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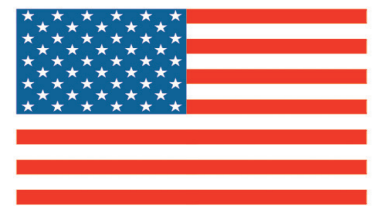
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Upcoming Events

Dedication of the "P.J. the D.J." Pavilion in memory of the late P.J. Dominguez will be Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. in ABC Park, located in the 1200 block of West Fourth Street.

Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be Dec. 11 from 3-6:30 p.m. Includes hayrides caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, coffee, cocoa, popcorn, cookies. Event sponsored by the Coahoma Lions

Senior Citizens Dances held third Friday of every month at 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Next dance is Dec. 17. Entry fee is \$5, includes a snack. For more info call 517-9097.

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By **MARK WILLIS**

Special to the Herald

DECEMBER 6TH, 6:30 p.m., AT HOWARD COLLEGE
 Want to know what the leaders of Howard County have planned for the future? If so, most of those leaders will be on hand for the Howard County Leadership Summit at the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Sonic Floor at 6:30, December 6th to discuss their vision for their particular governmental entity and potential opportunities to work together with other governmental entities to realize those visions.

The start of 2022 will be challenging for all of Howard County and those in a positions of leadership. With the loss of approximately 600 jobs associated with the private prison facilities in Big Spring, the first quarter of the coming year

will require cooperation of all the governmental agencies to address the resulting hardships many will face.

Fortunately, the energy sector is in recovery mode and the City is working with partners to potentially secure a contract with U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) that might allow the facilities to reopen as detention centers. However, this is far from certain and additional action will be required regardless of the success of this effort. It is doubtful an ICE contract would result in reestablishing all 600 jobs and there would likely be a substantial gap period to reconfigure the facilities for the new use.

On December 12th Howard College hosted a job fair largely targeted to the employees effected by the closure and there will probably need to be more such events in the future. Beyond that, these events highlight the need for Howard County to further diversify its economic base and some of the steps proposed to do that will be included in the program.

The program will provide each entity with up to 15 minutes to layout their plans and strategies for the coming year and beyond, followed by responses to questions from citizens at the event.

Largely because of the Covid pandemic, communications within and between government entities in Howard County have suffered. Coming out of the pandemic there will be more opportunities for economic growth in our region, but to be successful it will require everyone to work together. Howard County and the City of Big Spring will be competing with the larger and often better resourced communities in the surrounding region.

Big Spring does have certain location and logistical advantages, but to successfully compete will demand cooperation and coordination between everyone. The goal of the summit is to facilitate reestablishment of the lines of communication strained by recent history and promote better partnerships throughout the county, as well as ensuring that citizens are kept in the loop.

Broughton Foundation Continues to Invest in the College and Community

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'Tis a season of thanks and Howard College is grateful to the G.C. Broughton, Jr. Foundation (the Foundation) for their most recent donation of \$80,000 to provide computer lab updates in the joint Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) and Dental Hygiene Program lab and some new patient chairs for the Dental Hygiene department.

"We are so thankful for partners such as the G.C. Broughton, Jr. Foundation that are devoted to improving things for our students," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "They continue to invest in our students, our college, and our community and their generosity goes a long way in helping our students reach their potential."

Additionally, the Foundation, along with the Maria Hoag Estate, donated funds for an Anthony Hunt Library renovation on the Big Spring campus several years ago. This project is ready to commence and will get underway in the coming months.

The Foundation has been a big part of helping the college

and students recover from the pandemic through their ongoing financial support. Most recently, the Foundation provided scholarships for nursing students to cover tuition, fees, and books and they also provide other scholarship funds for students outside of the nursing program.

The ag program has also been the beneficiary of the Foundation through the donation that built the G.C. Broughton, Jr. Ag Complex.

"Howard College is always grateful for donors who work with us to support our students," said Sparks. "We want to make sure they have cutting edge equipment in programs, spaces that are conducive to learning, and financial support for scholarships."

The G.C. Broughton, Jr. Foundation is a longtime friend and partner of the college, having provided donations for the various projects that encompass these areas.

G.C. Broughton, Jr. was born and raised in Howard County and led a life dedicated to the agriculture industry. He also served as a member of the Howard College Foundation Board. In 1983, he established his foundation to continue service to

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'They become our family:' US farming couple rescues Afghans

By **JULIE WATSON**

Associated Press

FERGUS FALLS, Minnesota — The U.S. soldiers called them "Caroline's guys." They transformed farms in a war zone - risking their lives for the program she built, sharing her belief that something as simple as apple trees could change the world.

The university-educated Afghans helped turn land in an overgrazed, drought-stricken and impoverished region in eastern Afghanistan into verdant gardens and orchards that still feed local families today.

In the process, the 12 agricultural specialists, all traditional Afghan

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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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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

Take Note

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The event will include hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee and hot cocoa, and popcorn and cookies. Sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• The St. Vincent De Paul Community Project Christmas Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main St. The event will feature a drawing with prizes. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used to assist the needy in the community through the Community Project's food pantry and financial assistance programs. Those in the community are invited to sell knickknacks, goods, crafts and delicious food at the event. For more information, call 432-606-5000.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is December 17. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association

is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530)

Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is neces-

sary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 18 "Holiday Spectacular"; Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23.

The remaining concerts will all take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspring-symphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18.

Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org



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FAMILY

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men, formed a deep, unexpected bond with their boss, an American woman who worked as a U.S. Department of Agriculture adviser in the region for two years.

