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*Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring June 11 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd. Donations accepted at the door*

*Summer meal program through BSISD begins June 1.*

*Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show reception is set for May 27*

*Big Spring Graduation May 21, 8 p.m. Memorial Stadium*

*Forsan Graduation May 28, 6 p.m. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum*

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## Staked Plains Masonic Lodge awards three local high school seniors with scholarships

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

In addition to the recognition of local teachers and their everlasting impact, the Staked Plains Lodge also awarded three area graduating seniors with scholarship money as they advance to the next chapter of their educational career. Each recipient was selected by the selection council according to the essays submitted in the application process.

“The scholarship money is provided to the students in three installments,” Mason Allen Morris said. “We present the first to the student, and then have them come back with an update on how they are doing and present the next check, and once again we receive a third update and award the final installment.”

The Forsan Senior recipient was Courtney Overton. According to her essay, Overton is planning on pursuing her degree to become a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. Throughout her high school career she piled on college level course work and upon graduation from high school she will be a Certified Nursing Assistant, at the age of 16.

“Growing up in the manner that I did was not always the easiest, but against all odds I have prevailed...,” Overton stated in her essay.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**The Masonic Lodge recently recognized three Howard County youth for their accomplishments, with scholarships. These scholarships will help them in their next step of the journey in education.**

As she pursued her CNA courses she learned just how much she enjoyed caring for those in troubled times and solidified her career choice once and for all. She said she has learned for herself and shown those around her the capability and dedication she has towards her success.

The Coahoma Senior recipient is Kaylee Kernick. According to her essay she plans to attend Tarleton State University to pursue a degree in Agriculture Communications. Growing up surrounded by agriculture, pursuing a

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## History Lecture Series returns; meetings to take place at First Presbyterian Church every Tuesday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Drum roll please ... The history lectures are back. After an unexpected break, due to the pandemic, the Great Courses History Video Lectures are returning. The series kicked off this week and will continue to take place at Noon on Tuesdays, at First Presbyterian Church.

“I have had several people stop and ask me about the lectures. By popular demand we are bringing them back,” Nancy Michaelis said.

The first set of lectures took place at the Heritage Museum, but due to the increased attendance, more space was needed. The series have been relocated to the Theater Room at the Presbyterian Church. There are 27 lectures in the series focusing on themes regarding democracy, empires, religion, super powers, and leadership. The first in the series was “Athenian Democracy and Empire”. The last 10 lectures in the series will focus on the United States, according to Mi-

chaelis. “People need a chance to just talk. We invite discussion in each of these lectures, but we want to remind those attending it is not a debate,” she said.

The lectures are about 30 minutes long which will allow time for a group discussion to be held. Those wanting to attend can enter First Presbyterian Church through the courtyard.

“We are looking forward to seeing everyone join us again,” she said. “All these lectures are about history, but they are relevant to what is happening today. Nothing we are looking at is new; sometimes the problems get solved and sometimes they go right back to where they were.”

First Presbyterian Church is located at 701 Runnels Street. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge for the lecture.

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

## Big Spring Art Association wraps up regular meetings as they approach Summer Break



Courtesy photo

**During the last meeting of the Big Spring Art Association, new members were recognized as well as a few special pieces of art from the members.**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring Art Association has wrapped up the final meeting before the Summer break. The association met in the Howard County Library meeting room this past weekend with 14 members in attendance. During the meeting, new officers were elected; the slate of new officers will step into their new rolls this Fall when meetings pick back up in September.

“This last meeting focused on discussing past and current events, as well as routine items such as reviewing financials and planning for events this summer,” Sami Cave, Big Spring Art Association Secretary, said.

The new slate of officers is as follows: President: Ruby Bruns; Vice President: SanDee Lockhart; Secretary: Sami Cave; Reporter: Leatrice Brown; Treasurer: Michelle Worthan; and Program Committee is made up of Kay Smith, Beth Henry and Sami Cave.

“While we won’t be having our monthly meetings, we do

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## Take Note

- Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center will be celebrating 60 years on Wednesday June 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will begin June 1 and run through July 30. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad from June 1 through July 30; High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 - June 24.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Tuesday, beginning May 18 at Noon. The lectures will take place in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.
- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will go to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary jewelry sale is set for May 20 and May 21. Both days the sale will start at 7 a.m. and it will end at 6 p.m. on May 20th and 2 p.m. on May 21. The sale will take place in the West Texas Medical Plaza lobby.
- American Legion Post 506 is hosting a fish fry on May 15. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For more information, call 432-263-2084.
- College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. College Baptist Church is located at 1105 Birdwell

- Lane. To register call the church office at 432-267-7429. Preregistration must be completed.
- 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 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.

## Police blotter

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:
- **KENNETH ROBERT BARR**, 38, of 3504 Saratoga Pl in Schertz, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **LAURA LEUNA EVANS**, 42, of 1406 S. Runnels Street, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch, unlawful restraint.
  - **JOHN THOMAS OBANNON**, 50, of 609 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
  - **KIANA NICOLE BANKS**, 18, of 504 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - **LARISSA LOIS MELCHERT**, 29, of 2502 N. Arderson was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
  - **ISA RENE PENA**, 23, of 2613 Ent, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x3).
  - **OSCAR MIER**, 46, of 606 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of drove without lights when required.
  - **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 28, of 2623 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a charge of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, tampering with identification numbers.
  - **REBECA GOMEZ**, 31, of 510 Donley Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.
  - **KELSI KIRK**, 32, of 7805 N. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of fail to identify fugitive give false information and warrant from other agency.
  - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Runnels Street.
  - **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of Jones and 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1100 block of W I-20.
  - **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wason Road.
  - **ASSAULT** was reported in the 5400 block of Wasson Road.
  - **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa Avenue.
  - **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 700 block of W. FM 700.
  - **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of Tulsa Street.
  - **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of McDonald and Carol.

## Fire/EMS

- Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Broadway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the Highway 87 North. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **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 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of Callahan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Sheriff

- The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:
- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 100 inmates at the time of this report.
- **KIANA NICOLE BANKS**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - **KENNETH ROBERT BARR**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **LAURA LEUNA EVANS**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or unlawful restraint.
  - **REBECA GOMEZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.
  - **KELSI SHALYN KIRK**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of fail to identify fugitive intent give false information.
  - **LARISSA LOIS MELCHERT**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension.
  - **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, tamper with

- identification numbers.
- **OSCAR MIER**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of drove without lights when required.
  - **JOHN THOMAS OBANNON**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.
  - **ISA RENE PENA**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750, theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.
  - **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/shelter.
  - **TRINITY ROBERTSON**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - **JULIEANN WHEELER**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.



