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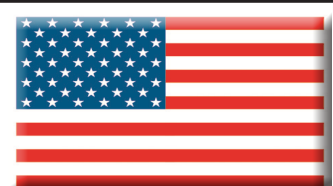
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Weather



Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 47. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south after midnight.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 91.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History

On April 8:
1820: Famous armless ancient Greek statue Venus de Milo is discovered on the Aegean island of Milos.
1968: Gangsters Henry Hill and Jimmy Burke steal \$420,000 from a cargo terminal at New York City's JFK International Airport.
1827: Hank Aaron hits his 715th homerun, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

Daily Quotes

"One moment can change a day, one day can change a life, and one life can change the world."
 — **Gautama Buddha**
 "I believe the equal rights amendment is a necessity of life for all citizens. The cabinet sometimes felt that I shouldn't be so outspoken."
 — **Betty Ford**
 "Most of my memories of Texas are of mosquitoes, watermelons, crickets, and my brother teasing me."
 — **Robin Wright**

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Coahoma band excels at Concert & Sightreading Contest



Left, the Coahoma Junior High School band performs at the Region 6 UIL Concert and Sight Reading in Crane. Right, members of the Coahoma Junior High Band performed in the All Region 6 band held earlier this year. Pictured from left are Lenora Nixon, Ian Garrido, Esan Sullivan, Antonio Alcantar, and Andrea Rochelle.

Special to the Herald
 The Coahoma Junior High School Band continued its competitive season by bringing home top marks from the Region 6 UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation held last week in Crane. For the sight-reading portion of the

evaluation, the band received a Division I (Superior) rating. During this part of the contest, band members had a limited amount of time to review a new piece of music before performing in front of three judges. Coahoma also received a Division II (Excellent) rating for its performance in

the concert portion of the competition. To prepare for this portion, band members spent months preparing to present their UIL program in front of a different set of judges. According to junior high band director See **BAND**, Page 3

A Big Spring tradition of Selena-inspired dance



By CHRISTIE AGUILAR
Special to the Herald
 My name is Christie Aguilar. I have a story I hope you find interesting, about a young lady that had a dream and never gave up. She had a dream about introducing Salsa dance to her hometown, Big Spring, Texas. She followed that dream at 21

years old. She opened up her own dance studio while working part time as a hostess, bartender and doing odd jobs just to save up for her dream. Now, 10 years later, we will celebrate Mistie's Salsita Studio's 10-Year Anniversary. She has introduced her style of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata

The dancers of Misti's Salsita Studio strike poses before a previous year's Selena Quintanilla Dance Performance. This year's fourth annual incarnation of the Performance will be staged Saturday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

TPWD: Please, don't touch the wildlife

Special to the Herald

With more people enjoying the outdoors this spring season, you may start to notice more wildlife in your backyard, neighborhood or surrounding areas. Species including birds, deer and snakes are active this time of year and their young can be mistaken as abandoned. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) experts caution against lending a helping hand.

Baby birds and deer fawns are most often picked up by well-meaning citizens. However, it is important to realize that many such human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can even be detrimental to the wildlife concerned.

Deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. As fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color, which causes them to catch

the eye. A doe may leave her fawn for hours at a time while she is browsing for food. During that time, people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn thinking it has been abandoned by its mother and needs help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured. To be sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning. Interfering too soon may do more harm than good.

The same principals apply to young birds who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has feathers and is hopping around, mom and dad are likely nearby. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

Various turtle species are also often

See **WILDLIFE**, Page 3

Reagan County wreck kills two

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

Two people are dead following a two-vehicle wreck Tuesday in Reagan County.

According to a statement issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, at about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Doyle Ray Bridger-Pruneda, 70, of San Antonio was driving a 2016 Toyota Sienna west on Ranch to Market Road 1357 with two passengers in the vehicle: Myrtie Lee Hoeft, 95, of Waco and Sayble Jackson Bridger, 86, of San Antonio. According to the report, Bridger-Pruneda failed to stop at a stop sign.

Jose Haro-Armenta, 51, of Los Mochis, Mexico, was driving north on State Highway 137 in a 2010 International truck with trailer, and struck Bridger-Pineda's vehicle as it entered the intersection.

Both passengers in the Sienna were

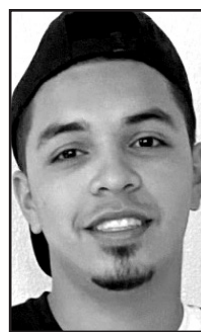
See **WRECK**, Page 3

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Obituaries

John Christopher Hilario Jr.



John Christopher Hilario Jr., 22, died Monday, April 4, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, with vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.

John was born on July 4, 1999, in Omaha, Neb., to John Hilario Sr. and Bonnie Soliz Claxton.

John is survived by three children, Ezekiel Hilario, Rainee Flores, and one on the way; his mother, Bonnie Claxton; father, John Hilario Sr.; two sisters; and two brothers.

John was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Soliz.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 3 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 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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Fort Worth based American Airlines will use buses for hops to Philadelphia

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines has hired a bus company to carry passengers between Philadelphia and two airports that are only a short hop away by air.

The service will start June 3 between Philadelphia International Airport and airports in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, the airline said Thursday with the bus company called Landline.

Landline and American pitched the bus service as an easier way to get between the Philadelphia airport and Lehigh International Airport in Allen-

town 73 miles away, and Atlantic City International Airport, 56 miles away. Brian Znotins, American's vice president of network planning, said it would help customers connect to the airline's international flights from Philadelphia.

American's regional affiliate, American Eagle, operates flights from Allentown to Chicago and Charlotte, North Carolina. The Fort Worth, airline does not serve Atlantic City.

Landline, based in Fort Collins, Colorado, has similar deals with United Airlines in Denver and Sun Country Airlines in seven cities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The company said it raised \$28 million to expand its geographic reach.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 98 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MARISOL JOLLEE CARRILLO**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated, possession of controlled substance less than 1g.
- **ROCKY CHANDLER**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on charge of public intoxication.
- **CHANCE GREGG** was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, forgery financial instrument check, stealing receiving stolen check, possession of controlled substance less than 28g.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. No transport was required.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E 14th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

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

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

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

Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.



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BAND

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tor Daniel Money, the CJHS Band has not attended the UIL contest since 2017, so this was a brand new experience for all of the band students.

Last week's accomplishment highlights a very successful year for the junior high band. In January, five members performed in the All Region Band for Region 6, a group made up of the hardest working junior high band students from across Region 6.

The Coahoma students were chosen through an audition process held at McCamey High School,

which had more than 600 junior high school musicians participating in the competition.

