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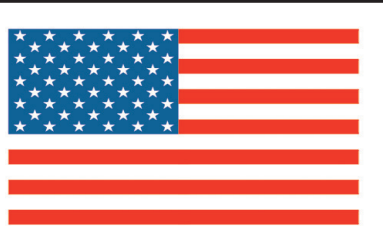
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Weather

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Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 30. Southwest wind around 10 mph.
 Source: weather.gov

COVID-19 in Howard County:
Jan. 27, 2022
 Confirmed Cases: 3,533
 Probable Cases: 2,683
 Fatalities: 157
 Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quotes

“Marie Curie is my hero. Few people have accomplished something so rare - changing science. And as hard as that is, she had to do it against the tide of the culture at the time - the prejudice against her as a foreigner, because she was born in Poland and worked in France. And the prejudice against her as a woman.”
 — **Alan Alda**

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Flenniken retires from Nalley-Pickle and Welch after 35 years

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

A fixture of the Big Spring community is calling it quits.

Danny Flenniken, manager and funeral director at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, has offered comfort and stability in difficult times to many area residents, and as of today is retired from the business to which he devoted 40 years.

“The 27th is my last day,” Flenniken said Wednesday. “I want to appreciate the Welch family for giving me the opportunity to be here and serve this community. It’s been a great honor to do that. Nalley-Pickle and Welch has been serving Big Spring and Howard County and the surrounding communities for many decades, and they will continue to do so in the future.”

Born and raised in Lamesa, Flenniken said he worked a couple of jobs outside the funeral service area – at Lamesa’s Ford dealership and at Baldwin’s Department Store – prior to being hired on at that city’s Branon Funeral Home. Flenniken related how his job at Baldwin’s led to his funeral service career.

“The funeral director there, Tommy Branon, came in to buy some shirts and ties one day, and I asked if they needed any help and they did,” he said. “At that time, my wife was pregnant and we needed some extra income. I looked at it as maybe getting a little extra income in the evenings. So it just kind of grew from there. I started working at Branon Funeral Home there in September of 1981. Ended up going to mortuary school, came back there. Worked a couple more years after mortuary school.”



Danny Flenniken

While working at Branon, he received an offer from Nalley-Pickle and Welch, Flenniken said.

“Tommy and Ernest Welch reached out to me to see if I would be interested in coming here to Big Spring to go to work, and I did come,” he said. “I started work here on Oct. 6 of 1986, so I’ve been here a little over 35 years. I think that this is my calling. It was my passion. I really enjoy all of the aspects of the funeral industry, helping the people and just all of the aspects there.”

Flenniken said he is qualified to, and often has, helped deceased persons and their families through the entire funeral process.

“In the funeral industry, there are two licenses that you attain. One is as a funeral director, which allows you to visit with families, help coordinate services, and help them through that process. The other is an embalmer’s license, and that allows you to do the technical work in the back, embalming and things of that nature. I do hold both licenses,” he said. “I think there’s value in both aspects of the business. There’s been multiple times during my career that I’ve been there from the first call all the way through the end of the service, and that’s rewarding, just knowing that maybe you were able to make this process just a bit easier for families and that’s our goal, to try to help and make things as easy as possible as we can.”

Since people who have lost a loved one are already dealing with a lot of grief and pain, Flenniken said it’s always been his goal to help lessen the stress caused by funeral details.

“Our hope would be that we can take as much of the details

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BSHS ESL students tour Angelo State

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Hook ‘em...Curly Horns? Big Spring High School’s junior and senior English as a Second Language students took a field trip down to San Angelo Monday to tour Angelo State University. According to information provided with the photo, the seniors are motivated to start the college enrollment process, while juniors are planning ahead for next year. All the students were excited about what they learned during the trip, according to school officials.

Courtesy photo

\$3 gas is back and likely will be for a while
Tips to save on fueling up your vehicle

Editor’s note: The following update on fuel prices was provided by AAA.

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$3.00 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents more than from this day last week and is 89 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year. In

Big Spring, a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is going for a low of \$2.96 at several locations around town.

Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.29 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$2.90 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.35, which is three cents more when compared to this day

last week and 94 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Rising geopolitical tensions between Russia and the West over Ukraine continues to drive crude oil prices higher, and that will more than likely lead to additional cost at the pump. Demand for fuel also increased from the week prior

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Obituaries

Jesse Edward "Sonny" Henson



Jesse Edward "Sonny" Henson, 88, of Stanton, passed away Friday, January 21, 2022. Grave-side funeral services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Evergreen Cemetery chapel in Stanton. He will lie in state Friday from 8:30 am until 9:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Due to the current circumstances with COVID, the family requests everyone wear a mask.

He was born March 28, 1933 in Stanton. He married Janice Heffington and she preceded him in death February 25, 2002. He then married Teri Palmese.

Sonny was a lifelong resident of Stanton and attended Stanton schools. He worked as a truck driver before working as a lineman for Cap Rock Elec-

tric, retiring as an operations manager. He loved barbecuing and camping at the river with his family. His grandkids all called him Granddaddy.

Survivors include his wife, Teri Henson of Stanton; a daughter, Valerie Zarate and husband, Leon, of Stanton; five grandchildren: Ginger Crawford and husband, John of Los Angeles CA; Ashley Harris and husband, T. J., of Del Rio; Marisha Hodges and husband, Michael, of Buda; Kayla Franks of Snyder and Daisha Morrison, of Stanton; 14 great-grandchildren: Trust, Prophet, Faith, Alexander, Alethea, Laison, Shailyn, Paityn, Caitlyn, Sydnee, Samuel, Pade, Cortlen and Case and three brothers, Bobby Henson and wife, Carol, of Cleburne; Earl Henson of Alaska and Jimmy Shaw and wife Linda, of Midland.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Jessie Lee Henson; his son Wesley Henson, 1 granddaughter and 1 great granddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Those Were the Days

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

One day many, many, too many to count, days ago, I was home from college. My first night home was very restful after the stress of getting term papers and testing finished. I slept late the next morning and went into the kitchen to find my mother preparing to leave for grocery shopping.

The kitchen was a mess. I told her I would wash the dishes while she was gone and clean up and start supper. She left and I dug in. It felt so good to be home, I didn't mind cleaning up after my three younger brothers, all teenagers now, and six, seven, and nine years younger than me. I cleaned the whole house in the three hours Mom was shopping. I cleaned the kitchen, and it was spotless. And I was very grateful for the many times Mom taught me to be a good housekeeper. Pride was in the air.

