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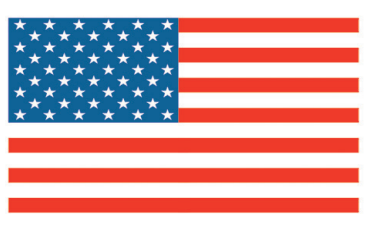
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Highland Parade continues long standing tradition of patriotism

Weather delay pushed the start time back to 1 p.m.



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Traditions were kept alive last weekend as several events went off without a hitch, despite the threat of rain. A short postponement, due to the possibility of rain, had the 52nd Highland South Parade pushed back until 1 p.m. instead of its traditional start time of 10 a.m.

"This year's success was unified by

all the participants & donations" Highland South Parade Co-Chair Tammie Cheatham said.

There were 14 categories this year, which included Most Decorative Home and Mailbox. The judging for the homes and mailbox décor took place on Friday evening, with winners announced at the end of the parade on Saturday. The judges made their selections for the

parade entries as participants lined up preparing to take to the route.

This year, the Most Decorative Homes were Lori Little, who claimed First Place; Linda Adams coming in Second Place; and Greg Birrell who placed Third. As far as the mailbox décor goes, Aide Buentello claimed First Place with

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Stanton ISD employee indicted on one count of indecency with a child, one count of inappropriate relationship between educator and student

Editor's Note: The following is information that has been compiled from a press release issued by the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Stanton ISD.



Justin Matthew Turney

Herald Staff Report

A Stanton ISD employee has been indicted on one count of indecency with a child and one count of inappropriate relationship between educator and student, according to press releases issued by the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Stanton ISD.

The person indicted for the offenses is Justin Matthew Turney, 40.

The Martin County Sheriff Office press release, sent out July 8, reads, in full:

On March 3, 2021, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received an intake report from Texas Department of Family Protective Services of an offense that report-

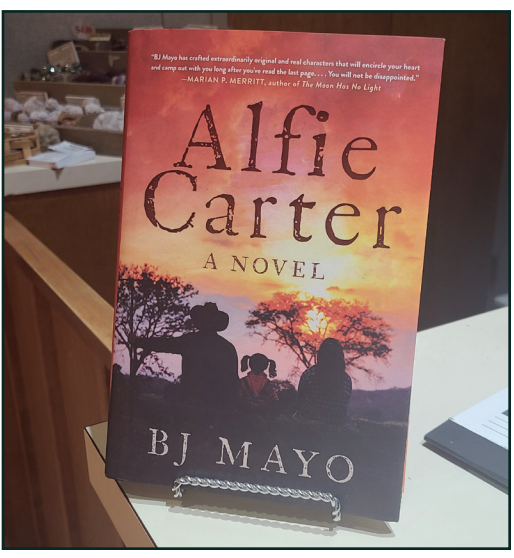
edly occurred in the City of Stanton. This report alleged that an employee with Stanton ISD had engaged in inappropriate conduct with a student. The Martin County Sheriff's Office adopted the case at the request of the Stanton Police Department.

"The Martin County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into the allegations set forth in the intake report from Texas Department of Family Protective Services. Upon completion of the investigation, the Martin County Sheriff's Office determined that criminal offenses did occur. The Martin County Sheriff's Office filed criminal cases with the 118th District Attorney's Office as well as the Martin County Attorney's Office.

On July 6, 2021, a Martin County Grand Jury indicted the subject of the investigation for one count of Indecency with a Child and one count of Inappropriate Relationship Between Educator and Student. Both offenses are Second Degree Felony offenses. The subject was identified as 40-year-old Justin

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Heritage Museum hosting book signing for former Big Spring native BJ Mayo's 'Alfie Carter' on July 10



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Roots grounded in the oilfields of West Texas are bringing BJ Mayo back to Big Spring.

Mayo will be at the Heritage Museum on July 10 at 2 p.m. for a book signing. Mayo will be presenting his new book *Alfie Carter*.

"My first novel *Alfie Carter* was published in January of this year out of New York City," BJ Mayo said. "It is published by Skyhorse Publishing and marketed by Simon & Schuster in all places that they sell books in the US and abroad."

Mayo had a career based in the energy industry, and through that, he traveled to various points in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama, Bangladesh, Australia, and Angola in West Africa.

He and his wife were high school sweethearts, and have now been married for 46 years, with two grown children. They live on a working farm near San Angelo, Texas.

Mayo lived in Big Spring from 1963 until 1981, and he graduated as part of the Class of 1974 out of Big Spring High School. During his time in high school, he was part of the track team.

"This novel has been

advertised in *Texas Monthly*, *Cowboys & Indians*, *Ranch & Rural Living*, *Livestock Weekly* and *Agriplex Flyer*. I was recently interviewed by Tumbleweed Smith at the Heritage Museum, and that interview will be carried on his July 8 broadcast several times," he said.

The book is about a girl who's resilience leads her to an orphanage on the west coast of Africa, where she and other children are taken in and protected. According to the website, bjmayo.com, the book is a story about an opportunity that arises and leads the girl to find

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Upcoming Events
Toasty Tuesdays
 take place every Tuesday at a different location around town. Community invited to come out and help; bring a friend

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays for private parties

United Way Kick-off and Golf Tournament set for Aug. 28 sponsors still needed

July 15 Thank a Veteran Day Nominate a veteran e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Gregory Wayne Henry

Gregory Wayne Henry, 59, of Big Spring, passed away, Monday, July 5, 2021. He will lie in state from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the First Baptist Church.

Gregory Wayne Henry, born Aug. 8, 1961, in Big Spring, Texas, to Wayne Henry and Londa Coker Henry. He graduated from Big Spring High School and Southwest Texas State University. He married Lori Henry in 1988 and they lived in Big Spring, Mt Pleasant and Arlington before returning to Big Spring in 2015.

Greg's jobs included Howard College Asst. Baseball Coach, North East Texas College Asst. Baseball Coach, Clarendon Junior College Facilities Director of Development and Clarendon Bank Marketing Director. He was an excellent salesman with an eye to detail and incredible patience to win the sale. It was no surprise that these skills helped him build a successful used pallet company in Dallas with two partners, Philip Shoffner and Travis Burgess.

In his most recent position as Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Community Foundation he found joy and success yet again as he "jumped in the deep end" with all he had and quickly brought the Foundation to a broader public awareness. He served the community on the boards of Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Runnels Classical Academy.

He was an active member of Life Church and involved with several ministries of the church.

He had multiple interests, and he was as comfortable in a boardroom as on a horse. As a baseball coach, he developed baseball players and nourished lifelong relationships with them. He was especially proud of the JUCO World Series Championship they won in 1996.

He had a strong Christian faith and valued his Christian heritage. He loved to study the Bible and wrote over 300 Cowboy devotionals that used the many activities of a working ranch to illustrate God's love, truth, creation and salvation.

He was a great athlete who excelled in football, baseball, golf, snow skiing, and waterskiing. His love for the outdoors was only surpassed by his love for people. He never met a stranger. He was the life of the party and would make everyone laugh with his illustrative way of telling stories.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Henry and grandparents, Lonnie & Evelyn Coker and Woodrow & Cecil Henry and aunt, Gloria Peterson.

