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The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present "The Music of Queen" featuring Jeans 'n Classics, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at BSHS Auditorium. Visit www. bigspringsymphony.

org for information.

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 Jan. 21. 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For information call *517-9097*.

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Garden City teen killed in 1-vehicle wreck Wednesday By ROGER CLINE Glasscock County ISD Superintendent Scott Bicknell issued

Herald Staff Writer

A 16-year-old male has died in one-vehicle pickup truck accident near Garden City, according to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

According to the report, the teen male – whose name had not been released as of press time – was traveling north in a 2007 Toyota Tundra on Ranch Road 33 about two miles north of Garden City shortly after 5:15 p.m. Wednesday when the vehicle suddenly veered off the roadway to the right, then back across the roadway to the left. The truck struck a fence and rolled over, ejecting the teen from the vehicle.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Brandy Farris.

According to the report, conditions at the time of the wreck were clear and dry, and the teen involved was not wearing a safety belt. The wreck was investigated by DPS Trooper Eric Phillips, assisted by Trooper Nolen Doss, both of Midland.

the following press release Thursday morning:

"The Glasscock County ISD family and community is mourning the loss of a high school junior who passed away last night in a car accident (January 5th, 2022). Our prayers and condolences go out to the family, the students, our staff and the entire BearKat Community. In response to the tragedy, the Glasscock County leadership team, along with Region 18's crisis response team, met with staff early this morning to make them aware of this loss and to provide them with support, direction and resources for supporting the student through the school day. The team of councilors and crisis response experts are at GCISD all day to support both student and staff needs as they arise as a result of this devastating loss. If anyone needs support, please don't hesitate to call, or message us so we can provide support. Out of respect for the family, GCISD will not comment further on the accident. Thank you for keeping these students and their families in your thoughts and prayers."

Silver Wings Ball set Jan. 29

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

While last year's Silver Wings Ball the annual fundraising event for Big Spring's Hangar 25 Air Museum - took place at the Club at SSilver Hills, this year's event, scheduled Jan. 29, will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center located in Comanche Trail Park.

Each year, the Silver Wings Ball lights up Big Spring with its combination of glitz and glamor, fancy dress, good music and dancing, and snacks and drinks.

Last year's event netted in excess of \$21,000 for Big Spring's unique aviation museum, located in a historic military aircraft hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark - the former Webb Air Force Base.

"I don't want to say the pandemic helped us; it hurt us as far as us having to close for a bit, but it also showed people that something like a museum is a need," Stokes said following last year's event. "If something like a museum isn't open then we don't get visitors or the donations."

While many events were canceled in the midst of Big Spring's shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hangar 25



HERALD file photo

Those attending 2021's Silver Wings Ball chat and soak in the fancy atmosphere at Club Silver Hills. This year's ball will be held at the **Dora Roberts Community Center.**

and the Silver Wings Ball Committee made the decision to keep it going.

"There are not many WWII hangars left in the United States that aren't at a base, and even then we are one of the very few and to have something like

that in Big Spring, we are lucky. The committee members pushed that importance this year as they went out and made connections," Stokes said. "We

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Fuel prices increasing

Texas lowest prices in the nation, Big Spring lower than state average

Staff and wire reports

While the statewide gas price average in Texas is \$2.91 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch – a price two cents more than it was on this day last week and is 94 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year – Big Spring drivers could locate gas ranging from \$2.79 up to \$3.09 per gallon of regular unleaded as of Wednesday.

Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.17 per gallon while drivers in San Antonio are paying the least at \$2.80 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.30, which is two cents more when compared to this day last week and \$1.03 more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Strong demand from the holidays and optimism in the global market are pushing both gasoline and crude oil prices higher this week. Meanwhile political unrest and pipeline issues overseas could take more than 500,000 barrels of oil per day offline from the global market. This news comes as Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (OPEC+) agreed this week to stick with their plan to

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Senior Supper Club meets at Texas Cajun



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Senior Supper Club held their weekly meal Tuesday at Texas Cajun Cafe, 802 W. Interstate 20. This coming Tuesday, the group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Cowboys Steakhouse, 404 E. Marcy Dr. Local seniors are welcome to attend.

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Billy Jack Capps,



Billy Jack Capps, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, January 2, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Friday with family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 AM Saturday at First Baptist Church of Sand Springs with burial Vealmoor Cemetery. Billy was born on October 19, 1961 in Big Spring, TX to Jack Eu-

gene and Jo Ann Capps. He married Brenda Brandon on March 18, 1983 in Lamesa, TX.

David Ayers



David Ayers, 89, died Monday, January 3, 2022. Graveside service will be Saturday at 2 PM at Trinity Memorial Park.

David was born on March 18, 1932 in Gillham, AR to Henry and Ollie Ayers. He married Barbara Boyd and they were married for 66 years. He came to Big Spring in 1954 from California.

David loved hunting, fish-

Obituaries

Billy was the preacher of Sand Spring Baptist Church for about 4 years.

Billy is survived by his wife: Brenda Capps of Big Spring, 1 son: Terry Joe (TJ) of San Angelo, 2 daughters: Jaclyn Connolly of Big Spring & Amy Stevenson of Sulphur Springs; 8 grandchildren: Gaberial and Grace Capps, Lacee, Ashton, and Colton Connolly, Luke Retta, Payden and Caleb Herford; and 1 sister: Denise Emfinger of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Levi Fikes, Cory Benson, Caleb McGuire, Justin Kaczyk, Brandon Cruce and Mark Hale.

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

Paid Obituary

ing, gardening, and to use his medal detector. He loved to be outdoors.

