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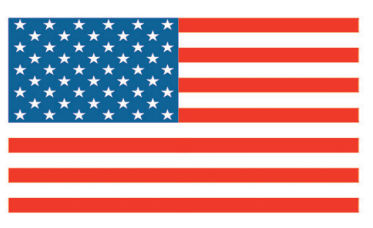
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## Forsan ISD opening pre-registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten 2021-22

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

As Spring Break draws near, area schools are beginning to think of the 2021-2022 school year. Forsan Elementary is preparing to open their Pre-K and Kindergarten registration. This year, according to Mandy Buske, Forsan Elementary Registrar, registration will begin March 29 and run through April 1. Registration can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Evening registration will take place until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A packet can be requested for Pre-K and Kindergarten students, as well as new transfer students that will be

in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade next year, by e-mail at [abuske@forsan.esc18](mailto:abuske@forsan.esc18). When returning the packet, parents need to also include the following: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students, parent's drivers license and proof of income for those apply for Pre-K. "We want to remind parents to include contact information so we can follow up if necessary. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail with any questions," Mandy Buske, Forsan Elementary Registrar, said. The age requirement for those applying for Pre-K is the student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021 and those applying for Kindergarten must

be 5 years old, on or before Sept. 1, 2021. Those students who are currently enrolled in Forsan Elementary do not need to pre-register. Pre-registration does not need to be completed for current students - district and transfer - more information will be released regarding registration at a later day, as well as transfer packets mailed out. For more information by phone, call 432-457-0091 ext.203 or e-mail [abuske@forsan.esc18.net](mailto:abuske@forsan.esc18.net). Packets can be faxed to 432-457-0040. *Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.*

**Upcoming Events**  
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**March 21**  
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**First Baptist Church**  
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Do you have a story to share with the community? Let us know, e-mail [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

## Howard College earns 2021-2022 Military Friendly School Designation and Top 10 Ranking

Special to the Herald  
 Howard College

Howard College has announced that it has earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation, ranking number 5 nationally among small community colleges. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey with 747 earning the designation. Howard College is one of 162 schools recognized with the "Gold" status and the only Texas school recognized in the Top 10 Small Community College category joining just 3 additional Texas schools in other categories. "We know there are many choices when furthering education and we are proud to support our veteran and active-duty students and their family members in that endeavor," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College President. "Howard College is about learning, earning, and life and it truly is an honor to be part of their life journey." Additional information about the ranking and data can be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com). Methodology, criteria, and weightings



were determined by Viqtorly with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey response set and government/agency public data sources, within a logic based scoring assessment. We measure the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans. "Military Friendly® is committed to transparency and providing consistent data driven standards in our designation process. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to consistently evolve and invest in their programs. Schools who achieve designation show true commitment and dedication in their efforts. Our standards assist schools by providing a benchmark that promotes positive educational outcomes, resources, and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the Military

## COVID-19 Updates

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been hosting vaccine clinics this past week for those who are eligible for the vaccine. The State of Texas recently expanded the eligibility for those receiving the vaccine to 50 and older. More information can be found at [scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine)

Howard County has reported as of 03/11:

- 2991 positive cases
- 99 Covid-19 fatalities
- 39 Active cases
- 4372 recovered
- 1519 probable cases

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## Sands One Act Play advances to Bi-District competition set for March 22 in Post; receives recognitions



The Sands One Act Play advanced to Bi-District One Act Play which will be held March 22 in Post. The cast and crew received several awards including: Karina Gonzalez-Best Crew Member (stage manager) Overall Best Technical Crew: Karina Gonzalez, Kyle Arellano, Karlo Arellano, Alex Martinez, Wiley Gaskins; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Cyanne Compton, Niall Connell, Riley Webb; All-Star Cast: Austin Archuleta, Malachi Walker, Zander Barraza; Outstanding Performer: Lakyn Sandlin

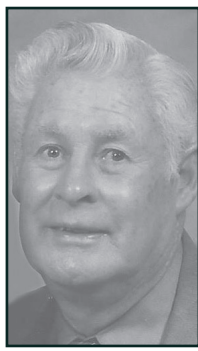


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## Obituaries

### John Wayne Anderson



John Wayne Anderson, 83, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in an Odessa hospital. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ.

John was born Jan. 1, 1938 in Coleman, Texas to Johnnie and Lela Anderson. John was a quiet laid-back man who enjoyed life. He liked sports and played

football and basketball in high school. He also like old cars and had acquired three. He was most hap-

py in a chair with his dog in his lap. He often said, "If a man has a dog, he is rich!" He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ, where he served as deacon for several years. He was employed with Mobil as an electrician for 29 years.

John is survived by his wife Linda of 60 years, son Mike, daughter Donna, grandson Toby, one sister, two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother and a special pet Sandy.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Woodie S. Caffey

Woodie S. Caffey, 86, of Stanton passed away Wednesday evening, March 3, 2021, at Manor Park in Midland. He was born on Aug. 22, 1934, in Jones County, Texas, to H.R. and Daisy Caffey. He was a graduate of Knott High School.

Woodie married Darlene Bristow of Ackerly on Feb. 20, 1955, in Ackerly. They lived near Stanton from 1956 to 1969 where he farmed and ranched. He and his family moved to Alpine in 1969 where he

and his wife pursued their college degrees. Woodie completed both his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Sul Ross University before beginning a new career as a teacher and coach. He taught and coached

in schools in Texas and Oklahoma before retiring and moving back to Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his wife Darlene; his parents H.R. and Daisy Caffey; a brother Ralph Caffey; and a sister Noma Winton.

He is survived by his six children: Son Lynn Caffey of Fairfield; daughters Darla Prosis of Stanton; Jana Randles of Stanton; Ronna Frusher and husband Russell of Hanston, KS; son David Caffey and wife Shannon of Seminole; Son Jason Caffey and wife Nicole of Cibolo; as well as 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grand children and 1 great-great grandchild.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Stanton.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Stanton at 2 p.m. March 20, 2021.

*Paid Obituary*

## 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

• 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 begins 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

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **FELIPE MORALES**, 56, of 1201 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of assault by contact; resist arrest search or transport.
- **CAYLEN J EDWARD KILMER**, 32, of 700 Cape Rock Road, was arrested on a charge of violation protective order – communicates.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the area of 900 block N. Lamesa Highway.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 600 block of Boykin Road.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Benton Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesborro.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Douglas Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the MM 172 E I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# Weather



**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind around 15 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southeast wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. South wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 69. Breezy.

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

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 68.

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

When I was a child we celebrated every holiday, every birthday, and every occasion that called for joy to be expressed. My parents would celebrate "A's" on report cards, 100's on tests, and especially graduation from Kindergarten, Eighth grade, and High school. The only thing that caused great disappointment for me is when I graduated from College the only ones there were two cousins from San Diego, California. I was excited they were there, but the disappointment in my parents was something I later had to get over.