Now Caroline Clarin is trying to save them one by one, doing it all from the 1910 Minnesota farmhouse she shares with her wife, drawing from retirement funds to help a group of men who share her love of farming.

Clarin has helped get five of her former employees and their families into the U.S. since 2017, while her wife has helped them rebuild their lives in America.

Since the Taliban seized power in August, texts from those remaining have grown more urgent and Clarin says she can "feel the panic increasing" as winter approaches and food shortages grow. She has stepped up her efforts, working endless hours, diligently tracking their visa applications. She calls senators to apply pressure so they don't languish like the thousands of other visa applications in the backlogged system for Afghans who supported the U.S. government during the long war.

She's driven by fear her team will be killed by the Taliban, though the new government has promised not to retaliate against Afghans who helped the U.S.. She also wants to give them a future.

Since U.S. forces withdrew, more than 70,000 Afghans have come to the United States and thousands are languishing at U.S. military bases as resettlement agencies struggle to keep up.

Clarin knows she cannot save everyone, but she's determined to help those she can.

After she left Afghanistan in 2011, she was consumed by anger over her program being gutted as the U.S. government changed its priorities.

"When I got on the plane, it was like leaving my family on the helipad," she said. "I felt like I deserted them."

The most recent of her friends to escape was Ihsanullah Patan, a horticulturist who waited seven years for a special immigrant visa. After he texted her that two of his close friends had just been killed, Clarin withdrew \$6,000 from a retirement fund to get him and his family on a commercial flight to Minnesota before the Taliban took control of the country this summer.

When Clarin picked them up at the airport in Minneapolis at midnight for the three-hour drive back to Fergus Falls, she was consumed with joy.

"It was like my son came home," she said.

Patan arrived in Minnesota with saffron, Afghan almonds, and 5 kilos (11 pounds) of Afghan green tea to share. He also gave Clarin and her wife, Sheril Raymond, seeds of Afghanistan's tender leeks for their garden.

He was the first member to join Clarin's team after she was sent to Paktika province. A confident, young university graduate, Patan spelled out what was needed in the region. It would become the basis of her program: Seeds, trees and the skills to plant gardens and orchards.

Patan considers Clarin and her wife family. His three sons and daughter call them their "aunties."

In fact, he's decided to live in nearby Fergus Falls, a town of 14,000, instead of moving to a larger city with an Afghan transplant community.

Surrounded by farmland stretching to the North Dakota border, the town's skyline is dominated by grain elevators and the spires of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a reflection of the region's Scandinavian roots.

The only other Afghan family in town is his cousin's. Sami Massoodi, who has a degree in livestock management, also worked for Clarin's team in Afghanistan and arrived in 2017. He and his family lived on their farm before they got established in Fergus Falls.

"In Fergus Falls, they have really good people, really friendly people," Patan said as he drives his minivan down the tree-lined streets to pick up his 5-year-old daughter at a Head Start program.

It is a place where neighbors pay unannounced visits to say "hi" and people greet the postmaster by name. It is also staunchly Republican. Fergus Falls is the county seat of Otter Tail County, which voted twice for former President Donald Trump.

But people in town say friendships and family take precedence over political views, and there is broad empathy for the struggle of immigrants since many people's parents, grandparents or great grandparents came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Only months after they arrived, the Patan family already feels at home in large part because of Raymond.

She helped enroll their kids in school, find a dentist for 9-year-old Sala's infected tooth, and sign Patan up for car insurance, something that was new for the 35-year-old.

She lined up English classes and state and federal services for new immigrants. She drove Patan an hour to the nearest testing site for a driver's license. After he failed twice because his English was not proficient enough, he asked if there was a test in his native Pashto language, like in Virginia and California. There wasn't. So Raymond found a site, another hour away, that would allow him to review his errors. On his third try, he passed.

Clarin has tracked down a sheep on craigslist for Eid, while Raymond watched YouTube videos on how to slaughter livestock according to halal principles, since the closest halal butcher is an hour away in Fargo, North Dakota.

For Patan, they have been a comfort in a strange place.

"When we are going to their house, we feel like we went to Afghanistan and we are going to meet our close relatives," he said.

He longs for his homeland, the family festivities. Patan's wife makes their traditional dishes still, like Bolani Afghani, a fried, vegetable-filled flatbread that Clarin enjoyed with him in Afghanistan.

Over there, Patan and her team were the ones helping her feel at home.

It was the longest she and Raymond had been apart since they started dating in 1988.

Raymond, who cares for the chickens, pigs and other animals on their farm, would do video calls often, staying online even after Clarin had fallen asleep.

Two years after Clarin returned, they married in August 2013 when same-sex marriage became legal in Minnesota.

Homosexuality is still widely seen as taboo and indecent in Afghanistan, where same-sex relations are illegal.

Yet, none of the Afghan families have asked about their marriage or expressed judgment, the couple said.

Patan calls them his "sisters."

"We have a lot of respect for them," he said.

Both Clarin and Patan speak passionately about farming, describing in detail how to get a good apple crop and ward off disease.

Clarin arranged for the U.S. military to take her team in convoys to remote areas to train farmers, empowering Afghans to teach each other skills.

They lined canals to ensure clean water. They worked with farmers to plant trees and build stone barriers to control flooding. They distributed seeds to 1,200 families, who have since shared seeds with more people.

The program trained about 5,000 farmers in Paktika from 2009 to 2011. They provided growers hoop-houses, apple trees, pruning equipment and small grants. They taught farmers tangible solutions, including using buckets with drip lines to irrigate gardens and conserve water.

The Taliban tried to sabotage the trust they built with farmers, Clarin said. Once, an explosive blew up in a red bucket like the ones they used for irrigation.