Then Mom got home. Her gratitude was swelling my head and heart as she praised my efforts to do such a monumental task. As she was preparing for the evening meal, she looked in the Fridge for the pot she fixed before she left for town. She came into my room and asked me about it. I told her I didn't know what she meant and went to help her look for it.

Come to find out she had left it on the table, and I thought it was leftovers from the night before. I had put the remaining scrapes from cleaning out the Fridge into the pot and dumped it in the outside trash, so I could wash out the pot. We were to have her very delicious corn beef and cabbage for supper. Not going to happen that night! What a mistake, as I loved her cooking—especially that dish!

Pride was my downfall, and I felt so low after that grave mistake. Her disappointment in me made me feel horrible. I asked her forgiveness, and we went out to eat that night. It wasn't really the same, but it was too late to fix anything else.

When I look back on the whole incident, I realize in trying to live life without the Lord's guidance, it's just like that happening. We try to do our best. We scrub ourselves clean, dress up for Sunday Worship, and go, thinking God will be so proud of us as we enter into His Presence.

Then He shows us our pride. He shows us the righteousness that is His Son in comparison to our own filthy rags. Jesus bore our sins on the Cross. He rose again victorious for us. We can ask forgiveness and be cleansed from our rags of sin. Letting Him into our lives, we can have pride in Him and His workings through us.

And the greatest of all blessings, is when He invites us to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven. His Word says He will gird Himself with the waiter's apron and serve us. I think that supper will be much more delicious than Mom's corn beef and cabbage.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT**, 35, of 804 Nolan St was arrested on a charge of possession drug paraphernalia, driving while license invalid, disregard stop sign, bail jumping/failure to appear, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, forgery financial instrument.

- CRAIG ARMANDO PADDIE**, 22, of 2701 Ann Dr was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz x2.

- LAUREN LARCH SMITH**, 34, of 423 Westover Rd was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency, tampering/fabricating physical evidence, man delivery-controlled substance less than 1g.

- CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL**, 44, of 4315 Esmond Dr, Odessa was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

- PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ**, 30, of 1601 Stadium Ave was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

- JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 35, of 3002 Parkview Rd was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance more than 1g less than 4g.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 3600 block of La Junta Ave.

- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 500 block S Benton.

- ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue Ave.

- THEFT** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell Ave.

Fire/EMS

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

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

- COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

- CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of violation of protective order.

- JOSEPH OLVERA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance more than 1g less than 4g.

- CRAIG ARMONDO PADDIE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz x2.

- PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of firearm, money laundering more than 30k less than 150k, delivery of controlled substance less than 400g x2, possession of marijuana more than 50lbs less than 2,000lbs, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, possession of controlled substance more than 1g less than 4g.

- LAUREN RACINE SMITH**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of service more than \$100 less than \$750, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent, possession of controlled substance more than 4g less than 200 g.

- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid, possession of delivery of drug paraphernalia, disregard stop sign, driving while license invalid, failure to appear, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, forgery financial instrument.

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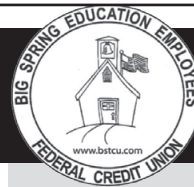
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FLENNIKEN

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of a funeral service away from them so that they're not having to do that on their own," he said. "There are so many different aspects to a service: coordinating between ministers, singers, cemetery, getting information to the media in the timeline that we need to get it out to allow people to know information about services, and really just be there to be a shoulder for them to lean on. Listen to what they say, and try to make someone's funeral service be individual to them as opposed to being cookie-cutter and everything being the same. You want to try to bring some aspects in that would make it more of a personal service."

Flenniken said he's also been deeply involved in the professional aspects of the job.

"I've served all the chairs through the West Texas Funeral Director's Association. I started out just as a board member and went through the chairs," he said. "I ended up serving as president of the West Texas Funeral Director's Association in 2002-2003. In 2015-16, I was honored by being named Funeral Director of the Year for the West Texas Region."

So what's next for Danny Flenniken?

"I'm planning on staying here in Big Spring. I'm hoping to maybe get to spend some more time with the grandkids. Maybe try my hand at some sports-casting over at KBST. We'll see how that goes," he said.

While Nalley-Pickle and Welch hadn't chosen a

replacement for Flenniken when the Herald spoke with him, he said they'll find a great candidate, and continue to provide great service through the transition.

"They are still continuing to assess that. I don't know that there's anyone in place just yet, but Kasi Welch Baker and the team will be taking care of that and putting somebody in place," he said. "We have a great staff here, and they'll continue to take care of families as the need arises."

According to a post on the KBest Media Facebook page, members of the public are invited to drop by the Fellowship Hall of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main St., between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday for a come-and-go reception in Flenniken's honor and to wish him well.

GAS

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while regional gasoline supplies remain practically the same, according to the most recent data from the Energy

Information Administration. Gulf Coast refinery utilization remains the same from the week prior.

"With tensions escalated between Ukraine and Russia and demand for gasoline climbing, market prices for crude oil have been moving upward," said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "While gas price trends can sometimes be unpredictable, the current market environment suggests higher pump prices could stick around for a while."

Drivers in Texas are paying the 4th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$4.64 on average for a gallon over regular unleaded.

AAA Tips to save money on fuel:

- Make sure your tires are properly maintained and inflated to the correct level.

- Maintain your car according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Regular service will ensure optimum fuel economy.
- Avoid "jackrabbit" starts and hard accelerations. These actions greatly increase fuel consumption.
- Slow down and drive the speed limit. Higher speeds result in more aerodynamic drag.
- Use cruise control on the highway to help maintain a constant speed and save fuel. However, never use cruise control on slippery roads because a loss of vehicle control could result.
- Minimize your use of air conditioning.
- Sign up for a fuel rewards program. AAA and Shell offer stackable discounts on gas.
- Avoid extended idling to warm up the engine, even in colder temperatures. It's unnecessary and wastes fuel.
- Remove unnecessary and bulky items from your car.
- Minimize your use of roof racks and remove special carriers when not in use.
- Download the AAA App to find the cheapest prices near you.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Feb. 19 winter concert entitled "Thank you, Maestro John," celebrating the career and retirement of frequent BSSO Guest Conductor Maestro John Giordano, to be held at Big Spring High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; and Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, on at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspring-symphony.org.

- The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.

- 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>.

- New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. 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 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

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

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

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

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

- 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

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- 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.

- 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.

