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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Big Spring Christmas parade will be held on Sat. Dec 4. The parade will begin at 3 p.m. It will start at Scurry Street from 24th, heading north to Fourth Street

The Big Spring Symphony's concert "Home Is Where the Heart Is" will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Scurry St. Tickets are on sale at www.bigspring symphony.org and at H-E-B, the Heritage Museum, and Karat Patch.

The Holy Trinity Youth will be hosting their annual Warm Up the Community project Saturday, Dec. 4. The event will be held in the Guadalupe Family Center at Holy Trinity Church from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

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### Plenty of Christmas fun this weekend in Big Spring it should be interesting

By DUSTIN POPE

Managing Editor

Even though it may not quite feel like it yet with the warm temps we have had lately, Christmas time is certainly right around the corner. And here in Big Spring, we have several things that you can go do to get some Christmas spirit and enjoy time with the family.

One of those annual traditions will be this Saturday, Dec 4. That's right; it's time for the Big Spring Christmas Parade.

The Christmas Parade is a Big Spring annual tradition. This year's theme is "Lights, Christmas, Action - Any Christmas Movie," which should make for an exciting time. Think of all of the holiday classics that can be made into a float. I hope that at least one float is made after the best Christmas movie of all time.... Die Hard. Okay, so let us get back to this parade. With the theme being any Christmas movies,



The Dance Lab had a lot of fun on their float during last for the kiddos — and year's Christmas parade.

candy will be thrown Courtesy Photo from some of the floats of course, some of the adults too.

to see what all the floats

The parade is this

Saturday, Dec 4, and

will start at 3 p.m. The

parade route will be-

gin at 24th and Scurry,

and travel north to the

Scurry and Fourth in-

tersection. There will

be plenty of roadside

seating available, and

will have to offer.

There will be judging going on for all the floats that are involved. First-place, second-place, and third-place trophies will be handed down in five categories: School; Non-profit/Civic/ Church; Commercial; Car/Club; and a Wild Card. After the parade, all the awards will be presented at the Heart of

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## Holy Trinity Youth hosting 11th annual warming up the community service project





Courtesy Photos

On Saturday, Dec 4, the Holy Trinity Youth will be hosting their 11th annual Warm Up the Community service project. This fantastic event will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Guadalupe Family Center within Holy Trinity Church, located at 1009 Hearn Street. There will be a variety of coats, blankets, and many more forms of warm attire. The Holy Trinity parishioners have donated all of the warm, comforting gear, which will be offered free to those in need.

### Big Spring school board redistricting plans underway

By ROGER CLINE

In a special meeting Thursday evening, the Big Spring ISD school board laid the groundwork for realigning its seven singlemember districts based on results of the 2020 Census.

The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a time for public comment. City Councilman Nick Ornelas tried to address the school board, but was informed that, since Thursday evening's occasion was a special meeting, members of the public could only address the board on topics relating to the meeting's business. Superintendent Jay McWilliams invited Ornelas to return at the next regular meeting to address the board.

Following the public comment section of the meeting, the board adjourned into executive session to meeet with attorney Fred Stormer of the Underwood Law Firm "...to receive advice concerning compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 regarding redistricting of single-member districts," according to the meeting's agenda. The closed session lasted approximately an hour.

Upon returning to open session, the Stormer offered a review of the 2020 Redistricting Report prepared by the Underwood firm.

Stormer reported that, since 2010, Big Spring has grown by about 1,600, from 23,813 to 25,447.

"You've also had an increase in your Hispanic population to 12,385 and a decrease in the Anglo population to 10,668," he said. "What we see here is really about a flip from the 2010 Census. Those percentages between Anglo and Hispanic were really the inverse. We had slightly more Anglos in 2010, and now we have slightly more Hispanics."

Stormer said that populations are shifting in different parts of

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### FUMC Christmas pageant this weekend

Special to the Herald

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will present its annual Christmas program this Saturday at 8 p.m., and again, Sunday at 6 p.m.

The free program, entited "Our Savior," is part of a three-part series, designed to be shown over three consecutive years.

The first year's show, "Part 1: Creation" tells the Christian creation story through the birth of Jesus, said FUMC Music Director Dan Kiley.



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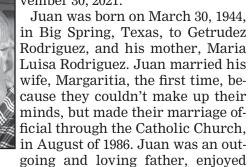


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### **Obituaries**

### Juan Montelongo "El Bear" Rodriguez

Juan Montelongo "El Bear" Rodriguez passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.



fishing immensely, watching westerns, listening to all kinds of music, eating sweets and scratching off lottery tickets. Juan was a great handyman and could fix just about anything, greatly enjoyed teaching his great-granddaughter Christian Raylynn how to speak Spanish, in his early years played bass guitar in the band, Continentals, and also in the church choir.

Juan's employment history was vast and numerous. His most treasured employers were Jimmy Hopper Toyota of Big Spring and Turner Proper-

Juan is preceded in death by his parents, Getrudez and Maria Luisa Rodriguez; his son, Luis Cisneros; sister, Merejilda "Mary" Cortez; and his niece, Melinda "Melie" Garcia.

He is survived by his wife, Margaritia Rodriguez; his daughter, Delores Cisneros (husband, Joe); his son, John Rodriguez (wife, Amy Attaway); and his daughter Michelle "Nigga" Rodriguez (husband, Gavino Ortiz).

He is survived by his grandchildren, Catherine Kelly (husband, Dickey); Christina Garner, Analysia Rodriguez, Mateo Rodriguez (girlfriend, Samara Daniels), Hannah Murphy and Mary Murphy; and his great-grandchild, Christian Raylynn Rodri-

He is survived in death by his brothers and sisters, Frances Parras (husband, Jose Gonzales), Cipriano Rodriguez (wife, Virginia), Jovita Hernandez (husband deceased), Ermelinda Garcia (husband, Augustine), Getrudez Rodriguez (wife, Patsy), Isabel Rodriguez (husband, Tony), and Ramona Marquez (husband, David). Juan is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the funeral service will be J.R. Rodriguez, Tony "Chunk" Rodriquez, Matthew Rodriguez, Hugo Hernandez, Augustine Hernandez, Thomas Hernandez, Honorable Pallbearers are John Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez and Gavino Ortiz.