He is survived by his wife Lori Henry of Big Spring; his mother Londa Henry of Big Spring and his in-laws Jeffie and Ricky Phinney of Coahoma; his sister Shawna Ashlock (Larry) of Granbury, Texas; his brother Kurt Henry (Amy) of Peaster, Texas; his brother-in-law Jay Phinney (Kim) of Big Spring. He was the proud uncle of Lauren Barksdale (Ben) of Keller, Texas; Zac Phinney (Andrea) of Big Spring; Aaron Ashlock (Diana) of Aubrey, Texas; Ashley Brown (Hunter) of Big Spring; Heston Henry (Emily) of Cleburne, Texas; Holland Henry (fiancée Hannah) of Frisco, Texas, and Kord and Rawlins Henry of Peaster, Texas, and great nieces and nephews - Evie, Hudson and Moses Barksdale, Baylor and Lucia Ashlock, Dylan and Atticus Brown. Also, cousins Dane and Philip Shoffner of Trophy Club, Texas; Cort Petterson (Marci) of League City, Texas, Bruin Petterson (Chelsea) of Odessa, Texas, and Uncle Paul Petterson (Laura) of Odessa, Texas, as well as a host of other cousins and family members.

Pallbearers will be Zac Phinney, Hunter Brown, Heston Henry, Holland Henry, Ben Barksdale, Roy Worthy and Jeb Worthy.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Area Community Foundation, 707 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720, or Baptist Center for Global Concerns, 1417 W Arkansas Ln., Suite 201, Arlington, TX 76013.

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

Paid Obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 103 inmates at the time of this report.

• **THOMAS OLIVER BRADBERRY**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parking (stopping/standing) on main street.

• **DALTON RAY BRADBURY**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/ possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **EVELYN NICOLE FIERRO**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

jury.

• **QUETAVIAN LEWIS**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **FRANK JOE MOLINAR**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **RANDALL TAFF RANDOPLH**, 51, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of property between \$750 and \$2,500; theft of property less than \$100 shoplifting

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Canyon. 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.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Hearn. 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 1800 block of N. Hwy 87 One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th Street. Fire was contained.

• **TRASH/RUBBISH FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of Douglas. Fire was contained.

Take Note

• 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 travel 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




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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. E-mail information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Take Note continued

• 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 be at 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

• 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 operation for 40 years we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannon. Please call 432-213-1046. Or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service annual Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference will be in Monahan on July 7. Additional information is available at the Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference facebook page. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the event; contact Floyd at Dena.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

• The Young and the Married meets every Thursday, for an eight-week study on Familylife art of parenting – with a meal at 5:30 and a small group at 6 p.m. The group will meet in NazFamily Fellowship Hall.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

• 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. and execute worthwhile activities within the community. long with in the Monday edition of the Big Spring Herald. t in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and sup-

port. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information

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• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

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Jurl Watson, 89, died Saturday. Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:00 AM in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rene Angel Valdez, Jr., 59, died Friday, June, 11, 2021. Graveside Service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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PARADE

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the creativity used and the patriotism displayed. Coming in Second Place was the mailbox of Linda Adams.

Highland residents along with community members lined the streets in Highland to watch the parade go by on Saturday afternoon, as the sun came out. At the end of the parade, as the participants gathered around at the corner of Highland and Goliad, the winners were announced. Those attending were able to enjoy drinks and other refreshments.

The winners for the 2021 Highland South

Parade were as follows:

- Walkers: 1 Zane Folsom
- Strollers: 1 Giovanni Defazio, 2 Hanna Warrington, 3 Orielle
- Wagons: 1 Jocelyn & Kaley, 2 Edgar & Danielle
- Pets: 1 Pixi & Bunni, 2 Anna Beall, 3 Aly Folsom
- Battery Vehicles -12: 1 Story, 2 Dawson & Bergen, 3 Jameson Hohensee
- Golf Carts: 1 Haliey in Towmater, 2 Jendy Thomas, 3 Adams' Family
- Bicycles 1-7: 1 Caliana Moreno, 2 Grace-lynn Falcon 3 Olive Bourton
- Bicycles 8+: 1Ethan Bissionette, Hudson Crenshaw, Camalia Garcia

- Scooters: 1 Oakley Beall
 - Skateboards & Hoverboards: 1 Haylee Elliott, 2 Brooksley Webb
 - Motorized Vehicles 12-18: 1 Journey & Bella, 2 Waylon, Elissa & Layla
 - Motorized Vehicles 18+: 1 Landon Parker, 2 Josh Morales, 3 Segundo Family
- The planning for next year's parade will begin shortly. Those interested in becoming involved can reach out to parade organizers Rene Beall or Tammie Cheatham.

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BOOK

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her purpose. The website goes on to describe the book as follows: "Not without a plan, Jackaleena stows away on a mercy ship that has made its yearly visit to the orphanage and is now preparing to return to America. Her journey takes her across the ocean, into the arms of New York's customs officials, and finally into placement in a temporary foster home in Texas.

"Enter Alfie – a workaholic, small town detective who is also battling memories of his past. His life is forever changed when

he meets a young African girl looking for her higher purpose."

While Mayo will be featuring his first novel at the Heritage Museum, he is awaiting publication of his second novel *Sparrows of Montenegro*, which is set to be published out of New York City on or about Oct. 15 of this year. The novel, a western, features the "big spring" and other prominent landmarks as a routine part of the book, which is set in 1870.

The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry Street. The community is invited to attend. Books will be available for purchase during the event. Any book sales at the book signing will be donated to the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

ARREST

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Matthew Turney.

On July 7, 2021, Justin Matthew Turney was arrested and was booked accordingly into the Martin County Jail.

The press release was signed by Martin County Sheriff Brad Ingram.

In addition to the press release issued by the Sheriff's Office, Stanton ISD also issued a release regarding the incident. The Stanton ISD press release, dated July 7 and marked From: Dr. Merl

Brandon, Stanton ISD Superintendent reads, in full:

On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, the Stanton ISD Administration received information that a Stanton ISD employee was indicted on two felony counts of Indecency with a Child by Contact and Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student. The District has been in close contact with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as well as local law enforcement during

its investigation of the District employee and will continue to cooperate with these state and local authorities to the fullest extent permitted by law.

State and federal law prohibit the District from disclosing personally identifiable student information, as well as confidential personnel information. Therefore, the District cannot provide further information on this matter.

The District takes every allegation of educator misconduct seri-

ously and will take all measures necessary to ensure that its students are educated in a safe and nurturing environment. The District, policies concerning maintaining appropriate professional educator-student boundaries and refraining from any inappropriate conduct between staff and students are strictly enforced. Student safety is a paramount concern to Stanton ISD.

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AIRPORT BAPTIST
1208 Frazier St.
263-7451

BAPTIST TEMPLE
400 11th Place
267-8287

BIRDWELL LANE BAPTIST
1512 Birdwell Lane
267-7157

CALVARY BAPTIST
1200 W. 4th.
263-4242

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
5108 Nichols Rd.,
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COAHOMA FIRST BAPTIST
201 South Ave.,
Coahoma
394-4990

COLLEGE BAPTIST
1105 Birdwell Ln.
267-7429

CRESTVIEW BAPTIST
Gatesville St. 213-4177

EAST SIDE BAPTIST
1108 E. 6th
267-1915

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705 W. FM 700
267-8223

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HILLCREST BAPTIST
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267-1639

IGLESIA BAUTISTA CENTRAL
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Church News

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit 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 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 study Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

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, July 11 — Considering all things that have happen to us and around us over the last year or so, does it seem life has become more “complicated”? Do you need to reprioritize some things your life? Is God still a priority for you and your family? MAKE PLANS NOW... and join us for a powerful new preaching series entitled, #Back-ToBasics. #B2B

You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, July 14 — Join us onsite 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.

Monday, July 19 — Join us for our Far Above Rubies (FAR) 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 style fellowship so bring a dish to share, bring your bible and a friend.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. (onsite), 11 a.m. (onsite & online) and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (onsite) for worship services.