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Church News

NazFamily Church

This Sunday
I had a friend who became a Christ-follower in college. After becoming a Christian, he often said to people, "Just remember, Jesus loves me and he loves you." But, when he got upset at someone, he simply said with a straight face, "Just remember, Jesus loves me, and he LIKES you." He was mostly joking... I think. However, when things got really bad and he was frustrated, my friend would eventually throw up his hands and look at the sky and yell, "Good God Almighty, what do you WANT from me?" Have you ever felt like stopping and crying out at the top of your voice, "God, what do you want from me?" Join us at NazFamily Church this Sunday as we explore What God Really Wants.

Rekindled: Relationship Enrichment Weekend
Join us for our annual Rekindled event on February 11-12! Special speakers Calvary & Ceresa Callender will give us key insights to make eternal investments in our relationships. This is a free event. You won't want to miss it! You can RSVP on our website at www.nazfamily.org

Men's Breakfast
Food + Fellowship + Faith Building = Men's Breakfast! If you're looking for the best breakfast in Big Spring then you won't want to miss our next Men's Prayer Breakfast on February 5th @ 8am. Invite some guys and come join us!

Way, Truth, Life - A Journey of Grace
Jesus invites us on a journey. "Come, Follow me." It is a simple invitation to go on an adventure with a beloved friend. The Christian life is about more than right belief. It is more than intellectual assent. It is an invitation to journey with Jesus. Join us on February 20th as we begin a new church wide series discovering Discipleship as a Journey of Grace.

Blessings ~ Pastor Richard

College Baptist Church

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 with strong courage at College Baptist Church--

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

*Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m.

*Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts at 6 p.m.

Fellowship meal between 6 and 6:45

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

Come join in the fun as we celebrate our winter season, serving our Lord. Services for January 30, 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 exciting to welcome new faces. Our services are lively and worshipful.

The youth are gearing up for D-NOW. Come to youth meetings to find out about our great love for the youth of our community.

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 in 2022, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship on Sunday's (onsite) @9:30AM (onsite & online)@11:00AM & Wednesday's (onsite & online) @7PM.

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:

Friday, January 28th-Join Chosen Generation Youth- For Fire Night from 6PM-11PM in the Youth Sanctuary. Theme: Pancakes and Pajamas. Bring a friend and come expecting food, fun, The Word & so much more.

Sunday, January 30, 2022- NEW YEAR'S SERIES: Decisions
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that you are here, now what? 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 9th for our first series of the New Year entitled "DECISIONS: Choose Wisely The Road You Take". We look forward to seeing you soon. #newyear2022 #decisions

Sunday, January 30th- Join Chosen Generation for youth night starting @ 5PM in the Youth Sanctuary.

Saturday, February 5th- 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.

Starting Monday, February 14th - Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts is a 10week online support group that meet @ 6:30PM. This is for Moms who are experiencing heartache and pain because their child is rebellious, out of control and making choices that may cause serious damage and even destruction. Contact April Gutierrez @ 816-5431 for more information (zoom access & book \$24.95). You will learn how God's promises through the scripture can help you surrender your child to God.

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.

"Loving God, Loving People, Loving Communities and Changing the world!"
-Pastor Michael Willard

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring is having a prayer breakfast this Saturday morning in the fellowship hall at 8:15. We are also running a hygiene products drive through the second Sunday of February. We are collecting family sized products to be distributed through Howard County Resources.

We are celebrating the season of Epiphany through the end of February with scriptures selected from Wilda C. Gaffney's book: A Women's Lectionary For The Whole Church. We hope that looking at scripture in a non-traditional way might open our hearts and minds to unexpected insights from our God.

Worship services January 23rd begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 33:11-22; Isaiah 16:1-5; Luke 3:21-23. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Insiders and Outsiders: The Family of God. 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 has started 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 as 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 Merryll 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)
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CHURCH

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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 at 11:00 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

Life Church

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

Everyone is invited to join us for our 2021 Fall Fire Conference November 7th-9th. Jonathan Suber will be ministering on Sunday, November 7th at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bobby Rivera will be ministering on Monday, November 8th and Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7pm on both evenings Ladies, you are invited to join us every Wednesday at noon for our Seek Prayer Group. The Zoom meeting information for Seek can be found on our One Sisterhood Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/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.golifetchurch.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 church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus.

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

We have reopened for in person worship. We are taking proactive steps to maintain the health and

safety of all who attend services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

The readings for this Sunday are Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor. 12:12-31a, and Luke 4: 16-30. The psalm is Psalm 19: (1-6) 7-14.

Judy Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal

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.

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit 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 United Methodist

Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 A.M. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 A.M., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 A.M. on radio station KBYG-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring

This past Sunday, Pastor Ricky shared with us about the “Priority of Mission” from Matthew 28:16-20. In this passage Jesus tells us what our mission is. We are to “GO and Make Disciples”! Our mission is to be disciples who make disciples. Jesus has given us a mandate to Go into all the world and preach the gospel. So what is our message? It's the Good news of the gospel. Who do we share the message with? With every creature. Where do we share our message? In all the world. We share with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, wherever we have opportunity and even in those God moments we encounter we should be sharing the Good news of Jesus. So let's make our Mission a priority in our lives.

This coming Sunday, January 30, join us for worship, as we will have a combined worship service and be meeting at 10:00A.M. Following our morning worship, we will have a “Pot Luck” meal for fellowship time together.

We look forward to seeing you.

Come join us for Sunday evening activities.

Supper Club at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 23, Children's Music Ministry at 5:30 P.M.

Youth Ministry at 5:30 P.M.

Men's Bible Study at 5:30 P.M.

Join us on Wednesday evening activities

6:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery

6:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study

6:00 P.M. Bridge Rehearsal

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at www.fumcbs.com or call the church office at 432-267-6394.

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Show yourself

By Joelle Ludington

In the book of John. God shows himself to his disciples. He asked them if they had any food, they said no. They fished all night and caught no fish. Jesus said to the disciples cast your net on the right side and they did they caught 150 fish large fish. The one who Jesus loved recognized him right away, when Peter saw this, he put on his garment and swam to him. When the disciples got back to shore, they saw a fire of coals there and fish laid on it and bread. Jesus said to them bring some of the fish with you, you have just caught. Then Jesus said let's have breakfast. And the disciples didn't dare ask him, who are you because they knew. This was the third time that he had appeared to the disciples. Say that to say this I got upset over something that was said to me and

this morning it kept bothering me again. I saw how the lord had showed himself to his disciples in these things. Made provision, made breakfast for them, showed himself in a strong way and in a real way. I begin to thing as I talked to God. How he showed himself to the disciples. How he showed himself to the sinners with love, forgiveness, how he shows himself to his people. In righteousness in holiness. And I pray now father show yourself to me, in the hour of need, I need you, I need you I need you thank you for your word but even now you show yourself to me through your word. And comforting of your holy spirit. Oh, what power oh what demonstration thank you. I pray for you that God be real to you. and show himself strong in your behalf in the hour of need. Cast your net on the right side and your cares.

