



A<u>nnouncements</u>

SMMC will host a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

Found object Art Show and Sale Heritage Museum Sept. 4 - Oct. 28 Entries being accepted now

> Aug. 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. C. Larson Blood Drive

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 4 p.m. Spring Creek *Fellowship*

Dove Hunt *Sept.* 17 Community invited to *honor veterans* First Methodist Church

School is back in session. Please be alert while in or near School Zones. Stay off cell-phones

UW kick off to feature golf, music

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

A round of golf and live music at the amphitheater is one of the options for those looking for weekend activities this week. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is hosting the annual kick off event in a little different fashion; a two-day golf tournament will take place at the Municipal Golf Course and on Saturday evening Micky & the Motorcars will take the stage at the Amphitheater.

"Last year was filled with hurdles, but through the support of our great partners in the community, our wonderful volunteers, board members and partner agencies some good work was able to be done," Christian Fair, Executive Director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, said. "Despite being in the middle of a pandemic, we were able to raise some

HERALD file photo

Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, shown, will be the scene of great music, while the nearby golf course will an enjoyable event and host a tournament this week to celebrate the United social distancing," Fair Way's annual Campaign Kick Off event.

> funds to help support our agencies, and we were able to host several food distributions. Times were tough, but the giving hearts didn't stop supporting where they could."

> The two-day event will kick off with the golf tournament Saturday morning with more than 30 teams already registered. The tournament will conclude on Sunday and winners will be announced Sunday evening at a wrap up event. If golf is not your game, there is still a way

to support the kick off and help out the agencies, as the concert is open to the community.

"We wanted to switch things up a bit this year. We know we still need to do our part in helping slow the spread which is one of the reasons we opted for a weekend of outdoor activities. The amphitheater is able to provide enough space for said.

Spur 327 will be opening the show at 8 p.m., but the venue will open at 7 p.m. for those wanting to pick out their seats, grab some food from the vendors and a drink. Micky & the Motorcars will be taking the stage at 9:30 p.m. with the event wrapping up around 11 p.m.

"Our agencies do so much for our community. When it comes down to it,

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center announces Covid-19 visitor restrictions Special to the Herald — Scenic Mountain SMMC

The health and safety of our patients, visitors, employees, and our community remains our top priority at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Therefore, in line with guidance provided by the CDC and the Texas State Department of Health related to COVID-19, SMMC will have visitor restrictions as

Medical Center A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL

· Medical/Surgical: One ing immediate medical atadult visitor per stay.

itor per stay.

tention, we ask that you • Telemetry: One adult vis- avoid the hospital. If you are experiencing a cough, fever, and/or shortness of breath or have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, please call your primary physician doctor's office. Your physician will help determine whether you may come in for an appointment, or if you should stay at home and await further instruction. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our community safe.

understand the importance of delivering world class health care along with the latest advances in technology and treatment options. Our specialized services include cardiology, orthopedics, maternity, diagnostic imaging, emergency care with a 24/7 Level IV Trauma Center, wound care, and women's health and breast care services.

SMMC will offer the first and second dose available in a drivethru clinic on Sat. Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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follows:

 Pediatric care: No more than 2 designated visitors per hospital stay.

• End-of-life: No more than 1 visitor at a time, limited to immediate family only. Family visitors must remain outside the facility until rotated in. Other excircumstances, tenuating such as hospice and end-oflife care, will be considered based on the best interest and needs of the individual patient. All exceptions must be approved by the care team.

• Maternity and Labor and Delivery Units: No more than 2 designated visitors including labor partner per hospital stay.

• Nursery: No more than 2 designated visitors per hospital stay.

• ICU: One adult visitor per stav

• Patients with physical or intellectual disabilities: 1 support person over the age of 18 will be allowed during hospital stay. There are no restrictions on visiting hours for support persons.

 COVID: No visitors allowed except for pediatric and OB patients who can have 1 visitor per hospital stay. The visitor will be required to conform with all the safety precautions.

All patients who enter the hospital through available access points will be screened immediately upon arrival. Points of entrance will be limited to the ER entrance 24/7.

If you are not a provider working at our facility, a hospital employee, or seek-

About Scenic Mountain Medical Center: At Scenic Mountain Medical Center, we are committed to caring for patients as we would our own families. We are a full service, acute care, 146bed community hospital for adults and children, and we

About Steward Health Care System: Steward Health Care is the largest private, tax paying physician-led health care network in the United States. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, Steward operates 37 hospitals in the United States and the country of Malta that regularly receive top awards for quality and safety. The company employs approximately 42,000 health care professionals. The Steward network includes multiple urgent care centers and skilled nursing facilities, substantial behavioral health services, over 7,900 beds under management, and approximately 2.2 million full risk covered lives through the company's managed care and health

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Composting program scheduled Saturday at Howard College **By ROGER**

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Herald Staff Writer

Compost is organic matter that has decayed into a nutrient-rich soil that makes a good grow-

ing medium for garden plants.

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Texas Master Gardener program will hold a class at Howard College in the fine art of composting.

The class will answer such questions as: What is composting? Why compost? What goes into a compost pile? How is compost used? Are there different types of composting? and Does composting affect the environment?

The class will be taught by Master

Gardener John Geib of Midland. Geib will start with information on how to get started with composting, but will take questions from those in the class, and can answer

basic, advanced or expert questions about the subject.

The class will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

The class is free of charge, and no lunch will be served, although those attending are welcome to bring a sack lunch if they wish.

To register for the class, visit www. pbrpc.org . A link to register for the class is located in the top right corner of the home page.

CISD board to meet Monday

Herald Staff Report

A special meeting of the Coahoma Independent School Board of Trustees has been called for Monday. Aug. 30.

The meeting will take place at 8 a.m. in the CISD Administration Office, located at 606 N. Main Street.

Once the roll call is taken and an establishment of a quorum has been established, there will be a call to order and the opening ceremony will take place.

The Board of Trustees will consider and possibly approve employment contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board will then retire into executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting is set to adjourn after executive session.

Lila Estes

Lila was probably one of the first trailblazers of the women's lib movement. Women-owned busi-



nesses were mostly unheard of in small town Texas in 1970, but Lila did not let that slow her down. She opened her "own' business, Reeder Realtors, in a small room in the same building with Bill's insurance agency, Reeder Insurance. Her real estate business was a resounding success because Lila enjoyed the work and truly cared for her clients. She was always excited

to close a deal even if it meant working late nights and weekends. She also was a pioneer in moving the real estate industry to the computer world by partnering with ERA Real Estate franchise. She became one of the first offices to offer her clients the ability to see new homes on the computer screen as well as the ability to fax home photos to clients. Debney joined Lila in the real estate business and during those years, the office and Lila won many national ERA awards and travel incentives.