Patan has stayed in contact with some of the farmers in Paktika and proudly shows photos on his iPhone of the tiny stems he distributed that are now trees several feet tall. One farmer texted him

to say his harvest is feeding his family as millions of others in the country face severe hunger.

That offers some solace after seeing his homeland fall to the Taliban. It feels good he said to know his work left something lasting and that "the people can still benefit from it. We educated one generation and those fathers will tell it to their sons."

Patan misses his career back in Afghanistan. Most U.S. employers do not recognize degrees from Afghan universities so he plans to return to school to earn a U.S. degree. For now, he is training to be a commercial truck driver, a field flush with opportunities: There were 21 job openings in the area when he started his classes this month.

He wants a local truck route to stay close to home, but it will still be challenging for his family. His wife, Sediqa, does not speak English, nor does she know how to read or write, and does not feel comfortable going out by herself.

She also does not drive.

When she started learning English online, she was at "ground zero," said her teacher, Sara Sundberg at Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

"When she came, she didn't know what to do with a pencil. We had to show her. She held it kind of like a Henna tube," said Sundberg, holding together her thumb and index finger tightly at the tip as if squeezing something.

Five months later, her handwriting is "meticulous," and her pronunciation is excellent, Sundberg said. She's even learning to say Minnesota with the long "oooo."

"I'm teaching her how to communicate with the community and I want people to understand her," Sundberg said. "Everything is brand new for her."

Sediqa is slowly gaining confidence in speaking with her teacher, but with others she is silent, smiling and staying back with her children.

Everything is new for their children, too. Patan's sons befriended a neighbor boy and jumped for the first time on a trampoline.

His oldest son, Maiwan, decorated his first pumpkin, while his two younger sons wore their traditional Afghan clothes because their teachers told them that on the Friday before Halloween the kids could "dress up," something that was lost in translation but went unnoticed as the other kids excitedly showed them their costumes.

They look forward to the weekends with their "aunties" at the farm.

On a warm October Saturday, Clarin jogged next to 12-year-old Maiwan driving a small tractor as Ali and his 9-year-old brother, Sala, dug in the dirt for worms with their cousins, giggling and chatting incessantly in Pashto.

"They are kinda free," Patan says of his kids now, recalling how bomb blasts in Kabul caused them to miss school more than once.

They still carry the trauma. When fireworks were shot off for Fourth of July this summer, Patan called his cousin in a panic and asked if Fergus Falls was being bombed.

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the Howard County community.

Following his death in 2001, his widow, Jean Broughton-Powell,

has carried out his original mission while expanding the reach to other areas of interest which includes support of the health-care industry as well. Joining her on the board is Jim Weaver, John Grant, Dr. John Marshall

and Clif Talbot.

For more information about Howard College, visit howardcollege.edu or contact Cindy Smith csmith@howardcollege.edu or 432-517-0073.

Take Note (cont.)

• 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 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 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.

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Church News

NazFamily Church

This Sunday: Prepare the Way
Decorations are being pulled out of attics everywhere and lights are coming down from closets across the city to be untangled and tested. Someone, somewhere is searching for that one burned out bulb today. Stores are full of Christmas displays and familiar music is beginning to play on the radio. These are the sights and sounds of this season. Whether you can believe it or not, Christmas time is upon us. People everywhere are preparing in their own way to celebrate with family and friends. It is a time of preparation, a time of expectation, a time of hopeful anticipation. Join us this Sunday as we begin the Advent Season and find the creative power of hope.

35th Annual Live Nativity
With all the hustle and bustle in this season, we invite you to come, slow down, and be reminded why we celebrate Christmas. NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity on Dec. 10, 11, 12 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.

Connect
If you would like to begin a vibrant relationship with God as a follower of Jesus, or if you would like to learn more about how you can get involved at NazFamily Church, one of our pastors would love to talk to you. Please contact us at church@nazfamily.org.

Blessings ~ Pastor Richard

College Baptist Church

What a great celebration of Thanksgiving we had Sunday evening as we gathered together in an attitude of gratitude toward those who should mean the most in our world. Pastors, veterans, and Jesus especially should be among those we need to be thankful for. Our "Gathering" church body, welcomes you as old and new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us at College Baptist Church--We are open:

- *Sunday morning -- 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages
- *Worship time is at 10:45 a.m.

- *Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m.
- * Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts at 6 p.m.

Fellowship meal between 6 and 6:45
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.
Children meet for King's Kids and Krafts.
Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services.

Come join in the fun as we celebrate this Thanksgiving and our winter season, serving our Lord. Services for November 28, 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 is always a joy to welcome new faces. Our services are lively and worshipful.

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 know 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 to the end of this year and into 2022, 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!

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 on Sunday's (onsite) @9:30AM & (onsite & online) 11:00AM.

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

Sunday, November 28th- Many of you serve as leaders or as vital team members. Maybe, you are business owner, charge nurse, shift supervisor, coach, pastor or perhaps you have recently started a business or a non-profit to benefit your community. But you are in need of building a strong and unified team & you're needing wisdom.

Join us Sunday at 9:30am or 11:00am for Worship, Fellowship, Word of God & Prayer as Pastor Willard starts a brand new 3-week series entitled, "BEFORE JERICHO".

Saturday, December 4th- Join Men's 41 Prayer Breakfast @ 7AM in the ARC. We strive towards building a community of faithful men who are equipped to lead themselves and their families on a closer walk with God. On our journey, we will learn what it means to be godly servant-leaders and challenge each other to pursue that life. Men of all ages are invited to join us for a great time of food, fun, fellowship and the Word of God.

