

# McWilliams' contract extended at Thursday meeting

Weather



Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 30. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Source: weather.gov

#### CORRECTION

On the Feb 16 edition of the Herald We unintentionally implied that the review of Superintendent Jay Mc-Williams may have been anything other than a routine annual review. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding that it may have caused. The story should have read," Big Spring Superintendent Jav McWilliams job performance will be under an annual review."

## **Daily Quotes**

"You change the world by being yourself."



HERALD photo/Roger Cline Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring school board voted unanimously Thursday evening to replace Superintendent Jay McWilliams' (shown) intendent Jay McWilliams' concurrent contract with two years remaining, to a new three-year contract. McWilliams ing. The item was the only business has been Superintendent since 2018.

#### **The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Salutes** Maestro John Giordano Mezzo Soprano Sarah Austin Saturday, February 19th • 7:30 PM

#### **Big Spring High School Auditorium**

**Advance Tickets:** bigspringsymphony.org

#### **By ROGER CLINE**

The Big Spring ISD school board voted unanimously extend Supertract at Thursday's special meeton the meeting's agenda.

During the meeting, after the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, school board President Fabian Serrano called for public comment, but no one chose to speak.

The board then immediately retired into executive session to deliberate on McWilliams' contract.

> After delib-

> > **Courtesy Photos**

eration of more than an hour, the board returned to open session and voted to renew McWilliams' threeyear contract.

"The board felt that since Mr. Mc-Williams has started, there

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# **20th Annual Chili Cook-Off for Fraternal Order of Eagles, Set for Feb. 19, 2022.**





The Fraternal Order of the Eagles prepares to host the 20th annual Chili cook-off this coming up weekend.

#### – Yoko Ono

"Dancing's part of my soul. I enjoy it, it makes people happy, and it makes me happy."

- John Travolta

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#### **By LACHELLE COBB**

Herald Staff Reporter

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will host their 20th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 19, starting at 8 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. Third St in Big Spring.

The entry fee is \$15 to enter, and you must prepare three pounds of chili on-site. This event is open to the public. For \$10, you can enjoy all-you-can-eat chili from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, house Chili will be available. Registration will be at 8

a.m., and judging will be at 11 a.m. Winners will receive, 1st place- \$500, 2nd place- \$300, and 3rd place - \$200.

This is one of the biggest fundraisers that the organization has for the year. All proceeds go to helping families with funeral expenses and getting a head start on Christmas for kids 2022; last year, they helped 84 families with about 210 children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Johnny Zambrano- Vice President @ 432-213-6906

Josh Bridges- Mens President @ 254-243-0123 Mike Leuschner- Secretary/trustee @ 432-213-0751

# Howard County Library mural approved



**Courtesy Photo** 

BSHS students did a preliminary sketch for the planned mural at the Library.

#### **By ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

After Spring Break, the Howard County Library is going to be a little more colorful.

After tabling the issue dur-

ing their past two meetings, Howard County Commissioners unanimously approved Monday the creation of a mural on a small building facing the library's parking lot.

A mock-up of one side of

the mural – printed with this article – features a girl holding a golden key, riding on a flying book, and surrounded by fanciful elements such as a dragon, hot-air balloons, rainbows, and an ocean with a jumping fish and sailing ship. The mural features the words "Dora Roberts" and "Howard County Library."

According to Howard County Library Director Mavour Braswell, the theme of the mural is "Literacy, Knowledge, and Imagination," and work on the project is planned to take place over Spring Break, March 12-20.

"High school is a time when we start to lose readers," said Friends of the Library President Nancy Michaelis. "To have them that invested in the Library, that invested in something in their community it's a win. It's a win in so many ways.

County Commissioners had tabled the item twice previously, raising concerns about how materials would be paid for and how the mural would be preserved against the elements, as well as how the safety of the students working on the mural could be ensured while on county property.

Monday, Braswell said that all costs of creating and maintaining the mural would be covered by the Big Spring ISD.

"The Superintendent has agreed to an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to cover the maintenance, in case it deteriorates or gets damaged in some way," she said.

Commissioners' approval of the project is contingent upon the signing of the MOU.



# Robert (Bob) STAPP for **Howard County Judge**

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# LOCAL

# Take Note

#### • Order of the Eastern

Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The

Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or carl.reid@hhs. texas.gov.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

# Obituaries

#### Robert Cruz

Robert Cruz, 58, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Visitation will be Sunday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil Service Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at Monday at 11:00 AM in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects at www.myersandsmith.com

• Kindred at Home needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Shiela Crockett at 466-9034.