In 2000, after 40 years in Big Spring, Lila and Bill decided to leave the work world and moved to Mesquite to be closer to all their children and grandchildren. Bill and Lila became very active members of the First United Methodist Church of Mesquite where they were welcomed with open arms. They both loved taking their grandkids to City Lake Park to feed the ducks (and fight off the geese) and to play at the "Wooden Park" at Kid Scape Park. With the move, Lila developed her love for Panera Bread (where everyone knew her name), good Braum's hamburgers, and sizzling Martinez Brothers fajitas.

Lila loved attending all of the baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball and football games that her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids played, even following them to Florida and then to California to watch their college baseball games. She rarely missed a game and was usually the most vocal fan, making sure the refs and umpires knew whenever they would make an unfair call involving one of her "kids". Lila equally loved attending their many

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musicals, plays and band performances.

Lila is remembered for her fantastic style and amazing taste. She was always the most beautiful and well-dressed woman in the room. She popped her collar up to frame her face long before anyone was doing that on TV. She loved beautiful and expensive things and somehow always persuaded Bill to buy something that caught her eye. When Lila and Bill were all but broke and expecting their first child. Lila fell in love with the latest style in baby beds, a beautiful but expensive crib built by a fledgling company named Stork. Heard of that company? It took the American market by storm. It cost almost more than a new car! After many conversations, Lila won and all three of the busterettes, each as they born, used that same expensive crib! Lila was an "influencer" long before social media starting using that word. Her hair was never gray and was styled perfectly in the most popular style of the time. When she "went blonde", everyone in town went blonde as well. Her lipstick, the perfect shade of deep coral, was always flawless. Lila loved new clothes and loved to shop - a trait she has definitely passed down to her daughters and grandchildren.

Lila could sew beautifully - just like her mother, who used to take Lila with her when she went to buy large sacks of flour so that Lila could choose the fabric pattern of the flour bag. Then, her mom would make Lila a new dress with the flour cloth fabric. Lila made baby clothes, doll clothes and pageant gowns covered with sequins and beads. She even became a quasi-barber and cut Bill's hair on a regular basis. She also beautifully cut Dawn's "Farrah Fawcett hair do" throughout Dawn's high school, pageant and modelling years.

Lila was usually the smartest person in the room, too, although she knew how to hide that by asking the right questions to lead them to the right conclusion. Lila's mere presence filled any room she entered and she was able to make those she spoke with feel like they were the only person in the world that she wanted to talk to.

Lila was a skeptic, but she was also a dreamer who always looked to the future and loved making plans. Lila lived in the world of "what if?", and she was brave enough to see it through. She was upbeat and always moved forward in life. She loved

working in the dirt, planting flowers, including geraniums every spring. Lila loved a good list - she often joked that she had lists of her lists. She loved to travel (with Bill, of course) - to Europe, Mexico, California, New York, New England and anywhere with a beach. She loved walking on beaches, looking at the seagulls and gathering shells with Bill. The Del Coronado in San Diego was one of her very special places, and Jonathan Livingston Seagull was one of her favorite books.

Lila loved chocolate. A lot! Her favorite was 5th Avenue bars which almost always made everything better. She would pull into a 7-11 store, and Deb and Denise would jump out and buy her 3 or 4 5th Avenue bars to keep Lila going. Snickers bars were a distant second. Lila loved peanut butter straight from the jar and Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk straight from the can. Lila is fondly remembered for inventing "unbirthday presents", creating the "marshmallow drawer" that always had presents for the grandkids, and singing her post-bath song "wrap-her-up-before-she-freezes" during grandkids' overnights.

Not to be forgotten, she regularly sent food back in restaurants (which mortified her children), hid money in clothes (just in case), even froze milk during the Three Mile Island nuclear incident (for safety) and ducked down in the car when she was delivering her grandson in the carpool lane since she was wearing her robe. And she did love her legendary shopping trips to Northpark Mall and had a passionate love for all cats and dogs.

We all loved and looked forward to Lila's fantastic holiday cranberry pecan salad, her labor-intensive dateloaf that always left Bill's arm hurting from the hand-mixing and her amazing broccoli cheese casserole. She and Bill really enjoyed a good bridge party with friends. They were actually brilliant competitive bridge players and even were statelevel winners many times. Lila was great at playing Little People, racing Hot Wheels and serving a tea party with the grandkids. She looked forward to her weekly coffee at McDonalds with her girlfriends from their church. She just had a generous heart and would welcome people who would otherwise be alone during Christmas season to join her family's holiday dinners and parties.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3600 block of Albrook. No transport was required.

 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 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Vines Avenue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3500 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM 700 and S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

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

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

• REX ANTHONY MOORE, 60, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm.

 JOSHUA ANTHONY RODRI GUEZ, 28, was arrested by BSPD on

a charge of discharge firearm within city. • JAMARI THREATS, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

Management & Training

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Alice. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street. One person was transported to Sce-

nic Mountain Medical Center.





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Obituaries

Maxine Faye Shaffer Maxine Faye Shaffer, 97, longtime resident of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. A visitation with family present will be held from



6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Trinity Baptist Church burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Services are under direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maxine was born April 8, 1924, in Big Spring, Texas to Jim Robert "Bob" Hull and Clara Mae Nabors Hull. She

was second youngest of six daughters, she attended the Midway School until the untimely death of her mother and three years later, her father. She and her younger sister went to live with their Aunt and Uncle, Fannie and Mack McFarland. They were very strict but loving and Uncle Mack was insistent that she and her sister, Dorothy get a good education. Therefore, she attended school and graduated from Big Spring High School.

Maxine met and later married the love of her life, Howard Shaffer in November 1947, they were married for 55 years at the time of his death in June of

Victor "JR" Martinez

Victor "JR" Martinez, 74, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Victor was born Dec. 11, 1946, to Victor Martinez, Sr. and Paula Trejo in Austin, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Victor was as retired farmer. He loved the Dallas Cowboys, John Wayne, and John Deere Tractors.

