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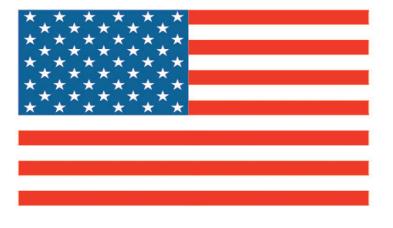
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Westbrook Graduation May 14 7 p.m.

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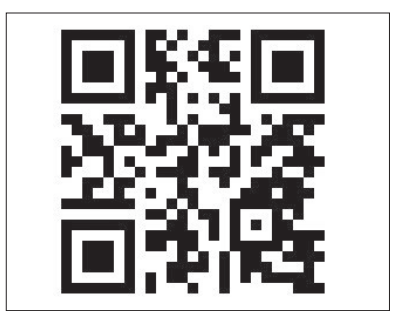
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Charter Review Special Committee ready to present revised Charter

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring's Charter Review Special Committee has spent the past several weeks updating and revising the city's charter. After two meetings this week, the committee is ready to present its work to the City Council for its consideration during an upcoming special meeting.

The city's processes of initiative, referendum and recall were the main items of discussion during the meeting. Each of the three processes involves citizens collecting signatures in a petition to require local officials to take action. Initiative is the process by which citizens can propose local ordinances for consideration by the City Council; referendum allows citizens to force the City Council to reconsider a city ordinance

that has already been adopted; and recall allows citizens to require an election to determine whether a council member or mayor should be removed from office.

Where the charter's rules governing the three processes had been combined in a single section, part of the changes contemplated – and eventually endorsed – by the committee splits them into two separate sections, one governing initiative and referendum; the other governing the recall process.

One item amended in the measure by the committee was to remove language requiring that individuals wishing to sign a petition must do so personally.

"It says 'Each signer of such petition shall personally sign his or her name thereto in ink or double pencil,'" said committee

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Covid-19 vaccine update

The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Guard, has announced the Johnson & Johnson One-Dose COVID-19 vaccine is back.

Today 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez

Details:
 The One-Dose Johnson & Johnson vaccination will be administered to recipients. Vaccines will be available for anyone age 18 and over wanting to receive it. No appointment is necessary.

Westbrook announces Valedictorian, Salutatorian Matlock, Connell named as top of the class

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

Westbrook High School has announced its the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of its 2021 graduating class. Westbrook's graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on May 14 in the school's auditorium.

The 2020-21 Westbrook Valedictorian is Zoe Elise Matlock.

Zoe is the daughter of Homer and Tia Matlock, and she has attended Westbrook ISD for 10 years. During her years at WHS, Zoe was a member of multiple groups including NHS, Student Council, and the Westbrook FFA Officer team. She also participated in multiple sports, including cross country, basketball, softball, golf, and track, and she medaled and/or advanced in each of those sports.

Zoe also showed livestock through Westbrook FFA. She received several



Zoe Matlock Valedictorian



Abigail Connell Salutatorian

Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Abigail Bailey Connell claims the Salutatorian title for the 2020-21 school year.

Abigail is the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Connell, and she has attended Westbrook ISD for 13 years. Throughout high school, Abigail has been involved in many extracurricular activities, organizations, and sports.

Abigail was an officer in National Honor Society, the Westbrook FFA chapter, and WHS student council.

She also participated in different sports including basketball, tennis, golf, and softball, and she earned multiple awards for basketball on the state level.

Showing livestock has also been a big part of Abigail's high school experience.

After graduation, Abigail plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Angelo State University.

Isaiah 58 adapting to better serve the Howard County community as summer approaches

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring's non-profit charitable food pantry Isaiah 58 is cutting back its hours, as well as reducing from two days a week to one, said the organization's CEO and President Nancy Stinson.

Instead of Monday and Tuesday, the food bank will just be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"We might be able to extend it to 12. I'm trying to wait and find out what everybody's going to say. We've usually got anywhere from 150 to 200 people per day on Mondays and Tuesdays when we were open," Stinson said. "Because of COVID, we've had to close on Mondays as far as distribution, because I do not have a faculty...to say that I don't have a staff. We tried



HERALD file photo

Isaiah 58 has moved to conducting distribution once a week on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

for about a month to do like, two-a-days. Our first round was from 9-11 on Tuesday, then we turned around and did from 5-7," Stinson said. "Well, the 5-7 just did not go very well. We thought, well,

we could get both people that are working in the afternoon and those that work in the morning, for those that are working. But it just didn't do as well as what we thought. Stinson said other orga-

nizations with the best intentions at heart may be unintentionally creating problems for Isaiah 58.

"We've been having little churches and community parks that are opening up on a Saturday or a Sunday or a Friday. We call them 'pop-ups,' because it's something you don't typically see until the week it happens," Stinson said. "They're giving out the same food we're giving. I've tried to contact them letting them know, 'Hey, why don't we get together and try to help each other out so we're not destroying something that's been around for a long time? We're not upset that the pop-ups are happening, because pop-ups are going to happen, but we've been here for over 20 years and those pop-ups are kind

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Obituaries

Maudie Mae (Wilson) McClendon



Maudie Mae (Wilson) McClendon was born on March 17, 1929, on the family's farm at the R-Bar Community of Howard County, Texas. She died May 4, 2021, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Her father was W. Roy Wison who preceded her in death on March 31, 1978. Her mother was Emma Echols Wilson who died Aug. 2, 1984. Her sister Oecal McMillan and brother Eugene Wilson also preceded her in death. She married James William (Bill) McClendon in Big Spring, Texas on April 25, 1948. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 2012.

Maudie is survived by two daughters, Linda Marino of Big Spring and Paula Young and her husband, Ron, of Mustang, Okla. She has five dearly loved grandchildren: Cody Young of Mustang, Royce Young and his wife, Keri, Chism Young and his wife, Alia all of Oklahoma City; Lindsey Marino of Austin, Texas, and John William Marino and his wife, Dana, of Broadview Heights, Ohio. She also

has three great-grandchildren: brothers Harrison and Everett Young of Oklahoma City, and Michael James Marino of Broadview Heights, Ohio.

She was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring where she sang in the choir when she was younger. She also taught Sunday School when her own children were young. She had the opportunity to teach many little ones about the love of Jesus. Maudie began her career in banking at the First National Bank of Big Spring at the age of 16. She retired in 1994 after 50 years of service to that same bank. She was a top-notch teller who took pride in her work, and she trained many new employees to be tellers as well. Maudie loved her customers and they loved her back.

After retirement, Maudie enjoyed helping with her grandchildren here and in Oklahoma, traveling with her husband, and being a homemaker. She loved music, art, and reading.

Arrangements are being conducted by Myers and Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the Trinity Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Allen Cross, First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Pallbearers are Ron Young, Bill Marino, Tim Marino, Brandon Marino, Royce Young, and Chism Young.

A life well-lived; A death well-met; An eternity well-engaged. She is Home now.

Paid Obituary

Alice V. "Micky" Helms

Alice V. "Micky" Helms, 86, of Midland, Texas, passed Monday, May 3, 2021, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation in Big Spring. Memorial services will be 10 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Big Spring.

She was born July 25, 1934, in Oklahoma City, Okla., and married James Alfred "Jimmie" Helms on July 14, 1953, in Lovington, N.M.

Micky was a dog fancier. With her husband Jimmie, the couple finished 91 AKC

Champions, mostly wire dachshunds and basset hounds. They moved to Midland in 1957 after working in the oilfield for many years. Micky retired from Texas Electric where she worked as an engineering draftsman, one of the first women in the company to do so. Micky was also a talented artist.

Survivors include daughter, Jennifer Adams of Big Spring, and son Mike Helms of Midland, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Jimmie, and her daughter, Kelly Newsom of Midland.

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

Paid Obituary

Raymond Rodger Callaway Hollis

Raymond Rodger Callaway Hollis—known as "Sonny" to his family and friends—passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in Houston, Texas

Sonny was born Sept. 21, 1935, in Crockett, Texas, to Lucille and Sidney "Bitsy" Hollis during the great depression. The family didn't have much money, but names were free, so his parents gave him four of them. Sonny lost his father in a car accident when Sonny was 5 years old.

His mother then moved the family to Lamesa, where she met and married Sonny's step-father R.W. Herndon.

Sonny graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1957 and promptly joined the National Guard. He found his passion for education as a history teacher. He would later earn his Master's degree at Texas Tech University. He taught at Klondike High School, and he later served as a principal and assistant principal at Lamesa High School. He served Westbrook ISD for many years in the roles of principal, superintendent, and school spirit leader extraordinaire. One of his proudest accomplishments was winning a legal battle in the Texas Supreme Court against the Texas Robin Hood school-finance plan. In honor of the profound impact Sonny had on the community of Westbrook and his many decades of service, Westbrook ISD built a new gymnasium and named it after Sonny.