When I got my doctorate from Salt Lake Baptist College, my brother was there for me. The joy of that occasion so reminded me of my family celebrations, and is something I will always be grateful for.

Now in our Christian School we try to make a big deal out of the students' accomplishments. When they pass from one grade to another, we celebrate. When they get a 100% on their testing, we celebrate. When they make the honor roll, we celebrate. When they memorize their monthly Scripture, we celebrate even more. That means we celebrate a whole lot.

We are approaching a holiday in America called Easter. At our church and in my own circle of friends we call it Resurrection Sunday. It's the day to remember our Saviour's rising from the grave, that third day almost 2000 years ago. We don't celebrate

# Celebrate!

bunnies and colored eggs, in baskets. We celebrate the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We celebrate sins paid for and forgiven by the grace and blood of our risen Lord.

When we get to Heaven as a result of believing in and accepting what Jesus did for us on the Cross, we will be celebrating again. I can't even imagine what that celebration will be like when we enter those gates. I know angels will welcome us Home. I know God, the Father, will greet us with joy unspeakable and full of glory. And I know our friends and loved ones will be there to get a holy hug.

But most of all we will celebrate Jesus in His resurrected body. Graduation, birthdays, Christmas, Easter, nothing will compare to that celebration. Are you ready?

# Take Note

- Cornhole Tournament benefitting the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will be taking place at Star Doge on March 27. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Food vendors will be on site.

- Back in Motion and West Texas Injury Prevention is hosting a St. Patrick Day Wounded Warrior fundraiser on March 17. There will be brisket plates for sale between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The meals will be served at 1113 S. Scurry Street.

- 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 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

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Community." - Kayla Lopez, National Director of Military Partnerships, Military Friendly®

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If you aren't convinced of God's love, how can you love others?



As a glove responds to the strength of the hand, so you will respond to the leading of Christ to the point where you say, "I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me." 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)

Pray for our Nation

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

## NazFamily Church

This Sunday  
“These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also...” (Acts 17:6b)  
One of the primary accusations against early Christians was that they were part of a radical movement committed to changing the world. Jesus didn’t come to start a stale institution. He came to announce His rule and reign. He came to initiate a kingdom movement that would turn lives around and flip the world upside down. We are invited, not to come sit in a service, but to become part of the revolution. Join the Kingdom Revolution this Sunday at NazFamily Church!

Healing & Revival Weekend  
“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” (Matthew 9:35) We believe that He still heals today. Pastor Paul Baskin will lead a special healing and revival weekend at NazFamily Church on March 19-21. Services will be at 6:30pm on Friday & Saturday, and 10:00am on Sunday.

Bridge Celebration Service - The Bridge Church is graduating! Our District Superintendent will be here on March 21st for a special organization service @ 2pm, with a reception following the service. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us!

NazLadies Craft Night - Our NazLadies are hosting a craft night fundraiser on March 26th from 6-8pm. They are asking for a \$35 donation to participate. All the funds will be used to restock our new kitchen.

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

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

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by social gathering outside the church in the Courtyard & Bennett Garden. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## Life Church

We are excited to welcome our Life Church friends to the campus this Sunday.

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

Next Friday, March 19, there will be an InnerCourt Worship Service in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. All churches are invited to join us for an evening of worship, prayer, communion and baptisms.

Sunday, March 21 is Baptism Sunday. If you would like to get baptized please email mannyn@golifechurch.net.

Life Alive is our Wednesday night ministry and all the fun starts at 7 p.m. 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 Indeed 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 p.m. -8:30 p.m. on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/

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

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website www.golifechurch.net or https://www.facebook.com/bigspringlife

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

At the congregational meeting at the close of worship last Sunday the group approved the pastor's terms of call and the budget for 2021. These items may be reviewed in the church office.

Order forms for Easter tulips are in the church office. Anyone who did not get the form and wishes

to participate may come by the church or call the church office.

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, his autobiographical work that discussed his life before and after transformation under God.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the library for a business meeting and move to the theater room for the Bible study. They have chosen to finish the year by examining some women of the Bible, using a DVD called "Women of the Bible. Actress/speaker Anita Gutschick performs her interpretation of the particular women based on their biblical stories. Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, whose story in Luke 1 and 2, will be the study in March. Helen Glass leads the discussion.

The March Session Meeting is Thursday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom..

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

The Discovery Class begins a new study, Susan Robb's Seven Words - Listening to Christ from the Cross, which will be led by Helen Glass.

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, led by Nancy Koger, begins lessons about Christian practices during Lent.

The Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship. Sarah Salinas is host for this week.

Lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday in Lent are: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 3:14-21. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is "A Circle of Light" Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano and provides the Introit and Offertory.

First Presbyterian Church now has a two iTunes podcasts: The Daily Prayer Podcast and The Sermon Podcast. The sermon from last week may be found at www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons.

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, 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 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 March 7, Pastor Ricky continued with his Lenten series on the "Last Week of the Life of Jesus". Pastor Ricky shared with us about the Celebration of the New Covenant from the gospel of Mark 14:12-26. Pastor Ricky wanted us to consider what all was involved in the Passover and for us to notice the changes which Jesus made. The Passover commemorated Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Preparation took place Thursday before 6 P.M., which according to Jewish time was the start of Friday. During this last supper, Jesus instituted a new observance. This reminds us of a slavery of individual sin and a greater deliverance than that of Egypt; that is our deliverance from the penalty of sin. The covenant with Israel was with a nation. The New Covenant was with individuals based on love. This coming Sunday, Pastor Ricky will be continuing in his Lenten series.

We look forward to seeing you.  
Wednesday, March 17, "Celebrate Recovery" will meet in youth Hall at 6 p.m.

No Wednesday night activities due to Spring Break. We will continue with our normal Wednesday schedule after Spring Break.

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

## 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, March 21 - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Monday, March 22- Join us for our Women's (FAR) Far Above

Rubies women's night from 6-8PM in the ARC. Our desire is to foster an environment of opportunity for women to grow in their relationship with

Christ Jesus and to connect with one another. This is a potluck style

fellowship so bring a dish to share, also bring your bible and a friend.

Saturday, April 3- Join Men's 41 Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. in the ARC. We strive towards building a community of faithful men who are equipped to lead themselves and their families on a closer walk with God. On our journey, we will learn what it means to be godly servant-leaders and challenge each other to pursue that life.

3 DAY Extravaganza April 2, April 3 & April 4-Mark your calendars and join us as we gather:

Day 1: For our Good Friday Communion Worship Service Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m.in the Main Sanctuary.

Day 2: Come on out on Saturday, April 3 for CCC's Spring Fellowship. We will have our Sweets & Meats Cook-Off at Big Spring Comanche Trail Park in the Old Settlers Pavilion from 11:00-3:00. We will also have Family fun games and sports competition everyone can participate in.