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

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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 Amos 7:7-15, Eph. 1:3-14, and Mark 6:14-29. The psalm is Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13.

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.

Bill Dorey 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.

NazFamily Church

Mega Sports Camp
Come celebrate with us this Sunday @ 10 a.m. and learn more about what our children experienced at the Mega Sports Camp through the week!

Family Fun Night
On Wednesday, July 14, we will have water 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!

House of Prayer
“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13) We encourage everyone to sign up for our weekend prayer vigil, as we saturate our services in prayer. And each Sunday our worship center will be open at 9:30 a.m. for a special pre-service prayer time. “My house will be called a house of prayer for all people...” (Mark 11:17)

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 Naz-Family Church, one of our pastors would love to talk to you. Please contact us at church@nazfamily.org.



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First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

NOTICE: Music Director Gabe Martinez has announced that Choir practice will start the second week in August for Chancel Choir to begin in September.

Appreciation to Linda Lindell for providing music for the worship service last Sunday and to Ransom Colette for the oboe solo on “Drei Romanzen Op. 94” by Robert Schumann as the Offertory.

SUNDAY
Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Lectionary passages for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost are: Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Psalm 85:8-13. The Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is “Dropping the Plumb Line.” Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Cross is teaching the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class, which meets in the Tent Room. The Discovery Class will finish the DVD study Be Like Jesus. The class begins a sequel to the previous study, this one entitled Think Like Jesus an also authored by Randy Frazee. The purpose of this study is to help participants answer the question, “What do I believe and why does it matter?” Vicki Miller is leading the class.

Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship. Susan Wilson is host for this week. Vicki McLean was host last week.

WEDNESDAY
Women's Bible Study, a multid denominational group, meets in the Theater Room at 10 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAY
Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.
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WEBSITE: fpcbigspring.com
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Sunday Sermon Podcast

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. as usual, or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

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.

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.

There will be a gathering and game night for Young Adults at the Miner's home on July 24 at 6 p.m. You don't want to miss this fun time of fellowship.

Our Wednesday night activities, Life Alive, are on summer break. We will resume our classes in the fall.

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

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

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

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

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To call the church office or reach Pastor Brian Michaelz, call 432-517-4821. Faith is a more commonly used in a spiritual context while trust is a 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.

We are an open, welcoming and compassionate church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus.

This year of the pandemic has been one none of us will soon forget.

We have reopened for in person worship. We are taking proactive steps to maintain the health and safety of all who attend services.

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

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

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

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office.

Donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, hot tea and bottled

water are available.

Worship service starts @ 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!

College Baptist Church

Jesus Christ, our Savior is at College Baptist Church—the turn-around church where we welcome you as new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane.

We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starting at 6 p.m. and fellowship 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 summer serving our Lord.

Our Worship time is live streaming, and on our Face Book 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 youth camps. We are thankful for so many ways God gives us to serve, it's difficult to list them all.

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.

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. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!



Something to think about...

Enjoy happy hour... at Sonic, of course. Especially in the heat of the summer, if I have the opportunity I will swing by Sonic to get a half priced drink. I am a creature of habit, so I always order the same thing – a Route 44 vanilla Dr. Pepper. And then I add that necessary statement to the end of my order, “easy on the ice.” Otherwise you end up with 42 ounces of ice and two ounces of soda. You know what I’m talking about. The same thing is true in our life. God wants to fill us with His Presence, but often there is so much “ice”, so many other things crammed into our life that there isn’t much room left for the good stuff.

Is your life too full for God? St. Augustine once said, “God is always trying to give good things to



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

us, but our hands are too full to receive them.” We fill our lives with things that don’t really nourish us physically or spiritually, and there is no more room. Often I find that I’m carrying around so much stuff that the journey becomes difficult and overwhelming. But, the Lord wants us to come to Him with open hands and open hearts.

The Summer Olympics are about to begin. I love watching the elite athletes compete against one another. They spend countless hours preparing for that moment. Can you imagine if one of the runners walked up to the starting line with a huge backpack full of stuff? That would be crazy! Instead, they take off everything that might slow them down. They come with very little to that starting line. The Word tells us that we should take a similar ap-

proach to our Spiritual journey. We should throw off anything and everything that gets in the way of following Jesus.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” ~ Hebrews 12:1-3

What are you carrying? What is filling your life? What is filling your heart? If we want to experience the fullness of God, then we need to create space in our lives for Him.

The Gospel of the Grace of God

Is there such a thing as the gospel of the grace of God? Look at the following verse.

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”

Acts 20:24

The gospel of the grace of God is that gospel which has delivered us from the curse of the Law by the death of Christ on the cross. The gospel of the grace of God is that gospel which tells us that Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Consequently, this gospel delivers us from the wages of sin, condemnation, and death. The gospel of the grace of God is the truth that frees and empowers us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. The gospel of the grace of God is His power in us to live by the joy and vigor of the fruit of the Spirit. The gospel of the grace of God is - God, working in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. The gospel of the grace of God is that gospel which allowed a woman of the city, who was a sinner, to wash Jesus’ feet with her tears and wipe them with the hairs of her head. The gospel of the grace of God is that gospel which allowed the prodigal son to return home, after having spent his father’s inheritance with harlots. The gospel of the grace of God is the seventy times seven gospel which forgives the sinner four hundred and ninety times for the same offense, on the same day. All of this is made possible by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

The gospel of the grace of God is His grace, without pollution, mixture, additions, subtractions, conditions or expiration dates. In His grace, we will never find the corruption of religious regulations, pandering politics, condemnation, or blame and shame games. The gospel of the grace of God is the gospel of His unconditional love. And we affirm that His love is unconditional because – we love Him, because He first loved us.



TOM SLOAN

Be still and know, God is in control

Psalm 46:10 voices a simple message from God; a message that was relevant when He spoke it, and one that stands true today. “He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God.’”

It does not say, guess if I’m God; nor does it say, if the situation allows or warrants me to be, I am God, but it simply and boldly says - “I am God.”

This is a statement that is meant to give us faith; to help us find a foundation to stand upon no matter what the situation around us may look like. The message continues, and honestly, emphasizes that He means business, “I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

The strength that God has does not depend on the world around us; it doesn’t require approval from anyone or anything. The power that is God is a certainty in an oh-so-uncertain world. In a changing environment, it’s a piece of hope that we can hold on to and lean into.

Life can throw some curve balls. It can knock down our guard and rock the boat on which we stand; but even in the chaos, there is a choice we can make to simply be still.

In a fast paced life – which is exactly what society is pushing us to have – it is difficult to think that the possibility exists for us to just sit, to just think, to just listen. It’s possible, but it’s not easy. It’s a choice that takes us getting our own will in alignment with the word of God and hearing what He is asking us to do.

I know I’m guilty of it, and many times I have asked, God “What next? God, what do you want me to do from here; why am I stuck?” As I get older (I know I never would have realized this – or admitted it if I did realize it – as a kid) I have come to understand the importance of a moment. One simple moment can have such an impact on our lives; one moment, one choice can change the trajectory that our life takes. It is easy to get lost in searching for an an-

swer, for working toward an outcome, or simply put, making our own way. When we take control our lives can get pretty chaotic and turn into a big whirlwind that seems impossible to get out of. Many times it has taken everything around me to come to a crashing halt for me to stop and listen, to just be still. I’ve said it before and I will continue to say it: I’m thankful that God knows I’m stubborn, and I am grateful that He speaks to me and gets my attention in a way that only He can.

Even when the storm is raging around you, and it truly causes everyone to ask how in the world are you still standing.. Be Still and KNOW that God is holding you up. He is sustaining you and protecting you, AND in the process making it all look beautiful!

