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**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 31.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 68.  
 Source: weather.gov

**COVID-19 in Howard County:**  
**Feb. 11, 2022**  
 Confirmed Cases:  
 Probable Cases:  
 Fatalities:  
 Source: dshs.texas.gov

**Daily Quotes**

"I don't know what it means to be a sex symbol. When I look myself on a magazine cover I don't see it as me, but as someone painted, fluffed, puffed and done up."  
 — Jennifer Aniston

"You can only hold your stomach in for so many years."  
 — Burt Reynolds

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."  
 — Thomas Edison

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**2022 Chamber Banquet**



Left: Nolan Dominguez was one of the 5 under 55 award winners announced last night, Feb 10. Nolan is a very influential young man and has done a lot for the local area. Right: The party was in full effect as the crowd enjoyed all of the festivities available at the Chamber Banquet.

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Contributing Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Banquet returned to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Sonic Floor, after going virtual for one year. The annual event, sponsored by Big Spring Education Employees FCU, KBest, Cisneros Law Firm and Big Spring Abstract, offered an opportunity for business professionals to network, find out about community happenings, and gain information to help them engage with their community.

"We are excited to have our members and the community back together again for an evening of celebrations. This is one of our many opportunities to highlight those who do so much for our community," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "Our supporting sponsors this year included Oncor, Star Dodge, Big Spring EDC, and Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. In addition we had several other sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible." The evening included informational booths showcasing local non-profits, area businesses and community information for those looking to get involved and give back. More information was also provided from the Friend Sponsors – Convention and Visitors Bureau, Expedition Royalty, and United Way, along with numerous Buddy Sponsors. In addition to the passing of the gavel from former Chamber President Kristy Tyra to incoming president Kayla Jo Nichols, several recognitions were handed out to those who have gone above and beyond investing into their community.

For the third year the Chamber of Commerce recognized young business professionals with the 5 Under 55 award. This year's recipients included Nolan Dominguez, Mark Richardson, Michelle Hamlin, Bryan Kligora, and Clint Fox. Recipients are nominated by commu-

nity members based on their contributions to the community throughout the year. "Nolan is an Amazing young man. He always has a positive attitude and a great outlook on life," Trystan Hickman said. Dominguez is part of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, former Howard College Diplomat, active member of Cosden FCU board, and serves as President and Founder of the Howard County Young Republicans.

"Nolan is young, but his age does not limit him from getting things done. He is very well liked and respected in our community," Christian Fair said. "In addition to being a respected realtor, while selling houses he is furthering his education. He loves Big Spring and its people, which is apparent by the way he serves."

Clint Fox has served as the General

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**Man and Woman of the Year**

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Contributing Writer

Big hearts make a big difference in the local community. Two of those caring hearts were recognized for their continued service to the Howard County communities, during the Big Spring Annual Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet held Thursday evening. The 2021 Man and Woman of the Year were announced after the passing of the gavel at the Chamber Banquet, Suzanne Markwell and John Weeks.

"One of the biggest honors we get to present each year is Man and Woman of the Year. For more than 30 years we have been able to recognize men and women who have in-



**Suzanne Markwell**



**John Weeks**

hours serving the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteers Ser

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vested abundantly to their community, and the impact they are leaving is immeasurable," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "Our community is what it is today because of the big hearts who have not only noticed the potential, but have taken the initiative to make sure that potential is reached."

The Woman of the Year, Suzanne Markwell, has made her mark on numerous community functions and continues her investment in several more. Over the years, she has logged more than 6,000

**BSHS rated 'Acceptable' on STAAR**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring High School has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency for 2021 STAAR test results improvement over the district's 2019 scores, according to BSISD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Raemi Thompson. The test was not administered in 2020.

The announcement came during a public hearing at the district's school board meeting Thursday evening.

"Every district in the state of Texas was not rated because of the COVID-19 disaster," Dr. Thompson said. "TEA recognized that some campuses would

have been rated better than their previous rating. The district is still not rated – every district in the state of Texas is still not rated – but they went back to all campuses and said, 'If the campus rating – with everything that went on in the pandemic – would have been higher than it was in the previous year, then they were going to award those higher ratings.'"

Thompson used Big Spring High School's rating as an example.

"The Big Spring High School rating previously was a 'D'. They were a 'D' campus," Thompson said. "But taking everything that we've put into place, and all their hard work, had they assigned

ratings, we would have been better than a 'D.' They didn't tell us what we would have been. They didn't say, 'You would have been an 'A', a 'B' or a 'C.' They didn't say that. They just said 'You would have been better than what you would have been previously, so we're going to rate you "Acceptable."'"

Thompson said the state is going back to the regular testing and reporting of STAAR tests for the 2021-22 school year.

Following the prayer at the start of Thursday night's meeting, Superintendent Jay McWilliams instituted a new practice in the way the Pledges of

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## Obituaries

### Carolyn Harrington

Carolyn Harrington, age 74 died on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022. Visitation will be Friday between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring, TX. Her funeral service will take place at Myers & Smith Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 12th at 11:30 a.m.. She will be laid to rest at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carolyn was born on Feb. 27, 1947 in Vernon, TX to Tressie Mae & Raymond James Walker. She was a longtime resident of Post, TX and relocated to Big

Spring in 1990.