Visitation will be on Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., with a vigil service 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services for Juan Rodriguez will be on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

A fund has been set up at Myers and Smith Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

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

Paid obituary

### Elizabeth "Liz" Strickland

Elizabeth "Liz" Strickland, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Joseph Tetis

Big Spring Fire Department/

•MEDICAL CALL was re-

ported in the 1200 block of E 11th

place. One person was transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical

EMS reported the following ac-

Joseph Tetis, 37, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Fire/EMS

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of NW 9th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

Center.

•MOSES OLIVAREZ, 32, of 107 E 17th St was warrant from another agency x2, unlawful possession of a firearm by felon.

•EVERETT DURIEL SHOCKLEY, 39, of Pampa Tx was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•MATTHEW ELISEL **DELAGARZA**, 30, of 1202 Wood St was arrested on a charge of warrant from another

•DUSTIN RAY RI-**LEY**, 32, of 3509 E I20 was arrested on a charge of forgery- check/credit

**HOUSTON**, 31, of 2400 less than \$750, warrant from another agency. •PETER

JOSEPH **HORTON**, 26, of 4901 Wasson Rd was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC more than 0.15.

•APRIL NICOLE **TURNER**, 27, of 309 NW 9th St was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 1G.

LINDSAY SHAY WOODS, 36, of 4 Indian Ridge was arrested on a charge of warrant form another agency.

•KELLY ERIN PITT-•EDRION PATRICK MAN, 34, of 705 E 15th

St was arrested on a S Main St was arrested charge of possession of on a charge of criminal controlled substance ported in the 1800 block arrested on a charge of  $\,$  mischief more than \$100  $\,$  more than 1G less than  $\,$  of S Gregg St.

> •ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

> •STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of E 11th Place.

•FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

•FORGERY was re-

•BURGLARY OF A **VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of S Scurry St.

•CRIMINAL MIS-**CHEIF** was reported in the 300 block of W 19th

### Ora May French Adams Ora May French Adams, 88, went to be with our

Lord on Saturday, November 27, Funeral services will take place

on Friday, December 3, at 1 p.m. at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie, Texas, with David Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood

Cemetery in Bowie.

Family received friends at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie, Texas, on Thursday, December 2, from 6-8

Ora was born December 8, 1932, to Ralph and Ethel French in Watertown, N.Y. She went to school in Louisville, N.Y., and was in the Women's Army Corps. She married Benjamin Warren

Adams on July 13, 1955, and they had five kids in their 25 years of marriage. She was preceded in death by her parents; her four brothers, Robert, Walter, Malcolm and Ivan; and her daughter, Debbie Stump.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children, Nancy Bishop of Gun Barrel City, Texas, Gary Adams and wife, Pam, of Bowie, Cindy Kelley and husband, Gary, of Bowie, and Vickie Adams and life partner, Vince Gray, of Big Spring, Texas; her grandchildren, Bobby Stump and wife, Cristiane, Stephanie Bien and husband, Jason, Ryan Bishop and wife, Ashley, Lee Adams and wife, Loraine, Rachel Glover and husband, Jason, Monica Lemons and husband, Troy; greatgrandchildren, Kennedy Harveston and husband, Braden, Kaitlynn Stump, Carli Stump, Rylan Bishop, Carsyn and Cameron Dyer, Adlee Adams, Jade Glover, Aivry Lemons, Mattie Lemons, Jacy Bien and Sara Bien; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

At the time of her death, Ora was a resident at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Retirement Home in Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Folds of Honor Foundation Department 13, Tulsa, Okla., 74182, or by visiting https://foldsofhonor.org.

Arrangements entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie, Texas.

Paid obituary

### Scott "Pops" Klarer Scott "Pops" Klarer, 61, of Big Spring died Tues-

day, Nov. 30, 2021.

A private family celebration will be at a later

Pops was born Dec. 12, 1959, in Peekskill, N.Y.,

to Arnold and Ilene Klarer. He grew up in New York and spent 23 years in Big Spring. Pops was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He

was a tattoo artist for over 40 years. He and his wife owned Mom & Pop's Tattoo Shop for 16 years. Pops is survived by his wife, Terri Myrick;

three daughters, Kristina Myrick, Katlin Myrick and Jocelyn Myrick; two sons, Keith Myrick and Isaac Myrick; two sisters, Marilyn Pauze and Sara Klarer: four grandsons: and 1 granddaugh-

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Big Spring.

"What we've seen probably from 2010 is a large migration of residents out of District 2 – that had a decrease of just over 1,100 residents – and District 7 had an increase to 1,382 residents. So where that puts us is a deviation of over 68 percent. Now, under the Voting Rights Act...we want to keep that deviation under 10 percent. So clearly we need to redistrict."

Stormer explained that realignment of the district borders is needed to equalize both the number of residents in each district, and properly distribute population groups.

"We are going to come up and evaluate certain

plans that equalize the population between all seven districts, and distribute that population so that we can preserve minority voting groups and allow the population a fair chance at electing a candidate of their preference," Stormer said.

Stormer explained several of the criteria in developing redistricting plans.

"We want to redraw the district boundaries so that deviation that's currently over 68 percent is below 10 percent," he said. "So we want the population equalized between all seven districts. We want to redraw those district boundaries so that they are compact and that they are contiguous. We don't want them funny-shaped and spread out all over the place to the extent we can. Now obviously, in the rural areas around the city, those are going to be larger districts and they won't be quite as compact."