Day3: Closing out this amazing weekend with our Resurrection Sunday Worship Service. On Sunday, April 4 We will have a 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. service.

Transportation Ministry - You need a ride to church? CCC offers pick-up services on Sundays for our 11:00AM worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office.

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

## College Baptist Church

Just praising God and celebrating the Saviour, Jesus, 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 March 14, 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. 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 in Resurrection Power," knowing He cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

## 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 aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

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

The readings for this Sunday are Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, and John 3: 14-21. The psalm is

# Something to think about...

Cruising down the highway, you glance at your side mirror and begin to slide over into the other lane, only to be startled by the harsh sound of a honking horn. You quickly swerve back and look again to realize that someone was there the entire time. You didn't see them because they were in your blind spot. With a pounding heart and sweaty hands, you thank God (hopefully) that tragedy was averted. Maybe you have been the person in the other lane, nearly pushed off the road by a big truck because the driver simply didn't see you. We



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all have blind spots! We can crash and burn on the highway of life if we fail to recognize and check our blind spots before making a change.

We suffer from spiritual blind spots as well. They can be extremely dangerous on the fast paced highway we call life. As I encounter Jesus on this journey of faith, I often find myself in the shoes of this man:

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the path." ~ Mark 10:51-52

In order to see Christ clearly, follow the Lord

closely, and navigate this world correctly, we need God to heal our vision. Our image of God, our perspective of others and even our vision of ourselves is distorted. If we don't recognize our spiritual blindness, how can we stay on the path He marked out for us? How can we lead our children, our family, or others if we have a faulty vision? Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind then they will all fall into a pit." May we recognize our blind spots and pray, "Lord, I want to see!" so that we might navigate this world as citizens of God's Kingdom.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but not I see." ~ John Newton

## Reflections: Bread of Heaven

Bread has become a delicacy. When my wife sends me to the store for a loaf of bread I stand dumbfounded in front of the shelves. Which bread to buy?

There's white bread, whole wheat bread, gluten free 7 grain bread, garlic bread, rye bread, and a dozen others. Then there are bagels: plain bagels, blueberry bagels and everything bagels. And what about donuts? I think donuts are included in the bread family. Okay, I choose donuts.

From ancient times "bread" has represented the staple of life. Even today, in all its various forms, bread is still the most widely consumed food in the world.

Scholars have found evidence that people started baking bread 30,000 year ago. But the first breads were "flat." They lacked leaven. It is the leaven that makes it rise, light and fluffy and sweet. Historians believe that the Egyptians were the first to develop leavened bread, somewhere around 1000 years before the great pyramids were built. The most famous "unleavened" bread was the Passover bread, cooked up in a hurry by the Israelites to escape Egypt.

In 1917 Otto Rohwedder invented the first bread-slicing machine. He set the standard for all other inventors who searched for an idea that would be "better than sliced bread." In spite of Rohwedder's invention, there is nothing quite like pulling apart a fresh steaming loaf of bread and add-

ing butter.

Jesus referred to bread to help us understand who He was. "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst." John 6:35). "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word..." Through Jesus Christ, God nourishes our soul and satisfies our innermost emotional, personal and spiritual needs, a nourishment more important than the nourishment of our bodies.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." He reminded us that we need nourishment each and every day. Just as God provides for us daily the nourishment that is necessary for our bodies, He will provide for us each and every day the nourishment that is necessary to replenish our soul.

When Moses led Israel in the wilderness, God provided bread every morning so that "he who gathered much had no excess and he who gathered little had no lack." (Exodus 16:18).

They could not store and keep the bread. It had to be eaten when God gave it.

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, our relationship with God is daily and constant. We cannot put our faith in a religious box to be taken out occasionally. Just as our bodies need bread in order to live, our souls need a daily and constant conversation with God, the bread and substance of life.

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## The meaning of unconditional

1 Corinthians 13:7 says: "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

When it comes to the meaning of love, I am a bit of a skeptic, because I have honestly never seen unconditional love in any person I have ever known. Even the best and godliest of parents which I have known, always expect something from their own children. Of course, as parents we know that we

have been commanded to raise our children (my wife and I have 5) in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As a parent, I know how tough it can be to do your best to correct your children, while at the same time making them feel loved. And if there is one thing that I have learned as a parent, it is that I do not know how to love unconditionally. In this context, I think

that my children taught me more than I taught them.

But in God's love, I am learning to understand the true meaning of unconditional. You see, God's love never comes with a price tag.

It is a free love; a divine love; a strong love; an everlasting love. The Apostle Paul says that true love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things. Furthermore, he says that charity (love), suffers long, is kind, does not envy, doesn't brag, is not proud, is not indecent, is not selfish, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.

It seems to me that religion always adds fine print (conditions) to the bottom of the pages of the Bible which talk about God's love.

This religious fine print destroys the true meaning of God's love because it has stripped

His love of its unconditionality. In doing so, we have humanized God's love to the point that we think that God loves like we do. Religion has taken God's love and used it as a tool to manipulate us into the "higher" realms of good behaviour.

And now, we have been forced to do good works that we might earn God's love. But this is not love, this is a reward system which consists of - do good to receive good. God has not loved us so that we might get better. God has loved us because He is love. God does not love us so that we will stop sinning. He loves us because He can't help Himself. Anything else is just religion.

I never understood the meaning of the word unconditional until I saw Jesus dying on the cross for me because - for God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life.

## A Small Prayer by K. Rae

*When misunderstandings cloud our judgment,  
Lord, may we bring them to You through  
prayer. Amen*

## RELIGION

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Psalms 107:1-9.

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.

Judy Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

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Tears, eyes, death

Fear, hearts, war

Filth, mouth, deceit

For a Double:

How old was Joash when he became King of Judah?

21,07,55,70

For a Triple:

"Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than \_\_\_

notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he"

Christ Jesus, The prophet Moses, Saul of Tarsus, John the Baptist

For a Home run:

The remnant left in Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar desired to go to where?

Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Babylon

To check your answers and get your score go to our website [www.facebook.com/group/fccbig-spring](http://www.facebook.com/group/fccbig-spring) or see our article next week for answers and the next inning.

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/fccbig-spring](http://www.facebook.com/group/fccbig-spring)

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.

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# Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball team crushes Colorado City Wolves in home game

By **Dustin Pope**

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogs baseball team took on the Colorado City Wolves this past Tue. Mar 9 at their home field, winning 16 to 9. To increase the overall record to 6-4 on the season.