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Kaylee Kernick (top left), Courtney Overton (center) and Manuel Castillo (top right) were presented with the first installment of scholarships awarded by the Masonic Lodge at a recent meeting. These three local high school seniors were selected by the Stakes Plains Masonic Lodge essay competition.

HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

## AWARD

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degree in the field was an easy decision.

"I knew going to college I wanted to keep my major focused in that industry ... from my first glimpse of the degree plan I have loved the world of Ag Comm. It deals with a little bit of everything from marketing to advertising to creative design and even some entrepreneurship," Kernick said.

Her essay went on to say, "In all of this, I'm letting the Lord take the lead as I have no doubt He will lead me to where I'm supposed to be ... Everything I have been through in life up to this point has set me up for success and I can't wait to continue to grow and be challenged as I continue my journey. I have learned that trials and hardships are going

to come no matter what cards you're dealt, but the important thing is what you do with what you've got."

The Big Spring Senior recipient was Manuel Castillo Jr. According to his essay, after graduation he plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at Baylor University.

"One of the things that caught the selection committee's attention was the opening line of Castillo's essay .... 'Human individuals are unique in that they reserve the intellectual capacity to formulate arrangements that are not limited to a singular generation or even a few succeeding generations, but to plan with the intention to potentially have an impact far past their lifetimes.' and we thought, wow, what are we dealing with here," Morris said.

Castillo is the oldest of six children. During his

high school career he has taken numerous STEM courses, competed in UIL Academic competitions where he has medaled in Science, Computer Applications and Ready Writing. He has also taken part in the Big Spring Marching Band and Honor Band, along with participating in track and field events, swimming and diving competitions.

"A person is composed of all the collection of memories and interaction with those around them. I hope to be remembered not only by these things, but also by all goals I aspire to accomplish during my lifetime and the impact they will have long after I am gone," Castillo said.

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## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/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. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Louise Huitt, 72, died Monday. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel at 10:00 AM on Friday. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jerry R. Arrick, 77, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## ART

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have a couple of events planned during the Summer. We are also working on an Acrylic Workshop that we will have more information on soon," she said.

The Association is looking to host a garage sale on July 17 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 2106 Scurry. The funds raised will go towards supporting the Art Association.

The Big Spring Art Association meets in the Howard County Library basement meeting room. Meetings will resume Sept. 18 and will continue on the third Saturday of the month after that. To keep up with the Big Spring Art Association follow the Facebook page and visit the website at <https://bigspringartassoci.wixsite.com/bsaa>.

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# Church News

## College Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School is built around the Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, our Savior. VBS this summer is Sunday-Thursday, June 6-10, 2021, at 6-9 p.m. Call Church for registration information. College Baptist Church is 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 Street 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 23, 2021, will be live streamed, and on our Facebook page as well. Catch up on God's perfect plan! 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.

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 we focus on Jesus. 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.

## 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 brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer 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 livestreaming their service on Facebook, website - [www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/](http://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.

## 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, May 23 - 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 and online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, May 26 - Join us ONSITE Wednesday at 7 p.m. For our Man Camp bible study service. Men will meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 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.

Wednesday, June 2 - 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 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.

Sunday, May 23- Graduations are no small achievement and deserve to be known and celebrated. Join us as we will be honoring and celebrating this huge milestone with our Graduates at our

11 a.m. Worship Service.

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 pick-up services on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office.

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

## NazFamily Church

This Sunday

"Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son." (Eugene Peterson)

Each week the NazFamily gathers to not only hear and study the Scriptures, but to learn how to apply the word to our daily lives. Join us this Sunday as we continue to journey together as followers of Jesus!

Graduations & Celebrations - Nazarene Christian Academy will have their kindergarten graduation and awards night on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. New Hope will have their preschool graduation on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. Both will be at NazFamily Church. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate together.

Family Fun Night - On Wednesday, May 26, we will have games, food, treats, and fun for the entire family. We will start at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

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! For more information, contact our Children's Director, Gloria Jimenez at [gloria@nazfamily.org](mailto:gloria@nazfamily.org)

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](mailto:church@nazfamily.org).

## 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

"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](mailto: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 Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Acts 2:1-21 and John 15:26-27:16:4b-15. The psalm is Psalm 139: 1-12 (13-16).

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.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each

morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

CORRECTION: In last week's news we reported that Rowan Colette presented his Senior Recital on oboe and piano in the Chapel. It was the Senior Recital of Ransom Colette, who is Valedictorian of 2021 at Big Spring High and member of FPC Choir. Apologies!

SUNDAY - Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Lectionary passages for the Pentecost Sunday are: Psalm 104: 24-34; Acts 1:1-21; Romans 8:22-27 John 17:6-19. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is "A Dream as Big as All Creation." Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano and provides the Introit and Offertory The high school graduates of FPC: Mia Burch and Destiny Hallford -Forsan and Ransom Colette - Big Spring will be recognized during worship. Immediately after worship will be a Fellowship Lunch on the courtyard. Please bring lawn chairs.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. Rev. Cross is teaching the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class, which meets in the Tent Room. The Discovery Class is pursuing a DVD study Be Like Jesus authored by Randy Frazee, formerly partner senior minister with Max Lucado in San Antonio - now in Kansas City. Rip Patterson will lead the class for the next two weeks.

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

TUESDAY

The History Lectures, moderated by Nancy Michaelis, are resuming in FPC Theater Room, Noon-1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study, meets in the Theater Room at 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study meets in the Library at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

Service Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

The Session meets May 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Service Committee thanks all who contributed to the Hygiene Drive.

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](http://www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons).

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, go to [www.fpcbigspring.com](http://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](http://www.fpcbigspring.com) by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

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 May 16, Pastor Ricky shared with us about the Ascension of Jesus from Acts 1:4-11. Jesus's Ascension comes on the heels of Easter. Jesus remained on earth for 40 days, teaching and giving final instructions to his disciples and followers. Jesus shared as well, about the promise to come of the Holy Spirit. So what does the Ascension mean for us as followers of Christ?