Carolyn is survived by: four children Mike & Wendy Bryan of Lubbock, Michelle & Gary Moore of Big Spring, Misty & Landon Wegner of Big Spring, and Mark & Jennifer Bryan of Odessa; fiancé Grady Tubbs; two sisters: Donna & Wayne Barron of Big Spring and Ann Holman of Ada, OK; two brothers James & Karen Walker of Snyder and Johnny Walker of Moore, OK; nine grandchildren and one brother Larry (Butch) Walker.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. You may pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

### Robert L. Aaron, Sr

Robert L. Aaron, Sr., 72, died Saturday Jan. 29, 2022. A memorial service will be Saturday Feb. 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert was born on Sep. 10, 1949 in El Paso, TX to Dorothy and Perry Aaron. He married Patricia Tingle on June 26, 1970. He spent most of his in Big Spring and was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Robert graduated from Howard College and was a licensed vocational nurse. Having worked at Goodall -Witcher Hospital in Clifton and later at Big Spring Care Center.

Robert is survived by 1 son: Robert Aaron, Jr. (Shawnda) of Big Spring; 1 grandson who was raised like a son

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Patricia Aaron; 1 daughter: Susan Aaron Akin; 1 grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Erven L. Fisher, Jr

Erven L. Fisher, Jr., 95, died Thursday, February 10, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Dickie Lee Jones

Dickie Lee Jones (74) of Big Spring, TX, passed away Tuesday Feb. 8, 2022. Visitation will be Sunday Feb. 13th, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Services will be held Monday Feb. 14th, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. followed by burial at Colorado City Cemetery.

He left this world in true Dickie fashion in the car of his dreams. He was born in Colorado City, TX, the oldest of 2 children to the late Claude and Billie Jones. They moved to Big Spring in 1958 and he

graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965. He worked for Southwestern Bell and then he served 2 years in the Navy as a firefighter.

The family would love for all who knew and loved him to join us in celebrating Dickie's life, and what better way to honor him than a parking lot full of the classic cars he loved.

Dickie is survived by his wife Linda Jones; three children; multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister: Tina Knox and numerous cousins.

If preferred, in lieu of flowers, donations could be made in Dickie's name to the Happy Day Humane Society, PO Box 2009, Big Spring, TX 79721.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Central. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Hatch St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Fryar Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 of S Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**FIRE** was reported in the MM 171 I-20. Fire was contained.

•**FIRE** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. Fire was contained.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 109 inmates at the time of this report.

•**JATAVIEN D BREHM**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

•**MONICA CERVANTES**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to non-attended minor, possession of controlled substance less than 1g.

•**LETICIA FLORES**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while invalid, violate promise to appear.

## 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.

  
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Allegiance are handled at school board meetings. The board will honor students by choosing individual students to lead the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

"Before we do it, when we bring them up, we'll have someone from the campus say a little bit about the person or the group, and then they'll lead us in the pledge," McWilliams said.

The first students to lead the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance were Big Spring High School seniors Daphne Echeverry and Dontavion Stevens. Big Spring

Junior High eighth grader Melanie Castillo led the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

In the Special Recognition portion of the meeting, McWilliams recognized the district's counselors for their hard work.

Present at the meeting were counselors Morgan McWilliams, Taylor Osborn, Barbra Roberson, Sheila Rawlins, Richard Cypert, Cadet Bryant, Alisha Daniel, and Jan Shaw. Those not present were Leasa Lowery and Kristi Fontana.

Following the presentation of the counselors, the board held the public hearing on the TAPR ratings, and no members of the public chose to speak.

School board members unanimously approved the Jan. 13 board meeting minutes and the monthly

financial reports.

During the Action Items section of the meeting's agenda, the board unanimously approved the election order and appointments for the May 7 election. School board seats in Districts 5, 6 and 7, currently held by Chad Wash (5), Amy Baeza (6) and Fabian Serrano (7) are up for election. Deadline for filing is Feb. 19, and early voting in the election will run from April 25 to May 3.

The board approved one new employment recommendation and approved renewing the contracts of the district's administrators, directors and coordinators.

McWilliams ended the meeting with his usual Superintendent's Report.

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vices Council, in addition to volunteer hours for Pops in the Park, Festival of Lights, Cars, Stars, and Handlebars and H-E-B Feast of Sharing.

"One writer said, 'Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart,'" JoBeth Corwin, 2006 Woman of the Year, said. "If there is an event (in Howard County), she donates her time."

Markwell is a long-time member of Howard County Fair Association, serving as President for three years. She has also served as a board member for Crime stoppers, Friends of the Library, Big Spring Art Association, Hyperion Club and the Citizens Police Academy. The Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra has also benefited from 450 to 800 hours annually of her support.

In addition to her love for the arts and non-profit organizations, her time is spent serving as the Big Spring YMCA Aquatics Director and remains a certified lifeguard and wa-

ter aerobics instructor.

"Amongst all her volunteer efforts she has found time for her wonderful family. She and her husband, Frank, have two sons," Corwin said. "How does she find time? I'm not sure, but our community certainly has benefited from the generous heart she holds."

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year were submitted by community members and voted on by previous Men and Women of the Year.

"Our community's foundation has been laid out by so many generous hearts. It is an honor to be part of a community that values those contributions and highlights those moments of investment," ValVerde said. "It is an honor to be part of this recognition. These men and women are a good inspiration to all of us."

The Man of the Year, John Weeks, without hesitation displays his passion for Big Spring on a regular basis. While he highlights the day to day happenings in Big Spring through his local business, his passion is displayed through his numerous works

and volunteer hours.

"He has always worked to make Big Spring a better place. His overwhelming love for Big Spring was passed on to him by his father who was active in the community and also served in many leadership roles," Mark Barr, 2020 Man of the Year, said.

Weeks is a Big Spring High School graduate who left for college and quickly returned to his hometown to help his family's business. One of his first big projects was to get a community softball league. Johnny Stone Park was set to be the location of this league, but was in terrible condition. The dream became a reality after months of work. It was that love of sports that launched him into many more opportunities to impact the youth in the community.