David is survived by his wife: Barbara Ayers of Big Spring, 1 granddaughter: Kadi Spargo (Roy) of Slaton; 1 great granddaughter: Alyssa Stapp of Lubbock; and 1 great grandson: Michael Spargo of Sla-

In addition to his parents David was preceded in death by 1 daughter: Denise Ayers; 1 son: Gerald Ayers, and 1 grandson: Jack Ayers.

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

James Lon (Jim) Strain



James Lon (Jim) Strain, 68, of Big Spring, Texas died December 30, 2021, at his home. There will be a private graveside service for him at a future date. He was born November 7th,

1953 in Colorado City, Texas, just nine minutes before his twin brother, Tim. Jim and Tim shared a unique and unbreakable bond that only twins can understand. Jim graduated from Big Spring High School as

part of the Class of 1972. He worked at Western Container in Big Spring for many years, and then later worked for TDCJ in Colorado City, Texas before retiring.

His survivors include his dearly beloved son, Ja-

cob Ian Strain; grandchildren: Jayden Gutierrez, Jacobe Rodrigues and Kenzie Rodrigues and one great-grandson, Ryan Rodriques.

Jim is also survived by four brothers: Robert (Bob) Strain of Asheville, North Carolina, John Strain and partner Paula Hubbard of Coppell, Texas, Tim Strain and wife, Robin, Steve Strain, and one sister: Esther Whitmore and husband, Scott, all of Big Spring, Texas and a special friend, Pam Sudderth Sheehan, of Midland, Texas. "Uncle Jim" was also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lon A. Strain, Jr., and Maryella Rathmell Strain.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

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

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Miller A Rd. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of George St. One person

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

was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of Madison St. No transport was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the MM 175 of I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 15th and Gregg St. No transport was required.

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

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of E 15th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

•WILLIAM TROY HOGAN, 55, of 302 NE 2nd St was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency x3.

•ETHAN LLOYD FAULTNER, 19, of 1523 E 17th St was arrested on a charge of warrant from anoth-

•TYRON DYERALLE DAVIS, 42, of 538 Westover Rd Apartment 252 was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

•PATIENCE LYSETTE CERVANTES, 25, of 5101 E Midway Rd was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency x2. •JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA, 36, of 1009 S

Scurry St was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

•CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER, 44, of 4200 Parkway Rd was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency x3.

•TERRY WAYE THARP, 35, of 207 S Cryer St was arrested on a charge of warrant from another •FORGERY was reported in the 300 block of S

Main St. •ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of Martin Luther King and Lancaster.

•ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the 1900 block of S Gregg St.

•**IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600

block of W Hwy 80.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 700 block of E 15th St. •THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of S Hwy

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of E 4th St.

•BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. •DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in

the 1300 block of Mesa Ave. ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the area

of 15th and Gregg. •TELEPHONE HARASSMENT was reported in

the 1500 block of S Main St. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in

the 400 block of W 5th St. •THEFT was reported in the 2100 block of S

Gregg St.

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Patricio J. Rodriguez

Patricio J. Rodriguez, 94, of Big Spring died Monday, January 3, 2022. Graveside services will be Friday at 2:00 PM at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Patricio was born March 17, 1927 to Agustina and

Mateo Rodriguez in Lockhart. He moved to Big Spring in 1947. He married Betty Olague on April 29, 1954 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on January 13, 2002. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked all of his life in construction, all phases of construction. He was a member of Lighthouse Restoration Center.

Morales (Daniel) of Big Spring, Patricia robles (Os-

car) of Big Spring, Norma Shipp of Big Spring, and

Patricio loved fishing and traveling. Patricio is survived by four daughters: Frances

Melissa R. Lopez (Manuel) of Big Spring; two sisters: Victoria R. Pittman of Big Spring and Magdalena R. Lopez of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and 23 great great grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, Patricio was preceded in death by two sons: Benito Rodriguez

and Pat Rodriguez; one brother: Benito Rodriguez; and two sisters: Gabriela Rodriguez and Josephina R. Salgado. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Elsa Alcantar Eagle,
Elsa Alcantar Eagle, 56 of Big Spring died

Wednesday January 5, 2022. Services are pending at Mvers & Smith Funeral Home.

Linda Richardson

Linda Richardson, 69, of Big Spring died Wednesday, January 5, 2022. She will be in state Sunday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Gilbert Jimenez,

Gilbert Jimenez, 50, of Big Spring died Thursday, January 6, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 101 inmates at the time of this report. •PATIENCE LYSETTE CERVANTES, 25,

was arrested by BSPD on a charge of ride not secured by safety belt, fail to maintain financial responsibility. •TYRON DYERALLE DAVIS, 42, was arrest-

ed by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear. •ETHAN LLOYD FAULTNER, 19, was arrest-

ed by BSPD on a charge of possession or delivery of drug, speeding 10% or more above posted limit, no driver license when unlicensed.

•WILLIAM TROY HOGAN, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid, operate unregistered motor vehicle, fail to maintain financial responsibility.

•JONATHAN MATA, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license in-

•TERRY WAYNE THARP, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest deten-

•CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation, assault family violence, assault class C.

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add another 400,000 barrels per day of supply starting next month. Market observers note the move by OPEC+ suggests the organization is optimistic demand for crude oil will remain strong despite a growing number of new COVID-19 cases around the globe.

"There are many layers of uncertainty surrounding the Omicron variant and how it will impact crude oil and gas prices," said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "However, market optimism for crude and gasoline demand has been

- 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.
- 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 Jan. 21, 2022. 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.
- Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.
- 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: Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. 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 email Covid19@sprhs.org
- 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.