Victor is survived by his wife Mary, two sons: Michael Martinez (Tina) of Big Spring and Victor Martinez (Teresa) of Big Spring, eight daughters: Wera Narbaiz (Gilbert) Martinez of Big Spring, Barbara Zuniga (Abran) of Big Spring, Betty Martinez of Big Spring, Frances Muniz (Ruben) of Big Spring, Connie Almanza (Mark) of Midland, Brenda Zuniga (Oscar) of Big Spring, Rosa Canales (Joe) of Ralls, Sandra Lopez (Jason) of Big Spring, one step-son: Milton Lozano (Jennifer) of Big Spring,

She was very proud that she had worked 40 plus years during her life and she only had two employers. Maxine went to work for Montgomery Ward in 1943 during her senior year of High School on Saturdays, she started on the floor and later moved to the business office. A number of years later she excepted a job for the City of Big Spring working at the Water Department and later moved on to the Finance Department. After she retired from the City of Big Spring where she had worked for 20+ years, she and Howard moved to Robert Lee where they worked with their son, at Shaffer Funeral Home for ten years. After retiring once again they moved back to Big Spring, into the house that they purchased in 1955 and where they had raised their family and where she lived out the remainder of her life.

Maxine was a loving and devoted wife, mother and Memom, she was so proud of her family. She was a longtime member of Trinity Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She often talked about the children that she had in her classes.

Maxine is survived by a daughter, Barbara Pender and husband, Tom; a son, Gary Shaffer and wife, Della; six grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; one sister-inlaw, Neva Shaffer; numerous nieces and nephews. Paid Obituary

three step-daughter: Maggie Christian (Claude) of Big Spring, Jinnie Bareto (Humberto) of Big Spring, and Gloria Lozano of Big Spring, six sisters: Rosa Martinez (Jessie Flores) of Big Spring, Mary Martinez of Big Spring, Eulalia Martinez (Gilbert) of Big Spring, Chavela Haro (Bobby) of Flowermound, Gloria Munoz (Johnny) of Big Spring, Janie Rosa (David) of Big Spring, two brothers, Mike Martinez (Carmen) of Forney, Jesse Martinez (Janie) of Big Spring, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to Victor's parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers David Martinez and Ruben Martinez

Pallbearers will be Gilbert Lopez, Emet Lozano, Claude Cheistan, David Martinez, Josh Urias, T.J. Martinez

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respect online at www.myersandsmith.com

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much further."

The kick off event for the 2022 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Campaign is this weekend at the Big Spring Municipal Golf Course and Amphitheater. The Golf Tournament - four man scramble - will kick off the weekend activities and be wrapped up with a concert featuring Spur 327 and Micky & the Motorcars.

'Our agencies have been named, our goal has been set and we are ready to get back to serving these agencies who do so much for our community," Fair said. "We are asking the community to get involved, find out about these agencies, find a way to support one or all of them." To find out how to get involved with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County or to donate, call 432-267-5201.

Amelia "Mickey" Correa, 59, of Austin, died

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a prayer service at 5 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Krista Nicole Bounds

Krista Nicole Bounds, 32 of Bastrop, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pedro T. "Pete" Correa, Sr.

Pedro T. "Pete" Correa, Sr., 93, of Big Spring, died Thursday, August 26, 2021. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a prayer service at 5 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Email photos of local events, weather, or sports to editor@bigspringherald.com. See your snaps in the paper!

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Johnny Sherrod, 77, died Monday. Funeral service at 2 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Isabel "Chavelo" Lujan, 86, died June 8, 2021. Graveside service Will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Alice Gonzales, 69, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Victor Martinez, Jr.74, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Amelia Correa, 59, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM Saturday with а Prayer Service at 5:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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if you had never heard of any of these agencies, this past year's events probably brought at least one or more to your attention," Fair said. "These agencies are a vital part of our community and anything we can do to support them continue to serve our neighbors, our friends, our family, we will do. Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes and this is an opportunity for our community to come together and provide that helping hand to our agencies."

Children's Advocacy Center, Howard County Council on Aging, Mobile Meals, Howard County Resource Center, Salvation Army, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteers, Spring of Siloam, Victim Services, West Texas Community Mediation Center, and YMCA of Big

> Spring. "We are looking forward to a new year with our partner agencies, and we encourage the community to find out what each of these agencies do and how you can get involved," Fair said. "Together our community can meet the needs that exist and in the process we end up helping beyond what we can imagine. While you and your family may not be in need of these services, a friend might be. When we join together the reach of our support goes so

County

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County supported agencies for 2022 are: Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Emergency Services Chaplains Corp, Head Start Readiness Academy, Howard

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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.

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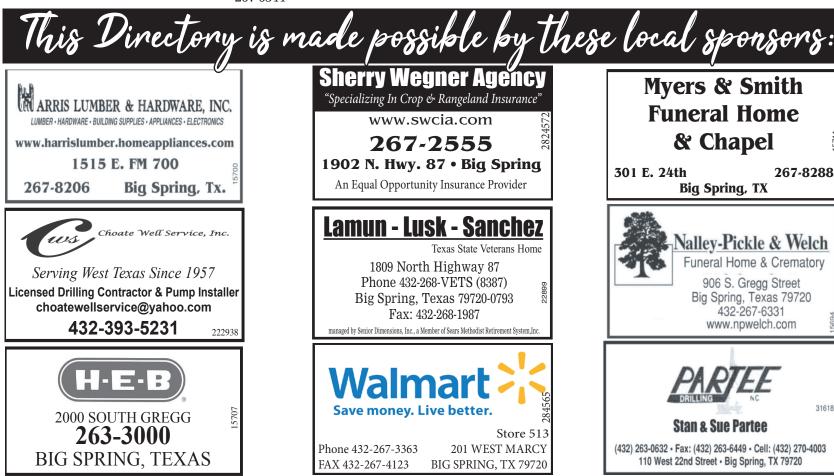
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Church News

College Baptist Church

Jesus Christ, our Saviour is in the battle of the ages for the souls of men. Join us at College Baptist Church-the "Gathering" church body, where we welcome you as old and 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 start 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-fall serving our Lord.

Services for Aug. 29, 2021, is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, 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.

As College Baptist Church continues on mission for our Lord, we are geared up for the new school year. Plans are being made for a Fall school event.

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 and study with us as to 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.

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone! We continue to give a "special welcome to our brand-new nursery attendees."

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

Life Church

Baptism Sunday is Sept. 19.

Baby and Child Dedications will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Our Wednesday night activities, Life Alive, are on summer break. Life Alive will resume September 15th.

The Fall session of Free Indeed starts Wednesday, September 15th. If you would like to attend this class sign up at the back table in the sanctuary. For information contact Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty.

