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Weather



Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 76. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 99. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 96.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History On August 5

1861: To help fund the Civil War effort, the U.S. government levies the first Income Tax: 3% of all income over \$800. It was rescinded in 1872.
1914: In Cleveland, Ohio, the first electric traffic light is installed.
1957: American Bandstand debuts on ABC.

Daily Quotes

"It is better to be unhappy in love than unhappy in marriage, but some people manage to be both."
 — **Guy de Maupassant**
 "My mother was going along the street when a procession of Animals were passing by, there was a terrible crush of people to see them, and unfortunately she was pushed under the Elephant's feet, which frightened her very much; this occurring during a time of pregnancy was the cause of my deformity."
 — **Joseph Merrick**
 "I have an education degree from the University of Minnesota, and I was a teacher for about a minute."
 — **Loni Anderson**

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Forsan, Coahoma ISDs plan free/reduced-price lunch program

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Managing Editor

While Big Spring ISD has received a grant again this year allowing it to provide free school meals for its students, Forsan and Coahoma school districts have not. Instead, they are accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.
 Starting this past Tuesday, Forsan began sending out letters to homes of children in the district about eligibility, benefits, and actions parents or guardians need to take to apply for free and reduced-price meals. Applications can also be obtained at 500 W. Main St. in Forsan.
 Coahoma ISD will distribute similar letters and applications on Aug. 25.

Families of Coahoma students are encouraged to complete the application online following the information distributed with the registration packet; however, families of new students are asked to complete a paper application.
 In both school districts, the following criteria will be used to determine whether a child is eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals:
 • Income: Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels;
 • Categorical or Automatic Eligibility: The household is receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or less likely, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).
 • The child is a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a de-

clared disaster; or
 • The child is enrolled in Head Start or Even Start.
 Parents or guardians of Forsan students applying for free and reduced-price meals based on income eligibility should complete a form and submit it to Sandra Sanchez, Food Service Director, 432-457-0091 and/or email ssanchez@forsan.esc18.net.
 In Coahoma, parents or guardians should submit their completed form to Delia Hewtty, Cafeteria Manager. While the forms won't be sent out until Aug. 25, parents can contact Hewtty at 432-394-5000 to ask questions.
 For both districts, information required on the form includes names of all household members; amount, frequency

BSFD demolishes fire-stricken building at 18th & Johnson



Big Spring firefighters, left, examine the wreckage of a structure fire which burned Thursday afternoon at the intersection of 18th Street.



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin
Firefighters used a backhoe to demolish the structure about 2 p.m. Thursday, as the building was too unstable to enter. Fire Marshal Dan Hendrickson reported the building was uninhabited.

AAA Texas: Lone Star statewide average lowest in US, fuel prices continue to dip

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$3.64 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 14 cents less than on this day last week and is 80 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in College Station are paying the most on average at \$3.85 per gallon while drivers in the Brownsville-Har-

lingen area are paying the least at \$3.33 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$4.14, which is 14 cents less when compared to this day last week and 95 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.
 In Big Spring Thursday afternoon, the lowest pump price for a gallon of regular unleaded was \$3.37, at H-E-B.
 Several market forces continue to push pump prices lower. On Wednesday, crude oil prices reached their low-

est point since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Crude prices are falling as the energy industry factors in a possible economic slowdown. Additionally, demand for gasoline fell week-to-week and regional supplies increased. Both factors are helping push retail fuel prices lower. In addition, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (OPEC+) has agreed to a small boost in crude oil production, which

Two killed in fiery Midland wreck

Special to the Herald

A two-vehicle collision south of Midland Wednesday morning left both drivers dead, according to a press release issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.
 According to the statement, at about 5 a.m. Wednesday, Jose Alferex Castillo, 55, of Midland was driving a 2009 Freightliner truck and trailer south on State Highway 349 about three miles south of Midland and James William Featherston, 38, of Oglesby was driving a 2022 Dodge Ram 2500 east on County Road 140.

The report stated that Featherston failed to yield the right of way at the intersection of the two roads and struck the driver's side of Castillo's truck. Both vehicles came to rest in the east barrow ditch on SH 349. Castillo's truck burned completely, while the front end of Featherston's pickup burned. Both men were pronounced deceased by Daniel Arrieta, a death investigator for the office of Midland Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 office.
 Conditions at the time of the accident

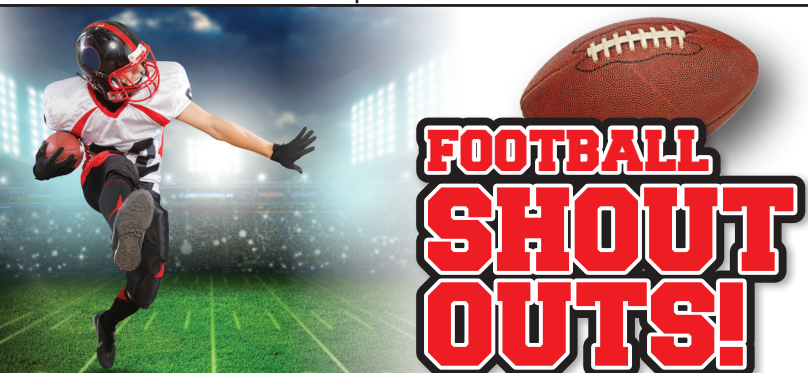
Texas Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend

Special to the Herald
 Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.
 State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported at 400 NW 9th St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 1900 block S Johnson St. No person was transported.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the

400 block NE 9th St. No person was transported.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 9th St and Scurry. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block S Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 18000 block N FM 1584. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Quilts of Valor and D.A.V. Chapter 47 of Big Spring will be honoring local First Responder veterans in a special ceremony on Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center, and the community is encouraged to attend. Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation will be providing light refreshments at the conclusion of the ceremony. First Responders from the Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office will be recognized.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy News flash: now enrolling for 2022-2023 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We began August 1, 2022 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. This year we graduated two Seniors, Grace Wheat, Daughter of Ray Wheat of Denton, Texas, also a graduate of Maranatha. Grace is enrolled at the University of North Texas. Bryson McMurtrey, grandson of Tommy and Brenda McMurtrey, of this city. Bryson is enrolled at the Angelo State University. We are extremely proud of our two graduates. We have been in operation for 40 plus years, and we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our educational successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannon. Please call 432-213-1046. Or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• Homecoming for Big Spring High School is set for September 9 and 10, 2022.

The class of 1962 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is looking for missing classmates, listed below. Please send names, addresses and/or contact information to: Susan Zack Lewis at ts@crcom.net

Jimmie Atkins, Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Joretta Barnes, Idalina Barraza, Alice Bedwell, Kenneth Billings, Cal Boardman, Bill Bonner, Gayle Bratcher, Leahon Bryant, Joe Cagle, Kay Carter, Mildred Cawthron, Janice Chandler, Clementeen Chatman, Charles Clay, Sue Cole, Suzanne Compton, Ronnie Cox, Larry Deighton, Rexie Denton, Ann Drinkard Sinclair, Lonnie Evans, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Lana Fulbright, Margaret Fuller, Yolanda Gamboa, David Garcia, Richard Gibbs, James Gilbert, Norma Graves, Thomas Green, Gloria Greenwood, Edith Gregory, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Preston Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Don Heath, Billie Henderson, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Jimmy Hinds, Connie Hinojos, Caroline Holder, Virginia Houchin, Claudie Horn, Ronnie Jeter, Diane Jones, Nancy Jones, Karen Kendrick, Carey King, Rick King, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Ola Mae Lane, Tommy Leslie, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Dorinda Medford, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Cruz Montanez, Jerry Moore, Virginia Morris, Harold Morrison, Linda Morton, Carol McCullough, Virginia McKee, Bettie McPherson, Betty McWhorter, Skipper Neill, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Oliver, Shirley Osborn, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Dexter Pate, Judy Pate, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Jim Pierce, Bobby Prior, Mary Puga, Claudia Richardson, Winnora Richbrough, Teresa Rocha, Mary Roger, George Ryan, Carolyn Seago, Carla Smauley, Chap Smith, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Marcus Sweatt, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Earlene Trantham, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Lynda Whiteside, Troy Wilhite, Diane Womack, Margaret York, Jeri Cain.