The district lines should follow obvious landmarks as much as possible, he added. "We want to preserve the district lines around

county and city boundaries and city streets as best we can," he said. "We also want to preserve those communities of interest. We don't want to split neighborhoods up. We don't want to sever areas around churches or hospitals or schools. We want to try to keep those intact. That will be one thing we ask the Redistricting Advisory Committee to review as we go through there."

Stormer said another goal is to change the dis-

tricts as little as possible.

"To the best we can we want to try to keen the

"To the best we can, we want to try to keep the districts from 2010 intact," he said. "We don't want to shift people who are used to voting in District 1, who are now all of a sudden saying, 'Why am I voting in District 2?' It's going to happen, because those bounds will shift, but those cores, we want to keep preserved as much as we can."

Another consideration is the residences of the

school board members themselves.

"We want to do this in such a way that we don't put incumbent trustees within the same districts,"

Stormer said. "You guys were elected from within your districts. We want to keep that voter representation."

The board approved two resolutions during the meeting, the first approving the principles laid out by Stormer for use in the redistricting process; and the second inviting members of the public to create and submit their own redistricting plans, as well as comments on the redistricting process.

"The second resolution that was voted on tonight and was approved: If you or anybody in this community wanted to take on the job of redrawing lines that you think would be fair, you can do that, and you can submit those," said Superintendent McWilliams. "But understand, it can't just be for your district, it has to be for every district. And you have to go through all of those steps."

McWilliams said a meeting for discussion of redistricting plans designed by the Underwood Law Firm, as well as any submitted by the public, will be soon: likely either Dec. 14 or Dec. 16. The meeting will be posted in the Big Spring Herald, and an advance story on the meeting will be published in the near future. The meeting will be open to the public.

For more information on designing and submit-

ting a redistricting plan, contact the Big Spring ISD Administration Office at 432-264-3600.

## 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.
- 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.bigspringsymphony.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

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

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new

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

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street.

For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

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Linda Hill, 78, died Saturday. Funeral Service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Juan Rodriguez, 77, died Tuesday. Vigil service Sunday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Monday 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Scott "Pops" Klarer,

died Tuesday. Services will be held at a later date.

Angie Smith, 56,

died Tuesday. Services will be held at a later date.

Joseph Tetis, 37,

died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ethe City Plaza, followed by shopping and Christmas carols by Runnels Academy.

This should be an excellent time for you and the whole family to come out and support the City of Big Spring and get into that Christmas spirit. It's always a fun event, and who knows, maybe good ole Saint Nick may make an appearance.

The parade won't be the only event happening in town this Saturday. The Heritage Museum of Big Spring will have its annual Walk Through Christmas. This is another great tradition that Big Spring has to offer during the holidays.

During your walkthrough at the museum, you will find the vast Christmas tree forest consisting of over 50 decorated Christmas trees by businesses all around Howard County. You will be able to take pictures with Santa himself and a bunch of his friends such as Rudolph, Frosty, the Grinch, and more. You will also be able to see Santa's store, Animal Land, and much much more.

This event is free to attend; the museum does welcome donations. The walkthrough will be this coming Saturday, Dec 4, and will be from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be another very fun time for the entire family.

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## **Church News**

#### NazFamily Church

This Sunday: Prepare the Way

Trees are being pulled out of attics everywhere and lights are coming down from closets across the city to be untangled and tested. 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 discover what it means for us to Prepare the Way for the coming King.

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.

Kids Christmas Program

There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child's perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of the amazing moment that Almighty God entered this world as a child. Our NazKids Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 12th. New Hope's Preschool Program will be on Wednesday, December 15th and NCA's program will be on Thursday December 16th. Come hear our children share the greatest story ever told.

Christmas Eve

On December 24th @ 6:30pm we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate together.

College Baptist Church

What a great celebration of Thanksgiving we had with friends and family 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 for whom we need to be thankful. 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: \*Wor-

\*Sunday morning-9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. ship 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 our winter season, serving our Lord. Services for December 6, 2021, is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, I've 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, purposedriven 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:

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.

Sunday, December 5th- 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".

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.

Sunday, December 19th -We would like to take a moment to invite you and your family to Experience Christmas @ Cornerstone at either our 9:30am or 11:00am worship service. This is a time for families to celebrate the season of hope, peace, love and joy. Come and enjoy biblical teaching from the word of God as we share a cup of hot chocolate and cookies with the family.

Following 11:00 service we would love for our Community Family of Big







Spring to join us for Operation Zoe' at 1:00pm in the ARC. This will be an exciting time of Christmas giving from CCC to our Community. Come on out and let us participate in the excitement of your child and/or children picking out that special gift.

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 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.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian Church had a successful Thanksgiving turkey drive that contributed to Howard County Resource Center. We are now starting another drive for HCRC's Christmas meals program.

Presbyterian Women gathered before Thanksgiving for their annual "Cookie Project" of putting together tubs of cookies for college students and homebound members. PW are also putting together complete Christmas baskets for two families chosen at random by Howard County Resource Center. The baskets will include gifts of clothing, shoes, and toys. The Service Committee will add turkeys, all the trimmings, and a substantial gift card.

Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Sunday December 5th is the second Sunday of Advent. Our Advent Candle lighting scripture will be Luke 3:1-6 and our sermon scripture will be Ezekiel 37:1-14. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Who's Gonna Prophecy to the Bones Now? 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 is starting a new 5 week DVD study by Adam Hamilton called "Not a Silent Night- Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem." Mary considers the life of Jesus from the cross backwards to the nativity. 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

**THURSDAY** 

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.

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

DIGITAL SPIRITUAL RESOURCES Church Calendar

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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.