# **Support Groups**

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

#### WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

#### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteranbased peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

#### 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.

**Fire/EMS** 

Russia to stage massive nuclear drills amid Ukraine standoff

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 8300

#### By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian military on Friday announced massive drills of its strategic nuclear forces, a stark reminder of the country's nuclear might amid Western fears that Moscow might be preparing to invade Ukraine.

Russian President Vladimir Putin will personally oversee Saturday's exercise, which will involve multiple practice launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles and cruise missiles, the Defense Ministry said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin would observe the drills from the Defense Ministry's situation room and supervise the practice missile launches himself.

The ministry said it planned the maneuvers some time ago to check the readiness of Russia's military command and personnel, as well as the reliability of its nuclear and conventional weapons.

The war games follow U.S. President Joe Biden's warning on Thursday that Russia could invade Ukraine within days.

Western fears focus on an estimated 150,000 Russian troops — including about 60% of Russia's overall ground forces — concentrated near Ukraine's borders. The Kremlin insists it has no plans to invade.

But Moscow has demanded that the U.S. and its allies keep Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations out of NATO, not deploy weapons in Ukraine and pull back NATO forces from Eastern Europe.

Washington and its allies bluntly rejected the Russian demands, and Moscow threatened to take unspecified "military-technical measures" if the West continued to stonewall.

Russia holds massive drills of its strategic nuclear forces on an annual basis, but the maneuvers planned for Saturday pointedly involve the Black Sea Fleet. The fleet is based on the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

The Black Sea Fleet has surface warships and submarines equipped with Kalibr cruise missiles, but its doesn't have intercontinental ballistic missiles and didn't take part in similar previous drills of the country's strategic forces.

In the past, Russia has held the annual strategic forces drills in the fall. U.S. officials have voiced concern that Moscow shifted the exercise to February to coincide with a possible invasion of Ukraine.

The Kremlin's Peskov said Russia notified foreign partners about the maneuvers in advance, adding that the exercise shouldn't cause worries in the West.

"Practice launches of ballistic missiles are part of regular training," he said. "They are preceded by a series of notices to other nations via different channels."

Putin met with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko and invited him to watch Saturday's maneuvers.

block of CR 42. No transport was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of S Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 112 inmates at the time of this report.

•**BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle, possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

•**RUBEN MENDOZA III**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•CODY RAY OLIVARES, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of dangerous drug.

•CARLOS ERIC RIVERA, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•**ROBYN VALENTINE**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, unlawful carrying weapon prohibited places, evading arrest detention with vehicle.

•ABEL VIGIL, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

•JACOBIE JAMES WOODEN, 37, was arrested by DPS on a charge of parole violation, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, fail to identify fugitive.



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has been significant improvement amongst the various aspects of running a school district," Serrano said after the meeting adjourned. "That's why we decided to move that direction."

McWilliams, who joined the BSISD in 2016 as an

assistant superintendent under then-superintendent Chris Wigington, was promoted to the district's top spot in 2018 due to Wigington's departure.

"I'm extremely excited, and at the same time, I'm extremely grateful to the board that they gave me a vote of confidence to run this outstanding school district," McWilliams said. "All I told them, and I've told them all along: I'm going to do the very best job I can do for our kids and our staff of Big Spring

ISD. They have my word I'll give them everything I've got. So now that they've renewed me, I look forward to finishing out this year on a strong note, and I look forward in the future to trying to continue to make this the best district in West Texas."

Although McWilliams had two years remaining on his current contract, Thursday's action resets that figure to three years rather than two.

# 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.bigspringsymphony.org.

 American Legion Post No. 506 will hold a Fish Fry on Saturday, February 19. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while serving will extend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Serving will be at the American Legion headquarters, 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084 to order or for more information.

• Author and longtime Big Spring resident B.J. Mayo, now a resident of Miles, Texas, will hold a signing of his latest book The Sparrows of Montenegro, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

 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

situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

 Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

 Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you For more information, call Lynn Creswell or Chavonna Parker at 432-263-3312

 The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at

1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail. com.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

#### **MYERS & SMITH** FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Robert Cruz, 58, Wednesday. died Visitation will be Sunday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil Service Sunday at 7:00 PM in the

• 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 apply the information to their own





• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors

meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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# Religion

# Church News NazFamily Church

#### This Sunday

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 this Sunday as we begin a new church wide series discovering Discipleship as a Journey of Grace.

#### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of an important season for Christ-followers around the world that we often call Lent. This is a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare for our Easter Celebration. We will have a special Ash Wednesday Service on March 2nd @ 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for this special worship gathering.

#### Men's Walk #78

The Signal Mountain Emmaus community will be hosting an upcoming men's walk on March 3-6. The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. Pastor Richard will be working on this walk. Contact Pastor Richard or Lorinda Herrod if you would like more information.

