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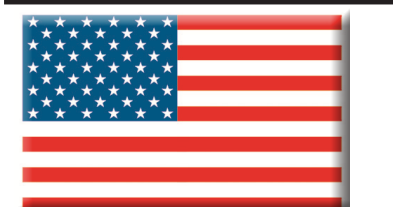
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**Weather**  
 Chance of showers and thunderstorms  
 40% Saturday Night, 80% Sunday

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

**Sunday:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 71. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

**Today in History**  
**On October 14**

**1066:** The Norman Conquest of England begins with the Battle of Hastings.

**1884:** George Eastman receives a U.S. Government patent on his new paper-strip photographic film.

**1947:** Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to exceed the speed of sound.

**1964:** Martin Luther King Jr. receives the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolence.

**Daily Quotes**

"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."  
 — **William Penn**

"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity."  
 — **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

You can get through life with bad manners, but it's easier with good manners.  
 — **Lillian Gish**

"Be of love a little more careful than of anything."  
 — **e. e. cummings**

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**AAA Texas: Statewide pump price increases due to more expensive crude oil**

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$3.32 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 12 cents more than on this day last week and is 40 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.63 per gallon while drivers in McAllen and Brownsville are paying the least at \$3.19 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.91, which is four cents more when compared to this day last week and 62 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

The Texas statewide weekly gas price average increased for the second week in a row as the energy markets weigh the OPEC+ announcement for plans to cut production by two million barrels per day. The trend of higher prices may

slow as the latest data on inflation could continue to instill fears of an economic slowdown.

In Big Spring, a few locations shared the best local price of \$3.26 per gallon of regular unleaded Thursday, including Shell at 2501 S. Gregg St., Murphy USA in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and DK/Yesway at 1800 S. Gregg St.

"Market forces continue to oppose each other with each headline – whether it be focused on supply or demand," said AAA Texas spokesperson Joshua Zuber. "Market watchers will be waiting to see just how impactful the OPEC+ cuts are versus continued concerns for a market slowdown, which could lessen demand for fuel products."

Drivers in Texas are paying the second lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are paying the most at \$6.20 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along

their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at www.AAA.com/mobile.

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**AgriLife Extension, OneOp to offer service animal webinar Oct. 26**



Courtesy photo

**The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and OneOp will present the "Service Animals: Rights and Responsibilities" webinar from 10-11 a.m. Oct. 26.**

Special to the Herald

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in collaboration with OneOp will present the Service Animals: Rights and Responsibilities webinar on Oct. 26

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OneOp, formerly the Military Families Learning Network, is a virtual professional development platform for providers who serve military families.

The free online event will run from 10-11 a.m. Register online and, once registered, participants will receive an email with instructions and a meeting link.

Email contact@oneop.org with questions or for technical support. Those unable to open or access the link may also view the event on YouTube Live.

About the webinar  
 "Many people don't understand the differences between a service animal and an emotional support animal," said Rachel Brauner, AgriLife Extension program specialist, Bryan-College Station. "There is also some confusion about the legal rights of an individual with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal."

Brauner said the webinar will provide information on the legal status of service animals, the legal status of emotional support animals and the various laws that apply to determine those rights.

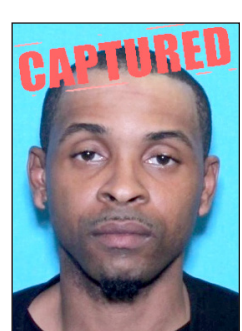
"There will also be discussion of the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the rights of an individual to use a service animal found in other statutes," she said.

**Two Top 10 Most Wanted fugitives captured in Louisiana and Iowa**

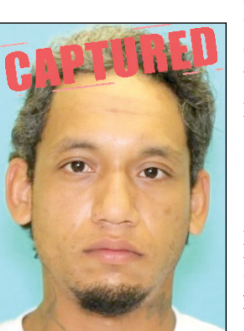
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Two of Texas' 10 Most Wanted fugitives are back in custody following their recent arrests. Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender Braeion Henderson was arrested September 30, in New Orleans, Lou., and Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Paul Basaldua was arrested October 6, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. No Crime Stoppers rewards will be paid.

his arrest for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements.