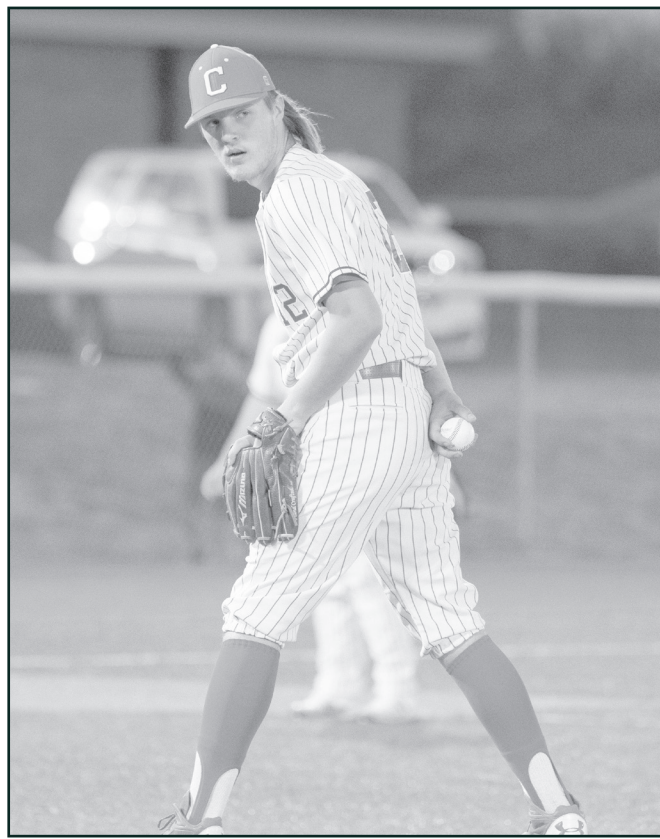
Kolt Redden took the bump for the Bulldogs to start the game. The young Bulldog pitcher had a pretty good inning of work, only allowing 3 runs. The Bulldog bats answered right back in the top of the first, as Seth Brooks started the game with a hard-hit single. Billy Starr followed suit with a sacrifice bunt to advance Brooks to second. Brooks then stole third base and eventually scored the Bulldog's first run of the day on a passed ball. Ky Kemper took a walk, as did Kobe Cervantes. Ky Kemper came across to score on yet another passed ball moving the score to 3 to 2. Cervantes then stole home plate to even the game at three-all after one inning of play.

Redden came out for his second inning of work and was on point as he breezed through the inning, not allowing any runs. The Bulldogs would stall out in the bottom of the second as well, leaving the game all tied up three apiece after two innings of play.

The third inning found Redden still on the mound. He had a little tougher time with the Wolves as they could get to the pitcher for three runs on the inning, again taking back the lead at 6 to 3. Colorado City was able to keep the Bulldog bats under control for another inning, not allowing any runs leaving the score of 6 to 3 after three innings of play.

The fourth inning found Redden finding his stride again on the mound as he went on to strike

out the side in order. In the bottom of the fourth, the Bulldog bats woke up, as Seth Brooks lead the inning on a hard-hit single to left field. Billy Starr followed with a walk. Ky Kemper then drove in a run, cutting the lead to 6 to 4. Two batters later, Billy Baily singled on a hard-hit ball to left field, driving in Cervantes to tighten the Wolf lead even more 6 to 5.



**Bulldog pitcher Kolt Redden checks the runner on first base during the first inning .**

Colorado City Wolves tack on one more run in the top half of the fifth inning, opening up the lead to a two-run margin at 7 to 5. The Bulldogs blew the game wide open as the bats woke up and surged as they had a ten-run inning. It all started with a Grant Glidewell walk, followed by a Seth Brooks single. Starr then came up to the plate and laid down a bunt single to load the bases with no outs. Kemper then reached on an error as two runs scored, tying the game up at seven all. The inning kept rolling on when Cervantes grounded into a fielder's choice, driving in another run to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the game. Billy Bailey then hammered a three-run home run to left field opening up the flood gates giving the Bulldogs a 12 to 7 lead. They would add three more runs on the inning, widening the lead to 15 to 7 after five innings of play.

Billy Bailey took over on the mound, taking the ball from Kolt Redden, who finished the day with five innings pitched, three hits, seven runs, and ten strikeouts on his day. Bailey would end up closing out the game keeping the wolves to only two runs the rest of the game earning the save on the day. Coahoma went to put up one more run in the bottom of the sixth inning, securing a win against the Wolves by a score of 16 to 9.

The Bulldogs looked impressive in all aspects of the game. This young team as District play is just right around the corner. Next up for the Bulldogs is a three-game tournament to take place in Crane.

*Dustin is the Sports Writer for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

# Mancini heads list of players returning after missing 2020

By **ROB MAADDI AP Sports Writer**

Trey Mancini had surgery for colon cancer last year on the same day Major League Baseball shut down spring training due to COVID-19.

Baseball returned later in 2020 and Mancini is back now, healthy and ready to go.

His comeback story has been a highlight of spring training. Mancini is not only the best player on the Baltimore Orioles, he's the most popular.

"There were times, especially when I was diagnosed early on where I wasn't totally sure if I was ever going to play baseball again," Mancini recalled upon his return. "Just being able to feel like myself, feel great and participate in everything fully is something I'm very appreciate of and I don't take for granted at all."

Mancini, who turns 29 next week, had a breakout season in 2019, batting .291 with 35 homers and 97 RBIs. He singled in his first at-bat in nearly a year and got a standing ovation from a socially distanced crowd at the ballpark.

"I can't remember a bigger hug that I gave anybody than seeing him for the first time," Orioles infielder Rio Ruiz said.

Many players are returning from injuries that forced them to miss last season or cut their season short. Nearly 20 guys are back after opting not to play because of coronavirus concerns, including former All-Stars David Price, Buster Posey, Lorenzo Cain, Marcus Stroman and Ryan Zimmerman. Here are five more players looking to rebound in 2021:

**STEPHEN STRASBURG**

The 2019 World Series MVP pitched five innings last season before carpal tunnel surgery. He struck out four of the six batters he faced in his spring training debut this week, and the 32-year-old righty is expected to make four more appearances for Washington before the season.

Strasburg has made more than 10 trips to the disabled and injured lists throughout his career.

"This isn't my first rodeo when it comes to injuries and stuff," Strasburg said after his outing. "So I'm kind of at a point where I'm going to go out there and give it everything I have and roll with the punches."

**COREY KLUBER**

The two-time AL Cy Young Award winner has thrown only 36 2/3 innings over the past two seasons, one since May 2019 when he was hit on the right forearm by a comebacker. Kluber tore a muscle in his right shoulder in his Texas debut last July 26 and agreed to an \$11 million, one-year deal with the New York Yankees in January.

The Yankees are hoping the 34-year-old righty can regain the form that made him one of baseball's best pitchers in Cleveland from 2013-18.

"Physically, I feel like I'm in a good spot," Kluber said after his first spring training start. "I'm just trying to prepare for the season the

best I can."

**YORDAN ÁLVAREZ**

The 2019 AL Rookie of the Year played just two games for Houston last season before having surgery on both knees. The Astros are easing Álvarez back this spring training, and he hasn't appeared in a game yet.