• 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 or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook

page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tenn.. July 20 is our startup date, and applications are accepted year-round. Call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• 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.

• 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 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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.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.

• 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.

Obituaries

Mary Beth Yeager

Mary Beth Yeager, 84, died Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary C Churchwell

Mary C Churchwell, 66, died Monday, August 3, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

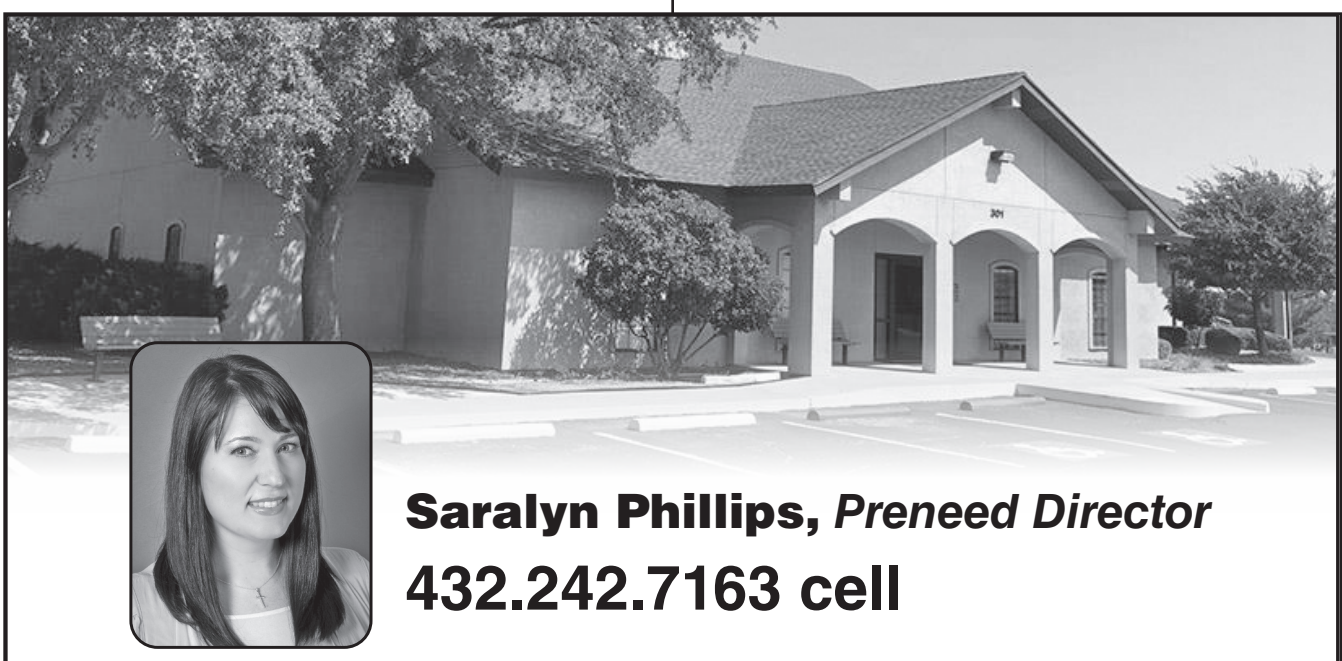
• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. 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 325-212-8600.



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and source of current income for each household member; last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is

correct.

Children who are eligible through Categorical or Automatic criteria will be contacted by their school district to notify them they do not need to complete an application.

Any household who is not contacted and believes it should have should contact Sandra Sanchez in Forsan, or Delia Hewtty in Coahoma, at the numbers given above. Also, any household who wishes

to decline benefits should also contact their district's food service administrator.

Households' circumstances may change unexpectedly throughout the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed, or if the household size increases, an adult in the household should contact the school. Such changes could make the children of the household eligible for benefits.

GAS

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may support falling retail pump prices in the weeks to come.

"Texas has the lowest gas price average of any state in the country according Gasprices.AAA.com," said AAA

Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "It remains to be seen how far gasoline prices can actually fall with the busy summer driving season still underway."

Drivers in Texas are paying the lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$5.54 on average for a gallon over regular unleaded.

WRECK

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were partly cloudy, and conditions were dry. The accident was investigated by Trooper Eric Phillips of the Midland Highway Patrol.

EXEMPT

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every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Take Note (cont.)

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

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

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective

chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

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

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

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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

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

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov.

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

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

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Wanda Lockhart, 83, died Monday. Visitation will be Thursday 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Patterson, 93, died Friday. Family will receive friends Friday from 6 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Vigil service will be Friday at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be Saturday 10 AM at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Churchwell, 66, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Amelia Martinez, 88, died Monday. Graveside service will be Friday 2 PM at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mary Beth Yeager, 84, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Man who stormed Capitol with gun gets longest prison term

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas man convicted of storming the U.S. Capitol with a holstered handgun, helmet and body armor was sentenced Monday to more than seven years in prison, the longest sentence imposed so far among hundreds of Capitol riot cases.

Prosecutors said Guy Reffitt told fellow members of the Texas Three Percenters militia group that he planned to drag House Speaker Nancy Pelosi out of the Capitol building by her ankles, "with her head hitting every step on the way down," according to a court filing.

Reffitt's prison sentence — seven years and three months — is two years more than the previous longest prison sentence for a Capitol riot defendant. But it's less than half the length of the 15-year prison term requested by a federal prosecutor, who called Reffitt a domestic terrorist and said he wanted to physically remove and replace members of Congress.

Reffitt was the first person to go on trial for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack, in which supporters of then-President Donald Trump halted the joint session of Congress for certifying Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory. U.S. District Judge

Dabney Friedrich, who presided over Reffitt's jury trial, also sentenced him to three years of supervised release after his prison term and ordered him to pay \$2,000 in restitution.

Sentencing guidelines calculated by the judge called for a term of imprisonment ranging from seven years and three months to nine years.

Friedrich rejected prosecutors' contention that an "upward departure for terrorism" — leading to a longer sentence — was warranted in Reffitt's case. It was the first time that prosecutors have requested that sentencing enhancement for a Jan. 6 case. "He wanted to physically and literally remove Congress," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Nestler told the judge. "We do believe that he is a domestic terrorist."

Friedrich, however, questioned why Reffitt would merit the terrorism enhancement when many other rioters engaged in

violence and made similarly disturbing threats.

The longest sentence before Reffitt's was five years and three months, for two men who pleaded guilty to assaulting police officers at the Capitol.

Reffitt, who already has been jailed for approximately 19 months, initially balked at speaking to the judge during Monday's hearing.



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Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022

“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 a.m., 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. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-16, and Luke 12:22-34 (35-40).

The psalm is Psalm 33:12-22.

Bobby Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our bible study begins at 6 p.m. Please come and join us.

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.

College Baptist Church

Back to school!

Come see what God is doing on Sunday at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really believe at College Baptist Church.

Times on the Sign:

- Sunday:
 - 9:15 a.m.: Bible Study for all ages.
 - 10:45 a.m.: Worship time.
 - 5 p.m.: Girl’s Missions.
 - 6 p.m.: Sunday Evening Service.
 - Wednesday:
 - 7 p.m.: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.
 - 7 p.m.: Children meet for King’s Kids and Krafts.
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Come join in the fun as we celebrate

during this summer season, serving our Lord. Services for August 7, 2022, are a great opportunity for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, livestreaming, and on our Facebook page as well.

Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and 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, the Lamb of God, as we celebrate Fall 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 Presence, peace, and power of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

First Church of the Nazarene

Making Waves VBS

Join the fun August 2-5 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. In this wet and wild VBS, kids learn that what they do today can change the world around them. When we put your trust in Jesus, we can “make waves” because of His Spirit living inside us. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God’s Word, we’ll help kids understand how they can share God’s love with the people around them. You can find the registration link on our website: www.nazfamily.org This Sunday we will be celebrating with the kids and highlighting everything they learned this week. Hope to see you there!

Back to School Drive

We are partnering with Tate’s Place for a community wide back to school event that will take place on August 7. They have asked our church to collect hair care and toiletry products that can be handed out to families on that day. You can drop those items off in the foyer or at the church office.

Men’s Breakfast

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17) All men are invited to join us on Saturday, August 6 @ 8 a.m. for our Men’s Prayer Breakfast as we sharpen and strengthen one another.