Blessings ~ Pastor Richard

#### **College Baptist Church**

We welcome you as old and new members through Jesus Christ in 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.

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\* Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts at 6 Fellowship meal between 6 and 6:45 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 Children meet for King's Kids Nursery and extended

and Krafts. 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 20, 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.

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 know God really 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, purposedriven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship on Sunday's (onsite) @9:30AM (onsite & online)@11:00AM & Wednesday's (onsite & online) @7PM. 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 meet on February 22nd and will be looking at lesson 4 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.

#### **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

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.

"Loving God, Loving People, Loving Communities and Changing the world!" -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 20th will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 116:1-9; 1Kings 17:17-24; Acts 9:36-42. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: A New Look On Life. 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

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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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 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 Genesis 45:3-15, 1 Cor. 15: 21-26, and Luke 6: 27-38. The psalm is Psalm 103: 1-13.

Bobby 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

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# RELIGION

# Something to think about...

#### By RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

#### Special to the Herald

My wife and I have worked hard to get our children into a consistent chore routine. It is clearly evident we haven't found what truly motivates them yet. We have to "compel" each of them to do their chores and follow through. Saturday mornings often evolve into a battle of the "wills", which isn't fun for any of us.

Our children will eventually get their chores done, not because they love to help and serve, but because they don't want to be disciplined. They are simply ready to move on to something else. Either way it is evident that their hearts are not in it. On the other hand, when they are working on their own projects, when they are engaged in things they

are personally passionate about, then nothing can often do we find ourselves half-hearted in our relastop them. No matter how many times we warn the boys not to use the kitchen utensils or my tools for their science projects, it happens anyway. No matter how many times we tell our daughter not to get paint and craft supplies out at the kitchen table, we still end up with glitter everywhere. We can barely pull them away from their projects because they are engaged in it with their whole heart.

We have probably all been guilty of doing things in life with less than our best effort. Sometimes we find ourselves serving out of obligation or duty, but our heart isn't really in it. We're there because we don't want to be punished. We try to just get through it so we can move on to something we really want to do. Going through the motions, we showed up, but that is about the extent of it. How

tionship with God?

I'm convinced the Lord doesn't want half-hearted worship, half-hearted devotion, half-hearted service, or half-hearted obedience, He wants your whole heart. God wants a people who passionately pursue Him! That is what Jesus meant when he said that the greatest commandment was to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength! When we deeply love God with every fiber of our being, then nothing can stop us from serving Him and worshiping Him.

My prayer for myself and for us this week is that we would passionately pursue God, love God, and serve God with our whole heart!

#### By JOELLE LUDINGTON

Special to the Herald

1 John 4:7

God is love- Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Been reading on the miracles of Jesus Christ. 31 miracles, as I read I saw where he immediately healed them except for one. He had to pray. Deliverance took place, one with the spirit of legion. Some were brought to him to be healed and be delivered. Always moved by compassion always. One particular comes to my mind, the son of a widow woman who lost her son, it says in the

God is bible how our lord Jesus Christ touched the coffin and the son of the widow sat up.

> I don't believe any of these were Christians or were healed because of their works. Even if you are a Christian you could never earn Gods healing, deliverance, salvation.

So who is worthy to receive any of this. Who is unworthy, we all are.

But if you don't believe that certain people don't deserve love or forgiveness, healing. Well neither do you.

If God ever does anything for anyone its out of love. He loves us so much He have his only begotten son. While we were yet sinners, Christ did for us.

#### **Your Salt?** Are You

#### <u> By Dr. Lillian Bohannan</u>

Special to the Herald

As young people, we spent our time doing things that some people will remember for the rest of our lives. We sowed so many wild oats that the crops we produced were nothing but weeds from those seeds. If we have any regrets, it's probably that we finally woke up to the fact that our lives were not producing anything productive but our own selfish desires.

So the next twenty-five or so years are spent in trying to clean up the mess we made in our youth. Some get married. Some try to raise the children they have to be descent hu-

man beings. Some try to make up for the wrongs of their youth by helping other youth avoid the same mistakes. But some don't get it and end up doing the same things the rest of their lives.

Finally the next twenty-five or so years are spent in staying on track and doing those things that made people forget what kind of youth we were. Sometime that works until we go visit home folks—like at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Then some of the oldest folks ask questions like, "Are you that little brat that tied my cat's tail to the fence?" Or, "Aren't you part of that family who were drunk all the time?" "Didn't your daddy rob that bank?" and so on the questions go.