He hit .313 with 27 homers and 78 RBIs in only 313 at-bats in 2019, helping Houston win the AL pennant. The Astros reached Game 7 of the AL Championship Series without him last year and getting Álvarez's bat back at designated hitter should help make up for the departure of George Springer in free agency.

**MITCH HANIGER**

A 2018 All-Star outfielder with Seattle, Haniger hasn't played since June 2019 due to multiple injuries and surgeries. He's swinging the ball well this spring and is a welcome addition to the Mariners' lineup.

Haniger hit .285 with 26 homers and 93 RBIs in 2018. He slumped to .220 with 15 homers and 32 RBIs in 63 games in 2019 before injuries derailed him.

**CHRIS ARCHER**

A two-time All-Star with Tampa Bay, Archer is back with the Rays after 2 1/2 disappointing seasons in Pittsburgh. The righty missed last season due to surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome and was 6-12 with a 4.92 ERA in 33 starts with the Pirates. He signed a \$6.5 million, one-year deal, returning to the AL champion Rays.

The Rays are taking it slowly with Archer, and he hasn't yet pitched in a spring training game.

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**Annie's Mailbox****Yuletide Usurper**

**Dear Annie:** My sisters and I always took turns having the family Christmas at our respective houses. Six years ago, it was my turn to be the hostess. I was in the kitchen all morning cooking. As everyone arrived and was going through the buffet line, I noticed no one was taking much food. Some were not even getting a plate. I asked why my daughter wasn't eating anything. She said she ate too much at my older sister's earlier. I felt like a train hit me. My sister said she just "ended up" having a brunch at her house for whoever wanted to stop by to pick up extra gifts. It turns out that she had baked a ham, made

several casseroles, prepared a big vegetable tray, salads and a few desserts. She had invited our entire family except my husband and me.

I was pretty upset and said, "Well if I'd known you were going to have something at noon, we would have just come to your house, too, and I wouldn't have spent the time all morning cooking and preparing for everyone to come here." She said, "Well, that's why I didn't tell you, because I knew you would be mad."

She didn't apologize and ended up leaving shortly after by going to get her and my brother-in-law's coats and waving a Merry Christ-

mas, saying they had to be somewhere and left. My Christmas was ruined.

All I can gather is that she moved into a condo earlier in the year and wanted to have everyone for Christmas. Had she asked me if she could've hosted Christmas, then I gladly would've let her.

Since then, I've hardly seen my sister. She started "forgetting" my birthdays. She still kept in touch with my daughters, and her husband and daughter have come to my house for get-togethers. But she always says she's too busy.

I'd just like to know what you think about what happened. Was I

being overly sensitive about the Christmas meal? Obviously, she never intends to apologize for the disaster, and I'm sure it's too late now anyway. I just wonder what an outsider would think. -- Sidelined Sister

**Dear Sidelined:**

Your sister might never apologize, but you can still forgive her. Do it for your own sake. Write a letter expressing how hurt you've been by her actions over the last six years. Then write another letter expressing how you love her anyway. Don't mail either of them. Treat it as a therapeutic exercise, to process your feelings and air frustrations.

Then try reaching out to her. Express how

you've felt sad that she hasn't been in your life much these past few years and that you'd like to change that. Hopefully, that ice between you two will start to melt. You're sisters, and it would be a sin to let one holiday meal ruin your relationship for the rest of your life.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Don't Shoot the Mockingbird," who was embarrassed that he accidentally mirrored people's accents during conversation.

Anyone with such a gift for mimicking accents should consider studying foreign languages. I study for fun and am hardly an expert, but I have a great time playing with it! I use Duolingo app.

I've got a good handle on eight languages so far. -- Polyglot

**Dear Polyglot:**

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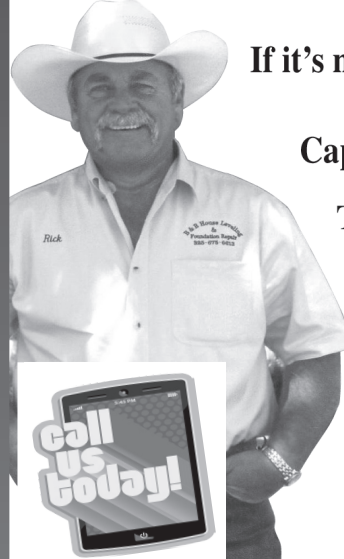
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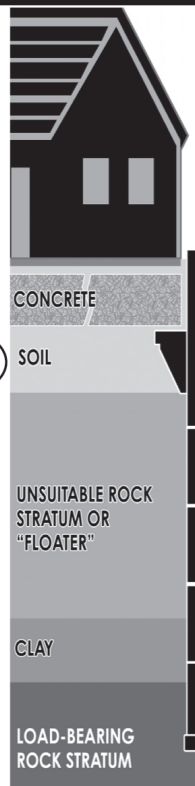
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

Your partner deals and opens the bidding with Three Notrump. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ Q72 ♥ Q962 ♦ QJ9843 ♣ —
2. ♠ J ♥ Q7632 ♦ 9632 ♣ J84
3. ♠ Q94 ♥ K86 ♦ J93 ♣ Q872
4. ♠ K65 ♥ 94 ♦ A863 ♣ 9762

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**1. Six diamonds.** An opening three-notrump bid normally indicates a balanced hand containing 25 or 26 high card points. Opposite your hand, it is therefore highly likely that a slam can be made with diamonds as trump.

Unfortunately, there's no way of bidding this hand scientifically; the best you can do is take a shot at what you think you can make. There could even be a grand slam if partner has exactly the right cards, but it would be foolish to take a blind stab at it. Partner is not barred from bidding seven over six, but in practice he will nearly always pass.

**2. Pass.** Here there's virtually no chance for a slam, so the only question is whether to pass or bid four hearts (or four diamonds if you play transfers). Four hearts would essentially be a shutout bid and would not

suggest interest in slam.

A pass will probably work out best in the long run, since the combined high-card point count is somewhere around 29 or 30 points — surely enough for partner to make nine tricks at notrump. The trouble with bidding four hearts is that partner might have only a doubleton heart, creating the possibility of losing two or three trump tricks that would not have to be lost in a notrump contract.

**3. Six notrump.** This hand is unimpressive in its own right, but opposite a three-notrump opening it assumes sizable proportions. Your combined count of 33 or 34 points makes a small slam very likely.

Hands of this sort illustrate the great value of point count in assessing the number of tricks your side can make. You nearly always belong in a slam when you and partner together have 33 or more high-card points.

**4. Four notrump.** This bid has nothing to do with Blackwood, but is instead intended to ascertain how many high-card points your side possesses. Partner should pass with minimum values for his three-notrump bid, but should carry on to slam with a maximum.