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## Reflections

**By Bill Tinsley** 

Special to the Herald

The Vanishing Generation



Next week the world will mark the 80th anniversary of a date President Franklin Roosevelt declared would live in infamy, December 7, 1941. Just before 8 AM on a quiet Sunday morning the skies over Honolulu Hawaii echoed with the drone of Japanese Zero aircraft. The first wave bombed and strafed the airfields to prevent the launch of counter attacks. Fifteen minutes later, the second wave dropped their torpedoes into Pearl Harbor permanently sinking the USS Arizona and the

USS Oklahoma. Four other ships were sunk but recovered.  $B_{\mbox{\scriptsize ILL}}~~2,403$  US service members died. It marked the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Tom Brokaw called those who experienced that day "The Greatest Generation." They grew up in the Great Depression. They drove some of the first automobiles on the first paved

highways in America. They went to work for the Works Progress Administration and built our nation's infrastructure. They strung wires across our

country and brought electricity and telephones to homes throughout America. They bought radios and invented the first television. They landed on the beaches at Normandy, raised the flag atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima and defended our freedom in World War II. More than 12 million served in the war. They were the first to enter space and chose to go to the moon. Today, their generation is vanishing from the earth. Most have passed their 100th birthday and they will all soon be gone.

Next week, we will pause to pay our respects to that generation and the price they paid for freedom, peace and prosperity. Our world continues to owe them Every generation must rise to face the challenges of their day: some they will

inherit, others they create. The enemies that today's generation face are as real as the enemies our fathers faced. In some ways they are more challenging and more difficult and more deadly. We are all citizens of one planet. We all breathe the same air, share the same

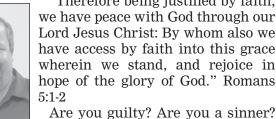
space, harbor the same needs for respect, understanding, opportunity, freedom and faith. The past two years of Covid bear evidence to how intimately

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# Justified By Faith

By TOM SLOAN

Special to the Herald "Therefore being justified by faith,



**SLOAN** 

wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans Are you guilty? Are you a sinner? Do you ever do things you know TOM you shouldn't? Have you tried to be

a good person, only to arrive at the

wrong destination? Do you struggle

to be kind, understanding and com-

passionate with other people? Does your past keep you up at night? Does it scare the spit out of you to think about the possibility of someone finding out those deep, dark secrets which you have held tucked away for a long time in the closet of your life? Do you ever find yourself battered by the storms of anxiety and depression? Do you ever feel forsaken and abandoned, on the verge of losing your mind because you don't "fit in"?

Well, there is this inescapable truth we find in the Word of God, and it goes like this – being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Pause for one moment, and think about this with me - we have peace with God. We are not afraid of Him. There is no need to prove that He doesn't exist, because we are not mad at Him. Peace with God, which means

that we have no ill will against Him because He holds nothing against us, not even our sin. No more war or enmity between God and us - just peace with Him. We have peace with God, because in His grace, we have found the strength to overcome all the lies that religion has taught us about Him. And all of this is made possible by our Lord Jesus Christ. By Jesus, we have access into this grace (God is not mad at us), and we are justified by faith alone. Justified – just as if we had never sinned. Justified – just as if we had always done everything right. And the best part is that it is by faith, which means that it is completely free. And of course, free means – nothing in return.

# Something to think about...

By RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

Special to the Herald

I recently received a really interesting email. I'm not typically in the habit of sharing my personal emails publicly, but I thought it was too good to keep to myself. Abul Are writes:

"Dear Sir,

Having consulted with information gathered Commerce And Indusyour assistance to transfer your accounts. We are now and that is where you

What do you think? Like my mom always told be true then it probably is. are so many, especially the sucked into these scams. their trust in the prom-

dreams dashed against the One of the plagues of our

RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

brings genuine hope. We see that in the life of Abraham, as Paul tells us:

my colleagues and based on the from the Nigerian Chambers Of try, I have the privilege to request the sum of \$47,500,000.00 USD into ready to transfer the fund overseas come in..."

Sounds like a good offer, right? me, "Rich, If it sounds too good to Don't get your hopes up." Yet, there most vulnerable among us, who are They are desperate for help and put ise, only to have their hopes and hard rocks of reality.

time - maybe of all time - is false hope. So many in our world end up placing their trust and hope in things that ultimately can't deliver. Misplaced trust ends in bitterness, brokenness, and a sense of hopelessness. In this season, we're reminded that there is only One who can and will keep all of His promises. Again and again, He has proven that He is faithful. Faith is fully trusting His Word and that authentic faith

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised". ~ Romans 4:16-21 NIV

Against all hope Abraham in hope believed! Not only did he witness some of the promise fulfilled, but he became a direct participant in the fulfillment of God's promise by faith. One of the key issues in dealing with promises is to know the person making the promise. Are they trustworthy? Are they able to keep the promise?

Abraham was fully persuaded that God had the power to do what He promised and that He can be trusted. That is the key to an eternal, undying, unwavering hope. If we place our trust anywhere else we will end up disappointed, disillusioned, and hopeless. If your trust is in human beings or human leaders they will all fail you on some level. If your trust is in your money or possessions it will pass away. If your trust is in your position or power it won't last. If your trust is in the government then there's something wrong with you. The only One who has the power and ability to fulfill all of His promises is the Lord. And if our ultimate trust is in Him and we stand on His promises then we have hope, no matter what we face. Our world needs this kind of genuine

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Romans 15:13 NIV

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### Life Church

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

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/onesisterhoodbigspringtx/

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

#### 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

This year of the pandemic has been one none of us will soon forget. We have reopened for in person worship. We are

church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus.

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Second Sunday in Advent

Dec. 5, 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 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. Our Wednesday Eve-

ning 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. We will be having our

Wednesday night Advent Services at 7:00pm on the following dates Decem-

ber 1st, 8th, and the 15th. 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 Mal. 3: 1-7b, Phil. 1: 2-11, and Luke 3:1-14

(15-20). The psalm is Psalm 66:1-12. Shyrlee 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SER-VICE

\*\*Christmas Eve service will be on Friday, December 24 at 10:30 p.m.