Leading the way for the Coahoma musicians was seventh grader Lenora Nixson, who was selected for the top Honor Band. She earned the 15th chair in the clarinet section. Eighth graders Ian Garrido, and Esan Sullivan made the second Symphonic Band. Sullivan earned third chair in the French Horn section and Garrido placed eighth in the trumpet section.

Originally named as alternates, clarinet player Andrea Rochelle and trombone player Antonio Alcantar rounded out the Coahoma group, who performed at the All-Region Concert held at Crane High School.

To continue their competitive season, some members of the junior high band will be attending the Greenwood Music Festival on Saturday, April 30, where they will have the opportunity to participate in solo performances in order to earn even more successful ratings from judges.

The Coahoma Junior High School Band will wrap up the year on Tuesday, May 3, when they perform their spring concert in the Coahoma High School auditorium along with the beginner and high school bands of the CISD music program. The CISD music program is under the direction of Michael Cason with Daniel Money as the assistant band director.

DANCE

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and Cumbia. This April, she will hold her Fourth Annual Selena Quintanilla Dance Performance at Big Spring's Amphitheater Historical Site.

Just like Selena had a dream and never gave up, I see this young lady thriving every day. She is doing the studio full time and attending the ADN Nursing Program at Howard College.

We talk to all of our dance students to follow their dreams and never give up... go out and find work like cleaning to earn money to fulfill that dream.

The Selena costumes and other dance performance costumes are handmade, and customized by Miss Mistie and her mom.

Mistie has done Breast Cancer Zumba Events since she started Mistie's Salsita Studio. She went through a hard time in 2018, when she received the news in the doctor's office on her birthday of her mother's breast cancer diagnoses. Through it all, she was determined to still host her event that year to honor the gone and the survivors.

Her mom is a breast cancer survivor. She has held school supplies donation events for kids. She has donated her time to host Zumba classes to help fundraise funds for families that have lost a loved one. She instructed virtual Zumba classes and dance classes through Zoom during the pandemic shut-down, to keep everyone dancing.

One of her things checked off her bucket list was to have a performance at The Hotel Settles Ballroom. It was where she had her second Selena Performance. Ten years later, thousands of people have visited and done a Zumba or dance class. She has made a big difference in their lives. Some have overcome fear, anxiety, and now they can face the world because of the feeling "I know I can".

Mistie has a saying: "There is not a right or wrong way to dance, it's how you feel the music." Mistie is an amazing person, and now just waiting until she gets that pin from the nursing program next May to become an RN.

I feel Mistie's story is a great inspiration for the young and the older generations to never give up on their dreams. I hope you find the time in your schedule to join us live on Saturday, April 9, for the Fourth Annual Selena Quintanilla Performance by Mistie's Salsita Studio in full costume.

WILDLIFE

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picked up by well-meaning citizens to assist them in crossing the road. While this is perfectly harmless if it can be done safely, biologists ask that the

public not take these animals home with the intention of gaining a new pet. These turtles are wild animals and must remain wild in order to be healthy.

If a wild animal is sick or injured, TPWD encourages citizens to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Please note that TPWD staff advise the public not to handle or attempt to transport in-

jured, sick or orphaned wildlife. Learn more about what to do upon encountering orphaned or injured wildlife, and how to contact rehabilitators on the TPWD Wildlife Division website.

Find more tips from biologists regarding fawns and baby birds on the TPWD YouTube channel.

WRECK

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dead on the scene by Justice of the Peace Patty Davenport.

Bridger-Pineda was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

Haro-Armenta was reportedly not injured in the accident.

According to the DPS report, weather at the time of the accident was clear, and road conditions were dry.

All drivers and passengers were reportedly restrained by safety belts at the time of the wreck.

The accident was investigated by Trooper Jayson Stanly of the Big Lake Texas Highway Patrol office.

Take Note

• 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.

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

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

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

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

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior vol-

unteers (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.

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Victor Edward Paulk, 66, died Saturday. Graveside service 2 PM Monday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

John Christopher Hilario, Jr., 22, died Monday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass 10 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Tina Hilario, 45, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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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, April 10, 2022 - Join us for our 2022 Easter series: "There is Power in the Blood." 1 Peter 1:18-19 says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things.... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." #thereispowerintheblood #itstillworks.

Tuesday, April 12 - Marriage Enrichment will meet 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the ARC. 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. Childcare is Provided.

3-DAY Extravaganza April 15, April 16 & April 17- Mark your calendars and join us as we gather.

Day 1: For our Good Friday Communion Worship Service Friday, April 15 at 6 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Day 2: Come on out on Saturday, April 16 for Fellowship Fun Day. We will have our Sweets & Meats Competition/Cook-Off at Big Spring Comanche Trail Park in the Old Settlers Pavilion from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. We will also have Family fun games, sports competition everyone can participate in and a Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Day 3: Closing out this amazing weekend on Sunday, April 17 @ our 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Come on out and Celebrate Resurrection Sunday.

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@ccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian is journeying through the gates of Jerusalem this Sunday. We will be bearing palm branches and imagining the sights and sounds of the triumphal entry

into Jerusalem thousands of years ago. On Thursday evening we will commemorate Maundy Thursday with a worship service in our chapel at 7 p.m. This service will include the liturgy of Tenebrae. Our prayer podcast and video devotional for Holy Week will reflect scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary. The podcast can be found wherever you get podcasts and also on our Facebook page and website, where you will also find the devotional.

Worship services April 10 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 118:19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9; Luke 19:29-44. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: *The Crowd in the Street*. 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 is starting a new 6 week DVD study by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel. It's a journey through the Holy Land on the ancient paths and listening to fascinating and eye-opening insights from experts trained in the messianic rabbinical way. Bethlehem. Nazareth. Capernaum. The Mount of Olives. Jerusalem. It's all there. 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.

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The following weekly events are open to the community:

Wednesday

The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m.

The World Heritage Sites Lectures meets at noon.

The Lectionary Bible Study, meets at 5 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 Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene - also known as NazFamily Church - has the following events coming up:

Palm Sunday

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!"(John 12:13) Who doesn't love a parade? When something significant happens, we have this urge to gather in the streets to celebrate. How would we celebrate if Jesus came to town today? You won't want to miss our special Palm Sunday service as we gather to invite Him into our city and proclaim That's My King!

Ukraine

We continue to pray for Ukraine and those affected by the ongoing conflict in that country. If you would like to know more about how the church is responding and would like to support families struggling in the midst of this crisis go to: www.ncm.org/ukraine-crisis

Community Egg Hunt

It is that time of year! Everyone is invited to join us for our annual community egg hunt that will be at New Hope (118 Cedar Rd.) on Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Come enjoy this family fun event offered by NazFamily Church.