The Ascension of Jesus was God's way of saying "Mission Accomplished". Jesus accomplished all that the Heavenly Father had set out for him to do in order for mankind to be redeemed. Now it is our time. Where Jesus mission ends, ours begin. We are to be the ones that will go into all the world to proclaim His name! So let us go therefore into all the world.

Come join us this Sunday as we celebrate our Risen Savior.

We look forward to seeing you. Come join us for Wednesday evening activities. Wednesday, May 26, "Celebrate Recovery" will meet in youth hall at 6 p.m.; Youth meeting at 6 p.m. in the Partee 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](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

# Something to think about...

Why is it on our family trips we always seem to forget something important? Though we pack way more than we need and bring things that we will never use, "just in case," we still inevitably leave something essential behind.



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

One of the worst feelings is passing the point of no return only to realize we've forgotten something significant. As we get ready for some fun family trips this summer, we are doing our best to follow the Scout motto. This time we want to "Be Prepared!"

At some point in this process, I came across a site that sells several

emergency essentials.

Whether you are getting ready for a road trip, severe weather, or the zombie apocalypse, they've got you covered. It was interesting to peruse all the products they offered, which included an "Urban Road Warrior Survivor Kit," a two person "Economy Emergency Port-a-Potty Kit" with double doodie bags, and, of course, a can of fresh air, just to name a few.

It is evident, as we witnessed people across the nation respond to potential gas and toilet paper shortages, we definitely don't like to find ourselves unprepared.

As we think about all the potential circumstances and crises we may face in life, Scripture points us to something more significant.

Are we prepared for the potential opportunities

that may come our way today?

Peter encourages us as followers of Jesus.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15)

Are you prepared?

As important as it is to prepare for family trips, it is even more important that we're prepared to live on mission every day. We will miss Kingdom opportunities to make an eternal impact if we're not ready.

May we make the Scout motto our spiritual motto too, "Be prepared!" Get ready - God is on the move!

## Reflections:

### I Dreamed a Dream



BILL TINSLEY

For much of the world, 2020 was more of a nightmare than a dream. The physical, emotional and economic struggles brought all the nations of the earth to their knees. But finally the first light of a new day appears to be dawning. It is time to dream again.

Most of us know the song, "I Dreamed A Dream" because of Susan Boyle's appearance on Britain's Got Talent. April 11, 2009, Susan stood on the stage in her frumpy dress and outdated hairdo. The audience and judges snickered and laughed during her interview, enjoying the misery of this out-of-touch wannabe in an out-of-place position. But, when she began to sing, everyone sat stunned. In a clear voice that was perfectly on pitch, she sang. "I dreamed a

dream in time gone by, when hope was high and life worth living. I dreamed that love would never die. I dreamed that God would be forgiving. ..." It seemed that Susan Boyle was singing her own song, a dream of youth faded and gone. After a moment of stunned silence, the crowd leaped to their feet in a standing ovation for this obscure Scottish woman who lived alone with her cat. In November of 2009 she released her first album. It immediately became the number one best selling album in the world. The song Susan chose to sing that night comes from the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel, *Les Miserables*. It is the song sung by Fantine, an unwed mother ostracized in 19th Century France for her "moral failure" and forced into prostitution in order to support her child. Anne Hathaway was nominated for an Academy Award and won the Golden Globe for her performance of Fantine in the movie version of the musical.

In 1862, commenting on Fantine, the character in his novel, Victor Hugo wrote, "What is this history of Fantine? It is society purchasing a slave. From whom? From misery. From hunger, cold, isolation, destitution. A dolorous bargain. A soul for a morsel of bread. Misery offers; society accepts. The sacred law of Jesus Christ governs our civilization, but it does not yet permeate it." As we emerge from the Covid crisis, many are beginning, once again, to dream their dreams: school hallways that fell silent during Covid are beginning to ring with the laughter and energy of students who, for a year, had to settle for zoom; high school graduates can again dream of moving away from home and pursuing their education on college campuses; restaurants are again opening for service; businesses are hiring; shoppers are returning to malls that appeared to be ghost towns; families are planning vacations; churches that had to settle for online streaming are starting to gather with hugs and handshakes and hymns of praise.

Whatever difficulty we have suffered, whatever our loss, God wants every person to have a dream. He has said, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope,'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

The most important thing we can do in 2021 is to discover God's dream for our life and to help one another dream again.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).

## God makes the rules

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32

How do we know that sin is sin? Because the Law of Moses tells us so. God gave the Law so we would know that sin is exceedingly sinful because He makes the rules.

But He also gave His Son (Jesus) so we would know that He loves us, because He makes the rules. Now, here is the hard part. We readily believe God when He says that sin is sin, but we hesitate to believe Him when He says that all is grace.

It is easy to believe that our sin is sinful because we believe the Law of Moses.

But what about the cross of Christ? Do we truly believe that His cross was sufficient for all our sin, or do we think that we still have to live by the deeds of the Law?

You see, the same God who said that sin is sin, is the same God who said that the forgiveness of our sin is a free gift.

Our definition of "free" has the potential to vary from person to person. But with God, free always means free. Free means nothing in return...absolutely nothing. One of my pet peeves is that within the confines of religion, "free" doesn't really mean free. In religion, free always means something in return.

But in God's books, nothing in return means - no tithes, no church attendance, no rules, no changing the way you dress, talk, walk, eat or drink. God is not against good works, it's just that these things are not a prerequisite for the freeness of God's gift. If God expected us to do anything whatsoever after we receive His free gift, then, this gift would not be a gift, it would be a reward.

But God is not offering us a reward for our good behaviour, He is offering us a free gift. Why?

Because God makes the rules. But religious people come around and change God's rules. They say that it is not really totally free. And when they do this, they distort the meaning and power of the message of the gospel of Christ. But see, God has not authorized them to change the rules He made.

God made the rules, and He will abide by them.

God set up the "free" rule, and He will not change this rule to accommodate our religious piousness because on the cross, Jesus said...

...it is finished.

## Dependent

By Joelle Ludington



Joelle Ludington

Three strand cord is not quickly broken.

Since the beginning of time, in the book of Genesis 2:18.

And the Lord said, It is not good for that man should be alone. I will make him a help mate for him.

Scripture after scripture you will find the importance and value of others.

How we are not independent of one another.