"He doesn't just give 'air time', but he gets involved and puts in the work. While he offers his local radio station as a means to promote Big Spring people and events, he helps out in fundraising efforts, serves on planning committees and as an active board member for non-profits," Barr said.

While serving his community is his passion, his love for family runs just as deep. His community support was made possible through the support of his wife Cynthia and daughter Tatum.

"He has passionately dedicated his life to the betterment of Big Spring - his hometown," the nomination said.

Man and Woman of the Year was first presented in 1972, as a way to pay honor to those who invested in their community on a continual basis. The first Woman of the Year was Dorothy Garrett.

Before the evening concluded, several other recognitions were handed out in honor of all those who support the local community.

"Our community partners make the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce what it is," ValVerde said. "If it wasn't for our community partners and their support the Chamber wouldn't be able to have the impact that it does. The Chamber is a conduit for partnerships that lead to the growth and betterment of the Howard County communities."

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Manager at Star CDJR of Big Spring for the past several years. He is active in many Howard County organizations including the Hangar 25 Museum Board, Big Spring Rotary, Chamber of Commerce Board, CASA of West Texas. Fox has also been a large supporter of Bikes Across Big Spring, and Festival of Lights.

"Clint is amazingly intelligent and always there to help further other's education and sales," Tabitha Clark said.

In addition to giving back to the growth of Big Spring, helping ensure a proper foundation is laid for the upcoming generation is a vital part of community investment. Brian Kligora invests his time serving the senior population of the community at Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation Center and invests in the Howard County youth through his involvement in Big Spring Little League.

"Bryan is a hard worker, very dedicated, loyal and would do anything he could to help people, especially children," Robert Smith said.

Kligora is the Food Service Manager at Parkview and serves as President of the Big Spring Little League. For almost 20 years he has coached baseball and serves as President of the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association. In addition, he is part of the Forsan Football Boosters and is responsible for transporting and setting up the inflatable helmet at all the games.

Mark Richardson, Big Spring High School graduate and lifelong Steer supporter, serves as the Operations Manager at KBST and for several years has been involved in numerous organizations and non-profits across Howard County. He is also involved in Boy Scouts, Big Spring Rodeo Board, Chamber of Commerce Board, Coahoma City Council and Pops in the Park Committee.

"Mark always puts his team before himself. He's always willing to do what he can for the best interest of the team, at KBEST and the community," Adrienne Green said. "He also loves to make a great impression on kids and young people when he can."

Michelle Hamlin serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board, is active in 4-H, stock shows and rodeo. Fair said Hamlin has a heart of gold. Her pas-

sion for the community is evident throughout the year through her contributions to the toy drive, participation in food drives and her boots to the ground efforts of improving downtown Big Spring.

For the past several years, the Russ McEwen Award has been presented to local business leaders who impact the community in an abundant way. This year's recipients are Dr. Jody and Tessa Reid with Back in Motion Chiropractic.

Throughout the year, several blood drives have been hosted by Back in Motion, along with numerous other fundraisers benefiting nonprofits in the community. Dr. Reid had an idea - Howard County Bowl - more than eight years ago that resulted in more than 250 students receiving scholarships to help further their education.

"Jody and Tessa are constantly looking for ways to enhance our community and the lives of our citizens," Mark Richardson said. "Jody and Tessa are two of the finest people I know. I am proud to call them friends, and even more proud of the benefits they bring to our area."

According to ValVerde, the Chamber members are the driving force behind that Chamber. Without those local businesses, non-profits, organizations and local families, the events and networking opportunities would be limited. Over the year's there are several businesses who have been loyal supporters, including All Washed Up, Big Mike's Farm Store, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, and Parkview.

"We are thankful for all of our sponsors this year, and those who have supported us over the years. Every contribution helps and offers a needed benefit for the community members. This year we were able to highlight our Buddy Sponsors including Randy Johnson, Dazzling Décor, West Texas Community Mediation Center, Folsom Law Firm, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, and more," ValVerde said. "A new year is upon us and together we will move forward. The growth that can take place is unlimited. We are looking forward to joining in new partnerships with our community as we step into 2022."

ValVerde continued, "We want to give recognition to those who have come on board with us the past several years including H-E-B, Howard College, Shannon Health, Interim Health Care and Direct Auto Insurance. Our community offers an array of resources without having to travel to other

communities. I want to encourage our residents to shop local first, visit with our partners and see how you can get involved."

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Beth Roman, 83, died Friday, February 4, 2022. Funeral service Friday at 2 PM at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carolyn Harrington, 74, died Monday. Visitation Friday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Saturday 11:30 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patricia Aaron, 70, died January 23, 2022. A memorial service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Robert Aaron, Sr., 72, died January 29, 2022. A memorial service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Kerry Mills, 44, died January 23, 2022. Visitation Sunday 11 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Monday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dolores Saucedo, 59, died Monday. Vigil service Friday 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday 9:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Erven L. Fisher, Jr., 95, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Hale, Jr., 53, died Wednesday.