Despite his devotion to his school and community, he found the greatest sense of purpose in his family. He married Alvah Ruth (Brown) Hollis on Aug. 1, 1960. He was a beloved husband, compan-

ion, and caregiver to her for over 50 years until her death in 2012. Following Alvah Ruth's death, he married former Westbrook ISD teacher Margaret Ann Conaway-Hollis and moved with her to Houston. Sonny raised one daughter, Ann (Hollis) Ward, who was his pride and joy. He was the world's best grandfather to his grandchildren, April and Crystal. Everyone who knew him loved him, except perhaps his school-finance legal adversaries. And if you knew him, he probably called you "kiddo kiddo."

Sonny will be remembered for his unshakeable faith in God, his perpetual optimism, and the perseverance he showed through life's many challenges. His was a life well lived and a race well run.

He was preceded in death by mother Lucille Herndon, father Sidney "Bitsy" Hollis; sister Y'Vonne "Bunny" Hollis; wife Alvah Ruth (Brown) Hollis; and wife Margaret Ann Conaway-Hollis. He is survived by daughter Ann (Hollis) Ward and her husband David; granddaughters Justice April (Ward) Farris and husband Ben; Crystal (Ward) Geigel and husband Scott; and great-grandchildren Clara Farris, Owen Farris, and Colin Geigel.

He is also survived by Margaret Ann's descendants, who embraced him and loved him as their own. They are her son Greg Conaway and wife Debbie, along with their children Zac, Morgan and Will; and her son Jeff Conaway and wife Angela, and their children Taylor and Kolby.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at the Dawson Country Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas.

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

Paid Obituary

Charline Hays

Charline Hays, 80, of Forsan died Wednesday, May 5, 2021. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday with her funeral service at 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Nancy "Granny" Ward

Nancy "Granny" Ward, 68, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

A Small Prayer by K. Rae

May we not be pressured into making a decision, Lord, without considering what You would want us to do.

Amen



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Police blotter

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JOE WAYLON BUSH**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **TERRY SCOTT DIAZ**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/Burglary of habitation.
- **MICHAEL DEVORENCE GREEN**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of disregard stop sign, violate promise to appear, parole violation - fraudulent use
- **MARCUS MELENDEZ**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder.
- **LESTER DALE PITTMAN**, 50, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of expired drivers license fail to maintain financial responsibility, expired drivers license, fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation - delivery control
- **BRANDON RASHAD SPARKS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a parole violation.
- **MICHAEL ELAIDO ZUBIATE**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault class C.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of NE Broadway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Rannels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1200 block of Hilltop. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of S. Owens Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 12000 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Main. No transport was required.



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• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

• Howard College is offering a License to Carry Course with class date set for May 15. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; handgun and ammo not provided. Participants must be 21 years of age and have valid ID. Those taking the class will need 50 rounds of ammo and a handgun. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.

• Howard College has several Workforce Training courses coming up. Welding Maintenance begins May 24, Shielded Metal Arc Welding begins June 7, and Intro to Welding Using Multiple Processes begins June 21. All welding classes are Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. Howard College also has upcoming courses in Customer Service and License to Carry. Call 432-264-5151 or visit hc4.life/training for more information.

• Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

• 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 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.

Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Tuesday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 77.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Wednesday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

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

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member Aubrey Weaver Jr. “I know it’s splitting hairs, but I know that some people might not be able to write that additional information or they may have their power of attorney doing it.”

The committee voted 6-1, with member Troy Tompkins dissenting, to eliminate language from the charter specifically requiring signers to personally fill out identifying information and sign the petition, and instead simply requires the petitioners to comply with state law. Texas law allows all information to be printed or typed except the petition signer’s signature.

Another item amended by the committee was labeled “Recall restrictions” in the proposal. The item would have banned petitions for recall within 180 days of the start or end of an individual’s term on the Council.

“The reason being, there are already restrictions...we can only have recalls in May or November. We’re already restricted. We shouldn’t have the 180 days,” said committee member Nati Saldivar. “A perfect example, and I’ll just go into it briefly. I get elected, and I don’t show up June, July, August, September, October. Well, my constituents can’t recall me until after November. The election already happened. The deadline already happened. That means, my constituents can’t recall me until May, which means a valuable seat can go unrepresented for an entire year. We’re already restricted by state law that we can only recall in May and November. 180 days attached is unfair.”

The committee voted to remove the restriction from the ordinance.

The main item of discussion on all three processes was the amount of signatures needed to force any of the three actions. The current charter requires petitioners to collect a number of signatures equal to 35 percent of the votes cast in the last city election. The change eventually approved by the committee would (if approved by the City Council) require petitioners to collect signatures from 7 percent of the registered voters in the council member’s district; or, in the case of the Mayor, the entire city.

Although the percentage is less with the new proposal, it would result in a greater number of signatures required on the petition, since voting turnouts typically consist of only a small fraction of registered voters.

Consultant attorney Charles E. Zech, hired by the city to assist with drafting the charter amendments, explained the difference between the two

petition requirements.

“If you leave it as a percentage of those who voted in the last election, the ease or difficulty of getting signatures on petition for either initiative, referendum or recall is going to be completely dependent on how popular the last election was,” Zech said. “In a presidential election year, you’re going to have a lot more people come out and vote. So 20 percent, or whatever, of those who voted in the last election is going to be a much higher number than the year before, because a lot more people come out and voted. We had a city who had it that way, and they literally had a swing of over 1,000 signatures that were necessary to be gotten in an election year as opposed to a normal year. If you use a percentage of those who are registered to vote in the previous year, that number is going to remain relatively stable over time. It may go up or down based on the number of people registered to vote, but it’ll only change by a few people. Ten at the most, usually.”

In other business, the committee voted to approve on second reading several other measures, including items related to the City Depository, the Board of City Development, the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem, Notice of Claim and Council members required to call and hold a meeting.

Following approval of the measures, the committee went through the charter, giving committee members a final chance to raise any issues on each article of the revised charter prior to adjourning the meeting.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Nancy “Granny” Ward, 68, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday. Visitation will be 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Maudie McClendon, 92, died Tuesday. Viewing and visitation will be Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Services will be on Saturday, 10:30 AM in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charline Hays, 80, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM Saturday with her funeral service at 4:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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of killing our numbers. And if I don’t get my numbers up, I’m going to be forced to have to close. For a building that’s been around for over 20 years – I think it’s been like, 28 – for us to close due to pop-ups...once those pop-ups are stopped, where is our community going to go?”

Stinson said COVID-19 is causing some concerns with the charity’s volunteers.

“All of my volunteers are over 50, so they’re worried about COVID-19. It seems like you can’t be regular sick anymore, which brings a lot of other issues. I can’t afford for them to get sick and then we can’t be open at all,” she said.

The pandemic is also causing the charity’s numbers to flag.

“We have gone from that 150 and something people down to sometimes 40 a day. It costs us thousands of dollars just to have the electricity on. I do not ever pay less than \$900 a month on electricity, let alone gas and water and all of that. So if I am not feeding the public and getting the public in, why are we open?”

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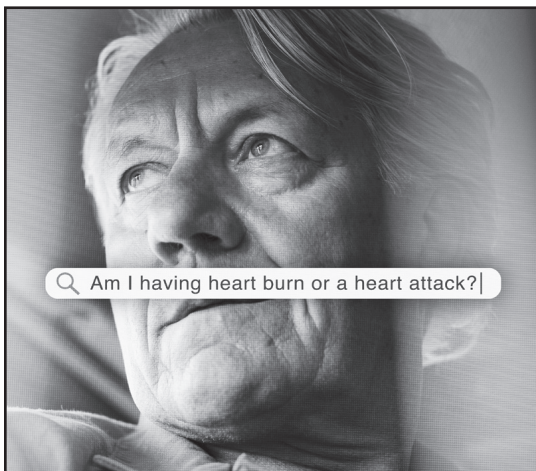
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Church News

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 and Bennett Garden. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee at 10:30 a.m. and 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.

NazFamily Church

This Sunday

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." ~ Ephesians 6:2-3 I know that the opposite of this verse is also true, if you dishonor your mother you may not live very long. Join us at NazFamily Church this Sunday as we celebrate and honor the mothers in our midst. Don't forget to share your favorite "momism" on our Facebook post this week...we'll have a prize for the best one along with a few other surprises.

Youth Fundraiser - Our Revolution NazYouth are selling tickets for a complete enchilada dinner. The tickets are \$12 per meal, which include sides and a dessert. You will be able to pick up your meals on Friday, May 14. All the proceeds will go to help send our youth to camp. Let's show our love and support to these teens! Contact us at Church@NazFamily.org if you would like to help out.

Mega Sports Camp - Coming this Summer! We are inviting all the children to join us for our NazFamily Mega Sports Camp VBS on July 6 - 9. Kids can choose between basketball, cheer, pep squad, soccer, volleyball and disc golf! It doesn't matter if they've played all their life or just started yesterday, Mega Sports Camp is designed to help kids improve their skills and have a great time doing it. Between Sports Sessions, our coaches will lead them through inspiring Bible stories to help character-building themes take hold in their hearts. Spread the word! If you would like more information contact our Children's Director, Gloria Jimenez at gloria@nazfamily.org

MidWeek Service - Do you want to go deeper? Do you want to encounter the power of prayer? Then join us Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. We have prayer gathering for the adults, along with activities for youth and children!