1 Cor. 11:11 And How the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us, 1 John 1:7

And the importance of not forsaking the assembling ourselves together when we see that day approaching; the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we are members of one body in-particular. Even though our nature is to be independent. But God's will is to love one another, to esteem those of the house of faith higher.

I'm learning that I need you and you need me. We are better together, Ecclesiastes 4:12.

## CHURCH

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### 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 is Graduation Sunday! We will be taking a moment during our service to honor those students that are graduating high school or college. Baptism Sunday is Sunday, June 20. If you would like to get baptized email Pastor Manny at [manny@golifechurch.net](mailto:manny@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. 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.

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### Lady Steer Softball team has several players named to the All-District teams



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**Top Left: The Lady Steers pose after winning the 3-4A Bi-District Championship. Top Right: Big Spring celebrates a victory during the softball season. The Lady Steers had a great season of play this Softball season. Several of the Lady Steers were named to the All-district teams this week.**

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

District 3-4A has issued its All-District awards for the Softball teams. The Big Spring Steers had several young Lady Steers that won awards and recognition. The Lady Steers had a superb season fishing the year at 12-13. They made it to the playoff to quarterfinal, where they lost a one-game playoff to Seminole.

Brinly Watkins, a Junior in High School, was named 3-4A Co-Utility Player of the year. Watkins had a sensational season for the Big Spring Lady Steers. The Junior had a batting average (AVG) of .324; she had a slugging percentage (SLG) of .577, an on base plus slugging (OPS) of a tremendous .977. Watkins also had five home runs. Watkins is a leader on and off the field, and if her junior year is any

sign, we should be in for a treat for her Senior year campaign. Kalyn Whitehead was named first-team 3-4A All-District. Whitehead, who is a Junior, had a .467 AVG., .717 SLG., and a 1.301 OPS. The Junior also had one home run on her regular season. Junior Vanessa Viasana also won First Team honors. Viasana batted .386, had an SLG of .757, and OPS sitting at 1.239. The Junior also showed off the pop in her bat as she had six home runs on the year. Senior Jocelyn Gonzales also won First Team All-District honors. The senior had a .460 AVG, .905 SLG, and an incredible 1.436 OPS for the year. The Senior also had six home runs on the year that tied her for the team lead with fellow First Team All-District player Vanessa Viasana. Alex Enriquez, a Junior for the Lady Steers, was dubbed Second Team All-District. Enriquez had a stellar season of play, finishing the season with a .405 AVG, .405

SLG, and she had an OPS of .873. in only 14 games played. Senior Sarah Wood rounded out the Lady Steer awards as they also named her to the Second Team. Wood batted .351, slugged .432, and had an OPS of .832. Woods's leadership presence will be missed as she had an admirable finish to her High School Softball career.

The group of young Lady Steers that were chosen for these awards is well-deserving, and with the core of this softball team set to return, there is little doubt that this team will be something to behold when next season rolls around. Congratulations to all the athletes that received awards, and we thank you for putting it all on the line all season long.

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

### The Big Spring Lady Steers will hold a Lady Steer hoops camp

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

With school being over for the year, Big Spring ISD is seeking ideas to have the kids active this summer.

The district has an upcoming Volleyball camp, a Youth football camp, and now it will hold a Lady Steers hoops camp.

The Lady Steer hoops camp will be on July 12-14. They will hold the camp at Steer gym at the High School. It will be from 9 a.m. to noon, and will be for all incoming fifth through ninth graders. The cost of the camp will be \$40. No checks will be taken, and payments and registration forms should be taken to the ATC. Or you can Venmo: @EricTuttle5; if you use the Venmo app, please leave your

name, shirt size, and session in the description box. Please try to register by July 1. Late registrations will be accepted, but there will be no guarantee of a camp shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at the ATC. Items that campers will need to bring consist of: a water bottle, appropriate shoes, athletic clothing, and a respectful attitude. There will be a concession stand available, and all items will be one dollar.

This hoops camp is a great way to learn the early fundamentals of the game of basketball. The campers will learn a lot about how to play as a team, as well as being able to learn individual skills. If you have questions, please contact Coach Eric Tuttle by e-mail at [etuttle@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:etuttle@bsisd.esc18.net), or you can call the ATC at 432-264-3662.



### Gurriel drives in 4 runs as Astros thump Athletics 8-1

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif.— Zack Greinke wanted to throw harder, and he surprised himself when the radar gun read 93 mph on a fastball in the first inning — and it sure felt great.

"I was surprised, for sure," he said. José Altuve homered on the first pitch of the game, Yuli Gurriel drove in four runs to back Greinke, and the Houston Astros won for the seventh time in eight games by beating the Oakland Athletics 8-1 on Wednesday night.

Greinke (4-1) struck out eight and didn't walk a batter, allowing one run on four hits over eight impressive innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season.

"It ended up being a lot harder. I don't really know completely what it is," Greinke said of his fastball. "It was nice, and I was throwing strikes with it, too, so that was good."

Gurriel hit a pair of two-run doubles among his four hits, Carlos Correa contributed two RBI singles and Michael Brantley also singled home a late run for Houston.

"Yuli was awesome. He's been awesome all year long," manager Dusty Baker said. "He's been clutching up. He's been driving in runs." The Astros pulled back within a

half-game of the defending AL West champion A's in the division race — with everybody realizing it's still early but fully expecting these two clubs to chase each other down to the end. Houston hasn't led the West since April 8.

Greinke joked with his team that the high winds helped his cause. Baker was thrilled Greinke produced one of his best starts this year, with "pinpoint control" to save the bullpen.

"You know Greinke, he has that same look on his face all the time. He came in and had a couple smiles on his face, that's about it," Baker said.

Sean Murphy had an RBI double in the second for Oakland, coming off its major league-leading fifth walk-off win in a 6-5 victory a night earlier. But Murphy exited early after getting hit by a series of foul balls behind the plate.

"He had two to the mask. The last one actually was shoulder and lacerated his ear a little bit," manager Bob Melvin said. "With three blows like that, it was just precautionary. No concussion or headache at all. There's a chance he could play tomorrow. We'll see, but just didn't want to take any chances after the third one."

Altuve, still getting booed at every chance in Oakland since the Astros' 2017-18 sign-stealing scam was exposed, extended his hitting streak to 13 games. It's his first hitting streak of 12 or more games since a career-best 19-game string during the 2017 World Series championship season.