HENDERSON



BASALDUA

In February 2022, the Harris County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest for aggravated robbery with a deadly

weapon. In 2009, Henderson was convicted of aggravated promotion of prostitution and two counts of compelling prostitution under age 18 after incidents involving a 14-year-old girl. He was given multiple three-year sentences to be served concurrently. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

len, was arrested in Council Bluffs by the U.S. Marshals Southern Iowa Fugitive Task Force, along with the Council Bluffs Police Department. The U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents, assisted with coordinating the arrest.

Basaldua had been wanted since August 2021, when the McAllen Police Department issued a warrant for his arrest for aggravated sexual assault. In July 2022, the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office issued warrants for his arrest for aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child by sexual contact.

In 2009, Basaldua was convicted of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and sentenced to 37 months in federal prison. In 2012, he was sentenced to 18 months of confinement after he was convicted of burglary of a building, and in 2017, he was convicted of aggravated

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## Obituaries

## Kent Harlan Rainey



Kent Harlan Rainey, Age 64, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Kent was born Oct. 29, 1957, in Big Spring, to Gorman and Shirlene (Walker) Rainey. He was the youngest of 3 sons.

Kent worked with his grandfather at Walker Tractor Company for many years, where he met his wife Cherri Welch who he later married in April of 1984. Together they had two daughters Taylor Lara and Reagan Howard.

Kent Rainey loved being a servant to his church, and served on many committees, as well as a servant for the Lord in his everyday life. Kent also served as beloved deacon of Midway Baptist Church.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Cherri. Daughters, Taylor Lara and husband Justin; Reagan Howard and husband, Robert, all of Big Spring. Grandchildren, Emrie and Winnie Lara, and RJ Howard. He is survived by 1 brother, Russ Rainey and wife, Janet. Along with many other brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-law that he considered siblings, and many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gorman and Shirlene, and one brother, Rex Rainey.

Services will be held at Midway Baptist church Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.

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

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## Billie Wooten



Billie was born on Oct. 30, 1955, in Lamesa, to loving parents: Ted and Bertha Goolsby. Billie was raised in the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Billie resided in Big Spring. Billie was employed by the Veterans Hospital for the last 16 years and was a loyal employee.

Billie was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children, grandchildren, family, and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Nana. Billie was the youngest daughter of nine siblings and was surrounded throughout her life by all their love and affection. Billie shared a very special bond with her sister, Linda Brown. These two loved and cared for each other and each other's children throughout their lives together. Billie will be deeply missed by her entire family.

Billie had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went and her family and colleagues at the VA will deeply miss her. Friends and family describe Billie as good people, an amazing human, the absolute best, a true and kind person that casts a tall shadow. She was down to earth, funny, quirky and a true delight to be around. Billie had the most expressive facial expressions, and a truly genuine gift of spirit. People who knew Billie, instantly loved her laugh, her smile and her infectious spirit. Above all, those who knew Billie knew, she'd cuss you out in a heartbeat. Billie loved small hearts and small crosses, she loved simple jewelry of any kind, she never wore an expensive outfit in her entire life. Billie was a simple woman. Billie earned her crown and angel wings during her time here amongst us.

Billie is survived by her sons: Trinity Owen and Malakah Kreissl; her grandchildren: Morgan Owen, Pattan Owen and great-grandchildren: Mia, Zane, Kylena, and Omar. Brothers and sisters: Loretta Matthews of Big Spring, Ruby McKibben of Odessa, RuthAnn Brown and Linda Brown of Big Spring, Sandra Matthews of Louisiana, Alfred Goolsby and Ricky Goolsby. Billie was preceded in death by her mother and father: Ted and Bertha Goolsby, and her brother JC Goolsby.