Breakfast with the Bunny

The Bridge is hosting breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday, April 16th @ 10am at New Hope (118 Cedar Rd.). There will be a free breakfast, pictures, fun activities, and an egg hunt. You can reserve a spot through the NazFamily - The Bridge facebook page. Join us for this family friendly event.

Good Friday

"Amazing love, how can it be, that You, My King, would die for me!" We will have a special Good Friday service on April 15th @ 6:30pm. All are invited to join us for this meaningful time of reflection, worship, and prayer.

Resurrection Sunday

We are planning a powerful worship gathering on Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will begin with a sunrise prayer time @ 7:00am (which will be LiveStreamed), followed by all church breakfast at 9:00am in the gym. Our Worship Gathering at 10 a.m. This is a great time to invite friends, family and neighbors to come worship with us. You won't want to miss out on this meaningful time together. He is risen indeed!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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 Wednesdays 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.

Holy Week Services:

- Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
- Monday & Tuesday, April 11 & 12 - Evening Prayer - 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 13 - Stations of the Cross - 5:30 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 14 - 6:00 p.m.
- Good Friday - April 15 - 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17 - Easter - 10:30 a.m.

All are Welcome.

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- Worship time is at 10:45 a.m.
- Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m.
- Sunday Evening Service is at 6 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 this season, serving our Lord. Services for April 10, 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. Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in lively and worshipful services.

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 we celebrate our God knowing He 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!

Something to think about...

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." ~ Psalm 46:1

I vividly remember in one of my college classes our speech professor discussed something called a vocalized pause. Since communication is a part of my call it caught my attention. She said our brain, almost involuntarily, fills in any gap of silence until our next thought with phrases like, "Um", "You know," "Uh" and my absolute favorite "like." (We've all been around someone who uses the word "like" way too much.)

It is interesting that we are so uncomfortable with silence that our minds automatically fill the void with some kind of noise. Most communicators have to work really hard to overcome that habit. Our natural tendency is to fill the void, rather than to rest; to pause; to stop. I believe that is true in our lives

too. If there is a lull in the conversation we get uncomfortable. If there is a void, we want to fill it. If it is too quiet, then we think there is something wrong. (In a house with four children, if it gets too quiet there probably is something seriously wrong.)

If we are constantly tempted to fill the void with noise and activity, do we leave any room in our lives for God to speak and to act? How will we ever hear that still, small voice if we never get still? I'm convinced that it is becoming harder and harder in our modern world to create quiet space to truly listen because we are inundated with more noise and activity than ever before. It seems the speed of life

is increasing exponentially. Scripture makes it clear that we need to find time to be still before God.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ~ Psalm 46:10

Facing the chaos of this world and the uncertainty of life, the Word reminds us that God is our refuge and strength. The Lord is a fortress and hiding place. "Be still and know..." The deepest desire of our heart is to genuinely know God. Scripture clearly ties our ability to know God with being still before Him.

There is something profound in this con-

nection. Often all of our activity and noise is an attempt to be in control. Learning to be still in the chaos is a radical act of faith.

We recognize that we are not in control and we are not the center of the universe. God is God and we are not. We can let go and trust Him completely. When we get to that place of deep grace we discover "the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." (Psalm 46:11)

May we resist the urge to fill the void and find a space to be still and know that He is God!



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Reflections

When Heaven Comes Near

Celtic Christianity has a term to refer to those moments when the separation between this world and heaven becomes so minimal that we sense the presence of God. They call these moments "thin places." They are the places where love and compassion reign. Where forgiveness overcomes resentment. Where selfishness is swallowed up in sacrifice. Where prejudice surrenders to acceptance. Where the violent flame is quenched, and people live in peace. They are the times when our soul is overwhelmed with awe, and we worship God.

The news usually focuses on "thick places" where our world is farthest from God. For some strange reason we gravitate to the sick stories of murder, corruption, abuse, crime and war. But God gives us moments when He comes near, moments when we sense the fragrance of His presence, and we hear the whisper of His voice.

Sometimes we sense thin place when we stand before God's creation and marvel at its majesty, beauty, complexity and balance. My wife and I felt

we were in one of those "thin places" when we sat on a beach and watched the full moon slowly rise over the ocean.

Sometimes we feel it in cathedrals and churches or informal and intimate gatherings with other believers. Sometimes the thin places appear in everyday life. Often, when they do, they are unexpected.

We see the "thin places" when we witness acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, forgiveness and sacrifice, like the brave men and women who have chosen to remain in Ukraine to care for those who cannot flee, delivering food, water and comfort to the elderly and to families trapped in basements.

When Jesus came, the reign of God broke through upon the earth so that we were able to see, in a brilliant flash, what God's Kingdom really looks like. This is what John meant when he said, "That was the true light, which, coming into the world enlightens every man ... we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father." Wherever Jesus went he created a thin place. This is why Jesus said, "the Kingdom of God is at hand."

When He sent his followers out, Jesus taught them to live and speak in such a way that people would know that they had come into a "thin place." "Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat

what is set before you; and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" (Luke 10:8).

As followers of Jesus our task is to help create the thin places. We do so by living in such a way that the reign of God rules in our hearts, controlling our speech, our actions and our decisions. We are to create "thin places" wherever we work or study, among our co-workers, fellow students, family, friends and even our enemies.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." He was teaching us to pray that we might become instruments for the thin places. This is why Jesus said, "You are the light of the world ... let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your father who is in Heaven." God desires that His reign and rule should be displayed and celebrated.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Being accountable for our spiritual sensitivity

By BILLY HOLLAND

Religion Columnist

Being accountable for our spiritual sensitivity

I remember the day we brought Teddy our English Bulldog puppy into our home. The breeder told us he was eight weeks old but after receiving his papers, we noticed he was actually only six weeks old at the time. He was a healthy little bruiser and we would laugh at his stumbling and being uncoordinated, but now we realize it was because he was such a baby. My wife and I would sit on the porch in the evenings and watch him explore around in the front yard. He was so happy as he would jump and roll in the grass and investigate his new surroundings but when he would hear a loud commotion like a noisy car passing by, it would scare him and he would come running to us. After a while, he gradually became more used to the traffic sounds and the lawn mowers, and eventually it did not bother him.