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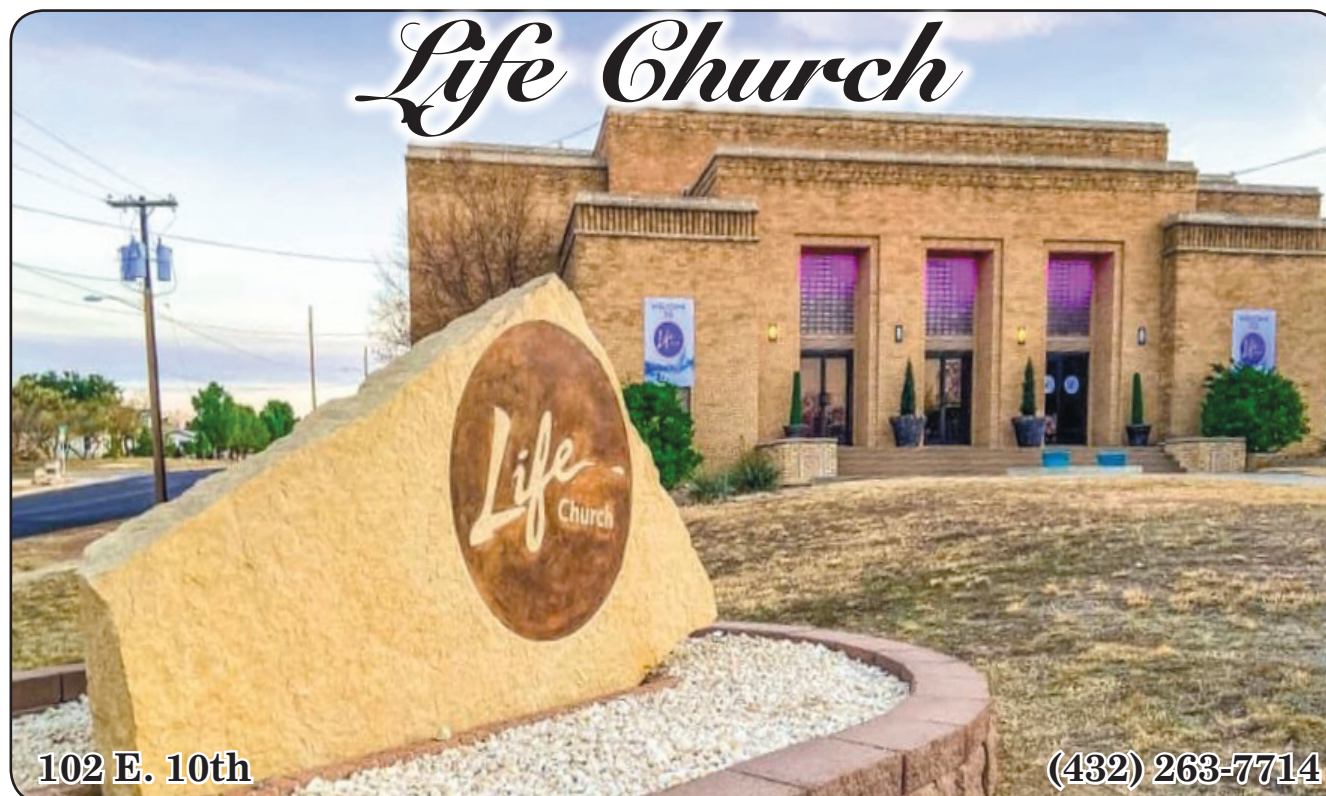
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# Church News

## NazFamily Church

**This Sunday**  
Get ready - God is on the move! That is something we say often around NazFamily Church because we believe God is not static, but dynamic. He is moving and working in our lives, our church, our community, and our world. We want to stay in step with the Spirit. You won't want to miss this Sunday as Pastor Richard shares some of the ways God has been blessing and directing the Naz-Family in these days. Come, celebrate what God is doing in our midst!

**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.

**Alabaster**  
Give up a want to meet a need. For over fifty years the Alabaster Offering has gone to help build churches, schools, and ministry centers around the world. On Sunday, February 27, we will receive an Alabaster Offering. Won't you consider giving up a want this month, maybe a daily one like soda or coffee, or others like going out to eat or forms of entertainment, and save that money to help meet needs around the world.

*Blessings ~ Pastor Richard*

## College Baptist Church

We welcome you as old and new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. 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 during our winter season, serving our Lord. Services for February 6, 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 this week-end. 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:**

**Sunday, February 6th, 2022** - For the month of February we have a wonderful NEW SERIES Entitled: LOVE & WAR-How to resolve conflicts in your relationships. Also join us Wednesday's for our MDWK Supplemental Series Entitled: Love Therapy. We look forward to seeing you soon. #love&war #lovetherapy

**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.

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-Pastor Michael Willard

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

We are celebrating the season of Epiphany through the end of February. During this time, we will use 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 February 6th will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 146; Luke 4:16-27; James 1:22-27. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Marching Orders. Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.

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 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 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.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
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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.

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## CHURCH

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Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We have begun a new bible study on Forgiveness. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) 1 Cor. 14:12b - 20, and Luke 5: 1-11. The psalm is Psalm 138.

Dolline Budke 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

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 and on YouTube at FUMC Big Spring at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M.

Pastor Ricky began his new series, "Stewardship, It's a Matter of Trust". Stewardship is more than giving money to the church. One of the keys to living a successful Christian life is TRUSTING GOD. The writer of Proverbs helps us to understand about trust and obedience. In Proverbs 3:1-10, by leaning not on our own understanding but in all of our ways acknowledge Him, Trust Him and He will direct our paths. How do we trust God? By trusting in adversity, by trusting in abundance, and trusting God as our source. We must understand we are trustees over all that God has given us, whether it be finances, gifts, talents, etc. We must trust Him and be a good steward of our resources.

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We look forward to seeing you.

There will be NO activities on Sunday, February 13.

Confirmation classes begin Sunday February 27

Join us on Wednesday, February 16, for evening activities

6:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery

6:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study

6:00 P.M. Bridge Rehearsal

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For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or call the church office at 432-267-6394.