Tomorrow: The early bird catches the worm.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



foundation of friendship is important, and you'll lay it well. It takes several more months and years to build the rest, especially the shelter that you can live inside that will weather the storms of life. Be patient and keep building.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 12).** Your creativity soars high. This year, you'll follow a wild idea to full realization. The golden question is this: Which one? You have so many! The criteria your idea must meet to be successful: It helps others, is needed and doesn't exist in the world already, and there's a clear vision to the first dollar you'll make to sustain it. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 18, 44, 17 and 30.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: The thing you need to do will be practically effortless and take no time at all once you stop resisting it. TAURUS: Maybe your ups and downs shouldn't hinge on another person's feedback, but sometimes that's the way it goes. GEMINI: You would like the relationship to be equal. If one person leads, that doesn't make it any less equal. CANCER: You're not sure how much of yourself you want to give another person, but you'll find out once you dare to

make your move. LEO: The ups and down of the relationship are what make it a ride. Would you want it any other way? VIRGO: Knowing that you can't have everything at once, you'll order your list. LIBRA: It's hard to say how people come to expect something different from you than what you tell them you will do, but this will be the case. SCORPIO: You see the things that others don't. This is a major gift to your love. SAGITTARIUS: Look to poetry, music and movies for answers of the heart. CAPRICORN: When the pressure is on, you shine. So, you'll do well with someone who pressurizes the situation. AQUARIUS: While surfing the internet or shopping in the real world, don't buy into offers that sound even a little too good to be true. PISCES: Tone matters the most. The easiest way to change how you say a thing is to change what you say.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The sun and the moon meet up this weekend to discuss whether two Pisces in one relationship is good math. Like the Gemini twins, the Pisces symbol does double-duty -- two fish swimming in opposite directions. Sometimes, when two Pisces get together it feels like four, the emotional and spiritual energy magnifying. The relationship creates a world of its own, and the rules there are different, too.

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### Moon Cycle Closer

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** People only take risks in hopes of achieving goals they think are possible. You'll paint a picture of your vision with well-chosen words and provide the inspiration others need to move forward.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Are glamour and authenticity at odds? Of course. Don't let that stop you from moving forward with both at the same time. The best things in life are mixed bags.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Both sides of the argument can't be right, but there is a rightness in each stance. It will bring you good fortune to look for it. Do it quietly, gingerly and with great respect.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If you don't have an "elevator pitch," then this is the perfect time to come up with one. It's not for the influential people you might meet; rather, it's your clarity of purpose.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're efficient and impressively productive, appearing to balance many things at once, when really you are balancing one thing at a time, giving your full attention to each, however briefly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Too-good-to-be-true almost always is, but sometimes the karma of one situation pays for the karma of another. Be a little open-minded on the matter today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** People fear their vulnerability and imagine far worse outcomes than would

typically occur. Opening yourself to vulnerability is the most admirable, attractive and relaxing response to the day's challenges.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Others don't know what they want, so how are you supposed to? You'll either have to help them find out what they want or create a new appetite from scratch.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The sky is a masterpiece we take for granted because it's always over us. But you won't make that mistake today. You'll choose your moments for appreciating the sky outside as well as a reflective appreciation of the sky inside you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're influential. Maybe you won't detect it, but you can be certain that people believe something different after they've interacted with you than what they believed before they encountered you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's all about thinking ahead today. You'll anticipate potential pitfalls and either avoid them or, if they are unavoidable, deal with them as quickly as possible.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The

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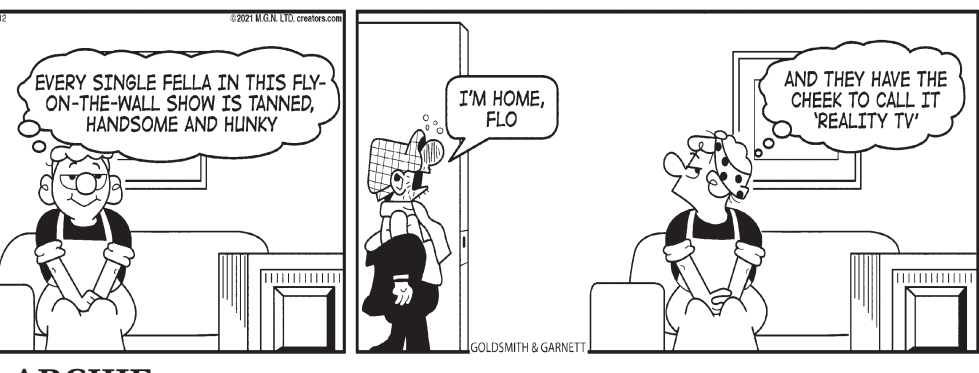
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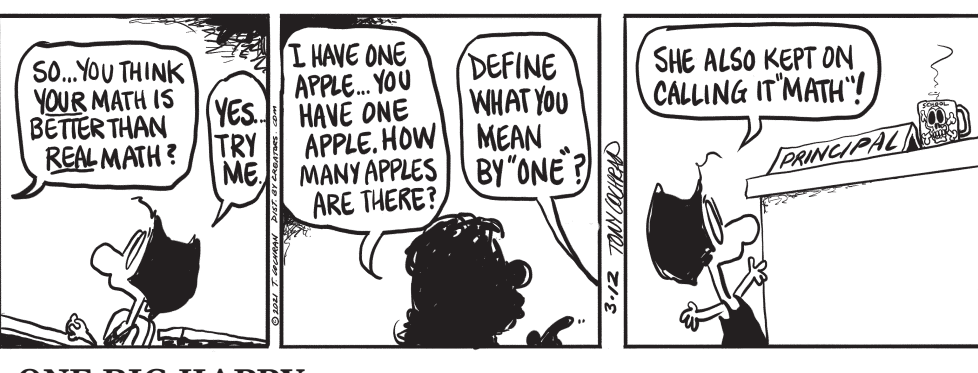
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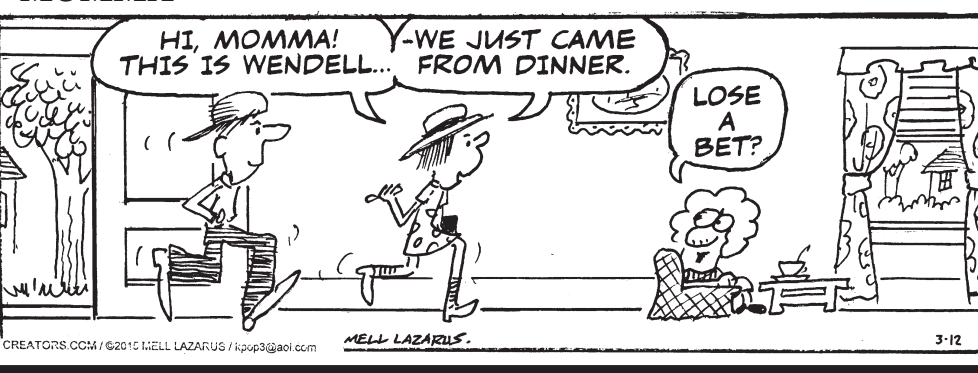
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, March 12, the 71st day of 2021. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 12, 2020, the stock market had its biggest drop since the Black Monday crash of 1987 as fears of economic fallout from the coronavirus crisis deepened; the Dow industrials plunged more than 2,300 points, or 10%.