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church - the turn-around church, where we welcome you as 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 groups starting at 6 p.m. and meal between 6 and 6:45, we have Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 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 celebrate this year serving our Lord.

Services for May 9, 2021, are special for all mothers on this Mother's Day in the building, live streaming, and on our Facebook 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 are gearing up for Vacation Bible School, with Construction and Cranes led by our men and accompanied by our women and youth. We are thankful for so many ways God gives us to serve it's difficult to list them all. Come help us serve our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter missions offering for the home front has almost been met. This offering will go to help Home missionaries establish new churches.

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 "become a turnaround, growing, dynamic church," knowing God cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Focus on growth in 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.

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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

LCMS

May 9, 2021 "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, Vicar Roever or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and 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 Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 24:44-53. The psalm is Psalm 47.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our bible study begins at 6 p.m. We are beginning a new bible study. Please come and join us.

Judy Roever 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.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Sunday Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Eighth and Runnels. Lectionary passages for the Sixth Sunday of Easter are: Acts 10:26-40; Psalm 98; I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17. The Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is "What Are You Laying Your Life Down For?" Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano and provides the Introit and Offertory. Mothers will be honored with a flower as they enter the Sanctuary this Mothers' Day.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Cross is teaching the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class, which is studying "Faith Questions: Being Presbyterian in the Tent Room." The Discovery Class began a DVD study "Be Like Jesus" authored by Randy Frazee, formerly partner senior minister with Max Lucado in San Antonio – now in Kansas City. Vicki Miller leads the first two lessons. Rip Patterson will be the next leader.

Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship. Ellen Austin is host for this week.

WEDNESDAY

Lectionary Bible Study meets in the Library at 5:00 p.m. All ages are welcome.

THURSDAY

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and join the group in Fellowship Hall.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - The Service Committee asks everyone to bring hygiene products for

those in need. Regular sizes of deodorant shave cream razors combs soap toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, shampoo, dental floss, conditioner, washcloths.

Please bring these items to the church by May 16.

Digital Opportunities - First Presbyterian Church now has an iTunes podcast: 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 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.

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 and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship.

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

Sunday, May 9 – Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Mothers at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Our 9 a.m. service is onsite. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online.

We are asking that every mother bring her favorite cup and enjoy a cup of coffee with us. Come on out as we honor our mothers and celebrate all women because that day it's all about her. #HER. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, May 12– Join us onsite this Wednesday at 7 p.m. For our Ladies Night Bible Study. Women will be studying Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything. In a circle table format we will learn about an unlikely couple, an unusual courtship, and an illicit affair. Through it all there was not a divorce; instead, a love story grew, It's Hosea and Gomer's love story. When you're looking for identity, God calls you His own. When you feel enslaved, God frees you. When you wander away, God brings you home. No matter where you are, God sees who you are and loves you faithfully. Let's learn together about His unfailing love and how it changes everything.

Wednesday, May 19 – Join us onsite Wednesday at 7 p.m. For our Man Camp bible study service. Men will meet every first and third Wednesday in the Main Sanctuary. Men will gather in a circle table format and will be challenged as men to recognize and claim the standard of greatness that God has set forth in His Word. Men will learn what it means to be a kingdom man who accepts responsibility for his domain of influence; who lives by kingdom principles; and who devotes his life to advancing God's kingdom at home, at church and in the world.

Sunday, May 23– Mark your calendars as we will be honoring our Graduates at our 11 a.m. Service. We know you are very proud of your Graduate and we would like to give you an opportunity to acknowledge them. Deadline for packet submission is due Monday, May 10. We appreciate your attention to the deadlines as the staff needs time to prepare for the graduation ceremony.

Monday, May 24– Join us for our Women's (FAR) Far Above Rubies women's night from 6-8 p.m. 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 fellowship so bring a dish to share, also bring your bible and a friend. Women will be decorating cookies. This is an RSVP event so if you and your child are interested RSVP 432-264-0015/ or at the kiosk (onsite).

Transportation Ministry – You need a ride to church? CCC offers

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How does the grace of God work?

“**T**o the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.” Ephesians 1:6-7

Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on how you look at it), God's grace cannot be explained in and of itself. The grace of God is not an engine, a machine, to be disassembled and dismantled in order to examine its most intricate parts.

God's grace cannot be explained because then, we would need to explain the Lord Jesus Christ himself, seeing that He is the person of God's grace.

If we had a thousand lives a thousand years each life, dedicated only to proclaiming the grace of God, this would not be sufficient to reach the highest heights or descend to the depths of the riches of the knowledge of this grace.

The more we explore grace territory, the more we discover there is to explore.

The more we learn, the more there is to learn. How can we explain grace, if it only gets higher and deeper and wider with each passing day?

Grace gets better and better every day because – where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

We will run out of sin before God runs out of grace. How could we possibly explain something this good? I really don't think that we can.

However, I believe that we can explain a little about how God's grace works by the effects that

this grace has on our lives.

One of the greatest effects of grace on our lives is peace with God. Peace with God is a big deal because, when we have peace with Him, we can pretty much be at peace with anything that happens in our lives.

No, life will not be a bed of roses, nor will it be all sunshine, but when bad things happen to us, we can rest assured that these hard things did not happen as a result of God's anger. Because of Jesus, God accepts us unconditionally.

And this is one of the greatest riches we find in His grace. He even gives us the grace to accept the fact that we are accepted.

It may be that the best things in life, like grace, cannot be explained, but they can be enjoyed.



TOM SLOAN

Something to think about...

First words. I remember when each of our four children first began to babble. We were excited to hear their first words. As they moved into the realm of verbal communication, some of their first words were always "Mama" and "Dada". Not much can compare to that moment when you hear your child call you "Dada" for the first time. It is a moving experience.



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

I confess that I'm not always blessed when my children cry out "Daaaad!" these days, but regardless of all the challenges and frustrations in the adventures of parenting, it is still the title I cherish the most. Fatherhood is a role that I would not trade for anything in the world. And as we watch our children grow and develop I am often reminded of the special relationship we have with our God! Paul says it clearly in Romans 8:

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rath-

er, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." ~ Romans 8:14-18 This is the Good News! That through Christ we can call the Almighty God who created the entire cosmos "Abba"! "Dad"! Our true identity is wrapped up in our relationship to the Father through Christ in the Spirit. And we share in a great inheritance — the Kingdom of God. No matter what we are going through, it can never compare to what He has prepared for us.

May we not allow anyone or anything else to tell us who we are. Instead, may we live in the truth that we are sons and daughters of the King and grow in our family resemblance. I love what Augustine used to say, "Receive who you are in Christ. And become what you have received." If you are a follower of Christ then you are a child of God — now let's act like it.

Reflections: Mothers Day

Countries around the world set aside a special day for mothers. It is celebrated on the second Sunday in May in the U.S. Canada, New Zealand, Australia, India, Brazil, Germany, Ethiopia and the Philippines. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mothers Day an official holiday starting on May 8, 1914. Still other nations honor mothers on different dates.

This week husbands, sons and daughters will don their masks and struggle to keep their distance while searching for the perfect Mothers Day card. Florists will put on extra staff to handle the demand. Many families will test pandemic restrictions to take their mothers out to eat.

Regardless of our nationality, ethnicity or gender, we were each carried in our mother's womb, given birth through her labor and, in almost all cases, nursed and nourished to life by her care. No office and no position wields greater power and influence over the future of humanity than the influence of a mother. The memories and lessons given in infancy at a mother's hand surpass every other classroom and instruction. The faith of a mother inspires and instructs more effectively than any

pulpit or pen. We see it in history, and we see it in the Bible.

In a log cabin in Kentucky, Nancy Hanks Lincoln recognized the early gifts in her child. She not only taught him to read, but instructed him in the principles that would shape his life. Without Nancy, and Sarah, who became Lincoln's step mother after Nancy died, it is unlikely that Abraham Lincoln would have ever surfaced to lead our nation in its greatest hour of crisis.

If it were not for Moses' mother, the world would have never known the great law-giver who led Israel from captivity and gave us the Ten Commandments. It was she who hid him in the reeds at the river to save his infant life and it was she who cared for him in Pharaoh's court.

How many mothers have petitioned God for the birth of a child, as Hannah prayed in the presence of Eli, the prophet? Without her prayer, Samuel would not have been born, and would not have been present to anoint David, the king of Israel.

In the fullness of time, in an obscure Galilean village, another young woman lifted up her eyes to heaven and sang, "My soul ex-

alts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His handmaiden; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For He that is mighty has done to me great things, and holy is His name." (Luke 1:46-49). Without Mary we would never have known Jesus, and the world would remain lost in its sins without a Savior.