Monday, December 6th- Join us for (FAR) Far Above Rubies women's night from 6-8PM in the Youth Sanctuary for our Annual Ornament Exchange. Our desire is to foster an environment and opportunity for women to grow in their relationship with Christ and connect with other women. Bring your favorite dish to share, a wrapped ornament, a friend and your bible as we enjoy a night of fun, food and fellowship together.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, 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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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 wor-

ship 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.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian Church wishes the Big Spring community a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day. Despite the difficulties of the past two years, God has enriched us beyond our imagining with the opportunity to share grace in the world.

Our community food drive collection of donated Turkeys for Thanksgiving were successful. Now we are collecting Turkeys for Christmas. These collections will feed the community through the Howard County Resource Center.

Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Sunday the 28th is the first Sunday of Advent and our scripture readings will be: Luke 21:25-26 and Jeremiah 29:1,4-14. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: A Long time There. Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. Rev. Cross teaches the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class. The Discovery Class begins the study, Act Like Jesus, authored by Randy Frazee, which will continue through October. Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study

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

We invite people of all denominations to take advantage of our digital spiritual resources that are available on our website and on our Facebook page. Last week, we added a new podcast which is a quick commentary on the scriptures for the week. All our digital publications, from the video devotionals to the daily prayer podcast to the new commentary podcast, prepare us for the upcoming Sunday's worship.

WEDNESDAY

The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m.
The History Lectures meets at noon.
The Lectionary Bible Study, meets at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

DIGITAL SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

- Church Calendar
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Website: fpcbigspring.com
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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.

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.

Everyone is invited to join us for our 2021 Fall Fire Conference November 7th-9th. Jonathan Suber will be ministering on Sunday, November 7th at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bobby Rivera will be ministering on Monday, November 8th and Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7pm on both evenings.

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/onesisterhoodbig-springtx/

YOUTH of Life will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Life Church Campus. For more information about YOUTH of Life follow their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/youthofLifeChurch

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 5-8. Our Pre-Teen class serves those ages 9-12. 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

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Pope after US Christmas parade crash: May good overcome evil

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis sent his condolences Tuesday to the victims of the Christmas parade crash in Wisconsin that killed five people and said he was praying for "spiritual strength which triumphs over violence and overcomes evil with good."

The Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, sent the telegram of condolences on behalf of Francis to the archbishop of Milwaukee, Monsignor Jerome Listecky.

Francis asked that those affected by the "tragic incident" know he is spiritually close to them, and called on "the Lord to bestow upon everyone the

spiritual strength which triumphs over violence and overcomes evil with good."

Police say Darrell Brooks Jr., 39, was behind the wheel of the SUV that sped through the parade route Sunday in the city of Waukesha, killing five people and injuring 48 others in that Milwaukee suburb. Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson said Brooks was leaving the scene of a domestic dispute that had taken place just minutes earlier.

One of the pending legal cases against Brooks at the time was that he had deliberately hit a woman with his car in early November after a fight.

Something to think about...

When our children are given a gift, we often repeat the well worn phrase, "What do you say?" They immediately know the appropriate response to that question, "Thank You!" I'm convinced most of us want our children and grandchildren to have a sense of thanksgiving in their hearts for all the little gifts that life offers, and we begin to teach them while they are young. In fact, before our children could even talk, my wife and I taught them the signs for "please" and "thank you." Yes, we want our children to learn respect and manners, but it is about more than manners – it is about a deeply held conviction that gratitude should shape our lives as the people of God.

"Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and the truth that all of life gift. In the past I always of gratitude as a spontaneous to the awareness received, but now I realize gratitude can also be lived pline. The discipline of is the explicit effort to edge that all I am and given to me as a gift of to be celebrated with Henri Nouwen be deceived, my dear and sisters. Every good

and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." ~ James 1:16-17

When we understand every blessing in our life is a gift from God, we move beyond lip service to something deeper, something we call "thanks-living." Psalm 100 tells us, we enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. It is this attitude of gratitude that opens us to a deeper experience of God's presence, provision, and power in our lives. In this season may we learn to truly give thanks and get full!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

REFLECTIONS: Thanksgiving and Black Friday

By Bill Tinsley

Special to the Herald

Thanksgiving and Black Friday

Its that time of year: crisp and cool mornings, children kicking through leaves scattered about the lawn, football stadiums packed with cheering fans, parades with marching bands and the smell of turkey baking in the oven. Once again, after the Covid interruption, laughter fills our homes where family and friends gather around the table. I like Thanksgiving cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and I like dressing. Those with southern roots cook corn bread keys go, but my wife's corn learned the recipe from her chopped boiled eggs, broth, never figure out. With gib-



BILL TINSLEY

After missing the third quarter of we regain consciousness enough for leftovers, load up again, and thankful soul. By Friday the try-

have worn off. And now we are business of the American holiday season: shopping.

Black Friday isn't what it was. Online shopping and some stores opening their doors on Thursday have taken some of the zap out of it. At its peak, lines would form in front of Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Target on Friday long

before the first gray light of day. A few spent the night camped out in tents on concrete sidewalks. Our pilgrim fathers knew nothing of this. They hunted and harvested and cleaned and cooked, but they never stood in lines in front of glass doors waiting for the opening bell. They never rushed through aisles searching for treasures that were sure to disappear. They never stood in check out lines that stretched to the back of the store. They had it easy.

Fifty years ago, we eased into Christmas. No one had heard of Black Friday. We used Friday to digest the Thanksgiving feast. It was a quiet day, the day after we gathered at Grandma's with cousins and kin. Christmas decorations were not yet up. We savored the season. But today, we are jolted from Thanksgiving into Christmas.