We hear about those who live close to railroad tracks or airports and how they are sensitive to the sounds at first, but eventually get used to them. I collect old clocks and when people come in they ask how we can stand all of these chimes and gongs, but we do not even notice them. It's one thing to get used to sights and sounds that do not hinder our spiritual lives, but it's dangerous to let our guards down when it comes to accepting things that are contrary to God's standard of sanctification. Our new-born spirit is sensitive to what we see and hear and what a challenge it is to protect our mind. As Christians, we have a responsibility to guard our hearts from the negativity and darkness of this world that is trying to pull us away from God's presence. Unfortunately, many individuals including church members are convinced there is no harm from absorbing a constant barrage of negative television shows, movies, and social media. It's a shame the era of innocence is now only a memory. A lifestyle of purity is now considered fanatical and old-fashioned and not respected any more.

I remember the old Dick Van Dyke Show where, even though Rob and Laura

were married, there were two separate beds in the bedroom. Back then, even the idea of a married couple in the same bed was socially taboo, and that was only fifty years ago. The old westerns like Roy Rogers and The Lone Ranger were not about killing, but were hardly anything more than jumping off a horse and punching someone in the nose. When I was a kid, we would watch programs like, Bonanza, Lawrence Welk, and the Wonderful World of Disney. We were not exposed to extreme violence, witchcraft, and the constant sex scenes as we are today. So, what happened to our cultures modesty? The days of blushing and embarrassment are gone as the shock factor has caused many minds and hearts to become calloused. This is exactly what the enemy wanted so the masses would lose their spiritual sensitivity to God's voice. As the entertainment industry continues to push the limits of sorcery and debauchery, those who indulge are being tempted to dwell on dark thoughts that are ungodly instead of what is lovely and just. If we are not careful, even the children of God can become numb to corruption, deviance, and wickedness, very much like the frog who sits in the pan of water on the stove and hardly notices he is being boiled alive. If we absorb and accept small amounts of impurities here and there, before long we will not be offended or insulted about anything. Sadly, we might even begin to enjoy it.

It's no secret that most people, do not want to hear about self-discipline, repentance, or messages that contain topics about how changing the way we think will change the way we live. In man's carnal defense, his emotions consider this intrusion as meddling and no one's business, including the one who created him. These uncomfortable and rebellious attitudes are God's way of convicting us of our guilt. It's His way of getting our attention that we are doing something wrong, but often our emotions love it too much to stop. We all face this daily battle because our fallen nature is opposed to virtuous living and always willing to fight for its independence. One of the greatest failures for anyone including Christians is to ignore the reverential fear of God and His demand to live holy.

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First pope, now US churches face boarding-school reckoning

By PETER SMITH

Associated Press

As Native Americans cautiously welcome Pope Francis' historic apology for abuses at Catholic-run boarding schools for Indigenous children in Canada, U.S. churches are bracing for an unprecedented reckoning with their own legacies of operating such schools.

Church schools are likely to feature prominently in a report from the U.S. Department of the Interior, led by the first-ever Native American cabinet secretary, Deb Haaland, due to be released later this month. The report, prompted by last year's discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at former residential school sites in Canada, will focus on the loss of life and the enduring traumas the U.S. system inflicted on Indigenous children from the 19th to mid-20th centuries.

From Episcopalians to Quakers to Catholic dioceses in Oklahoma, faith groups have either started or intensified efforts in the past year to research and atone for their prior roles in the boarding school system, which Native children were forced to attend — cutting them off from their families, tribes and traditions.

While the pontiff's April 1 apology was addressed to Indigenous groups from Canada, people were listening south of the border.

"An apology is the best way to start any conversation," said Roy Callison, a Catholic deacon and Cherokee Nation member helping coordinate the Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project, which includes listening sessions for those affected by the boarding school legacy. "That's the first step to trying to get healing."

In his meeting with Canada's Indigenous delegations, Francis asked forgiveness "for the role that a number of Catholics ... had in all these things that wounded you, in the abuses you suffered and in the lack of respect shown for your identity, your culture and even your spiritual values."

Francis "did something really important, which is name the importance of being indignant at this history," said Maka Black Elk, executive director of truth and healing for Red Cloud Indian School on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. That history "is shameful, and it is not something we should accept," said Black Elk, who is Oglala Lakota.

Red Cloud, affiliated with the Catholic Jesuit order, was for generations a boarding school for Lakota children. It's now a day school with Lakota leadership, language and traditions. Black Elk is guiding a reckoning process including archival research and hearing the stories of former students.

Canada underwent a much-publicized Truth and

Reconciliation process in recent years. The issue gained unprecedented attention last year after a researcher using ground-penetrating radar reported finding about 200 unmarked probable burial sites at a former school in British Columbia.

That discovery, followed by others across Canada, prompted Haaland to commission her department's report.

"This history in the United States has not been addressed in the same way it has been addressed in Canada," Black Elk said. The Interior report "will be an important first step about the work that needs to happen in this country."

Church leaders are getting ready. The report "will likely bring to light some very troubling information," said a letter circulated last fall to members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from two colleagues who chaired committees related to the issue. The letter urged bishops to build relationships with local Indigenous communities and engage "in a real and honest dialogue about reactions to the report and what steps are needed to go forward together."

Conditions varied at boarding schools in the United States, with some described as unsafe, unsanitary and scenes of physical or sexual abuse. Other former students recall their school years as positive times of learning, friendship and extra-curricular activities.

Indigenous groups note that even the better schools were part of a project to assimilate children into a predominately white, Christian society and break down their tribal identities, customs and languages — what many Indigenous groups call a cultural genocide.

"The very process of boarding schools is violent and damaging," said Bryan Rindfleisch, an expert in Native American history at Marquette University who is helping Catholics in Oklahoma research their school legacy.

There were at least 367 boarding schools across the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, according to the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, a Minneapolis-based advocacy group.

Most were government-run; many others were run by Catholic and Protestant churches.

The national healing coalition called Pope Francis' comments a historic first step, but urged the Vatican to repatriate Indigenous artifacts in its museum collections and called on religious organizations to open their school archives.

In listening sessions held through the Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project, many participants told positive stories of school experiences, Callison said, though the church is committed to document-

ing the traumatic ones too. "You're going to hear things you don't want to hear," he said.

The project will include archival research and individual interviews with those affected. At least 11 Catholic boarding schools operated in Oklahoma.

"We need to get to the truth before we can deal with whatever hurt or celebrate whatever success" the schools achieved, Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul Coakley said.

Some church groups — such as Quakers, Methodists and some Catholic religious orders — are backing pending legislation in Congress that would go beyond the Interior report. It would create a truth and healing commission, modeled on Canada's, to investigate the boarding school legacy.

