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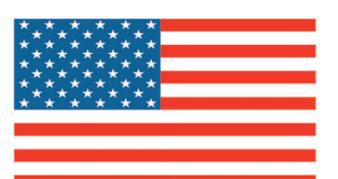
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Russia attacks Ukraine; peace in Europe 'shattered'

Weather

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. East wind 10 to 15 mph.
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Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 60.
 Source: weather.gov

By **YURAS KARMANAU, JIM HEINTZ, VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV and DASHA LITVINOVA**
 Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia launched a wide-ranging attack on Ukraine on Thursday, hitting cities and bases with airstrikes or shelling, as civilians piled into trains and cars to flee. Ukraine's government said Russian tanks and troops rolled across the border in a "full-scale war" that could rewrite the geopolitical order and whose fallout already reverberated around the world.

In unleashing Moscow's most aggressive action since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, President Vladimir Putin deflected global condemnation and cascading new sanctions — and chillingly referred to his country's nuclear arsenal. He threatened any foreign country attempting to interfere with "consequences you have never seen."

Ukraine's president said Russian forces were trying to seize the Cher-

nobyl nuclear plant, site of the world's worst nuclear disaster, and Ukrainian forces were battling other troops just miles from Kyiv for control of a strategic airport. Large explosions were heard in the capital there and in other cities, and people massed in train stations and took to roads, as the government said the former Soviet republic was seeing a long-anticipated invasion from the east, north and south.

The chief of the NATO alliance said the "brutal act of war" shattered peace in Europe, joining a chorus of world leaders who decried the attack, which could cause massive casualties, topple Ukraine's democratically elected government and upend the post-Cold War security order. The conflict was already shaking global financial markets: Stocks plunged and oil prices soared amid concerns that heating bills and food prices would skyrocket.

Condemnation rained down not only from the U.S. and Europe, but from South Korea, Australia and beyond — and many governments readied new sanctions. Even friendly leaders like

Hungary's Viktor Orban sought to distance themselves from Putin.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy cut diplomatic ties with Moscow and declared martial law.

"As of today, our countries are on different sides of world history," Zelenskyy tweeted. "Russia has embarked on a path of evil, but Ukraine is defending itself and won't give up its freedom."

His adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said: "A full-scale war in Europe has begun. ... Russia is not only attacking Ukraine, but the rules of normal life in the modern world."

While some nervous Europeans speculated about a possible new world war, the U.S. and its NATO partners have so far shown no indication they would join in a war against Russia. They instead mobilized troops and equipment around Ukraine's western flank — as Ukraine pleaded for defense assistance and help protecting its airspace.

In Washington, President Joe Biden convened a meeting of the National Se

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Today in History
 On February 25:
1919: Oregon becomes the first state to tax gasoline (1 cent per gallon).
1964: Muhammad Ali wins his first world heavyweight boxing title when Sonny Liston fails to come out for Round 7 at the Convention Center in Miami Beach, Fla.

Winter 2022 in West Texas Remains in Extreme Drought

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Daily Quotes

"If we'd know we were going to be the Beatles, we'd have tried harder."
 — *George Harrison*

"Magoo's appeal lies in our hostility toward an older generation. But he's not only nearsighted physically. His mind is selective of what it sees, too. That is where the humor, the satire lies, in the difference between what he thinks he sees and reality as we see it."
 — *Jim Backus*

The U.S. Drought Monitor reveals both Martin and Howard counties to be in Extreme Drought. The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District monitors the drought conditions diligently to better communicate the importance of conserving water. Keeping the present-day drought conditions in mind, the PBUWCD would like to offer a few helpful tips on how to save water and use it wisely this winter season to help reduce water waste.

Tip 1 – Insulate water pipes around the house to prevent them from breaking, to reduce heat loss and to save energy. When they're not insulated, it takes longer for water to heat up, meaning it's running for longer periods of time. To prevent pipes from bursting or freezing when temperatures drop, winterize outdoor spigots. Extremely low temperatures can cause the water inside your plumbing to expand and burst.

Tip 2 – After any thaws, check for any leaks. Look out for leaky faucets, dripping water from shower heads, rusting pipes and signs of water damage. If any leaks are discovered, fix immediately to avoid wasting more water. This could also

save you money on water and water damage repairs. A change in temperature can cause pipes to expand and contract, which can potentially lead to more leaks.

Tip 3 – Know where your property's main shut off valve is located. This will ensure that you'll be able to quickly shut off water and save hundreds of gallons of water in the event of a catastrophic leak.

Tip 4 – During the winter months, adjust your sprinkler timer. When temperatures are low, water requirements for your landscape are low as well.

Tip 5 – While waiting for water to get hot, collect the cold running water into a bucket or cup. You can use the collected water for watering your pets, indoor plants or for flushing the toilet.

For more ways to conserve water in and around your home, visit the Permian Basin UWCD's website at www.pbuwcd.com or please feel free to stop by our office at 708 W. St. Peter in Stanton.

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Marcy Place to host an Open House this Saturday



Marcy Place is hosting an Open House this Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The nursing home is inviting the public to explore their community and meet the team. Start your morning off right with a hot beverage and a personal tour of the assisted-living community. Staff will be on hand to go over available options and answer any questions you may have. Call 432-271-4645 for more information.