In one moment of us choosing to be still God can speak a word that bring clarity to our entire mess. Be still ...

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How does he do it

By JOELLE LUDINGTON

Lord I seek not signs and wonders tonight
I seek not the silver nor the gold
I seek no one, but you tonight
For there’s a little boy who needs only your touch;
to calm his fears, erase any doubts
You’re still God in the highest
He needs for you to be real, in the midst of the storm,
to be able to see and feel your love
the love that conquers all things
Be there for when I’m not able to be there Lord
Be in his dreams, his thoughts, his heart
Lord he thinks you’re an awesome God
do it all
In Jesus Christ tonight

Reflections: BLESSED

When I was young, I didn’t use the word, “blessed.” I thought it seemed shallow and artificially religious, something you say to sound religious when you didn’t know what else to say. I wasn’t even sure what it meant. But, as I have grown older, I have changed my mind.

I grew up in Texas. When someone asked, “How are you?” any answer other than “Fine,” or “Great,” tended to throw the conversation off course. When I lived in Minnesota, an understated culture, I learned that the appropriate response to “How are you?” was “Not too bad.” When I tried to use that response in Texas, it raised all kinds of complications. But, whether in Minnesota or Texas, I discovered that African American Christians had developed an entirely different response. When I asked my them, “How are you?” they almost always responded, “I’m blessed.” I like the African American response.

Jesus used this term when he introduced the Sermon On the Mount: “Blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are those who mourn ... blessed are the meek ... blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness ... blessed are the merciful ... blessed are the pure in heart ... blessed are the peacemakers ... blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.” (Matthew 5:3-10). The Greek New Testament used the word *makarios* which some have translated “happy.” I think “blessed” is the right word.

Being blessed has nothing to do with prosperity, health, comfort or security. It is all about a relationship with God that blesses us whatever our circumstances happen to

be. In fact, those who suffer poverty, illness and difficulty are more likely to experience God’s blessing than those who are wealthy and well off.

I grew up listening to Billy Graham each week and looked forward to hearing the Hour of Decision on the radio. Dr. Graham’s messages, books and, most of all, his conduct always inspired me. He ended every broadcast by saying, “God bless you real good.” It wasn’t proper grammar, but we all understood what he meant, and, when we listened to him, we always felt blessed.

Some churches end with a rush toward the doors to get a jump on parking lot traffic and early seating at nearby restaurants. Most churches take time to conclude their worship with the “benediction,” a blessing of the worshippers as they leave the worship experience. In African American churches the benediction is often the

high point of the service.

When God called Abraham to follow Him, he promised him He would bless him and make him a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:2). Perhaps the secret to following Jesus is living every day knowing that we are blessed and seeking ways to bless others. When we are blessed, we can sing with the Psalmist, “How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin

is covered,” (Psalm 32:1). “O taste and see that the Lord is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him,” (Psalm 34:8).

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UFC 264: The trilogy match set to go down this weekend as Conor McGregor faces Dustin Poirier

By **DUSTIN POPE**

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It is a tremendous night this Saturday for us UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) fans. The one and only Conor McGregor will take on Dustin Poirier in their third match against each other. Like with any McGregor Pay per view, they loaded this entire card full of great battles. We will study at some of these fights and break them down. Ill tell you how I think these fights going, in what should be an action-filled night in the octagon.

Ok so let us waste no time and dive right into the main event. Conor McGregor who is rated #5 in the UFC lightweight division (155 LBS) will take on #1 ranked Dustin Poirier in their trilogy matchup. They first paired up at UFC 178, which took place in 2014. Conor would win that fight by knockout in the first round. They held the second match at UFC 257, this fight took place just this past January. Poirier won this encounter with a second round KO. With both men having won a fight a piece there was little doubt that the UFC would carry out this trilogy match to find out who is the better fighter. So, to break down this Saturday's matchup let us glance back at the first two encounters and what transpired for both guys to win. The first contest was seven years ago, a lot has changed since that time. This fight took place at 145 pounds, and both fighters were young in their career. Thing key element that stood out to me in their first matchup was just how McGregor just got into Poirier's head and made him frustrated and Conor capitalized with a quick KO. Now let us examine the second fight like I mentioned earlier, this fight just took place in January of this

year and was held in Abu Dhabi. This was a comeback fight for McGregor, as he had been away from the cage for about a year. Poirier was coming off an amazing win over Dan Hooker and was poised for a massive fight. This fight was altogether different from the first fight. For one, it had been seven years since they first fought, and both fighters had changed. Poirier had remained busy and developed into one of the finest well rounded mixed

parent that Conor's lead leg was hurt and he could not put much weight on it, and then Poirier just attacked and put him up against the cage and recorded the KO. What do I think Conor did wrong in the first fight? Well, number one he stood in more of a boxing stance, meaning he was more squared up with his shoulders and was extremely heavy on his lead leg. Because he was in a boxer's type stance, it upset his in and out move-

the low kicks. I would be amazed if he is not standing in his traditional Karate stance. This will allow him to be lighter on his lead leg and should allow him to defend the low kicks better. Also, with a wider stance I think he will throw more kicks this fight and keep Poirier off balance better than the second fight. I am picking Conor to come back strong, focused and ready to go Saturday. I predict Conor wins by third round KO.

The co-main event will feature a Welterweight bout set at 170 pounds and will pit Stephen "Wonder Boy" Thompson taking on Gilbert Burns. Burns is ranked #2, and Thompson is ranked #4 in the Welterweight division. Thompson is on a two-fight win streak his latest coming over Geoff Neal in December of last year, and Burns is coming off a knockout loss to welterweight champion Kamaru Usman. This fight could very well be a fight who will determine who will fight for the belt next. This is an interesting fight just because I mean Thompson should be the better striker inside the cage, and Burns will have the advantage on the ground, because Burns is a former Brazilian Ju Jitsu World Champion, and Thompson is a former world champion kickboxer. I will pick Thompson to win this fight by decision, and he will surely get a title shot next.

There are plenty of great fights on this entire card. You can catch all the action on PPV on ESPN+. The prelims will be on ESPN starting at 7 p.m., at then the PPV will start at 9 p.m. It should be an exciting night of fights. I'm looking forward to it.

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martial artist in the game. Ok so let's get into what Dustin did right in this fight then we will go over what I believe he did wrong and what both guys need to keep the same or change to have a shot in this fight Saturday night. Poirier was visibly the better boxer in this matchup, but what really changed the narrative of this fight was the low calf kicks Dustin could land early and often. These kicks totally weakened McGregor's lead leg and was the beginning of the end for Conor. Poirier also did a superb job at regulating the distance and was able to take some hard shots from McGregor and could keep going. When the second round began it was ap-

ment. When we have seen Conor at his best, he is always in more of a Karate stance, legs wider and extremely light on his lead leg. Which allows him to move in and out a lot quicker. Now Conor had his moments in the second fight. He caught Poirier clean a couple of times, just could not finish him. So now lets look at this third fight and what might happen. I think Conor has more changing to do than Dustin does. Poirier has been fighting the same way for a while now and has been successful. Conor is coming off the first time he has ever been KOed so I'm confident he will be inspired and has altered a few things in his training to better prepare for

Strong start by Montas leads Athletics over Astros 2-1

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HOUSTON — Oakland manager Bob Melvin was a bit concerned when his team didn't add on after jumping out to a 2-0 first-inning lead Thursday. The Athletics had led in the first two games of this series before the Astros rallied for wins.

This time Frankie Montas and Oakland's bullpen made sure that those early runs were enough.