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leaning toward the upside, which is why we've been seeing slight price increases at the pump."

Meanwhile, the pre-Christmas fire at the Exxon Mobil Corp plant in Baytown, Texas, is causing reduced output. However, recent reporting indicates the damage was to a non-refining section of the complex. The plant is the nation's fourth-biggest oil refinery, with the capacity to process 560,500 barrels per day of crude.

Drivers in Texas are paying the lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa. com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$4.66 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

BALL

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have to preserve this history because it was so vital to the town."

While details of the event are still being finalized, now is a good time to mark the Silver Wings Ball on your calendar for the 29th. The Herald will provide more information as it becomes available.

To pre-order tickets for the event, call 432-264-1999.

Take Note

- 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. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
- 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.
- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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casawtx.org.

- The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com
- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.
- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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Church News

NazFamily Church

This Sunday

Let's do a little word association. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word – Missionary? It seems that we often associate the word "missionary" with faraway places, different languages, strange foods, and exotic cultures. In our minds, to be a missionary one has to leave everything they know and go to a place far, far away. But the word "missionary" comes from the Latin root "missio" which simply means "sent". God is a sending God. In all four Gospels Jesus sends His disciples on a mission. If you are a follower of Jesus then you are a missionary. Join us this Sunday as we discover what it means to Live on Mission.

MidWeek

Wednesday Night NazFamily Meals are back! Each week we will be providing a meal before our MidWeek Service in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:00pm. We also have several midweek connection groups meeting. Join us and let's grow together!

NazFamily 101

If you are new to NazFamily and would like to learn more or if you are interested in joining the membership of our church, come to our NazFamily 101. Pastor Richard will be offering a class starting Sunday January 9th at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome to join us!

 $Blessings \sim Pastor \ Richard$

College Baptist Church God, please bless this new Year 2022. 2

God, please bless this new Year 2022. 2021 has closed its doors and opened up a whole new year to 2022. Time is fleeting as 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.

*Wor-

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 January 2, 2022, 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 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. You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

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

Sunday, January 2nd-HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME TO 2022! You made it. Are you ready? Which direction are you going? How will you get there? Are you going the right direction?

One thing that is inevitable in our lives is the responsibility of "Decision" making. CCC wants to assist you and your family & friends with some practical principles that will set you up for success in this new year.

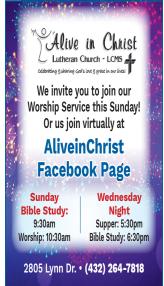
Join us Sunday, January 2nd at 9:30am or 11:00am as we start the new year seeking wisdom from God's Word on how to trust God's leading and His direction in 2022 in our first series of the New Year entitled "DECISIONS: Choose Wisely The Road You Take". We look forward to seeing you soon. #new-

year2022 #decisions #choosewisely #ccc #where-

isyourcompass

Saturday, January 8th- 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.





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 AM, Worship begins at 11 AM, and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 PM. We are studying Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring is celebrating Epiphany this coming Sunday.

Worship services January 9th begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Magi-Vision. 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 10 week DVD study by Adam Hamilton called "Words of Life." What if the Ten commandments were not understood as rigid, ancient rules but a guide for experiencing a good life today, given by a loving, protecting God who brings order out of chaos? Hamilton brings contemporary eyes to history's most important set of ethics. Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study.

Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship.

Presbyterian Women will resume meeting on January 25th and will be looking at lesson 3 of Merryl Blair's "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" which takes lessons from Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly video devotional, and a video release of each Sunday's sermon. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

DIGITAL SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Church Calendar

Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday) Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays) Video Devotional (Wednesdays) Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays) Sunday Sermon Podcast & Video (Sundays)

Website: fpcbigspring.com Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring

The following weekly events are open to the community:

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.

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM $\,$

See **CHURCH**, page 6

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Attitude of Living

<u> By Dr. Lillian Bohannan</u> Special to the Herald

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness is the reason we exist as a nation today. We are endowed by our Creator God with these things our founding fathers thought to be self-evident.

So what is Life in it's simplest form? A baby anything is what I think of as simplest in nature. That baby has an attitude. It's called, Me first. They want to be fed, to be dry, and to have a warm place to sleep and be comfortable. So

that's what we give them. As a human, that's what I want. So we take this attitude of living from birth to the grave with us. It's an attitude we can't get away from. But there are way too many humans who have an attitude of living beyond what they should. That's when they get into trouble with the rest of humanity.

Jesus Christ came to give us a whole new attitude of living. He came to show us how to live for others. He came to die for others. His whole perspective on life was so foreign to others that they didn't even recognize Him as a solution to their problems, especially in His own hometown of Nazareth.

His attitude for living came from His Father God. He shares it with those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord of Life. Then we can see an attitude of living a completely different way than what we were born with—an attitude of liberty to be all God wants us to be. That's when the Life, and Liberty we have in Him turns to Joy.

at 11:00 a.m. as usual or seen recorded

online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct

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 min-

istering 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 eveningsLadies, 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 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 compas-

sionate 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 ser-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.

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Net Change in Fund Balance

September 1 - Fund Balance

Prior Period Adjustment

August 31 - Fund Balance

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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 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.

BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, January 7, 2022

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, and Luke 3: 15-22. The psalm is Psalm 29.

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

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.

