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Roses for residents: inspiring, spreading cheer a single rose at a time



Courtesy photos

Inspirations Floral Boutique has spent the past week delivering specially wrapped roses to area nursing facilities, assisted livings, and local hospitals through the support of community members and businesses.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Flowers can express emotion and heartfelt sentiment without a single word being spoken. This past week, Inspirations Floral Boutique along with the help from individuals and businesses in the community, has been delivering a special message to residents in local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and local hospitals.

Winter Storm Uri. We knew we needed to do something for our community; people we haven't had the opportunity to help yet," Arick Higginbotham, Co-owner of Inspirations Floral Boutique said. "As we've said, many times, we strive to inspire our community, and encourage people to do the same. It is important to show everyone within our community that they are important, special, loved. All of us want that feeling, and if we can provide that, that's the type of payback

you can't get from any bank." As the idea sprouted in the minds of Higginbotham and his wife, a Facebook post was made reaching out for community support. Within just a few short hours of the post being made several donations had come in and one facility was completely taken care of. Deliveries have been made this past week as donations continue to roll in. While

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Early voting for Special Election open until March 2; Special Election set for March 6

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Early voting for the Special Election has officially kicked off. Due to a power outage at the Howard County Courthouse, the first few hours of Early Voting – which kicked off Feb. 17 - took place at the City Council Chambers. As soon as power was restored the voting location was moved back to the Howard County Courthouse. There are two candidates competing for each position – District 5 and District 6 seat – which will be replacing the seats formerly held by Camilla Strande, District 5 and Jim DePauw, District 6. Early voting will conclude on March 2.

Administrator Jodi Duck said. Due to the election being called a Special Election vote centers will not be used. Instead of the vote centers that were utilized last election, votes can be cast at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Election Day. Voters can still cast their ballots at the Howard County Courthouse during early voting as usual.

"Unlike most elections, we have 10 days of early voting," Duck said. For District 5, voters are choosing between Daniel Moreno and Troy Tompkins, and for District 6, voters are choosing between Casey W. Pledger and Maury Smith. The extended voting days will be March 1 and 2, with polls being open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Other normal election

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Forsan High School students advance to State Solo & Ensemble contest



Courtesy photos



A group of Forsan High School band students recently competed in the Solo and Ensemble competition, with each of the students placing and advancing to the upcoming State Competition. The Forsan Band students will also be competing in a UIL Sight-reading contest in Andrews in the next couple of weeks.



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Obituaries

Theresa Winn

Theresa Winn, 76 of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, passed away Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Theresa was born Aug. 3, 1944 in Big Spring, Texas to Jean and Frank Kapla.

Survivors include her children: Wanda McDaniel Metcalf of Coahoma, Thom McDaniel of Houston, Robyn McDaniel of Houston, and Steve McDaniel of Forsan,

and several grandchildren.

Theresa is also survived by her brother, David Yeater of Katy, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Camp Hope, Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund, ASPCA or the American Diabetes Association.

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

Take Note

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation every Monday through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. until Noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Covid protocols will be observed: masks required, appointments required and no children allowed. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID, social security card for every person on tax return; last year's tax return and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2020. Free electronic e-filing will be available for faster refunds.

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

• The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

• All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

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

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

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

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

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

• The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up – at limited capacity – on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Cowboys this week; Feb. 16 at Hunans and Feb. 23 at Spanish Inn. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ZACHARY TYLER LEE**, 28, of 1601 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 35, of 2304 E. FM 700, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation/shelter.
- **BRADLEY KYLE HILDEBRAND**, 39, of 401 Pettus Road, was arrested on a charge of indecency with child exposes.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of N. San Antonio Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 200 block of NE 7th Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of NW 7th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported at in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.; 2300 block of E. FM 700.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARQUEZ CAMERON**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **MARIE DYANA RAMIREZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **BRADLEY KYLE HILDEBRAND JR**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child exposes.
- **TYLER ZACHARY LEE**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/shelter.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 12000 block W CR 818. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block W I-20. 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.
- **BRUSH/GRASS FIRE** was reported in the area of Wasson Road/Comanche Trail entrance. The fire was contained.

A small prayer for today:

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You would be pleased with. Amen



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Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speak-

ers 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

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

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

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beginning Sept. 3, 2019. 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.

WEDNESDAY

• 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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Weather



Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Light west wind increasing to 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Monday: A chance of showers before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

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

FLOWER

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receiving flowers on Valentine's Day can be a heartfelt gesture that makes the heart smile, a simple wrapped rose can spread that exact same cheer any day of the year. Each of the roses that are being delivered is hand wrapped and includes a message to let the recipient to know they are not forgotten.

"I think our goal at the end of all of this is that every person who has been cooped up in a nursing home, or hospital through all or most of this pandemic need to know they are loved, and we're thinking of them each and every day," Higginbotham said. "We want those individuals within our community to feel inspired, then we might say, this mission is accomplished, and move on to our next."

Support has been pouring in since the project was first announced. Monetary donations are important, but they aren't the only piece of the puzzle. There have been those who have stopped by the shop to help wrap flowers before they are delivered and there have been those who have

dropped off hand written cards to be attached. Each piece of the puzzle has helped make the outreach effort that much more special.

"If people want to help inspire people in their local communities, don't force it, let it come naturally. There are so many things to get involved in and people who need a helping hand every now and then, right here in Howard County and the surrounding areas. Find what you want to be involved in and go out and make a difference. It is an amazing experience," he said.

For those who haven't been able to jump on board with this project yet, there is still time. Higginbotham is projecting that all roses will be delivered by the end of the week.

"Big Spring is an amazing community filled with individuals who want to help. In a time like this, people are hurting, they want to feel normal again, know that there is light at the end of this tunnel, and if we can show them this is true for even one minute in their day, it's all worth it," he said. "Keep fighting on Big Spring, it is in our blood."

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NY Times says it needs culture change, better inclusion

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times says it needs a culture change to become a better place to work, particularly for people of color.

The newspaper told its employees in a report Wednesday that it will take steps to be more inclusive and welcoming, saying its study of the workplace culture represents a "call to action."

Like many news organizations, the Times looked inward following a national reckoning on race triggered by the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police last spring.

Many employees were angered by a Times opinion piece by Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton headlined "Send in the Troops" as an option to deal with racial unrest.

More recently, veteran Times science correspondent Donald McNeil Jr. left the paper after it was reported he used a racial slur while talking at a Times-sponsored trip to Peru for students in 2019.