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Lady Hawks struggle against the Lady Chaps at home



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Left: Daysha Tijerina goes up hard for a rebound against the Lady Chaps. Middle: Aariyah Cotto takes a shot in a game held at Dorothy Garrett. Right: Raegan Travis fires from a long distance. The Lady Hawks played hard all game long but fell short against the Midland Lady Chaps, losing 79-42.

By **STEVE BLEVIN**

Contributing Writer

Midland College Lady Chaps coach Ron Jones has been coaching in the WJCAA for 29 years. He knows how to get his squad ready for a game. There was no way he was going to let his first place team stumble against a winless Howard Lady Hawks squad. The Lady Chaps took advantage of a horrible first quarter stretch by Howard that saw the Lady Hawks' lead go to a 16-point deficit.

The first two minutes of the game went fine for Howard, it led 5-3 via a three-pointer by Aariyah Cotto and a steal and layup by Kaeona Marquez. Next came a nightmarish six minute stretch by Howard that saw the Lady Hawks' lead go to a 16-point deficit.

During that stretch HC had 11 offensive possessions without scoring a single point, turning the ball over six of those times. When Kiara Green ended Howard's funk by sinking two foul shots, Midland led 21-7 with 1:16 left in the first quarter.

I told my team - there are no easy games in the WJCAC," said Jones. "You take nothing for granted. I wasn't worried about a let down. I showed my kids their (HC) tape against New Mexico Junior College. We saw how good they played. Howard hung with them.

The Lady Chaps put six players in double figures. Another player scored

eight points. McKayla Escue, a 6-2 post player from Levelland, led the way with 19 points, making 3 of 4 three pointers. She and teammate Bella Green just outmuscled Howard inside. Midland outrebounded Howard 49-16. Green had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Howard got a few fireworks from Daysha Tijerina who was 4-for-7 from three point land, leading Howard with 14 points. Tijerina is one of the leading three point shooters in the NJCAA, making 44 percent of her tries

The Lady Hawks are in Snyder Monday versus Western Texas at 5:45 p.m. MIDLAND (16-4, 7-1) - Marin Lenz 4 0 10; Teanna Huggins 1 0 2; Makayla Escue 7 2 19; Dana Thompson 5 0 10; Bella Green 3 4 10; Kim Schrama 3 2 10; Nikki Sainsbury 3 2 10 Brooke Galvin 2 2 8; totals 28-63, 12-15 79.

HOWARD (7-14,0-8) - Charnay Robinson 2 0 5; Aariyah Cotto 2 0 6; Kaeona Marquez 1 0 2; Jasmine Elder 3 0 6; Kiiara Green 0 22 2; Daysha Tijerina 5 0 14; Regan Davis 1 0 2; Jakayla Jones 2 0 5; totals 16-58, 2-2 42..

Midland College - 24-16-23-16 - 79.

Howard College - 07-15-12-08 - 42.

Turnovers- MC 15; HC 20; Rebounds - MC 49 (Green 10, Thompson 9, Galvin 7, Lenz 2); HC (Cotto 4); Three Pointers MC (Escue 3, Jones 2, Sainsbury 2, Galvin 2); HC (Tijerina 4, Cotto 2, Robinson 1, Jones 1); Assists MC (Huggins 5); HC (Cotto, Marquez 2); Steals MC (Thompson 3, Huggins 2, Sainsbury 1, Galvin 1. HC (Perdomo 3 Robinson 2, Cotto 1, Elder 1, Daniel 1 2 ; Blocked Shots MC (Thompson 1)..

Robinson goal lifts US over El Salvador 1-0 in Cup qualifier

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Antonee Robinson somersaulted a struggling United States into a strong position in World Cup qualifying, just like he did in September.

And when he broke through the freeze in the air and the offense, he celebrated with not a single handstand but a double.

"We're definitely one step closer," Robinson said after his 52nd-minute goal lifted the U.S. over El Salvador 1-0 on Thursday night to keep the Americans on track for a World Cup return. "It wasn't the prettiest game."

But his goal celebration on a 29-degree night was a showpiece worthy of a gymnast: a forward flip into a backward spring.

"It's just one of those muscle memory things. I've been doing it since I was a kid," he said.

Robinson followed by grabbing his hamstring and then feigned a stiff-legged walk.

"He kind of scared me because I thought he pulled his hammy," Tim Weah said.

No worries. Robinson was mimicking a Kenyan player he saw while playing for Everton's youth team as a teenager in Africa.

"My friend's been on me for weeks to do that celebration, so I had to pull it out," Robinson said. "Didn't tell anyone, so there were a few people scared. It's all part of the fun of enjoying the game."

The U.S. has 18 points with five qualifiers left, one point behind Canada. Mexico has 17, followed by Panama (14), Costa Rica (12), Jamaica (seven), El Salvador (six) and Honduras (three). The top three nations qualify from North and Central America and the Caribbean, and the fourth-place team advances to a playoff against the Oceania champion, likely New Zealand.

The U.S. is at Canada on Sunday and hosts Honduras on Wednesday at St. Paul, Minnesota. Qualifying ends in March with trips to Mexico and Costa Rica around a matchup with Panama in Orlando, Florida.

"We're one step closer to our goal," Robinson said.

His nickname is Jedi — it dates to his love for "Star Wars" as a 5-year-old and isn't related to the celebration.

"I feel weird being called Antonee," the 24-year-old left back said. "I prefer being called Jedi."

Robinson scored after Weston McKennie played a long ball down the right flank to Weah, who let it bounce three times as he ran past Roberto Dominguez and Eduardo Vigil.

Goalkeeper Mario González made a sliding block on Weah, and the ball rebounded to Jesús Ferreira, a surprise starter in place of Ricardo Pepi. Ferreira headed the ball across the goalmouth and Christian Pulisic let the it bounce past him to Robinson, who kicked it in with his left foot from 8 yards for his second international goal.