Jed Lowrie and Matt Olson drove in a run each to back a strong start by Montas and give the Athletics a 2-1 win over Houston.

"We're not playing our best baseball right now, so it's important not to get swept and stay out of serious ruts," Melvin said.

The victory stopped a three-game skid for Oakland and ended a six-game winning streak for the Astros, who lead the AL West.

Lance McCullers Jr. (6-2) lost for the first time in 10 starts since April 14.

"I settled in and had a solid day, felt good," McCullers said. "Early on the changeup was pretty horrific but later on it came through. I was pretty happy with most of my stuff today."

Montas (8-7) fanned 10 while allowing five hits and a run over 6 2/3 innings for the win.

"He might have had his best overall stuff of the year and he needed it," Melvin said.

Montas said Thursday was the best he's felt all season.

"I was able to throw my splitter when I wanted," he said. "The splitter was what was working for

me today. They were swinging and I was throwing strikes."

Jake Diekman gave up one hit in a scoreless ninth for his seventh save in 11 chances.

The Athletics jumped on McCullers early. Elvis Andrus doubled with one out in the first and advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Olson's ground-rule double.

Lowrie singled on a grounder to center field to score Olson and make it 2-0.

The Astros had trouble getting much going against Montas for most of the day. They managed just three singles through the first six innings, two by Yuli Gurriel and one by Chas McCormick.

Montas had retired seven in a row when Kyle Tucker doubled to right field with two outs in the seventh.

He reached third on a wild pitch. McCormick then doubled on a grounder that rolled down the left-field line just out of reach of a diving Matt Chapman to send Tucker home, chasing Montas.

Yusei Petito retired Abraham Toro to preserve the lead.

Lou Trivino walked pinch-hitter Jason Castro to start Houston's eighth but retired José Altuve, Michael Brantley and Carlos Correa to

end the inning.

McCullers had been 5-0 in his previous nine starts, matching his most consecutive wins. He permitted two runs and seven hits while striking out eight in seven innings.

"We just want to make sure we're playing good baseball," McCullers said. "You can't guarantee every time but when you're playing good baseball good things happen."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: Utility man Chad Pinder was placed on the injured list with a strained right hamstring after injuring it running to first base in the ninth inning on Wednesday night. ... The Athletics selected the contract of INF Jacob Wilson from Triple-A Las Vegas to take his roster spot.

Astros: LHP Brooks Raley was placed on the injured list Thursday due to health and safety protocols.



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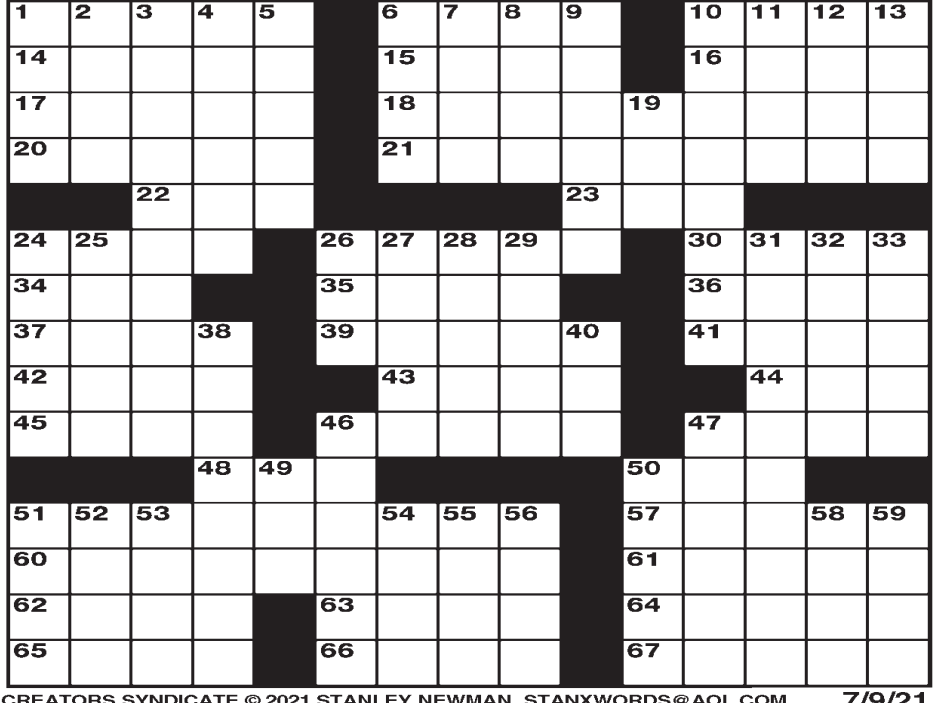
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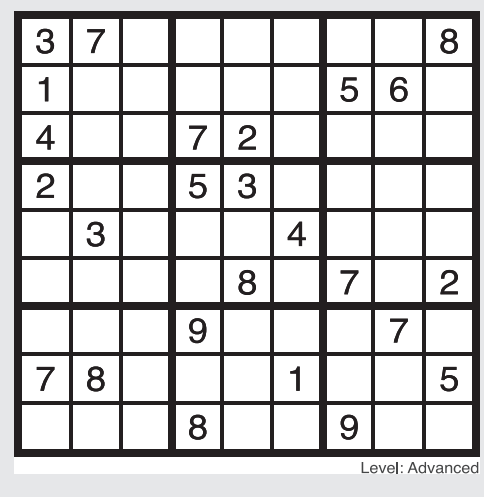
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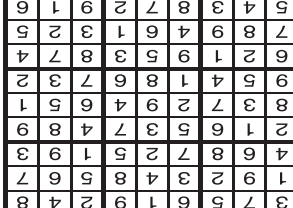
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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 9, the 190th day of 2021. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 2004, a Senate Intelligence Committee report concluded the CIA had provided unfounded assessments of the threat posed by Iraq that the Bush administration had relied on to justify going to war.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1937, a fire at 20th Century Fox's film storage facility in Little Ferry, New Jersey, destroyed most of the studio's silent films.

In 1943, during World War II, the Allies launched Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell.

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1982, Pan Am Flight 759, a Boeing 727, crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, shortly after takeoff from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 145 people

aboard and eight people on the ground.

In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton tapped Tennessee Sen. Al Gore to be his running mate. Former CBS News commentator Eric Sevareid died in Washington at age 79.

In 1999, A jury in Los Angeles ordered General Motors Corp. to pay \$4.9 billion to six people severely burned when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames in a rear-end collision. (A judge later reduced the punitive damages to \$1.09 billion, while letting stand \$107 million in compensatory damages; GM settled the lawsuit in July 2003 for an undisclosed amount.)

In 2010, the largest U.S.-Russia spy swap since the Cold War was completed on a remote stretch of Vienna airport tarmac as planes from New York and Moscow arrived within minutes of each other with 10 Russian sleeper agents and four prisoners accused by Russia of spying for the West.

In 2015, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley relegated the Confederate flag to the state's "relic room" after the legislature passed a measure removing the flag from the grounds of the Statehouse in the wake of the slaughter of nine African-Americans at a church Bible study.

Ten years ago: South Sudan became the world's newest nation, officially breaking away from Sudan after two civil wars over five decades that had cost millions of lives. Derek Jeter homered for his 3,000th hit, making

him the first player to reach the mark with the New York Yankees, who defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, 5-4.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama wrapped up his visit to the NATO summit in Warsaw before heading to Madrid for a visit cut short because of violence back home, where five Dallas police officers had been killed by a sniper and two Black men were dead after being shot by police. Serena Williams won her record-tying 22nd Grand Slam title by beating Angelique Kerber 7-5, 6-3 in the Wimbledon final and pulling even with Steffi Graf for the most major championships in the Open era, which began in 1968.