VOTE

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rules apply, including a valid photo ID will need to be presented to vote, campaign rules – no campaigning beyond the designated area – along with registration deadlines.

"We are asking that the voters be aware of the dates and deadlines as we will also be preparing for the upcoming City and School elections on May 1, 2021. These two elections will overlap, and we do not want the voter's missing important days," Duck said.

According to the updates provided by the Howard County

Elections office on the Facebook page, there have been 30 votes cast when polls opened on Thursday morning.

To find out more information follow the Howard County Elections Facebook page or call the Howard County Elections Office.

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Nancy Brownfield, 85, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity.

Theresa Winn, 76, died Friday. Memorial services will be at a later date.



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Faith

Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us. 1 John 4:18

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Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease. Matthew 4:23

PATIENCE
QUIETLY

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation. Psalm 91: 14-16

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Galatians 2:20

PROVERBS 23:7

Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the rains he sends are an expression of his grace. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring. (Joel 2:23)

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God's love supply is never empty. "For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth." (Psalm 103:11)

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Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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

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

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

The readings for this Sunday are Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 5:1-11, and Mark 8: 27-38. The psalm is Psalm 22:23-31.

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

Our Lenten Services began on Wednesday, February 17 and will be every Wednesday evening at 7pm until March 24. Please join us each Wednesday evening.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

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



cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit for a body of believers is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for Him.

If you believe that, please come and worship the King with us! Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., Worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We are studying Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

NazFamily Church

This Sunday - 30 day 100% money back guarantee! Try it for yourself and

if you are not fully satisfied just send it back within 30 days for a complete refund. My wife used to love infomercials. She was fascinated by all the unique products they offer. I cannot tell you how many times I heard, "We can try it for free and if we don't like it, we'll just send it back. It is guaranteed." There are not many things that are certain in this life. Join us this Sunday as we continue our study of 1 John and explore the One True Guarantee!

SNU Pastor's Forum - NazFamily will be a host site for the SNU Spring Pastor's Forum on March 8th with Dr. Lenny Luchetti. He serves as Professor of Proclamation and Christian Ministry at Wesley Seminary and is responsible for the development and teaching of the preaching courses the seminary offers. Dr. Luchetti is the author of Preaching Essentials: A Practical Guide, which was honored by Outreach Magazine and Preaching Magazine as one of the best books on preaching in 2012-13. He's also recently written Preaching with Empathy: Crafting Sermons in a Callous Culture.

Food Boxes - Every Tuesday & Thursday we make

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

College Baptist Church

What are we doing to serve our God in 2021?? Just praising God at

College Baptist Church, as we welcome new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday with our praying Youth activities start at 6 p.m. and meal between 6-6:45 with families. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting is at 7 p.m. with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Nursery is as needed. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. Come join in the fun as we are celebrating this year in serving our Lord.

Services for February 28, 2021, are in the building. We are live streaming and on our Face Book page as well. Catch up on God's perfect plan! We have face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer available, and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again—it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful.

College Baptist Church continues on mission for our Lord. We have so many things we do it's difficult to list them all. Come help us serve our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word, leading

us as Jesus lives through us. Come study what it takes to really 'Know the Lord our God,' knowing He cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son to save us. Focus on Jesus as we continue into the Year, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Take a part in these joyful activities, and exciting worship, praising the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Since the Ash Wednesday Service was canceled because of the loss of power and the frozen water, Rev. Cross led the congregation in a Litany of Penitence during the Confession time in Sunday's worship. He imposed the ashes on those who chose to

receive them.

A musical highlight of the Sunday service was a trumpet quartet playing "Country Pictures" by Vassily Brandt for the offertory. The musicians were Elijah Flores, Valerie Hernandez, Jayden Burciaga, and Ismael Castillo.

During Lent, the daily prayer meditation will highlight a particular word, then a scripture passage with that word will be read, followed by a prayer - a linked three-part meditation.

Also during Lent, the video devotionals will speak directly to Lenten themes and will be following along with ideas from the chapters of Augustine's Confessions.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to join in the study by Zoom can find the link to the meeting in Faith Notes or online at the First Presbyterian Fellowship group or on the Calendar on the church website on Facebook.

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

The Session meeting for the month will be Thursday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Discovery Class continues a study by Margaret Feinburg entitled Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Makers, a culinary exploration that puts scripture in terms of everyday activities. Vicki Miller is leading

Lesson Four "Relishing the Olive and Its Oil."

The Covenant Class is considering meeting again. If any of the members would like to meet, they are asked to notify the church office.

The Youth Bible Study,

which is meeting in the Tent Room, has begun a study "Faith Questions: Being Presbyterian" led by Tom Koger.

The Children's Class begins lessons about the Season of Lent.

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

Lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Lent are: Psalm 22: 19-26; Genesis 17:17, ; Mark 8:31-38. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is "Strength in Weakness." Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano. Order forms for tulips for Easter will be in the bulletin for Sunday worship.

First Presbyterian Church now has a two iTunes podcasts: The Daily Prayer Podcast and The Sermon Podcast. These podcasts were offline last week, but have been restored. The sermon from last week may be found at www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons.

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, one may go to www.fpcbigspring.com and select Daily Prayers. Rev. Allen Cross also posts a Weekly Devotional each Wednesday at that website.

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

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

First Christian Church

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

This coming Sunday.... Pastor Michaelz sermon will be: "An Ear for God" Luke 9:26-38

First Christian church is people of all ages, styles, backgrounds and a church with a long, rich history in Big Spring. We are a church made up of people who believe that Jesus is for all people. Whether you are looking for a new church to try, answers to your questions about life, hope during difficult times or are new to our town we are here to help.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facebook - Live Streaming Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.,

St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website - www.facebook.com/StMarys-BigSpring/. What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 28 - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, March 3 - Join us ONSITE & ON-LINE this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love

seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. Let us explore the Bible together and see what it tells us about the God who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

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

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



Something to think about...

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” ~ 1 John 4:16

Wagon wheels are part of the history here in the wild west. The legacy of settlers driving wagon trains is so ingrained in our collective memory that it's not uncommon to see them displayed in signs or decorations. Today one of those wheels caught my attention and reminded me of a reflection from the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen.

“In my home country, the Netherlands, you still see many large wagon wheels, not on wagons, but as decorations at the entrances of farms or on the walls of restaurants. I



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

have always been fascinated by these wagon wheels: with their wide rims, strong wooden spokes, and big hubs. These wheels help me to understand the importance of life lived from the center. When I move along the rim, I can reach one spoke after the other, but when I stay at the hub, I am in touch with all the spokes at once.