Paul referred to the importance of a mother's faith when he wrote to his young protégé, Timothy: "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well." (2 Timothy 1:5).

This Mother's Day we honor all our mothers who have shaped us and made a better world. It also stands as a challenge to all those young women who give birth to the next generation and shape the future of the world to come.

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.

Wednesday, May 12, "Celebrate Recovery" will meet in youth Hall at 6 p.m.; Youth meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pardee Building

Ladies Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Open Door classroom

The Bridge at 6 p.m.; Choir practice at 7:30 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.

First Christian Church

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

This coming Sunday Pastor Michaelz sermon will be: "Of Spirit and Water" Acts 10:44-48

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!!

Life Church

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. for an experience in the Word and in Worship.

This Sunday we are celebrating all moms for Mother's Day. Along with honoring our moms we will be having Baby/Child dedications during our service.

Next Sunday is baptism Sunday. If you would like to get baptized please contact Pastor Manny at MannyN@golifechurch.net.

Life Alive is our 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. Youth, Life Kids and Nursery are also available.

Amazement is a virtue

Have you ever anticipated something so strongly, you've lost sleep over the event? When I was a child, going on a trip with my parents, I was that way — still am. But the eagerness of looking forward to anything, keeps me awake at night. We went to San Diego, California, every summer all my growing up years for vacation, for two weeks, to visit cousins, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, and the friends we left behind the previous summer.

We always went to the beach, Disney Land, the Mission Bay amusement park, and picnicked in Balboa Park for Sunday family gatherings. It was always an amazing two weeks.

When we first arrived at my Aunt's home, we would be told we were going shopping the next day. I could hardly sleep the night before because we didn't have amazing stores in my little town in Nevada like they did in San Diego. They even had escalators, and a mall with a merry-go-round.

Daddy always gave my Uncle \$300.00 to pay for his large family groceries for the two week stay. It was amazing how much our large family of six children could consume in two weeks' time. So the next morning we would anticipate going shopping. That didn't happen usually until afternoon. Patience is also a virtue. We had saved our allowance and pop bottle money to buy a stash of unhealthy snacks—chocolate, sodas, potato chips, etc.

The next day would usually be Sunday, and I would anticipate listening to my Aunt play the organ at Balboa Park Baptist Church, and hear my favorite preacher. Then sure enough, we would invariably end up in the park to picnic and play in the Bay. It seemed like two weeks were never enough time to experience all that San Diego had to offer.

One day not too many years ago I had been pondering strongly on the Rapture of the Church. I had a very vivid dream early one morning. I felt myself rising off my bed with the thought, "It's happening!" But then the heart-breaking disappointment came when I realized it was just a very vivid dream.

One day Jesus is going to return to take His Children Home to be with Him forever. On the shores of the River of Life we will sit and maybe fish from its banks. We will eat of the trees along that river every month a new fruit.

The amazing part of that reality is I get to be a part of that. It's no dream. It is going to happen. It will be the most amazing event I can anticipate in my lifetime. And then I will be in that amazing place called Heaven for all eternity with the Amazing Man who makes all things amazingly possible. His name is Jesus Christ the Lord.

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On Sunday May 2, Pastor Ricky concluded his series entitled "Our Inheritance". He shared the final message about The Power of His Spirit. The Book of Acts is a wonderful example of how God can use His people to do powerful exploits for Him through His Spirit. In Acts 1:4-8, gives us an incredible Promise. "That we would receive power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes upon them", in verse 8, it gives us as the Church distinctive purpose for empowering the Church for ministry in order to continue fulfilling the great commission. He has empowered us to become witnesses of Jesus Christ.

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Local teams look to continue playoff runs



By **DUSTIN POPE**
Herald Sports Writer

We have more than a few local teams still playing Softball and Baseball this Mother's Day weekend. The Howard Hawks Softball team closes out their regular season, and the Howard baseball team gets ready for its conference tournament, and it is all taking place over the weekend.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes, 23-5, will take on the City View Lady Mustangs, who enter action with a 15-14-2 record. Coahoma is coming off a major series sweep of the Clyde Lady Bulldogs. The Bulldogettes could get past their rival to advance to this area round of the playoffs. Coahoma has been pretty dominant all season long, and they will look to keep the momentum going against the Lady Mustangs of City View in a three-game series. They will hold Game One Friday, May 7 at 6 p.m. In Iowa Park. Game Two will be at Coahoma home field Saturday, May 8. They set first pitch for 4 p.m. Game Three will be 30 minutes after Game Two, if needed.

The Big Spring Lady Steers are coming off an awe-inspiring two-game sweep of the Her-

ford Whitefaces this past weekend to win the Bi-District title. The Lady Steers bring a record of 12-12 and take on the Seminole Maidens, 23-5-1 on the season. After a slow start to the season, the Lady Steers have been on a roll as of late, winning seven of their last ten games. They will look to keep this roll going as they face a tough Seminole team that has only lost five games all season long. The two teams will square off in a one-game playoff match this Saturday, May 8, at 5 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper's field. This only being a single playoff game instead of a three-game series should make it a fun game to watch.

The Forsan Buffalo Baseball team has won four of its last five games heading into this first round of the playoffs. They won their District this year and showed steady



improvement all season long, growing both as players and as a team. The Buffs carry a 12-11 record into the first playoff game. They will take on The Christoval Cougars; the Cougars bring a 9-5 record into this three-game playoff series. Game One will be in Forsan this Friday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m., they will hold Game Two 30 minutes after the completion of Game One. Game Three, if needed, will be Saturday, May 8, at the Ball Street Complex in San Angelo time TBD.

The Coahoma Bulldoga baseball team will be in action as well this weekend. The Bulldogs come into the playoffs with a 12-10 record. They will take on the Wall Hawks, who have a 19-8 record. The Bulldogs have had a season of difficulties, but they're playing their best baseball at the right time. This will be a three-game series for the Bi-District title. Coahoma will take on Wall in Snyder Game One will be Friday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m.;

Game Two will take place 30 minutes after the first game. Game Three will be Saturday, May 8, at 2 p.m. if needed. The Wall Hawks will be a tough test for the Bulldogs, but I do not doubt that the young Bulldogs will come and play



their hearts out.

The Howard Softball team looks to play its last games of the regular season this weekend. They have been dominant all season long as they have a 31-3 record and are ranked fourth in the nation. The Lady Hawks will take on the Clarendon Bulldogs, 23-15 in their last home games of the season before they begin Conference tournament play. The teams will play two doubleheaders. They will play the first two games Friday, May 7, beginning at 1 p.m., Game Two will be around 3 p.m.

They will play another doubleheader on Saturday, May 8, as well. Game One is at 1 p.m. Game Two around 3 p.m. There will also be a special presentation before the start of Friday's game at noon to honor all the donors, Sonic and Edward Jones, for their donations to a new scoreboard at Foundation Field. They will host a picnic lunch of hot dogs and all the fixings to celebrate, and everyone who comes can stay and cheer the Lady Hawks on to victory.

So as we have many local sports taking place on this Mother's Day weekend. If you are looking for something to do, pick out your favorite local team and show some support as local High School teams look to continue their playoff runs. Have a safe weekend, and Happy Mother's Day to all the great Moms out there!

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



Big Spring Steer Kyler Seymore finishes in third place at State meet



Courtesy Photos

Top Left: Kyler Seymore (right) receives his third-place high jump medal at the State Track Meet this Thursday morning in Austin. Top Right: Kyler (left) takes a picture with Coach Denton. Kyler Seymore made a jump of 6'4" this Thursday at the UIL State Track Meet held in Austin, Texas. It has been a spectacular year for the Big Spring Steer athlete. Kyler just recently has signed a letter of intent to carry on his track career at Tarlton University. Seymore not only excelled in track but as a pitcher for the Big Spring Steers baseball team. Seymore was one of the best all-around players on the team this year. To go along with all of his athletic achievements, Seymore does even better in the classroom. He ranks in the top five of his graduating class. Seymore is a superb athlete and an even better young man. Congratulations on everything you have worked for!

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Altuve's birthday HR answers boos, as Houston Astros top Torres, Yanks

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Booed relentlessly by angry fans for two days during losses in the Bronx, José Altuve was speaking with Astros manager Dusty Baker before Houston's series finale against the New York Yankees, a game played on the day the All-Star infielder turned 31.

"He says, it would be really nice if I hit a home run every birthday, Mother's Day and Father's Day," Baker recalled.

And so Altuve did. And not just any home run.

Altuve hit a go-ahead, three-run homer off Chad Green in the eighth inning, and the Houston Astros beat the Yankees 7-4 Thursday to avoid a three-game sweep.

"It quieted the fans," Baker would say with a pause — "for a little while, anyway."

Gleyber Torres also stood out, with an incredible, daring dash for the Yankees in which he scored from first base on an infield single. But Houston stopped New York's five-game winning streak and got back over .500 at 16-15.

Altuve had been 4 for 22 on May 6 with a double and a triple on his birthday, but never with a long ball.