Exhibit C-3 COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

Major Funds

Debt Service

98 Total

Governmental

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17,444 \$

17,444 \$

210,510 \$

485,055

98,596

794,161 \$

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General

Revenues:									
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	5,757,280	\$	1,827,180	\$	\$1,812,902	\$	\$ 9,397,362
5800	State Program Revenues		6,962,691		20,385		135,638		7,118,714
5900	Federal Program Revenues						1,760,342		1,760,342
5020	Total Revenues	\$	12,719,971	\$	1,847,565	\$ _	\$ 3,708,882	\$	18,276,418
Exper	Expenditures:								
0011	Instruction	\$	5,537,695	\$	9	5	1,834,774	\$	7,372,469
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services		144,559						144,559
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development		133,710						133,710
0021	Instructional Leadership		32,550				142,674		175,224
0023	School Leadership		573,828						573,828
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services		195,331				690,113		885,444
0033	Health Services		47,215				49,168		96,383
0034	Student Transportation		588,020						588,020
0035	Food Services						443,457		443,457
0036	Extracurricular Activities		557,839				151,641		709,480
0041	General Administration		468,748				69,645		538,393
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		1,236,856				50,149		1,287,005
0052	Security and Monitoring Services		86,181						86,181
0053	Data Processing Services		336,352				31,990		368,342
0071	Debt Service - Principal				299,997				299,997
0072	Debt Service - Interest				803,496				803,496
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees				4,229				4,229
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction						52,205		52,205
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts		292,429						
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges		72,737						72,737
6030	Total Expenditures	\$	10,304,050	\$	1,107,722	\$	3,515,816	\$	14,927,588
Excess	of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	2,415,921	\$	739,843	\$ _	193,066	\$	3,348,830
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									

(17,444)

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2,398,477 \$

6,572,463 \$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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1,456,261 \$

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Page 7 Friday, January 7, 2022

With 'relentless recruiting,' Bama, UGA build all-star teams

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

After Georgia beat Florida in November, Bulldogs coach Kirby Smart was asked about the importance of recruiting. His response was both obvious and emphatic:

"The best coach to ever play the game better be a

good recruiter because no coaching is going to outcoach players," he said.

Georgia will play Alabama in an all-Southeastern Conference national championship game on Monday night in Indianapolis. How they got here is pretty simple.

Smart and his mentor, Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban, have assembled the most star-studded teams — recruiting stars, that is — in recent college football history. The Bulldogs and Tide have been so far out in front of most of the competition on the recruiting trail that they were practically too talented to fail this season.

Both schools benefit from being located in the heart of the most fertile recruiting territory in the country and pour huge amounts of manpower and resources into evaluating and procuring talent.

"It's a relentless approach to recruiting, not just a relentless approach to football coaching. And that's what Coach Saban has done here and it's been proven and it's been awesome," said Bill O'Brien, the Alabama offensive coordinator and former Penn State coach.

Georgia and Alabama then consistently send those highly touted recruits on to the NFL, which is the best recruiting tool of all.

"Just coming from high school to here I wanted to surround myself by people who had the same mindset as me, same competitive nature as me, same standard and expectation as me no matter the outcome of whether I was playing or not," All-America linebacker Will Anderson Jr. said.

247 Sports has been ranking the rosters of each FBS team based on the high school recruiting ratings of each player since 2015. Alabama and Georgia were not only Nos. 1 and 2 in the talent compos-

ite this season, but their rosters each received the highest scores ever recorded by the site.

Georgia defensive coordinator Dan Lanning played in Division III and his young coaching career has taken to him to Pittsburgh, Arizona State, Sam Houston State and Memphis. He also did a one-year stint as graduate assistant at Alabama before coming to Georgia.

Lanning said when it comes to the sheer number of talented players at the SEC powers, there is nothing else like it in college football.

"Yeah, I mean, there's a big difference," said Lanning, who has already been named Oregon's new head coach. "There's a big difference."

Of the 85 scholarship players listed on Alabama's

roster to start the season, 74 were either four- or

five-star recruits, including 14 five-stars. The Crimson Tide's score in the talent composite was 1.000.89.

Georgia had the most five-star recruits on its roster this season with 19, plus another 47 four-stars for a talent composite score of 1.000.79. Ohio State

was third with a score of 985.89. Only Alabama's 2017 team (997.57) had ever received a talent composite score higher than 991.

Rosters can turn over quickly for the Tide and Bulldogs as blue-chip high schoolers turn into college players who declare for the NFL draft after three years in school. That creates opportunities for freshmen to play right away.

Anderson, a former five-star from Hampton,

Georgia, made an immediate impact in Tuscaloosa. He had seven sacks among 10 1/2 tackles for loss, playing all 13 games as a freshman on last season's national championship team. This season, Anderson has been the nation's most

dominant defensive player with 97 tackles, 33 1/2 for loss and 17 1/2 sacks.

"I think that's one of the biggest challenges that I took by coming here, being able to compete, go against the best every day," Anderson said. "And it's helped me so far."

Early playing time is far from guaranteed with these loaded teams. That doesn't deter the top tal-

ent.

Georgia linebacker Nolan Smith was considered the No. 1 overall recruit in the 2019 class by some analysts. His development has come slower and he has had to share games reps with a stacked group of linebackers and edge rushers at Georgia.

Smith, a Georgia native, said he never considered transferring for more playing time. He said having former Georgia outside linebacker Azeez Ojulari, who was a second-round pick by the New York Giants last year, and other older players as mentors was invaluable.

"They showed me how to work and they showed me you just trust the process," Smith said.

College football players and coaches from all over

the country use some version of this line frequent-

ly: "Our practices are tougher than the games."
At Georgia and Alabama, it's often true.
Smart is quick to point out players practice far more than they play, and NFL evaluators don't

start really digging into a player until he is draft

eligible in year three.

"The truly great players understand that no NFL scout or general manager or head coach has called me and said, 'How much time did Roquan Smith, how much did Nakobe Dean play as a freshman?'