I think that's why Jesus said in His Word that a prophet is without honor in his own country. His hometown of Nazareth knew about His mother's having a supposed affair—and His earthly dad as a lowly carpenter. And all the other rumors about His hanging out with sinners and tax collectors. They rejected His claim to being God's only begotten Son.

He also said in Luke 14, "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?" Salt is for preservation. If it has lost its saltiness or usefulness, it is good for

nothing but to be thrown in the trash heap of life.

Jesus is the only One who can make us fit for His Kingdom. He loves us enough to clean up our lives when we trust Him to do so. He gives us abundant life here on earth, and everlasting life with Him in His Kingdom.

So this new year is a great time to begin on the plans He has for us. New resolutions don't work. But a commitment to Him does. Be worth your salt by living the life abundantly He has planned for you. He will even show you what that is, if you will take the time to ask Him.

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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.

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

ership. God owns it ALL! Because God is the owner we must be accountable to the owner and realize the owner has expectations of his stewards. We must consecrate ourselves, our possessions, time, and our gifts to the Lord. Our trust can be measured, "If we are faithful in a few things, God will give us more". Trust is not measured by what we are going to do; It's measured by what we are doing right NOW!

Can God trust us?

Come join us this next Sunday morning, we hope to see you at church.

Join Us for Sunday, February 20, for evening activities

5:00 P.M. Musical Explorers

5:00 P.M. Youth, 5:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study, Open Door

#### Shrove Tuesday – March 1st

We will have Shrove Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. We will be serving Pancakes and bacon, and eating together as a community before the symbolic fasting of Lent begins. All the community is welcome and there is not a charge for the meal.

Ash Wednesday – March 2nd

On Wednesday, March 2nd we start the Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday service. We have a service on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. From that day until Easter we will be into 40 days of Lent. All our services are open to everybody in the community and we hope and pray you will join us as we begin the Lenten Journey.

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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 You-Tube at FUMC Big Spring at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M.

Pastor Ricky continued with his new series, "Stewardship, It's a Matter of Trust". In Luke 16:1-13, we read of the parable of the unjust steward. The owner came back and demanded accountability from the steward. He had been unjust in taking care of his masters possessions. The steward was no longer to be trusted and lost his stewardship. In our own stewardship we must settle the issue of own-

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6:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study

6:00 P.M. Bridge Rehearsal

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

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# Sports BIG HERALD Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 230. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com BIG HERALD BIG HERALD Page 7 Friday, February 18, 2022 Friday, February 18, 2022 Coahoma basketball teams playoff playoff matchups are set Page 7



**Courtesy Photo** 

It's an excellent time to be a basketball player in Coahoma. Both the boys and girls will be in playoff action. The Bulldogettes dramatically won their first playoff game with a 49 to 47 win over Ballinger in the Bi-District Round. The ladies will now move on to take on the Brock Lady Eagles in Clyde this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Area round of the playoffs. The boys will play their first playoff game when they get ready to battle with the Wall Hawks. The Bulldogs game will be held at the Junell Center/ Stephens Arena in San Angelo at 8 p.m. Good luck to both Coahoma teams on your respective journies!

## Lady Howard Hawks keep rolling with another doubleheader sweep



Left: Lady Hawk Madison Dingman lays down a bunt in a game against Garden City College. Right: Center Fielder Kamryn Cottrell makes a play on a fly ball.

#### By STEVE BELVIN

#### Contributing Writer

The Howard College Lady Hawks treated their Kansas counterparts downright rudely over the past two days. Tuesday Howard run ruled Dodge City College 9-0, 12-4. Wednesday Howard did the same thing thing to Garden City College 15-6, 22-5.

same thing thing to Garden City College 15-6, 22-5. Behind the bats of Oliva Varas and Samantha Cervantes Howard rocked the Garden City pitchers for 14 runs and three home runs in the opening game. Howard pitcher Cassie Elliott did enough to slow down the potent Garden City bats as the Lady Hawks cruised to a run rule victory. Vargas and Cervantes each drove in four runs. First baseman Vargas was perfect at the plate, 4-for-4, including hitting a solo shot in a four run Howard fourth. Vargas, the designated hitter, got three hits, including a two-run scoring single in Howard's four-run second inning. Howard coach Ashley Lopez said it was all in a day's work for her Lady Hawks. "I think this is just how these girls work," said Lopez. "We have a talented team. "They love to hit, that's how they do. Hitting is contagious. Once it starts, it's unstoppable. I tell them we'll get the fundamentals down and the home runs will come. "

The home runs did come. Center fielder Ka-

hitters Ryanna Johnson was strong at the plate for her team, hitting a double and single, driving in four runs.