He singled leading off to set the tone against former teammate Gerrit Cole, who allowed solo homers to Yordan Álvarez in the fourth and seventh and turned a 3-2 lead over to Green (0-3) starting the eighth.

Green started his own trouble by walking Kyle Tucker leading off. Pinch-hitter Aledmys Díaz reached on a single to Gio Urshela, who made a diving stop but threw past first for

an error that allowed Tucker to take third.

Martin Maldonado struck out to bring up Altuve, a target of fans expressing their anger directly at the Astros since the exposure of their cheating scandal en route to the 2017 World Series title. That run included a seven-game win over the Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

Altuve said the crowd reaction made it difficult to maintain focus.

"You don't like to get booed by anybody but that's part of the game," he said.

Altuve had been 1 for 11 with no RBIs in the series when he worked the count to 3-2. Green was struggling with his command all inning.

"That inning should never even get to Altuve," Green said.

Altuve's second home run this season, coming on Green's 18th pitch, brought teammates Alex Bregman and Carlos Correa out of the dugout to congratulate him. It was a rare stumble for the Yankees bullpen, which entered with a major league-best 2.24 ERA.

"That was on time. I mean, he couldn't have scripted any better," Baker said.

Baker went over to Altuve on the bench and put his hands on his shoulders, congratulating him for connecting.

"I know it meant a lot to us in the dugout to see him hit that homer," said starter Lance McCullers Jr.

After Torres pulled the Yankees within a run in the bottom half, Maldonado hit a two-run homer off Justin Wilson in the ninth, ending a streak of 75 plate appearances without an RBI.

Torres' frenetic eighth-inning sprint came after he noticed the Astros shifted to the right side. Correa knocked down Aaron Hicks' grounder behind second but had no play as the ball trickled just onto the outfield grass.

Correa recovered quickly, but Torres saw third uncovered and kept on going. Maldonado left his catcher's spot and ran to cover third, while reliever Ryan Pressly stayed on the mound.

Correa then made a short toss to Bregman, the third baseman who was near second, and Torres ran through third-base coach Phil Nevin's stop sign, racing home ahead of Maldonado. Torres tumbled headfirst across the plate without a throw.

"I saw the pitcher stay on the mound," Torres said. "I just kept running."

Alex Scrubb (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh, and Pressly got six outs for his fifth save in five chances, inducing Giancarlo Stanton to ground into a game-ending double play.

Stanton crushed a 117.3 mph solo home run off an ad hanging above the Yankees bullpen in right-center in the third inning, and slumping Clint Frazier hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the fourth off McCullers for a 3-1 lead.

Cole faced the Astros for the first time since leaving after the 2019 World Series for a \$324 million deal with the Yankees and exchanged a hug with McCullers before the game.

"He looks good in navy blue," McCullers said. "It brings out his eyes."

After striking out 62 in his first six starts, Cole didn't have his best fast-ball and fanned just four in seven in-

nings. He walked none for his fourth start in a row and allowed five hits.

"I felt like I played chess out there for a couple hours," Cole said. "There was a different level of intensity, certainly."

CORNER

Aaron Judge struck out his first two times up and matched his career worst of strikeouts in seven straight at-bats before grounding out twice.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Maldonado was back in the starting lineup, two days after he bruised his left trapezius (by neck and shoulders) during a home plate collision with Rowned Odor. "Probably the scariest play I've ever been involved in my big league career," said Maldonado, who reported remaining a little stiff. ... RHP Jake Odorizzi (right pronator muscle strain) threw a 25-pitch bullpen session Wednesday and likely will have another bullpen before a minor league rehab assignment.

Yankees: Urshela left in the eighth inning, shortly after making his diving stop and bad throw. He sent for an MRI on a knee. ... RHP Luis Severino is to throw to batters on Tuesday or Wednesday, his first time facing hitters since Tommy John surgery on Feb. 27 last year.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP José Urquidy (2-2) will be on the mound when the Astros start a homestand Friday against Toronto.

Yankees: RHP Jameson Taillon (1-2) starts a series opener against Washington and LHP Patrick Corbin (1-3) on Friday after beating Detroit last weekend for his first win in exactly two years.

Texas linebacker Jake Ehlinger found dead in Austin

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas— Texas linebacker Jake Ehlinger, the younger brother of former Longhorns quarterback Sam Ehlinger, was found dead near campus Thursday, Austin police said.

Officers found the 20-year-old Ehlinger after responding to a call at 12:18 p.m. Police did not detail how they found him but said the death is not considered suspicious. No cause of death was immediately released.

Jake Ehlinger did not play the last two seasons after arriving as a walk-on from Austin's Westlake High School.

Sam Ehlinger was a sixth-round pick in the NFL draft last week by the Indianapolis Colts after a college career that saw him rank among Texas' career passing leaders.

"Our hearts are truly broken and we are just devastated today to learn of the passing of our Longhorn family member Jake Ehlinger. Jake was an amazing young man from an extraordinary family with such a bright future ahead of him. It's just such a tragedy that we are really struggling with," Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte said.

When Sam Ehlinger was drafted, Jake's face was accidentally shown on the NFL Network instead of Sam. "Jake deserves all the screen time you can get," Sam joked with reporters.

Jake's death is the second tragedy to hit the Ehlinger family. Ross Ehlinger, Sam and Jake's father, died at age 46 in 2013 of an apparent heart attack while competing in a

triathlon in San Francisco.

"Jake was a tremendous person and everything you could ask for in a student athlete," new Texas coach Steve Sarkisian said. "In the short time we were able to get to know him, he always was a joy to be around and gave everything he had in workouts, meetings, practice and in life."

Colts officials said the team would support Sam Ehlinger however it could.

"I know how close they were and we're just really stunned, but we are prayerful and we know God has a plan," Colts owner Jim Irsay said. "We are doing everything we can to console the family and do what we can to make things as easy as possible at this difficult time."



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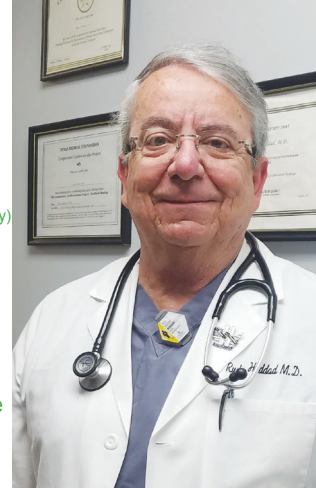
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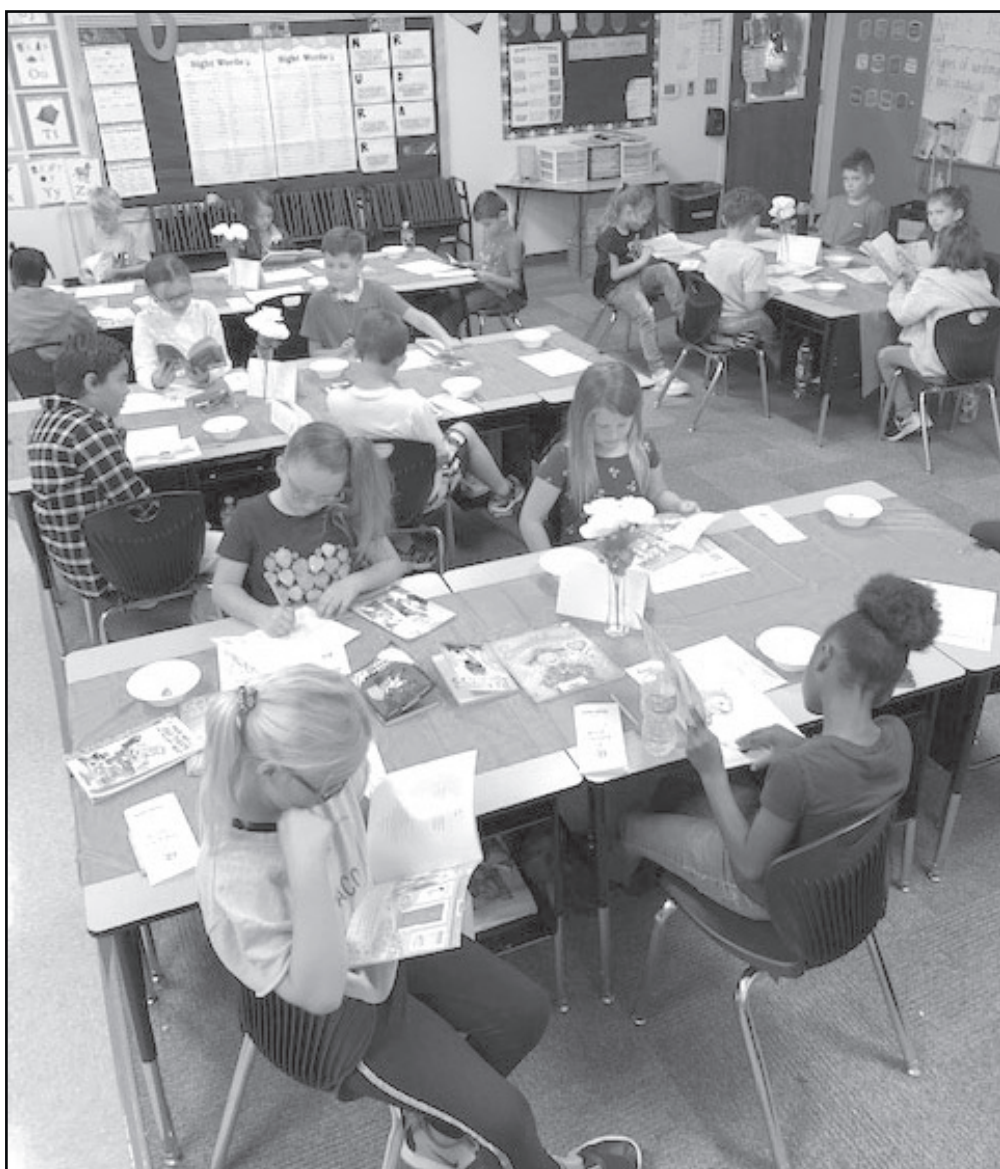
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Back to the Basics: Classroom learning can be fun