A's righty Frankie Montas (5-3) had his three-start winning streak snapped. He allowed two runs and seven hits over five innings, struck out six and walked two.

**ROOKIE'S SHOT**

Astros right-handed pitching prospect Tyler Ivey has been called up to make his major league debut Friday against Texas.

"It's indescribable," said the 25-year-old Ivey, who grew up in the Dallas suburb of Rowlett as a Rangers fan. "To be making my debut there, I really can't describe it."

He's expecting as many as 50 friends and family members in the stands.

"It'll be pretty overwhelming. It'll be quite the experience, for sure," said Ivey, who also had a short stint as an Astros fan more than 15 years ago.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Astros: Baker remains hopeful of welcoming back third base coach

Gary Pettis sometime in June after his absence while undergoing treatment for cancer in Southern California.

"He's making great strides. He's hoping sometime next month," Baker said of the 63-year-old Pettis, fighting multiple myeloma. "We miss him. We just pray that he gets healed."

Athletics: RHP Mike Fiers, on the injured list with a sprained elbow, isn't ready to play catch yet. "He hasn't thrown yet. He's still doing strengthening stuff," Melvin said. "We're still a ways away with him." ... LHP A.J. Puk (strained left biceps) is set to pitch an inning with Triple-A Las Vegas on Thursday, while LHP Jesús Luzardo (hairline fracture in his pinkie) will throw with the A's. He is likely to need some innings with Las Vegas before returning, too.

**UP NEXT**

LHP Cole Irvin (3-4, 3.02 ERA) takes the mound for the A's in the series finale looking for his first victory against the Astros after going 0-2 with a 7.45 ERA in two previous matchups, both this year. Houston starts RHP Luis García (1-3, 3.34) as he tries to win consecutive outings for the first time in his career.

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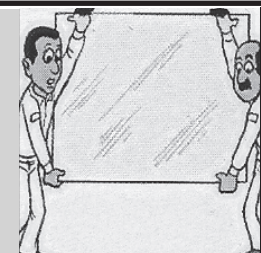
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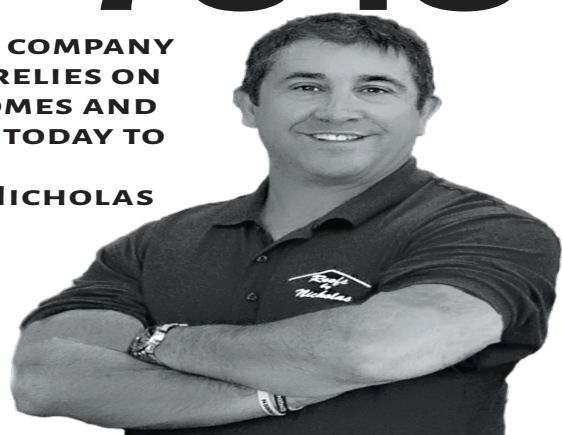
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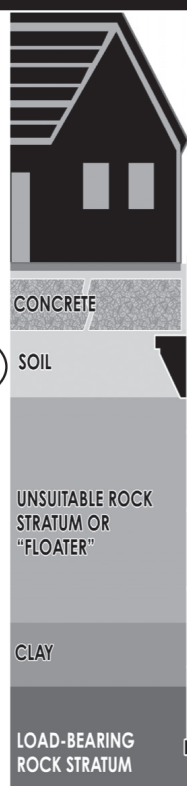
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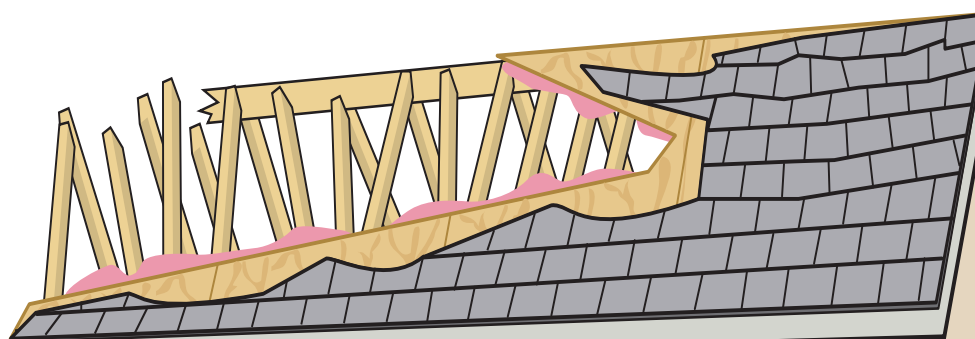
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him in a hotel with a woman. After that, he stopped talking to me and shacked up with this other woman. He'd never let me know that we had any issues.

A few months after he moved out, he started messaging me again when he was at work or whenever this other woman wasn't around. I wasn't interested in him romantically anymore (I'm seeing someone new), but I thought we could be friends. Finally, I was able to bring him his clothes and stuff, after six months. Well, just this week, he found out I'm with someone, and he gets mad at me. I don't understand that. I've tried being friends,

but then he ghosts me after two days of talking. What do you think: Should I cut everything off, or just leave it be? He has lied about us telling people I stole the engagement ring, which is not true. -- Friend or Faux

**Dear Friend:** All good relationships are founded on respect. Roy has not given you any of that -- not before as a romantic partner, and not now as a "friend." It's nice to be amicable with exes whenever possible, but for toxic relationships, the healthiest option is usually to cut off all contact. Treat Roy like a biohazard and keep him out of your life, lest he contaminate your

current relationship, too.

**Dear Annie:** In December, I was diagnosed with advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I had no symptoms. The doctors accidentally discovered a huge tumor that was strangling both kidneys, during an unrelated procedure. The doctor said the tumor could be as old as 10 years. I started undergoing treatment almost right away, and last month, I was told that the kidneys were almost back to normal.

Similarly, last year my mother noticed that her upper right abdomen seemed swollen. She went to the doctor and

found out she had liver cancer, and two weeks later, she died. She had no other symptoms that I was aware of.

The reason I'm writing is to encourage your readers to get a thorough medical checkup every year and don't be afraid to ask your doctor questions about your health. -- Ann S.

**Dear Ann:** I'm sorry for the loss of your mother and sorry that you're living with lymphoma. I hope you continue to recover and keep the cancer at bay. Your letter is a welcome nudge to schedule my annual physical, and I hope it will be to others, as well.