To pray is to move to the center of all life and all love. The closer I come to the hub of life, the closer I come to all that receives its strength and energy from there. My tendency is to get so distracted by the diversity of the many spokes of life, that I am busy but not truly life-giving, all over the place but not focused.

By directing my attention to the heart of life, I am connected with its rich variety while remaining centered. What does the hub represent? I

think of it as my own heart, the heart of God, and the heart of the world. When I pray, I enter into the depth of my own heart and find there the heart of God, who speaks to me of love. And I recognize, right there, the place where all my sisters and brothers are in communion with one another.

The great paradox of the spiritual life is, indeed, that the most personal is most universal, the most intimate, is most communal, and the most contemplative is most active.

The wagon wheel shows that the hub is the center of all energy and movement, even when it often seems not to be moving at all. In God all action and all rest are one. So too prayer!”

Are you wearing yourself out trying to live life on the rim? I pray that we all discover the peace and power that comes as we live from the hub!

Reflections: When God Seems Far Away

There are times when God seems very near. We feel his forgiveness, acceptance, comfort and peace. Our hearts are filled with joy and songs of praise for His goodness and beauty. But what about the times when God seems far away?

King David sometimes felt this way. Repeatedly he asked, “Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me?” (Ps 42:5, 11; 42:5). “O Lord, why do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?” (Ps 88:14). After confronting the prophets of Baal, “Elijah was afraid and ran for his life ... he went a day's journey into the wilderness ... and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, Lord,’ he said. ‘Take my life, I am no better than my ancestors.’” (1 Kings 19:3).

Going through times when we feel God is far away is a normal human experience. The prophets felt it. God even allowed his own Son to experience it. At the moment He paid the penalty for our sins, He cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46). So, when those times come, what are we to do?

When we feel God is far away, we are often filled with worry, uncertainty, doubt and despair. But this will not last. We will yet feel His presence again and praise Him. Our feeling that God is distant is temporary. This is what sustained King David in his dark times. In every case, he declared, “Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him.”



BILL TINSLEY

We must rely on God's promises and not on our feelings. Even when we don't feel His presence, He is near. Repeatedly God has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deut. 31:6,8; Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5). Jesus said, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20). David wrote, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,’ Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day.” (Ps. 139:7-12).

We must continue to do everything that is right and good in His sight. One of Jesus' favorite parables was the story of a wealthy landowner who left for a long trip. In his absence, some of his servants decided he wasn't coming back and began to abuse his property, doing things they knew the landowner would never condone. But the landowner returned, and when he did, there was a reckoning. The real evidence of our faith is not what we do when we feel His presence and know He is near. The real evidence of our faith is what we do when we feel God is far away. He will return.

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

Nothing But The Truth

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

There is no truth but God's love. In other words, if we want to know the truth, we must seek it in God's strong love. God's love is truth because He tells us the truth about ourselves.

So, what is this truth-telling all about? Well, first, God tells us the bad news about ourselves. He tells us that we are sinful because our sin is exceedingly sinful. He informs us about the fact that we cannot save ourselves because, even our “good” works aren't so good after all. But this is not an agreeable truth, or a feel-good truth, and it sure as shootin' isn't a popular truth. We don't like to hear that the best that we can do will never be good enough to gain God's favor or His love.

But God is not about to let us get backed into a corner by the heavy, hard-hitting punches of the harsh truth and reality about ourselves. Oh no! He's gonna tell us about another truth that will far surpass the truth about ourselves. And when we learn this truth, we will be glad that God was truthful with us about our own sin and helpless estate.

You see, this truth is the truth about Jesus, yes, that Jesus which befriended some really bad people - I'm talking about the offscouring of the earth; publicans and harlots. Yea, I know, these were really bad people. But what in the world was Jesus, the God of heaven doing, hanging around this sort of low-lives? Didn't Jesus know that these bad sinners would tarnish His good reputation? Well, yes, He did. But He didn't care about that because He didn't come to this earth to uphold His good reputation. As a matter of fact, the Bible tells us that Jesus made Himself of no reputation. Yes, you heard me right - He made Himself of no reputation. Jesus set aside His good “religious” reputation to eat with sinners; publicans and harlots. What is this? This is - the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. We see the truth about Jesus Christ, not in do-good religion, but in the fact that He ate with, and befriended the vilest of sinners. And this tells me that Jesus loves me because I am the vilest and chiefest of sinners.

I love this because this tells me that in Jesus, I will always get nothing but the truth; the truth about my sin and the truth about His unconditional love and grace.



TOM SLOAN

Not ashamed

When I was a little girl, my mother would ask me if I wanted to stand in the corner for misbehaving. I always said, “No” because who would want to do that? She would usually stand me in the corner anyway because what I had done or said was offensive and she was trying to correct my behavior. I had to stand there for five minutes and not talk. If I did, she would add another minutes. Sometimes I would be there for 10 or 15 minutes because I couldn't keep still -- especially if my brother was in the other corner.



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

So why do I feel shame at times? I was ashamed when I got caught doing something my mother told me not to do. I felt shame not because I was sorry for doing wrong; I was ashamed because I had disappointed my mother. And shame is something we don't feel too much these days when everyone seems to be doing what seems right in their own eyes.

So why do I feel shame as a grown person? Usually it is now a remembrance over what I used to do, but am no longer doing and have been forgiven by a Holy God.

He expected me to be sorry for the wrongs I do, but once forgiven and clean and pure before Him, He doesn't expect me to wallow in my past.

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation” Romans 10:11.

Jesus is the One who paid the debt for my sin and shame. His Gospel is believing He was crucified according to the scriptures, was buried according to the scriptures, and rose again on the third day according to the scriptures. Asking Him to take away the burden of sin and shame is being born again into His family.

Sometimes He gets me in the corner so He can talk to me. That's called prayer.

I think in our day and time, He is trying to get us in a corner so He can show us His mercy and grace. Go stand in the corner awhile and see what He says to you.

CHURCH

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First United Methodist Church

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

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

On Sunday Feb. 21, Pastor Ricky started a Lenten series on the “Last Week of the Life of Jesus”. Pastor Ricky shared with us about that first Sunday of the last week of Jesus life. The triumphal entrance in to Jerusalem. What we know as Palm Sunday, His entrance into Jerusalem that day was fulfilling of a prophecy from the Old Testament Zechariah 9:9. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, Jesus proclaimed that He was the Messiah. Jesus showed us His courage and showed us His commitment to do the will of the Father. This coming Sunday, Pastor Ricky will be continuing in his Lenten series.