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends — a regional group of congregations — issued an apology last year for Quakers' historic sponsorship of such schools, acknowledging they were undertaken with "spiritual and cultural arrogance."

"We are deeply sorry for our part in the vast suffering caused by this system and the continuing effects," the New England group said.

It's important for Quakers to accept such responsibility, said Paula Palmer, a Quaker from Colorado whose research has identified about 30 Native American boarding and day schools that were run by Quakers.

"The yearly meetings voted to support, operate and finance" the schools, she said. "So it's really the yearly meetings who have the responsibility to respond. They were the ones who also participated in the whole project of forced assimilation of Indigenous children."

The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States has hired an archival researcher to document its own boarding school history.

The order is "committed to examining and sharing the truth of our history, even where that is difficult," said the Rev. Ted Penton, secretary of the Jesuit conference's Office of Justice and Ecology.

The Episcopal Church's General Convention in July is expected to vote on a statement that would "acknowledge the intergenerational trauma caused by genocide, colonialism" and the operation of boarding schools.

Luka Doncic-led Mavericks beat Pistons 131-113 for 50th win

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Luka Doncic has helped the Dallas Mavericks win 50 games, a relatively rare feat lately for the franchise.

The All-Star guard had 26 points, 14 assists and eight rebounds to lead Dallas in a 131-113 win over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks reached the 50-win mark for the first time in seven years, and just the second since winning their only NBA title.

"It's a great accomplishment," coach Jason Kidd said. "The guys in that locker room can't take that lightly because it's not easy to do."

Dallas is 20 games above .500 for the first time since 2011, when they went on to win the NBA title. The franchise is set up to earn home-court advantage in the playoffs, for the first time since Kidd was their point guard during the championship season, after starting 2022 with a losing record.

"I think it's pretty impressive," Doncic said. "We started the season kind of slow. I'm proud of how we played and hopefully we get to 52 (wins)."

Jalen Brunson had 24 points for the Mavericks, who have won five of their last six to build momentum going into the playoffs next week.

Rookie of the Year candidate Cade Cunningham had 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Pistons, who had won three straight to match what was their longest winning streak of the sea-

son.

Even with the game out of reach in the final minutes, coach Dwane Casey had his starters on the floor.

"That's going to be a top team in the West," Casey said. "I wanted them to feel it and experience it."

Dallas led by as much as eight in the first, but trailed 34-32 after Doncic and Cunningham each had their fourth assist over the last 3.4 seconds of the quarter.

The Mavs moved back ahead in the second quarter and led 65-58 at halftime with Doncic scoring 16 points, making six assists.

Doncic was called for his fourth foul at the 8:05 mark of the third. Kidd left him in the game and it turned out to be a wise move as Doncic was dominant, making a 3-pointer and assist that put the Mavs ahead 93-77 late in the quarter.

Dallas didn't have any trouble keeping its comfortable cushion in the fourth, finishing with 15 3-pointers on 33 shots beyond the arc.

"They do a great job of spreading out and making 3-point shots," Casey said. "You make one mistake and they make you pay. They're a great offensive team, exactly what we want to be in terms of moving the basketball and knocking down 3s,"

CROSSOVER

Kidd is among the many marveling that Tiger Woods is teeing off at the Masters on Thursday morning, 14 months after a car crash left him in a

hospital bed for three months.

"What Tiger is doing has already broken the internet," Kidd said. "If he's in the running for winning it, he definitely will shut down the internet. What he's done to just come back, is incredible. I think everyone will be watching."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Reserve Sterling Brown missed the game for personal reasons. ... Forward Maxi Kleber (right ankle) missed a second straight game. ... The Mavs have won five straight against Detroit, winning each game by double digits.

Pistons: The banged-up, rebuilding team was without several injured players Marvin Bagley (hip), Hamidou Diallo (finger), Jerami Grant (calf), Cory Joseph (back), Rodney McGruder (hip) and rested Kelly Olynyk. "I think we have a couple of coaches, and we are ready to go," Casey joked. ... Faces in the crowd included Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, sitting with former players Mateen Cleaves and Mat Ishbia, who has courtside seats.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Close the regular season at home against Portland on Friday night and San Antonio on Sunday.

Pistons: End the regular season against Milwaukee on Friday night at home and at Philadelphia on Sunday.

Houston Astros sign closer Pressly to two-year deal

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — All-Star closer Ryan Pressly has signed a \$30 million, two-year contract to stay with the Houston Astros.

The deal covers the 2023-24 seasons and has a vesting option for 2025.

"He's proven to be one of the best relievers in baseball," general manager James Click said. "And beyond that, he's somebody that has a tremendously positive influence in our bullpen in terms of mentoring the younger players and showing them how to be a professional and how to get outs on the biggest stage in the biggest moments."

Pressly, who was named to his second All-Star Game last season, had a career-best 2.25 ERA in 64 appearances and had a career-high 26 saves in 28 opportunities. In the postseason, Pressly had a 0.93 ERA with 14 strikeouts in six

games.

The 33-year-old Pressly joined the Astros in July 2018 in a trade with the Twins. Since then, he's had a 2.21 ERA in 168 appearances with 43 saves and 214 strikeouts. His ERA while with the Astros is the second-best in the majors in that stretch behind Liam Hendriks at 2.04.

"Having him solidify the back of our bullpen for years to come is something that we obviously thought very highly of, and we're looking forward to having him out there for the next few years," Click said.

Pressly also holds an MLB record after going 40 straight games without allowing a run. That streak came from Aug. 15, 2018 to May 23, 2019.

He spent his first 5 1/2 seasons with the Twins where he had a 3.75 ERA in 317 innings pitched with 282 strikeouts.

Pressly made his first All-Star team in 2019 when he had a 2.32 ERA with 72 strikeouts in 55 games.

Garin beats Thompson to advance to Houston quarterfinals

HOUSTON (AP) — Defending champion Cristian Garin beat Jordan Thompson 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals in the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship.

Garin ran his Houston winning streak to seven matches. The return this year after a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic. Garin beat Casper Ruud to the 2019 final the last time the tour-

namment was held.

In doubles, Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell edged Nicholas Monroe and Fernando Romboli 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Hall of Fame five-time Super Bowl OT Rayfield Wright dies

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

Rayfield Wright, the Pro Football Hall of Fame offensive tackle nicknamed "Big Cat" who went to five Super Bowls in his 13 NFL seasons with the Dallas Cowboys died Thursday. He was 76.

Wright's family confirmed his death Thursday to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, which said Wright had been hospitalized for several days following a severe seizure. The Cowboys also confirmed the death.

