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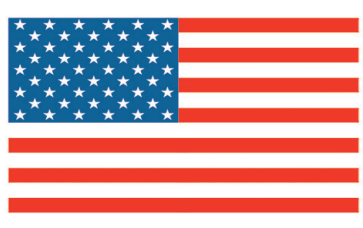
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A fresh coat of paint for T-33

The first plane in an ongoing repainting project has been completed

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A little bit of paint can go a long way. Anyone who has driven by the Hangar 25 Air Museum lately may have noticed a shiny silver T-33 parked outside. This is the first plane to be repainted as part of an ongoing project.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The T-33 was the first of the planes to be repainted, in an ongoing project. The T-33 is one of the planes on display outside the Hangar 25 Museum.

“We were lucky to get one of, if not the most renowned, military corrosion specialist for the Air Force to help us on this project,” Amber Stokes, Hangar 25 Air Museum Director, said.

The T-33 made its way to Hangar 25 in 2005 along with another plane for display. Due to the limited space and size of the planes, upon arrival it was placed as an outside exhibit. Over the years, due to the West Texas heat and weather, the paint has deteriorated.

“We had been working on this painting project for six years; to see

it re-painted and brought back to its original glory really is history in the making,” Stokes said. “The planning for this took us so long because of the research that needed to be put into bringing the plane back to its original look and allowed us to find a qualified person to take on the project.”

At the beginning of April the plane

and the hangar in which it was to be painted was prepared by the painting team, along with assistance from the Big Spring Fire Department and Airpark staff. After a few delays due to weather and scheduling, the paint project was completed at the beginning of June. Abilene Retired Air Force Veteran Kate Kubernach and Nick Burney were the leading project painters for the T-33 plane.

“Not only is Kate amazing when it comes to restoring military planes, but she has made her mark in the military as well. She was one of the first few women in the Air Force and she has actually written some of the manuals that the Air Force uses to this day,” Stokes said.

Now that the T-33 has been touched up the next goal is to bring the plane indoors. The new addition of the Hangar will be a huge step in making this move possible. While the plane may

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Vietnam Memorial vandalized; commemorative items stolen from Fallen Soldiers Memorial



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A theft at The Vietnam Memorial was reported to the Big Spring Police Department on Thursday.

According to police, the theft occurred within the 24 hours before it was reported.

“Someone is out at the Vietnam Memorial on a daily basis, cleaning up, checking on things or cutting the grass,” Amber Stokes, Hangar 25 Air Museum Director, said. “The case and the missing items were noticed Thursday morning by one of the veterans checking on the memorial.”

The Fallen Soldier Memorial Case appears to be the only damage that was done; however, all the items in the case were taken. Those items include a World War I helmet, World War II canteen, Korean War web belt, Afghanistan War boots, ammo pouches, dog tags (no information has been confirmed regarding what is printed on the dog tags), wooden cross, U.S. Flag, and an inoperable Vietnam M-16. The Fallen Soldier plaque that was located on the outside of the glass is also missing.

According to the Big Spring Police Department, this is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding the theft is asked to call 432-264-2550 or Crimestoppers at 432-263-TIPS.

The Vietnam Memorial was vandalized and items stolen from the Fallen Soldiers Memorial. There is an open investigation and an award is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the suspects.

Pops in the Park, Highland Fourth of July Parade, Coahoma Freedom Parade on Saturday



HERALD file photos

The Highland Fourth of July parade will be taking place Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with line up beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Robb and Highland. The Coahoma Freedom Parade is also at 10 a.m. The community is invited to attend both parades. Pops in the Park will wrap up the festivities Saturday evening with fireworks set to start at dark.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Pops in the Park returns this weekend at the Big Spring Amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with vendors opening and pre-recorded patriotic music at 6:30 p.m. The welcoming announcements will be made before the

Big Spring Symphony begins playing for the evening. A flag ceremony will take place at 8:30 p.m. along with a fly-over by the Commemorative Air Force of Midland.

“Come early to get a good spot in the amphitheater or the park. Pops in the Park is a free event for the community,” Manny Negrón, Tourism Coordinator, said. “Don’t forget to look up into

the sky during the national anthem because we will have the fly over.”

Once again, in honor of those who served, there will be a tribute video honoring the local men and women who served their country. At dark, the firework display will begin at dark and will be coordinated with the Big Spring

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Upcoming Events

Toasty Tuesdays
 July 6

6:30 p.m. at
 Amphitheater
 Community invited to
 come out and help;
 bring a friend

Russ McEwen Aquatic
 Center is now open;

closed Mondays

The aquatic center will
 be closed July 3 for
 Pops in the Park and
 will reopen July 4 from
 1 - 4 p.m.