Howard College to offer entrepreneur certification

Special to the Herald

Howard College and local non-profit organization BAM BIZHUB are partnering to offer a course tailored to educate business owners and future business owners about the process of developing a business idea into a successfully operating business enterprise.

On completion of the course, students will have earned an Entrepreneurial Certification and will know how to develop and accelerate their idea, build a foundation for a successful launch,

work with experienced business owners, build critical and local resources, work with lenders and investors, and meet experienced and knowledgeable mentors.

The Entrepreneur Certification Curriculum was designed by BAM BizHub President Michael Crain. Crain is an owner of several businesses and a 10-year veteran university professor. He brings his experience in the academic field as well as in real-world business environment to teaching the steps to develop, start, and grow a successful business.



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Obituaries

Frances June Wiggins



Frances June Wiggins, 91, died Thursday, February 17, 2022. Grave-side service will be 10 AM Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

June was born on June 21, 1930 in London, England to George and Catherine Hylton. She married Sgt James C. Wiggins USAF on March 18, 1950 in England. They came to the United States in December of 1950,

she became a US citizen in 1980.

June taught religious education for over 26 years at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scared heart, and the Federal Prison. She worked various volunteer jobs and was also a Benedictine Oblate.

June is survived by 2 children: Michael David Wiggins (Kayla) of Pulaski, TN & Vincent Charles Wiggins of Albuquerque, NM; 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respect online at www.myersand-smith.com

Bruce Ray Myers



Bruce Ray Myers, 69, retired Registered Nurse, passed away at his home in North Texas on February 12, 2022.

Bruce graduated from Forsan High School, served in the United States Navy, and obtained a nursing degree. He served patients as an RN for over 35 years.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 44 years, Martha; son Jeremy and wife Tiffany, daughter Melissa, and 2 granddaughters. He is also survived by four brothers: Chuck, David, Tommy and Phillip. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Peggy Myers, grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Bruce will be buried in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy., Dallas, TX on March 3 at 11:00AM.

There will be a Memorial Service/Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 5, 11:00AM, at New Testament Baptist Church, 2203 Smith Barry Rd., Pantego (Arlington), TX.

Dr. David Bryant will officiate.

Family and friends are invited and welcome to attend one or both services.

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 di-

orce 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 veteran-based 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.

Take Note

- 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- FRANCISCO EMMANUEL CANTU**, 41, of 1501 E Cherokee St was arrested on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g, warrant from another agency, expired registration, no drivers license.

- MAX ORTIZ GONZALES**, 39, of 1801 Eubanks Rd was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

- ELIZABETH MARIA LUERA**, 39, of 1801 Eubanks was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency x2.

- SHANE THOMAS IMHOFF**, 42, of 4568 Spring Branch Rd, Montgomery Tx was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- BRITTANY VANESSA ESCANUELA**, 31, of 1221 E 17th was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

- CHAD WAYNE GITHENS**, 45, of 1230 W 3rd St was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Eubanks Rd.

- ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87.

- ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of S Main St.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3700 block of N FM 700.

- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of E Cherokee St.

- ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Hwy 350 and N Service Rd.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 3500 block of E I20.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Alon USA, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 49154, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Alon USA Big Spring Refinery located at 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. Additional information concerning these applications is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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curity Council on Thursday to discuss Ukraine as the U.S. prepares new sanctions. Biden administration officials have signaled that two of the measures they were considering most strongly include hitting Russia's biggest banks and slapping on new export controls meant to starve Russia's industries and military of U.S. semiconductors and other high-tech components.

The attacks came first from the air. Later Ukrainian authorities described ground invasions in multiple regions, and border guards released footage showing a line of Russian military vehicles crossing into Ukraine's government-held territory. European authorities declared the country's airspace an active conflict zone.

In a worrying development, Zelenskyy said Russian forces were trying to seize the Chernobyl plant, and a Ukrainian official said Russian shelling hit a radioactive waste repository and an increase in radiation levels was reported. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter.

Other governments did not immediately corroborate or confirm the claims.

The plant was the site of the world's worst nuclear accident when a nuclear reactor exploded in April 1986, spewing radioactive waste across Europe. The plant lies 130 kilometers (80 miles) north of the capital of Kyiv.

After weeks of denying plans to invade, Putin launched the operation on a country the size of Texas that has increasingly tilted toward the demo-

cratic West and away from Moscow's sway. The autocratic leader made clear earlier this week that he sees no reason for Ukraine to exist, raising fears of possible broader conflict in the vast space that the Soviet Union once ruled. Putin denied plans to occupy Ukraine, but his ultimate goals remain hazy.

Ukrainians who had long braced for the prospect of an assault were urged to shelter in place and not to panic despite the dire warnings.

"We are facing a war and horror. What could be worse?" 64-year-old Liudmila Gireyeva said in Kyiv. She planned to flee the city and try to eventually get to Poland to join her daughter. Putin "will be damned by history, and Ukrainians are damning him."

With social media amplifying a torrent of military claims and counter-claims, it was difficult to determine exactly what was happening on the ground.