A big player for his era at 6-foot-6 and over 250 pounds, Wright had already been a backup tight end for a couple of seasons when coach Tom Landry asked him about playing tackle in his life, but Landry told him he would make a good one.

Wright first started at tackle in a 1969 game lined up against Deacon Jones, the most dominant pass rusher of that era. Wright held his own and settled in as the full-time starter at right tackle in 1970, when Dallas made its first Super Bowl. The Cowboys then won their first Super Bowl title in 1971, the first of six consecutive seasons Wright was a Pro Bowler. He was a three-time All-Pro.

"He was absolutely the best," Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach said before Wright's hall induction in 2006. "Rayfield was a big, strong guy that was able to transfer his size and strength from tight end to tackle. He also had such quick feet that he was able to deal with some of the faster defensive ends and even the linebacker blitzes. If he got beat, I don't remember it."

His "Big Cat" nickname was because of being so nimble for his size.

Dallas won another Super Bowl in 1977, but Wright played only two games that season because of knee surgery. He had played in 95 of the team's 98 regular-season games, starting 94 of them, the previous seven seasons.

After Wright started only 16 of his 31 games in 1978 and 1979, he was released by the Cowboys the following spring. He signed with NFC East rival Philadelphia, but officially retired because of lingering injuries early in training camp without playing a game for the Eagles.

Wright was diagnosed with early stage dementia in 2012, but had long been plagued by seizures since his retirement. He believed they were from the effects of continued blows to the head while playing football. He had long hidden dealing with headaches, dizziness and, at times, unexplained irritability and forgetfulness.

In a 2014 interview with The New York Times, Wright said he incurred so many concussions during his NFL career that he couldn't even count them.

When finally inducted into the Hall of Fame more than a quarter-century after his last game, Wright was presented in Canton, Ohio, by longtime Fort Valley State football coach Stan Lomax.



Wright didn't even make his high school football team for three years in Griffin, Georgia, before he went to Fort Valley State in his home state to play basketball. The following summer, Lomax made him quit his summer job at a mill to get ready to join the football team.

Lomax tried Wright at free safety, then used him as a punter, defensive end and tight end. The coach also became a father figure to Wright, who was picked by the Cowboys in the seventh round of the 1967 NFL draft.

Wright still preferred basketball, though he turned down an offer after his junior season to sign with the NBA's Cincinnati Royals, the franchise that is now the Sacramento Kings, so that he could finish school.

His sights were still set on the NBA when Cowboys player personnel director Gil Brandt called and said the team was interested in drafting him.

"I realized that potential, playing for the Cowboys, was a God-given opportunity, and I couldn't ignore it. I decided to attend the Cowboys' training camp which was in July. The Royals camp didn't start till August," Wright said in his Hall of Fame speech. "I kind of figured that if I didn't make the Cowboys team, I could go right to the NBA."

Wright said Brandt was "signing everybody that could walk" and that he was among 137 rookies in the Cowboys' training camp in 1967. He was one of five that made the team.

Wright was a backup tackle the first two months of the 1969 season, then thrust into the starting job when Ralph Neely got hurt. His first start came when Dallas, then 8-1, played at the 9-0 Los Angeles Rams with their Fearsome Foursome defense.

"We go up to the line of scrimmage and I'm looking at Deacon Jones square in his eyes, his eyes seem to be red as fire, he's kicking his back leg like a bull," Wright later recalled. "I'm saying to myself, 'My God, what have I got myself into?'"

Before the ball was snapped, Jones bellowed, "Boy, does your Mama know you out here?" Wright was so stunned that Jones ran over him.

"I rolled over, looked over at our sideline thinking that coach Landry was going to take me out of the game," Wright said. "By that time, Deacon Jones reached his big arms down and said, 'Hey, rookie, welcome to the NFL.' ... I said, 'Well, Mr. Jones, you don't know my Mama, so don't talk about her. You want to play the game this way, we'll play it.'"

The Rams won 24-23, but Wright got a game ball for the job he wound up doing against Jones. Their duels over the years went a long way toward building Wright's reputation.

Dallas never had a losing record in Wright's 13 seasons, a span that included eight NFC championship games and those five Super Bowl appearances. He was part of the NFL's all-decade team for the 1970s.

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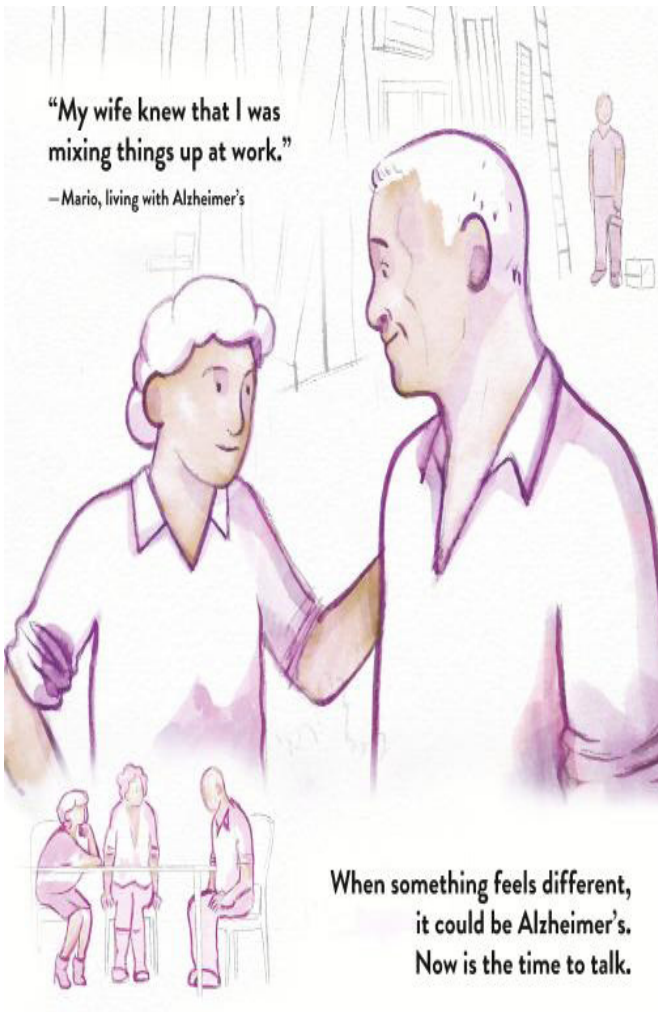
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). People wonder what you're really thinking, though you're not quite ready yet to let down your guard. Let them stew in the mystery of you for a while. Everyone enjoys the touch of drama you bring now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember that sooner or later what you own ends up owning you, as possessions require attention and maintenance. The time to think about this, of course, is before you buy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The call of the wild speaks to something deep in you because it's in your first language. You don't have to relearn it. You only have to let go. You'll be carried back to where you came from.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know what's universally liked? Noth