You won’t find a better breakfast anywhere in town.

Organic Outreach

As followers of Jesus, we’re called to share our faith with others. We want to share the love, grace, and Good News of Christ with those around us. Most of us don’t question the “what” or the “why” of outreach, but many struggle with the “how”. Join us Sunday, August 14, as we begin a new series discovering how we can naturally share our faith and organically integrate outreach into our everyday lives. Let’s learn to live with Kingdom impact!

Alpha

Got questions? Life is full of questions. Some are relatively trivial: What should we have for dinner? What are we going to do this weekend? What should we watch? But then there are the deeper questions of life: Why are we here? Why do bad things happen to good people? What happens when we die? The Alpha Series is a 12 week study designed to help us explore the deeper questions of life and faith. We will begin the journey at NazFamily Church on Wednesday, August 24 @ 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

First Presbyterian Church

Worship services July 30 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Eighth and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. Reverend Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Treasures of the Heart. Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 33:12-22; Luke 12:32-40; Hebrews 11:3, 13-16.

Fifth Sunday potluck lunch was a hit and everybody had a great time. We also concluded our three-week-long school supplies drive. All the school supplies collected have gone to Howard County Resources to fill backpacks for area schools including Cohoma and Forsan.

Sunday School is on summer break until Labor Day however, Take Ten fellowship will continue in our parlor at 10:20 on Sunday mornings.

Two popular weekly events are returning this month. The Women’s Bible Study will resume August 3. The video history series will resume August 17 and will be about the history of the American West. These weekly events are open to all the community so be sure to put them on your calendar.

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 devotional, a Sunday worship preview, 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)
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- Video Devotional (Wednesdays)
- Video Preview of this week’s bulletin (Fridays)
- Sunday Sermon Video (Sundays)
- Website: fpcbigspring.com
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The following weekly events are open to the community:

- Wednesday:
 - The Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m.
 - The history seminar series meets at 1 p.m. – on hiatus until August 17th.
 - The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m.
- Thursday
 - Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

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.

Rally Day

On Sunday, August 14, after the 10:30 a.m. service we are going to have a shrimp boil celebrating the new year and “The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin.” The celebration will start around 11:30 a.m. All people from the community are invited to the celebration.

Reflections

Weddings and Marriage

Last week our 19-year-old grandson came to visit so he could participate in his best friend’s wedding.

Weddings are exciting: handsome groomsmen lined up in their tuxedos, the groom nervously looking for his bride, bridesmaids in matching dresses, the flower girl and ring bearer announcing the bride’s entrance, and then, the bride, adorned for her husband. All of this followed by a reception: good food, joyful singing, and dancing. Weddings are an important passage for every generation as they come of age.

The only public event we attended during the height of Covid in 2020 was the wedding for our young neighbors across the street. We watched them meet, date, fall in love and exchange their vows in a local church. It was two years ago. Now they come to visit bringing scones and their 4-month-old baby, Charlie.

Weddings are events. They can be planned, staged, and often cost tens of thousands of dollars. Marriages, on the other hand, are lifelong relationships that take time, effort, struggle, sacrifice, love and forgiveness, things that money cannot buy. We all want marriage to work. We all wish every marriage would live up to the thrill of the weddings

in which they were formed. No one really knows what goes on in a marriage except the husband and wife who share the marriage bond. Some marriages appear strong and stable to the public eye but are inwardly crumbling.

Last year my wife and I celebrated our fifty-third anniversary. I remember how she appeared beneath her wedding veil at the altar, the tear that formed in her eye when we exchanged our vows. She was nineteen. Some images in the brain never fade. Even though the years have aged us both, her nineteen-year-old beauty remains whenever I look at her.

We were naïve. We had far more to learn than either of us knew. I think it took the first ten years to begin to understand who she really is, and I am still learning. Along the way, she helped me discover who I am.

Our marriage has had its celebrations and its sorrows. We have celebrated the birth of three children and six grandchildren, and we have wept at the graves of our parents. We have known exhilaration and depression, achievement and disappointment. We have traveled the world together and built a home. She nursed me to health after my motorcycle wreck. She is a breast cancer survivor.

Throughout the years we have discovered building blocks that make marriage work. The first is faith. It was our faith in God and His son Jesus that

brought us together and kept us together. But faith that merely professes to believe in Jesus would not have been enough. Marriage, more than any other relationship, taught us the importance of living out the things Jesus taught: honesty, trust, respect, humility, confession and forgiveness. Without these elements faith is empty, especially in marriage.

We are still learning the meaning of love and our love is still growing. We are still striving to live out the Bible’s definition: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Cor. 13).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His book, Our Story, is available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



BILL TINSLEY

Daily Prayer

Protect us and renew our strength time and again so that your will may be done among us, even when many difficulties loom up around us. Grant that we may remain your servants and go joyfully to meet what is to come. Bless us today and every day according to your promises. Amen.

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We Have Found Him



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“Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” John 1:45
The Law of Moses never has been and never will be about the Law. It never has been, nor will it ever be about keeping the ten commandments so that we might be justified, sanctified and blessed. The Law has always been, and will always be about finding Jesus of Nazareth. In John 5:46, Jesus of Nazareth said: “For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me”. The Law of Moses is not

about the ten commandments, it is about finding Jesus of Nazareth. The Law of Moses is not about moral behavior, it is about finding Jesus of Nazareth. The Law takes us by the hand, and leads us far from itself to Jesus of Nazareth; this is the whole purpose of the Law. We know this because Galatians 3:23-25 says: “But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster”. You see, before faith came, we were locked up behind the prison bars of the Law, away from faith. But now that we are in Christ by faith, we are no longer

under the Law. Galatians 3:11-12 says that the just shall live by faith, and that the Law is not of faith. The Law has nothing to do with faith, therefore, it never produces faith. Furthermore, it is impossible to live by faith under the Law, because the Law is not of faith. Faith can only be found in Christ, because He is the end of the Law for righteousness to all who believe. This is the message in the Law. In John 5:47, Jesus asks that if we do not believe what the Law says, how can we believe His words? Believing the Law has nothing to do with keeping the ten commandments, and everything to do with finding Jesus of Nazareth.

Have you found Him? Have you believed His words?

Make God Smile

There were times in my life as a married woman that I would do or say something that would put a smirky grin on my husband's face. I liked it when he would smile at me. I liked it when I could get him to smile in a family picture. He didn't very often smile, but after a rather trying day, I would fix his favorite meal, or say something silly to him, and he would get that lopsided grin on his face, and I would smile in return.



DR. LILLIAN
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I have a Pastor friend who introduced me to the term, “Make God Smile,” and there is that phrase used in the song “A Pile of Crowns.” When I think about making God smile, it puts a smile on my face as well. Sometimes at night after a long, hard day, I see the beautiful moon in a crescent shape and think “God's smiling at me.”

But what exactly does it take to make God smile? I think He smiled after every completed day of Creation when He said, “...and it was good.” I think He smiled when He created man, and declared “...and it was very good.”

I think He smiles every time a lost soul turns to Him in a prayer of salvation. I think He smiles at me when I turn to Him in prayer for help. I think He smiles when I pray for others to receive His so great salvation. And I know when He smiles, it makes the angels in Heaven rejoice.

Some other things He smiles at include things like a golden daffodil, or some other flower in full bloom, a new born when it cries out for the first time in its mothers arms, or a new puppy in the arms of a small child, or an “A” on a test paper you thought you had not done well on. I think He smiles at the beauty of a sunrise or sunset or rainbow after a storm.

I know He smiled at His children crossing the Red Sea, at the birth of His only begotten Son, and He smiled when the angels sang to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem. He smiled when the disciples recognized the miracle of the five thousand being fed. He smiled at the defeat of my sin at the Cross. And He smiled at the Resurrection that shook the world.

So when I think of God's smiling for something I have done with Him for His glory, I have peace. And I smile, knowing He is loving me and smiling with me.

The things I do in His power, and for His honor and glory here on earth, is storing up my treasures in Heaven. I will receive a crown when I get there for those treasures. The greatest thing about those crowns is the fact that I get to lay them at His feet. It's nothing I earned by doing anything. It's a reward for working where God is working and getting to reap a reward for His glory. I don't deserve the crown I receive. He does. And I know when I lay it at His feet with the crowns of all the other saints of Heaven, I will see my Saviour smile.