Pops in the Park
 July 3

Highland Fourth of July
 Parade

July 3

10 a.m.

Line up at 9 a.m.

Coahoma Freedom
 Parade

July 3 at 10 a.m.

Fourth of July
 City and County offices

will be closed July 5 in
 observation of the
 July 4 holiday

United Way
 Kick-off and Golf

Tournament
 set for Aug. 28

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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. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Take Note

• A new non-denominational church to Big Spring, True Deliverance Ministries International will hold its first local services Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25. Intercessory prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening, and revival services will start at 7 p.m. Apostle Sadallie I. Cole Sr., founder and head pastor of the organization, will be the lead speaker at the services. The church is located at 1209 Wright St., and services will be streamed live on the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tdmihq1>.

• Highland Parade will take place at 10 a.m. July 3. Line up will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Highland and Robb. The parade will go through Highland and conclude at Highland and Goliad. The awards ceremony will be held at the end of the parade. Judging for the mailbox and house decoration will take place Friday, July 2 beginning at 4 p.m.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday 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 to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Coahoma Freedom Parade will be Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. The parade line up will be at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Footbal Stadium parking lot. For more information call Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin in August 2, 2021 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In

• Big Spring ISD summer breakfast and lunch service is still ongoing. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 am. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad through July 1; Big Spring High School through June 24; and at Big Spring Junior High School through June 24.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Osage. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 11th Place Extension and Midway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Obituaries

James Thomas Hicks

James Thomas Hicks, 76, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT**, 33, of 1003 N. Runnels Street, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x2) and theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K.
- **ASHLEY MICHELLE PEARSON**, 30, of 1003 N. Runnels Street, was arrested on a possession dangerous drug.
- **DAVID ALLEN BECKLEHIMER**, 63, of 40 E. University Dr. of Arizona, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL BARNETT**, 53, of 209 Moore Road, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K all other.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway; area of 18th and Johnson.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area of 11th Place exit and Midway.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the area of 4th and Andree.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 S. Main Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 104 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/possession of controlled substance less than one gram, theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K (x2).
- **DAVID ALLEN BECKLEHIMER**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft – mail less than or equal to 10 addresses.
- **JAMES ALTON HUGHES**, 68, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family.
- **JUAN GABRIAL MORAN**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol.
- **ASHLEY MICHELLE PEARSON**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of dangerous drug.

A small daily prayer

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Weather



Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind 5 to 10 mph. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Saturday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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

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look restored, the weather and deterioration will again begin to take their toll the longer it is in the elements.

“We have one plane down and so many more to go. We will continue to touch up the paint on the planes that we have in order to allow them to be displayed in all their glory. All of the planes on

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Symphony Orchestra.

“The Big Spring Symphony will be playing some arrangements before taking an intermission. During the intermission people can get up and stretch, get more food or drinks before the fireworks display begins,” Negrón said.

This year there are 11 vendors signed up. During the event there will be shaved ice, funnel cakes, sodas, waters, light up items and more, according to the vendors signed up for the annual event.

“This event has been made possible through the support of some of the businesses and individuals in our community. In order to keep this event free we will for donations at the event to help us get ready for next year’s event. Next year, we will be celebrating the 25th Pops in the Park event,” he said.

Those planning on attending the Pops in the Park festivities can enter Comanche Trail Park off of the Wasson Road entrance or the Highway 87 entrance.

In addition, Saturday will begin with two patriotic parades. The community is invited to attend both:

- Highland Fourth of July Parade – The parade will begin at 10 a.m., with registration opening at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Highland and Robb. There are 13 categories this year and first through third place will be named for each. The house and mailbox decoration judging will take place on Friday, July 2 beginning at 4 p.m. The winners will

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exhibit hold a huge part of Webb history, of Big Spring history, and we want to make sure that history is preserved and displayed with the utmost respect.”

Hangar 25 is located at 1911 Apron Drive and is open Tuesday through Saturday.

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be announced on Saturday along with the parade winners.

The award ceremony will take place at the end of the parade, at the corner of Highland and Goliad.

- Coahoma Freedom Parade – The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with the line up starting at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Field. The parade will end at the Coahoma Park where festivities, including live music and food will be available to enjoy. Entertainment this year will be provided by Tanner and Mae Churchwell. There will also be sack races, basketball throw contest and bouncy houses available.