In the second game the Lady Hawks scored 10 runs in the fourth inning to blow the game wide open behind the pitching of Alicia Estrada, who struck out eight along the way. Left fielder Madison Dingman went 4-for-5 at the plate.

mryn Cottell and right fielder Briana Sibrian also homered for the Lady Hawks. Sibrian lined a two run missile over the left field fence in the third inning. Cottrell lined a three-run shot to left the next inning.

Howard chased Garden City starter Tara Reid from the game in the fourth. Reid surrendered 13 runs on 12 hits.

Garden City, which is averaging 12 runs per game, got to Elliott for six runs in the middle innings. Other than that Elliott got the win and was effective the rest of the game. Garden City leadoff Howard's big inning was powered by a homer by Olivia Kuzminskli and double by Dingman. Dingman also singled in the inning along with base hits by Cottrell, Ariana Soto and a walk by Alyssa Olivas. The Lady Hawks, 10-2 for the season, next game will be Friday at 7 p.m. versus Navarro in the Weatherford College tournament.

G-City - 004-20 - 6-6-2

Howard - 342-42 - 15-15-0.

WP - Elliott, LP - Reid, 2B - Howard (Cervantes); GC - Johnson); HR- HC (Vargas, Cottell, Sibrian); SB - HC (Dingman).

# **Obanor paces No. 11 Texas Tech for sweep of No. 7 Baylor**

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kevin Obanor and his Texas Tech teammates responded after some choice words at halftime from coach Mark Adams to complete a season sweep of reigning national champion Baylor.

"I can't say too much on camera, but he wasn't happy," Obanor said. "We were down and we were just playing with no energy. ... He called a couple of people out, including myself."

Obanor scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half while rediscovering his longrange shot, and had nine of his 13 rebounds after the break when the 11th-ranked Red Raiders overcame a seven-point deficit to beat No. 7 Baylor 83-73 on Wednesday night.

After missing 11 consecutive 3-pointers over 2 1/2 games, Obanor made back-toback shots from beyond the arc to cap a 14-3 run that started the second half and put the Red Raiders (20-6, 9-4 Big 12) ahead to stay.

"Kevin just put it in another gear," Adams said. "That second half, he put us over his shoulders and said, 'Hey, I'm not gonna let us lose,' and had a great 20 minutes. ... He just took the game over."

When Obanor had consecutive 3s again later in the game, Tech led by double digits for the first time.

"We had a lot of mishaps in the second half that allowed him to shoot," Baylor guard Adam Flagler said.

"My teammates, my family, they just helped encourage me, telling me to pick up my head and they believe in me," Obanor said. "Once you get confidence like that, you can truly enjoy playing for a team like that."

Bryson Williams added 17 points for Tech, which had a 51-point outburst in the second half to improve to 16-0 at home this season. Adonis Arms scored 15 points, while Terrence Shannon had 14 points and five assists.



James Akinjo had 18 points and seven assists for Baylor (21-5, 9-4), while Adam Flagler had 14 points and Matthew Mayer 13. Jeremy Sochan had eight points and 10 rebounds.

"Really played well the first half and then second half turned it over," Bears coach Scott Drew said. "We didn't rebound, we didn't get stops, we didn't get in transition."





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Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2022. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

On this date:

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time (after being published in Britain and Canada).

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.

In 1983, 13 people were shot to death at a gambling club in Seattle's Chinatown in what became known as the Wah Mee Massacre. (Two men were convicted of the killings and were sentenced to life in prison; a third was found guilty of robbery and assault.)

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1994, at the Winter Olympic Games in Norway, U.S. speedskater Dan Jansen finally won a gold medal, breaking the world record in the 1,000 meters.

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In 2001, veteran FBI agent Robert Philip Hanssen was arrested, accused of spying for Russia. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to espionage and attempted espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

In 2003, an arson attack involving two South Korean subway trains in the city of Daegu claimed 198 lives. (The arsonist was sentenced to life in prison, where he died in 2004.)

In 2016, in what was seen as a criticism of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, Pope Francis said that a person who advocated building walls was "not Christian"; Trump quickly retorted it was "disgraceful" to question a person's faith. (A Vatican spokesman said the next day that the pope's comment was not intended as a "personal attack" on Trump.)

In 2020, President Donald Trump commuted the 14-year prison sentence of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich for political corruption. Blagoievich

left prison hours later and returned home to Chicago. (Trump also issued pardons or clemency to former New York City police commissioner Bernie Kerik, financier Michael Milken and a long list of others.)

Ten years ago: A star-studded funeral service was held for pop singer Whitney Houston at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, a week after her death at age 48. Syrian security forces fired live rounds and tear gas at thousands of people marching in a funeral procession that turned into one of the largest protests in Damascus since the 11-month uprising against President Bashar Assad began.