Something to think about...



RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER

I was recently reminded of something I read about Death Valley a few years ago. It is one of the driest, hottest places on earth. Average rainfall is only about 2 inches per year, which makes west Texas seem like a rainforest. It is called Death Valley because it is seemingly void of life. Without water nothing can survive. Water is relief in a sun scorched land. Water refreshes and revives our worn and weary bodies. Water is life.

It was amazing to discover a phenomenon called a super bloom in Death Valley. When

the conditions are just right, the valley is filled with color and life. Flowers emerge all over the valley.

The seeds of potential are present in every life. They may be dormant and under the surface; however, when the right conditions come along they will take root, grow and bloom. The potential is there waiting for the right environment of faith to flourish. Even in the driest, seemingly lifeless places, we can experience a super bloom.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for

at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” ~ Galatians 6:9-10

Let's not get weary or give up, but press on toward the goal, knowing that He is faithful! We never know when a super bloom might explode in our midst. May we encounter Christ in ways this week that the seeds take root and bloom in our lives enabling us to spread His seeds of love in this dry and weary world!

Our character reflects what we love

Most of us have heard that having lots of money cannot buy love or bring happiness. Since I've never been mega-wealthy, I will trust God on this one.

Most people are trying to build financial security, but it's also common for those who succeed to encounter frustration and disappointment. Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 gives us this divine insight, “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them, and what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep.”

We notice this passage begins with someone who loves money as there is a difference between enjoying wealth and it becoming an idol that is worshiped. A popular Bible verse in I Timothy 6:10 says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some have coveted after, they have strayed from the faith

in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” Money does not develop character, it reveals it. I've heard people say that money is the root of all evil, but this is incorrect. Money is not evil in itself, in fact, it can help people and accomplish wonderful things. The danger is how it can possess the hearts and minds of those who have not learned how to prevent it from controlling them. Again, we see that true wealth is joy, peace, and contentment. This reminds me of a story about a little boy that loved pancakes. His mother told him one day, I am going to fix you all the pancakes you can eat, so he thought this will be wonderful. She started cooking and he kept eating. She finally asked if he would like another pancake, to which he replied, “no mam, I don't even want the ones I've already had!”

King Solomon comes to mind when we think of someone who had more wealth than anyone in the world and yet was miserable. He said that having

everything you could ever imagine cannot satisfy and is what he called vanity. Sadly, many believe if they could win the lottery, have their dream house, a flashy car, or marry that amazing person they would be happy, and there is nothing wrong with having these things until they begin to have us. There is only one thing that can truly satisfy the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the human experience and that is having a personal relationship with God. He wants to bless us so that we can live an abundant life and also be a blessing to others. Remember the man in Luke chapter 12 who tore down his barns so that he could build larger ones? God was not pleased with him being so insensitive and self-absorbed.

The end of our verse in Ecclesiastes talks about how the person who works hard and obeys God can rest in peace, but those who love riches are always frustrated with stress and anxiety. I remember when I was a young boy, my dad worked for a very wealthy man. This person was in the construction and developing industry and built subdivisions and shopping centers and owned several farms and so on. He would drive out to the job sites and tell my dad to get in his Lincoln and they would go for a drive and chat. He would tell my dad that he had not slept all night because he was watching the stock market and was consumed about losing money. Instead of being grateful and filled with joy with what God had helped him accumulate, he was nearly in tears and afraid that he might not be making the right decisions. He was obsessed with his riches and even though he had more than he could ever spend, he was being controlled and incarcerated in the darkness of fear and gloom. We were created to love our Creator and be generous, not to allow the pride of materialism to lure us into a state of disappointment and depression. Whatever consumes our mind controls our life. The more we focus on our possessions, the more entangled and distracted we are from our priorities. However, the more we seek and love God and commune with Him, the more we will reflect His attributes.

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Pope promotes Vatican nurse credited with saving his life

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis has promoted a Vatican nurse whom he credited with saving his life to be his “personal health care assistant.”

The Vatican announced the appointment of Massimiliano Strappetti in a one-line statement issued Thursday. Strappetti, the nursing coordinator of the Vatican's health department, accompanied Francis on a difficult trip to Canada last month.

Francis, 85, last year credited Strappetti with having accurately ascertained an intestinal problem that led to the pope's 10-day hospital stay in July 2021 to remove 33 centimeters (13 inches) of his colon that had narrowed.

“A nurse, a man with a lot of experience, saved my life,” Francis told the COPE radio of the Spanish bishops' conference in the months after his surgery.

Francis noted that Strappetti's intervention was the second time a

nurse had saved his life. A nurse in his native Argentina decided in 1957 to double the amount of drugs the future pope, then known as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was prescribed after part of his lung was removed due to a respiratory infection, he recalled.

Francis has a personal physician, Dr. Roberto Bernabei, who was appointed last year. Bernabei is an internist and geriatric specialist at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

The pontiff has had a series of health problems in the past year, most significantly strained ligaments in his right knee that sharply reduced his mobility. After months of magnetic and laser treatments, Francis can walk short distances with a cane and walker, though he also uses a wheelchair.

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A Glimpse of Heaven



JOELLE
LUDINGTON

A glimpse of heaven.

As I was browsing through some photos today I was looking at these photos of my Mom and Aunt who passed away over a year ago.

In my mind I closed my eyes for a few seconds.

They were young and rejoicing, holding hands in heaven, excited, full of joy.

I believe God gives us a glimpse of heaven.

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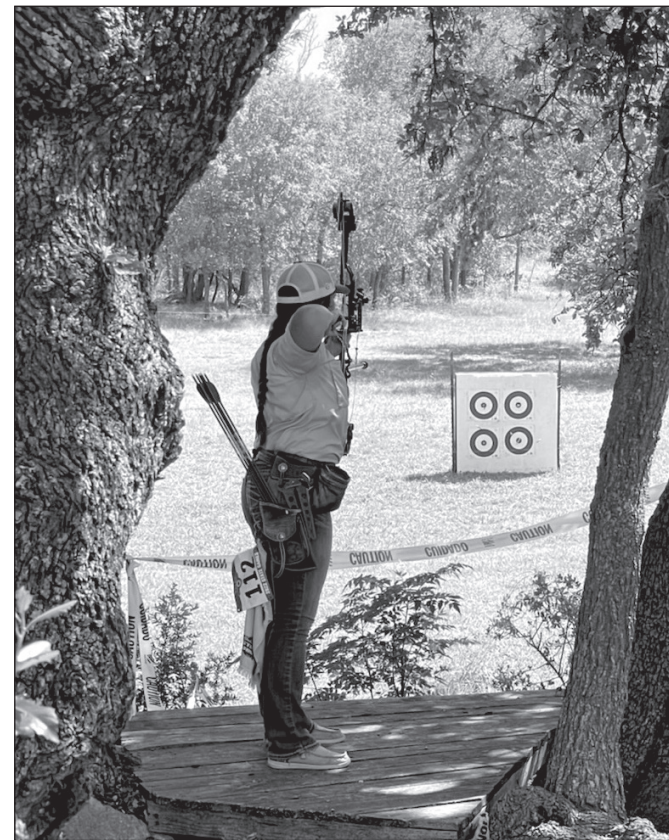
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Howard County 4-H shooting sports members compete at Texas 4-H State Games



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Top Left, Creighan Samsel takes his shot during the archery 3D event. Top right, Brynlea Gordon is shown competing in the archery clout event. Top bottom, Erynn Kelley takes a shot in the archery field event. Several members of the Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports Club participated in the Texas 4-H State Games in San Antonio on July 19-23. Per Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Erynn Kelley, all members of the club competed very well within their own events and had the opportunity to meet new people from other 4-H clubs from around the state.

Special to the Herald

On July 19-23, Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports members participated in the Texas 4-H State Games held at the National Shooting Sports Complex in San Antonio. The Howard County 4-H members had a total of six representatives that competed in the Archery division. Creighan Samsel came in second and fourth place in 3D. Erynn Kelley came in second place in Clout and fourth place on 3D. Brynlea Gordon, Katie Jones, Bryson Jones, and Colby Jones all competed in the Archery division as well.