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In Mrs. Hollandsworth's 2nd grade class students have been perfecting their reading and writing skills. Although they have been working hard, students have also made time for fun. Most recently the class had a blast "tasting" books from different genres at their classroom Reading Cafe. Working hard and having fun is the main goal to finish out the school year!

More support easing vaccine patent rules, but hurdles remain

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Several world leaders Thursday praised the U.S. call to remove patent protections on COVID-19 vaccines to help poor countries obtain shots. But the proposal faces a multitude of hurdles, including resistance from the pharmaceutical industry.

Nor is it clear what effect such a step might have on the campaign to vanquish the outbreak.

Activists and humanitarian institutions cheered after the U.S. reversed course Wednesday and called for a waiver of intellectual property protections on the vaccine. The decision ultimately is up to the 164-member World Trade Organization, and if just one country votes against a waiver, the proposal will fail.

The Biden administration announcement made the U.S. the first country in the developed world with big vaccine manufacturing to publicly support the waiver idea floated by India and South Africa in October. On Thursday, French President Emmanuel Macron embraced it as well.

"I completely favor this opening up of the intellectual property," Macron said at a vaccine center.

However, like many pharmaceutical companies, Macron insisted that a waiver would not solve the problem of access to vaccines. He said manufacturers in places like Africa are not now equipped to make COVID-19 vaccines, so donations of shots from wealthier countries should be given priority instead.

Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca — all companies with licensed COVID-19 vaccines — had no immediate comment, though Moderna has long said it will not pursue rivals for patent infringement during the pandemic.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken underscored the urgency of moving fast now.

"On the current trajectory, if we don't do more, if the entire world doesn't do more, the world won't be vaccinated until 2024," he said in an interview with NBC while visiting Ukraine.

India, as expected, welcomed the move. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison called the U.S. position "great news."

Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio wrote on Facebook that the U.S. announcement was "a very important signal" and that the world needs "free access" to vaccine patents. But Italian Premier Mario Draghi was more circumspect.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said his country would support it. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the U.S. decision too.

But German Chancellor Angela Merkel's office spoke out against it, saying: "The protection of intel-

lectual property is a source of innovation and must remain so in the future."

A Merkel spokeswoman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said Germany is focused instead on how to increase vaccine manufacturers' production capacity.

In Brazil, one of the deadliest COVID-19 hot spots in the world, Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga said he fears that the country does not have the means to produce vaccines and that the lifting of patent protections could interfere with Brazil's efforts to buy doses from pharmaceutical companies.

In closed-door talks at the WTO in recent months, Australia, Britain, Canada, the European Union, Japan, Norway, Singapore and the United States opposed the waiver idea, according to a Geneva-based trade official who was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some 80 countries, mostly developing ones, have supported the proposal, the official said. China and Russia — two other major COVID-19 vaccine makers — didn't express a position but were open to further discussion, the official said.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the 27-nation bloc is ready to talk about the idea, but she remained noncommittal and emphasized that the EU has been exporting vaccines widely — while the U.S. has not.

EU leaders said the bloc may discuss the matter at a summit that starts Friday.

The pharmaceutical industry has argued that a waiver will do more harm than good in the long run.

Easing patent protections would eat into their profits, potentially reducing the incentives that push companies to innovate and make the kind of tremendous leaps they did with the COVID-19 vaccines, which have been churned out at a

blistering, unprecedented pace.

The industry has contended, too, that production of the vaccines is complicated and can't be ramped up simply by easing patent rights. Instead, it has said that reducing snarls in supply chains and shortages of ingredients is a more pressing issue.

The industry has insisted that a faster solution would be for rich countries to share their vaccine stockpiles with poorer ones.

"A waiver is the simple but the wrong answer to what is a complex problem," said the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations. "Waiving patents of COVID-19 vaccines will not increase production nor provide practical solutions needed to battle this global health crisis."

Intellectual property law expert Shyam Balganes, a professor at Columbia University, said a waiver would only go so far because of bottlenecks in the manufacturing and distribution of vaccines.

Backers of the waiver say that expanded production by the big pharmaceutical companies and donations from richer countries to poor ones won't be enough, and that there are manufacturers standing by that could make the vaccines if given the blueprints.

"A waiver of patents for #COVID19 vaccines & medicines could change the game for Africa, unlocking millions more vaccine doses & saving countless lives," World Health Organization Africa chief Matshidiso Moeti tweeted.



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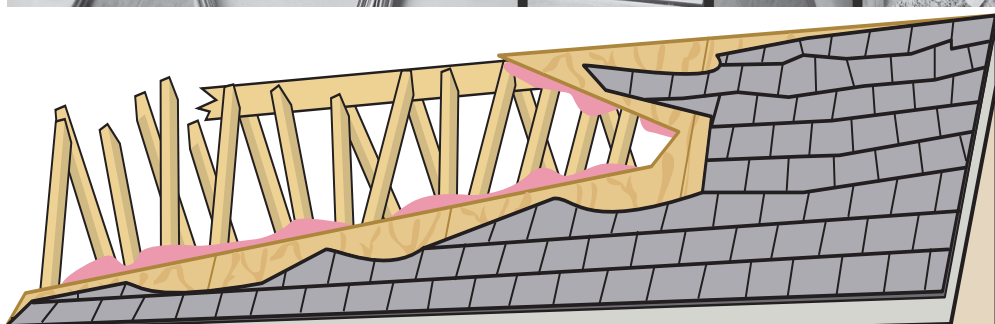
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Annie's Mailbox

Boyfriend Sexting Other Women

Dear Annie: I've been with the same guy for three years. At first, he was incredibly thoughtful and sweet. Over time, I've grown frustrated with how unaffectionate he is. Getting him to express his love feels like trying to wring juice from a dried-out lemon. And he's never introduced me to his family or friends, except for one old friend. Meanwhile, he's met my family and a lot of my friends. Every holiday, he leaves to spend time with his family but doesn't invite me to come with him.

Sometimes, I've wondered if he's even really visiting his family.

One day, out of the blue, I received a Facebook message from a girl. She told me that she and my boyfriend had been talking. She showed me all the dirty messages and photos he'd sent her. I couldn't believe it. I was just heartbroken.

That night, I drove to his apartment to get back my house key and left him his things. He confessed that he was talking to another girl but said he has a masturbation addiction; he didn't feel an emotional connection with her. He also insisted that he's

never actually been with her sexually.

I was devastated. I thought of just leaving and starting a new relationship. I even downloaded some dating apps. But I really didn't want to give up on the relationship and have tried to stick it out.

It's been hard getting past the cheating. He said that I make him feel bad by bringing up the incident so often. So, for now, we agreed to take space. I still love him so much. And still he keeps calling and texting me. I blocked his number, but I still check the blocked calls folder to see if he's reached out.

I'm just so sad; it's hard to focus on anything. How to move on when I pictured my life with this man?

I really want to settle down, and when I did download dating apps, I noticed that the guys on there only seemed to care about one thing, and it wasn't long-term commitment. -- Heart in Shambles

Dear Heart: End it now, and end it for good. I was ready to tell you that even before I got to the part about his cheating; there's just no good excuse for someone not introducing you to their friends and family after three years. Blocking his number was smart. Now, keep it blocked. Heck, change your number if you need to. Stay busy with friends and hobbies. You can even try dating apps or websites again, just be selective: Some plat-

forms, like Match.com, Hinge or Bumble, have better reputations than others. You will miss him for a time, but once you get over the hump, you'll be so glad you dumped the chump.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Stumped Step," who wondered if she could still consider her stepdaughter a daughter after her husband dies. My late husband died 16 years ago, and I enjoy a loving, close relationship with his family to this day. I am honestly closer to my sisters-in-law than my biological sisters. It is truly one of the greatest blessings in our lives! Love wins! -- Grateful Step

Dear Grateful:

Beautifully said. I received several letters similar to yours, including the following.