ing and no one. It will be enough for today to delight yourself. If your plans please you, they will likely have a positive effect on someone else as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The wind is only considered "angry" when it's blowing houses over. But when it's blowing a windmill, it's a power source. You'll apply your feelings to the circumstances to which they can be most useful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get the feeling that someone is watching over you. The one who has your back may be currently invisible or anonymous, but you can count on their protection. Go fearlessly forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've made something. Whether you love what you made or not, it now has the virtue of existing, which makes it more useful than things that don't exist, because existing things can be observed, built upon and revised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While puzzles and mysteries seem fun, troubles and inconveniences don't. Yet both could be seen from the standpoint of gaming. A lot depends on how you name the problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The road to becoming is paved in repetition. Be mindful of what you do time and again. For better or worse, what gets replayed will one day be a

part of you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As you look back, mixed feelings come up. Regret is an option, but there are prettier ones. The past is a big picture with a million framing options. Why not choose the ones that are more fun to look at?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The move you most need to make next is a challenging one. Instead of shying away from emotional discomfort, move through it. Discomfort will soon give way to something beautiful.

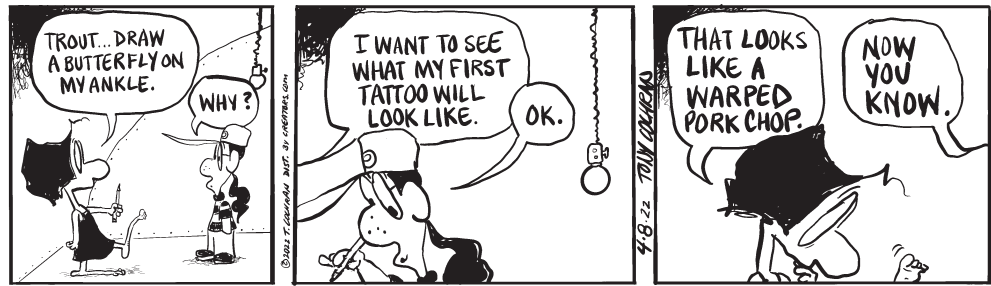
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Every seed already knows how to grow itself. The planter's job is to create the proper conditions and get out of the way. Trust in the process of life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8). You've been impulsive in the past and now you see the benefit in being strategic. Like a poker player with killer cards, you'll communicate carefully and your restraint will win you a premium prize. You'll often join a fun crowd, though you'll also find magic as you venture to places that are easier to get to when you walk alone. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 18, 4, 23 and 16.

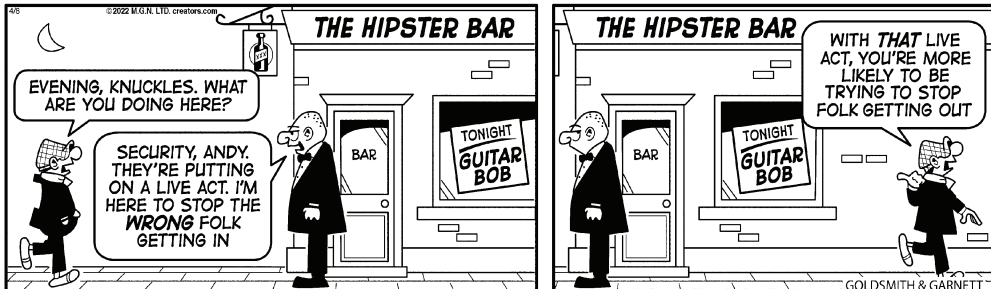
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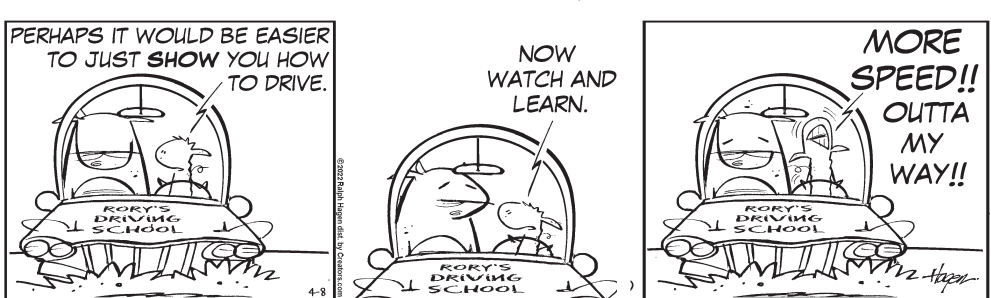
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Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer Games org.
 - 4 Is a substitute for Kid
 - 10 Kid
 - 14 FDR's price control agency
 - 15 Public procession
 - 16 Buffalo's water
 - 17 New Year's Eve celebration (and SEE TITLE)
 - 19 Paris' Rue ___ Paix
 - 20 Focal points
 - 21 Foil alternative
 - 22 Princeton mascot
 - 23 Warning devices
 - 25 Road sign abbr.
 - 27 Saver of fable
 - 28 Argentine soccer superstar
 - 29 Something for nothing (and SEE TITLE)
 - 32 Ending for originations
 - 33 Major ESPN media partner
 - 35 Leaves in some bags
 - 36 Cell phone storage unit (and SEE TITLE)
 - 38 Piece of the action
 - 40 Auto from Bavaria
 - 41 DOJ agency
 - 44 Repairer's installation (and SEE TITLE)
 - 46 Item in a take-out package
 - 48 Affectively evasive
 - 49 ___ Aviv
 - 50 One of the weasels

- 51 Bouquet from a beau
 - 53 Karmann ___ (bygone VW)
 - 56 Fearsome supervisor
 - 57 Seller of modular furniture
 - 58 Become extra tenacious ((and SEE TITLE))
 - 60 Honey bunch
 - 61 Police procedure
 - 62 FL base for the Blue Angels
 - 63 Circular current
 - 64 Sang with great gusto
 - 65 Poetic preposition
- DOWN**
- 1 Rouse
 - 2 Blackbird cousins
 - 3 Where to keep your Hot Wheels
 - 4 Inclined (to)
 - 5 Sugar sources
 - 6 Expedition, for example
 - 7 Guru
 - 8 Stick firmly
 - 9 Good to go
 - 10 Galaxy guardians
 - 11 Chili ingredient
 - 12 Soundlessness
 - 13 Fireside
 - 18 Round Table figures
 - 22 Show on the air
 - 24 Mosque toppers
 - 26 Less than enthusiastic
 - 29 Brief vogue
 - 30 Speed gauge of a sort

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Russian retreat reveals destruction as Ukraine asks for help

By ADAM SCHRECK and ANDREA ROSA

Associated Press

CHERNIHIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian troops retreating from this northern Ukrainian city left behind crushed buildings, streets littered with destroyed cars and residents in dire need of food and other aid — images that added fuel to Kyiv's calls Thursday for more Western help to halt Moscow's next offensive.