The Howard County 4-H team also had three representatives that competed in the shotgun division as well. Wiley Gaskins, Landon Kelley, and Kirby Huffman all competed in the shotgun division. The courses were challenging and everyone competed well. All 4-H members had lots of fun within their own events, and had the opportunity to meet new people from around the state.

If anyone is interested in participating in shooting sports for the upcoming year we will have our Howard County 4H kick-off meeting on September 11th from 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at the GC Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College campus.

WNBA's Griner convicted at drug trial, sentenced to 9 years

By JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

KHIMKI, Russia (AP) — U.S. basketball star Brittney Griner was convicted Thursday in Russia of drug possession and sentenced to nine years in prison following a politically charged trial that came amid soaring tensions between Moscow and Washington over Ukraine and could lead to a high-stakes prisoner exchange between the two world powers.

The 31-year-old Griner, a two-time U.S. Olympic champion and a eight-time all-star with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury listened with a blank expression as an interpreter translated the verdict by Judge Anna Sotnikova. The judge also fined her 1 million rubles (about \$16,700) fine.

U.S. President Joe Biden denounced the verdict and sentence as "unacceptable."

"I call on Russia to release her immediately so she can be with her wife, loved ones, friends, and teammates," Biden said, adding that he would continue to work to bring home Griner and Paul Whelan, an American imprisoned in Russia on an espionage conviction.

Outside the court, the U.S. Embassy's charge d'affaires Elizabeth Rood called the verdict "a miscarriage of justice."

Before the unusually swift verdict was reached, an emotional Griner apologized to her family, teammates and the Russian city of Yekaterinburg, where she plays in the WNBA offseason, "for my mistake that I made and the embarrassment that I brought on them."

With her voice cracking, she added: "I hope in your ruling it does not end my life."

A conviction is usually a prerequisite to arranging a prisoner exchange and also allows Griner to apply for a presidential pardon. Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said last month that the "necessary judicial procedures" must be completed before any other steps can be taken.

The disclosure in July that the U.S. government was seeking a prisoner swap involving Griner reflected the growing pressure on the Biden administration to do more to bring her home. The U.S. State Department had earlier declared Griner to be "wrongfully detained" — a charge that Russia has sharply rejected.

Griner, recognized as one of the greatest players in WNBA history, has been detained since Feb. 17 after police said they found vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage upon landing at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport. She was returning to Russia, where she has competed since 2014.

When she took the stand at her trial July 7, Griner said: "I would like to plead guilty on the charges against me. But I had no intention of breaking

any Russian law." She added that she brought the vape canisters into Russia because she had packed in them for her flight.

In later testimony, Griner described a confusing scene while being held at the airport, saying an interpreter provided by authorities translated only a fraction of what was being said to her and that officials told her to sign documents, but "no one explained any of it to me." She also said she was not informed of her rights.

Her lawyers provided evidence that Griner was using the medicinal cannabis for chronic pain and injuries sustained during her career and included a letter from her doctor. Griner testified she was aware that cannabis oil was outlawed in Russia and had not intended to break the law or "plan to smuggle anything into Russia."

Trials in Russia proceed even after admissions of guilt, and there has been speculation her actions were an attempt to move the legal process along in hopes of a possible prisoner swap.

Griner's slow-moving case and her nearly six months behind bars have raised strong criticism among her supporters in the United States, including her wife, Cherrille, that President Joe Biden was not doing enough to win her freedom.

Griner sent a personal appeal to Biden, and more than 1,100 Black female leaders urged the administration to "make a deal to get Brittney back home swiftly and safely and to meet with Brittney's wife Cherrille immediately." Biden later called Cherrille Griner "to reassure her that he is working to secure Brittney's release as soon as possible," the White House said July 6.

Cherrille Griner, who also spoke with Vice President Kamala Harris, later said she was "grateful to the both of them for the time they spent with me and for the commitment they expressed to getting BG home," using her wife's initials.

On July 27, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington has offered a deal to Russia aimed at bringing home Griner and Whelan in a sharp reversal of previous policy. Details of the proposal were not announced, though a person familiar with the matter said the U.S. has offered to trade convicted Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout for Whelan and Griner. The person insisted on anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Her detention was made public only after Russian troops moved into Ukraine, as relations between Russia and the United States hit new lows after Washington led the West in bringing sanctions against Moscow.

Griner's plight has been highlighted by her supporters at home, including top athletes, especially after little news emerged from her initial weeks of detention in Russia, where she had limited access to officials from the U.S. Embassy. It was only in May that the State Department designated her as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, effectively the government's chief hostage negotiator.

Elizabeth Rood, the U.S. Embassy's charge d'affaires, has attended the trial in the Moscow suburb of Khimki, where the airport is located, and said that American officials are monitoring her case closely, along with those of all U.S. citizens detained or in prison in Russia.

At the ESPY Awards last month, soccer player Megan Rapinoe referred to Griner as "a political prisoner," and tennis great Billie Jean King said, "First, bring BG home. Gotta do that."

NBA Finals MVP Stephen Curry wore Griner's jersey under his track suit at the awards show and urged "the entire global sports community to continue to stay energized on her behalf. She's one of us, the team of athletes in this room tonight and all over the world. A team that has nothing to do with politics or global conflict."

Griner, a 6-foot-9 center, has 12 of the 15 regular season dunks in WNBA history and set the single-year record for blocks with 129 in 2014. She led the league in scoring twice. She was a two-time Associated Press college basketball player of the year and led Baylor to a 40-0 season and the 2012 NCAA title. She was the No. 1 pick by Phoenix in the 2013 draft.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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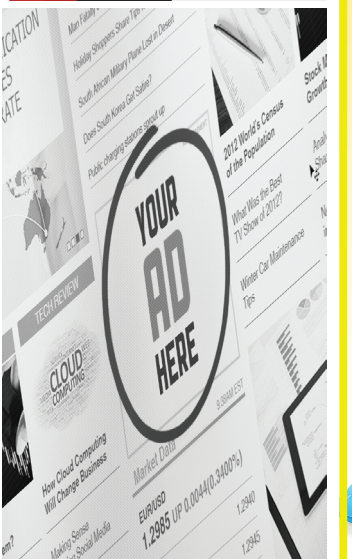
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11:30 AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	Cowgirl Dr. Wil	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line		Court	Dual Survival												
12:30 PM	GMA3: What Now?	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News	La reina del sur (SS)	Days of our Lives	The Molly On the	Hot Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		ATP/WTA Tennis: Quarterfinals.	NASCAR Racing	Court	Dual Survival												
1:30 PM	General Hospital	Contigo si	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Heritage Church	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	This Just In	This Just In		Premier League Live	The First 48	Dual Survival												
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	S.O.S. me estoy	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends	Movie: Pitch Black, Cole Hauser	NBA Today	NBA Today		Premier League Soccer	The First 48	Dual Survival												
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	NFL Live	NFL Live			The First 48	Gold Rush												
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6:30 PM	News Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	La casa de los famosos (SS)	News	M.25 Bible	Donkey	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Movie: Avengers: Endgame, Mark Ruffalo (DVS)	Movie: Battleship, Rihanna (DVS)	Pro Fighters League	NFL Live	Rangers	Movie: Blended, Joel McHale (DVS)	The First 48	Parker's Trail												
7:30 PM	The Fatal Flaw	La mexicana	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Celebrity Renovation	Blue Bloods	Amor valiente (SS)	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Dynasty			Premier Lacrosse League	To Be Announced	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers.	Movie: Billy Madison	Court Night	Opal Hunters												
8:30 PM		Mujer de nadie	FOX 24 News at 9	Blue Bloods	Infiel: Historia de un	Dateline NBC	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News		All Elite Wrestling																		
9:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Friends	Burgers	Burgers			SportsCenter		Postgame KINS '22		The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge												
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4:30 AM	Outages Emenil	Nosotr.	FamFeud	Paid Prg.	Programa																									

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Diamonds doubled. The bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Dble	3♥	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass

Dble

North leads the nine of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST EAST

♠ 4 A Q 7 5 2

♥ 7 ♥ 6 5

♦ Q J 8 6 5 2 ♦ K 10 9 4

♣ Q J 10 8 4 ♣ A K

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Diamonds, and North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 3-1.)