Black Friday seems to symbolize our rush through life, our efforts to get the best deal, to be first in line. It seems to represent the commercialization of Christmas and threatens to turn Thanksgiving into a season of "thanks getting." Don't get me wrong. I like a good deal and deep discounts. I want the American economy to thrive. But, along the way, I hope we cultivate a thankful heart and grateful spirit that is not measured by the sum of what we can get at the cheapest price.

May the words of the Apostle Paul echo in our heart throughout the holiday season, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15).

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

Faith Comes By Hearing

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

Have you ever heard the phrase – seeing is believing? Well, that's not what the Bible says. God's Word says – hearing is believing. It doesn't say that faith comes by works, or by seeing miracles. Faith which comes by any means other than hearing, is not true, Biblical faith. If seeing were believing, then, why didn't the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day believe



TOM SLOAN

on Him? They saw all of Jesus' miraculous works in real time. If anyone should've believed, surely it would have been the scribes and the Pharisees,

because Jesus' miracles erased all doubt as to whether or not He was the Son of God. Even though Jesus preached the Word of God to them, they did not believe, because they were constantly searching for a miracle that would prove that Jesus is the Son of God. However, all of the miracles that Jesus performed were not sufficient to produce faith in their hearts because they totally ignored His words. They demanded more signs, wonders and miracles of Jesus. Even when He was nailed to the cross, they said – if you are the Son of God, if you are the King of Israel, come down from the cross, and we will believe.

True faith doesn't need to see anything; it only needs to hear the Word of God. True faith doesn't demand a miracle, a work or an emotional high. I have learned that I don't even have to "go and sin

no more" to have faith in God. I know that this is totally contrary to religion. But we aren't talking about religion, we are talking about faith. And trust me when I say that there is a world of difference between the two. Religion demands works, faithfulness, moral purity, tithes, baptism, diets, days, and an endless list of rule-keeping as a prerequisite for faith. But Romans 4:5 says: "but to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness".

That which we receive by the hearing of faith (salvation, sanctification, blessings) cannot be taken from us by anything or anyone, because faith is a work which God performs in us when we hear His Word. And so, I come to the conclusion that faith itself is the true miracle.

CHURCH

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First Christian Church

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

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

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

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

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water Worship Service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!

A new brick program has been started. Those who would like to know more information about the thankful brick program can contact Pastor Brian at 469-978-7547.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Last Sunday of the Church Year Nov. 21, 2021

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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 am 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.

We are holding a blood drive on Saturday, December 11, from 9am-1pm. Please stop by and help to save a life!

The readings for this Sunday are Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Jude 20-25, and Mark 13:24-37. The psalm is Psalm 93.

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.

Phillip Reid 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 Parish 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.

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College football picks: Big stakes from ACC to Mountain West

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer
So much to be decided heading into this week's Thanksgiving college football feast.

Let's sort it out, conference by conference.

Atlantic Coast Conference: No. 20 Pitt is locked into the conference championship game and will face No. 21 Wake Forest, No. 24 North Carolina State or Clemson. Wake is in with a win. N.C. State takes the Atlantic Division with a win and a Wake loss. If both lose, Clemson gets to the ACC championship for a seventh straight season.

American Athletic Conference: No. 4 Cincinnati will play No. 19 Houston. Where the game will be played will be determined by whether the Bearcats win Friday at East Carolina.

Big Ten: The winner of Michigan-Ohio State takes the East. Wisconsin takes the West with a victory and Iowa takes it if the Badgers lose and the Hawkeyes win. If both lose, that opens the door for Minnesota and also makes Purdue's result relevant, though the Boilermakers can't win the division.

Big 12: Oklahoma State is in. If Oklahoma beats Oklahoma State, the conference title game is a rematch next week. If Oklahoma State wins and Baylor wins, it's Cowboys-Bears.

Conference USA: No. 15 UTSA has clinched a division and will play the winner of the Western Kentucky-Marshall game.

Mid-American Conference: Northern Illinois will play the winner of Saturday's Miami, Ohio, at Kent State game.

Mountain West: Lots of possibilities but the biggest game is Boise State at San Diego State, kicking off at 9 a.m. PT on Black Friday. The Aztecs host the conference title game with a victory. Even with a victory, Boise State needs help to clinch its division because Air Force holds a tiebreaker.

Pac-12: Utah has the South clinched. Oregon wins the North by beating Oregon State, but a loss sends either the Beavers or Washington State to the conference title game for the first time.

Southeastern Conference: Georgia vs. Alabama is set, but both need to take care of some rivalry business first.

Sun Belt: Same as above for Appalachian State and No. 23 Louisiana.

The picks, with links from FanDuel Sportsbook.

THURSDAY

No. 8 Mississippi (plus 1 1/2) at Mississippi State
Last time the Egg Bowl was on Thanksgiving night both coaches ended up getting fired within a month and a half ... OLE MISS 31-28.

FRIDAY

No. 4 Cincinnati (minus 14 1/2) at East Carolina
CFP is truly in the Bearcats' grasp ... EAST CAR-

OLINE 27-24, UPSET SPECIAL.

Colorado (plus 23 1/2) at No. 16 Utah
Utes have won the last four meetings by an average of 23 points ... UTAH 42-14.

No. 17 Iowa (minus 1 1/2) at Nebraska
Hawkeyes have beaten the Huskers six straight, but the last three have been by a combined 12 points ... NEBRASKA 23-22.

Boise State (minus 2 1/2) at No. 22 San Diego State
Broncos have won four straight to surge back into the conference race ... SAN DIEGO STATE 20-17.