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/

Life Student Ministries will meet on Wednesdays from 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Life Student Ministries follow their 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 ish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 studying Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

NazFamily Church

This Sunday - Did you know there are nearly 3 billion active, monthly facebook users right now? Over one-third of the worlds population is connected through this one social media platform. Those 3 billion users average around an hour per day scrolling, clicking, liking, watching, posting, and uploading. It is evident that we crave connection. At NazFamily Church we are less concerned about social media connections, and more concerned about connecting people with God. Join us for Connection Sunday this weekend to discover ways we can deepen our connection with God.

Now Enrolling - Nazarene Christian Academy and New Hope Christian School are now enrolling students for the 2021 - 2022 academic year. Our students experience a fun, safe, and loving environment where they can grow emotionally, socially, spiritually, and academically. Contact us at (432) 263-0203 for more information.

Help 2 Heal - Join us for our Help 2 Heal seminar on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be counselors and leaders from Rays of Hope and our local community who will resource and equip parents to navigate some of the challenging issues our children and youth face today. This is a free event, with lunch and children's activities provided. We simply want to bless and help families in our community. Go to our website - www.nazfamily.org - to register.

Elephants in the Church - We know it is there, but no one wants to talk about it. How will people respond? It's uncomfortable and challenging. For too long, we have avoided difficult conversations in the church. The longer we ignore them, the bigger the elephants grow. If you've wondered how to address issues like politics, pornography, sexuality, mental health, or racism from a biblical perspective, then you won't want to miss this new series starting in September. It is time to discuss the Elephants in the Church. FPC of Big Spring

Sunday Sermon Podcast

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information.

We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

First 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 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.

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 at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!

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:

Starting Sunday, Sept. 5 - Coming soon. We will be back to two services! We will have an on-site 9:30 a.m. and an on-site 11 a.m. Worship Service available.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Aug. 29, 2021 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl, Vicar Roever or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

The readings for this Sunday are Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9, Eph. 6:10-20, and Mark 7:14-23. The psalm is Psalm 119:129-136.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are beginning a new bible study. Please come and join us.

Bobby Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Par-

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Choir practice was cancelled last week because of lack of attendance. Singers are needed to have a choir.

Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Lectionary passages for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost are: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; James 1:17-27. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. The sermon topic is "Choosing My Religion" Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. Rev. Cross is teaching the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class, which meets in the Tent Room. The Discovery Class is pursuing a study, t Think Like Jesus, authored by Randy Frazee. Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study, which will continue through mid-September

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

Choir Practice is at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Come and help us make a joyful noise!

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Alive in Christ

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We invite you to join our

Worship Service this Sunday!

Or us join virtually at

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Bible Study: 6:30

The Session meets in the Library at 6:00 p.m. on August 26.

DIGITAL OPPORTU-NITIES

WEBSITE: fpcbigspring.com

Church Calendar

Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday)

Video Devotional (Wednesdays)

Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays) Sunday Sermon Podcast

Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring

YouTube Channel:

Sunday, Aug. 29– Jesus is the Good Shepard that leaves the 99 and goes after the one! We must be like our Father and go after the one. When see people are hurting on the side of the road do we stop to help them? Do we take intentional steps to set aside our differences and help them be raised up into their God given calling and living a transformed life! Make plans to attend our on-site service at 11 a.m. to learn how to Go After the One!

Wednesday, Sept. 1 – Join us ONSITE this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word.

Let us explore the Bible together and see what it tells us about the God who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

Tuesday, Sept. 14- Marriage Enrichment will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the ARC for our Ice breaker gathering. Marriage Enrichment is a 10-week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage. If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you. Here is how you can sign up: (1). Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2). CCC Text only 432-218-2610 (3). www. cccbigspring.org (4). Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

Please join us every Sunday at 11 a.m. (onsite) and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (on-site) 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 e-mail us at info@ cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www. cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.



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RELIGION

Something to think about...

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all..." ~ 2 Corinthians 5:14a

As I thought about what it means for us to partici-



pate in God's mission, I was reminded of a short story Ernest Hemingway wrote. In it, he told of a Spanish father and his teenage son who had a strained relationship. The son was named Paco, and at one point he seriously wrongs his father. In his guilt and shame, Paco runs away from home and finds himself wandering the streets of Madrid.

RICHARD

The father desperately searched SCHNEGERGER all over the city for his son. He was afraid he may never see his boy

again. In a last ditch, desperate attempt, the father took out an ad in the local newspaper El Liberal. The ad simply read: "Paco, meet me at the Hotel Montana at noon on Tuesday. All is forgiven! Love, Papa."

The father in Hemingway's story prayed that his son would somehow see the ad; and then maybe, just maybe, he would come to the Hotel Montana. On Tuesday, just before noon, the father arrived at the hotel.

When he did, he could not believe his eyes. There were over 800 young men that showed up hoping to be reunited to their father. It turned out that each of them was named Paco, and each of them had come to meet his own father. They all longed to find forgiveness and reconciliation in front of the Hotel Montana.

All they needed was an invitation. How many "Paco's" do we cross paths with every day?

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." \sim 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Jesus told a similar story about a lost son revealing our Heavenly Father's heart for his lost chil dren.

Home can sometimes feel a million miles away. Many are not sure if they are welcome any more. We get to be the ad, the sign, the message from God for the lost and broken in our world that says: "Whatever you have done, all is forgiven! Please come home! Love, Papa."

How can we become a clear message from the Father for the "Paco's" of this world? May we help others find their way home this week!

Faith in a violent world

The rapid collapse of the Afghanistan government and its fall to Taliban control has sent chills throughout the world. We are haunted by the desperation written on thousands of Afghan faces huddled at the Kabul airport seeking escape. Our hearts and our prayers go out to them.

Why is the world so broken? Why does violence stalk every generation? Why does this continue?

My grandfather fought in France during the First World War. But twenty years later the world was engulfed in another global conflict and the "War to End All Wars" was largely forgotten. Since WWII America has been at war in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and several other lesser known places.

James explained violence this way: "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not Bill have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel." (James 4:1-2). TINSLEY

Jesus was under no illusion regarding our circumstances. He said, "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See

that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

(Matthew 24:6-7). "In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cour-age, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

It is difficult to imagine the violence and cruelty of the first century. Crucifixion was common under Roman rule. More than 2,000 Jews were crucified and displayed on Galilean roads about the time Jesus was born following a revolt led by Judas ben Hezekiah. As far as we know every one of the Apostles, except John, was martyred. In spite of this, they lived their lives with hope, joy and peace.

Often persecuted and suffering for his faith in Christ, the Apostle Paul gave us this instruction: "We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people," (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15).)