His tying 42nd-minute goal at Honduras sparked the U.S. to a 4-1 win last September.

"We call our fullbacks our superpower," coach Gregg Berhalter said. "We put an emphasis on our fullbacks arriving in the penalty box."

The Americans outshot El Salvador 17-6 and had 62% possession but the offense followed its pattern, scoring 11 of its 13 goals in the second half. The U.S. has won 15 straight over El Salvador at home.

"We lacked connection in our pressing," Berhalter said. "The ambition to play forward and get behind them was missing for the 90 minutes. We had it in spurts."

Matt Turner took over in goal from Zack Steffen, who remained in England because of a bad back. Turner, on the verge of leaving New England for the Premier League, didn't have to make a save.

"Undrafted out of college and now he's playing with the national team and he's headed to Arsenal. It's just an amazing, amazing story, and it's all down to him and his work ethic and his belief in himself and his never-give-up attitude," Berhalter said. "He was calm in all situations, wasn't tested much but was there when we needed him. And he looked like a player that's going to Arsenal, for sure."

The U.S. Soccer Federation scheduled the match in a cold climate to minimize travel and put the chill on El Salvador, which went to a sporting goods store to purchase

additional winter gear.

El Gráfico, a Salvadoran sports newspaper, headlined the match "En una hielera." Translation: "In a freezer."

Snow flurries fell during warmups and the temperature was the same as for the "Guerra Fria" win over Mexico at the Columbus Crew Stadium in February 2001 and the Snow Clasico victory over Costa Rica at Commerce City, Colorado, in March 2013.

U.S. players has electric heated cushions on the bench and refreshments of chicken broth and cider. The locker room temperature was set unusually low to acclimatize the team.

Defenders Walker Zimmerman and Chris Richards were the only starters for either team to wear short sleeves. About 12 minutes in, El Salvador's Enrico Hernández went to the bench and took off his thermal underwear.

Pulisic, McKennie and Tyler Adams started together for just the second time, the first since a March 2019 exhibition against Ecuador. Pulisic struggled to create and was replaced by Brenden Aaronson in the 65th minute.

"The effectiveness could have been more," Berhalter said. "It's just about him finding his top form and really finding ways to get him in front of goal, because that's where he really shines."

NOTES: Mexico rallied for a 2-1 win at Jamaica. Daniel Johnson's 50th-minute goal for the hosts was overcome when Henry Martín scored in the 81st and Alexis Vega in the 83rd. ... Canada won 2-0 over Honduras on Denil Maldonado's 10th-minute own goal and Jonathan David's eighth goal of qualifying in the 73rd. ... Bryan Ruiz's 65th-minute goal led Costa Rica over visiting Panama 1-0.



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Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2022. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1973, a ceasefire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War, a day after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords by the United States, North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

On this date:

In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1813, the novel "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen was first published anonymously in London.

In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson

signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

In 1977, actor-comedian Freddie Prinze, 22, co-star of the NBC-TV show "Chico and the Man," shot and mortally wounded himself at the Beverly Comstock Hotel (he died the following day).

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

In 2011, chaos engulfed Egypt as protesters seized the streets of Cairo, battling police, burning down the ruling party's headquarters and defying a military curfew.

In 2020, the United States and several other nations prepared to airlift citizens out of the Chinese city at the

center of a virus outbreak that had killed more than 100 people.

Ten years ago: The Arab League halted its observer mission in Syria because of escalating violence. Victoria Azarenka routed three-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova 6-3, 6-0 to win the Australian Open.

Five years ago: A federal judge in New York issued an emergency order temporarily barring the U.S. from deporting people from nations subject to President Donald Trump's travel ban. Serena Williams won her record 23rd Grand Slam singles title, defeating her sister Venus 6-4, 6-4 at the Australian Open.

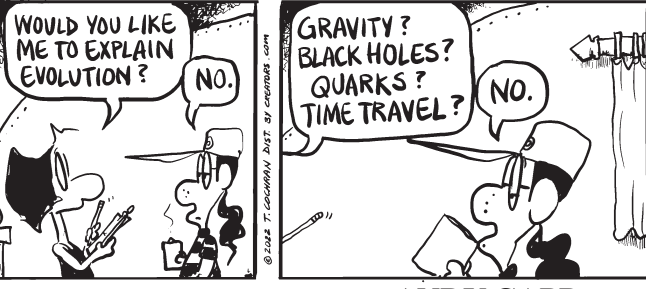
One year ago: A new variant of the coronavirus emerged in the United States, posing yet another public health challenge in a country already losing more than 3,000 people to

COVID-19 every day. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration confirmed that thousands more nursing home residents died of COVID-19 than the state's official tallies had previously acknowledged. Cicely Tyson, the pioneering Black actor who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder," won a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and touched TV viewers' hearts in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," died; she was 96.

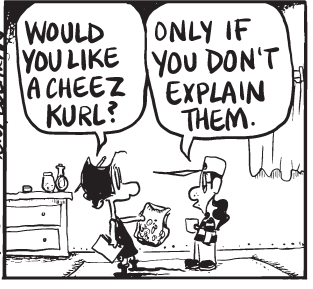
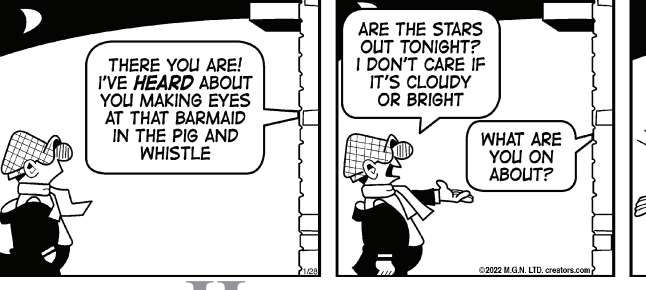
Today's Birthdays: Actor Nicholas Pryor is 87. Actor Alan Alda is 86. Actor Susan Howard is 80. Actor Marthe (cq) Keller is 77. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., is 75. Actor-singer Barbi Benton is 72. Evangelical pastor Rick Warren is 68. Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy (sahr-koh-ZEE) is 67. Actor Harley Jane Kozak is 65. Movie director Frank Darabont is 63.