One year ago: The World Health Organization acknowledged the possibility that COVID-19 might be spread in the air under certain conditions; more than 200 scientists, in an open letter, had urged the agency to do so. The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Robert Redfield, said federal health officials would not revise their coronavirus guidelines for reopening schools, despite criticism from President Donald Trump. New York Mayor Bill de

Blasio used a roller to help paint "Black Lives Matter" in front of Trump's namesake Manhattan tower. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of a New York prosecutor's demands for Trump's tax records.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 94. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is 89. Actor Richard Roundtree is 79. Singer Dee Dee Kennibrew (The Crystals) is 76. Author Dean Koontz is 76. Football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson is 74. Actor Chris Cooper is 70. TV personality John Tesh is 69. Country singer David Ball is 68. Business executive/TV personality Kevin O'Leary (TV: "Shark Tank") is 67. R&B singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 67. Actor Jimmy Smits is 66. Actor Tom Hanks is 65. Singer Marc Almond is 64. Actor Kelly McGillis is 64. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 62. Actor-rock singer Courtney Love is 57. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 56. Actor David O'Hara is 56. Actor Pamela Adlon is 55. Actor Scott Grimes is 50. Actor Enrique Murciano is 48. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 46. Musician/producer Jack White is 46.

Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY July 9, 2021

Moon Goes Home

It's said that home is a starting place, where the story begins, the OG opening to the world. The new moon in domestic Cancer represents a lunar return to origin. As Dorothy learned from her shoes, home isn't really a place you have to find or return to; you're probably walking in it the entire time. Three clicks of attention and you're back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you stayed where you belong all of the time, your life would feel small and stale. Keep in mind that new things are inherently uncomfortable; better not to read anything more into it. Your zone of comfort is expanding. That's all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your body adapts to your moods and glues to your personality. Today your body's unconscious language will express loudly what you want to convey and also what you may wish to keep silent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Courage isn't something you need to find or develop. You already have an entire swimming pool of it inside you. When it's time to be brave, just dip your cup in and draw some up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll learn a lot about someone through a typical, appropriate line of questioning. Off-the-wall, playful questions will teach you even more about the sensibility and humor (or lack thereof) you're dealing with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no call right now for a big change. What would it look like if the next 24 hours were a lot like your life, only happier? Imagining such a thing will show you where you could make a small but effective shift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The opportunities will be swept up by those with a responsive attitude. Before you step into the arena, you'll put yourself in the mindset to take in your surroundings, be decisive and swiftly act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind is open, and your appetites are hearty. You're primed to listen, learn and discover the outside world, led by a small internal voice of intuition. It's the compass you can trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep in mind that some audiences are better than others. If you want the good ones, don't pander and provide for the lesser ones. An engaged audience will bring their curiosity and much more to the room.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The thick of the drama is not an actionable position. Rise up. From a higher vantage, you'll see what the situation needs and get ideas about how to serve the

for them. The ones who do more are stronger and probably more experienced and versatile and still doing what's easy for them. When people risk for you, it's a gift worth acknowledging.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your fears and doubts are seductive. Ignore them. Keep coming back to your plan instead. Revisit; tweak; revel in it. The plan will excite you and galvanize your powers, sealing your every move together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Like magicians engaging in the art of misdirection to pull off an illusion, people in relationships will direct attention to their contributions, talents and beneficial qualities... which is a small subfocus of all there is to be seen and known.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
TAURUS (July 9). Do you feel the nearness of helpers seen and unseen? You'll use your charm to carve out strategic advantages. April brings vivacious new energy. Friends have spectacular proposals in April and August. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 14, 16 and 33.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** There are so many benefits to keeping loved ones informed on a need-to-know basis. **TAURUS:** You update the relationship, and it updates you. **GEMINI:** Ask for the origin story because where they have been will direct your trajectory with grace. **CANCER:** Lovely interpretations are your gift. You read the subtext, but you don't read so much into it that you forget about the big picture. **LEO:** If your emotions could be painted, your inner life would be the portrait of a storm, gorgeous in its variations. **VIRGO:** Relationships may be hard work, but they are also delicate work best done with slight pokes by precision instruments. **LIBRA:** When people are acting from a heart space, there is no benefit to nudging them back into the realm of the mind. **SCORPIO:** You'll etch yourself on the canvas of another. **SAGITTARIUS:** Match the body and you'll get quickly into the mind. **CAPRICORN:** You can't help but notice the one who takes notice -- destiny calling. **AQUARIUS:** Remember the option of doing nothing. Remember the blank space. It applies in art and love alike. **PISCES:** A touch of obsession is a compliment to any relationship.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Can Cancer and Cancer be the ideal match? This weekend is the perfect opportunity to test the premise. With the sun and moon both in the station of the crab, the sensual attunement runs high. The domestic omen portends to an ideal of tranquility on the homefront. If your talent is handiness, you will be especially in demand during this time of high-standard nesting.

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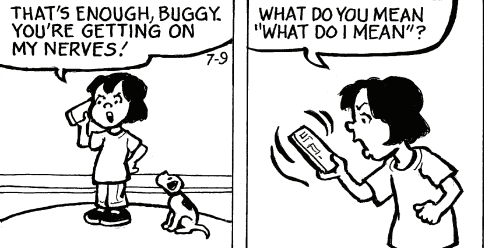
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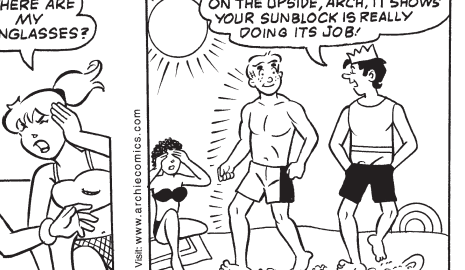
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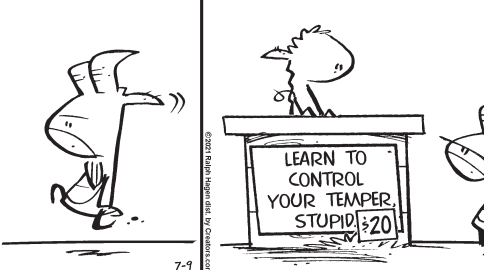
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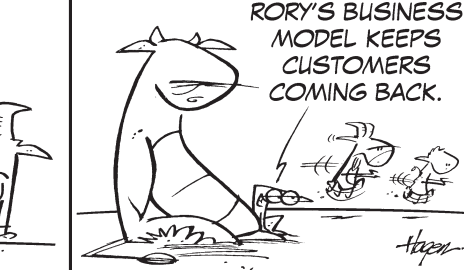
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Dear Annie: I'm desperately in need of your advice. I've been married to my husband for 16 years; we've been together 20 years. We'd always had a decent sex life up until two years ago. The sex just stopped. He was never in the mood. I had no clue what had changed. Well, about six months ago, I discovered that he's been watching porn a couple of times a week (at least), for as far back as our computer history showed. I confronted him about it. He said it was no big deal -- that most men have a porn habit. But it is a big deal to me. It has lowered my self-esteem

and made me feel very lonely and unlovable -- like it's my fault that he doesn't want me.

He acts like I should be OK with it, but to me, what he's doing is a form of cheating. I don't know what to do or how to handle it. -- Feeling Betrayed

Dear Feeling: If this were indeed just a habit, then there might be middle ground on which to meet him. But when a behavior becomes so compulsive that it disrupts one's marriage and prevents physical intimacy for years on end, it's no longer a habit. It's an addiction.