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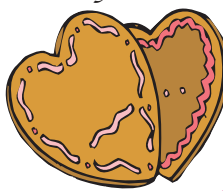
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Courtesy Photos

### Doping hearing to decide Russian skater's Olympic fate

By GRAHAM DUNBAR and JAMES ELLINGWORTH

AP Sports Writers

BEIJING — Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva's right to compete in the women's event at the Beijing Olympics will be decided at an urgent hearing at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Both the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Testing Agency — on behalf of the IOC — said Friday they would fight the decision by Russia's anti-doping agency to allow the 15-year-old Valieva to skate. The Russian agency provisionally banned Valieva on Tuesday because she failed a doping test in December. After an appeal, the agency lifted the ban Wednesday.

Valieva is the heavy favorite in her event, which begins Tuesday. She set world record scores this season and landed the first quad jump by a woman at an Olympics as the Russian athletes competing as ROC, short for Russian Olympic Committee, won the team event. The ROC said it will fight to keep that gold medal, and Valieva has passionate support from the Kremlin.

The ITA confirmed reports that Valieva tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine at the Russian national championships in St. Petersburg six weeks ago.

The positive test was flagged by a laboratory in Sweden only on Tuesday — the day after Valieva helped the Russians win the team event and just hours before the medal ceremony, which was then postponed. Whether the Russians will lose that gold medal will be decided later.

The hospital that oversees the Swedish lab said in an emailed statement that "the laboratory is not allowed in any way to comment on a pending case," when asked by The Associated Press to explain the weeklong delay in testing the sample. It is not clear when Russian anti-doping officials sent the sample or when it

arrived at the lab.

Valieva was hit with an immediate interim ban from the Beijing Olympics by the Russian anti-doping agency known as RUSADA, which oversaw testing at the national championships. On Wednesday, a RUSADA disciplinary panel upheld her appeal and overturned the skater's interim ban.

The rushed hearing, said CAS will only consider the question of the provisional ban at these Olympics, said the International Testing Agency, which is prosecuting on behalf of the IOC. The ITA was formed by the IOC in 2018 in the wake of the Russian doping scandal to manage international testing and to design the anti-doping program for the Olympics.

"The IOC will exercise its right to appeal and not to wait for the reasoned decision by RUSADA, because a decision is needed before the next competition the athlete is due to take part in," the testing agency said.

As a 15-year-old, Valieva has protections in the World Anti-Doping Code. Under the guidelines, she could ultimately receive just a simple reprimand.

When a minor is implicated in doping rules violations, the rules say her entourage, such as coaches and team doctors, must be investigated, too. That isn't typically the case for athletes 18 and over.

"Such cases are not helpful to the Games," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "These cases need to be prosecuted properly, taken care of properly and due process needs to be gone through. Otherwise I think the confidence of people would be even less. So I think it's very important for everybody concerned, not least the 15-year-old athlete that's concerned, that we have due process, that it's seen to be done properly and that people can have confidence in the decisions that are taken."

Valieva will likely be stripped of her Russian national title from December.

The Russian Olympic Committee said it would defend Valieva and fight to keep the team event gold she contributed to. It added that a doping test Valieva took while at the Olympics came back clean. All medalists are tested at the Olympics.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was vocal in calling for support for Valieva.

"We're speaking in the proceeding to end. And infinitely, absolutely for Valieva, and completely and in any case we are supporting our Kamila Valieva," he told reporters Friday.

"And we call on everyone to support her. And we say to Kamila: 'Kamila, do not hide your face, you are a Russian woman, walk proudly everywhere and most of all, compete and win against everyone.'"

For the second straight day, Valieva worked out early at the main rink inside Capital Indoor Stadium as if nothing was amiss. She was flanked by Russian teammates Alexandra Trusova and world champion Anna Shcherbakova, both of whom are also coached by Eteri Tutberidze.

### Local Golfer Doby Walker makes his first hole in one at Comanche Trail Golf Course



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### Legals

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5 :AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	The China	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Legs, feet	2022 Winter Olympics: Short Track.	Jeremiah Joyce M.	Blind Frog Ranch
6 :AM		¡Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy dia (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	HaYesod	Ready Jet Go!	Patemity	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter		Ninja Warrior	2022 Olympics	Parking	Blind Frog Ranch
7 :AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		2022 Olympics	Parking	Blind Frog Ranch
8 :AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	World Poker	Olympics	Parking	Blind Frog Ranch
9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Being MMTV	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos	Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up	College Basketball	2022 Olympics	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch
10 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	Master Words of	Go Luna Curious	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans				2022 Olympics	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch
11 :AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	Cowgirl Dr. Wil	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	2022 Olympics	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch
12 :PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News	Pasión de gavilanes	Dr. Phil	The On the Hero	Molly	Dateline	Hot	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball: Clippers at Mavericks	2022 Winter Olympics	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch
1 :PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	2022 Winter Olympics: Speed Skating, Cross Country.	Heritage Church	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	This Just In	SportsCenter		2022 Winter Olympics: Women's Curling - U.S. vs China.	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch
2 :PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con		Light of Southwest	Donkey	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends		NBA Today	To Be Announced	Live on the Line	2022 Winter Olympics	Killer	Blind Frog Ranch
3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo		Light of Southwest	Curious		Divorce	Friends		NFL Live	Jalen	Sports	2022 Winter Olympics	Killer	Blind Frog Ranch
4 :PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	News	En casa con	News	Cowboy Bible	Xavier	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends	Movie: Fast Five, Jordana Brewster (DVS)	Around Pardon	Max	The Rally	2022 Winter Olympics: Hockey Game of the Day.	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush
5 :PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	The Creation	Molly	King	Nick Cannon	Burgers		SportsCenter	Daily Wager		2022 Olympics	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush
6 :PM	News Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	Exaltión Estados Unidos (SS)	News	M:25	Pinkalicious	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Burgers	Movie: The Hitman's Bodyguard (DVS)	Con	College Basketball: Kent State at Akron.	Champ Spotlight	2022 Olympics	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush
7 :PM	Jeopardy! National	Soltero con hijas	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition	Hercal: amor y venganza (SS)	2022 Olympics	MMTV	Curious	Chicago P.D.	Penn & Teller	Movie: Just Mercy, Brie Larson		Madden NFL	College Basketball	NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Dallas Stars.	2022 Olympics	Killer	Blind Frog Ranch
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12 :AM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	James Corden	Señora Acero (SS)	2022 Olympics	Shofar	Tiger	Minute	black-ish			SportsCenter	UFC	Inside	2022 Olympics	Cold Case Files	Gold
1 :AM	DailyMail		Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa		Heritage	Xavier	Forensic	Creek			SportsCenter	Around Pardon	ROH Wrestling	2022 Olympics	Killer	Blind Frog Ranch
2 :AM	Lose	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa		Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Full	Movie: Neighbors, Rose Byrne	SportsCenter	UFC Live	NHL Hockey: Jets at Stars	2022 Olympics	Killer	Blind Frog Ranch
3 :AM	Brain Fog	Vecinos	Seinfeld	Paid Prg.	La muerte cruzó el Río Bravo	Blast	Light of Southwest	Pinkalicious	Minute	Grow Hair	Accident?		SportsCenter	UFC 253: Adesanya vs. Costa		2022 Olympics	(05) Cold Case Files	Gold
4 :AM	Outages	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Noticias	Minute	Shepherd's Heart	Curious	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp		NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		Postgame Epic	2022 Olympics	Paid Prg.	Gold Rush: The Dirt
5 :AM	Outages	Nosotr.	FamFeud	Paid Prg.	Programa	Weather Gone Viral	Church	Pink	Paid Prg.	Sore	Matters	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		Relief	2022 Olympics	Paid Prg.	Gold Rush WW