Rock musician Dave Sharp is 63. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 60. Rock musician Dan Spitz is 59. Gospel singer Marvin Sapp is 55. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 54. Rapper Rakim is 54. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 54. Actor Kathryn Morris is 53. Humorist Mo Rocca is 53. Rock/soul musician Jeremy Ruzumna (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 52. R&B singer Anthony Hamilton is 51. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett is 50. Singer Monifah is 50. Actor Gillian Vigman is 50. Retired MLB All-Star Jermaine Dye is 48. Actor Terri Conn is 47. Singer Joey Fatone Jr. (N Sync) is 45. Rapper Rick Ross is 45. Actor Rosamund Pike is 43. Actor Angeliqe Cabral is 43. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 42. Actor Vinny Chhibber is 42. Actor Elijah Wood is 41. Rapper J. Cole is 37. Actor Alexandra Krosney is 34. Actor Yuri Sardarov is 34. Actor Ariel Winter is 24.

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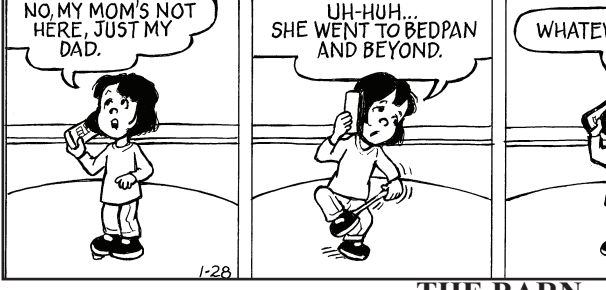
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Mercury's Makeover Secret

Improvement is a precarious aim. Once you start moving things around, you run the risk of ruining what was right about the situation. That's why it's safer to try to improve a complete disaster. This Mercury and Pluto conjunction lends luck for honing your makeover skills by attempting upgrades on situations that can't get much worse.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are not just one person. You are many people at once. You identify with several groups and even see yourself in these groups' opposing groups. There's freedom in accepting your complexity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). "If you can't be a good example, you'll just have to be a horrible warning," said novelist Catherine Aird. Today's ambition will be served by such warnings. Research to get a better understanding of what could go wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The veil of time conceals many facts. This will be an entry point for your imagination. Be careful not to fill in someone's backstory in such a way that it glorifies and elevates them. Pedestals have a way of eventually toppling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone who's easy to be around will instantly relax you. All worry, resistance and thought will dissolve as you become absorbed into a natural shared rhythm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll do for others what you wish someone had done for you. You'll be generous when you don't have to be and tend to those who have nothing to give you back. If you ever need evidence of your goodness, that last bit will do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The words you long to hear represent a truth you wish was so. Perhaps it already is so. In that case, it will be just as true whether you hear the words or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get encouraging signs that your investment is paying off. Chances are this isn't a financial investment; rather, it deals in something much more precious, like your energy and time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's something you've enjoyed numerous times, never losing your enthusiasm, only to show it to another person and see, for the first time, its flaws. There's no teacher like sharing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Commitment is not merely an agreement, it's a mindset. Cost-benefit analysis, speculation and negotiation have no place in the attitude of commitment, which is based in one idea: The thing will be done, whatever it takes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you'd love to come off smart, appropriate and attractive, any attempt to do this indicates your disbelief that you actually

are these things. No need to sweat, stumble, cry or try. You're fine as-is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are benefits to analyzing a past relationship as objectively as possible. Understanding why you made the choices that led you here will remind you of who you are and why you're deserving of your own respect and compassion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just like all the imaginary things in the world, the monsters under the bed are only as real as you make them. Use the principle to your advantage today by mentally constructing the friends and environments you wish for.

onto. In this case, it's each other. These two will be fortified by the trust they invest in the relationship.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Jan. 28). You'll raise your energy with ease as you tend to your body like an animal, listening to what makes it happy and responding quickly when it's not. Though you will have luck with a program or other new things you try, the best care isn't rational, but intuitive. A professional breakthrough introduces you to a fun social circle. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 3, 33 and 38.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:

ARIES: The future doesn't matter. Stay in the present; sync up your heartbeats. **TAURUS:** Because you do what you say you'll do, talk isn't cheap... It's expensive! **GEMINI:** Set fear and pride to the side. Just do the right thing. **CANCER:** What you see is not always what you get, but you expect this. Everyone wears a disguise, and that's part of the fun. **LEO:** Hearts are fickle this weekend, so it's best not to invest too much expectation in other people's promises or to overpromise yourself. **VIRGO:** You won't have the same reaction to today's circumstances as the others around you, but you acknowledge their feelings anyway. **LIBRA:** Events unfold to help you feel even closer to your favorite people. You welcome their influence. **SCORPIO:** You keep doing that pleasing thing, not because you still love doing it but because you don't want to disappoint. How healthy is that? **SAGITTARIUS:** Sometimes it's wise to help your equal feel comfortably superior. **CAPRICORN:** Share your story first as a way of getting to theirs, then listen up. Much will be revealed. **AQUARIUS:** You'll benefit from creating a sense of sacredness around certain things in your relationship or your personal life in general. **PISCES:** Having fun with games of love loosens you up to make better moves.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

Capricorn and Aquarius will get swept into the currents of a situation they cannot control. Capricorn has the hardest time with this, being used to leading the way. Visionary Aquarius has much to teach about letting go. It's a little easier to do while focused on the next thing to grab

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Squeak past
 - 5 Fridge staple
 - 9 Fridge staple
 - 13 Ground grain
 - 14 Windmill blade
 - 15 Wisdom of the ages
 - 16 Start of a 58 Across/ 25 Down quote, describing his craft
 - 19 Jacket of a school uniform
 - 20 Org. behind the AirNOW app
 - 21 On the Road narrator
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 - 23 Dublin-born dramatist
 - 26 Long-running CBS series
 - 27 End of a song at parties with candles
 - 28 Small teams
 - 29 Carries out
 - 30 Tourist destinations
 - 32 South African grassland
 - 33 Middle of quote
 - 35 Spanish side dish
 - 37 Over any Interstate limit
 - 38 Sign of healing
 - 39 Winning streaks
 - 40 Quaint plaint
 - 43 Henry IV nickname
 - 44 Nothing to brag about
 - 47 Compact, for example
 - 48 End for block or stock
 - 49 Eroded
 - 50 Account for a home buyer
- DOWN**
- 1 Designer Pucci
 - 2 Eerie feeling
 - 3 Diaphanous
 - 4 Choice lead-in
 - 5 Honor in the NBA
 - 6 Fontaine filler
 - 7 Entry fees of a sort
 - 8 Arizona State site
 - 9 Snap, Crackle, or Pop
 - 10 Ends a winning streak
 - 11 No longer noisy, perhaps
 - 12 What a band plays through
 - 17 Farm feeder
 - 18 Cry of joy
 - 19 Fogg emulator
 - 24 Inspector portrayer in Hugo
 - 25 See 58 Across
 - 28 Bubblehead
 - 29 Say no to
 - 30 Smug expert
 - 31 Congestion locale
 - 32 Big tanks
 - 33 Rosemary's Baby author
 - 34 Seasonal resident, often

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Annie's Mailbox

Am I Being Too COVID Cautious?