Rest in Joy, Dear Billie. You touched each of us throughout your life and we will never stop loving you.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28

Billie loved to buy food for anyone that needed food, a homeless person or an entire family, Billie would buy an entire bill of groceries to make sure they had food. As a way to keep her memory alive, the next time you see someone in need of food assistance, buy them a hot meal or some groceries in honor of Billie.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations be made to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas in memory of Billie Wooten.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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*Paid Obituary*

## Sandy Islas Solis



Sandy Islas Solis, 54, of Coahoma died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends at 5:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Sandy was born on Dec. 5, 1967, in Big Spring, to Inez and Valentin Islas. She married Ismael "Milo" Solis July 28, 1990, in Big Spring. She was lifetime resident of Coahoma and a member at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

Sandy graduated from Coahoma High School and Western Texas College has a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She then went to work at Big Spring State Hospital and Regis Hari Salon. She worked at In-Home Care and at the V.A.M.C.

Sandy was very involved in children's activities especially sports, she ran score boards and coached girls' basketball and softball. She loved fishing and dancing.

Sandy is survived by her husband: Ismael "Milo" Solis of Coahoma; son, Daniel Ryan Solis of Big Spring; daughter, Aimee Nicole Solis (Christian Horton) of Big Spring; 2 granddaughters, Charlotte Horton and Isla Horton, who called her "Nana,"; mother, Inez Islas of Big Spring; mother-in-law, Angelita R. Solis of Big Spring; 3 brothers: Royce Islas (Cynthia) of Big Spring, Val Islas (Cindy) of Big Spring; Denny Islas (Sandra) of Garland; 1 sister, Debbie Uranga (Ambrose) of Coahoma; and a number of nieces, nephews aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Valentin Islas; brother, Benny Islas; and father-in-law, Juan J. Solis.

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## Gabriel Hubert Montoya Cervantez



Gabriel Hubert Montoya Cervantez, 2 ½ months, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022.

He was born July 20, 2022.

Gabriel is survived by his parents, Kristopher and Adela Cervantez; brother, Elijah Montoya; sister, Zendaya Montoya; grandparents, Huberto and Raquel Montoya, Daniel and Karla Olivas and Edward and Becky Cervantez; great-grandparents, Bruce and Vernie Jaeger, Adela Gonzalez, Grace Montoya, Javier Montoya, Terry Cervantez and Arnoldfo Cervantes; great-great-grandparents, Abel and Guadalupe Aleman; aunts and uncles, great-aunts and -uncles, and cousins.

Gabriel is preceded in death by Carl (Grandpa P) Lancaster, his great-grandpa; Mary Lancaster, his great-great-grandma; Ted Lancaster, his great-great-grandpa; and Aurelio Gonzalez.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday with the family receiving friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Many thanks to all that loved Gabriel while he was with us. A special thanks to Home Hospice and his nurses, Kimmie and Sheena.

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

## Melinda Jenkins

Melinda Jenkins, 65, died Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Charlie Ussery

Charlie Ussery, 67, died Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

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

9 p.m.

## TUESDAY

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

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

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meet-

ings 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.

## 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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to [newsdesk@BigSpringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@BigSpringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ**, 59, of 700 E 14TH St., was arrested by the BSPD on warrants of driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

- HELENE MARGARITE RIGGS**, 52, of 1804 ½ S Scurry St., was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- JAY THOMAS TAGGART**, 23, of 3601 CR B 2600, was arrested by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana greater than or equal to two oz.

- MARIO DE LA FUENTE**, 19, of 109 Deerwood Dr., was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of vehicles

- ROD LEE PUGA**, 70, of 1409 Settles, was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.

- RODGER HENRY EDDINGTON JR**, 21, of 906 Baylor Boulevard, was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the 2800 block of Wasson Rd. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1000 block of E 17th St. One person was taken to SMMC

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport.

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- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at S FM 818 and I-20. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 100 block of W 11th St. One person was taken to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson Rd. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported at 13th and Johnson St. One person was taken to SMMC.