Five years ago: Norma McCorvey, whose legal challenge under the pseudonym "Jane Roe" led to the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision that legalized abortion but who later became an outspoken opponent of the procedure, died in Katy, Texas, at age 69. Omar Abdel-Rahman, the so-called "Blind Sheik"

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convicted of plotting terror attacks in the United States in the 1990s, died at a federal prison in North Carolina where he was serving a life sentence; he was 78.

One year ago: Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who had flown with his family to a vacation in Mexico as his state dealt with a deadly winter storm that crippled the power grid, returned home a day later and described the trip as "obviously a mistake." Bob Dole, a 97-year-old former longtime senator and the 1996 Republican presidential nominee, said he'd been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. (Dole died in December 2021.) Health officials reported that life expectancy in the United States had dropped by one year during the first half of 2020 as the coronavirus pandemic caused its first wave of deaths. Naomi Osaka stopped Serena Williams' latest bid for a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title in the Australian Open semifinals.

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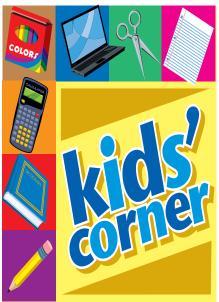


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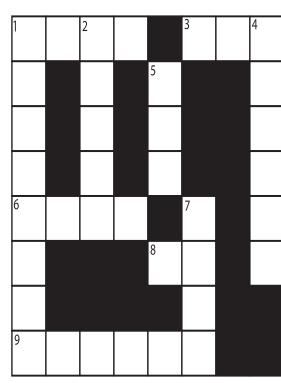
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Win the diamond queen with the ace, ruff a diamond, cash the A-K of trump and ace of spades, lead a low trump to dummy's ten and play a spade toward your Q-6-3.

1. If South shows out, play low, forcing North to hand you the contract whether he returns a spade, a diamond or a club.

2. If South produces the king of spades when you lead the spade from dummy, 10 tricks are assured, and, in fact, you have a chance for one or two overtricks.

3. If South produces a spade lower than the king, play the queen. If the queen wins, your mission is accomplished. But even if the queen loses to North's king, he cannot stop you from making the con-

a) If North started with the doubleton king of spades, he must return a diamond or a club, either of which hands you the contract. **b)** If North started with three spades to the king, a spade return establishes your fourth spade as a trick, while a diamond or club return also gives you your 10th 5 trick.

c) If North started with four spades headed by the king, he can do no better than take your queen with the king, cash another spade and continue with his last spade. But instead of ruffing this spade in dummy, which you might feel tempted to do, you discard one of dummy's clubs!

This leaves North in an untenable position. He must either return a diamond, allowing you to discard another club from dummy as you ruff in your hand, or else lead a club into your A-Q. Either way, you are certain to make the contract. Your only losers in this variation would be three spade tricks.

It's hard to visualize at the very start that making four hearts is certain regardless of how the North-South cards are divided. But the fact is that you can't miss if you adopt the right line of play.

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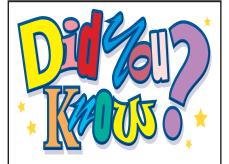
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#### **Pisces Season Opens**

Welcome to Pisces season, a soulful solar sojourn to summarize the lessons of the past 11 months. Pisces is the final sign of the zodiac and an amalgamation of all the rest. Pisces sun message one: We cannot wake up and know who we are, as we are always building it. Much remains unreconciled, an indication of being alive. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Whether the sun comes after the storm or the storm comes after the sunny stretch just depends on when you got to the place. Just make sure you're prepared for the full range of weather, and all is well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your busy mind whirs with projects to finish, places to see, people to meet. You are not working in a linear fashion, so don't expect linear results. Your flaws are beautiful too, if

you'll only believe it. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will feel a sense of empathy for mankind. You'll greet people like they're long-lost friends. The special treatment is greatly appreciated. An opportunity will arise from your ability to connect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) In the same way a good comic doesn't have to tell the right audience when to laugh or explain why things are funny, you shouldn't have to lay out instructions for how to love you

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The animals don't own mirrors, nor do they care to. Knowing what you look like in the thrust of the action is largely irrelevant to the experience of living it. Self-awareness has no place in an experience of unity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've been working steadily to repay a debt. You're not there yet but congratulate vourself on the progress you made. A small reward is in order, for the sake of morale. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Adults often parent themselves in the same way they were parented as children. This isn't the only way to go. You can also adjust your inner parenting style to suit the life you have now and the person you want to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An artful brag is like shorthand. It helps people understand where you're at right now in your life and in your head. They'll get it. You'll have a blast when they meet you there

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As an adaptable idealist, you can find the highest, most fitting form of any situation. You'll work with unexpected elements. It's funny how a pinch of something terrible can enhance the entire scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Intimacy depends on maintaining the right amount of tension in a connection; being comfortable enough to let the guard down, but still unfamiliar enough that discovery is a thrilling risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life heals. You can know everything about the healing process, or you can know nothing about it. The healing will be the same whether you watch it or instead watch television while it's happening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) While you do not want to be too serious, if you are to meet a goal by next week, you must take measures. Don't let up. You can still have fun while guarding your time well.