Dear Annie: I, too, am a stepmother and a widow, and without question, I say "Stumped Step" should continue to address her stepdaughter as such. Annie, you were right in saying that they'll need each other more than ever. Keep and cherish that bond. I know firsthand how gratifying it is. Our family ties are stronger than ever. -- Joan C.

Dear Joan: Your letter touched my heart. Thanks for sharing.

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By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A K J 7 3	♠ Q 10 8 6 2
♥ 6 4 2	♥ A Q 10 5
♦ 8 5	♦ K 3
♣ A K 9	♣ 7 4

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the seven of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A J 9 6	♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 9 3	♥ A 6 4
♦ A 9 7	♦ K 5 4 3
♣ A K 8	♣ Q 9 3

1. On the surface, it might seem that it doesn't matter whether you cover the queen of diamonds with the king or not. But to make certain of the contract, you should duck the queen.

Assuming that South has the ace — certainly a reasonable supposition — the contract is cold if you let North's queen hold the first trick. The trouble with the king play is that South can win with the ace and return a diamond, allowing North to win and shift to a heart. If South then turns up with both the king and jack of hearts, you will eventually lose two hearts and two diamonds and go down one.

But if you duck the diamond, you

are safe against any attack. If North continues the suit, you can win any return by South, cash the A-K of clubs and ruff a club in dummy, draw trump, then lead a heart to the ten. Even if South wins with the jack, you have the rest of the tricks against any return.

If instead North shifts to a heart at trick two, you rise with the ace, draw trump, play the A-K and ruff a club, then lead the king of diamonds. South wins with the ace, but whatever he returns, you are home, losing only two diamonds and a heart.

2. You start by assuming that North has the king of spades, since if South has it you will make at least 10 tricks via a spade finesse. You also assume that North's seven is his fourth-best heart, which means he might have led from K-Q-8-7-x, K-10-8-7-x or Q-10-8-7-x. (With K-Q-10-7-x, he presumably would have led the king.)

The best way of dealing with these three possibilities — which constitute the only real threat to the contract — is to go up with the ace at trick one. This play fails in the first case, but succeeds in the other two even when North has the spade king.

The reason for rising with the ace is that it blocks the defenders' hearts if South started with the K-x or Q-x, while ducking the opening heart lead allows South to win and return a heart, unblocking the suit.

Tomorrow: A fatal slip.

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Venus and Jupiter Call for Acceptance

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're talking to someone you're trying to understand where they are coming from. You can picture their life outside the interaction with greater accuracy because of the excellent questions you ask.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like to be the one giving, but if you don't let others help you, you deprive them of something meaningful. Part of generosity is being a gracious receiver of what people contribute to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to be overly sensitive to every little internal distress signal or constantly let yourself off the hook. But do acknowledge when the hard work hurts. That acknowledgment is enough to avoid burn-out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The rules are in place for a reason, but it's not always a good one. Today, you just may find that it's not a very solid or enforceable one either. If someone is going to make an exception, it will be for exceptional you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotional investment is like any other investment -- a risk. One thing you can count on is that, sooner or later, everyone gets hurt in love. If there's no hurt, it's not love. So the question is, who are you willing to hurt for?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you like will agree with you, make you look good, and inspire lots more of the good stuff. Who you love will love you back.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

What you do will matter. It's an all-around fantastic day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Projects have a beginning, middle and an end, though that is not the best order of approach. Begin with the end in mind. If you don't have an end in mind yet, assist someone who does and you'll learn a lot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be extremely careful which collective you align with. Groups can be incredibly destructive and stupid or, under the right circumstances, highly intelligent and even brighter as an entity than the most intelligent person within the group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trying to connect with an emotionally distant person is like grasping the wind -- futile. The wind touches you; you do not touch it. But if you position yourself well, you can use its power to do any number of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An old joke: Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana. So make like a fruit fly and get into the sweetness of the day. It's going to take a little work to get past the peel and a little humor to get past this horoscope.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be like the honeybee. Send out



scouts in every direction so that later you can concentrate all your efforts on only the direction where the flowers are open

and inviting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you are affiliated with a group, you will act freely and independently, cooperating as it suits you and compromising when you deem it beneficial. The approach produces coordinated results everyone will be proud of.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 7). In a way, following your bliss is the most responsible thing you can do. For one thing, it pays. Lucky financial moves will be the result of a stellar perspective, which comes from delving deeply into your delights. You'll work with your emotions to create circumstances that ultimately benefit many, a skill that rubs off on others. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 18, 9 and 45.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Skip the backstory and get to the good stuff. TAURUS: If you and your potential partner had all of the same strengths and interests, the redundancy factor would quickly bore you. Effective couples are diverse. GEMINI: Someone loves you for your playfulness but it's your work ethic

that will seal the deal. CANCER: You want to come across as unself-conscious but you also care to make a good impression. You'll hit the right balance. LEO: Instead of scrutinizing and obsessing over your love life, you'll metaphorically hop in a hot air balloon to get the perspective you need. VIRGO: You'd rather get the honest but unpalatable answer than a delicious dishonesty that will sour after being devoured. LIBRA: Finding answers with someone who is equally as good at problem-solving will double your delight. SCORPIO: You haven't found all the common ground yet. There are still new areas to be explored or created. SAGITTARIUS: Friends and lovers don't always make the best accountability partners. CAPRICORN: You'll be easy going about so many of the small decisions but will dig your heels in on one matter that's worth fighting for. AQUARIUS: You hold back; they reach. It's a strategy that works time and again. PISCES: You communicate better when you're having fun!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Just as Aries and Taurus open the party on the zodiac wheel, they tend to bring new energy and excitement to whatever scene they show up together to now. With the lunar and solar winds on their side, Aries/Taurus couples of any age ride on a fun, fresh, youthful energy. These two also have a superpower for approaching serious matters with the humor and grace that keeps love warm and bright.

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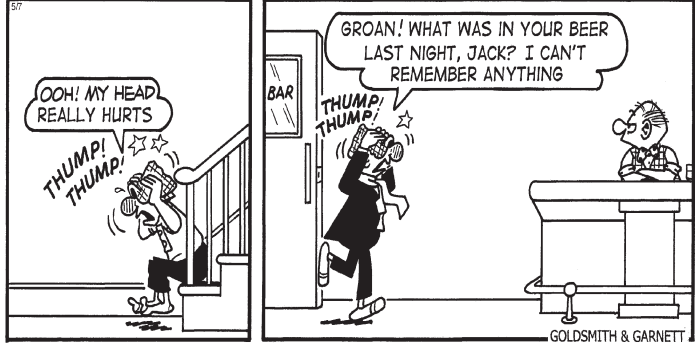
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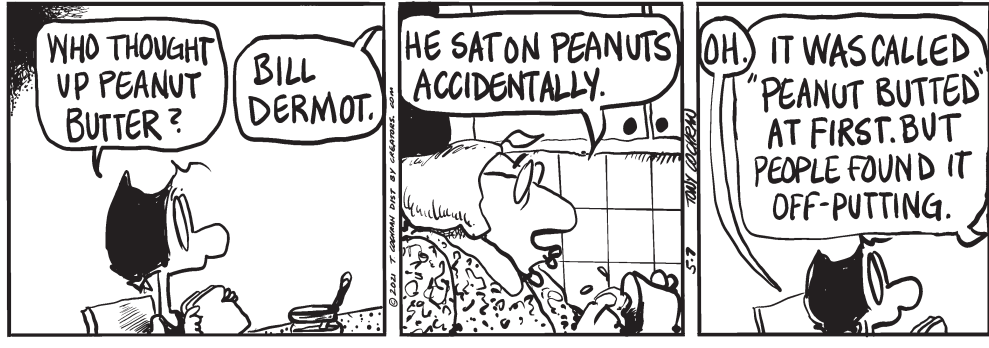
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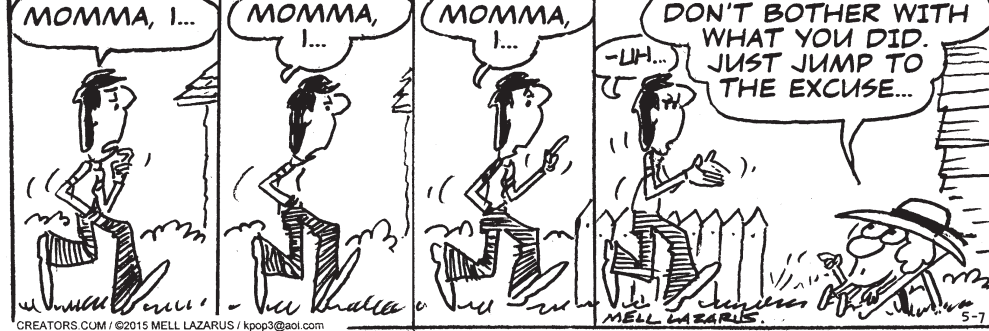
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 7, the 127th day of 2021. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

On this date:

In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in Volkensk, Russia.