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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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# Defense lifts Dallas to 27-17 victory over

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Dallas defensive coordinator Dan Quinn had to step in for Mike McCarthy as acting head coach and enjoyed the sideline view as the unit he normally oversees lifted the Cowboys out of their recent swoon with a slew of big plays.

CeeDee Lamb had 122 yards from scrimmage, Tony Pollard ripped off a 58-yard touchdown run and the Dallas defense produced a drive-stalling sack and three interceptions in the fourth quarter of a 27-17 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Thursday night.

The Cowboys (8-4) intercepted Saints quarterback Taysom Hill four times in all — three times in the final 6:32 of the game, including defensive tackle Carlos Watkins' pick-6 on a screen pass that made it 27-10 with 2:52 left.

"I finally got to see his emotion and expressions down on the sidelines," Dallas rookie outside linebacker Micah Parsons said of Quinn, a former Atlanta head coach who normally calls defensive plays from a booth with Dallas. "It was good to see a smile on his face and it was good to see another win

McCarthy and five assistants didn't make the trip because of positive COVID-19 tests.

"I love doing hard things with a group of people and this was one of those moments," a gratified Quinn said. "We wanted to make sure Mike and all the guys that we missed, that we got their back. Honestly, that was the only thing I was nervous about. I didn't want to let them down."

The Saints (5-7) gave the dual-threat Hill his first start this season in hopes he could help New Orleans snap a four-game skid. He was effective in spurts, passing for 264 yards and two touchdowns

— and running for 101 yards — while playing through an early injury to the middle finger of his throwing hand.

"He played with a lot of heart, a lot of guts," Saints coach Sean Payton said.

But Hill's turnovers proved too much to overcome as the Saints — winners of the NFC South the previous four seasons — lost a fifth straight game for the first time since 2005, the season before Payton took over in New Orleans.

"It's very frustrating. It's unfamiliar territory for us," Hill said. "This is my fifth year and I haven't experienced anything like this since I've been a

Dak Prescott passed for 238 yards and a 1-yard touchdown to Michael Gallup.

Prescott was intercepted by Marshon Lattimore in the middle of the fourth quarter, but the Cowboys canceled out that turnover when Jourdan Lewis hit Hill's arm as he released the ball and Damontae Kazee intercepted.

That was the first of Dallas' three late interceptions. The Saints' next drive stalled on a pick by Trevon Diggs, his league-leading ninth. And Watkins' interception came on the drive after that.

"When the ball was in the air, our guvs went and got it," said Parsons, whose 10th sack of the season also ended a Saints threat early in the fourth quarter. "We tried our best to contain them. I mean, he was getting outside the pocket and we were finding ways to slow him down and getting the ball back."

Saints receiver Deonte Harris turned a short pass into a late 70-yard TD for the game's final score.

SLOW STARTS

The Saints have started slowly throughout their skid and this game was no exception as they failed to score in the first quarter for the fifth game in a

The Saints' first scoring threat came on their second drive, but Brett Maher's 56-yard field goal attempt drifted wide right.

Dallas broke through on its third possession, highlighted by Prescott's 41-yard pass over the middle to Amari Cooper and a lateral pass to Lamb that went for 33 yards to the New Orleans 1. Prescott then tossed a fade to the right corner, where Gallup made a leaping, twisting catch over cornerback Bradley Roby and narrowly touched both feet in

The Saints tied it on Lil'Jordan Humphrey's 24yard TD catch early in the second quarter, but nev-

After Greg Zuerlein's 55-yard field goal put Dallas up 10-7, the Saints threatened late in the second half when they drove to the Dallas 26. But Hill's pass toward the left sideline was tipped by receiver Kenny Stills and intercepted at the 5 by Jayron Kearse, who dived to snag the fluttering ball while dragging his toes on the turf before falling out of bounds.

The game remained close into the third quarter, when Pollard gave Dallas a 20-10 advantage by slipping an arm tackle in the backfield and speeding away from everyone else.

**INJURIES** 

Dallas did not report any injuries during the

Saints: Hours before the game, the Saints placed defensive end Tanoh Kpassagnon on injured reserve after he'd missed the previous two games with an ankle injury. ... Juwan Johnson hurt his neck after making a leaping 27-yard catch near the end of the first quarter.

UP NEXT

Cowboys: Visit Washington on Dec. 12. Saints: Visit the New York Jets on Dec. 12.

## Defenses in spotlight for Oklahoma St-Baylor Big 12 matchup

By CLIFF BRUN

T AP Sports Writer

Often, the chatter heading into the Big 12 championship game focuses on dynamic offenses and a quarterback chasing the Heisman Trophy.

This time, it's more about old-school, hard-nosed defense. Fifthranked Oklahoma State (11-1, 8-1 Big 12, No.5 CFP) and ninthranked Baylor (10-2, 7-2, No. 9 CFP) take game-changing units into Saturday's title matchup.

Oklahoma State's defense is one of the nation's best. The Cowboys rank third nationally in total defense, fifth in scoring defense, sixth in rushing defense and are the best at limiting third-down conversions. Fourth-year defensive coordinator Jim Knowles is a finalist for the Broyles Award, given to the nation's top assistant

"They all hung with me a few years ago when they might have thought I was being a little bit of a 'not nice guy,' let's put it that way," Knowles said after the Cowboys surrendered just 143 yards in a 55-3 win over Kansas earlier this season. "Not quite the words I used. But they hung in and they believed. And I just think now, you're seeing the fruits of that."

Oklahoma State's defense did not allow a point in the second half of last Saturday's 37-33 win over Oklahoma that ended the Sooners' run of Big 12 titles at six. The only points Oklahoma scored after the break were on a fumble recovery and a safety.

"I felt like we had settled down," Knowles said. "We got the sense that our guys were starting to smell blood in the water, and they were playing fast. They were playing really fast. When you can play fast, you've got a chance to win."