Ukraine's military chief Valerii Zaluzhnyi said his troops were fighting Russian forces just 7 kilometers (4 miles) from the capital — in Hostomel, which is home to the Antonov aircraft maker and has a runway that is long enough to handle even the biggest cargo planes. Russian officials said separatist forces backed by Russia in the east have taken a new strip of territory from Ukrainian forces, but have not acknowledged ground troops elsewhere in the country.

Associated Press reporters saw or confirmed explosions in the capital, in Mariupol on the Azov Sea, Kharkiv in the east and beyond. AP confirmed video showing Russian military vehicles crossing into Ukrainian-held territory in the north from Belarus

and from Russian-annexed Crimea in the south.

Russian and Ukrainian authorities made competing claims about damage they had inflicted. Russia's Defense Ministry said it had destroyed scores of Ukrainian air bases, military facilities and drones, and confirmed the loss of a Su-25 attack jet, blaming it on "pilot error." It said it was not targeting cities, but using precision weapons and claimed that "there is no threat to civilian population."

Ukraine's armed forces They reported at least 40 soldiers dead, and said a military plane carrying 14 people crashed south of Kyiv.

Poland's military increased its readiness level, and Lithuania and Moldova moved toward doing the same. Border crossings increased from Ukraine to Poland, which has prepared centers for refugees.

Putin justified his actions in an overnight televised address, asserting that the attack was needed to protect civilians in eastern Ukraine — a false claim the U.S. had predicted he would make as a pretext for an invasion. He accused the U.S. and its allies of ignoring Russia's demands to prevent Ukraine from joining NATO and for security guarantees.

The consequences of the conflict and resulting sanctions on Russia reverberated throughout the world.

World stock markets plunged and oil prices on both sides of the Atlantic surged toward or above \$100 per barrel, on unease about possible disruption of Russian supplies. The ruble sank.

Anticipating international condemnation and countermeasures, Putin issued a stark warning to other coun-

tries not to meddle.

In a reminder of Russia's nuclear power, he warned that "no one should have any doubts that a direct attack on our country will lead to the destruction and horrible consequences for any potential aggressor."

Among Putin's pledges was to "denazify" Ukraine. World War II looms large in Russia, after the Soviet Union suffered more deaths than any country while fighting Adolf Hitler's forces.

Kremlin propaganda paints members of Ukrainian right-wing groups as neo-Nazis, exploiting their admiration for WWII-era Ukrainian nationalist leaders who sided with the Nazis. Ukraine is now led by a Jewish president who lost relatives in the Holocaust and angrily dismissed the Russian claims.

Putin's announcement came just hours after the Ukrainian president rejected Moscow's claims that his country poses a threat to Russia and made a passionate, last-minute plea for peace.

Zelenskyy said he asked to arrange a call with Putin late Wednesday, but the Kremlin did not respond.

The attack began even as the U.N. Security Council was meeting to hold off an invasion. Members still unaware of Putin's announcement of the operation appealed to him to stand down. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres opened the emergency meeting, telling Putin: "Give peace a chance."

But hours later, NATO's Jens Stoltenberg indicated it was too late: "Peace on our continent has been shattered."

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• 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 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be

Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

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

tend a meeting to find out more information.

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

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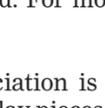
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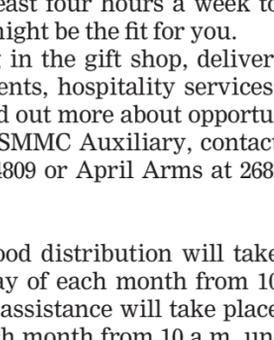
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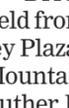
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Church News

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 continue 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.

Community Pastors Breakfast
NazFamily is hosting a breakfast for all pastors and ministry staff in our area on Tuesday, March 1st @ 9am. Pray as we seek to build connection and collaboration among the churches in our community.

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. Contact us at church@nazfamily.org if you would like more information.

Men’s Breakfast
“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17) All men are invited to join us on Saturday, March 5th @ 8:00am for our Men’s Prayer Breakfast as we sharpen and strengthen one another. You won’t find a better breakfast anywhere in town.

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.

* 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 27, 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, 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 27th, 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 on Wednesday Night for our MDWK Supplemental Series Entitled: Love Therapy. We look forward to seeing you soon. #love&war #relationshiptherapy

Sunday, February 27th- Chosen Generation’s Youth Sunday from 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Youth Sanctuary! Enjoy fellowship, snacks and the word together. #Chosen-Generation #CCC

Starting Tuesday, March 22nd- Mark your calendars for: Marriage Enrichment meeting @ 6:30PM in the ARC for our Ice breaker gathering. Marriage Enrichment is a 10week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage. If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you. Here is how you can sign up: (1). Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2). CCC Text 432-218-2610 then text Marriage Enrichment (3). www.cccbigspring.org (4). Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

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

This Saturday, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Prayer Breakfast fellowship and a devotional time as we move toward Lent next week. On Sunday we will celebrate epiphanies found in the Transfiguration of Jesus. Wednesday evening, March 2nd at 6 p.m., we will have a service of imposition of ashes in the chapel for Ash Wednesday.