On this date:

In 1664, England's King Charles II granted an area of land on the East Coast of present-day North America known as New Netherland to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1864, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant assumed command as General-in-Chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his 30 radio addresses that came to be known as "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" had its world premiere with Eugene Goossens conducting the Cincinnati Symphony.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman announced what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1955, legendary jazz musician Charlie "Bird" Parker died in New York at age 34.

In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed in May 1994.)

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first women priests.

In 2003, Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters, Brian David

Mitchell and Wanda Barzee. (Mitchell is serving a life sentence; Barzee was released from prison in September 2018.)

In 2008, New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer resigned two days after reports had surfaced that he was a client of a prostitution ring (Spitzer was succeeded as governor by fellow Democrat David Paterson).

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty in New York to pulling off perhaps the biggest swindle in Wall Street history; he would be sentenced to 150 years behind bars.

Ten years ago: Fifteen passengers were killed when a tour bus returning from a Connecticut casino scraped along a guard rail on the outskirts of New York City, tipped on its side and slammed into a pole that sheared it nearly end to end. (Driver Ophadell Williams was later acquitted of manslaughter and negligent homicide.) A Cuban court found U.S. contractor Alan Gross guilty of bringing satellite phones and other communication equipment to Cuba illegally while working on a USAID-funded democracy-building program and sentenced him to 15 years in prison. (Cuba released Gross in December 2014).

Five years ago: Ted Cruz won most of the delegates at stake in Republican county conventions in Wyoming; Marco Rubio won the GOP presidential caucus in Washington, D.C.

One year ago: The White House said President Donald Trump had no plans to be tested for the coronavirus or go into quarantine, even though a Brazilian official who attended weekend events with Trump in Florida had tested positive. Trump said he was temporarily halting his campaign rallies. The NCAA canceled its basketball tournaments after earlier planning to play in empty arenas. The NHL joined the NBA in suspending play. Major League Baseball delayed the start of its season by at least two weeks. (An abbreviated 60-game season would begin in July.) New York's governor ordered Broadway theaters to shut down for a month; all

gatherings of more than 500 people were temporarily banned. (The theaters remain closed.) Disneyland in California said it would close for the rest of March. (The park has yet to reopen.) Studios announced that the release of major films, including "Mulan," would be delayed because of the virus.

Today's Birthdays: Politician, diplomat and civil rights activ-

ist Andrew Young is 89. Actor Barbara Feldon is 88. Former broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 85. Actor-singer Liza Minnelli is 75. Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, is 74. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 73. Former Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., is 73. Rock singer-musician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 72. Actor Jon Provost (TV: "Lassie") is 71. Author Carl Hiaasen (HY'-ah-sihn) is 68. Rock musician Steve Harris

(Iron Maiden) is 65. Actor Lesley Manville is 65. Actor Jerry Levine is 64. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 64. Actor Jason Beghe is 61. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 61. Actor Titus Welliver is 59. Former MLB All-Star Darryl Strawberry is 59. Actor Julia Campbell is 58. Actor Jake Weber is 58. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., is 53. Actor Aaron Eckhart is 53. CNN reporter Jake Tapper is 52.

Rock musician Graham Coxon is 52. Country musician Tommy Bales (Flynnville Train) is 48. Actor Rhys Coiro is 42. Country singer Holly Williams is 40. Actor Sammi (cq) Levine is 39. Actor Jaimie Alexander is 37. Actor Tyler Patrick Jones is 27. Actor Kendall Applegate is 22.

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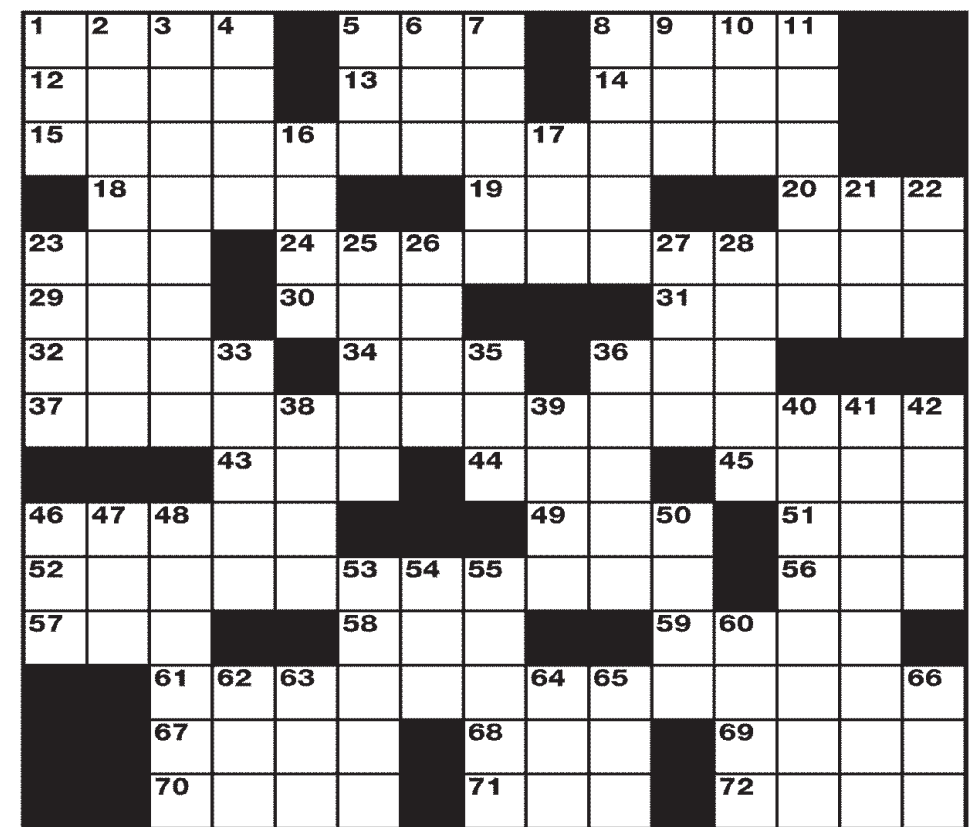
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- 20 School of thought
- 23 Practice advocate
- 24 Big name in game-show history
- 29 From, in some names
- 30 Amalgamated
- 31 Hayek's artist role
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- 37 Vulcanization inventor
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  - 40 Starting slowly
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# Bulldogettes fall to Monahans in walkoff single



Courtesy Photo

Coahoma's Madison Rodgers holds up her home run ball hit during the fifth inning of the Bulldogettes game against Monahans on Tuesday. It was her fourth homer of the year this season.