**Dear Annie:** With regard to the letter from "Sad Wife," whose husband blew up over a small question and then stormed out to leave on his own: I may be overly suspicious, but this looks like gaslighting to me. Maybe, for whatever reason, this man needed his wife to stay home, so he started a baseless fight that gave him an excuse to do just that. -- Been There, Recognize That

**Dear Been There:** Sharp insight. You may, unfortunately, be right.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

Partner bids **One Heart**, and the next player passes. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

- ♠AQ982 ♥J743 ♦86 ♣95
- ♠J643 ♥J♦7643 ♣KQ92
- ♠10 ♥K97632 ♦QJ743 ♣8
- ♠52 ♥QJ42 ♦AQ65 ♣Q107

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**1. Two hearts.** The principle of anticipation plays an important role in the bidding. Before selecting a bid, a player should look ahead to see whether he might be creating a later problem for himself.

Thus, suppose you responded one spade and partner rebid two hearts. What now? If you pass, you've neglected to show your heart support; if you raise to three hearts, you're bidding too much with too little.

The best way of avoiding such a situation is not to create it in the first place. Simply raise one heart to two, indicating six to 10 points and a trump fit. That's what you have, and that's how you show it. The next move will then rest squarely where it belongs -- in partner's lap.

**2. One spade.** One of the most difficult concepts to sell is that a suit response at the one-level does not promise greater strength than a one-notrump response. A standard one-notrump response ranges from six to 10 points, while one of a suit prom-

ises six or more, with no upper limit; but what should be emphasized is that either response might be based on as little as six points.

Here, the opportunity to show a four-card major on the one-level should not be bypassed merely because the hand or suit is weak. Partner could easily have four spades, and it is your responsibility as responder to explore that possibility.

**3. Four hearts.** This is a preemptive bid, pure and simple. It combines the chance of making four hearts with the chance of making it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding on a hand where they can probably compete successfully in either spades or clubs. The leap to four hearts indicates excellent trump support (usually five cards or more) and distribution, but relatively little high-card strength.

**4. Three hearts.** The jump-raise to three of partner's suit, a "limit raise," indicates a good 10 to 12 points, some of which might be based on distributional values. Partner may pass with a dead minimum or continue bidding as he sees fit.

It is not necessary or desirable to bid two diamonds before supporting hearts for much the same reason outlined in the answer to the first problem. The direct raise is best and leaves partner in the driver's seat.

Tomorrow: Every card played tells a story.

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# SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

## Mercury Upsets the Balance

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Much has been added to your life -- relationships, responsibilities, interests, material items -- and going forward, you can't take it all. It's, once again, time to decide which endeavors are worth committing to.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The old you would have been eager to define things early on, but you're now wondering if it's necessary or even beneficial. Definitions are limits. Mysteries are limitless.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The tendency to go into debt isn't limited to finance. In fact, the little debts that get racked up between people can have a debilitating effect on relationships. Don't let anyone get too far in the hole with you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There are those who will try and convince you of a need that doesn't exist. Things only become outdated if there are now other things that work better. Be careful not to pay to fix a thing that isn't broken.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll strengthen your mind/body/spirit connection, and it all happens with physical exertion. Every time you work on your body, it will become increasingly receptive to the command of your mind and the intuition of your spirit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have to set your plan in action to know where the problems are. Start now while there are people around you who can help you do what needs to be done.

## LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Why would anyone willingly offer up their work for scrutiny? To improve, of course.

Only the courageous and the serious will proactively take this option, and you are definitely in that group. You want to be the best.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You don't have to be in a position to make a change to dream about your options. Fantasies are supposed to be impractical. Think of it as shopping for your future with no obligation to buy.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The line between sharing and oversharing is liable to be ignored, blurred or completely crossed. Most people won't mind knowing a little more than they need to.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Money is not the root of all evil; evil is! Money is just a sophisticated bartering system that can be used for purposes as varied as the people who advance them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When you care, you care deeply. When you notice, you notice a lot. What's going on around you will be as exciting and thought-provoking as your commitment level to it.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope



## PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20).

As for mental arguments that only you can hear, they do serve a purpose. You'll work out the pros and cons of a decision before you ever take the risk. Contain your deliberations inside a time frame though, or they'll steal your day.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 22).** All you've overcome has made you strong -- and also funny! Humor comes from the flexibility of perspective you earned seeing different sides and extremes of life. A project will put your talents to good use, and you'll be enthusiastically endorsed, too, helping you to move up professionally and financially. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 21, 1, 7, 9 and 13.

**WEEKEND LOVE REPORT:** ARIES: Your entourage and close circle should include those who compliment you and play up your best qualities. TAURUS: Passion will lead to compassion. Compassion will lead to passion. GEMINI: Every relationship has its blips and foibles. Recognize the normalcy of turbulence. CANCER: How acceptable is flirting to you, and where do you draw the line between friendliness

and romantic intention? These are themes now. LEO: It's all about the sweetness, niceties and extras now. This is what makes love special. VIRGO: The fun thing about a fantasy is that it doesn't have to be about something you actually want or would do. Think of it as an exercise and be mentally free. LIBRA: You can't get everything at once and also build anticipation. Decide which way to play it and stick to the course. SCORPIO: As a giver, you realize that sometimes the best gift is to receive. SAGITTARIUS: The co-created language of intimacy is developed in part by each individual's self-realization. CAPRICORN: The efforts you make in the name of love are enjoyable, deeply satisfying and hardly feel like work. AQUARIUS: You won't have to do much to get someone's attention. In fact, the less you do, the more attention you'll get. PISCES: Media ruins realistic expectations of love, including social media, where people tell visual lies about how good their relationships are.