We look forward to seeing you. Regular schedule for Wednesday nights. Wednesday, March 3, “Celebrate Recovery” will meet in youth Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday night Youth activities begin at 5:30 in the Partee Building

The Bridge rehearsal on Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m.

The Choir rehearsal is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Ladies Bible study, Wednesday at 6 p.m.

For more information on any activity, please

visit the web site at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Life Church

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

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

Life Alive is our new Wednesday night ministry and all the fun starts at 7pm. There will be something for every member of the family. Join our Revelation Bible Class as Pastor Kevin continues to take us through the book of Revelation. Free In-

deed is taking place in the Life Church sanctuary. Youth, Life Kids and Nursery are also available.

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

Champion Culture Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/>

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

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Cavaliers hand Rockets ninth straight loss, 112-96

By BRIAN DULIK

Associated Press

Jarrett Allen tied his career high with 26 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked four shots as the Cleveland Cavaliers pulled away for a 112-96 win over Houston on Wednesday night, extending the Rockets' losing streak to nine games.

Allen, who leads the NBA making 67.2% of his field goals, went 10 of 11 from the floor as Cleveland won for the second straight evening after dropping its previous 10 contests. It beat Atlanta 112-111 on Lamar Stevens' dunk with 4.1 seconds left Tuesday.

"At 22 years old, Jarrett is not near his part I'm most excited about," Cavaliers coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "He plays off his teammates well and he knows they're looking for him."

Allen did it by himself in the third quarter, going coast to coast with a rebound and finishing with a one-handed dunk that reminded his coach of the legendary Julius Erving in the

American Basketball Association.

"I got the rebound and I took two dribbles, so it's close, it's close (to what Dr. J did)," Allen said, laughing. "We have the same first initial, we both had the afro and we both were soaring through the air."

John Wall scored 17 points and Victor Oladipo had 20 points and six rebounds in his return from a strained right foot for Houston, whose last victory occurred at Memphis on Feb. 4. Eric Gordon added 17 points off the bench.

The Rockets were outrebounded 55-33 and didn't start a player taller than 6-foot-6, which Wall and Oladipo both admitted frustration about. P.J. Tucker and rookie Jae'Sean Tate led Houston with seven boards apiece.

"I'm used to playing with a traditional big that rolls and pops, just like John [J], but we've got to figure out a way to win," said Oladipo, who sat out the previous four games.

The Cavaliers blew the game open with a 22-9 run in the fourth, capped by a 3-pointer by rookie Isaac Okoro that made it 106-89. Cleveland later

extended its lead to 112-93 on a trey by Collin Sexton, who scored 23 points.

Dean Wade scored 11 points and Cedi Osman had seven points and eight rebounds as the Cavaliers held an opponent below 100 points for the first time since Feb. 1, a span of 11 games.

"Our defense wasn't good and our offense was disjointed," Houston coach Stephen Silas said. "It wasn't very good all around."

Darius Garland collected 11 points and 10 assists for the Cavaliers, who shot 67.6% in the second half. Rookie Dylan Windler scored 13 points on 4-of-4 3-point shooting, extending his string of makes beyond the arc to nine.

"Continuing to see growth as a player is my goal, game after game and year after year," Windler said.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Houston will play 10 back-to-back sets in the second half of the season, which it opens on March 11 with a stretch of 11 games in 17 days. ... C Christian Wood (right ankle sprain), who has been out since Feb. 4

at Memphis, will return after the All-Star break. ... G Kevin Porter Jr., acquired from Cleveland on Jan. 29, is averaging 23.3 points for Rio Grande Valley in the G League. Silas said he will join the Rockets in March.

Cavaliers: F Taurean Prince (left ankle soreness) playing his first action since Feb. 14, playing eight minutes before his injury flared up. ... Wade made his second straight start after not playing in the previous two games. ... Bickerstaff's first head coaching job was on an interim basis with Houston in 2015-2016. "I learned the daily struggle of how hard it is to manage 15 guys there," he said. "That was a big difference."

UP NEXT

Rockets: Play the Raptors in Tampa, Florida on Friday. Wall is averaging 19.1 points and 8.0 assists in 27 career games against Toronto, all of them with Washington.

Cavaliers: Visit Philadelphia on Saturday. Sexton had 22 points as Cleveland beat the 76ers 118-94 on Dec. 27, posting its largest victory margin since March 11, 2019.

Gilgeous-Alexander scores 42 as Thunder top Spurs 102-99

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored a career-high 42 points and Lu Dort hit a 3-pointer as time expired to give the Oklahoma City Thunder a 102-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

San Antonio turned the ball over with 3.9 seconds remaining, giving Oklahoma City the ball with the score tied. Dort's corner 3-pointer dropped as the buzzer sounded, and his teammates mobbed him.

Dort, known mostly for his defense as a rookie last season, has improved as a perimeter shooter this season. He made three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter against the Spurs.

"Lu's changed it around, obviously, changed the narrative," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "It's just him working hard, not getting down on himself, being confident. When you work hard, confidence comes with it because you believe in yourself."

Gilgeous-Alexander became the first Thunder player to score at least 40 points in a game since Russell Westbrook had 42 on March 20, 2019. He made 13 of 20 field goals, 10 of 11 free throws and shot 6 of 11 on 3s.

Gilgeous-Alexander was one of the NBA's highest-scoring players to be left off the All-Star rosters, but he said there was "no extra push or anything like that" to score a lot of points and make a statement about being snubbed.

"I wouldn't have known how much I had if my teammates weren't telling me," he said. "I was so locked into the game, honestly, just trying to win. Big nights are huge, but personally, if we didn't win tonight, I wouldn't feel close to what I feel right now."

Dort and Al Horford each scored 16 points for the Thunder.

Dejounte Murray had 27 points and Patty Mills added 15 for the Spurs.

San Antonio hadn't played since Feb. 14 because of health and safety protocols, and the Spurs were still depleted. DeMar DeRozan, the team's leading scorer, sat out for personal reasons. Rudy Gay, Keldon Johnson, Devin Vassell, Quinny Witherspoon and Derrick White were out because of health and safety protocols.

Gilgeous-Alexander took over in the third quarter. He hit a 3-pointer while

being fouled, and his free throw sent San Antonio's lead to 53-51. He later drained a 3 to tie the game at 65.