Worship services February 27th will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11, 13-14; Isaiah 2:1-5; 1Corinthians 1:25-31. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Other Mountains, Other Wisdom. 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.

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
911 Goliad
Phone: 432-517-4821

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves to get together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching

Hebrews 10:24-25

We all need one another. We cannot do it by ourselves. God requires us to come together regularly to encourage and motivate each other. To live full and vibrant lives of serving and faith.

We are growing, come share our excitement. The Southern Praises Gospel Country Group is playing during our worship service along with special solos by Lawrence Thibeault.

We have no “creeds” that are required; there is no set of beliefs about God that you must profess in order to count this as your church community. We strive for a Christian faith which is both socially relevant to our time and intellectually sound., while holding true to Jesus’ teachings. No one is excluded from God’s grace! Everyone has questions about faith and life, and we celebrate that! At First Christian Church you will find the company of friends eager to help and encourage you as you move forward on your spiritual journey.

If you are searching for a church home or just want to drop by for a visit..... we welcome the opportunity to have you join us. Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 AM in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water.

Worship Service starts @ 10:50 AM. Hope to see you there.

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By Bill Tinsley

Special to the Herald

Alexa, Seri, Echo, Cortana

Over the past few years, we have welcomed some new names into our home: Cortana, Alexa, Siri, and Echo. My grandchildren tell me I can change their name, if I want to, to something like Ziggy. Regardless, the computers want to talk to me. They want to recognize my voice. They want to know where I am at all times, to track my browsing and shopping history on the web, maybe elsewhere. The computers even want my finger print and they are asking for my mug shot. Sometimes they start talking to me when their name is mentioned on TV.

It reminds me of Hal in "2001 A Space Odyssey." What are they up to? I remember when George Orwell's 1984 was science fiction. Now it is

ancient history. Big brother is here, and has been here for a while. I am not sure I want to be known that well. Where does all this information go?

Jesus told us that the very hairs of my head are numbered. This once seemed hard to believe. How could God possibly know such intimate information about every individual on the face of the earth? How many people are there? Eight billion?

Eight billion once seemed like an astronomical number. But then, our understanding of numbers changed. The first time I heard of a "giga" anything was in Back To The Future, the 1985 movie in which Doc and Marty leaped through time with a few gigawatts supplied to their DeLorean. But, we blew right by gigabytes into terabytes and petabytes. We aren't familiar with exa, zetta and yotta yet. But they are out there.

A few billion is nothing in our information age. If such information capacity is possible for men with the aid of PCs and laptops, how much more is it possible with God?

The Bible says I have always been known. God said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you," (Jeremiah 1:5). God knew me before I was conceived. God knew you before you came into existence.

God always knows where I am, what I am doing, what I am thinking. "You know [when I sit down and [when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down,

and are intimately acquainted with all my ways." (Psalm 139:2-3).

Here is a great mystery. God doesn't just know about me, like some cosmic computer, He knows me. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now I know in part; then

I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (1 Corinthians 13:12).

And here is an even greater mystery: not only does God know me better than I know myself. He loves me. This is a cosmic leap. "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3). "God demonstrated His love for us in this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

Technology, economics and politics cannot deliver us. God alone is our deliverance and our hope.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

CHURCH

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First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To contact the church office or Pastor Brian Michaelz, call 432-517-4821.

We are an open, welcoming and compassionate church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus.

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

We have reopened for in person worship. We are taking proactive steps to maintain the health and safety of all who attend services.

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

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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"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

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

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

Our Wednesday 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 Deut. 34:1-12, Hebrews 3: 1-6, and Luke 9: 28-36.

The psalm is Psalm 99.

Judy Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran

Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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 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 ownership. 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 Classroom

Confirmation classes begin Sunday February 27

Join us on Wednesday, February 23, for evening activities

6:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery

6:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study

6:00 P.M. Bridge Rehearsal

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

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



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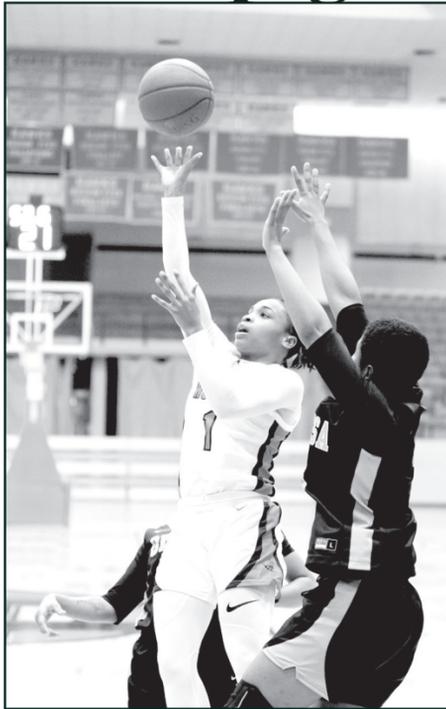
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Lady Hawks drop game to Odessa College



Left: Kaeona Marquez takes a hard charge in a game against Odessa College. Middle: Charnay Robinson fight to get off a shot. Left: All of the Howard Lady Hawks sophomores enjoy their last game at Dorothy Garrett.

Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

By Steve Belvin
Contributing Writer

The Howard College Lady Hawks caught the Lady Wranglers from Odessa College on the wrong night. This game didn't have any playoff implications, both teams out of the running, just playing for pride. Odessa College started slowly but ended up fast as they ended the season with a 72-48 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It had been a long, hard season for the Lady Hawks who finished in the league cellar with a 1-13 record and 8-19 overall mark. Odessa College didn't play like a squad that finished 5-9 and 8-18.

Howard played the visitors on even terms in the first quarter, the game was tied at 13-apiece. As the game progressed OC heated up and Howard had a miserable second quarter. Howard made just two of 14 shots in the second quarter, A offensive put back by Charnay Robinson at the 2:38 mark was the first HC basket. By that time Odessa College had built a 29-15 lead. Howard's other bucket in the second quarter came on a drive by Daniela Perdomo with just over a minute left in the first half. Odessa had the game well in hand by halftime, leading 38-17.

Robinson, 13 points and Perdomo, nine points were basically the only offensive weapons Howard had for the game. Daysha Tijerina did manage to make two three pointers for Howard. Sophomore guard Kiara Green, all 5-foot-6 of her, and sophomore post player Jasmine Elder led Howard with eight rebounds each.

Meanwhile Odessa College shot the lights out from the outside, especially reserve guard Drea Betts who came off the bench and led all scorers with 23 points. She was 7 of 13 from the three point line and her team made 12 of 30 attempts from three for a very respectable 40 percent. This is comparison of Howard going 4 of 25 from the three point line,

Marchelle Bowden had a big night for OC also, scoring 14 points and getting nine rebounds. Isamercy Agramonte added 13 points in the winning cause.

ODESSA (8-18, 5-9) - Berthe 6, Nainkin 3, Davis 4, Bowden 14, Agramonte 13, Dai 3, Hubbard 5, Betts 24, TOTALS 26-58, 8-11 72.

HOWARD (1-13, 8-19) - Green 4, Cotto 4, Marquez 3, Elder 4, Perdomo 9, Robinson 13, Tijerina 6, Oakley 2, totals 17-63, 10-20 48.

Odessa - 13-25-22-12 - 72.
Howard - 13-04-15-16 - 48.

Mens Hawk team eliminated from play-offs contention with loss to Odessa College



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Left: Ciro Baeza goes up for a lay-up against the Odessa College Wranglers. Middle: Bonny Udoh fight to get a loose ball. Left: Rahkiem Petterson tries to get off a difficult shot,

BY STEVE BELVIN
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The Howard College Hawks saw their postseason hopes dashed Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum thanks to the high flying Odessa College Wranglers, 76-61.

The loss eliminated Howard from the playoff picture, ending their season at 16-12 and 8-8 in conference play, good for fifth place. It also ended the nine year reign of Howard coach Scott Raines, who will be moving to Galveston.

Meanwhile the Wranglers will be moving on to the playoffs via a perfect 16-0 conference record and 25-5 overall mark. The Wranglers are currently ranked eighth in the nation, and they looked every bit the role. The controlled the game with a decisive rebounding edge and a offense that worked the ball inside for lots of easy baskets and dunks. Odessa coach Kris Baumann played all 15 of his players, constantly subbing them in and out. In the end it simply wore down a game Howard squad.

Odessa employed a balanced scoring attack with four players scoring in double figures. Anthony Marshall led the way with 14 points. Kirie Huie followed with

out to a 9-5 lead. Howard led once in the game, 13-12 when Bonny Udoh rebounded his own shot and scored with 11 minutes left in the first half. Udoh closed out his Howard career in fine form, scoring 15 points and leading Howard with six rebounds and three blocked shots. Another Hawks closing out his career was Midland native Rahkiem Petterson who scored 10 points. Blaize Sagna added 10 for Howard.

After Howard's short lived lead the Wranglers went on a 12-1 run the next four minutes to take control of the game. Odessa led 41-33 at the half as Howard fought to stay close behind the shooting of Nester Dyachok, who dropped some bombs from the outside. Dyachok scored a game high 17 points thanks to a

D. Rivera 10, Hewlett 7, M. Rivera 5, Forde 4, Dubol Jr. 2, Marshall 14, Turner 3, Cuthrell 2, Alcindor 2, Huie 13; totals 29-62, 13-17 76.



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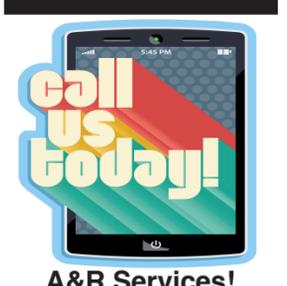
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EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NORI) AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 49154

APPLICATION Alon USA, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 49154, which would authorize modifications to and continued operation of a Alon USA Big Spring Refinery located at 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.269444&lng=-101.421388&zoom=13&type=⊞>. The existing facility and/or related facilities will emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

The applications were submitted to the TCEQ on October 29, 2021. The permit renewal will be issued in conjunction with the amendment. This permitting action also includes the incorporation of permits by rule, standard permits, and changes in emission factors related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. The applications will be available

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for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the applications and the executive director will prepare a response to those comments.