WEST EAST

♠ K J 2 ♠ A 8 5

♥ — ♥ 10 7 6 4

♦ A K Q J 8 5 ♦ 10 9 7

♣ A Q J 6 ♣ K 7 2

1. The bidding clearly indicates that North has the ace of diamonds, and the club lead has all the earmarks of a singleton. If you were to play a trump at trick two, you'd run the risk of North winning with the ace and putting South on lead with a heart to make the killing club return.

To try to stop this from occurring, you should cash the ace of spades at trick two and continue with the queen! Assuming South

follows low, which is highly likely, you discard your singleton heart on the spade queen. This play costs you nothing; it merely substitutes a spade loser for a heart loser.

North takes the queen with the king but now has no way to put South on lead to get a club return. As a result, you get home in a blaze of glory, and North is left to rue doubling you with a hand such as ♠ KJ86 ♥ AK8432 ♦ A3 ♣ 9.

2. By far the best play is to attempt a dummy reversal, which depends essentially on no worse than a 3-1 trump division. This will enable you to avoid having to rely on a spade finesse, which would give you only an even chance of making the grand slam.

Ruff North's heart lead with the jack, play the five of trump to the seven, ruff the six of hearts with the queen, play the eight of trump to the nine and ruff the seven of hearts with the king. Next lead a low club to the king and ruff the ten of hearts with your last trump, the ace.

Now cross to the ace of spades and draw the only missing trump with dummy's ten, discarding your jack of spades in the process. The result of all these fancy maneuvers is that you score the last four tricks with your king of spades and A-Q of clubs. The thirteen tricks consist of two spades, four clubs and seven — count them — trump tricks.

Tomorrow: It's magic.
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Today in History

Today in History: Aug. 5, Nelson Mandela arrested

Today is Friday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2022. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 5, 1981, the federal government began firing air traffic controllers who had gone out on strike.

On this date:

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, what's believed to be the first electric traffic light system was installed in Cleveland, Ohio, at the intersection of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as remaining prisoners taken during the Korean War were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1957, the teenage dance show "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its network debut on ABC-TV.

In 1962, South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested on charges of leaving the country without a passport and inciting workers to strike; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment. Movie star Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning."

In 1964, U.S. Navy pilot Everett Alvarez Jr. became the first American flier to be shot down and captured by North Vietnam; he was held prisoner until February 1973.

In 1974, the White House released transcripts of subpoenaed tape recordings showing that President Richard Nixon and his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, had discussed a plan in June 1972 to use the CIA to thwart the FBI's Watergate investigation; revelation of the tape sparked Nixon's resignation.

In 2010, the Senate confirmed Elena Kagan, 63-37, as the Supreme Court's 112th justice and the fourth woman in its history. Thirty-three workers were trapped in a copper mine in northern Chile after a tunnel caved in (all were rescued after being entombed for 69 days).

In 2011, the sun-powered robotic explorer Juno rocketed toward Jupiter on a five-year quest to discover the secret recipe for making planets. (Juno reached Jupiter on July 4, 2016.)

In 2020, authorities said protesters in Portland, Oregon, barricaded about 20 police officers inside a precinct and tried to set it on fire; police used tear gas on the crowd for the first time since U.S. agents sent by President Donald Trump left the city the previous week. A city commission in Minneapolis blocked a November vote on a proposal to dismantle the city's police department in the wake of George Floyd's death.

Ten years ago: A gunman opened fire, killing six people at a Sikh temple near Milwaukee before shooting himself dead during an exchange of fire with one of the first officers to respond. The robotic explorer Curiosity blazed through the pink skies of Mars, steering itself to a gentle landing inside a giant crater. Jamaica's Usain Bolt pulled away from the pack and crossed the finish line to claim consecutive gold medals in the marquee track and field event at the Summer Games in London. Britain's Andy Murray cruised past Roger Federer 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in the men's tennis singles final. Serena and Venus Williams won the women's doubles title.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved tough new sanctions against North Korea for its escalating nuclear and missile programs. Eight-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt finished third in the 100-meter dash at the world track championships in London, which marked his farewell from the sport; the winner was American Justin Gatlin.

One year ago: Rich-

ard Trumka, who rose from the coal mines of Pennsylvania to preside over one of the world's largest labor organizations, the AFL-CIO, died at 72. A Texas appeals court upheld the murder conviction of Amber Guyger, a former Dallas police officer who was sentenced to prison for fatally shooting her neighbor in his home.

Today's Birthdays: College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Roman Gabriel is 82. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 82. Actor Loni Anderson is 77. Actor Erika Slezak is 76. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 75. Actor Holly Palance is 72. Pop singer Samantha Sang is 71. Rock musician Eddie Ojeda (Twisted Sister) is 67. Actor-singer Maureen McCormick is 66. Rock musician Pat Smear is 63. Author David Baldacci is 62. Actor Janet McTeer is 61. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 61. Basketball Hall of Famer Patrick Ewing is 60. Actor Mark Strong is 59. Director-screenwriter James Gunn is 56. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 56. Country singer Terri Clark is 54. Actor Stephanie Szostak is 51. Retired MLB All-Star John Olerud is 54. Rock musician Eicca Toppinen (EYE'kah TAH'-pihn-neh'n) (Apocalyptica) is 47. Actor Jesse Williams is 42. Actor Brendon Ryan Barrett is 36. Actor Meegan Warner (TV: "TURN: Washington's Spies") is 31. Actor/singer Olivia Holt is 25. Actor Albert Tsai is 18. Actor Devin Trey Campbell is 14.

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FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 5, 2022**

Venus Votes; Love Wins

The very essence of vulnerability is being open to pain. People who keep their guards up all the time are less likely to be hurt, but they are also less likely to be touched or moved. The moon poses a challenge to every luminary she interacts with today until she gets to Venus. To risk the heart is simultaneously foolish, brave and worth it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you don't possess a quality, it won't bother you to see it in others. What's bothersome is to recognize a quality in others that you do not enjoy in yourself. Self-acceptance is a key to loving others and vice versa.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will witness inspiring examples of sharing and caring -- indeed you may be the instigator of these acts, as you will be moved to express the deep affection you feel for loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The well-known solution is not the one for you. You pull things together in unexpected and fascinating configurations and will raise eyebrows, praise and money as a happy result.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships don't fix the problems of individuals, though they may distract from those problems or cloak them in a different garb. Each individual must ultimately

solve for their own soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fighting for a principle isn't so hard. Many people have what it takes. Living up to a principle is the real challenge. Start there, because if you can't live up to the principle, maybe it's not worth fighting for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're interested in someone, everything they say intrigues you. Even ordinary topics are made riveting. You'll find a little introspection on the matter to be beneficial. What do you think is really driving your curiosity?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You offer something that people will quickly get used to having in their daily lives. You'll either fill a need they didn't realize they had, or you'll create a need by providing something very interesting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the juggle of your daily life, you may drop a few balls and that's to be expected. Even the professionals who practice thousands of hours drop a few, but the main thing is getting quickly back in the flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hooray! You're on the final stretch of a project. You've been at this so long it's hard to remember the before times. You had no idea what you were getting into back there but giving up just isn't your style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you have a list, you're already ahead of the compe-