Oklahoma State super senior linebacker Malcolm Rodriguez ranks second in the Big 12 with 8.9 tackles per game and sixth with 13.5 tackles for loss. Defensive end Brock Martin has 10.5 tackles for loss and linebacker Devin Harper and defensive end Tyler Lacy each have 10.0. Safety Kolby Harvell-Peel has three interceptions.

Oklahoma State freshman defensive end Collin Oliver has 12.5 tackles for loss and ranks third in the Big 12 with 9.5 sacks. He got the game-deciding sack against Oklahoma.

Cowboys last week. "Like, they don't have an area where you just point to and say, 'That's just killing them.' They've got good, good playmakers at all levels."

19th in rushing defense and 12th in third-down conversion de-Baylor's Jalen Pitre plays the STAR position, a hybrid of line-

So does Baylor, which ranks 17th nationally in scoring defense,

backer, safety and cornerback. He leads the Big 12 with 15.5 tackles for loss and three fumbles recovered. He also has forced three fumbles.

nator Ron Roberts presented the option of moving him from linebacker to a role that better highlights his versatility. "I understood what the position entailed and what it demanded,

He was thrilled when coach Dave Aranda and defensive coordi-

and the different things that the position held," Pitre said. "And so I'm thankful that they moved me to the position and it has been a great ride. He lets me, you know, be free. Lets me do a lot of things inside the defense."

Linebacker Terrel Bernard averages 6.9 tackles per game, though he was out with a knee injury when Oklahoma State beat Baylor 24-14 in the regular season.

"I think Terrel is one of those guys that when he's just in the huddle and he's in it, there's just an added confidence that comes with," Aranda said. "Because of his maturity and his resilience and his preparation, you just feel like he's a coach on the field."

Linebacker Dillon Doyle has 8.5 tackles for loss. Defensive lineman Gabe Hall leads the Bears with six sacks and safety JT Woods has three interceptions.

Big 12 title games have averaged just over 56 points the past four years, but the over/under this year is 46.5, according to FanDuel Sportsbook -- a clear nod to those defenses.

Baylor is a slight underdog but expects to perform better than it did in that first game against the Cowboys. Oklahoma State ran for 219 yards that day and might have run away with that game if not for three interceptions.

"We understand that if we stop the run, it can be hard for that offense to get rolling," Pitre said. "With that, we understand that we've got to make plays when the ball is in the air."



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Dear Annie: Both my adult daughter and her husband are employed. Since they do not cook, when my husband and I visit them, which is approximately four times a year, they send out for food and ask us to pay our share of the bill, or, on occasion, she will use my credit card to pay for the whole bill. When we go out to eat at a restaurant, I always pick up the check, which I feel is almost expected on their part.

Am I asking for too much by wanting them to entertain us when we visit them, as I have done for the past 20 years when they visit us? -- Lunch With a Bill

### Dear Lunch With a Bill: When it comes

to parents picking up the tab, sometimes old habits die hard. If you've been paying for meals since your adult daughter was a child, she probably doesn't think twice before passing you the check.

Excuses aside, it's bad manners to charge guests for their portion of a meal. Next time she tries to charge you for lunch, just say, "You take care of this one, and I'll treat us all to dinner tonight."

Dear Annie: I have been with my fiance for 15 years. She has two children from a previous relationship. When I came into their lives, her son was 6 and her daughter had just turned 7. I almost immediately became a father figure to her children, as their father stopped all communication with them after the divorce.

I absolutely loved spending time with them, but I was 23 and had never been a father before. I made many, many mistakes and also developed a dependency on opiates that made me not such a good person at times.

Eventually, the children's father came back into his son's life but said he wanted nothing to do with my wife's daughter as he wasn't her real father. I was thrilled to be her father. I often thought of walking her down the aisle, being a grandpa to her children should she have any, etc.

As she got older, our relationship became strained. She developed new personality traits, and I struggled with addiction and didn't make her feel good about herself most of the time. I thought I was doing the right thing back then.

Eventually, I got sober, and she moved out and became a mother to an amazing little boy. Part of my recovery process is making amends to people I have hurt. I love her more than I can put

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into words, and her son is absolutely crazy about me and calls me "Grandpa." I have told her many times how sorry I am, how wrong I was and how proud I am of her for what she has done with her life. I want more than anything to have a relationship with her and be a grandpa to that little boy. She has put up quite a wall, though.

Is there anything I can do, or do I need to

just make peace with having to let her go? Please help. -- Torn Apart in Illinois

### Dear Torn Apart:

Your stepdaughter probably expects that you'll let her down again or abandon her entirely, like her biological father did many years ago.

The proof is in the pudding. Instead of telling her again how sorry you are for your

mistakes, let your apology shine through your actions. Plant your feet and hang tough. Show her that you've changed and you aren't going anywhere this time.

It might take time for her to come around, but be patient. One of the most important things we can do as parents is show up for our kids. When her wall eventually crumbles, she will realize that standing on the other side is the good-hearted and loving father she's always had.

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By Steve Becker

### **Bidding quiz**

You are the dealer and open One Spade. Partner responds One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following five

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1. Two notrump. Partner's one notrump response shows six to 10 high-card points. As there is no way of knowing whether he is closer to the upper or lower end of this range, the best you can do is to invite him to bid again by raising to two notrump. Partner should pass with a minimum and continue bidding with a maximum.

The two-notrump bid logically shows 16 to 18 points. With less than 16 you'd pass one notrump because the combined hands could not contain 26 points. With 19 or more you'd raise to three notrump because the combined hands have

no less than 25 points. 2. Two clubs. Despite your own strong preference for spades, you should bid two clubs. If partner passes, indicating a distinct preference for clubs over spades and minimum values for his onenotrump response, you are probably in the best contract. If you were

to rebid two spades over one notrump, you'd run the risk of finding partner with a singleton spade and four or more clubs.