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Bidding quiz**

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ Q8742 ♥ K95 ♦ J73 ♣ 94
- ♠ AJ63 ♥ 102 ♦ Q52 ♣ KJ63
- ♠ AKJ76 ♥ 742 ♦ K973 ♣ 8
- ♠ AK95 ♥ 63 ♦ J84 ♣ AJ43

1. **Pass.** Although partner's three-club bid urges you to bid again, it is not forcing. It merely invites a further bid if you have more than the six or seven points you might have for a suit response on the one-level. Here, with no values beyond those already shown, the best thing to do is pass.

2. **Five clubs.** You are not exceptionally strong in high cards, but what you have should prove very useful to partner. Not only do you have excellent trump support, but you also have first-round spade control, a doubleton heart and the queen of diamonds for good measure.

All these features add up to much more than a simple raise to four clubs, which you would make if you had, say, the queen of spades instead of the ace.

3. **Three diamonds.** There is surely a game somewhere, but the best contract is uncertain at the moment. The three-diamond bid may be all that partner needs to undertake three notrump, and, furthermore, it leaves him room to show three-card spade support.

It is far better to bid three diamonds than three spades. The failure to show your diamonds might result in missing three notrump. The inequality of your two suits should be disregarded in an effort to find the best contract.

4. **Six clubs.** Here you should take the bull by the horns and bid six. Partner has jumped in clubs with a far-from-solid suit (you're looking at the A-J), and, since he has at most five points in clubs and neither the ace or king of spades, he's bound to have substantial high-card strength in both red suits. There's no way of knowing precisely where the 12 tricks will come from, but that shouldn't stop you from bidding the slam. The only real criterion in these situations is whether you think partner can make 12 tricks — and it would be unduly pessimistic to think he can't. A typical hand for partner would be ♠ 7 ♥ KQ4 ♦ AK5 ♣ KQ10852, which, opposite yours, would make slam a virtual lay-down.

Tomorrow: A recommended procedure.  
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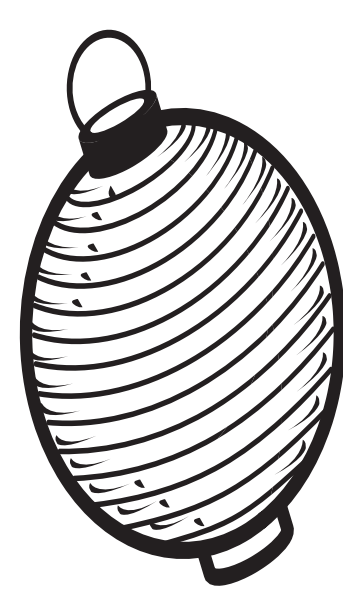
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# FEATURES

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2022. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 2013, with a few words in Latin, Pope Benedict XVI did what no pope had done in more than half a millennium: announced his resignation. The bombshell came during a routine morning meeting of Vatican cardinals. (The 85-year-old pontiff was succeeded by Pope Francis.)

On this date:

In 660 B.C., tradition holds that Japan was founded as Jimmu ascended the throne as the country's first emperor.

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-

down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement, in which Stalin agreed to declare war against Imperial Japan following Nazi Germany's capitulation.

In 1963, American author and poet Sylvia Plath was found dead in her London flat, a suicide; she was 30.

In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-nee) seized power

in Iran.

In 1990, South African Black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

In 2006, Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded Harry Whittington, a companion during a weekend quail-hunting trip in Texas.

In 2008, the Pentagon charged Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (HAH'-leed shayk moh-HAH'-med) and five other detainees at Guantanamo Bay with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

In 2011, Egypt exploded with joy after pro-democracy protesters brought down President Hosni Mubarak, whose resignation ended three decades of authoritarian rule.