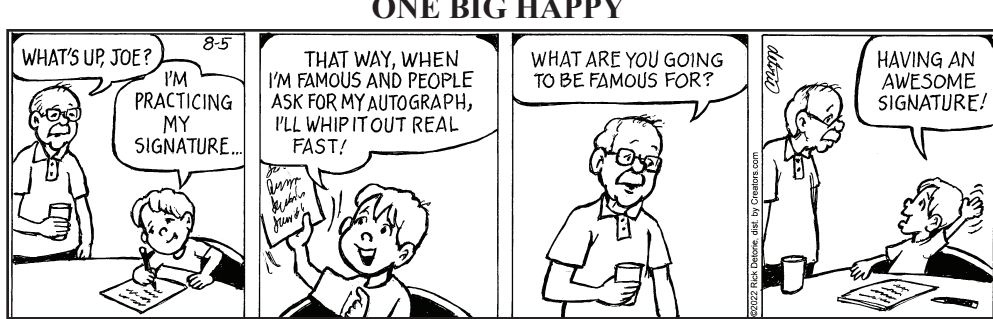
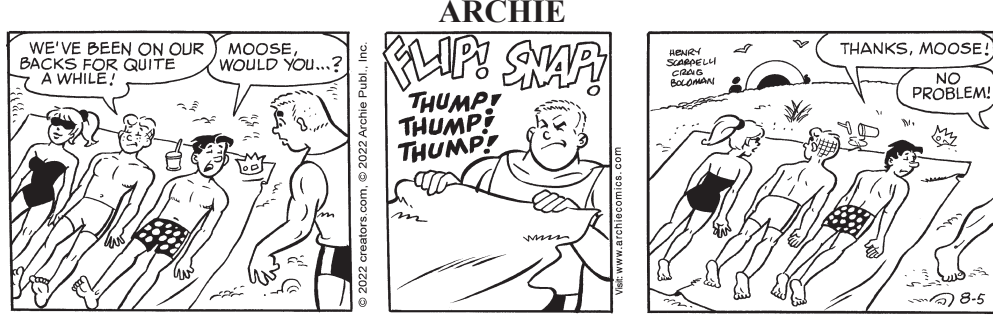
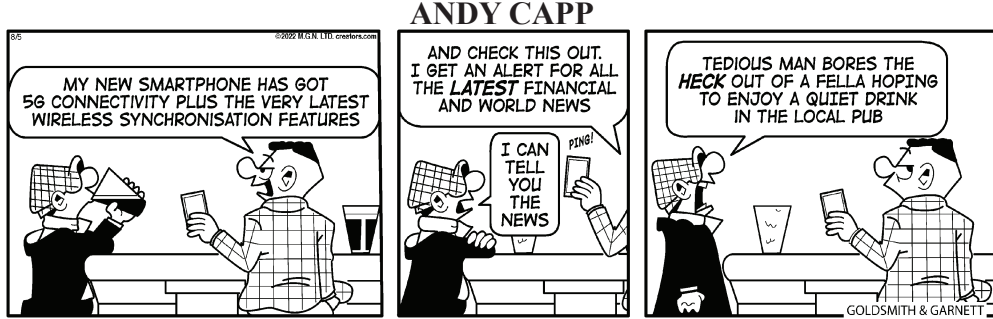
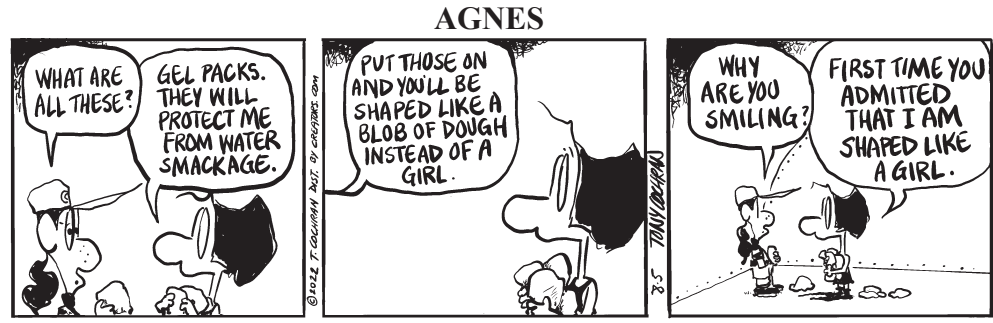
tion. You won't get to everything on it, which is good. "If you have accomplished all that you planned for yourself, you have not planned enough." -- Edward Everett Hale

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While there is such a thing as wise anger, it's rare. Most of the frustrations you experience today can be overcome when you learn a different way to think about them. You'll be so helped by your curious and open mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no benefit to holding back or playing it cool today. Express your feelings. Whatever excites you will revitalize others too. Let people see your interest, curiosity and happiness. You never know who needs the joy infusion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 5). Don't worry about which goals to set or how to improve because you'll be swept into a grand plan. Love will delight, distract, lift and send you on a journey of surprises. Later you'll look back fondly on your relationships in this period, knowing they made you exceptional. You'll be richly rewarded for civic and social duty. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 39, 15 and 48.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Overflow
 - 5 Jazz genre
 - 8 Break of day?
 - 11 Woody's singing son
 - 12 It's south of BC
 - 13 Toughen up
 - 16 Acknowledge applause
 - 18 Three beats of "The Blue Danube"
 - 19 Plywood sources
 - 20 Angler, at times
 - 21 One with a May day
 - 24 IV installers
 - 25 Left Coast state, informally
 - 26 Apple video editor
 - 28 Former Chicago mayor Emanuel
 - 30 *Amazing Race* network
 - 33 Rental agency client
 - 34 19th-century prez
 - 35 Aqueous defense
 - 36 Barbecue spoiler
 - 37 Off-kilter
 - 39 Tell ___ (prevaricate)
 - 40 Rocket trajectories
 - 41 Ctr. for sea pilots
 - 42 Minor matter
 - 44 AL team in the Freeway Series
 - 45 Sandberg in Cooperstown
 - 46 Plant new grass
 - 47 ___ butter (moisturizer)
 - 49 Oater heroine
 - 50 Green grass
 - 51 "___ his own"

- 53 Himalayan enigma
 - 54 Taking the place
 - 55 Paper-saving passes
 - 60 Some Pulitzer winners
 - 61 Before now
 - 62 Burkina ___
 - 63 Family nickname
 - 64 '80s First Son
 - 65 Be a bellyacher
- DOWN**
- 1 Anatomical art
 - 2 Important span
 - 3 Rockies grazer
 - 4 Animated bartender
 - 5 Naftul Bennett's predecessor
 - 6 Ambient appraisals
 - 7 Koala quartet
 - 8 Start of many a workday
 - 9 What the Grinch is "charming as"
 - 10 Capital raiser for a company
 - 14 Actress/producer Issa
 - 15 Stumble
 - 17 Sudafed alternative
 - 18 What Gershwin delegated for *Rhapsody in Blue*
 - 21 Of a bishop's headdress
 - 22 Mark in the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - 23 "Legend of Women's Tennis," per *Time*
 - 27 Some shuttles
 - 28 Scrape together
 - 29 Posture supporters
 - 31 "Greatest Show" surname
 - 32 Canonized English historian
 - 35 "___ oui!"
 - 38 Superhero suffix
 - 43 Thing of the past
 - 45 Break time
 - 48 It's east of Jamaica
 - 49 Starting point
 - 51 Word from the wise
 - 52 Donator of Lennon's childhood home
 - 53 What concludes a date
 - 56 It makes bucks from buckets
 - 57 Mr. Potato Head piece
 - 58 Screening grp.
 - 59 Sniffly sound

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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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POPE

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Strappetti was on hand to help with the wheelchair during Francis' general audience Wednesday.

He coordinates the nurses of the Vatican's small health care system, which provides basic care for Vatican employees and their families.

Strappetti's appointment was announced days after he and a doctor accompanied Francis on his weeklong "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada to atone for the Catholic Church's role in the country's residential schools for Indig-

enous children. Francis always travels with a doctor and nurse who are on call in case he has health problems. Strappetti, for example, was on hand when Francis issued his main apology and received a feathered headdress from Indigenous leaders.

On the flight home from the trip, Francis said he would have to slow down his future travels and maybe resign one day.

"This trip was a bit of a test. It's true you can't do trips in this state, maybe we have to change a bit the style, reduce, pay the debts of the trips that I still have to do and reorganize," he said. But he added that "the door is open" to also resign if he can't carry on.

Alex Jones concedes Sandy Hook attack was '100% real'

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For years, bombastic far-right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones ranted to his millions of followers that the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a hoax, that children weren't killed and that parents were crisis actors in an elaborate ruse to force gun control.

Under oath and facing a jury that could hit him with \$150 million or more in damages for his false claims, Jones said Wednesday he now realizes that was irresponsible and believes that what happened in the deadliest school shooting in American history was "100% real."

Jones' public contrition came on the final day of testimony in a two-week defamation lawsuit against him and his Austin-based media company, Free Speech Systems, brought by Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, the parents of 6-year-old Jesse Lewis. Their son was a first grader who was among the 20 students and six teachers killed at the school in Newtown, Connecticut, on Dec. 14, 2012.