3. Three hearts. You should assume there's a game somewhere and therefore jump-shift to three hearts (forcing). It would be extremely pessimistic to bid only two hearts over one notrump, since partner might pass. There's no absolute guarantee you can make a game, but the odds favor strong

**4. Four spades.** Holding nine sure tricks, it is not overly optimistic of you to expect partner to provide at least one more. You should therefore bid game without further ado. It would be wrong to bid only three spades, which would run the risk of

partner passing. **5.** Three spades. With only seven sure winners, this hand is obviously not as strong as the previous one, so your best move is simply to

invite partner to bid again.

If partner has minimum values for his notrump response, he'll pass and you may have trouble making even nine tricks. But if partner has maximum values, he will bid again, and you'll probably wind up making at least ten tricks in four spades. With hands of intermediate strength, you must consult partner and abide by his decision.

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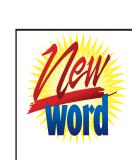
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Ten years ago: In Atlanta, a defiant Herman Cain suspended his faltering bid for the Republican presidential nomination amid a series of sexual misconduct allegations that he condemned as "false and unproven." Oklahoma State defeated Oklahoma 44-10 to win the Big 12 championship. (Exultant Oklahoma State fans stormed the football field, resulting in a dozen injuries.)

Five years ago: Some 20,000 people filled a tiny stadium in Chapeco, Brazil, to say goodbye to members of a soccer club who died in a plane crash in Colombia

One year ago: A divided Wisconsin Supreme Court refused to hear President Donald Trump's attempt to overturn his election loss to Democrat Joe Biden in the battleground state; the court said the case must first wind its way through lower courts. As the number of daily U.S. deaths from the coronavirus topped 3,100 for the first time, states drafted plans for who would get the first doses of vaccine when they became available later in the month. Facebook said it would start removing false claims about COVID-19 vaccines.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 91. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 90. Actor Nicolas Coster is

88. Actor Mary Alice is 80. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 73. Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 72. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 67. Actor Steven Culp is 66. Actor Daryl Hannah is 61. Actor Julianne Moore is 61. Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt is 56. Actor Brendan Fraser is 53. Singer Montell Jordan is 53. Actor Royale Watkins is 52. Actor Bruno Campos is 48. Actor Holly Marie Combs is 48. Actor Liza Lapira is 46. Pop-rock singer Daniel Bedingfield is 42. Actor/comedian Tiffany Haddish is 42. Actor Anna Chlumsky (KLUHM'-skee) is 41. Actor Jenna Dewan is 41. Actor Brian Bonsall is 40. Actor Dascha Polanco is 39. Pop/rock singer-song-writer Andy Grammer is 38. Americana musician Michael Calabrese (Lake Street Dive) is 37. Actor Amanda Seyfried is 36. Actor Michael Angarano is 34. Actor Jake T. Austin is 27.











**ONE BIG HAPPY** 

"YES, I'M STILL IN HERE"?



THE BATHROOM?





### **By Holiday**

#### **FRIDAY DECEMBER 3, 2021**

#### **Solar Eclipse Theme**

Martin Luther King Jr. had a theory that "He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. Embracing the contrasts, contradictions and gray areas will be a theme of this Sagittarian new moon and solar eclipse. Nothing is one way, at least not for long

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People want to connect with you and if they don't have a practical reason to do so, they may just invent one. The relationship will be more fruitful when you understand deeper motives.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Though "tree-hugger" is a stereotype, the embrace of nature is a primal need. The natural world connects people in a way the digital world cannot. Maybe it's not a tree you want to hug, but hugs will be had today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). At the very heart of love's nature is an element of risk. You're willing to risk yourself in so many ways for loved ones. You'll risk being disap-pointed, hurt, feeling foolish and more. Without this risk there is no love.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). For reasons unclear to you, you'll resist your own plan. Consider this might be your inner wisdom telling vou something is not quite right. Take your mind off this for a while and come back later.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). To invest love is to invest hours. attention and money. So, it is always apparent what and whom you love, just follow where those resources flow and that's where your love lies. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You feel thrown back to an era when eloquence was a symbol of status. Artful conversations will elevate people while dull exchanges will diminish their position. You'll choose your words verv carefully. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

A noble pursuit is afoot. You will strive to be the one who aives more, knowing you probably won't make it, as your taste in people is excellently skewed to generous souls SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Choosing what looks good on paper is best for people who live on paper. As for those in the breathing. feeling world, the rest of the senses are best employed. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). An ongoing

argument rears its head in a new way today. The information is nothing that you don't know already but how it's presented will be a game changer. Pay attention; your next play is important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't know what you've got till it's gone. That is the way it goes in the

song and the way it goes in

real life too for the careless. You're not careless and you'll take extra measures today to prove it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Different areas of your life will prove related in ways you wouldn't have guessed. Strangely, everything doesn't hinge on one element and yet altering one element can still change everything.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Intentions matter, but typically you don't notice them unless they are followed up by action. People earn a more significant role in your life when they show up for you time and again.

### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(Dec. 3). You've never been one to pursue fame, but because you love what you do so much, you'll become well known for it. Finances improve as you deftly handle publicity. Family will be the source of stellar ideas, the reason for celebrations and travel too. March increases cash flow while July offers an excellent investment. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38, 1, 17, 4 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORE-CAST: ARIES: There's a cycle to break. Once you break it, everything will get easier. TAURUS: Your memories weigh heavily on your future actions. Focus on building positive memories to keep your relationships bright. GEMINI: If you're not enthusiastic about the way things are, get proactive. Great energy is needed at the start of the change, but it gets easier. CANCER: Romance won't leave you alone this week -- an enviable problem to have. LEO: While you wouldn't jump ship at the first sign of rough seas, you also wouldn't purposefully sail into the heart of the storm. VIRGO: Don't overthink it. Let logistics happen organically. The plan is that there is no plan. This liberates your energy. LIBRA: There's a logical option on the table that won't at all fit an illogical relationship. SCORPIO: Environment matters. Take the relationship out of context; the results will surprise you. SAGITTARIUS: It's harder to have fun just for the sake of fun than it is to accidentally have fun while you're working toward a common goal. CAPRICORN: Character matters at every age, but you are wise to afford the very young and very old wider margins of forgiveness. AQUARIUS: Love is remembering the details. PISCES: Paths converge, no one is wrong, but for the blockage to clear someone

**COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END**: They are known as explorers and adventurers. voraciously curious and fiercely independent. So, what happens when two Sagittarius souls share the same relationship? They become like ships sailing in the same fleet. As long as the destination is agreed upon and they are both using the

same map, the journey is

has to yield.

both sweeter and safer when they go together. Communication is key.