“Our goal is to celebrate Independence day and have a good time with the families of our community,” Connie Shaw, Coahoma Lion’s Club Secretary, said.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

David Anthony Martinez, 22, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Madeline Boadle, 92, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Colorado City Cemetery.

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Reflections: Our Nation and Prayer

In 1787 the future of the fledgling United States hung in the balance. The Articles of Confederation that had been adopted at the end of the American Revolution had proven inadequate. It appeared that the union between the individual states would soon disintegrate and the American experiment would be short-lived.

Representatives assembled in Philadelphia in a last ditch effort to draft a constitution that could create a lasting government. After more than a month of frustratingly little progress, Benjamin Franklin spoke. "How has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding?" Franklin had begun his career as a borderline atheist, but in his old age, he had changed his mind. "The longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

Referring to the Scripture, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," Franklin stated, "I firmly believe this." Without God's help the delegates would build no better than the builders of Babel.

Years later, Thomas Jefferson expressed a similar concern when he said, "Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Addressing the generation that bore the agony of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln expressed simi-

lar sentiments in his second inaugural, "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

On this Fourth of July, it is no less important than it was in the days of Franklin, Jefferson and Lincoln that we pray for our country. Emerging from a global pandemic, faced with cultural shifts and cyber-threats that were inconceivable to our nation's founders, it is all-the-more important that we seek God's grace, wisdom and protection for our generation.

In 2 Chronicles God has promised, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

It is always God's desire to bless any nation that places its hope in Him, just as Jeremiah says, "And you will swear, 'As the Lord lives,' In truth, in justice and in righteousness; Then the nations will bless themselves in Him, And in Him they will glory."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His devotional book on Mark is FREE as an eBook June 30- July 4 on Amazon. To order visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



BILL
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Something to think about...

Have you ever engaged in a conversation with someone only to realize they weren't talking to you? While minding my business at the store, I've come across people looking in my direction who proclaim, "Hey! How are you doing?" Of course, I don't want to be rude, so I'll reply, "I'm doing pretty well. How about you?" They tend to respond with a confused look. Then I notice their wireless earbuds and the light-bulb goes off. I finally realize they are in a conversation with someone else on the phone. Awkward! Unfortunately, that interaction happens more often than I would like to admit.

This morning I was talking with Peter, our Associate Pastor, about the importance of prayer and he made this really insightful statement. He said, "Often we don't realize we never have to hang up the phone with God." His statement immediately made me think of an episode of the popular sitcom *The Office*. Jim and Pam, two of the main characters, were finally in a romantic relationship, when Pam moves to New York to pursue art school. Not wanting to lose their close connection, Jim orders the world's tiniest bluetooth for each of them. All day long, they kept open lines of communication with one another, which led to some humorous interactions with others. Even when they weren't talking, neither of them wanted to hang up the phone. They desired a continual, close connection.

I believe that is what Paul meant when he wrote: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) There should be ongoing, open lines of communication with God. We never have to hang up on Him. It may lead to some interesting interactions and a few funny looks at times, but it is the best way to navigate our days. May stay tuned in, always listening, and keep a continual connection with the Lord through prayer.



RICHARD
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What does it mean to believe?

“For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:3-5

We have been taught that if we want to be saved and go to heaven when we die, that we must be good, do good works, stop sin-

ning, do some more good works, be baptized, do more good works, give our tithes, do more good works, go to church, do more good works, strive to do better every day in every way, and do some more good works. We have come to believe that believing on Christ for salvation means that we are meticulously faithful to follow religion and its long lists of norms, convictions, standards, commandments, methods, systems, customs, rites, rituals, ordinances, statutes, decrees, precepts, mandates, laws, codes, edicts, conditions, prohibitions, regimes, restrictions and traditions. Religion teaches us that believing means work, work and more work. However, this is not God's definition of justification;

this is not what God says about salvation, this is religion. Works is religion's method, not God's plan.

To believe means to not work, that we might rest in Christ.

You see, Romans 4:4 tells us that the more we work, the more we owe; the more we pay, the greater our debt becomes. But why? Because on the cross, Jesus finished all the work in our place. Faith means that we trust Jesus' finished work. Faith means that we know that He did a much better job paying our sin debt than we ever could. Believing means that we accept this payment. Can you accept it? If so, God has already counted your faith for righteousness and you have eternal life in Christ and Christ alone.