His layup as time expired in the third put Oklahoma City up 76-73. Gilgeous-Alexander scored 21 points in the period on 5-for-5 shooting from the field and 8 for 9 at the free throw line.

"I just wanted to be aggressive, try to put the defense on their heels, and from there, make the right play," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "Oftentimes, I found myself in position to score in that quarter."

Horford's 3-pointer on an assist from Gilgeous-Alexander put the Thunder up 87-86 with about seven minutes remaining, and the game remained close from there.

TIP-INS

Spurs: LaMarcus Aldridge returned after missing six games due to hip soreness. He had 11 points and seven rebounds. ... San Antonio went 5 of 10 on 3-pointers in the second quarter. ... The Spurs made 10 of 15 free throws.

Thunder: Made six 3-pointers in the first quarter while holding the Spurs to one. San Antonio didn't make one until the final minute of the period. ... Missed all seven of their 3-point tries in the second quarter. ... Hamidou Diallo did not play in the second half because of left groin soreness.

NEW ROLE

Aldridge came off the bench for the first time since the 2006-07 season — his rookie year. He's not sure if the move is permanent.

"It was fine," he said. "Very different. Still trying to figure it out, how to be ready to go. It's definitely a different task coming off the bench, having very few minutes to get loose and kind of find a rhythm. I'm still figuring it out. It wasn't perfect tonight, and I don't think it's going to be perfect for a while. It's going to take some time for me to figure it out."

STAT LINE

Thunder forward Darius Bazley missed all eight of his shots from the floor and went scoreless, but had 10 rebounds in 30 minutes.

UP NEXT

The Spurs host the New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday.

The Thunder host the Atlanta Hawks on Friday.

LaVine scores 35 as Bulls beat Timberwolves 133-126 in OT

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

Zach LaVine is an All-Star for the first time, and he wants more. Same for the rest of the surging Chicago Bulls.

LaVine scored 35 points against his original NBA team, helping the Bulls beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 133-126 in overtime Wednesday night.

Chicago shot 59% from the field and had seven players score in double figures. Coby White had 20 points, and Wendell Carter Jr. finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Bulls (15-16) won for the fifth time in six games, but felt they should have played better against the lowly Timberwolves (7-26). Looking for the franchise's first playoff appearance since 2017, just winning isn't enough anymore.

"These guys have worked really, really hard, but I don't think that we played to the level of standard that we want to play to," coach Billy Donovan said.

LaVine, named an All-Star reserve Tuesday night, made 14 of 21 shots in his 16th game this season with at least 30 points. The dynamic guard was selected by Minnesota in the first round of the 2014 draft and spent three seasons with the Timberwolves before he was traded to the Bulls in June 2017.

"You always want to go and play good against the team that traded you, but also have love for them as well," LaVine said.

Minnesota lost for the 10th time in 11 games despite a gutsy second-half rally while playing for the second straight night. New coach Chris Finch

is winless in two games since taking over after Ryan Saunders was fired Sunday night.

Malik Beasley scored 25 points for the Timberwolves, and Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Anthony Edwards added 21 points, and Jarred Vanderbilt matched his career high with 16.

Towns fouled out on a questionable call with 12.3

seconds left in regulation, and the Timberwolves missed his presence in overtime.

"We're not playing the best defensively right now, and we've got to find ourselves," Towns said.

Minnesota was down 119-116 when veteran guard Ricky Rubio was fouled by White on a 3-point try with 4.9 seconds remaining. Rubio calmly made all three foul shots and LaVine missed a 3 as time expired, sending the game to overtime.

"I felt like I fouled him well before the shot," White said. "He didn't even know I was fouling him. I fouled him, they called it five seconds later after he threw the ball."

Chicago responded with a 7-0 run. LaVine capped the spurt with a 3-pointer, making it 126-119 with 3:27 left.

White made two free throws with 15.1 seconds remaining to help the Bulls hold on.

Minnesota trailed by 14 early in the second half, but Towns had 15 points in the third quarter and Josh Okogie's layup trimmed Chicago's lead to 98-97 with 8:59 left in the fourth.

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Jarrett Culver (left ankle sprain) missed his 17th straight game. The No. 6 overall pick in the 2019 draft was listed as probable. ... Rubio finished with nine points and 10 assists.

Bulls: F Lauri Markkanen (sprained right shoulder) isn't expected to return until after the All-Star break. He got hurt during a 123-119 loss at Orlando on Feb. 5. "He makes progress, but he has not done anything contact-wise," Donovan said. "He's done nothing that at this point in time would show us

that he's going to be back within the next week." ... White and LaVine each committed seven turnovers.

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: At Washington on Saturday night. The Timberwolves lost 130-109 to the Wizards on Jan. 1.

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By Steve Becker

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- ♠10♥AK95♦AKQJ7♣AK6
- ♠AK♥KQJ4♦AKQJ62♣3
- ♠AK♥AK32♦KQJ103♣AK

1. **Four hearts.** By bidding four hearts, you imply a five-card heart suit, since it would make no sense to introduce a four-card suit at this point.

At the same time, the heart rebid identifies a holding of at least six diamonds, since if your two suits were equal in length, you would have bid hearts rather than diamonds at your second turn.

Although your hand is very promising for slam purposes, you cannot safely bid more than four hearts. The impetus must come from your partner, whose responses so far have promised nothing.

2. **Pass.** It may seem dangerous to

pass with a singleton spade, but it would be even more dangerous to bid again. Introducing your four-card heart suit on the four-level is chancier than hoping partner has sufficient length and/or strength in spades to stop the opponents from taking the first five tricks. Your best shot is to rely on the nine tricks in notrump you already have right in the palm of your hand.

3. **Five diamonds.** There is no need to risk notrump with this layout — you have only eight certain tricks at notrump — when you are virtually assured of 11 tricks in diamonds. Just about all you need from partner to make five diamonds is the ten of hearts.

It would be wrong to bid four hearts; if partner has only three hearts and three or fewer diamonds, he might elect to pass and leave you in a contract that is not as good as five diamonds would be.

4. **Four notrump.** This is not Blackwood but rather a raise in notrump asking partner to keep on bidding if he has any values at all. Four notrump is a powerful bid, since it indicates a holding of 10 tricks even if partner has nothing. Obviously, he is permitted to pass.

Tomorrow: Another string to your bow.