Dozens of people lined up to receive bread, diapers and medicine from vans parked outside a shattered school now serving as an aid-distribution point in Chernihiv, which Russian forces besieged for weeks as part of their attempt to sweep south towards the capital before retreating.

The city's streets are lined with shelled homes and apartment buildings with missing roofs or walls.

A chalk message on the blackboard in one classroom still reads: "Wednesday the 23rd of February — class work."

Russia invaded the next day, launching a war that has forced more than 4 million Ukrainians to flee the country, displaced millions more within it and sent shock waves through Europe and beyond.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba warned Thursday that despite a recent Russian pullback, the country remains vulnerable, and he pleaded for weapons from NATO to face down the coming offensive in the east. Nations from the alliance agreed to increase their supply of arms, spurred on by reports that Russian forces committed atrocities in areas surrounding the capital.

Western allies also ramped up financial penalties aimed at Moscow, including a ban by the European Union on Russian coal imports and a U.S. move to suspend normal trade relations with Russia.

Kuleba encouraged Western countries to continue bearing down on Russia, suggesting that any letup will result in more suffering for Ukrainians.

"How many Buchas have to take place for you to impose sanctions?" Kuleba asked reporters, referring to a town near Kyiv where Associated Press journalists counted dozens of bodies, some burned, others apparently shot at close range or with their hands bound.

"How many children, women, men, have to die — innocent lives have to be lost — for you to understand that you cannot allow sanctions fatigue, as we cannot allow fighting fatigue?"

Ukrainian officials said earlier this week that the bodies of 410 civilians were found in towns around the capital city.

Volunteers have spent days collecting the corpses, and more were picked up Thursday in Bucha.

Bucha Mayor Anatoliy Fedoruk said investigators have found at least three sites of mass shootings of civilians during the Russian occupation. Most victims died from gunshots, not from shelling, he said, and corpses with their hands tied were "dumped like firewood" into recently discovered mass graves, including one at a children's camp.

The mayor said the count of dead civilians stood at 320 as of Wednesday, but he expected the number to rise as more bodies are found in his city, which once had a population of 50,000.

Only 3,700 now remain, he said.

In his nightly address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy suggested that the horrors of Bucha could just be the beginning. In the northern city of Borodianka, just 30 kilometers northwest of Bucha, Zelenskyy warned of even more casualties, saying "there it is much scarier."

The world should brace itself, he said, for what might soon be found in the seaport city of Mariupol, saying that on "on every street is what the world saw in Bucha and other towns in the Kyiv region after the departure of the Russian troops. The same cruelty. The same terrible crimes."

He pledged that an international war crimes investigation already underway will identify "each of the executioners" and "all those who committed rape or looting."

Ukrainian and several Western leaders have blamed the massacres on Moscow's troops, and the weekly Der Spiegel reported Thursday that Germany's foreign intelligence agency had intercepted radio messages between Russian soldiers discussing the killings of civilians. Russia has falsely claimed that the scenes in Bucha were staged.

Kuleba became emotional while referring to the horrors in the town, telling reporters that they couldn't understand "how it feels after seeing pictures from Bucha, talking to people who escaped, knowing that the person you know was raped four days in a row."

His comments came in response to a reporter's question about a video allegedly showing Ukrainian soldiers shooting a captured and wounded Russian soldier.

He said he had not seen the video and that it would be investigated. He acknowledged that there could be "isolated incidents" of violations.

The footage has not been independently verified by the AP.

In the 6-week-old war, Russian forces failed to take Ukraine's capital quickly, denying what Western countries said was Russian leader Vladimir Putin's initial aim of ousting the Ukrainian government.

In the wake of that setback and heavy losses, Russia shifted its focus to the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking, industrial region in eastern Ukraine where Moscow-backed rebels have been fighting Ukrainian forces for eight years.

The United Nations' humanitarian chief told the AP on Thursday that he's "not optimistic" about securing a cease-fire after meeting with officials in Kyiv and in Moscow this week, underlining the lack of trust the two sides have for one another. He spoke hours after Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused Ukraine of backtracking on proposals it had made over Crimea and

Ukraine's military status.

It's not clear how long it will take withdrawing Russian forces to redeploy, and Ukrainian officials have urged people in the country's east to leave before the fighting intensifies there.

The head of Ukraine's national railway system said Russian shelling already blocked the evacuation of residents from some eastern areas by train.

"The situation in Donbas is heating up, and we understand that April will be quite hot, so those who have the opportunity to leave — women, children, the elderly — need to stay in a safe place," Borys Filatov, the mayor of Dnipro, a city that lies just west of the Donbas, said at a briefing.

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said Ukrainian and Russian officials agreed to establish civilian evacuation routes Thursday from several areas in the Donbas.

Even as Ukraine braced for a new phase of the war, Russia's withdrawal brought some relief to Chernihiv, which lies near Ukraine's northern border with Belarus and was cut off for weeks.

Vladimir Tarasovets described nights during the siege when he watched the city on fire and listened to the sound of shelling.

"It was very hard, very hard. Every evening there were fires, it was scary to look at the city. In the evening, when it was dark, there was no light, no water, no gas, no amenities at all," he said. "How did we go through it? I have no words to describe how we managed."

In addition to spurring NATO countries to send more arms, the revelations about possible war crimes led Western nations to step up sanctions, and the Group of Seven major world powers warned that they will continue strengthening the measures until Russian troops leave Ukraine.

The U.S. Congress voted Thursday to suspend normal trade relations with Russia and ban the importation of its oil, while the European Union approved punishing new steps, including the embargo on coal imports. The U.N. General Assembly, meanwhile, voted to suspend Russia from the world organization's leading human rights body.

U.S. President Joe Biden said the U.N. vote demonstrated how "Putin's war has made Russia an international pariah." He called the images coming from Bucha "horrifying."

"The signs of people being raped, tortured, executed — in some cases having their bodies desecrated — are an outrage to our common humanity," Biden said.

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