familiar with the talks said could include non-NFL U.S. venues as well as Europe, Mexico and Brazil.

— A reduction of the preseason, initially from four games to three.

— A higher share of revenues for the players; the current number is 47 percent. The cut the players would receive is dependent on

the length of the regular season, but would remain below 50 percent regardless.

—An expansion of the playoffs, something the NFL has been seeking for years.

Commissioner Roger Goodell suggested back in 2015 that increasing the postseason field to seven teams in each conference was in the works. The owners could unilaterally add a wild-card team in the AFC and the NFC, but are willing to make such a move part of a new CBA.

The provisions for two more wild-card games, developed years ago, would have only the team with the best record in each conference receiving a bye for the first weekend of the playoffs.

There's even a chance one of those wild-card matchups would be played on a Monday night.

Also being considered is a second bye week to go with a 17th game, although almost certainly not for the 2020 season. The expansion of the playoffs easily could occur this year, however, if a new CBA is reached.

The current labor agreement was reached in 2011 after a 4½-month lockout of the players.

In a copy of a union fact sheet posted on Twitter by sports attorney Darren Heitner, several other items were revealed.

The players are seeking a neutral decision maker on some disciplinary cases to replace Goodell, something the commissioner's office always has fought.

Also on the fact sheet are upgraded pensions for past and current players; increases in minimum salaries; larger practice squads with fewer limitations; reduced workouts in preseason; narrowing the testing period for players for marijuana use, plus lowered discipline for using it; and a reduction in on-field fines.

NBA Standings

Eastern Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
Milwaukee Bucks	12-1	47-8	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	8-3	35-20	111.7	108.4
Philadelphia 76ers	10-4	35-21	108.6	106.2
Indiana Pacers	6-6	32-23	109.7	107.6
Brooklyn Nets	5-9	25-29	110.5	111.0
Orlando Magic	8-4	24-31	103.9	105.4
Washington	4-8	20-33	115.6	119.8
Charlotte Hornets	1-6	19-36	106.4	109.5
Chicago Bulls	6-8	19-37	108.0	110.6
Detroit Pistons	5-10	19-39	102.9	110.2
New York Knicks	2-10	17-38	104.8	111.7
Atlanta Hawks	5-5	16-41	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	35-20	118.2	114.5
Oklahoma City	6-4	33-22	116.4	110.5
Dallas Mavericks	7-2	32-22	110.4	107.9
Memphis Grizzlies	4-5	28-27	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	23-32	115.7	117.2
Sacramento Kings	5-5	22-33	112.4	113.6
Phoenix Suns	5-7	22-33	107.9	110.8
Minnesota	2-9	16-37	112.4	115.9
Golden State	1-8	12-44	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) Thunder, (7) Mavericks, (8) Grizzlies

NHL Standings

Eastern (Atlantic)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Boston Bruins	38-11-12	88	201	147
Tampa Bay Lightning	40-16-5	85	215	159
Toronto Maple Leafs	32-22-8	72	210	202
Florida Panthers	32-23-6	70	213	204
Montreal Canadiens	28-27-8	64	175	190
Buffalo Sabres	27-25-8	62	187	192
Ottawa Senators	21-29-11	53	163	204
Detroit Red Wings	15-43-4	34	127	232

Eastern (Metro)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Pittsburgh Penguins	37-16-6	80	196	154
Washington Capitals	37-17-6	80	208	180
Philadelphia Flyers	34-20-7	75	198	178
Columbus Blue Jackets	30-19-13	73	193	164
Carolina Hurricanes	34-21-4	72	168	162
New York Islanders	33-20-6	72	156	155
New York Rangers	31-24-4	66	195	184
New Jersey Devils	23-27-10	56	162	207

Western (Central)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis Blues	34-17-10	78	190	172
Dallas Stars	35-19-6	76	164	153
Colorado Avalanche	34-18-7	75	209	165
Winnipeg Jets	32-25-5	69	185	184
Nashville Predators	29-23-7	65	190	191
Minnesota Wild	28-24-7	63	180	190
Chicago Blackhawks	26-26-8	60	179	194

Western (Pacific)	Overall	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas Golden Knights	32-22-8	72	191	185
Edmonton Oilers	32-21-7	71	194	184
Vancouver Canucks	32-22-6	70	192	185
Calgary Flames	31-24-6	68	180	190
Arizona Coyotes	30-26-8	68	174	170
San Jose Sharks	26-30-4	56	155	194
Anaheim Ducks	24-29-7	55	156	190
Los Angeles Kings	22-34-5	49	148	193

PLAYOFF PICTURE

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

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

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

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

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

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

American women seek more than \$66M in damages from US Soccer

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

Players on the U.S. women's national team are seeking more than \$66 million in damages as part of their gender discrimination lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The damages were included in a slew of papers filed Thursday night in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles ahead of a trial scheduled to start May 5.

Among the documents filed were the separate collective bargaining agreements of the U.S. men's and women's teams, which had not previously been made public.

Players on the women's national team sued the federation last March alleging institutionalized gender discrimination that includes inequitable compensation between the men's and women's teams.

Each side in the class-action lawsuit asked for a summary judgment in their favor. The estimate of damages, including interest, was provided by Finnie Bevin Cook, an economist from Deiter Consulting Group, which was retained by the suing players.

The collective bargaining agreements showed a disparity in bonuses but also highlighted the different pay structures between the two teams.

"Women's national team players are paid differently because they specifically asked for and negotiated a completely different contract than the men's national team, despite being offered, and rejecting, a similar pay-to-play agreement during the past negotiations," U.S. Soccer said in a statement. "Their preference was a contract that provides significant additional benefits that the men's national team does not have, including guaranteed annual salaries, medical and dental insurance, paid child-care assistance, paid pregnancy and parental leave, severance benefits, salary continuation during periods of injury, access to a retirement plan, multiple bonuses and more."

Molly Levinson, spokeswoman for the plaintiffs, disputed the federation's assertions.

"In the most recent CBA negotiation, USSF repeatedly said that equal pay was not an option regardless of pay structure," Levinson said in a statement. "USFF proposed a 'pay to play structure' with less pay across the board. In every instance for a friendly or competitive match, the women players were offered less pay than their male counterparts. This is the very

definition of gender discrimination, and of course the players rejected it."

The lawsuit has drawn worldwide attention. When the U.S. won the World Cup final last summer in France, fans in the crowd chanted "Equal Pay! Equal Pay!"

Earlier this month, the players union for the men's national team urged the federation to sharply increase pay for the women's team, while also accusing the governing body of making low-ball offers in current contract negotiations with the men's team.

Also among the documents filed Thursday were numerous pre-trial depositions. Megan Rapinoe, the reigning FIFA Player of the Year, was deposed Jan. 16. She said Russell Sawyer, an outside lawyer for the USSF, stated during a bargaining session in June 2016 that "market realities are such that the women do not deserve to be paid equally to the men."

USFF President Carlos Cordeiro was asked during a Jan. 29 deposition about a statement he made when campaigning that "our female players have not been treated equally."

"I felt then and I still feel to a degree, that the lack of opportunity for our female players was really what was at the root of some of their issues," Cordeiro said. "The fact that the Women's World Cup generates a fraction of revenue and a fraction of what the men get paid is a reflection, frankly, of lack of opportunity."

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