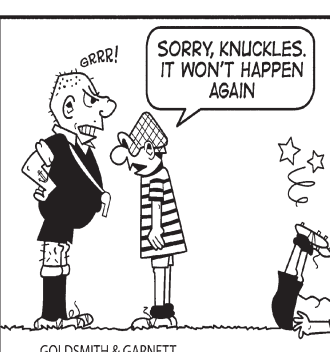
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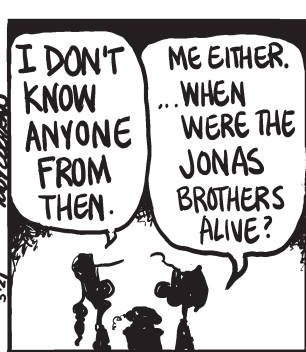
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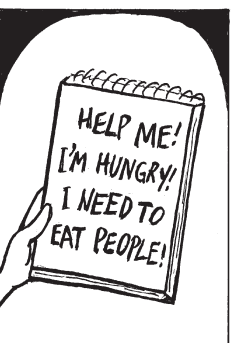
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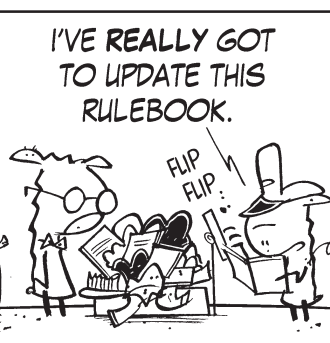
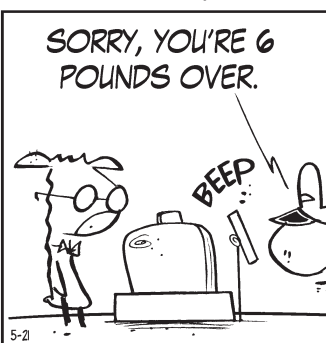
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 21, the 141st day of 2021. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

On this date:

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1910, a year-old Jewish settlement near the port city of Jaffa adopted the name Tel Aviv (Hebrew for "Hill of Spring").

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship's passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, "Maybellene," for Chess Records in Chicago.

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor...

Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone (mah-SKOH'-nee) and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and took his own life in 1985.)

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: Shackleford won the Preakness, holding off a late charge from Kentucky Derby-winner Animal Kingdom to win as a 12-1 underdog.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama departed on a weeklong, 16,000-mile trip to Asia, part of his effort to pay more attention to the region and boost economic and security cooperation. The U.S. conducted a drone strike in Afghanistan that killed Taliban leader Mullah Mansour.

One year ago: President Donald Trump visited a Ford Motor Co. plant outside Detroit that had been repurposed to manufacture ventilators; he did not publicly wear a face mask but said he had worn one while out of public view. A Michigan judge sided with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a challenge by Republican lawmakers to her authority to order sweeping restrictions during the coronavirus outbreak. The government said nearly 39 million Americans had been thrown out of a job since the coro-

navirus crisis began. A sharply divided Senate confirmed John Ratcliffe as director of national intelligence. President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, was released from federal prison to serve the rest of his sentence at home because of the pandemic. (Cohen would briefly return

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cardinal, for example
4 A pair of sevens
9 All fired up
14 Post-op stop
15 South Pacific monarchy
16 Sound cranky
17 U-turn #1, part 1
20 Act opener
21 Old Testament twin
22 NL West team
23 U-turn #2, part 1
25 Shavers of a sort
27 ER personnel
28 Nativity scene beast
30 Informal exchange
31 Unasked-for message
34 Prowlers/growlers
37 U-turn #1, part 2
38 U-turn #1, part 3
39 Avowed
41 Extreme stretches
42 Scabbard section
43 Game of Thrones patriarch
45 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
48 Prose chestnut
51 U-turn #2, part 2
55 Vb. and conj.
56 Common deicer
58 Limelike
59 U-turn #1, part 4
62 Not vacant
63 Look cranky
64 When Shrek premiered
65 Sorority letters

- 66 Ready-\_\_ (culinary category)
67 JRB, for 36 years

DOWN

- 1 Ran over water
2 Green wheels
3 Undue force
4 I Love Lucy lady
5 Balkan capital
6 Wintry, in brand names
7 Wetlands waders
8 What MENSA accepts in lieu of IQs
9 Zero-star
10 Ohm's reciprocal
11 Sharp-toothed swimmers

- 12 Implore
13 Cools it
18 What some red sticks are made of
19 Prefix for hazard
24 Legendary shorn strongman
26 FDIC concerns
29 "Venerable" British monk
31 Arranges conveniently
32 Whom a mystery award honors
33 \_\_.com (phone service site)
35 Paper-game winner
36 Jamaican guy
37 Opens up, as a sleep sofa

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40 Enfant terrible
44 Mexican arena figure
45 Sources of immunity
46 "Am I the problem?"
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53 Quaint denial
54 Global commerce grp.
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# No-hitter for 2nd straight day: Kluber pitches Yanks' gem

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS** AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Corey Kluber stopped for a moment before his first pitch of the ninth inning.

"I had to take a breath after the warmups and calm myself down a little bit," said the pitcher nicknamed Klubot for his robot-like demeanor.

Kluber then finished the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season and second in two nights, leading the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 2-0 on Wednesday.

"It was a lot of fun, I think it was a special night," Kluber said. "I've never been part of one, witnessed one, let alone thrown one."

There have been four no-hitters in a 15-day span. The six total are the most this early in a season.

Kluber came within a four-pitch walk to Charlie Culberson in the third inning of throwing a perfect game.

"I don't really do too much with what-ifs. Obviously I would've like to not walk a guy on four straight pitches," Kluber said. "That being said, at that point in the game, it's still 0-0, so my thoughts after that walk were trying to get out of the inning without allowing a run."

The 35-year-old right-hander pitched his gem a night after Detroit Tright-hander Spencer Turnbull threw one against Seattle, marking the first no-hitters on consecutive days since 1969, when Cincinnati's Jim Maloney threw one on April 30 and Houston's Don Wilson on May 1. There were two no-hitters on June 29, 1990, by the Los Angeles Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela and Oakland's Dave Stewart.

Kluber (4-2) struck out nine. The two-time AL Cy Young Award winner threw 71 of 101 pitches for strikes in his ninth start for the Yankees, lowering his ERA to 2.86 and winning his

fourth straight decision.

With his fastest pitch at 92.5 mph, he mixed 31 curveballs, 27 cutters, 23 sinkers, 18 changeups and two four-seam fastballs.

"I had butterflies in that ninth inning, I'm getting a little emotional now, even just getting to witness that was really, really special," manager Aaron Boone said. "And to see his teammates and the excitement of everyone for Corey and just the excitement for themselves being a part of such a thing. What a performance."

Kluber was pitching on that same mound when he was hurt after one inning last season, tearing a muscle in his right shoulder on July 26 in his Texas debut. He insisted that he didn't even think about that until after that game when Robinson Chirinos, the former Rangers catcher now on the Yankees taxi squad, mentioned that it was better than his previous start in the \$1.2 billion stadium.