TOM
SLOAN

The Way, the Truth

Our paths may get blocked, whether by our own accord or by the hands of another, or by pure design, but oh there is no doubt the path can be corrected. Even better the path will not only be made straight, but it will be repaired and used for the Glory of God and the will He has placed upon our lives.

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

Following the advice of those around us, the community, society can lead us blindly, but turning to the word of God - on a regular basis can help us remain tuned in to the word being spoken over our lives. Sometimes that word requires us to simple be still.

Heavenly Father

By JOELLE LUDINGTON

Born and raised in Big Spring, I was raised by my grandmother. My mom was a workaholic; she worked doubles all the time. I still remember sneaking into her bedroom while she was asleep to see her. Man if I would've gotten caught that would have been the end of me.

My biological father left my mom while she was expecting me, I still remember her telling me as an adult that my dad threaten to kill me if she had a girl.

I remember reacting to what she had said, I said Mom you didn't have to tell me that I could have lived without knowing that. She said my biological father came to the hospital and she snuck out of the hospital with me. I think after all them years it must have been hard carrying all that in her heart. Growing up as a child I asked my school mates what does it feel like to have a dad, some said it was different than having a mom.

I still remember wanting so bad to be able to feel, to know what it was like to have a dad. Then finally one day he shows up. He talked to my uncle, said hi. He asked about my mom and asked whose car it was my uncle was driving.

My uncle replied it's Esther's husband's car, and he responded by just walking away.

I was 11 years old at the time. We were suffering a lot of abuse from my step-father. It was the first time I felt anything, when my uncle told me about that incident. I thought to myself, he could've saved us. But who's to say ...

But I say that to say that, when I got saved I couldn't see God as my father, it took a long time.

He has had to heal and deliver me from rejection. Today, if you were abused, neglected, unloved; He is a gentle Shepard. He's loving and patient, kind, long suffering, whose understanding is infinite.

He wants to be the Father you never had and heal your hurts. So that you can conquer and overcome these obstacles in life.

There's nothing better than your Lord, Jesus name.

CHURCH

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Faith is a more commonly used in a spiritual context while trust is an concept in relationships. These two concepts go hand and hand and often refer to believing in something. In whom do you place your trust? Where will you spend eternity? If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, if you do not walk by faith, then please come visit with us at First Christian Church.

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Hot Wheels recognized local hot rod builder



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Ryan Rutledge built a "smart runner" and caught the attention of iconic toymaker Hot Wheels. As a result, Rutledge was entered into an online contest to have a die-cast made out of his car this Thursday, July 1.

By DUSTIN POPE
Herald Sports Writer

Most of us kids grew up playing with many toys. I know one of my favorites was, of course, the iconic toy car brand Hot Wheels. I had every different

kind of automobiles and had the tracks to go with them. It was just fun to watch all the various vehicles and match them against each other. For one local Big Spring resident, he had the chance to have a Hot Wheel car made, representing a car he developed and operates.

Big Springs's own Ryan Rutledge had an unprecedented opportunity this Thursday, July 1. He was in an online contest to have a car he built to turn into an actual Hot Wheel die-cast toy that would be sold at Wall-Mart. Rutledge is an incredibly talented car builder. He had a thought when a friend had a smart car that he used for work; the friend had blown the engine in the little smart car and asked Rutledge if he would be interested in it. Rutledge told his friend if he could deliver it, he would take it.

So, the quest and creativeness began. Rutledge thought to himself that once he had the car, this ride was absolutely free. So what do I have to lose in going all out on it. What he built was a sight to behold. He took a typical smart car and changed it into a "smart runner". Rutledge knew he needed this build to be unique. Just some upgrades comprise Tubular bumpers, a quarter-

inch aluminum skid plate. Rutledge also possesses a hand-built suspension, Chrome molly A-arms, a FOX racing coil-over, and FOX racing secondary shocks. For the engine, he likewise went all out. Rutledge added a Garrett GT30VX turbo; he also included a Magna flow exhaust. Rutledge did not just trick out the suspension and engine. He also made the interior cool. Rutledge put total leather seats in the "smart runner" along with an absolutely lovely Alpine Halo 9 head unit. It has a complete camera system for the rearview. Did I also acknowledge it is a convertible?