Have a heart-to-heart with your husband.

While your hurt feelings are understandable, try to set aside any anger when you talk to him about this. Put love front and center, expressing concern for his health and letting him know how his behavior impacts you. Hopefully, he'll be open to seeking help overcoming this addiction, through counseling or a support group. Regardless, you can seek help for yourself. Visit <https://www.psychologytoday.com/groups/sexual-addiction>, and enter your ZIP code to find groups for those addicted to pornography as well as groups for spouses/partners.

Dear Annie: I just spent my first Father's Day without my dad,

who tragically passed away from COVID-19 a few months ago. I am feeling heartbroken but also grateful. Without a doubt in my mind or heart, the most significant trait that my beloved father instilled in me through his role modeling of it is resilience.

He developed this life-saving trait throughout a difficult childhood and continued relying on it through serious debilitating health issues later on in his life, always facing each one with grit and grace.

I have also been experiencing an exceptionally challenging life, the latest bump in the road being an aggressive form of cancer.

My deeply entrenched resiliency has and continues to be invaluable. Thank you, Daddy. -- Grateful Daughter

Dear Grateful: I'm so sorry for your loss and your diagnosis. They say we should be the things we loved most about the people who are gone. It sounds like you're living that credo. Your dad would be proud.

Dear Annie: In several columns, you've mentioned Match.com as a good place for singles to meet other singles. Well, my mother-in-law lost her entire savings, more than \$70,000, to a scammer on one of the most popular dating sites. There was no recourse

available from either her bank or the site. No social media site is safe from scammers. -- Offline

Dear Offline: Your words of caution are warranted -- and yet another reminder to never give money or your banking information to someone you've met online.

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Staying safe in the great outdoors

Vaccinations are helping many people across the globe return to something resembling normalcy after more than a year of living in unusual circumstances. Sports venues are welcoming fans back in limited capacities, and many schools that had offered strictly virtual learning began to

welcome students back for in person learning by the end of the school year.

Though the world seems to be on the cusp of getting back to normal life, public health officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization continue to emphasize the importance of staying vigilant to stop the spread of COVID-19. Officials with the CDC have

urged political leaders to keep social distancing and mask mandates in place even as the number of vaccinated Americans exceeded 100 million. This summer people may be more comfortable getting out of the house to enjoy the great outdoors than they were a year ago, especially if they're fully vaccinated. Those who want to follow the advice of public health officials can consider these strategies to keep themselves and others safe as they spend time in nature.

• Visit beaches during off-peak hours. Crowded beaches were a significant cause for concern in the summer of 2020. Many beach-goers did not wear masks and it

proved difficult to practice social distancing on crowded beaches. This summer it may be most safe to visit beaches during off-peak hours, such as during the late afternoon. Beaches tend to be less crowded as the sun starts to set and dinnertime approaches, so people who want to stay safe but still hear waves crashing on the shore can visit the beach later in the day, even bringing dinner so they can enjoy a beach picnic.

• Wear masks when hiking. Hiking is a great way to enjoy all that nature has to offer. Hiking trails likely won't be as crowded as sunny beaches, but it's hard to stay six feet apart on narrow trails, especially when encountering hikers going in the op-

posite direction. Wear masks throughout your hike and afford fellow hikers as much room as possible on the trails.

• Consider private experiences. Whale watching adventures and group fishing excursions are popular among vacationers and others who want to have a fun day on the water. Unfortunately, crowded boats can make it easy for the virus to spread, especially if mask mandates have been lifted. Before booking a day on a boat, inquire about the company's safety protocols, including whether or not they're limiting capacity and insisting all guests wear masks. If not, consider a private boat just for your family or the people within your bubble.

• Bring everything along. Bringing meals, water and snacks along on your trip into the great outdoors can minimize your exposure to others. That reduces the likelihood that you will catch the virus or potentially spread it to others. Bringing your own food and water along also ensures you won't go hungry or thirsty while on the trails or relaxing on the beach.

People may feel more safe about enjoying the great outdoors this summer than they did a year ago. But safety measures like mask wearing, social distancing and avoiding crowds should remain a priority in the months ahead.

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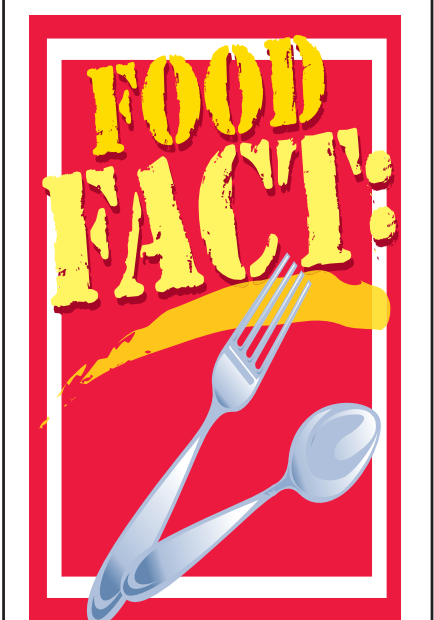
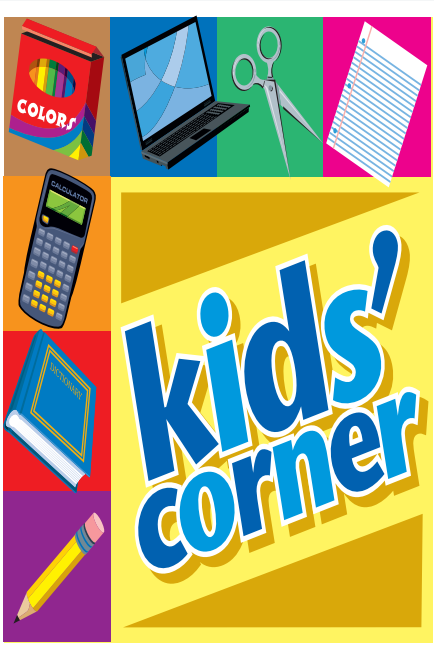
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the jack of spades. How would you play the hand?

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

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the seven of spades, on which South plays the queen. How would you play the hand?

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

1. You are sure to make the slam if the opposing clubs are divided 3-2, so all your thoughts should be centered on how to overcome a 4-1 or 5-0 club division.
By far the best approach, after winning the spade lead with the ace, is to play as many trumps as necessary until the opponents have exactly one trump remaining. You deliberately do not draw this last trump, but instead next play the ace of hearts and A-K of clubs.
If both opponents follow to both clubs, you draw the missing trump and concede a club trick. If the clubs divide 4-1 or 5-0 and the ace or king of clubs gets trumped, you score the

rest of the tricks because the player who ruffs is forced to return a spade or a heart to dummy.
If the clubs divide 4-1 or 5-0 and neither the ace nor king gets ruffed, you next lead the deuce of trump, hoping that the player who wins with the missing trump will be forced to return a spade or a heart.
2. Let's say you win the spade queen with the king and try a club finesse. If it loses, South will return a spade, and if North started with five spades to the A-10, you go down one.
Alternatively, you could win the spade lead, cross to the king of hearts and take a heart finesse through South. If this lost, you'd still be in trouble because you'd have only eight sure tricks. You could then try a club finesse, but again would go down if it lost.
The safest line of play is to let South win the first trick! This assures the contract whether North has four or five spades. Let's say South returns a spade at trick two. When you play the jack, North may or may not take his ace, but the contract is safe either way.
Assume he ducks. You next try the club finesse, confident that if it loses, South cannot harm you. If he has a spade to play, it means North started with only four of them, and you finish with nine tricks. If South has no more spades, you also have at least nine tricks.