## Special to the Herald

The Bulldogettes varsity softball team dropped a non-district game against 4A Lady Lobos after Monahan's Taryn Griner hit a walk-off single on Tuesday. Coahoma lost 6-7.

Coahoma got off to an early lead in the first inning when Jocelyn Mendoza doubled on a line drive to left field, which allowed time for Madison Rodgers to score from second base. Mendoza made her way home soon after, scoring off a sacrifice fly from Brynn Rodgers.

M. Rodgers added one more run in the second, however, Monahans tied the game before going into the third inning. Then both teams went three and out.

During the top of the fourth, the Coahoma's big batters rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

M. Rodgers fired up the Bulldogette offense by blasting her fourth home run of the season over the center field wall for two RBIs. A Mendoza RBI single put Coahoma ahead by three runs. Monahans tied the game again at their next turn at bat setting up for the seventh inning showdown.

M. Rodgers came through for the Coahoma offense. She was 2-for-3 at bat earning three runs,

two RBIs, a double and a home run. Mendoza was 2-for-4 with one run and two RBIs for the day.

Everett started out in the circle for the Bulldogettes. She allowed six runs from eight hits, walked one and struck out six. Makayla Calvio came in as relief in the seventh inning. She surrendered one run off of two hits, struck out two and walked one.

Next: Coahoma (5-5) will host Snyder on Friday. The varsity game begins at 5 p.m. with the JV game to follow.

COAHOMA 6, MONAHANS 7

Coahoma: 210 300 0 -- 6 6 3  
Monahans: 120 300 1 -- 7 10 4

W — Karizma Ramirez, L — Makayla Calvio. 2B: Coahoma — Madison Rodgers, Joceyln Mendoza. Monahans — Hailey Merrick. HR: Coahoma — M. Rodgers. SB: Coahoma — Brynn Rodgers. Monahans — J. Garcia. Pitches-Strikes: Coahoma — Christian Everett 109-69, Calvio 17-11. Monahans — Ramirez 109-64.

# 'Healthy' Prescott signs richest contract in Cowboys history

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Pro-Football Writer

Dak Prescott walked briskly and bounced up the couple of steps onto the stage for the announcement of the richest contract in the storied history of the Dallas Cowboys for their latest star quarterback.

It was five months almost to the day Wednesday since the gruesome ankle injury that ended Prescott's 2020 season and led to immediate questions whether the big payday would ever come after a long stalemate.

The answer came two days earlier when the sides — two years after they started talking — agreed on a \$160 million, four-year contract with the NFL's second-highest annual average behind Kansas City star Patrick Mahomes.

Now Prescott is ready to answer the questions about coming back from the compound fracture and dislocation of his right ankle against the New York Giants on Oct. 11.

"I thought about jogging out here and jumping up on the stage," said Prescott, who broke into a wild smile while crossing the stage at team headquarters in Frisco, north of Dallas. "But I don't know if you all are ready for that. But I'm healthy."

Prescott wouldn't put a timeline on when he would be fully cleared, but said, "I'll be ready when it matters."

For now, Prescott was basking in the hourlong news conference that served as a celebration of the fourth \$100 million contract in club history. The first was quarterback Tony Romo, whose back injury in the 2016 preseason opened the door for Prescott to be the starter from the first game of his rookie year.

Prescott's contract included NFL re-

ords with a \$66 million signing bonus and a first-year value of \$75 million. There is a no-trade clause, and the Cowboys can't use the franchise tag after the contract. This agreement came a day before a deadline for the Cowboys to place the tag on Prescott for a second consecutive season.

Most importantly for the Cowboys as they try to end a 25-year run without even reaching the NFC championship game, Prescott's salary cap hit will be \$22.2 million instead of \$37.7 million under the tag. Dallas needs help on defense and now has some money to spend.

"I feel great about our future," owner Jerry Jones said. "I don't mind telling you the main reason I feel great is the guy sitting right next door to me."

Before the injury, Prescott had started every game since the beginning of his rookie year after Romo got hurt. Prescott was the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year while leading the Cowboys to the No. 1 seed in the NFC, and two years later won his first playoff game while reaching his second Pro Bowl.

Negotiations on a new contract started the following offseason, when Prescott was going into the final year of a four-year deal that paid him a total of about \$4 million as a fourth-round pick. That included \$2 million in the final season.

Prescott's abbreviated 2020 season was on a \$31.4 million franchise tag, and playing on a second tag would have significantly increased the chance of the 27-year-old QB leaving in free agency next year.

"Never in a million years did I imagine not being a Cowboy once I put on this uniform and put on this star," Prescott said. "So through it all,

through the two years I guess you can say or more, there was never a slight doubt in my mind that I wouldn't wear the star for the rest of my life."

Jones never wavered in saying he considered Prescott a franchise quarterback, but acknowledged the drawn-out negotiations created debate that took on "a life of its own" over whether the Cowboys believed in the former Mississippi State standout for the long term.

"Don't confuse that with how right we think this decision is, and how right and how much it's been there from the very beginning," Jones said. "This fits what I and what I want our Cowboy fans to think about when we think about the Dallas Cowboys."

Even before Prescott's injury, the Cowboys started slowly in coach Mike McCarthy's first season. But Prescott was still leading the NFL in yards passing for the league's No. 1 offense. Those numbers plummeted as Dallas lost its first four games without Prescott, falling to 2-7 on the way to a 6-10 finish.

With the big contract, Prescott becomes the focal point of ending by far the longest stretch in franchise history without reaching a Super Bowl — more than twice as long as the 10 years it took Dallas to go from an expansion team to its first Super Bowl appear-

ance during the 1970 season.

Since going 13-3 as a rookie, Prescott's regular-season record is 29-24. And he will be trying to end a two-year run of missing the playoffs, which last happened to the Cowboys in 2013.

"Eagerness, excitement, anxiousness, to give this organization and the Jones family everything they invested in," Prescott said. "That's a Super Bowl, and that's to go win."

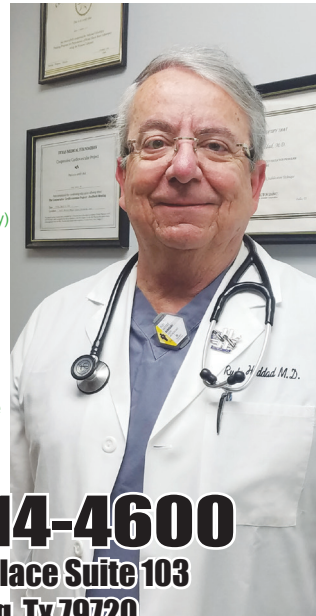
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