In 2020, the World Health Organization gave the official

name of COVID-19 to the disease caused by the coronavirus that had emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan.

Ten years ago: Pop singer Whitney Houston, 48, was found dead in a hotel room bathtub in Beverly Hills, California.

Five years ago: Yale University announced it would change the name of a residential college honoring 19th-century alumnus and former U.S. Vice President John C. Calhoun, who was an ardent supporter of slavery.

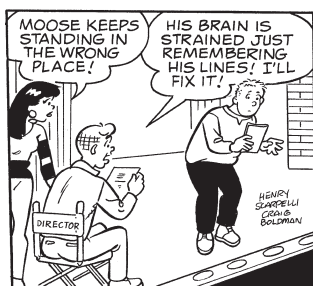
One year ago: At the Senate impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, Democrats asserted that Trump had incited an attack on the U.S. Capitol, put his own vice president in danger and expressed solidarity with rioters who sought to overturn the 2020 election in his name. President Joe Biden ended

the "national emergency" that Trump had declared in order to take money from the Pentagon for a wall along the Mexican border. California surpassed New York as the state with the most coronavirus deaths. An Alabama inmate won a reprieve from a lethal injection after the Supreme Court said the state could not proceed without his pastor in the death chamber. (Willie B. Smith III would be executed in October 2021.) Sister André, a French nun who was believed to be the world's second-oldest person, celebrated her 117th birthday at a care home in France after surviving COVID-19. A British judge ruled that a newspaper invaded the privacy of the Duchess of Sussex, the former Meghan Markle, by publishing a personal letter to her estranged father.

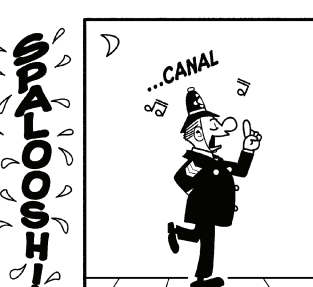
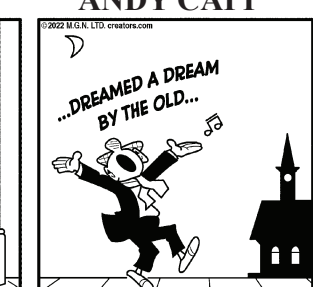
Today's Birthdays: Actor Conrad Janis is 94. Gospel singer Jimmy Carter is 90.

Actor Tina Louise is 88. Fashion designer Mary Quant is 88. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 81. Actor Philip Anglim is 70. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is 69. Actor Catherine Hickland is 66. Rock musician David Uosikkinen (aw-SIK'-ken-ihn) (The Hooters) is 66. Actor Carey Lowell is 61. Singer Sheryl Crow is 60. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is 58. Actor Jennifer Aniston is 53. Actor Damian Lewis is 51. Actor Marisa Petroro is 50. Singer D'Angelo is 48. Actor Bruce Beckham is 46. Rock M-C/vocalist Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park) is 45. Singer-actor Brandy is 43. Country musician Jon Jones (The Eli Young Band) is 42. Actor Matthew Lawrence is 42. R&B singer Kelly Rowland is 41. Actor Natalie Dormer is 40. Singer Aubrey O'Day is 38. Actor Q'orianka (kohr-ee-AHN'-kuh) Kilcher is 32. Actor Taylor Lautner is 30.

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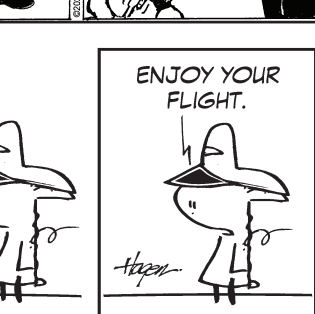
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## Horoscopes By Holiday

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022

#### Conjunction Calls for Clarity in Communication

Mercury and Pluto highlight the importance of clear messaging. Communicating clearly and graciously isn't the easiest of tasks. Even if you say the right thing -- and you will be in the minority if you do -- saying it at an auspicious time and with an effectively charming inflection is a challenge few can win. However, it is imperative that you try.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A common thought today: "What is wrong with them?" There are hidden but logical causes and reasons for the undesirable behaviors of others. Try and find them because they are the basis for dealing with others in a healthy manner.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're gaining skills and building up desirable traits. Even so, you should never have to be a different person to succeed. In each new version you'll stay true to you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have deep wells of creativity and will be drawn to those with similarly rich resources. Seek an atmosphere of support and encouragement where everyone is safe to express themselves.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As others run from responsibility, you run toward it. Work is an essential part of who you are and your need for it is more ample than your need for play or rest.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Money is important, but not the most important, and certainly shouldn't have the emphasis that certain people around you seem to give it. Chasing the dollar leads to hollow victory at best. Center your goals on helping.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When guests leave your home, you see them to the door, a gesture to soothe the transition and prevent emptiness from settling into the separation. You'll metaphorically enact this lovely gesture in other settings.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You allow yourself to be userious and people relax around you. The spirit of playfulness, laughter and creativity will be your constant companions.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will receive a blessing of sorts. It won't be from a religious official, and it won't happen in a formal context. You will feel the energy of this blessing open something up in you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will have a strong need to categorize you, only because they're trying to figure out where you fit into their lives. Just don't let them define you. You define you, and that definition is ever evolving.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). If love is a game, this will be a prize-winning round. Hand on the buzzer, you're ready to come up with the right answer. Make your move. Don't wait to be sure.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Artistic expression is stress relief. A regular creative practice will net you a calmer and more centered existence with the bonus of being masterful at your craft.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll have your choice of a few different investments. It will be better to invest in a person than it will in an object or commodity. Tonight: Fortune favors you when you express your love in actions instead of words.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 11). Grab the wheel if you must, but you'll find this year quite un-steerable. Handle it like an ice skid -- provide no resistance, enjoy the spin. People you meet possess rare qualities like charm, tenderness and generosity. The next five months will combine your scenes and people in unexpected and auspicious ways. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 1, 27 and 5.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Just when you think you know what's coming, events occur that defy prediction. **TAURUS:** You're not ignoring them; you're just waiting to see if they make the effort. **GEMINI:** You've been working out a lot of things behind closed doors and have scored some major private victories. Public victories will soon follow. **CANCER:** Small things will mean a lot. Like "good morning" and "good night" texts. **LEO:** A romantic goal you once thought was unreasonable is now seeming quite within your reach. **VIRGO:** Laugh at your own jokes... humor's the way, and who cares after that? If you think it's funny, it's funny. **LIBRA:** People won't like being caught off guard. Sometimes what makes a surprise most pleasant is that it's not really. **SCORPIO:** Two paths meet and suddenly you're in a face-off with someone going the opposite direction. **SAGITTARIUS:** A person who is going through the stage you crossed long ago will bring you back to that time. **CAPRICORN:** The temptation for public sharing will be high. Just make sure the publicity will be good for you. **AQUARIUS:** Save your deepest feelings, fears, funny thoughts, and insecurities for your inner circle. **PISCES:** Later you'll look back on this day and note how carefree, young and attractive you were.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Cancer and Aquarius are a team for the ages, especially when they both cook, clean, hustle, spoil each other... the list goes on and adds up to a happy, healthy connection under these airy stars. If the weekend had a soundtrack,