That's not what they care about," Smart said.

Alabama sets the standard for producing NFL players, with 51 draft picks in the last five years. Ohio State is the only school close with 43.

Georgia has had 28 during that period, but Smart only took over in 2016 and the Bulldogs are starting to gain steam. Georgia has 23 draft picks over the last three seasons, including nine last year, and could produce as many as 18 in 2022 if every player who is eligible declares for the draft.

"Where does the best pass rusher want to go?

Against the best tackles. Where does the best tackle want to go? Against the best pass rushers," Smart said. "Where am I going to develop the best?"

"The kids looking for that, they can find that at

these programs. So it's an easier decision than you think, because it's not just about playing early."

Bucs make it official: terminate Antonio Brown's contract

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers officially severed ties with Antonio Brown, terminating the contract of the mercurial receiver while also contradicting the player's claim that he was fired in the middle of a game for not playing through an ankle injury.

Coach Bruce Arians said Thursday that Brown was upset that he was not being targeted enough in the opening half of last Sunday's game against the New York Jets and that the situation evolved to a boiling point in the third quarter.

"At no point and time during that game did he ever ask for the train-

er or doctor about his ankle. That's the normal protocol. ... I was never notified of it," Arians said, discussing the circumstances of Brown's bizarre exit in detail for the first time publicly.

"He was very upset at halftime about who was getting targeted. We

got that calmed down. Players took care of that," the coach added. "It

started again on the sideline. We called the personnel group that he had played in the entire game. He refused to go in the game."

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The coach said Brown responded "I ain't playing ... I ain't getting the ball."

"That's when I said you're done. Get out of here. That's the end of it. We are working on Carolina," Arians said, referring to this week's opponent. "That's the end of the story. Hopefully it ends today."

The Bucs announced Brown's contract was terminated one day after the receiver broke his silence on the matter, alleging in a statement released by the player's attorney that Arians cut him on the spot because Brown declined to re-enter the game because he was too injured to continue playing.

"You can't force a player to play. They have that choice. It's their body," Arians said. "He decided to play."

Brown alleged a coverup.

"I didn't quit. I was cut. I didn't walk away from my brothers. I was thrown out," the receiver's statement said.

"Being fired on the sideline for having a painful injury was bad enough. Then came their 'spin.' Coach denied on national television that he knew about my ankle. That's 100% inaccurate," Brown added. "Not only did he know I missed several games with the injury, he and I exchanged texts days before the game where he clearly acknowledged my injury."

Brown, who has a long history of troubled behavior on and off the field, including being accused by two women of sexual assault — one said he raped her — removed his jersey, shoulder pads, undershirt and gloves before leaving the sideline.

The receiver, who began his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, tossed some of his gear into the stands, did some jumping jacks and waved to fans at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., as he headed to the locker room.

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"While Antonio did receive treatment on his ankle and was listed on the injury report the week leading up to last Sunday's game, he was cleared to play by our medical team prior to the start of the game and at no point during the game did he indicate to our medical personnel that he could not play," the Bucs said in a statement.

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"We have attempted, multiple times throughout this week, to schedule an evaluation by an outside orthopedic specialist, yet Antonio has

not complied," the statement added. "Maintaining the health and wellness of our players is of the utmost importance to our organization."

While not specifying which ankle was hurt, Brown — through the statement released by attorney Sean Burstyn — said an MRI performed Monday showed broken bone fragments, a ligament tear and cartilage loss "which are beyond painful. You can see the bone bulging from the outside."

Despite saying after the game that Brown was no longer a part of the defending Super Bowl champions, the 33-year-old receiver had remained on the roster. Wednesday's injury report noted Brown's absence from practice was "not injury related — personal."

NFL Players Association President and Browns center JC Tretter said the union will investigate Brown's claims.

"It's something, you don't want to hear that," he said Thursday on a Zoom call with Cleveland reporters. "I won't get too much into individual person's cases, it's kind of always our policy, but it's something we definitely have to look into and see what's going on down there."

Bucs quarterback Tom Brady was one of the players who supported the decision to sign Brown in October 2020 as the receiver was nearing the end of serving an eight-game suspension for multiple violations of the NFL's personal conduct policy.

"I think there's lot of, obviously, personal feelings. I don't really think this is the week to discuss it, though," Brady said after practice Thursday, reiterating that the team is focused on preparing for Sunday's regular-season finale against the Panthers.

"I'm just going to do the best I can as the quarterback of the team, try to put together a great week and finish strong," Brady added. "You deal with different things during the course of a season. That's what we're doing this week."

Brown injured his ankle during a victory at Philadelphia in mid-October and didn't play again until Dec. 26 against Carolina, a twomonth stretch that included a NFL-imposed, three-game suspension for misrepresenting his COVID-19 vaccination status.

The receiver joined the Bucs midway through last season, with Arians saying at the time that there would be zero tolerance for the type of incidents that had derailed Brown's career in the past.

He helped Tampa Bay win its first Super Bowl title in nearly two decades last February and returned this season on a one-year, \$3.1 million contract that could have been worth up to twice that with incentives.

Brown appeared in seven games this season, finishing with 42 receptions for 545 yards and four touchdowns. His streak of 144 consecutive games with at least one reception is the longest in the league among active players.



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Dear Annie: Our son has been married to a lovely girl for over 20 years. She is a daughter-in-law everyone should have. She cares for us; she keeps a gracious home; she is a good mother.

My problem is with her mother. We see them two or three times a year. Her mother will get me alone and start to share things about our son and his wife that we do not know and don't need to know. Always negative. And I am pretty certain that they are not true, as other things would be manifest if they were.