PUBLIC MEETING. You may request a public meeting to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the applications. A public meeting will be held if requested by an interested person and the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the applications or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. In addition to this NORI, 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 39.419 requires this application to also have a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision (NAPD) after the application is determined to be technically complete and a draft permit is prepared. **Note: The TCEQ may act on this application without issuing a NAPD and without seeking further public comment or providing further opportunity for a contested case hearing if changes to representations in the application make the application no longer subject to the applicability requirements of 30 TAC § 39.402. In such cases, this NORI will be your final notice of this application and you will not have additional opportunities to make comments or request a contested case hearing.** If a NAPD is required, it will be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests, or are on the mailing list for this application, and contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2022. There are 309 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach. On this date: In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox. In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon. In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egypt's prime minister after the country's president, Mohammed Naguib, was effectively ousted in a coup. In 1957, the Supreme Court, in Butler v. Michigan, overturned a Michigan statute making it a misdemeanor to sell books containing obscene language that would tend to corrupt "the morals of youth." In 1973, the Stephen

coronavirus was certain to spread more widely in the United States; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged Americans to be prepared. President Donald Trump, speaking in India, said the virus was "very well under control" in the U.S. In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency. In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. In 1997, a jury in Media, Pennsylvania, convicted chemical fortune heir John E. du Pont of third-degree murder, deciding he was mentally ill when he shot and killed world-class wrestler David Schultz. (Du Pont died in prison in December 2010 while serving a 13- to 30-year sentence; he was 72.) In 2010, in Vancouver, the Canadian women beat the United States 2-0 for their third straight Olympic hockey title. In 2020, U.S. health officials warned that the were trying to push through Congress. At a Senate hearing to examine wages at major companies, Costco's CEO said the company would increase its starting wage to \$16 an hour, surpassing most of its main competitors. Today's Birthdays: Actor Ann McCrea is 91. Actor Tom Courtenay is 85. Former CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 85. Actor Diane Baker is 84. Actor Karen Grassle is 80. Former talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 80. Former professional wrestler Ric Flair is 73. Humorist Jack Handey is 73. Movie director Neil Jordan is 72. Rock singer-musician/actor John Doe (X) is 69. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 65. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm; Big Country) is 63. Comedian Carrot Top is 57. Model and actor Veronica Webb is 57. Actor Alexis Denisof is 56. Actor Tea (TAY'ah) Leoni is 56. Actor Lesley Boone is 54. Actor Sean Astin is 51. Singer Daniel Powter is 51. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 49. R&B singer Justin Jeffre is 49. Actor Anson Mount is 49. Comedian-actor Chelsea Handler is 47. Actor Rashida Jones is 46. Country singer Shawna Thompson (Thompson Square) is 44. Actor Justin Berfield is 36. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 36. Actor Jameela Jamil is 36. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 35.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ignore the numbers. The metrics like money, followers, distance and time, although relevant, have little to do with what you'll produce today with your heart, hands and best intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're working for the result, you'll burn out at some point. It is not as sustainable as the sort of work that you enjoy and would do whether you got the result or not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You love it when the people around you feel warm. However, you're not willing to set yourself on fire to accomplish this. Think in terms of your own needs, appetites and delights.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You provide what they want; they buy it. Neither showmanship nor influence nor persuasion will be necessary because the deal already satisfies the desires of all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While you could do many things today, only one is important to your main goal. Humorist Josh Billings advised, "Be like a postage stamp -- stick to one thing until you get there."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're relaxed, they'll relax. When you're lifted, they'll be lifted. Relationship rifts and more can be healed with hugs. There's no better relief than a heart-to-heart embrace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You, at full concentration, are

a powerful force. But if you divide yourself among too many responsibilities, there won't be enough of you to create impact in any single role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As a result of your ambition, you'll set lofty goals that you're unlikely to achieve. Even so, you'll get further than if you hadn't aimed so high. All success is significant, and your spirits stay high as you interpret it as such.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll attend events your friends invite you to. The Scandinavian proverb applies: Go often to the house of thy friend; for weeds soon choke up the unused path.

CAPRICORN: The crowd takes notice... you're in excellent form. You'll interact with someone who is clearly enchanted by you, and you can soak it up without worry. You offer excellent attention and should expect the same from others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your life and work experiences will prove useful. A profound impact can be made without even telling your story. Rather, you influence others through your example.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's challenges require boldness. Your bravery, your support of what you believe is right and your facilitation of justice make you indispensable. It will be easy to sleep tonight, knowing that you put in a solid day's work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25). It's as if something in you quickens as the solar year begins. An energy shift is taking place both in relationships and at work, and you'll warm into a new level of authority. You're clearly needed, and you'll use your power carefully. Save your money in the spring. Summer brings a stellar investment opportunity. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 3, 33 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES**: Sometimes the only way to learn what you really want in a relation-