It is absolutely a sight to see the recognition to detail that he put into every feature of this automobile is something to behold. It has become so prominent among people that he has established a side hustle called "smart runner conversions". He was admired even to be considered for the opportunity of his ride becoming an actual Hot Wheels toy. Unfortunately, he did not win the online contest, but that does not take away from what this man has developed with his own hands and arduous work. If this shows what Rutledge is

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Altuve's slam quiets booing, sends Astros past Indians 7-2

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — With one swing, José Altuve shut up fans and woke up his teammates.

Altuve hit a grand slam to briefly quiet constant booing directed at him and his Houston teammates, Yordan Álvarez and Michael Brantley homered, and the Astros snapped a four-game losing streak with a 7-2 win over the Indians on Thursday night.

Jeered from the moment he stepped into the batter's box to start the game, Altuve connected for his fifth career slam — and second this season — in the fifth inning off Indians rookie J.C. Mejia (1-3) to give Houston a 5-2 lead.

The shot was just what the Astros needed after being swept at home by Baltimore and dropping five of six after an 11-game winning streak.

"A tremendous lift for us," manager Dusty Baker said. "We ain't been scoring but one or two runs a game in that whole series with Baltimore, so that

was huge. It gave us some breathing room.

"Everybody was running on fumes and that gave us a tremendous amount of energy."

This is the Astros' first trip into Progressive Field since 2019, and they started hearing boos and other comments during pregame introductions about their infamous sign-stealing scandal.

Framber Valdez (5-1) overcame early control issues and allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings while helping Houston's thin bullpen get some rest. The Astros turned inning-ending double plays in the fifth and sixth behind the left hander.

"He didn't look good in the beginning," Baker said. "He couldn't find his breaking ball. The double plays were huge."

Álvarez crushed his 14th homer, a 446-foot shot into the center-field bullpens, in the fourth for the Astros, who improved to an MLB-best 30-16

against teams with winning records.

Brantley, who spent 10 seasons with Cleveland, added his fifth homer in the seventh.

The Astros didn't arrive in Cleveland until 5 a.m. and their bats were sluggish through four innings before Altuve shook things up.

Kyle Tucker led off the fifth with a double and Mejia walked Myles Straw before the right-hander got handcuffed on a bunt that loaded the bases.

Altuve fell behind 1-2 in the count, and as the crowd geared up to roar for a possible strikeout, Houston's second baseman pulled a slider from Mejia over the wall in left for his 18th homer and 11th since June 1.

"I tried to throw that perfect pitch and it just stayed right in the zone," Mejia said. "It didn't break to the outside part of the plate."

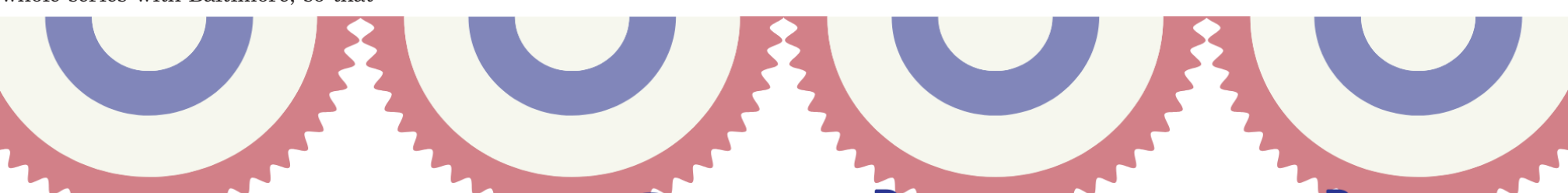
Altuve said the Astros weren't feeling any extra pressure to get their offense going after a few rough games.

"That's baseball sometimes and as a team you have to know that eventually you're going to get some swings and score some runs," he said. "That's what we did tonight."

The Indians took a 1-0 lead in the second but missed a chance to do more damage against Valdez, who has been one of the AL's best pitchers since returning from a broken left index finger sustained in spring training.

Harold Ramirez drew a leadoff walk, went to third on Eddie Rosario's single and scored on Valdez's wild pitch. Two more walks loaded the bases, but Valdez escaped with a strikeout and force at second.

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Astros SS Carlos Correa got the night off following the team's early-morning arrival. Baker intends to give others down time over the next few days with the goal of returning to full strength by Sunday's series finale.