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Cosmic Captain Obvious

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will let go of a little piece of pride in the hopes of coming to a harmonious place in a relationship. Other parties may not be so willing, at least not initially, but your example will lead the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love is many things. Today, it's being able to correctly assess and cater to an emotional state. Turn your nurturing powers in on yourself or turn them to another person. Either way, the love begets more love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a situation you pursued in the past. The doors were closed back then. Now brings the beginning of the turn. This one doesn't need to be seized so much as slowly, curiously encountered.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You admire emotional restraint, but don't be fooled. People who seem in control of their "feels" are possibly not feeling them quite as deeply as you are. Your passion intensifies the highs and lows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be bright in two moments: the practice moment that happens in the safety of an empty room and the moment of inhale that pauses the action just long enough for you to insert yourself between opportunity and a grand potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There was a time you didn't know the standard, only your own experience which didn't teach you enough. Now you know how people can effectively help one another,

so you see what's not going on as clearly as what is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sense of focus

is on point and you've never been so serious about advancing your interests and the interests of those you answer to. Narrow down your task list so the big important things get the best of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there's one thing you don't need today, it's advice. For starters, your intuition is on fire. And furthermore, you're going to do this thing in a way that's so unique, no one else has thought of it yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no such thing as failure. If you're putting things out into the world, trying things, working through fear and limitation, risking your pride, then you're winning no matter what the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Impart the plan and cast your supporters in fitting roles. Then, watch it unfold. You're a guide through this process. Don't get so involved in the labor that you forget to put your head up to get the overview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are people you appreciate because you can count on them to make good sense and help

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



you onto the right path. Then there are people you appreciate because they don't have to make sense to be loveable to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you want to know what others want, you ask, fully expecting to get back lies. It takes a special kind of listening to get past social niceties and know which questions to ask to get to the real truth.

B Spiritual development elevates your experience. Whether pleasures are many or few, goals are met or not, relationships grind or sail blissfully, your joy, grace, gratitude and compassion flow strong through it all. Professional shifts align brilliantly with your talents. Bonus money allows for fun improvements. Virgo and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 33, 1 and 14.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Leave room for speculation, play and a disruption of the routine, which will be the best part. **TAURUS:** Though reason is powerless in the poetry of love, it works wonders to sort out the details of a shared lifestyle. **GEMINI:** While you love to impress, an audience that's too demanding takes the fun out of that. Set boundaries. **CANCER:** A certain someone is constantly on your mind. If you

don't make a move now, then when? **LEO:** You don't want another person to conform to you, nor you to them. The differences widen both of your perspectives. **VIRGO:** When people are able to see one another in a different way, much is possible. Conflict can end, attraction can kindle, opportunities open and close. **LIBRA:** Learn the love language of another and you won't have so many problems with wonky translations. **SCORPIO:** You're the social director with all the fun ideas. People need structure and you make the game fun. **SAGITTARIUS:** You're not a robot, but you can program yourself to some degree to respond to matters of the heart in a way that empowers you and gives you more options. **CAPRICORN:** Even the best people don't always take the best action. Give do-overs. **AQUARIUS:** Your wise handling of a knotty problem will get you promoted in someone's esteem. **PISCES:** Whether they've known you for years or minutes, people open up to you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the full moon in Virgo reflects the glory of the Pisces sun, these two can bring out the best and the worst in one another. It's a real Dharma and Greg, Will and Grace, Felix and Oscar, Bert and Ernie situation here in which the give and take is that of opposites. They teach each other about perspective, responsibility, pleasure, boundaries and each expands the other in some meaningful way.

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Annie's Mailbox

Husband Wants to Reconcile After Affair

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been having a rough time. He cheated on me with a young woman and got her pregnant. I think this was her goal, secretly. She knew he had a wife and wanted him to leave me.

Anyway, the baby will be 1 soon, and now that my husband is seeking reconciliation, I feel stuck in the middle. I've already been through my hurt stage and would hate to go through it again. What should I do? -- Betrayed

Dear Betrayed: What you want to do.

Whether you decide to stay or go, you'll have made a valid choice.

I will say, infidelity does not have to be the end. Many couples have worked past betrayals and come out the other side stronger than ever, with the help of couples' counseling. If you and your husband enroll in marriage counseling, this could be the case for you. But if you are past that point, mentally, I wouldn't blame you for leaving. Trite but true, listen to your heart.

Dear Annie: I am blessed to not have real problems like so many endure, but I would appreciate your opinion on a predicament.

I am a healthy 90-year-old man. I have outlived two wonderful wives. My first love and I were together for only eight short years. She came down with acute leukemia. During the five months that she suffered with it, one day she told me, "Dear, you will have to get the kids a new mother." We had a 3-year-old son and a little girl that was only a year old when her mother died in early December.

I was devastated. But then a concerned neighbor friend asked me one day, about two months later, if I would like to meet a nice girl. I said that I wasn't ready quite yet. After a while, I called her. The

most difficult trip I ever made was driving down to meet her. It turned out to be the best trip I ever made. We married about 10 months later. Losing my first wife made me appreciate my second wife all the more.

Fifty-one years later, my second wife had a light stroke which brought on the beginnings of dementia. Of course, it progressed. Four years later, it took her life. We had 55 years of bliss together.

I have been alone now for three and a half years, with the support and love of my children. Five months ago, a very dear friend lost her husband of 63 years, and I'm interested in

seeing if there might be something between us. I am not happy living alone. I have the feeling that I could be a great support for her. She lives alone now, too, and I want to help her.

I need to give this special lady more time to grieve over her loss. Presently, she wants to go on as she is, just being friends. My daughter told me to not push her too hard. And I agree. But she is the only woman I am interested in. What is your advice to me? -- CW

Dear CW: I'm sorry for your losses. I think it's wonderful that you enjoy companionship so much. As the song goes, "People who

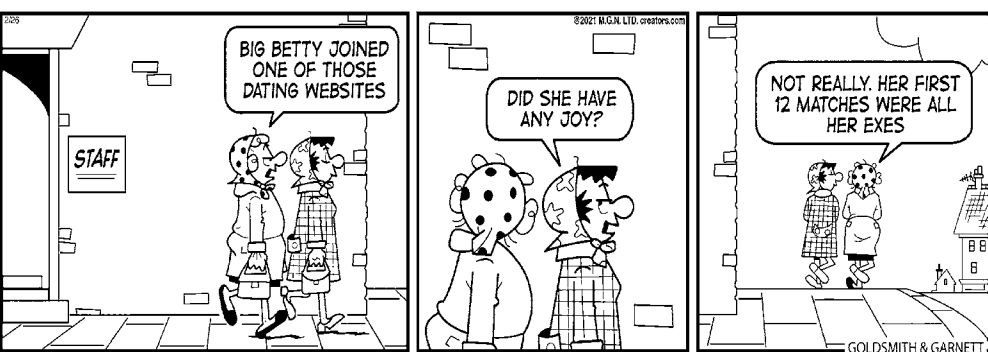
need people are the luckiest people in the world." But your daughter is right that you should give your lady friend space to grieve. And in the meantime, I would encourage you to learn how to enjoy the pleasure of your own company. Try a new hobby, enroll in an online course, write your memoirs. Take some time to really nourish your own sense of self. Then you'll be even more present if and when you do get into another relationship.