Last time, at a graduation, she shared

money troubles she felt they were having. Before that, her daughter's troubles with depression -which I knew because our daughter-in-law had spoken with me, but I did not want to talk about it behind her back. Her mother has tried to talk about difficulties with the grandchildren and what she thinks ought to be done. Now, I recognize

that my daughter-inlaw may have shared something with her mother, but our son has not shared them with us, so I am unwilling to talk about it with them not present.

How do I handle this without offending someone whom I need to keep a relationship

with? -- Mom-in-Law Who Wants to Keep Her Ears Clean

Dear Clean Ears:

There are lots of reasons people gossip: entertainment, insecurity, loneliness, pure boredom. If this woman has something productive to say about her daughter or your son, she should bring it up with them -- and you should feel free to tell her that.

Dear Annie: I

need some advice. My mother-in-law, who is 93, lives alone in her home. My wife and I and my sister-in-law and her husband have been her caregivers going on 20 years now. Her husband passed away years ago.

She does not drive.

We do her laundry, run her to doctor appointments, shop for her groceries, etc. Her house is filthy. She doesn't bathe at all, just "washes up" in the sink. Her doctor has told her to go to assisted living, but she refuses.

I am nearing 70. My wife is 69. My in-laws are in their 70s and in poor health. We have told her we can't continue doing this. She refuses any home care or any house cleaning and gets mad when we do it. We take turns making sure she takes her pills three times a day. I have told her to at least look at a place, but she refuses. We feel like hostages. We can't force her to go to assisted living, but

she is not safe at home

alone. Short of going to a lawyer and getting quardianship, I don't know what else we can do. Any advice? --Tired in Ohio

Dear Tired: Your mother-in-law is very fortunate to have the four of you in her life, watching out for and taking care of her. But taking everything into consideration, it's unfair to expect that you, your wife and your in-laws can continue as you have for the last two decades.

Though she is stubborn and likely scared, now is the time to confront your motherin-law with her options, once and for all. If she is dead set against leaving her home for a facility, she must accept the help of an

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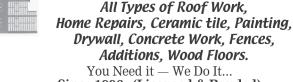
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1. At first glance, it seems you could lose three spades and a diamond and go down one. However, the contract is certain — regardless of how the North-South cards are divided — if you play correctly.

Cross to dummy with a trump at trick two and lead the king of clubs. If South follows low, ruff the club, enter dummy with a trump and ruff the queen of clubs.

Now lead a low spade from your hand. The worst that can happen is that South wins and returns a spade which also wins. (If North wins either spade lead, he must hand you the game-going trick.)

South now finds himself endplayed in three suits. He cannot play a third spade without establishing a spade trick for you. If he returns a diamond instead, your potential diamond loser disappears, while if he leads a club, he hands you a ruff-and-discard. There is no way out, whatever South chooses to do.

2. The best plan is to try to utilize dummy's spades, divesting yourself

of the diamond loser in the process. Draw two rounds of trump, lead a spade to dummy's ace and continue with the spade jack. If South follows low, discard your diamond loser. Presumably, North will win the queen or king and return a diamond. Ruff it, cross to dummy with a trump and lead the ten of spades. If South has the missing spade honor, you are home, because you intend to discard a heart (and another heart on a subsequent spade) if he follows low, or ruff if he plays high.

This approach produces 12 tricks whenever South has either one or both missing spade honors, a 75 percent probability. Of course, if South produces the king or queen of spades when you lead dummy's jack at trick five, you ruff it, return to dummy with a trump and play the ten of spades, discarding your diamond if South plays low, and again the contract is assured.

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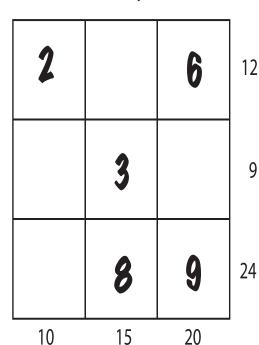


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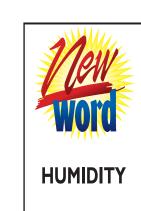
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In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

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and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

In 2004, President George W. Bush proposed legal status, at least temporarily, for millions of immigrants improperly working in the U.S.

In 2015, masked gunmen stormed the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, a French newspaper that had caricatured the Prophet Mohammad, methodi-cally killing 12 people, including the editor, before escaping in a car. (Two suspects were killed two days later.)

In 2019, Amazon eclipsed Microsoft as the most valuable publicly traded company in the U.S. For the first time in more than 25 years, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was absent from oral arguments as she recuperated from cancer

Ten years ago: Three days before the New Hampshire primary, Mitt Romney brushed aside rivals' criticism in the opening round of a weekend

debate doubleheader that left his Republican presidential campaign challengers squabbling among themselves and unable to knock the front-runner off stride. Record-shattering Drew Brees threw for 466 yards and three touchdowns, and the New Orleans Saints poured it on in the second half for a 45-28 NFC wild-card victory over the Detroit Lions.

Five years ago: President-elect Donald Trump, in a series of tweets, said "only 'stupid' people or fools" would dismiss closer ties with Russia, and he seemed unswayed after his classified briefing on an intelligence report that accused Moscow of meddling on his behalf in the election that catapulted him to power. Nat Hentoff, an eclectic columnist, critic, novelist and agitator dedicated to music, free expression and defying the party line, died in New York at age 91.