It is easy to give in to the relentless stream of negative news: wars, violence, abuse and natural disasters. Many see dark clouds gathered on the horizon with little hope for the future. But faith can withstand the most dismal circumstances

For every act of violence, we can find a thousand acts of kindness. Every overwhelming flood unleashes a greater flood of human kindness, courage and sacrifice. The same can be said for every terrorist attack and every war. God is present. Goodness will triumph. He will not leave us nor abandon us. The righteous will not be forsaken. Nothing can destroy the life of the spirit in Christ Jesus.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinslevcenter.com. Email bill@tinslevcenter.com

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians

5:21



This is probably one of the most amazing verses in all of the Bible because it tells us so many things about salvation. It tells us that God made Jesus to be sin for us. This means that on the cross, Jesus literally became our sin. Jesus did no sin (He was perfect and sinless), however,

He became the embodiment of every single sin which has ever been committed by human beings – past, present and future. If this were not written and recorded in Scripture, it would be a blasphemous statement. The radicality of what this verse says is in fact the hope of the gospel. Jesus didn't die for sinners with small, token sins, He died for real, hardboiled sinners with exceedingly sinful sin. And because of this fact, all of our sins have been forgiven.

Sin For Us Let me tell you what this means. It means that our sin no longer matters. Yes, sin is sinful, and sin is bad, but it is no longer a determining factor in whether or not God loves, justifies, sanctifies, accepts or blesses us. I recommend that you stop sinning, but don't stress over your sin, don't let it keep you up at night, because in God's eyes, your sin isn't even an issue. But why did God make Jesus to be sin for

> us? So that we could focus on something other than our sin, and thus, be made free. In Christ, we no longer live by religious rules and regulations because God made Him to be sin for us. And now, being made free from the Law, our focus is our fellowship with God. We don't worry about being too sinful, because now, our main concern is - are we trusting His grace enough? We don't work to sin less; we strive to trust Jesus more and to take His easy yoke and light burden. We don't think about how bad our sin is, but rather, we meditate on the greatness and goodness of God's grace. We are not sin-focused, we are grace-focused because God made Jesus to be sin for us.

All things are temporal

By JOELEE LUDINGTON

2 Corinthians 4:18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things

As I look back and see how much change there's been in my past and present, with knowledge increasing. I think has knowledge improved the quality of life. I believe with knowledge more challenges have arise. We all know according to God's word knowledge is power.

the world. I say that to say this people are so busy working day in and day out, only to know so much. and so little.

It's like the world has set a stage of woe.

But today, it's in your power to change things through prayer. Prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Remember little eyes are watching you ... little feet are following your steps ... little hands are praising you. Make a change ... pray.

SLOAN

What am I allowing God to answer?

By AMANDA DUFORAT

When we hit the hard times in our life we tend to lean in even closer to God.

I am guilty of it.

When things are going right, I to often get complacent, and at times find myself going through the motions. But then, life happens. Trouble stirs in the waters around me, and it's a quick right turn to want so badly for God to tell me what to do.

I know I'm not alone in the feeling, but it's on my heart to share some thoughts. I know God knows me, and that He embraces me no matter how I come to Him.

I also know He never stops speaking to me, and to admit that means, I just stop listening. He isn't the one that goes silent or walks away - that's on me. I have to own that reaction.

I find myself, in the hard times saying, "God just tell me what to do. Speak to me God ... let me hear an audible voice and give me direction."

But, I look back and notice I don't say that when things are going right. When the good things in life take place I'm not asking God to tell me what the next step is. Instead, I find myself getting comfortable in the goodness of God. I find myself getting comfortable in the fact that I can take a moment and breath because life isn't going crazy around me.

I was thinking and praying the other day and it hit me, why don't I ask to hear God's voice in the good times? He still has a plan for me when things are going right. He is still using those moments to shape the next, to prepare

for the next hurdle that will come, to refine me for the next level that He chooses to carry me into.

Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's hearet deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

I have learned we can plan out to 'perfection' and God will quickly show us and redirect us to a different plan.

In the good days, and even more so on the bad days (at least in my life) I find myself trying to direct my own path. The human part of me takes over and says 'Lord this is what I want to happen and make a way.'

The struggle comes when I hit the bottom and I want so badly to hear God's direction, but what I've never realized is God is speaking to me, and the real prayer shouldn't be to hear his voice, but to hear His voice and be strong enough to be obedient and follow His instruction.

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know - we know in our heart, we know because God tells us - that all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called - He's speaking to us, He's telling us, - according to His purpose.

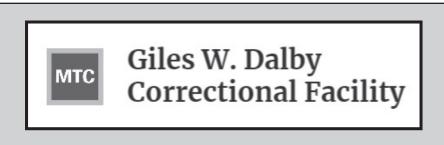
So really, I guess my struggle comes down to ... do I have the faith to trust Him, and will I be bold enough to be obediant.

I would say I walk by faith - most days - but what I realize is I need to walk by faith everyday. Maybe, God is speaking to me and just maybe He is telling me, the hard times, the chaos is the door to hearing his answer - But the beauty of God is He allows me to decide when to open the door.



which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal. But the things which are not seen are eternal.

How we use that knowledge to add our lives is left up to us. If God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge so is



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Big Spring Steers set to open season at Vernon

BIG HERALD

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers open the 2021 season on the road as they will travel to

face off against the Vernon Lions. Any time you open the season on the road, it's always a challenging task. Not to mention that the trip to Vernon is over three hours. This should be a good litmus test for the Steers as they look to have a history-making season this year.

Vernon is coming off a tough season last year as they had a record of 2-9. Following the tough season, the Vernon Lions hired a new head coach. Kevin Sherrill is coming over from Sonora. Sherrill led the Bronchos to a 4-7 record last year and a playoff berth.

This by no means is an easy game for the Steers right out of the gate, but I can promise you they will rise to the challenge. The Steers have had a very impressive pre-season; they have played very well in both of their



scrimmages. Star QB Gabriel Baeza leads this team, which can be a coming party for the senior QB.

This will be a game in which the Steers will be able to show what they are

made of. At the same time, Vernon is rebuilding; if you will, they still lineup and will be playing hard. Call me a homer, but I do expect the Steers to dominate this game on both sides of the ball.

I know this is a long drive to kick off the season. Still, heck, if you can make it, let us all come out and support this team in what is just the beginning of what could be a great season.

I genuinely believe that this game is just a kickstarter for a season that could go down in history for the Steers.

Baeza is a leader of men, and this team is set up for what could be one of the best in the program's

Big Spring hosts Helmet and Heroes













Courtesy photos The Big Spring Steers Football team hosted its annual Helmets and Heroes event on Thursday evening. Parents, players and coaches gathered together to prepare their

helmets and make memories. This is an annual event that helps form camaraderie amongst the team for the coming season.