In 1915, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 — the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1946, Sony Corp. had its beginnings as the Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corp. was founded in the Japanese capital by Akio Morita and Masaru Ibuka.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1998, the parent company of Mercedes-Benz agreed to buy Chrysler Corp. for more than \$37 billion. Londoners voted overwhelmingly to elect their own mayor for the first time in history. (In May 2000, Ken Livingstone was elected.)

In 2010, a BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-

steel vault onto the ruptured Deepwater Horizon well in an unprecedented, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea.

In 2019, two gunmen opened fire inside a charter school in a Denver suburb not far from Columbine High School, killing a student, 18-year-old Kendrick Castillo, who authorities said had charged at the shooters to protect classmates; two students at the school were charged in the attack. (A 16-year-old, Alec McKinney, pleaded guilty to 17 felonies and was sentenced to life in prison plus 38 years; 19-year-old Devon Erickson pleaded not guilty to the same charges; his trial has been delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.)

Ten years ago: The U.S. released videos seized from Osama bin Laden's hideout showing the terrorist leader watching newscasts of himself amid shabby surroundings. Justin Verlander threw his second career no-hitter, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 9-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. World Golf Hall of Famer Seve Ballesteros, 54, died in Pedrena, Spain.

Five years ago: A Tesla Model S sedan that was in self-driving mode crashed into the side of a tractor-trailer in Williston, Florida, killing its occupant, Joshua D. Brown. President Barack Obama told the graduating class at Howard University in Washington, D.C. that the country was "a better place" than when he left college more than 30 years earlier, but acknowledged that gaps persisted, citing racism and inequality.

One year ago: Georgia authorities arrested a white father and son and charged them with murder in the February shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man they had pursued in a truck after spotting him running in their neighborhood near the port city of Brunswick. In an abrupt about-face, the Justice Department dropped a criminal case against Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, who was accused of lying to the FBI over.

Answer to previous puzzle

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about conversations with the Russian ambassador. The White House said a member of the military serving as one of Trump's valets tested positive for the coronavirus. A Texas hair salon owner, Shelley Luther, sentenced to a week behind bars for keeping her business open despite Gov. Greg Abbott's emergency orders, was freed after less than 48 hours; Abbott had removed jail as a punishment for defying

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- What fills some cookies
 - Laver contemporary
 - Nile dam city
 - Darn alternative
 - Email folder
 - "¡Hasta ___!"
 - Why to get the tweezers: To ___ [Dec.-Mar.]
 - Prefix in seismology
 - Recent transportation secretary
 - Certain temp monitors
 - Throw out there
 - School SE of Duke
 - Why to get rich: To ___ [Mar.-Jun.]
 - 22 Mozart works
 - Well-versed
 - According to
 - Child safety advocate
 - Contraction candidate
 - Palo Alto automaker
 - Chintzy
 - Why to visit gmc.com: To ___ [Jun.-Sep.]
 - Barbarous barber of Broadway
 - Check-fraud preventers
 - "Bingo!"
 - Detroit River's destination
 - Camp furnishing
 - Why to buy a painting: To ___ [Sep.-Dec.]
 - Explanation introduction

virus safeguards. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine found no evidence of benefit from a malaria drug that was promoted as a treatment for the coronavirus. Neiman Marcus said it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, becoming the first department store chain to be toppled by the pandemic.

Today's Birthdays: R&B singer

Thelma Houston is 78. Actor Robin Strasser is 76. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 75. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 75. Former Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is 74. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 71. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 69. Actor Michael E. Knight is 62. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 60. Rock singer-musician Chris

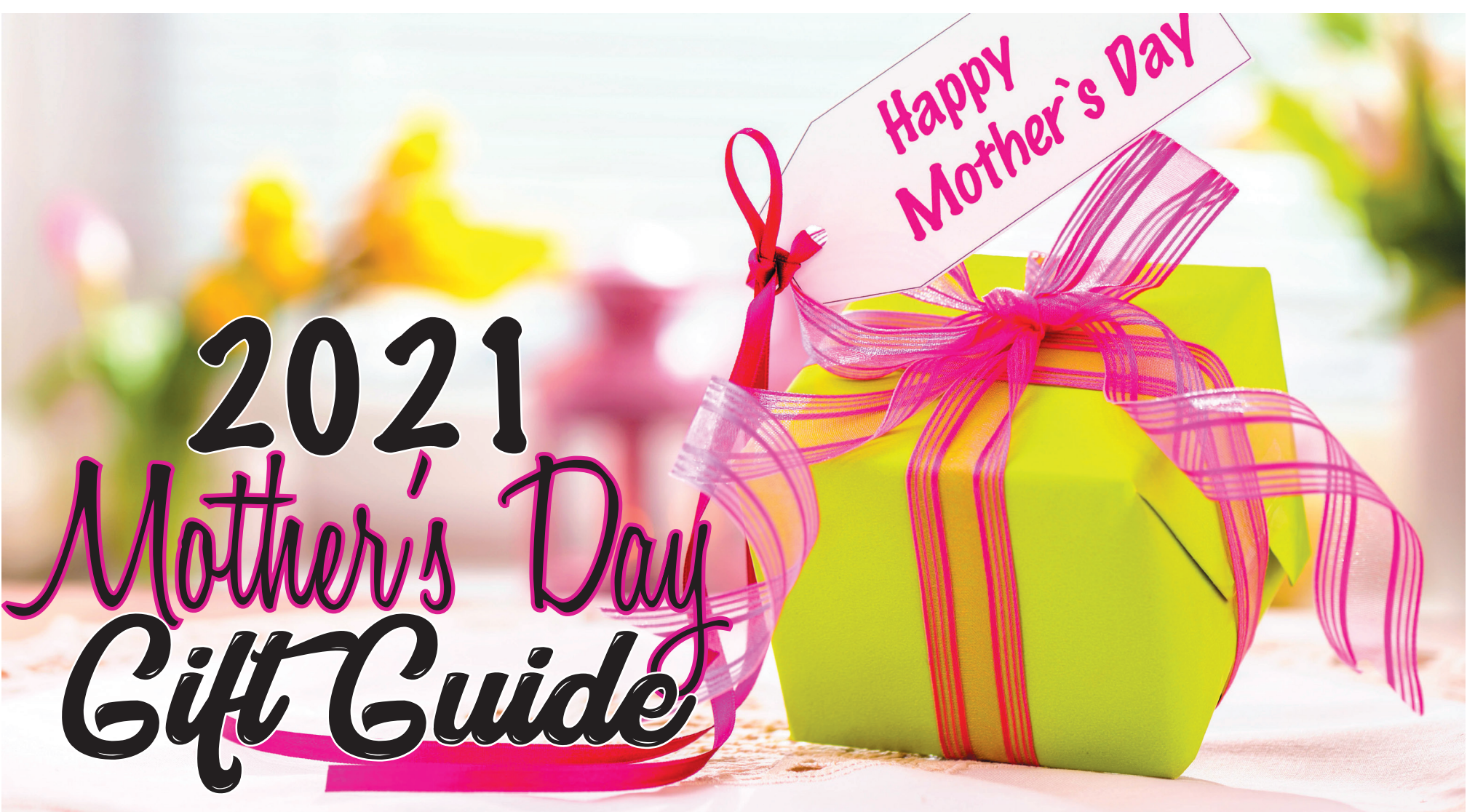
O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 56. Actor Traci Lords is 53. Actor Morocco Omari is 51. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 50. Actor Breckin Meyer is 47. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 35. Actor-comedian Aidy Bryant is 34. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 30. Actor Alexander Ludwig is 29. Actor Dylan Gelula is 27.

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| 61 Metallic Olympics equipment | 9 Aladdin prince | 38 Anatomical pivot point |
| 62 Table neighbor of carbon | 10 Great ball of fire | 39 Billion-year period |
| 63 In perfect condition | 11 Kitchen cleaner | 40 Clay Olympic equipment |
| 64 Upgrade, perhaps | 12 Facilitator | 41 '60s revolutionary nickname |
| | 13 Colonizers of Iceland | 42 Amadeus star |
| | 18 String quartet member | 43 Invest with authority |
| | 19 English Enlightenment philosopher | 44 More efficient |
| DOWN | 23 Stone-in-water sound | 45 Bart Simpson, since 1987 |
| 1 DC memorial honoree | 24 Ready (for) | 46 Jungle Book title |
| 2 Feeling of fury | 25 Family nickname | 47 Frisbee brand |
| 3 Screen message you'd rather not see | 27 Thimbleful | 51 Crucifix initials |
| 4 Sink accessory | 28 Sticks in an arsenal | 54 US auditing agency |
| 5 Enzyme ending | 30 Bedevil | 55 Roadhouse |
| 6 Six-time Best Actress Oscar nominee (1976-2001) | 34 Finished basement, often | 56 On a lucky streak |
| 7 Hodgepodge | 35 Camp clothing label | 57 Went first |
| | 36 Free-wheeling | 58 MGM mascot |

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