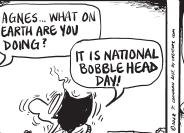
One year ago: Hours after Congress certified Joe Biden's victory, President Donald Trump acknowledged in a video "new administration will

Friday, January 7, 2022 be inaugurated" and said he'd focus on "ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power"; Trump condemned the violence from his supporters who stormed the Capitol but did not address his role in inciting the violence. Lawmakers of both parties spoke of ousting Trump from office, pos sibly through the action of his own Cabinet under the 25th Amendment. President-elect Joe Biden denounced the rioters at the Capitol as "domestic terrorists" and blamed Trump for the violence. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao resigned; in a resignation letter, DeVos blamed Trump for inflaming tensions in the assault on the Capitol. The head of the U.S. Capitol Police, Steven Sund, resigned. Facebook and Instagram said they would silence Trump's accounts for the rest of his presidency. The U.S. topped 4,000 daily deaths from the coronavirus for the first time. Former Los Angeles

Today's Birthdays: Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 76. Singer Kenny Loggins is 74. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 73. Actor Erin Gray is 72. Actor Sammo Hung is 70. Actor Jodi Long is 68. Actor David Caruso is 66. Talk show host Katie Couric is 65. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 63. Rock musician Kathy Valentine is 63. Actor David Marciano is 62. Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., is 61. Actor Hallie Todd is 60. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., is 59. Actor Nicolas Cage is 58. Singer songwriter John Ondrasik (on-DRAH'-sik) (Five for Fighting) is 57. Actor Rex Lee is 53. Actor Doug E. Doug is 52 Actor Kevin Rahm is 51. Actor Jeremy Renner is 51. Country singer-musician John Rich is 48. Actor Reggie Austin is 43. Singer-rapper Aloe Blacc is 43. Actor Lauren Cohan is 40. Actor Brett Dalton is 39. Actor Robert Ri'chard is 39. Actor Lyndsy Fonseca is 35. Actor Liam Aiken is 32. Actor Camryn Grimes is 32. Actor Max Morrow is 31. Actor Marcus Scribner is 22

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By Holiday

FRIDAY **JANUARY 7, 2022**

Lunar Conjunction to Neptune

The lunar conjunction to Neptune in the sensitive, soulful sign of Pisces has some of us more in touch with feelings of displacement. The ocean of emotion is deep indeed, all the more reason to find floatation devices and keep bobbing on the surface. Nurture social connections. They don't have to be perfect to buoy you and keep you on the lighter side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You take pride in doing a fine job with the maintenance of your life. This sends a signal to the universe that you're happy for what you ȟave. You'll soon find yourself with

even more of it. TAURUS (April 20-May The uncomfortable rub between you and another person is an external manifestation of an argument in-

side your mind. Sort out your thoughts and the problem GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When learning to communicate, children go from using one style in every situation to developing different modes formal, professional, infor-

mal, intimate, etc. You've a knack for using just the right tone for the time to great

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You solved a problem in the way you could at the time. Now you're wondering if it was really the best way. You now have the luxury of

giving it another look and

experimenting with different solutions and approaches. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Modern life often gives the sensation of flying above human physicality, but the reality is that you are an animal, physically expressed, alive in motion. Your mind works best when you tend to the needs

of the body. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it's easy to tell when you're progressing inside of a game or even at work, social advancement is a trickier equation. Much relies on your ability to correctly read subtle cues. You'll be brilliant at this now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find the intersection of what you want to give and what they want to pay for. Success depends on doing what people care about, talking about what people are interested in and generally thinking of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. Moods come and go. You prefer to make decisions based on your overall vision of your life, not the moment-to-moment minutiae of feelings. You refuse to give a mood too much sway over your schedule SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). Children can spot a phony from a mile away. You'll be gifted with similar instincts about people. The less you know about a person, the more spot-on your initial impressions will be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You signed up for something a long time ago and now that the moment has arrived, you simply aren't that into it. However, it will be very fortunate indeed to honor your original commit-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're no stranger to compromise -- you do it almost every day. That's why today is so special. No need to serve the pleasure of others. The most responsible thing you can do is whatever you please

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Familiarity comes with its own kind of blindness. It's better to know a little about people than to know too much. The more you learn about your heroes, the less heroic they may seem.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Jan. 7). You're a romantic realist. You'll believe in a fairy tale, but it's a modern one, updated for your current circumstances and sensibility. Truly magical things happen when you go all-in with plans, feet firmly planted in what's real. A major accomplishment will have you living pretty in May. The excellence of family boosts all. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 30, 38

WEEKEND LOVE FORE-CAST: ARIES: It will feel as though your heart really does have wings. TAURUS: You can improve yourself for the sake of having better relationships, but it's easier when you do it for you. GEMINI: You doubt a recent choice. There's still time to investigate your options. CANCER: Every day is a major happening. Spoil loved ones and let them know how special they are. LEO: Don't worry about finding the right words. They'll come when you abide in the fullness of your feelings. VIRGO: What's good for your mind is also good for your heart. You'll get organized and make room for love. LIBRA: The harsh view is neither pretty nor accurate. Things are not just one way. SCORPIO: If you don't agree, wait to say so. Buy yourself some time. Try to find a bit of truth in what the other person is saying. SAGITTARIUS: You'll clearly see where a relationship is headed. Now you just have to decide if that's where you want to go. CAPRICORN: It's easy for you to talk about the things that excite the other person when those are genuinely exciting topics for

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Aries and Capricorn are the stars of the zodiac this weekend. The ram and the sea goat are creatures who can butt heads in matters of love. Aries represents raw power, youth and vitality. Capricorn represents maturity, strategy and stamina. As opponents they are detri-

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Today's Answers

CROSSWORD

The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few

By TOM SLOAN

Specail to the Herald What if we knew Jesus was returning in five days? I would think that many people would prepare to meet Him, but is this not the expectant attitude we should have every moment? I believe the Lord is calling for people to repent and rededicate their lives to Him before it is too late. We never know when our last day or hour will be. Lately, several people I knew have left this world unexpectedly and if anyone is ever going to yield their will and have a personal relationship with God, today would be the perfect time to call upon Him and become born again.