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IT'S FROM MY

in here! THE BARN "THAT I ACTUALLY COUSIN IN AUSTRALIA. WENT A WHOLE "SUMMER IS FINALLY DAY WITHOUT HERE! WE HAD SUCH SWEATING!" A COLD WINTER ...

Ruthie's Famous

Sayings

2. Well, may be I forgot

4. Yes, I'm still



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**32** Numbers on toy

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cousins of crates

36 Enters abruptly

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40 Amish country

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46 Bugs, e.g.

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48 Divert

**Chopped Cups** 

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39 Pipsqueak

### Newsday Crossword

### **ACROSS**

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At leisure Trivia quiz array,

often 14 Was sore

15 Sort of beach bash

Jurassic Park paleobotanist portrayer

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21 Make fun of

23 Dust collectors

25 Share the

27 Attendance bk.

28 Put under

contract

29 Top suit

spoilers

33 Theresa's

source of quote See 35 Across

37 Middle of quote

38 Artery, for short

39 Bantu-speaking people

40 Mackinac Island's

surroundings

42 Guest of honor at the Empire

State Building's 60th anniversary 43 Metaphorical

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distressful "Checkmate"

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61 Leader of consumerist "Raiders"

2 Shade of autumn

3 Less than steadfast

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It's a trick

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Elevated state 10 Flip over

11 Cannes award

12 Increase of volume 13 Tabletop

role-playing game, for short

18 Big mouths

19 Expensive

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26 Avid about

28 Equine

30 Molasses,

essentially "Just kidding"

53 Wickedness **54** Complement of 51 Across

**55** Culture grant awarder

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CROSSWORD

Today's Answers



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## Howard County Leadership Summit



### **HOWARD COUNTY**

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

COORDINATING PLANS TO MOVE THE COMMUNITY FORWARD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 DOROTHY GARRETT COLISEUM SONIC FLOOR 6:30PM

Special to the Herald

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.

### Ukraine says Russia amassed over 94,000 troops at border

By YURAS KARMANAU

**Associated Press** 

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's defense minister estimated Friday that Russia has amassed more than 94,000 troops near their borders and said there is a probability of a "large-scale escalation" in late January.

Ukrainian and Western officials recently voiced alarm about a Russian troop buildup near Ukraine, saying they feared it could herald an invasion. Moscow has denied planning to invade and accused Ukraine and its Western backers of fabricating claims to cover up their own allegedly aggressive designs.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov told lawmakers Friday that the number of Russian troops near Ukraine and in Russia-annexed Crimea is estimated to be 94,300.

"Our intelligence service analyzes all scenarios, including the worst ones. It notes that a probability of a large-scale escalation on the part of Russia exists. The most probable time when (Russia) will be ready for the escalation is end of January," Reznikov said.

The minister noted an escalation "is a probable scenario, but not certain, and our task is to avert

Russia and Ukraine have remained locked in a tense tug-of-war after Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and threw its weight behind a separatist insurgency in Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, known as the Donbas. More than 14,000 people have died in the fighting.

Repeated reports about Russia building up troops near Ukraine this year ignited concerns about the conflict intensifying, with tensions growing in recent weeks.

Russia traded fresh accusations and threats with Ukraine, the United States and its NATO allies this week. The West threatened the Kremlin with the toughest sanctions yet if it launches an invasion of Ukraine.

Russia, seeing new U.S. and European support for Ukraine's military, sternly warned that any presence of NATO troops and weapons on Ukrainian soil represents a "red line."

The Kremlin also expressed concern that Ukraine might use force to reclaim control of the country's rebel east.

Reznikov said Ukraine wouldn't do anything to provoke Russia but is prepared to respond in case of an attack.

"Ukraine is most interested in political and diplomatic resolution," the defense minister said.

## **Hands of Time**

BY Joelle Ludington

Special to the Herald

The Hands of time stand still for no

Our days are numbered Job 14:5, 7. I've seen in the bible where God gave a man 15 more years, 2kings 20:5-6

And where He made the sun stop Joshua 20:10, 12. And the Lord will show mercy upon who He chooses to have mercy.

What causes Gods wrath to stop. Prophecy was changed Jonah 3:9.

Who can kill if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce, anger, that are perish not? And Hezekiah wept sore. Was it his fears that turned Gods decision?

King Hezekiah received a sign that the Lord would do the thing he had

spoken. God does not have to prove anything to us. God is not a respecter of person. He does not just do miracles, healing and wonders for certain people only. But as I see it, what he has done is out of love showering us, proving to us what he can and will do

God will extend your days, shake the earth, then back the hands of time, heal us. This is the heart beat of God. The same power that's in God, that raised Jesus from the dead, resides within us.

Prayer; Father I pray the power you have given us overall the power of the enemy that you would teach us how to use it right. For we see now your examples. To use it to express your love to all. Not for self-gain but for your honor and glory. In Jesus name.

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our world is connected.

Our greatest tribute to the "vanishing generation" would be to heed the admonition found in Scripture, "Today, if you will hear His voice. Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day of Massah in the wilderness, ... 'I was disgusted with that generation, and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways." (Psalm 95:6). "This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord." (Psalm 102:12).

At the end of our days, may we all join Jesus' mother in her confession, "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. And His mercy is to generation after generation to those who fear Him." (Luke 1:49-50).

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