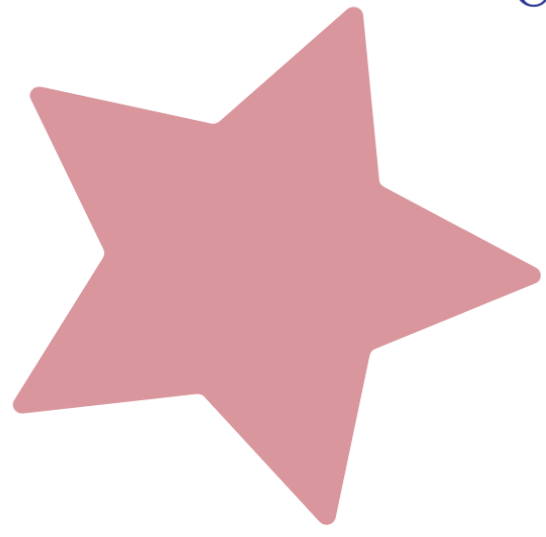


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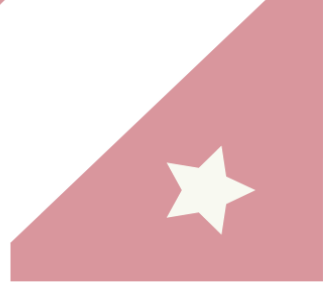
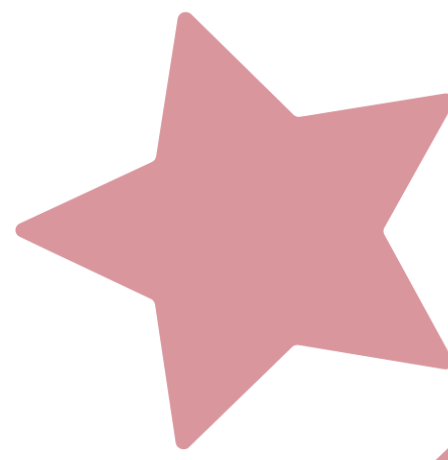
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about a year ago when
it turned abusive. My
girlfriend at the time
acted like she was
going to give me a kiss
after an argument but
instead bit me in the
face. The first time was
bad, but about a month
later (after not dumping
her immediately like I
should have), she did it
again except viciously,
like an animal. Need-
less to say, I've been
happily single since.

I'm looking to get
back into dating now,
as I feel like I have
healed and grown from
this, but I still have one
problem.

I'm afraid of letting
any new potential part-
ners kiss me. If some-
one gets their face
too close to mine or I
can feel their breath, I
panic. Total amygdala
hijack.

How do I ask a wom-
an whose kisses I want
to not kiss me?

I know that with a little
time and some desens-
itization by planned
exposure, I can over-
come this, but I just feel
like it's a terribly unfair
thing to ask of a new
potential partner.

I'm concerned about
one aspect specical-
ly: How do I ask this
of them and not freak
them out or make
them feel unsafe in the
immediate? Or if not

unsafe, then like an
absolute rejection?

"Hey, so, don't kiss
me, please" would
make me feel rejected.
But if I come out and
explain why, wouldn't
that give you the
insta-creeps? Got any
suggestions? -- Twice
Bitten

Dear Twice Bitten:
Writing this column is a
privilege I'm grateful to
have, but it's not easy
hearing how people
abuse the ones they're
supposed to love.
I'm so sorry that your
ex-girlfriend did this
to you. Of course the
trauma would make it
difficult for you to kiss
anyone again. While
you might be able to
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feel safe again. In the
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is just to let any wom-
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anyone details you're
not comfortable sharing
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sonable request scares
a woman off, then she
wasn't the one for you.

Dear Annie: Your
answer to "In Love but
Losing," who was dat-

ing a younger man but
whose adult son did not
approve, was great. My
boyfriend is 27 years
younger than me. We
have been together
for eight years, living
together for seven. We
rarely even remember
that there is an age dif-
ference. My son, who is
a few years older than
my boyfriend, didn't
approve at first but kept
an open mind, and now
he and my boyfriend
get along. They call,
text, hang out, some-
times even without me.
The only family problem
we still have is with my
boyfriend's mom and
sister. (I'm the same
age as his mother.)
They feel I am keeping
him from finding some-
one to be happy with
for the rest of his life.
My response to them is
every day he leaves the
house to go to work, he
chooses to return. -- No
Judgment There

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THIS DAY IN... HISTORY. Includes a calendar icon for June 29 and historical events: 1613: LONDON'S GLOBE THEATRE BURNS DOWN... 1915: EDMONTON IS RAVAGED... 1995: THE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS DOCKS...

Contract Bridge. Bidding quiz. By Steve Becker. You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been: West 1♥ North 1NT East Pass South ?

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Smaller maze puzzle.

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