North Carolina (plus 6 1/2) at No. 24 North Carolina State

Tar Heels trying to play spoiler and salvage an otherwise disappointing season ... NORTH CAROLINA 34-28.

Missouri (plus 14 1/2) at No. 25 Arkansas

Is this a rivalry? Razorbacks have won last five and six of seven since the Tigers joined the SEC ... ARKANSAS 35-24.

SATURDAY

No. 1 Georgia (minus 35 1/2) at Georgia Tech
Since the Yellowjackets beat the Bulldogs in Kirby Smart's first season as coach, Georgia has won three straight by an average of 33 points ... GEORGIA 45-7.

No. 2 Ohio State (minus 9 1/2) at No. 6 Michigan
Jim Harbaugh is 0-5 as Michigan coach against the Buckeyes. Is this the year he breaks through? ... OHIO STATE 38-31.

No. 3 Alabama (minus 19 1/2) at Auburn
Tide has lost three of its last four trips to Jordan-Hare stadium, but the Tigers are in on a three-game losing streak that's taken a lot of the juice out of the Iron Bowl ... ALABAMA 31-14.

No. 5 Notre Dame (minus 19 1/2) at Stanford
Cardinal (3-8) trying to avoid worst season since 2006 ... NOTRE DAME 35-13.

No. 10 Oklahoma (plus 4 1/2) at No. 7 Oklahoma State
Sooners have dominated Bedlam, going 14-2 since Mike Gundy has been coaching the Cowboys ... OKLAHOMA 28-27.

Texas Tech (plus 14 1/2) at No. 9 Baylor
Are the Bears going to be back in the market for a head coach? Dave Aranda is drawing interest from all over ... BAYLOR 35-17.

Oregon (plus 2) at No. 11 Oregon
Ducks are 2-2 against the Beavers Mario Cristobal ... OREGON 31-24.

Penn State (minus 1 1/2) at No. 12 Michigan State
Nittany Lions can't run the ball but might not have to against the Spartans' leaky secondary ... PENN STATE 27-24.

No. 13 BYU (minus 6 1/2) at Southern California
Trojans don't appear to have much fight left for

this loss ... BYU 42-31.

No. 14 Texas A&M (minus 6 1/2) at LSU
Could be Ed Orgeron's last game as Tigers coach, unless they go to a bowl ... TEXAS A&M 27-17.

No. 15 UTSA (minus 10 1/2) at North Texas
Roadrunners trying to stay unbeaten ... UTSA 28-14.

No. 18 Wisconsin (minus 6 1/2) at Minnesota
The most played rivalry in major college football with 130 meetings ... WISCONSIN 23-17.

No. 19 Houston (minus 32 1/2) at UConn
Former AAC rivals, which sounds weird ... HOUSTON 42-14.

No. 20 Pittsburgh (minus 13 1/2) at Syracuse
Orange have lost two straight and are still one victory short of bowl eligibility ... PITTSBURGH 28-20.

No. 21 Wake Forest (minus 4 1/2) at Boston College
With QB Phil Jurkovec back for BC, Eagles have a chance to play spoiler ... BOSTON COLLEGE 35-31.

Louisiana-Monroe (plus 21 1/2) at No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette
Ragin' Cajuns won the rivalry game by 50 last season ... LOUISIANA 42-17.

TWITTER REQUESTS
Clemson (minus 11 1/2) at South Carolina — @treys842

Tigers have won six straight in the Palmetto Bowl, the last four by blowouts ... CLEMSON 28-14.
Western Kentucky (plus 1 1/2) at Marshall — @philturney

With just an average game, Hilltoppers QB Bailey Zappe could reach 5,000 yards passing and 50 TD passes ... WESTERN KENTUCKY 35-31.

Rutgers (plus 1 1/2) at Maryland — @EppingerKevin

Winner becomes bowl eligible ... RUTGERS 27-23.
Florida State (plus 2 1/2) at Florida — @SteveWildeN

Another game where the winner becomes bowl eligible; that's a long way from the Bowden vs. Spurrier days ... FLORIDA STATE 24-21.

Washington State (minus 1 1/2) at Washington — @bwolf4

If the Cougars can break a seven-game Apple Cup losing streak, it might land interim coach Jake Dickert the gig long-term ... WASHINGTON STATE 20-17.

UMass (plus 6 1/2) at New Mexico State — @dacon1508

Two victories between the Minutemen and Aggies ... NEW MEXICO STATE 24-20.

Brady, SB champions shift attention to solving road woes

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Winning for the first time in nearly a month was a relief for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who now face the challenge of finding a way to regain their mojo on the road.

The Super Bowl champions are 5-0 at home this season compared to 2-3 away from Raymond James Stadium, where they haven't lost a game since last Thanksgiving weekend. They finished last season on an eight-game winning streak that included three road playoff wins.

This year, they've been an entirely different team on the road, where turnovers, costly penalties and inconsistency on defense have made it much more difficult to win.

Monday night's 30-10 victory over the New York Giants stopped a two-game skid that seemed longer because surprising road losses to New Orleans and Washington were wrapped around the team's bye week.

"As Dorothy would say, there's no place like home," coach Bruce Arians said, noting his team played smarter and with a sense of urgency and passion that was absent the previous two games.

"It's never been easy on the road," Arians added. "It's not just us. It's everybody."

The Bucs (7-3) will aim to reverse the trend when they visit the surging Indianapolis Colts (6-5) on Sunday. Arians reiterated it's not difficult to figure

out what his players need to do better to end the road woes.