ship is to get what you don't want. So, in a sense, you can't lose. **TAURUS**: Bonds that form slowly over time will be lasting. **GEMINI**: Because you're so imaginative, it's tempting (though unwise) to fall in love with someone's potential. **CANCER**: You'll be called on to fulfill a role or responsibility. While not entirely fun, it's better to be included than not. **LEO**: When you can't seem to figure out how to get what you want, go away and come back later. **VIRGO**: Your success secret is one part self-awareness and two parts general awareness. This formula makes you great on dates! **LIBRA**: You'll be liberated by your own generosity. It will feel good to give something you don't need returned. **SCORPIO**: Your winning energy attracts the same. Your enthusiasm will quickly spread. **SAGITTARIUS**: Stability is a cherished gift. You'll either provide it or build bonds by appreciating clearly the one who does. **CAPRICORN**: You'll go above and beyond what they ask of you, thereby altering future expectations. **AQUARIUS**: What puzzled you will be a mystery no longer. The reveal will seem obvious, as though you might have known it all along. **PISCES**: You are willing to experience the full impact of your emotions, which puts you in a powerful position.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Though Capricorn is a power player who often takes charge, Pisces is feeling the cosmic surge of solar authority and will lead this couple through a blissful weekend. There doesn't have to be much going on to keep these two entertained, as they will be captivated by one another. Conversation goes high and low, silly and deep, but it's something intangible that cements their sweet bond now.

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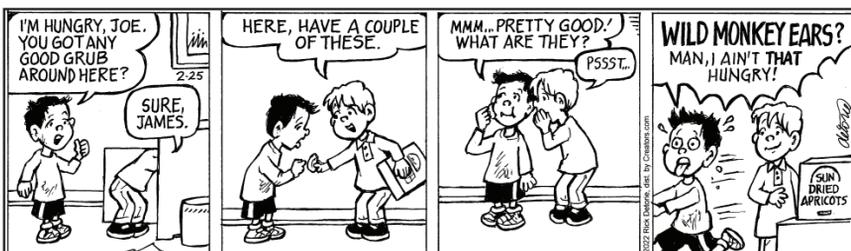
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Newsday Crossword

TOUCH DOWNS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nothing at all
 - 4 Much less than limber
 - 9 Layered do
 - 13 *La Città Eterna*
 - 14 *Messiah* group
 - 15 Insuper
 - 16 Add to that
 - 17 Tending to drip
 - 18 Russian monarchical name
 - 19 Communication tech
 - 21 Hold dear
 - 22 Dashed or detached
 - 23 *Rhapsody in Blue* introducer
 - 25 Permeating
 - 28 Highly extended
 - 29 Pickling candidate
 - 30 Things on strings
 - 33 Obtain from storage
 - 36 Meal for a seal
 - 37 Tell tales
 - 38 Beer critic's evaluation
 - 39 Reason for a ringing
 - 40 Interweave
 - 41 Novel figure
 - 42 Excluding
 - 44 Winged symbol of Louisiana
 - 46 Forensics facility
 - 50 Nickname for Alberto
 - 51 Upright nature
 - 52 Mr. Fixits

- 56 *Bus Stop* playwright
 - 57 Big beach parties
 - 58 Juvenile comeback
 - 59 New member of the flock
 - 60 Maltreatment
 - 61 Crib sheet users
 - 62 Singer from County Donegal
 - 63 Trajectories
 - 64 Give up on
- DOWN**
- 1 "J'Accuse . . ." writer
 - 2 "___ touch"
 - 3 Distribute
 - 4 Touch-___

- 5 Land heavily
- 6 With a charge, in chemistry
- 7 No longer alterable
- 8 Swelter
- 9 Recipe direction
- 10 ___ touch
- 11 Floor
- 12 French playwright
- 13 Spinning stat
- 20 3-D exam
- 21 Plain talk
- 24 Touch ___
- 25 Cynical statement
- 26 Unassuming
- 27 Ultimate basis
- 31 Consist of
- 32 Wood shaper

- 34 Air of mystery
- 35 Drudge
- 37 Defiant refusal
- 41 Measure of sales performance
- 43 Simple life
- 45 Seashells on a string
- 46 It's 3+ times longer than California
- 47 Saoirse of *Little Women*
- 48 Caribbean cruise stop
- 49 Corker
- 53 Extra effort
- 54 Since, for short
- 55 Apt. identifiers
- 57 Once around

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Level: Advanced

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!

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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Today's Answers

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From This Life I Pass

By **Dr. Lillian Bohannon**

Special to the Herald

This life is like a vapour which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the furnace. God says a lot about this life. But He says so much more about the life after this one. He wants my focus to remain on Him as I go from this life to the next.

Jesus gave life—not death—to me when He died on the Cross. By His stripes He heals the broken-hearted and sets the captive free. He wants me not to be broken-hearted, but broken before Him so He can show His power to take care of me. He will heal my broken heart when I place it into His capable hands.

When my friends or relatives see me in a trial or tribulation—they must realize it brings life. Jesus

is all about Life. Love alive in my center of my very being is shining forth in all its glory. Then they will desire Him and He saves them as well.

You have to give the trials and tribulations time to produce in you that hidden light of Jesus Christ. Don't run from the light but rather embrace it first, like Jesus embraced the Cross in all its glory. That produced life eternal for those who trust Him as Saviour.

When my loved ones go to glory, they don't die, but pass from this world of pain and woe to the wonderful world of life eternal—abundant and free.