"I unintentionally took part in things that did hurt these people's feelings," said Jones, who also acknowledged raising conspiracy claims about other mass tragedies, from the Oklahoma City and Boston Marathon bombings to the mass shootings in Las Vegas and Parkland, Florida, "and I'm sorry for that."

But an apology isn't enough for Heslin and Lewis. They said Jones and the media empire he controls and used to spread his false assertions must be held accountable.

"Alex started this fight," Heslin said, "and I'll finish this fight."

The parents testified Tuesday about a decade of trauma, inflicted first by the murder of their son and what followed: gun shots fired at a home, online and telephone threats, and harassment on the street by strangers, all fueled by Jones and his conspiracy theory spread to his followers via his website Infowars.

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A forensic psychiatrist testified the parents suffer from "complex post-traumatic stress disorder" inflicted by ongoing trauma, similar to what might be experienced by a soldier at war or a child abuse victim.

At one point in her testimony, Lewis looked directly at Jones, who was sitting barely 10 feet away.

"It seems so incredible to me that we have to do this — that we have to implore you, to punish you — to get you to stop lying," Lewis told Jones.

Courts in Texas and Connecticut have already found Jones liable for defamation for his portrayal of the Sandy Hook massacre as a hoax involving actors aimed at increasing gun control.

Now, Heslin and Lewis are asking the jury in Austin for \$150 million in compensation for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. They will also ask the jury to assess additional punitive damages.

Jurors began considering damages Wednesday. Once they determine whether Jones should pay the parents compensation for defamation and emotional distress, it must then decide if he must also pay punitive damages. That portion will involve a separate mini-trial with Jones and economists testifying to his and his company's net worth.

Jones' attorney asked the jury to limit damages to \$8 — one dollar for each of the compensation charges they are considering — and Jones himself said any award over \$2 million "would sink us."

At the end of Jones' testimony, Mark Bankston, an attorney for the family, pulled a crumpled dollar bill out of his pocket, showed it to Jones, and put it down in front of the parents.

"The day Sandy Hook happened, Alex Jones planted a seed of misinformation that lasted a decade," parents' attorney Kyle Farrar told the jury in closing arguments. "And he just watered that seed over and over until it bore fruit: cruelty and money."

During his testimony, Jones said he's tried in the

past to back off the hoax claims, but "they (the media) won't let me take it back."

Jones — who has been banned from major social media platforms for hate speech and abusive behavior — has portrayed the lawsuit as an attack on his First Amendment rights and complained that he's been "typecast as someone that runs around talking about Sandy Hook, makes money off Sandy Hook, is obsessed by Sandy Hook."

Eight days of testimony included videos of Jones and Infowars employees talking about the Sandy Hook conspiracy and even mocking Heslin's description in a 2017 television interview that he'd held his dead son Jesse's body "with a bullet hole through his head." Heslin described that moment with his dead son to the jury.

Jones was the only witness to testify in his defense. And he came under withering attack from the plaintiffs attorneys under cross examination, as they reviewed Jones' own video claims about Sandy Hook over the years, and accused him of lying and trying to hide evidence, including text messages and emails about Sandy Hook. It also included internal emails sent by an Infowars employee that said "this Sandy Hook stuff is killing us."

At one point, Jones was told that his attorneys had mistakenly sent Bankston the last two years' worth of texts from Jones' cellphone.

And shortly after Jones declared "I don't use email," Jones was shown one that came from his address, and another one from an Infowars business officer telling Jones that the company had earned \$800,000 gross in selling its products in a single day, which would amount to nearly \$300 million in a year.

Jones has already tried to protect Free Speech Systems financially. The company filed for federal bankruptcy protection last week. Sandy Hook families have separately sued Jones over his financial claims, arguing that the company is trying to protect millions owned by Jones and his family through shell entities.

Sandy Hook lawyer: Jan. 6 panel asked for Alex Jones' texts

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An attorney for the parents of a child killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre who are suing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones over his false claims about the attack said Thursday that the U.S. House Jan. 6 committee has requested two years' worth of records from Jones' phone.

Attorney Mark Bankston told the Texas court where Jones is on trial to determine how much he owes for defaming the parents that the committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol has requested the digital records.

A spokesperson for the committee declined to comment Thursday.

As Jones testified at the trial on Wednesday, Bankston revealed that the Infowars host's lead attorney, Andino Reynal, had mistakenly sent him the last two years' worth of texts from Jones' cellphone.

Reynal asked Judge Maya Guerra Gamble to declare a mistrial over the mistaken transfer of records and said they should have been returned and any copies destroyed. Gamble rejected the request.

Reynal also accused Bankston of trying to perform "for a national audience." He said the material included a review copy of text messages over six months from late 2019 into the first quarter of 2020.

Bankston said his team followed Texas' civil rules of evidence and that

Jones' attorneys missed their chance to properly request the return of the records.

"Mr Reynal is using a fig leaf (to cover) for his own malpractice," Bankston said.

He said the records mistakenly sent to him included some medical records of plaintiffs in other lawsuits against Jones.

"Mr. Jones and his intimate messages with Roger Stone are not protected," Bankston said, referring to former President Donald Trump's longtime ally.

Rolling Stone, quoting unnamed sources, reported Wednesday evening that the Jan. 6 committee was preparing to subpoena the data from the parents' attorneys to assist in the investigation of the deadly riot.

Bankston said outside of court Thursday that the committee had requested the phone records, but hadn't subpoenaed them. He also said he wasn't familiar with everything that was in the records yet, including whether they include any information that the committee is seeking, because there was so much information in them.

"We don't know (yet) the full scope and breadth," of the material, Bankston said. "We certainly saw text messages from as far back as 2019. ... In terms of what all is on that phone, it's going to take a little while to figure that out."

"The Jan. 6 committee doesn't have any more information about what's on that phone than I do. I don't know

if it even covers the time period they are interested in," he said

Jones didn't attend Thursday's court proceedings. But on his Infowars show Thursday, he said the records were from a year before Jan. 6 and had "nothing to do with it."

"And if anything, I say more radical things on air than I do on text messages. And the idea that there's some type of criminal activity on there is preposterous," he said.

The jury in Austin is deciding how much Jones should pay to the parents of a child killed in the 2012 school massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, because of his and Infowars' repeated false claims that the shooting was a hoax created by advocates for gun control. Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, the parents suing Jones, are seeking at least \$150 million in damages.

Last month, the Jan. 6 committee showed graphic and violent text messages and played videos of right-wing figures, including Jones, and others vowing that Jan. 6 would be the day they would fight for Trump.

The committee first subpoenaed Jones in November, demanding a deposition and documents related to his efforts to spread misinformation

about the 2020 election and a rally on the day of the attack.

In the subpoena letter, Rep. Bennie Thompson, the Democratic chairman, said Jones helped organize the Jan. 6 rally at the Ellipse that preceded the insurrection. He also wrote that Jones repeatedly promoted Trump's false claims of election fraud, urged his listeners to go to Washington for the rally, and march from the Ellipse to the Capitol. Thompson also wrote that Jones "made statements implying that you had knowledge about the plans of President Trump with respect to the rally."

The nine-member panel was especially interested in what Jones said shortly after Trump's now-infamous Dec. 19, 2020, tweet in which he told his supporters to "be there, will be wild!" on Jan. 6.

"You went on InfoWars that same day and called the tweet 'One of the most historic events in American history,'" the letter continued.

In January, Jones was deposed by the committee in a hourslong, virtual meeting in which he said he exercised his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination "almost 100 times."

Texas wildfires continue to erupt; firefighters keep moving

TOLAR, Texas (AP) — One firefighter was injured and two others were treated for heat exhaustion while fighting a wildfire in North Texas that burned almost half a square mile Wednesday, officials said.

The fire near Tolar, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southwest of Fort Worth, was completely uncontained as of Wednesday afternoon, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

The injured firefighter was airlifted to a Dallas hospital with burns to 10% of his body, according to a Hood

County statement. His condition was not immediately known.

No structures have been reported damaged in that fire 16 miles (25.75 kilometers) north of the two-week-old Chalk Mountain Fire, which was 96% contained Wednesday after burning 10 1/2 square miles (27 1/3 square kilometers) and destroying 16 homes and damaging five others.

Meanwhile, wildfires have erupted in Central Texas as hot, breezy weather and extreme drought persist in the area, officials said Wednesday.

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