Dear Annie: I'm 70, and my friend "Martha" is 72. We live in the same senior apartment complex and have known each other for about nine months. I've helped her a lot, taking her to doctor's appointments, walking her dog after eye surgery, etc. She went to Texas for Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law.

A couple of days after Christmas, she texted me that she and her daughter were both really sick. Four days later, she asks if I can pick her up from the airport the next day.

I asked if her family had been tested for COVID-19. She said yes. I asked if it was positive. No answer. I then said I would not be around her for 10 days. I watch my 8-month-old grandson a few days a week. I'm pretty upset that she would possibly expose me to COVID-19. We are both vaccinated, but unless she has a negative test on the day she comes home, I don't trust her. Am I overreacting? -- Trying To Stay Healthy

Dear Trying: We're all probably sick of the word "unprecedented," but there is no better way to describe the times we're living in.

With a new virus comes a whole new set of rules and etiquette.

When it comes to managing the risks of getting sick, everyone seems to have a different view. But one thing is for sure: Communication and honesty are of the utmost importance for making informed decisions. If your friend can't even respond with her test result, then she is at best not giving you the information you need to make a decision and at worst putting you and your family's health at risk.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to your advice to "Tired in

Ohio," who is frustrated with an elderly relative who won't go into an assisted living facility. I work with elderly people, and, unfortunately, this is a common problem.

I agree, this elderly lady is very fortunate to have family to help her. However, unless there is a mental impairment of some kind, people do have the right to make bad decisions for themselves. This woman can continue to choose to live in her unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

If her family believes she is incapable of having the insight necessary to make any de-

isions, then pursuing guardianship or power of attorney over her is the best course. They also should consider making a call to Adult Protective Services if they believe she is in a dangerous situation.

Oftentimes, Adult Protective Services involvement becomes a huge wake-up call for the person involved, and they can help put the person and their family in touch with any resources that might be available in the community. Every county has an Area Agency on Aging, and these agencies have a wealth of information for elderly folks. -- Hoping This Helps

Dear Hoping:
Thank you for sharing these resources; in fact, many other readers did, too. May they serve to help this family and others navigate what can be a difficult but, at times, necessary transition.

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6:AM	Good Morning America	¡Despierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Our Mess Jesus IS	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George George	Charmed	SportsCenter		Tennis Classics	NCIS: Los Angeles	Court Court	Born Mucky
7:AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Chicago Fire	Court Court	Born Mucky
8:AM	The 700 Club		FamFeud				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up		George George	Charmed		SportsCenter		Chicago Fire	Court Court	Dual Survival
9:AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Being MMTV	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Movie: Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials	First Take	Get Up	Wild Ride	Chicago Fire	Neighbor.	Dual Survival
10:AM	The View		The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De'siones	Today-Hoda	Master Words of	Go Luna Curious	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends				Ninja Warrior	Chicago Fire	Neighbor.	Dual Survival
11:AM	Jeopardy!	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	To Be Announced	Cowgirl Dr. Wil	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends		SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Chicago Fire	Neighbor.	Dual Survival
12:PM	Jeopardy!	Nosotr.																
1:PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Heritage Church	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative Relative	Friends		This Just In	2022 Australian Open Tennis: Men's Second Semifinal.	Supergirl Surf	Chicago Fire	Whitney Houston & Bobbi Kristina	Dual Survival
2:PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends		NBA Today					Dual Survival
3:PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	(2:46) Movie: Star Wars: Attack of the Clones (DVS)	NFL Live					Gold Rush
4:PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer noticiero	Two Men Two Men	PGA Tour Golf: Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round.	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Cowboy Israel	Almas Xavier	CBS 7 News	Steve Wilkos Show	Wipeout		Around Pardon	Max	Tennis Classics	Chicago Fire		
5:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	Sheldon	Tele Noticias	News NBC	The Creation	Tiger Pink	CBS 7 King	Nick Cannon	American	(5:53) Movie: Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith (DVS)	SportsCenter	Daily Wager			Hopelessly in Love	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt
6:PM	Shark Tank	Soltero con hijas	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Undercover Boss	Exatón Estados Unidos (SS)	News NBC	M.25 Bible	Nature	CBS 7 Last Man	Fam. Guy	American		NBA Basketball: Celtics at Atlanta Hawks.	College Basketball	Stars Live Pregame	Chicago Fire		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt
7:PM	(:01) 20/20	Vencer el pasado	FOX 24 News at 9	Blue Bloods	Hercai: amor y venganza (SS)	DateLine NBC	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt Odd	Chicago P.D.	Nancy Drew		(:01) Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Knicks at Bucks	Women's College Gymnastics	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Dallas Stars.	Chicago Fire	Secrets of Playboy	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch
8:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	News	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Burgers	(:26) Movie: Fantastic Four (DVS)	Snowpiercer					
9:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Parientes a la fuerza	Tonight Show	Heritage Show	Elinor Donkey	Friends	black-ish	black-ish			SportCtr	High School Player	Chicago Fire	(:03) Janet Jackson.	Gold Rush
10:PM	Nightline	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Señora Acero (SS)	Seth Meyers	Shotar Tiger	Minute	CBS 7 Minute	black-ish	Creek	(11:49) Movie: Captain Marvel (DVS)		(:35) SportsCenter	NFL Live	ROH Wrestling	Chicago Fire	
1:AM	Brain Fog	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Today-Hoda	Heritage Tiger	Xavier Jerry Springer	Forensic	Creek	Liquidator Gold		(:35) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Hawks	NHL Hockey: Capitals at Stars	Dateline	Secrets of Playboy	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch
2:AM	Emeril's Outages	Vecinos	Seinfeld	Paid Prg.	Gatilleros del Río Bravo (SS)	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Hero Nature	Minute	Eye		(:28) Movie: Fantastic Four (DVS)	Australian Open			Dateline	Secrets of Playboy	Gold Rush: The Dirt
3:AM	Lose	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Noticias	Minute	Shepherd's Heart	Molly Arthur	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp	More Hair			SportsCenter	Postgame Sports	Dateline	Paid Prg. Accident?	Gold Rush: The Dirt
4:AM	Outages	Nosotr.	FamFeud	Paid Prg.	Programa	Weather Gone Viral	Church Zion	Wild Kratt Odd	Paid Prg.	Eye	Home			SportCtr	Spotlight	Dateline	Paid Prg. No Spots	Gold Rush: D. Turin

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ANSWER: FALSE: EYES DON'T WEAR OUT

What's the Difference?