When a recent loved one was at Heaven's gates, I prayed God would let him die so he could be out of his pain. Then I realized what a grave mistake I made. I can't pray in God's will that a person die who is in Christ. I must pray that God would allow

him to pass from life here to eternal life in Heaven. Then the final weak heart beat here produces the next vibrant heart beat in Heaven's new body. The last weak exhaling breath here produces the next vibrating breathe of Heaven's pure sweet air. Life to life everlasting—abundant and free.

People ask you what you need so they can help you through the pain in times like this. But the real tangible need can only be met by a real and loving and tangible God. He heals my broken-heartedness and sets my captive loved one free to go and be free from this crippled broken life to His abundant freedom found only in life's eternal shores of Heaven.

Because you see—He came to heal my broken heart and set the captives of this life free to roam Heaven for all eternity.

Something to think about...

By **RICHARD SCHNEBERGER**

Special to the Herald

Protect Your Identity! We live in a world where identity theft is a serious issue. Entire companies have emerged simply to help protect one's personal information. We are constantly cautioned about sharing information with strangers in cyberspace. And I cannot tell you how many fraudulent Facebook friend requests I have received. It is a real issue that affects real lives in real ways.

Identity theft is also a spiritual issue. We too often find our identity in the world rather than in the Word. We allow other voices to tell us who we are and rob us of our primary identity in Christ. That is why we keep coming back to the Scriptures to restore our real identity and remind us who we truly are. Listen to what God's Word says about you today:

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again;

rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." ~ Romans 8:14-16 NIV

This is the Good News! That through Christ we can call Almighty God who created the entire cosmos "Abba" - "Dad"! Our true identity is wrapped up in our relationship to the Father through Christ in the Spirit. And we share in a great inheritance - the Kingdom of God. No matter what we are going through today, it can never compare to what He has prepared for us.

Augustine once said, "Receive who you are. Become what you have received." We receive our identity as a gift from God. When we become a follower of Jesus we begin to understand who we really are. But, it is a life-long process of God shaping us through His Spirit to live into that identity.

May we not allow anyone or anything else to tell us who we are. Instead, may we live in the truth that we are sons and daughters of the King, receiving our identity from God and becoming what we have received. You are the children of God - now let's act like it.

Those who have an ear let them hear

By **BILLY HOLLAND**

Special to the Herald

One of the greatest mysteries is the perplexing relationship between God and humans. I cannot think of a more glorious yet frustrating subject. Especially when it comes to people trying to find answers when all they have is questions. I've counseled and given psychological first aid to those who have gone through a traumatic crisis and I've listened to people in hospital waiting rooms repeat that age-old question, "Why is this happening?" They cry and beg, but many times they cannot hear a sound from Heaven, and usually neither can anyone else. I'm thankful for the holy scriptures that are wonderful promises, but nothing would be better than to sit down at the kitchen table with Jesus or at least one of His angels and have some coffee while we discuss all the things I would like to know. I'm sure that if we were given this glorious invitation that trusting God would be the foundation of the conversation.

The Bible reveals that God has all wisdom and authority and most Christians will agree that He wants to interact and intervene in our affairs, but this is where our ideas and hopes of communicating with Him take an unexpected turn. It's common to hear the old saying, "my door is always open" from those who want to make themselves available to us, and it

could not be any more true than with God Himself. His presence is always with us and He is always listening. The question would be if we are listening? The Bible says that he who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit has to say." This would imply those who have a desire to hear. Have you noticed that straining your spiritual ears to hear God's voice is very difficult? It seems that everything in the world will try to distract us which allows us to see a glimpse of spiritual warfare. For those who are seeking God's direction, I encourage you to add fasting to help bring power and clarity to meditation and prayer.

It is common to hear people say, "the Lord told me this and that" and I believe this is wonderful. We know that God lives within those who are born-again and Him communicating with us is a central part of our personal relationship with Him. Allow me to include the closer we are to Him the better chance we will have to hear His still small voice. People have different perceptions of God, as some imagine a person sitting on a throne dressed in white who looks like Gandalf in the Harry Potter series. There are flashes of lightning all around Him and His voice sounds like layers of thunder. Others picture a younger man like the Jesus in the Chosen series who is walking on a dusty road and stops to talk to a group of chil-

dren. He is kind and soft-spoken, and when you look into His eyes, you become drawn into the depths of His love. Whatever comes to mind when we talk to Him is fine, but the greatest miracle is that we have been given an opportunity to be as close to Him as we want.

Even though we are not able to see Him with our natural eyes, we are joined together with Him in our

spirit and mind. How can we know hear His instructions if we are not listening? We enjoy engaging with others when we talk to them, but with God, we communicate through faith. Even though we can sense and appreciate His presence, it is still a challenge. I wonder if not being able to see Him is why many times we lose our focus and attention when we pray?

When we consider where we are today in our spiritual journey, we are grateful our Lord knew us from the beginning and had a detailed

plan for our destiny. Do we realize how much God loves us? We can never praise Him enough for all that He has done for us. It is always a blessing to remember that we did not find God but He found us. Christ went to the cross because He knew we were lost, and we worship Him for becoming our Savior and giving us eternal security. In His person, we have found our purpose, and in falling in love with Him we have found the true meaning of life.

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