Jesus perfectly understood what His purpose was along with the hopeless condition of the world. He did not have time to waste and realized the more He preached and performed miracles, the more people would be inspired to reach out to God in faith and be given access to Heaven. This is why He relayed God's message wherever there was an audience. He was never intimidated and did not allow the mocking unbelievers to bully Him from doing His Father's will. I ask myself, how determined am I to tell others about Christ? For many Christians, having a cross on their key-ring is about as far as they want to go with the Lord, but are we not called to have a burden for the lost? Have you ever considered the same reason we are afraid to be an extreme radical witness for Jesus is the same reason we are not interested in praying or worshiping Him? Many have never become desperate to do God's will but rather just want enough of Him to get by. Even though we can have all of Jesus we want, it's obvious that a majority only desire a comfortable amount.

Have you ever witnessed an individual carrying a large wooden cross? When I see this, I'm reminded of God's demand that I abandon my plans and embrace His. As I pass by, my heart is pierced with emotion as I imagine how Christ suffered and died on the cross, and at the same time I'm convicted that I do not have the courage to do this. I realize the passage found in Matthew 16:24 did not necessarily mean to literally carry a cross around town, but we are commanded to lay down our will so that His character can be seen within us. But why would I be embarrassed to remind everyone about the greatest event in the history of the world and is the foundation of my life? Am I afraid that people would point and laugh, honk their horns, and shout insults toward me? Persecution is common for those who stand for God. So, what causes someone to build a large cross, put it on their shoulder, and carry it along the highway? It's simple; the love of Jesus has become so overwhelming within this person they will do whatever it takes to be used as a messenger of the gospel. When we lose

our concern for where people will spend eternity we have lost our commitment and faith to follow Jesus. The Christian soldier is not embarrassed to witness and testify for His glory. They walk into the flood and the fire because they know that many souls around us are lost and need to be saved.

My wife's mother was a faithful Christian, and we were very close through the years as we went to church together and spent a lot of time talking about God and the Christian life. She was always listening to sermons and praise music and reading the Bible and spiritual resources every day. Jesus was all she wanted to talk about and I was reminded when writing her eulogy, that she had written personal letters to several family members over the years as a way of reaching out to them concerning their salvation.

Something to think about.

By PASTOR RICHARD

Special to the Herald

I'm not a big fan of Stephen King, but I have to admit that he is a good storyteller. I am amazed at the way that he understood and artfully described the seductive and destructive power of evil in his book Needful Things. The story is set in a small New England town called Castle Rock, Maine. In the town a new gift shop is opened by a seemingly kind, harmless older gentleman named Leland Gaunt. The allure of the shop is that for each of the townspeople there was one item on the shelf thought to be the thing they most wanted in life. Something they just couldn't live without. Only none of the people could afford to buy that particular item. So the store owner offers each of them a trade. A small favor done for him and they could take the item home.

What do they need to do? Well, each person is simply asked to play what appears to be a harmless prank on another person in town. Why not? But before long, all the residents of Castle Rock begin to turn on one another until at last the whole town is in utter chaos. You know, Leland Gaunt turns out to be none other than the devil himself. Traveling from town to town throughout the world, he has been selling junk to people who thought they were purchasing the item they most wanted. He draws us in through our desires. What the shoppers failed to notice were the words printed above the shop's entrance which read "Let the buyer beware."

What starts out as something that seems harmless, can eventually take over our lives and ultimately destroy everything good. When our heart is twisted and our center is turned from our primary purpose we will lose sight of what is really important. Our priorities are all mixed up and our life drifts into chaos. What are you pursuing these days?

I'm convinced that if we can keep the main thing the main thing in our life everything else will fall into place. That is essentially what Jesus tells us in Matthew 6. Speaking to His disciples he says: "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or

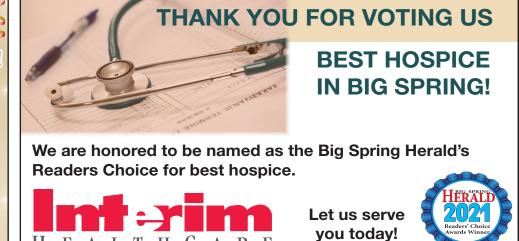
What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after (pursue) all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." ~ Matthew 6:31-33

Seeking His Kingdom means we want Christ to be our King. We want Him to be Lord of all. As my friend used to tell me, "If He's not Lord of all in your life, then He's not Lord at all in your life." When we submit and surrender our lives to Him, we simply say "Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in my life as it is in heaven." And when we make His Kingdom our number one priority it comes with a promise. We don't have to worry or fear because He will take care of us. All that other stuff that often consumes our minds with worry, our hearts with heaviness, our time with anxious activity, is now in His hands. May we pursue the One thing that is truly needful this year and find in that One thing is everything!

This Sunday

Let's do a little word association. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word - Missionary? It seems that we often associate the word "missionary" with faraway places, different languages, strange foods, and exotic cultures. In our minds, to be a missionary one has to leave everything they know and go to a place far, far away. But the word "missionary" comes from the Latin root "missio" which simply means "sent". God is a sending God. In all four Gospels Jesus sends His disciples on a mission. If you are a follower of Jesus then you are a missionary. Join us this Sunday as we discover what it means to Live on Mission.







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