NFL's vaccine rate at 93%, mandatory shots were discussed

By ROB MAADD

I AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL says 93% of players are vaccinated for COVID-19 and the league wanted mandatory vaccination but the NFLPA wouldn't agreed to it.

The league also has asked the players' union to adjust protocols so vaccinated players would be tested weekly instead of every 14 days. Unvaccinated players are tested daily.

NFLPA president JC Tretter, a center for the Cleveland Browns, said earlier this week the decision not to make vaccination mandatory was done by the league. But league officials disputed that assertion.

"We've been discussing mandatory vaccination from the start," NFL deputy general counsel Larry Ferazani said Thursday. "In fact, we took the lead and required staff and coaches to be vaccinated in order to have access to a player. Beginning at that point, we began banging the drum for what (the NFLPA's) experts also concede is the single greatest way that we can protect the players and the staff, which is to get to a 100 percent vaccination level. That was our request from that, and we would still love to see that mandate go into effect tomorrow."

NFL officials also do not have a vaccine mandate.

The league reported 68 positives cases out of 7,190 tested individuals between Aug. 1-21. The 0.95% incidence rate is lower than in most communities.





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Today in History is Friday, Aug. 27, the mob prevented an outdoor

Today is Friday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2021. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 27, 1776, the Battle of Long Island began during the Revolutionary War as British troops attacked American forces who ended up being forced to retreat two days later.

On this date:

In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted with a series of cataclysmic explosions; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra

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concert headlined by Paul Robeson from taking place near Peekskill, New York. (The concert was held eight days later.)

In 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson accepted his party's nomination for a term in his own right, tell-ing the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Let us join together in giving every American the fullest life which he can hope for.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, man-ager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an accidental overdose of sleeping pills; he was 32.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion

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In 1998, two suspects in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya were brought to the United States to face charges. (Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-'Owhali (moh-HAH'-mehd rah-SHEED' dah-ood ahl-oh-WAHL'-ee) and Mohammed Saddiq Odeh (sah-DEEK' oh-DAY') were convicted in 2001 of conspiring to carry out the bombing; both were sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2001, Israeli helicopters fired a pair of rockets through office windows and killed senior PLO leader Mustafa Zibri.

In 2005, coastal residents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway

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in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

In 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

In 2009, mourners filed past the closed casket of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Jaycee Lee Dugard, kidnapped when she was 11, was reunited with her mother 18 years after her abduction in South Lake Tahoe, California.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Irene, after striking Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, pushed up the U.S east coast, prompting evacuations in New York City and leaving major flood damage in Vermont.

Five years ago: Republican Donald Trump warned of a 'war on the American farmer," telling a crowd in Iowa that

rival Hillary Clinton wanted "to shut down family farms' and implement anti-agriculture policies; Trump's speech at the annual "Roast and Ride" fundraiser for GOP Sen. Joni Ernst came hours after Clinton received her first national security briefing as the Democratic presidential nominee.

One year ago: Speaking on the White House South Lawn, President Donald Trump accepted his party's renomination, blasting Joe Biden as a hapless career politician who would endanger Americans' safety and painting a grim portrait of violence in American cities run by Democrats; Trump spoke for more than a hour to a tightly-packed and largely maskless crowd. Hurricane Laura roared ashore as a Category 4 storm near Cameron, Louisiana, bringing 150 mile-an-hour winds, torrential rains and a storm surge as high as 15 feet; the storm, one of the strongest ever to strike the U.S., would leave

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more than 20 people dead in Louisiana and Texas. A white supremacist who slaughtered 51 worshippers at two New Zealand mosques, Brenton Tarrant, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole; it was the first time that maximum available sentence had been imposed in New Zealand.

Today's Birthdays: Author Lady Ántonia Fraser is 89. Actor Tommy Sands is 84. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D Crowe is 84. Actor Tuesday Weld is 78. Actor G.W. Bailey is 77. Actor Marianne Sagebrecht is 76. Country musician Jeff Cook is 72. Actor Paul Reubens is 69. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 68. Actor Peter Stormare is 68. Actor Diana Scarwid is 66. Rock musician Glen Matlock (The Sex Pistols) is 65. Golfer Bernhard Langer is 64. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 60. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 60. Movie director Tom Ford is 60.



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Jupiter Nudge

The fifth planet from the Sun is over two and a half times bigger than the rest of the planets combined. It follows that Jupiter is associated with expansion, exponential growth and massive fortunes. The current position of Mercury in vigilant Virgo to lucky Jupiter is a nudge to check on the soundness of our investments

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because there is always more to learn, you're seldom bored. The exception is the case in which circumstances disallow you to follow your curiosity. A restriction will lift -- hoorav!

TAURUS (April 20-May a fascinating position. The next 48 hours are marked by boldness and unpredictability. Because no one, not even you, is sure how this will go, all eyes are on you. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you martyr yourself in the name of friendship, you'll only end up resenting your friend. The best reason to make a sacrifice is for how it defines you to yourself. CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's hard to see the value of an opportunity on its face. You must proceed down the winding corridor in hopes it actually leads somewhere good. Even if you have to turn around and go back, at least your curiosity will be satisfied. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a keen instinct for when to get in and out of things. If you're in it, it's because you want to be. To stick with something because of the sunken costs would be a prideful mistake. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes boldness and self-awareness, but if you dare ask for what you want, you'll save yourself from countless hours of struggle and frustration. If they can't do it, you'll know quick. If they can... satisfaction! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In today's endeavor, you cannot have both perfection and practicality. Pick one. Hint: happiness is choosing options existing within the realm of possibility. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a purpose behind your communication and behavior, though not everyone will understand it. Spell it out and get the support you need. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Social scientists suggest most untrained people do not read emotional expressions as accurately as they think they can. It's worth it for you to make special efforts to tune yourself into the feelings of others. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When others around you don't acknowledge the reality you are experiencing, question

it. Maybe they are afraid. Maybe they are waiting for the leader. Say what's on your mind; speak the truth

you see AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the case of incompatible desires or mutually exclusive agendas, no amount of persuasion will alter the course. You know where you stand. What you encounter is not worth bending for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Efforts are rewarded, though not always by their reciprocation. An attempt to connect will result in something positive, regardless of whether the connection actually takes place.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 27). Your craving for excitement will be satisfied repeatedly. You won't have to go far to find a new world; there's one behind every

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door you come to. At the turn of the year, you'll devote yourself to a single purpose. Publicly declare your intentions to gain the focus, motivation and support necessarv to make them real. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 5, 22, 18 and 12.