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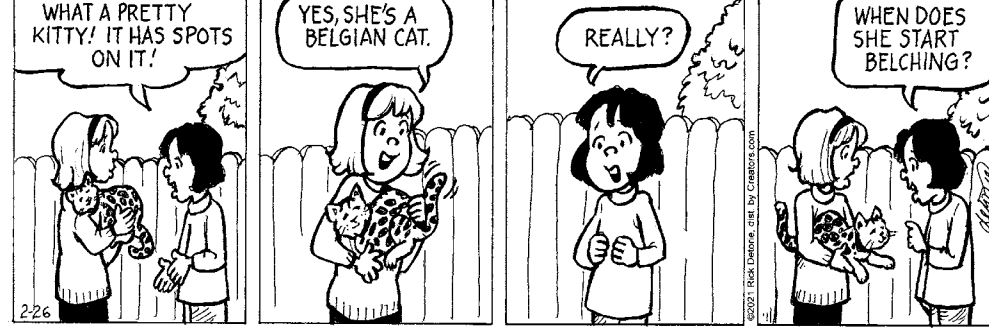
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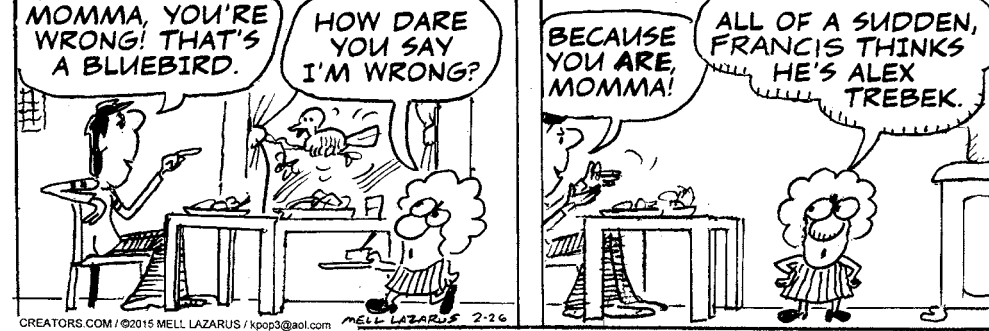
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2021. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. (The bomb failed to topple the North Tower into the South Tower, as the terrorists had hoped; both structures were destroyed in the 9/11 attack eight years later.)

On this date:

In 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1942, "How Green Was My Valley" won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1941, beating out nine other films, including "The Maltese Falcon" and "Citizen Kane."

In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1966, South Korean troops sent to fight in the Vietnam War massacred at least 380 civilians in Go Dai hamlet.

In 1984, the last U.S. Marines deployed to Beirut as part of an international peacekeeping force withdrew from the Lebanese capital.

In 1994, a jury in San Antonio acquitted 11 followers of David Koresh of murder, rejecting claims they had ambushed federal agents; five were convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about mad cow disease.

In 2014, Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a bill pushed by social conservatives that would have allowed people with sincerely held religious beliefs to refuse to serve gays.

In 2017, at the 89th Academy Awards, "Moonlight," an LGBT coming of age drama, won three Oscars, including best picture of 2016 (in a startling gaffe, the musical "La La Land" was mistakenly announced as the best picture winner before the error was corrected).

In 2019, after making his way from Pyongyang in an armored train, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived in Vietnam's capital ahead of a summit with President Donald Trump, who arrived later in the day aboard Air Force One.

Ten years ago: In a statement, President Barack Obama said Moammar Gadhafi had lost his legitimacy to rule and urged the Libyan leader to leave power immediately. Space shuttle Discovery arrived at the International Space Station, making its final visit before being parked at a museum.

Five years ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie stunned the Republican establishment by endorsing Donald Trump for president.

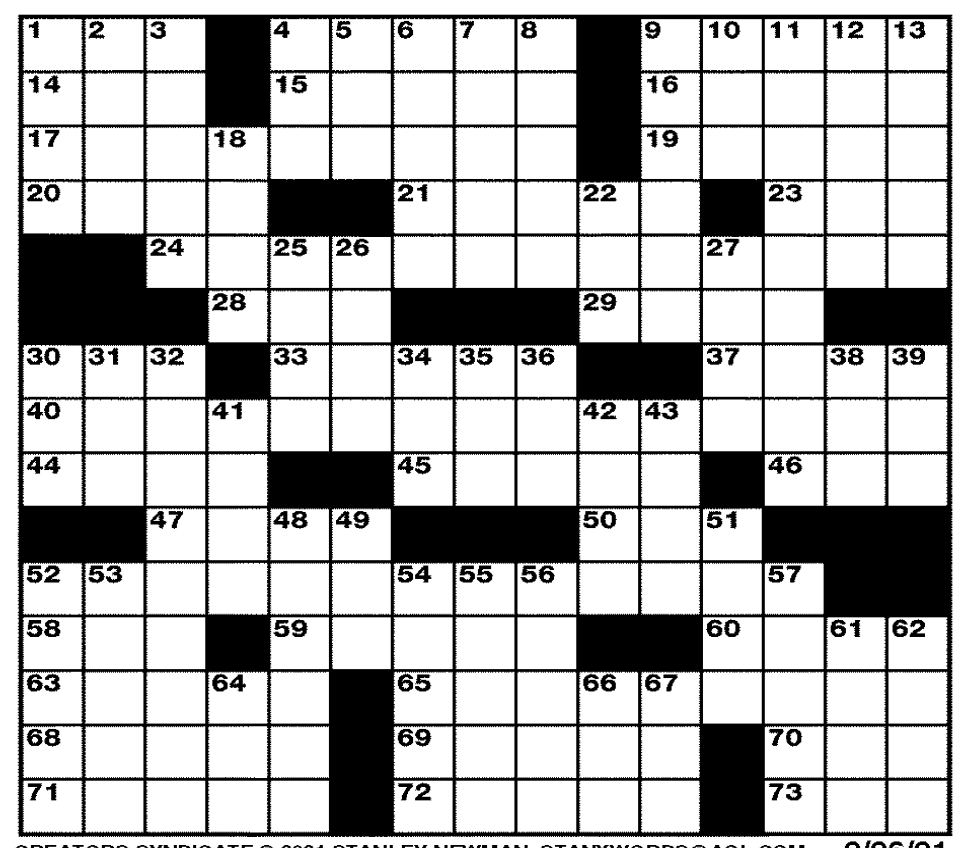
One year ago: President Donald Trump declared that the U.S. was "very, very ready" for whatever threat the coronavirus would bring; he put Vice President Mike Pence in charge of overseeing the country's response. The World Health Organization reported that the number of new coronavirus cases outside China had exceeded the number of new infections in China for the first time. Brazil's government confirmed the first case of the coronavirus in Latin America; a 61-year-old man who had traveled to Italy had tested positive. Facebook said it was banning ads that made false claims about products tied to the coronavirus. As Christians