"We have to protect the football. Protect the football, eliminate the penalties and we'll be fine," the coach said.

"For us right now, it's being able to take this game, build off it and take it on the road," Arians added. "Hopefully, start winning on the road the rest of the way."

WHAT'S WORKING

Tom Brady avoided his first three-game losing streak since 2002 by rebounding from turning over the ball five times in losses to New Orleans and Washington to throwing for 307 yards and two touchdowns against the Giants. That boosted his season totals to 3,177 yards passing and a league-leading 29 TDs.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The Bucs continue to lead the league in passing offense. But Brady could use more help from the running game. Leonard Fournette gained 35 yards on 10 attempts and Ronald Jones contributed 33 yards on eight attempts. The team rushed for 94 overall, but 10-yard runs by Brady and receiver Mike Evans accounted for a big chunk of that.

STOCK UP

CB Sean Murphy-Bunting was activated from injured reserve after being sidelined since Week 1 with a dislocated elbow. He played well enough against the Giants to envision the secondary evolving as a strength again once Carlton Davis returns from a quadriceps injury.



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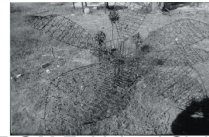
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How to handle the return of Black Friday

The holiday season figures to feel more familiar in 2021 than it did a year ago, when a global pandemic forced people to change how they celebrated and shopped.

Though the pandemic is not yet in the rear-view mirror, the rollout of a trio of effective vaccines should make it possible for millions of people to celebrate

safely this holiday season.

A return to normalcy should be welcome news for local retailers, and Black Friday could start the beginning of a busy and lucrative holiday season. With a more normal holiday season on the horizon, shoppers may benefit from a refresher course on how to get the best Black Friday deals.

- Start early. Black Friday may not begin until the day after Thanksgiving, but savvy shoppers know that

many retailers post or leak their sales well in advance of the big day.

Various websites are devoted to helping consumers find the best Black Friday deals. Many such websites update their listings as retailers release more sales information.

Consumers can bookmark Black Friday websites and then periodically visit them to learn about the latest deals.

- Comparison shop. Getting a head start on Black Friday shopping also affords shoppers a chance to comparison shop. PriceGrabber.com makes it easy to compare deals from a wide range of retailers on everything from appliances to furniture to pet supplies.

- Confirm when stores open. Many retailers abandoned midnight store openings on Black Friday a year ago.

Such decisions were made to protect public health and they may remain in place in 2021. Though it might be a family tradition to visit a retailer in the wee small hours of the Black Friday morning, the pandemic has changed the holiday shopping landscape.

So confirm when stores open and close before crawling out of bed in the dark this Black Friday.

- Utilize curbside pickup to avoid crowds. Shoppers who are still nervous about COVID-19 don't have to sit Black Friday out for the second year in

a row.

Various retailers started offering curbside pickup during the pandemic and that option has proven so popular that it's stuck around even after vaccines became widely available.

Shoppers with unvaccinated children at home or those who simply want to avoid crowds can safely land great deals by opting for curbside pickup this Black Friday.

Black Friday figures to feel more normal in 2021 than it did a year ago. Consumers can capitalize on Black

Friday sales by revisiting some old shopping strategies and embracing new ones as the 2021 holiday season begins.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	?		

What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ K2 ♥ 10983 ♦ 64 ♣ AQJ84
- ♠ A5 ♥ 1092 ♦ QJ743 ♣ Q65
- ♠ Q107 ♥ J6 ♦ QJ104 ♣ AJ72
- ♠ KJ94 ♥ 10 ♦ KQ962 ♣ Q63
- ♠ 3 ♥ AJ854 ♦ 1093 ♣ KQ87

- Three hearts.** Responses by a player who previously passed fall into a different category from those made by a player who did not initially pass. Obviously, an original pass denies the values for an opening bid, so the opener need not bid again if he thinks game is either impossible or highly unlikely. Here, a two-club response would not compel partner to bid again, whereas if you had not passed originally, the change of suits would be 100% forcing. The jump-raise to three hearts, while highly encouraging, is also not forcing, but it is much more likely to induce a further bid from partner than a response of two clubs.
- Two hearts.** The choices are one notrump, two diamonds or two hearts, none of which forces a rebid from partner. The heart raise is preferred because it has more chance of stirring him into bidding again, since the announced trump support will increase the value of his hand.
- Two notrump.** Ordinarily, this would indicate 13 to 15 points, but after an initial pass, the jump to two notrump shows 11 or 12 points.
- Two diamonds.** You have enough points to respond on the two-level, so there is no reason why you shouldn't bid your longer suit first. You plan to bid spades next if partner rebids two hearts, thus informing him that you have more diamonds than spades. Game is unlikely if partner passes two diamonds.
- Four hearts.** Since 10 tricks seem highly probable even if partner has a minimum opening bid, you shouldn't run the risk of his passing a three-heart bid. You should always avoid inviting partner to go to game when you are reasonably certain in your own mind that a game can be made. In such situations, just bid the game yourself. (If you play "splinter" bids, a jump to three spades, indicating heart support plus a singleton or void in spades, carries the same message.)

Tomorrow: A two-edged sword.
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ANSWER: THANKSGIVING

What's the Difference?

There are three differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Spoon missing 2. Leaf on table 3. Extra wine glass 4. Fruit on top of sweet potatoes

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NOV 25

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ITALIAN: Tacchino
FRENCH: Dindon
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ANSWER: PUMPKIN PIE

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Annie's Mailbox

Exclusion From a Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Dear Annie: My brother has been dating a woman for several years, and they recently became engaged. I do like her, but here is my issue: She is another nationality, and her family (in another country) does not like her dating a "white guy." They refer to him as "white trash," though he is well-educated and makes good money.