WEEKEND LOVE FORE-

CAST: ARIES: You'll see results because you focus all of your energy in one direction. TAURUS: Your love life will be fun-filled. A glamorous adventure awaits. GEMINI: Issues of territory arise. Honor people's need to be powerful in their own realm. CANCER: Maybe you're not exactly sure what you want, but you know what you don't want, and that's a solid start. LEO: Ask for help from a person who has been where you are and turned the situation into a success story. VIRGO: Your mood is friendly, and you are open to making new social contacts. LIBRA: A kinship builds as you let others know what you like and what you believe in. SCORPIO: You feel willing to make an effort for a special relationship and even to change yourself to some degree. SAGITTARIUS: Your romantic gesture will be well received now and mirrored later. CAPRICORN: Remind yourself of your positive qualities and you'll lead with them when the spotlight is on you. AQUARIUS: You know how you want to be treated. Treat yourself like that and others get the hint. **PISCES:** Leave semantics out of it. With the words out of the way, you will know the truth.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-**END**: Taurus and Virgo are as natural a fit as can be had, their talents locking in like the teeth of a zipper to form a tight closure on the fabric of the relationship. These two get along best when their respective family and social groups get along, too. The only danger to the easy meshing of their shared earth-sign values will be

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

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Dear Annie: My

wife has been on pain medication for almost a decade, and it has turned into a serious addiction. I have to monitor her pills weekly -- though, recently, it's been daily. She hasn't worked at all the last decade, ever since she started getting prescribed the painkillers. She lays in bed all day long, sleeping or watching TV. I've bought several safes to lock away her pills in so that I can only administer to her what she needs. She's broken into all of them. I keep the pills with me at all times so that I can make sure she doesn't take too much. She's constantly deriding me, blaming me for her not having enough pills. She always pleads,

"Just give me tomorrow's pills tonight." She has now brought our adult children into this mess by trying to make them pick sides in this ongoing fight, but the kids know she has a problem! I have brought up rehab several times, but she dismisses the idea and claims she doesn't need it. This past year, I got her an appointment with a therapist. It was just online, through videoconference, and my wife completely blew it off, barely paying attention to the therapist. After 25 years of marriage, I'm about ready to file for divorce. Help! --Tired of Mother's Little Helper

Dear Tired: Of

course you're exhausted. You're living in the tides of addiction, but you don't have to be

subject to the constant push and pull. To find some grounding, I strongly encourage you to check out Nar-Anon (https://www.nar-anon. org) or SMART Recovery Family and Friends (https://www.smartrecovery.org/family). You cannot neglect your own mental health.

As for your wife, she clearly has a severe opioid addiction and needs professional help. You and your adult children may choose to do an intervention in order to make the strongest possible case to get her into an in-patient treatment facility. She will need the supervision of medical professionals if she's going to detox. Call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at 800662-4357 for guidance and to be referred to resources in your area.

Dear Annie: I have been working at the same company for 12 years, and I haven't gotten a raise in five years. I never got in the habit of asking for them, because they used to give me a small salary bump every other year. But that petered out when a new CEO took over.

A few months ago, I was at lunch with two co-workers when the subject of salaries came up. I asked them if they'd received any pay bumps in the past few years, and they both said that they had. This gave me the guts I needed to ask my supervisor to meet with me. I presented a list of my accomplishments

over the past four years and said that I believed I had earned a raise. He said that pretty much no one was getting raises anymore, at which point I tentatively mentioned (without naming names) that I'd heard some other employees had received raises. He got visibly angry and told me that I should never discuss my salary with another employee at the company and asked me to leave his office immediately. After that, I dropped the issue. But now I'm wishing I'd pushed back and am considering asking him for another meeting. Am I crazy? -- Taken for Granted

Dear Taken: It's a violation of the National Labor Relations Act for employers to forbid employees from dis-

cussing their wages. Contact the National Labor Relations Board at 1-844-762-6572 for guidance on what recourse you may have. Whatever comes of that, it might be time to dust off that resume. Because, beyond being illegal, your boss's behavior is just plain old disrespectful. You'd be better off working for a company that recognizes your worth.

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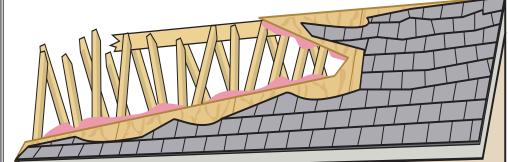
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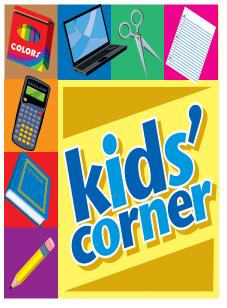
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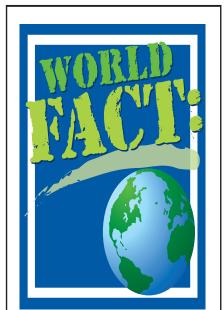
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2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades. North leads the K-Q of diamonds and then the jack, which you ruff. You play the A-K of trump, both opponents following suit. How would you continue?

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1. Win the heart lead with the king, draw all the missing trumps and cash the A-K of spades, hoping to catch the singleton or doubleton queen. If the queen does not fall, lead the ten of diamonds to the ace and return the queen from dummy, planning to discard a spade if South follows low. The overall chance of success with this method of play is about 60%.

If you were to stake the outcome strictly on either a finesse in spades or in diamonds, you would have little more than a 50% chance for the grand slam.

Note that it is far better to play South for the king of diamonds than North. This is because you can trap South's hypothetical king regardless of how many diamonds he was dealt, while if you finessed successfully against North by overtaking the ten of diamonds with the jack, you could not catch his king (by cashing the ace and ruffing a diamond) if he started with more than three diamonds. With eight diamonds in the opposing hands, the chance of felling the king in this way is significantly against the odds.

2. The only concern is the possibility of losing two club tricks. This can't happen if the adverse clubs are divided 3-2, so all your thoughts should be concentrated on dealing with a 4-1 or 5-0 club division.

To assure the contract, cash the A-K of hearts and lead a low club to dummy's jack. If South wins with the king, he must return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, you're sure to score the rest of the tricks.

If dummy's jack wins the first club trick, you should next return a low club from dummy toward your remaining Q-9-3! If South shows out on the trick, you can play any club from your hand to assure the contract. North wins but is endplayed. If South follows suit on the second club lead, you are equally sure of losing no more than one club trick.