Tomorrow: The art of camouflage.
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Lightning strikes twice: Tampa Bay repeats as Cup champion

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Hockey Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Quieting the din inside Amalie Arena for just a moment, Gary Bettman looked over to the Tampa Bay Lightning and reached back into the dark days of the pandemic perhaps one last time.

The NHL commissioner beckoned not just captain Steven Stamkos but the entire team over to touch, kiss and hoist the Stanley Cup as champions once more. It was a far cry from the tradition of presenting hockey's holy grail to the captain to take back to his team, and the Lightning sent out another pandemic hockey season like they did the last — by winning their second championship in 10 months.

It was a familiar sight for the back-to-back champions, even if it was different in every possible way.

After the Lightning beat the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 on Wednesday night to end the final in five games, Stamkos hoisted the Cup in front of 18,110 fans — 18,110 more than the last time he did back in September.

Pyrotechnics went off around him to celebrate not only Tampa Bay winning during a pandemic once again but the end of another grueling season played against the backdrops of protocols, restrictions and heartbreak. As Stamkos took another lap with the Cup, players held up their phones to capture video of the fans, the confetti and the joy of being able to really, truly celebrate.

"Full arena, incredible energy and another championship in Tampa," Bettman said. "It feels like things are normal."

Winning has become normal for the Lightning, who did so this time relying on their playoff MVP goaltender, Andrei Vasilevskiy, and the only two Tampa Bay players on the ice without their names on hockey's holy grail.

Vasilevskiy had a series-ending shutout for an NHL-record fifth consecutive time dating to the 2020 final. Finishing with a handful in a frantic final minute, he made 22 saves to remain undefeated in games after a loss over the past two playoffs, both of them won by Tampa Bay in the pandemic.

"It's so hard to win the Stanley Cup," Stamkos said. "And then you do it two years in a row, you deserve to go down in history."

Ross Colton and David Savard weren't around last year and made sure to put their stamp on Tampa Bay's latest title run. Savard set up Colton's goal midway through the second period past Canadiens stalwart Carey Price and the packed crowd roared.

"To do it in front of our fans and our families, it's so special, special," defenseman Victor Hedman said. "It's out of this world."

The scene couldn't have been any further from the mirthless, empty arena where the Lightning won the Cup last September in a quarantined bubble across the continent in Ed-

monton, Alberta. Tampa Bay joined Pittsburgh as the only back-to-back Cup winner in the salary cap era, but even more impressively did it in the shortest span between championships in the long history of the NHL.

Never losing twice in a row thanks to Vasilevskiy's brilliance and one of the deepest rosters constructed since the cap was implemented in 2005, the Lightning solidified their status as a modern-day dynasty.

How deep? Nikita Kucherov had 32 points to join Mario Lemieux as the only players to lead the postseason in scoring two years in a row, and Brayden Point scored 14 goals through three rounds. Kucherov, Point and Hedman all played through injuries, too.

It was just too much for the Canadiens, who relied again on Price to keep them in a game — and the series. He finished with 29 saves.

The sunbelt franchise in a nontraditional market that didn't even exist until 1992-93 went through the NHL's most storied franchise to win this one. The third championship in franchise history denied Montreal a 25th league championship banner.

The Lightning also added another title for "Champa Bay," coming on the heels of Tom Brady leading the NFL's Buccaneers to a Super Bowl victory in February. The Tampa Bay Rays went to the World Series last fall.

Tampa Bay's mayor had suggested the Lightning lose Game 4 on the road so they could win at home, and she

got her wish as coach Jon Cooper's team became the first since Chicago in 2015 to hoist the Cup on home ice.

"We didn't get a chance to do that last year," Stamkos said. "This is redemption for them to be able to spend this time with us. We wanted to win in Game 4. It didn't work out. Maybe it's a blessing in disguise we got to do it front of our amazing fans."

The Canadiens ran out of gas in what was a surprise playoff run for a team that opened the postseason with the worst record of the 16 qualifiers.

"The resilience that we showed: just a good team to be a part of," Montreal's Brendan Gallagher said. "As painful as this is right now, sometimes you need to feel this to call yourself the champion."

The Lightning know that well. Their back-to-back title run was spurred by the adversity of the team overcoming the shock of getting swept by Columbus in the first round of the 2019 playoffs.

Tampa Bay was without veteran forward Alex Killorn, who broke his left fibula blocking a shot in Game 1 of the final, had surgery last week and still wanted to play. He joined his teammates for a celebration like last year but unlike it in every way.

"It's like we won two completely different Stanley Cups, and that's what makes it extremely special for us," coach Jon Cooper said. "You do one without fans and then you do one in your own building: We couldn't have written the script any better."

Cubs top Phillies, Wheeler 8-3 to end 11-game slide

By **MATT CARLSON**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo, Joc Pederson and Nico Hoerner each had two hits and an RBI to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-3 on Wednesday night, ending an 11-game losing streak.

The Cubs raced to an early five-run lead off All-Star Zack Wheeler and then added on to halt their longest skid since a 12-game slide in May 2012. Chicago had been winless since Zach Davies and three relievers combined to no-hit the Dodgers in Los Angeles on June 24.

"It feels good," Rizzo said. "We're at the highest level of the game and we're competitors and we all compete at everything. You lose 11 in a row or 10 or whatever and it just sucked."

"To win is a good feeling. It's the feeling you want." Patrick Wisdom added a two-run double in Chicago's three-run sixth inning after replacing third baseman Kris Bryant, who left in the fourth with right hamstring tightness. Bryant is out day-to-day, manager David Ross said.

Ross thought the Cubs might have picked up offensively where they left off Tuesday when they started scoring late in a 15-10 loss to Philadelphia.

"You get a little bit of momentum from last night and it started to carry over," Ross said. "A lot of guys were just staying up the middle, using the big part of the field and good things happen against a really good pitcher."

This time, the Cubs pitched much better themselves.

Alec Mills (4-2) allowed three runs on five hits in 5 2/3 innings after Philadelphia clobbered Cubs pitchers for 28 runs in the first two games of the series.

Mills shut out the Phillies through the first five

innings before Bryce Harper doubled in a run and Andrew McCutchen followed with a two-run drive in the sixth for his second homer in two nights.

Wheeler (6-5) yielded seven runs, four earned, on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings on a cool, drizzly night at Wrigley Field. The hard-throwing right-hander entered on a dominant run, having allowed no runs in his last two starts and just three in his last five — all in a game to Washington on June 22.

Chicago scored three unearned runs off Wheeler in the first on an error and soft four soft singles, including consecutive RBI bloop with two outs by Jason Heyward, Hoerner and Rafael Ortega.

"That's what you're shooting for is weak contact," Wheeler said. "That's frustrating for sure."

"Sometimes that the way the ball rolls. Tonight wasn't very fun."

Following a 12-minute rain delay, the Cubs upped their lead to 5-0 in the second. Rizzo's triple to the

right-field corner — the first hard hit off Wheeler — knocked in the first run.

After the Phillies cut it to 5-3 in the sixth, the Cubs replied with three runs in the bottom half on a single by Pederson and Wisdom's double to the left field corner.

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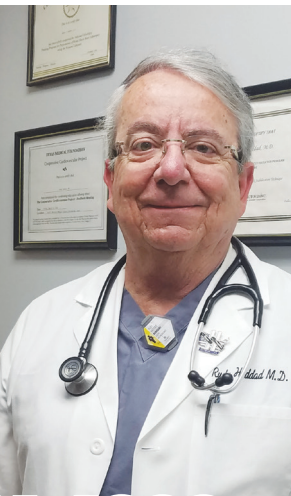
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