That was the second straight shortened season for Kluber, whose 2019 season ended May 1 when he was hit on the forearm by a comebacker. He left the Rangers as a free agent to sign an \$11 million, one-year deal with the Yankees.

"We expected some outings like that in our ballpark, unfortunately not against us," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "I can't say enough good things about him. I'm not surprised by this guy's success. I've watched this guy go through his routine and the work he puts in."

Right fielder Tyler Wade made a running catch of pinch-hitter David Dahl's flyball for the second out in the ninth inning before Willie Calhoun's game-ending groundout to Gleyber Torres in the shortstop's first game back after being on the COVID-19 injured list. Wade entered in the third inning after Ryan LaMarre injured a

hamstring.

Boone, whose dad Bob caught Angels pitcher Mike Witt's no-hitter at Texas in 1984, said he got nervous on the ball Dahl hit, thinking it was going to get down the line. Then he noticed what a good jump Wade had gotten on the ball.

"I knew I was going to catch it," Wade said. "I didn't know if I was going to have to dive, or catch it like I did. But I knew I was going to catch it."

Wade said he wasn't sure because he was unable to hear the bat off the ball with a screaming crowd of 31,689 — many of them Yankees fans.

Kluber said that was one of the few balls hit during the game that he thought might fall for a hit.

"His closing speed was pretty impressive," Kluber said.

It was the 12th no-hitter in Yankees history, the 11th in the regular season and the first since David Cone's perfect game against Montreal on July 18, 1999. It was New York's first on the road since Allie Reynolds at Cleveland on July 12, 1951.

This was the fifth no-hitter against the Rangers, who also were at home April 9 when San Diego native Joe Musgrove threw the first no-hitter in Padres history.

"It stinks. It's baseball. No-hitters happen. There's been a lot so far this year. Unfortunate for us that we've been a part of two of them," Culberson said. "It just shows you how good these pitchers are, these teams are and what they're doing."

New York got its only runs in the sixth inning when Kyle Higashioka had a leadoff walk and scored on a triple by Wade. DJ LeMahieu followed with a sacrifice fly against Hyeon-Jong Yang (0-1).

That is about the time Kluber really starting thinking about

a no-hitter.

"After that point, we had gotten a couple of runs ... makes it a little easier to kind of pound the strike zone and know you have that run support in your back pocket," he said.

Before getting hurt in 2019, Kluber was a 20-game winner in 2018, and had thrown at least 203 innings with 222 strikeouts each season from 2014-18. He was the Cy Young winner in 2014 and 2017.

"Obviously wish this guy well," Woodward said, "but I didn't wish him that well."

The four no-hitters in May are the most in a month since June 1990. It is also the first time three teams have been no-hit twice in one season, with the Rangers joining Cleveland and Seattle.

Given the drama, even Amanda Kluber took a look.

"She doesn't like to watch too much," the pitcher said of his wife, "but she turned it on in the last inning to watch the end of it."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: LaMarre grabbed at his right hamstring just before getting to first base when running out a groundball. ... OF Clint Frazier (neck issues) was out of the lineup for the second game in a row. "I don't know if it's stiffness or what, but we're looking into all that and what it could mean," Boone said. ... C Gary Sanchez, who left Tuesday night's game with cramping in his left hamstring, was available to play. Boone said he had always anticipated Sanchez not playing Wednesday night before the day game for the series finale.

Rangers: 3B Brock Holt (right hamstring strain) played his second rehab game with Double-A Frisco. He has been out since May 3.

# Mavs trying to end 10-year run without playoff series

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Asked about the decade without a playoff series victory since coaching the Dallas Mavericks to their only championship, Rick Carlisle quickly mentioned the rebuilding phase that accompanied the drought.

When a similar question came up a day later, the Dallas coach showed he might be ready to quit answering them.

"I keep getting asked about is there pressure to advance, hell yeah there's pressure to advance!" Carlisle said, his voice rising. "But we're a championship organization. We're not just looking to advance one round in the playoffs."

Luka Doncic and the Mavericks will seek the franchise's elusive series victory starting Saturday at the Los Angeles Clippers in a first-round rematch from the Florida bubble last year, when Kawhi Leonard, Paul George and company won in six games.

Dirk Nowitzki, Doncic's predecessor as the Euro superstar in Dallas, led a six-game series victory over Miami's LeBron James and Dwyane Wade in the 2011 NBA Finals. Nobody could have imagined the franchise would go this long without at least returning to the second round.

First, owner Mark Cuban changed the makeup of the title-winning team significantly in the name of salary cap flexibility after the 2011 lockout. Three years later, a trade with Boston for Rajon Rondo blew up on the Mavericks.

It took a year, but the ill-fated Rondo deal triggered the rebuild. Dallas missed the playoffs three straight seasons after qualifying 15 of the previous 16. Hopes brightened after the Mavericks traded up two spots to get Doncic in the 2018 draft.

Dallas missed the playoffs with the 2019 Rookie of the Year, but his dazzling Game 4 buzzer-beater

against the Clippers last August was the most tangible sign that playoff success might be near.

Now comes the rematch, with the fifth-seeded Mavericks as underdogs again.

"It helps carry that momentum moving forward, not only in that playoffs," said Tim Hardaway Jr., one of four players on the roster to play for a team that won a playoff series. "If you end up losing, carries that momentum into next season, knowing that your guys have expectations to move forward and be better."

If Doncic can get Dallas past the Clippers this time, he will match Nowitzki by getting his first playoff series victory in his third season. The comparisons will only grow from there.

Nowitzki's postseason debut with a first-round win over Utah in 2001 was the first of 12 straight playoff trips. Two years later, Dallas lost to San Antonio in the Western Conference finals before going the distance in 2006, losing in six games to Wade and the Heat.

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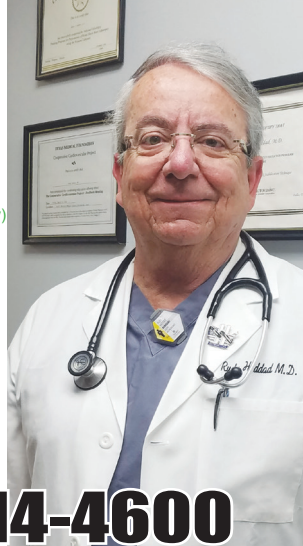
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