around the world marked the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday, worshippers found churches closed and rituals changed by virus fears. An employee at a Wisconsin brewery opened fire on co-workers, killing five of them before taking his own life. Maria Sharapova retired from professional tennis at the age of 32, after a career that included five Grand Slam titles.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 School lunch staple
- 4 Arkansas River city
- 9 Crouch from fear
- 14 Steamed state
- 15 School lunch staple
- 16 "That's good," in Guatemala
- 17 With 65 Across, "Move it!"
- 19 Sporty Ford, to buffs
- 20 Regarding
- 21 See 68 Across
- 23 Quiche, essentially
- 24 "Move it!"
- 28 Airport acronym
- 29 Burn before eating
- 30 Urgent call
- 33 Arab League charter member
- 37 Ball game
- 40 "Move it!"
- 44 It's near Edith in name dictionaries
- 45 Rainforest flier
- 46 Hard-to-draw self-portrait part
- 47 Ounce fraction
- 50 Cure for crankiness, maybe
- 52 "Move it!"
- 58 Audible exhalation
- 59 Mark under C
- 60 Think ___ (don't decide right away)
- 63 List of runners
- 65 See 17 Across
- 68 With 21 Across, portrayer of Rocky Jr.'s mom
- 69 Arises (from)
- 70 Its first airing was *Gone With the Wind* (1994)
- 71 It's near Emily in name dictionaries
- 72 Novices
- 73 Easy target
- DOWN
- 1 Pocket full of lamb, perhaps
- 2 Some of your peeps
- 3 Harbor protector
- 4 Low digit
- 5 Metro area
- 6 Office expense
- 7 2014 Winter Olympics site
- 8 Be hospitable
- 9 Venerable TV symbol
- 10 Reveal
- 11 "Fine with us"
- 12 Film composer Morricone
- 13 Big name in synonymy
- 18 It's really funny
- 22 Suite group: Abbr.
- 25 Puts to work
- 26 Steamed state
- 27 Drawn-out drama
- 30 Eroded
- 31 Scholarly type
- 32 Ball game venue
- 34 Starchy side
- 35 Group meeting on school grounds
- 36 Odd habit
- 38 Where herds graze
- 39 Voight, in *Pearl Harbor*
- 41 Bangladeshi attire
- 42 Navajo art medium
- 43 Move to the music
- 48 From llama country
- 49 Game ball hoister
- 51 Ball game
- 52 Recycler's bane
- 53 Koran's "kosher" equivalent
- 54 Terse concession
- 55 Covered in feather clusters
- 56 Glyceride, for instance
- 57 Storage rentals
- 61 Llama country ancient
- 62 Time and ___ (radio news update)
- 64 One way to avoid defeat
- 66 Benefits Department option
- 67 Symphony opening

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Answer to previous puzzle
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ABUT SODOI SPIT
MIDAS MARC SOPH
ANYTIME SEAN
BERET FLOSS
BAR INTO RITUAL
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SPARTA BEEP WAX
SKOAL AZUSA
POUBS BELLUP
PREK LILO PASTE
LEVI ODOES STIR
OPEC CLINK HOCK
WORK KESEY PAY

Steer Swim Team competed in Tri-Star swim meet



Courtesy photos

The Big Spring Steers Swim Teams Competed in the Tri-Star Swim Meet held in Monahans. The Lady steers would finish third. The Boy Steers would also finish third.

Choo signs \$2.4 million deal to play for South Korean club

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

Free agent outfielder Shin-Soo Choo has agreed to a one-year contract to play for a baseball club in his native South Korea.

Choo, who spent the last seven seasons with the Texas Rangers, signed a 2.7 billion won (\$2.4 million) deal with a Korean Baseball Organization team owned by an affiliate with the Shinsegae business group, the company said in a statement.

Choo, 38, has confirmed the deal.

"I was born in Korea where I was raised and started baseball. I've always had hopes in my heart for a long time to play in Korea one day. Now I think it's time to put into action and start a new chapter of my life," Choo posted on Instagram. "I might not be able to promise how good I will be, but I promise that I will do my best."

Earlier this week, E-Mart Inc., the biggest discount store chain in South Korea, finalized deals

to take over the SK Wyverns baseball team based in Incheon, just west of Seoul. The team's name is tentatively called Shinsegae Electros, but it could change, company officials said.

"The Shinsegae Group has listened to the voices of Incheon baseball fans who want us to bring Choo Shin-soo," the company said in the statement. "(We)'ve been paying attention to his successful career, diligence and steadiness."

The 2.7 billion won annual salary for Choo is the biggest of its kind in the KBO league. Choo plans to donate 1 billion of that to social charities, according to the group statement.

During his 16-year career, Choo batted .275 with 218 home runs, 782 RBIs and 157 steals in 1,652 appearances. He was selected as an All-Star in 2018. Before the Texas Rangers, he played for the Seattle Mariners, the Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds.

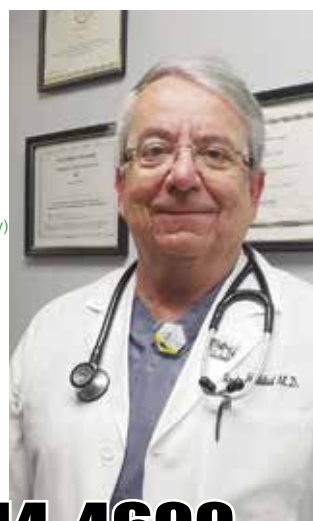
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