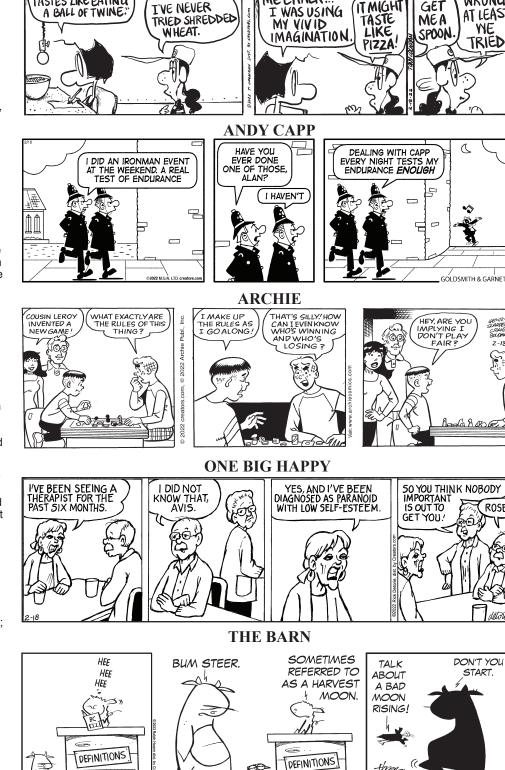
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 18). The dreamer in you will fall in love many times this year, with people, and places, projects and pets... oh heavenly reciprocation! As you follow plans with diligence, potentials will be realized, fantasies fleshed out, money made. What makes your senses come alive will also cure your soul. Better eating lifts energy. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 11, 50 and 13.

WEEKEND LOVE FORE-

CAST: ARIES: You're steeped in an aura of healthy, vibrant energy, as can be felt in your eyes, your glow, your smile. TAURUS: If you're thinking about a mistake, let it go. You've learned the lesson Next time will be different, you'll see. GEMINI: You gravitate toward attention-grabbing, provocative topics. None will accuse you of being boring! CANCER: Relationships have become significantly more complex than they should be. A sweeping gesture will return simplicity. LEO: When in doubt, take the easy route. Give your love where it's returned. What could be easier? VIRGO: The story told can rewrite the past and shape the future, too. LIBRA: Stories can change the world, so of course they can change your dates. Be careful how you describe your life; it matters more than you may think. SCORPIO: It is more beneficial for you to keep your connection than to boost your self-esteem temporarily by outsmarting your partner. SAGITTARIUS: While your connection to a certain someone appears casual from the outside, it's also deeply visceral, and you feel that today. CAPRICORN: Make good on a promise and an exciting trajectory will open up for you. AQUARIUS: Love the mystery of you and others will too. PI-SCES: The weekend is stuffed with clues about how to delight yourself and your partner.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Pisces and Libra match on many levels, notably the aesthetic, as both are known for their creative sensibility. Libra is the sign of design and can harmonize in any medium; the Libran's taste for visual colors and emotional tones is unmatched. The artistry and sensitivity Pisces dances inside will mesmerize Libra. Together they perceive the world as a more vibrant place.

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# **The Right Stuff**

#### By BILL TINSLEY

Special to the Herald

Sixty years ago on February 20, 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. I was in 9th grade. Our science teacher slipped us out a side door and led us to his house a few blocks away where we crowded around his black and white television to watch the launch. The tiny speakers strained to recreate the thunder of the Mercury Atlas 6 rocket when it ignited on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral. A shaky camera traced the flame that streaked through the sky hurtling John Glenn toward space. The rocket was little more than a beefed up Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, its warhead replaced by a space capsule. Within four hours, Glenn made three orbits of the earth, and then prepared for re-entry. An entire nation held its breath as Walter Cronkite described the potentially loose heat shield and the likelihood that Friendship 7 would burn up like a meteor.