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

A

B

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New Word

DILATE

make or become wider or more open

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads the jack of clubs. How would you play the hand? (Assume the missing trumps divide 2-2 or 3-1.)

West: ♠ A Q 5 2, ♥ K 8 4 3, ♦ A J, ♣ 7 5
East: ♠ K J 10 8, ♥ A 10 5 2, ♦ K Q 9, ♣ A Q

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the king of clubs, South discarding a heart. How would you play the hand to guarantee a favorable outcome?

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

1. This is a case where you can assure the contract regardless of how the opposing cards are divided. Win the club lead with the ace, draw trump and cash the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding your club loser. Then ruff dummy's queen of clubs and lead the three of hearts. You can't fail to make the slam if the opposing hearts are divided 3-2, so all your attention should be focused on protecting against a 4-1 (or 5-0) split. Accordingly, you proceed as follows: If North follows low or shows out on the three, play the heart ten

from dummy. If South wins with the jack or queen, he cannot avoid making a losing return. Whatever his holding, he must hand you a ruff-and-discard or lead a heart. If he started with, say, Q-J-9-6 and he returns the six, you play your eight to assure the contract. If he returns the nine, jack or queen of hearts, you play low, win with dummy's ace and again make the contract by leading toward your K-8.

If, on your lead of the three of hearts, North plays the jack or queen, you can assure the slam by letting him hold the trick or by winning the jack or queen with the ace and returning the heart deuce from dummy, planning to finesse the eight if South follows low.

2. Play your eight of clubs on the king. If North shifts to any other suit, you automatically acquire an entry to dummy that assures the contract.

If North continues with the A-Q of clubs, you play your 10-9! North still can't lead another suit or you'd make four notrump, so he's forced to lead his seven of clubs — on which you play your carefully preserved six! North is then at the end of his rope; whatever he leads, you win the remaining tricks.

If you were to play your six of clubs on the ace, king or queen, you could not be sure of making more than eight tricks and might go down one against best defense.

Tomorrow: Thrust and counterthrust.

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How they SAY that in...

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Something to think about...

By **RICHARD SCHNEBERGER**

Special to the Herald

"Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is going to betray you?') When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?'"

Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.'" ~ John 21:20-22

Peter turned. In that moment, instead of focusing on Jesus he began thinking about another disciple. "What about him?" What about his journey? His ministry? His future? What do you have in store for him? Is it better than what you have planned for me? Do you love him more than me? "What about him?" Have you ever found yourself asking that question?

I was in a webinar yesterday and one of the pastors made a profound comment. He said, "Comparison is kryptonite for the Christian." I felt that in my bones. The temptation to play the comparison

game has always been with us, but it is certainly magnified in our social media driven world. The successes and sometimes failures, the blessings and struggles of our "friends" are on display 24/7. We too often evaluate our value and worth by playing the comparison game. Isn't that what ultimately went wrong between Cain and Able?

I hate to admit it, but too often I've found myself playing the comparison game as a pastor. There are so many great pastors and leaders out there it is easy to turn and ask, Lord, "What about them?" She is such a gifted preacher. He is a powerful teacher. They've been given a huge platform and significant influence for the Kingdom. Do you love them more? Are they more valuable? Of course, then we see the public failures and struggles of others and we think, maybe I'm not doing that bad. Ultimately the comparison game leaves us feeling inadequate and empty or inappropriately puffed up and proud. Either way, it doesn't really help us in our journey with Jesus.

Sometimes instead of turning to others, we can turn inward and focus on our feelings. A friend recently posted this great reminder from Elisabeth

Elliot about the faulty foundation of our feelings. "If you dwell on your own feelings about things rather than dwelling on the faithfulness, the love, and the mercy of God, then you're likely to have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Our feelings are very fleeting and ephemeral, aren't they? We can't depend on them for five minutes at a time. But dwelling on the love, faithfulness, and mercy of God is always safe."

When we turn to look at others and begin to ask, "What about them?" Jesus lovingly turns to us and says, "That's none of your business. Follow Me." When we focus on our fickle feelings, Jesus says, "Focus on Me. Stand in My love for you." In Him we find fulfillment. In Him we find mercy and grace. In Him we find eternal value and identity. In Him we find a firm foundation for life.

There are so many things that rock our world. If we're standing on unstable ground we're liable to fall. Don't seek your value, meaning, significance and purpose by playing the comparison game. Focus on Jesus. Follow Him and you will find a firm foundation.

NYC gives final salute to slain NYPD officer

Associated Press undefined

NEW YORK (AP) — Mourning New York police officers will give a final salute Friday to Jason Rivera, a rookie colleague gunned down with his partner a week ago.

A morning funeral Mass is planned at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the officer, who, at age 22, was recently married and barely into his second year of service on the force.

Roman Catholic Cardinal Timothy Dolan will preside over the service. Many of the city's top leaders are expected to attend.

Rivera and a partner, Officer Wilbert Mora, were fatally wounded Jan. 21 by a gunman who ambushed them in a hallway as they responded to a family dispute. Mora's funeral is being held next week, also at St. Patrick's.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said flags at state buildings would fly at half-staff from sunrise the day of Rivera's funeral until sunset the day of Mora's funeral, Feb. 2.

Thousands of uniformed officers, as well as ordinary citizens, filed into the Roman Catholic cathedral Thursday for Rivera's wake.

Strangers came from near and far, Patty Marsibilio, 61, among them. She traveled an hour by subway from the Bronx to pay her respects. When it was her turn at the casket, she stood there and prayed, she said, for the safety of other New York City police officers.

"This is something that was so terrible," she said. "He was 22 years old, married not even four months."

Throughout the week, friends and fellow police officers remembered Rivera and Mora as caring and dedicated. Both grew up in the city's ethnic enclaves and, by most accounts, had hoped to help the department build bridges with the community.

The gunman, who was shot by a third officer, died earlier in the week. Authorities are still investigating why he shot at the officers.



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