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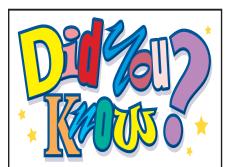
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Sports

Sale and Dalbec lead Red Sox to 12-2 rout of Twins

By DOUG ALDEN

Associated Press

BOSTON- Red Sox ace Chris Sale joined Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax as the only pitchers on record with three immaculate innings, Bobby Dalbec homered twice and Boston beat the Minnesota Twins 12-2 on Thursday night.

Dalbec drove in seven runs and Rafael Devers hit his 30th homer, a two-run shot during a five-run sixth that helped the Red Sox put away the Twins and seal Sale's third victory in as many starts since his return from Tommy John surgery.

"Today was probably the best my mechanics have been start-to-finish. I really felt like I was staying on top of the baseball. I really kind of found it out in the bullpen before the game," Sale said.

Sale (3-0) pitched 5 1-3 innings, striking out eight and allowing two runs on two hits. Willians Astudillo's two-run homer in the fifth accounted for the only runs the Twins managed off Sale.

Astudillo ended up pitching, too, moving over from third base to start the bottom of the eighth and giving the Twins' actual relievers a breather on a hot night with a flight home still to go.

Dalbec's three-run homer in the second off of John Gant (4-8) gave Sale some early cushion and started an offensive outburst for the struggling Red Sox, who outhit the Twins 9-3 and drew eight walks.

In Sale's three starts, Boston has outscored its opponents 34-4.

"The biggest thing I've got going for me right now is offense," Sale said. "That gives myself and the pitching staff a little bit more breathing room to be aggressive. I'm definitely appreciative of that."

The Red Sox hit multiple homers for the fourth straight game, but the highlight of the night was Sale's ninepitch third inning. Sale, whose first immaculate inning came against Baltimore on May 8, 2019. He did it again the following month against Kansas City, then joined Koufax in the third inning Thursday when he struck out Nick Gordon, Andrelton Simmons and Rob Refsnyder on three pitches each. Refsnyder was fooled badly by a slider in the dirt on the final pitch of the inning.

"It was a tough night all the way around. It really was. We faced a guy just coming off an injury and a rehab, but still one of the better pitchers in baseball that you're going to see," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

Koufax completed his immaculate innings for the Los Angeles Dodgers between 1962-64. Sale was the first Red Sox pitcher to do it at Fenway Park since Pedro Martinez on May 18, 2002 against Seattle.

BOBBY D!

Dalbec's first homer reached the second row of seats atop the Green Monster in left field and put Boston up 3-0. His second came on a line drive in the seventh that just cleared the yellow line on top of the 37-foot wall and pushed the lead to 12-2.

Fans chanted "Bobby!" after he rounded the bases and continued the chant until Dalbec climbed back out of the dugout to answer the curtain call.

ALL-PURPOSE

Sale didn't allow a hit until Ryan Jeffers' one-out single in the fifth, which Astudillo followed quickly with his seventh homer of the season. Astudillo belted an 0-1 slider with a drive that bounced off the very top of a billboard standing above the Green Monster.

Astudillo wasn't done for the night, although that was his only hit. Down 12-2 midway through the eighth and with nothing to gain, manager Rocco Baldelli called upon his third baseman to take over on the mound. It took him 20 pitches, most of which floated in around half the speed Sale and Gant were throwing a few hours earlier, but Astudillo finished without allowing a hit or run.

"We didn't get a ton going today offensively. We struggled throw strikes and that's a tough combination," Baldelli said. "If we're going to give free passes to good teams, we're going to end up with a result like we got today. There's not a ton to really say about it."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Twins: IF Jorge Polanco was out of the lineup with soreness in his back. Manager Rocco Baldelli said the Twins planned to give Polanco, who homered for the second straight game Wednesday, a day off this week and Thursday seemed best. "He probably wants to be in the lineup, too, but we were going to pick a day and today's the day," Baldelli said

Red Sox: Placed OF Hunter Renfroe on the bereavement/family medical emergency list Thursday, causing a shuffle in the lineup. Boston recalled Jarren Duran from Triple-A Worcester and started him in center field. Kyle Schwarber, who was supposed to make his first start playing first base since joining the Red Sox last month in a trade with Washington, stayed at DH and J.D. Martinez played left field. Xander Bogaerts, who snapped an 0-for-13 slump with a ninth-inning single Wednesday night, was out of the lineup and replaced by Kiké Hernández.

UP NEXT

Twins: LHP Andrew Albers (0-0, 2.25 ERA) makes his first start and just second appearance of the season in the opener of a three-game homestand against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodríguez (9-7, 5.19) starts for Boston as it opens seven games in seven days on the road, starting with a three-game series at Cleveland.

Standing pat: Pac-12 decides it will not explore expansion

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer The Pac-12 said Thursday it will stand pat with its membership and not look to expand the 12-team conference, making it highly unlikely that the Big 12 schools being left behind by Texas and Oklahoma will find new Power Five homes.

The announcement came two days after the Pac-12, Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten pledged to work together on governance issues and scheduling agreements in football and basketball.

The formation of a three-conference alliance came a little less than a month after the Southeastern Conference invited Texas and Oklahoma to join the league in 2025. The move would coincide with the end of the Big 12's current television contract.

With Pac-12 expansion off the board, and both the ACC and Big Ten stating publicly that they are content with their current membership, the eight remaining Big 12 schools appear to have limited options beyond sticking together.

"The decision by Texas and Oklahoma led to significant instability in college athletics and I don't think instability is good for college athletics, particularly given all the other issues that are facing us right now," Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff told The Associated Press. "I think you heard my colleagues in the ACC and Big Ten agree with that position that we need to bring a stability back

to college athletics."

The past few months have brought a wave of significant events in college sports, from a stinging Supreme Court ruling in an antitrust case to the advent of college athletes as paid sponsors.

Meanwhile, the NCAA is in the process of sweeping reform as it tries to redefine its mission and there is a proposal in the pipeline to expand the College Football Playoff from four to 12 teams.

The SEC's move to add OU and Texas led to widespread speculation that it could trigger a wave of conference realignment across the rest of the Power Five.

Just days after the planned move of Texas and Oklahoma became official, Kliavkoff and Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby met and discussed whether the the Pac-12 and Big 12 could possibly work together to benefit each conference. Nothing ever came of that, and the Big 12 was left out of the alliance

Between the alliance and the Pac-12's standing pat, the threat of widespread school poaching seems to have subsided — at least until the Big 12decides its next move.

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