Years later I visited the Smithsonian and viewed the space capsule in which Glenn made his historic flight. The capsule is about the size of a 1960's Volkswagen Beetle. It was far less sophisticated than a Prius or a Ford Focus. Personal computers would not become available for another twenty years. Because of their discipline and courage, John Glenn and the other astronauts who blazed the first trails into space came to be known as men with "the right stuff.'

Few of us will ever experience a heroic moment like John Glenn experienced February 20, 1962. But each of us can be men and women with "the right stuff." Every day we are called upon to live with courage, discipline, and faith. Some face huge challenges.

Today, when I think of people with the "right stuff," I think of Patrick Kalenzi, the veterinarian who recently helped us care for our dog, Buddy, in his final days. Patrick was born into abject poverty in Uganda, the sone of a Tutsi family that had escaped genocide in Rwanda. With an indefatigable faith he overcame insurmountable obstacles and obtained an education. He immigrated to the US and rescued his family in Uganda from poverty. He

captured his extraordinary story in his book, Tears Run Dry.

James wrote, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.<sup>3</sup> (James 1:2-3). Peter wrote, "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Perhaps the sixtieth anniversary of John Glenn's courageous journey into space will remind us that we all can face life with courage and faith. Each of us can live with the "right stuff."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. For more info, visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@ tinsleycenter.com.

# Ye Must Be Born Again

#### By TOM SLOAN

Special to the Herald

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7

I must begin by affirming the fact that being born again has absolutely nothing to do with being a member of any religious organization, church attendance, doing good works, keeping the Law, being physically baptized in water, giving tithes, singing in the choir or being a pastor or deacon. It has nothing to do with turning over a "new leaf" or ceasing from all sin. Being born again certainly does not mean that we are better than anyone else. Being born again has everything to do with the understanding and belief that we are too weak and sinful to forgive, save or bless ourselves, and that our only hope of eternal life is found in Jesus, who is full of grace and truth.

Romans 10:9-10 says: "that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation". Have you been born again? Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and arose from the grave on the third day for our sins? If you do believe this in your heart, I would like to ask that you find a place where you can be alone, and in this moment, confess the Lord Jesus with your mouth. Just say this simple prayer: "God, I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, and I believe in my heart that you raised Him from the dead".

Did you pray this prayer with the faith in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead? Then you, my friend, have been born again.

# **EXPLAINER:** Why are thousands of baptisms deemed invalid?

#### **By PETER SMITH and NICOLE** WINFIELD

#### **Associated Press**

#### When is a baptism not a baptism?

When the cleric presiding at the ceremony alters the ritual language in such a fundamental way that it undercuts its meaning, according to the Vatican.

And even the altering of a single, crucial pronoun can render a baptism invalid, it says.

A Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Andres Arango, resigned Feb. 1 as pastor of his parish in Phoenix, after acknowledging he had been using the incorrect baptismal formula during more than two decades of priestly ministry in Arizona, California and Brazil.

Arango used the formula, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," instead of the prescribed singular pronoun: "I baptize you ...'

Theologically, that makes all the difference, the Vatican ruled in 2020, because it's not the "we" of the congregation doing the baptizing, but rather the "I" of Jesus Christ, working through the priest. Now the Diocese of Phoenix is putting out a call to anyone who underwent the ritual under Arango to receive "valid" baptisms — and potentially other rites of initiation. The diocese estimates that thousands were affected.

considered a sacrament — a visible rite conveying spiritual grace — and is "necessary for salvation," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "The church does not know of any means other than baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude" — that is, heaven.

For a sacrament to be valid, it has to be presided over correctly, the church teaches.

"Baptism for us is for salvation, so it's a big deal. We need to make sure to make it right," said Jay Conzemius, moderator of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's tribunal and past president of the Canon Law Society of America.

#### HAS THIS COME UP BEFORE?

Yes. Cases have arisen in Michigan and Oklahoma of priests who learned their baptism was invalid.

The Vatican in June 2020 issued guidance declaring that the formula "We baptize you ..." was invalid and that anyone who baptized using it must be re-baptized properly.

The Vatican said then that some unnamed priests were using the "We" formula to make the baptism more of a communal affair involving parconstitute a liturgical abuse ... but a wound inflicted upon the ecclesial communion," the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said in the note.

The Vatican clearly knew that its ruling would cause upheaval, but for such a fundamental sacrament which concerns the salvation of a soul, it felt the need to insist that freelance variations were not only unacceptable but invalid.

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#### WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAP-TISM, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR IT TO BE "VALID?"

Baptism is the basic rite of initiation into the Christian faith. In Catholic theology, baptism is

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ents, godparents and the community in welcoming a new member into the Catholic Church. But in an explanatory note accompanying its decision, it recalled that when a priest baptizes someone, it is actually Christ performing the sacrament, not the community.



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