it would be filled with arias of intense, joyous religiosity to permeate the days.

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tenor's high note
  - 8 College city near Bangor
  - 13 Mischievous
  - 14 Spots for spectacles
  - 15 Start of a quote
  - 17 *Prince and the Pauper* kid
  - 18 One way to bid
  - 19 Make \_\_\_ in (tear)
  - 21 Cheese sharpener
  - 22 With 51 Across, source of quote
  - 26 Cell phone trio
  - 27 King of Spain
  - 28 It can mean "modified"
  - 29 Old-fashioned cleaner
  - 31 Alias introducer
  - 33 Light sprays
  - 34 Middle of quote
  - 40 Dovetail part
  - 41 Word on a South Asian map
  - 42 Brad Pitt space travel film
  - 45 E-file destination
  - 47 NY tech school
  - 50 DMV ID
  - 51 See 22 Across
  - 53 Extremely long time
  - 54 It touches Thailand
  - 56 Muscle car of yore
  - 57 With a charge, in chemistry
  - 59 End of quote
  - 63 Dostoyevsky title character
- DOWN**
- 64 Dizzy feeling
  - 65 What lore consists of
  - 66 Themed toy collection
  - 11 Closest
  - 12 Recurring musical fragment
  - 16 '90s predecessor of Merkel
  - 17 Wheels on rails
  - 20 Small explosions
  - 23 Ceiling support
  - 24 Video streaming device
  - 25 Video that's gone viral
  - 30 Take a break
  - 32 Certain equine
  - 34 Promo handout
  - 35 Giant reptile
  - 36 SSA IDs
  - 37 Global, for short
  - 38 Not a big band
  - 39 Minor miss

## THINKING ABOUT THAWING by S.N.

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

**Today's Answers**

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8	5	6	2	1	9	4	3	7	8	5
1	9	4	3	7	8	6	5	2	1	9
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## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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## HOW TO HOST THE ULTIMATE WATCH PARTY

Watch parties provide great opportunities to get together with friends and family. Such gatherings can be centered around Hollywood awards shows, sporting events or even the finale of a popular television series. Regardless of what's being watched, hosts can employ various strategies to make the party as fun and memorable as possible for themselves and their guests.

- Stock up on food and drinks. Even if the festivities won't include a sit-down dinner, stock up on food and drinks so no one goes hungry or thirsty. If the event you're watching is slated to begin shortly after dinnertime, consider hosting a potluck pre-event dinner. A potluck dinner helps take some of the burden off of hosts and the pre-event meal can be a great time to share thoughts and theories about the event everyone is there to watch. Provide plenty of nonalcoholic beverages like water, soda, tea, and coffee as well. Alcoholic beverages can be served, but hosts should keep everyone's consumption to a minimum to ensure guests make it home safe.

- Prepare some event-specific treats. Some event-specific treats like cookies that look like baseballs



or desserts designed to mimic the appearance of an awards show statuette can inject a little something extra into the party.

- Send guests home with event-specific party favors. Event-specific party favors also can be a nice touch that guests won't soon forget. If you're gathering to watch a big game on the gridiron, pass out foam fingers with league or team logos. If it's the finale of a beloved television series, hand out show-related mementos that allude to a specific and important episode, character or plot point in the show's history.

- Make sure everyone has a seat and some space. Before inviting guests, conduct a reasonable assessment of your viewing space and determine how many guests can fit and sit comfortably in the space. Events like games and awards shows tend

to last several hours, and guests will want a comfortable seat and a little space to spread out. Tailor the size of your guest list to your available space.

- Upgrade your tech. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of many watch parties, and in the interim hosts' tech might have fallen a bit behind the times. Shop around for new items if your television could be a few inches larger or your surround sound system could use an upgrade to make any audiophile proud. Guests will appreciate the high-quality images and sound, and hosts will enjoy the upgrades long after the party has ended.

- Fill the down time. A television show watch party may not have much down time, but games and awards shows will have some breaks in the action. Some fun games like bingo can keep guests engaged even when the action on the screen slows down. Hosts can up the fun factor of watch parties with a few simple strategies to make the festivities feel unique.

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