She has a very active Facebook page and posts pictures of her dogs, her friends, pictures of herself -- not him -- from vacations they take together. But not once, ever, has she mentioned my brother

and through. After all, no matter what we share or how often we post online, it'll never tell the whole story of who we are.

Dear Annie: Regarding "Full-Grown Adult," the 38-year-old who left an abusive relationship to move back home with her mother. Perhaps she needs to see that she moved from one abusive controlling relationship right back into another. She likely grew up in a home where there was controlling behavior that led her to choose someone who was also controlling. In an effort to retain control, abuse develops. A way out is to recognize controlling behaviors in others (and ourselves) in order to

change ourselves. Not only spouses, but family and friends. A good motivation for her might be that she is allowing her children to learn that this behavior is "normal" as well. Until the pattern is seen, it cannot be changed.

An excellent resource is a book "Stop Controlling Me! What to Do When Someone You Love Has Too Much Power Over You" by Richard J. Stenack Ph.D. She should also get in touch with her local domestic abuse center or by calling the domestic abuse hotline at 800-799-SAFE.

I broke the pattern, and she can, too. Hope this helps. -- Concerned

Dear Concerned: Thank you for your valuable perspective. It's true that the mother of "Full-Grown Adult" is showing controlling behavior, and this might be an indicator of further abuse. The resources you suggest will surely be helpful to her and/or to other readers who suffer due to controlling spouses, friends or family members.

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Top rivalries: Iron Bowl, The Game, Army-Navy, Red River

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The best college football rivalries can change over time depending on the state of the programs involved.

Go back 25 or 30 years and Miami-Florida State probably would have been near the top of most lists. Nowadays, while still heated and entertaining, 'Canes-'Noles just doesn't capture the attention of the nation the way it did when at least one those two was at the top of the sport.

Of course, some rivalries have just gone away altogether. For decades, Nebraska-Oklahoma was a lock to be one of the biggest games of the season. Texas-Texas A&M, too. Conference realignment has relegated those to the history books.

The Associated Press asked 42 sports writers and broadcasters to rank the five best rivalries in college football, with points given on a sliding scale (five for a first-place vote, four points for second, etc.).

Four longstanding series separated themselves from the rest according to the results released Tuesday. The top two, as it happens, will be renewed this weekend, with high stakes on the line for three of the four teams involved.

ALABAMA-AUBURN (165 points, 18 first-place votes)

Nickname: Iron Bowl.

Trophy: Foy-ODK Sportsmanship Trophy, named after James E. Foy, a former dean at both schools.

Meetings: 85, Alabama leads 47-37-1.

Signature moment: The Kick-Six, one of the most memorable plays in the history of college football. Top-ranked Alabama was tied with Auburn at 28-28 and challenged to get 1 second put back on the clock for a 57-yard field goal try that came up short. Auburn's Chris Davis fielded the kick from the back of his own end zone and sprinted up his own jubilant sideline for a touchdown on the final play to send the fourth-ranked Tigers to the 2013 Southeastern Conference title game and eventually the BCS championship game.

Biggest upset: In 1972, No. 7 Auburn beat No. 2 Alabama on the strength of two blocked punts in what would become known as the "Punt 'Bama Punt" game.

MICHIGAN-OHIO STATE (150, 10)

Nickname: The Game.

Reward: Before the Big Ten split into divisions in 2011, the winner of the Michigan-Ohio State game earned the conference title 22 times. Bragging rights for these two massive fan bases also cannot be underestimated.

Meetings: 116, Michigan leads 58-52-6.

Signature moment: No. 1 Ohio State and No. 4 Michigan played to a 10-10 tie in Ann Arbor in 1973, creating a deadlock atop the Big Ten standings. The treasured Rose Bowl bid came down to a vote of conference athletic directors, won by Ohio State. Michigan' coach Bo Schembechler never got over it.

Biggest upset: In 1969, the Buckeyes entered the season finale No. 1 in the country and unbeaten, with eyes on a national titl. They were knocked off by a Michigan team that came in 7-2. This game kicked off what is known as the Ten Year War in the rivalry between Schembechler and Ohio State coach Woody Hayes.

ARMY-NAVY (125 points, 12)

Nickname: None needed.

Reward: Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, though Air Force also gets a say in where that resides.

Meetings: 121, Navy leads 61-53-7.

Signature moment: Less than a month after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Army-Navy played what turned out to be one of their most memorable games. Trying to upset Heisman winner Roger Staubach and the second-ranked Midshipmen, Army reached Navy's 2-yard line, trailing 21-15 in the closing seconds, but time ran out

Biggest upset: No. 2 Army was unbeaten under Hall of Fame coach Red Blaik entering the 1950 game with 2-6 Navy and carrying a 28-game winning streak. The Midshipmen won 14-2 and the rivalry began to shift in Navy's favor after a string of six years when Army didn't lose.

OKLAHOMA-TEXAS (88 points, 2)

Nickname (unofficial): Red River Shootout.

Reward: Golden Hat.

Meetings: 117, Texas leads 62-50-5.

Signature moment: Texas coach Darrell Royal accused Oklahoma and coach Barry Switzer of spying on his practices leading up to the 1976 game, which ended in a 6-6 tie and wound up being Royal's last in the rivalry. Years later,

Switzer conceded in his autobiography, that, yes, there was some spying going on for OU. The 1984 game was a memorable 1-2 matchup that ended 15-15. This year's wild Sooners' win deserves an honorable mention.



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