## Farmer earns Guinness World Records title

Oct. 13 (UPI) -- A Michigan farmer earned a Guinness World Records title when his gargantuan butternut squash was officially weighed at 104.5 pounds.

Derek Ruthruff of Charlotte had his massive squash weighed at Dundee's Pumpkin Palooza in Dundee, Mich., and the gourd tipped the scales at 104.5 pounds, breaking a week-

old Guinness World Record by just 1.5 pounds.

Ruthruff, who has been competitively growing Atlantic Giant Pumpkins for four years, said his squash was planted on April 15, hand-pollinated on July 21 and harvested just prior to its Oct. 1 weighing.

The plant was grown using a seed from Christopher Brown's

former world record 55.5-pound squash, which was grown in 2020. "Combining my love of butternut and my passion for growing giant vegetables, I wanted to grow the largest butternut squash possible," Ruthruff told Guinness World Records.

Ruthruff said he is still working on a plan for the massive squash.



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**WEBINAR**

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The webinar will be presented by Denette Vaughn, J.D., senior attorney, Disability Rights Texas, Austin.

Brauner said by the end of the webinar, participants should be able to:

- Determine the difference between a service animal, emotional support animal and therapy animal.
- Identify the rights and obligations of service animal handlers and emotional support animal owners, in a variety of environments.

- Know handler obligations when taking a service animal into a public accommodation.
- Answer questions about documentation.
- Understand the housing rights of an individual with a disability to have a service animal or emotional support animal living with them.
- Understand the rights of disabled students in K-12 schools and colleges to take their service animal with them to class.
- Know whether a service animal or emotional support animal can accompany a handler on an airplane.
- Find out if a handler can be charged any fees, deposits or cleaning expenses related to a service animal.

The webinar will also provide information on how a social worker, case manager or other professional can help protect the handler's rights to use a service animal.

Continuing education credits

Free continuing education credits are available to family service professionals, including social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, case managers, board-certified patient advocates, and certified family life educators. Refer to the OneOp website for additional information.

Certificates of attendance are available for providers interested in documenting their training activities.

**ARRESTS**

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assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to five years of confinement. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides informa-

tion that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex Offenders. So far in 2022, DPS and other agencies have arrested 53 people off the lists including 20 gang members and 28 sex offenders. In addition, \$77,500 in rewards has been paid for tips that yielded arrests.

To be eligible for cash rewards, tipsters MUST provide information to authorities using one of the following three methods:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Submit a web tip through the DPS website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/MostWanted> by selecting the fugitive you have information about then clicking on the link under their picture.
- Submit a Facebook tip by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

All tips are anonymous — regard-

less of how they are submitted — and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender Lists. You can find the current lists — with photos — on the DPS website.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

**With teachers in short supply, states ease job requirements**

By TALIA RICHMAN and TRISHA POWELL CRAIN

The Dallas Morning News and AL.com

DALLAS (AP) — As schools across the South grapple with teacher shortages, many are turning to candidates without teaching certificates or formal training.

Alabama administrators increasingly have hired educators with emergency certifications, often in low-income and majority-Black neighborhoods. Texas, meanwhile, allowed about one in five new teachers to sidestep certification last school year.

In Oklahoma, an "adjunct" program allows school districts to hire applicants without teacher training if they meet a local board's qualifications. And in Florida, military veterans without a bachelor's degree can teach for up to five years using temporary certificates.

Decisions to put a teacher without traditional training in charge of a classroom involve weighing tradeoffs: Is it better to hire uncertified candidates, even if they aren't fully prepared, or instruct children in classes that are crowded or led by substitutes?

"I've seen what happens when you don't have teachers in the classroom. I've seen the struggle," Dallas schools trustee Maxie Johnson said just before the school board approved expanding that district's reliance on uncertified teachers. He added, "I'd rather have someone that my principal has vetted, that my principal believes in, that can get the job done."

A Southern Regional Education Board analysis of 2019-20 data in 11 states found roughly 4% of teachers were uncertified or teaching with an emergency certification. In addition, 10% were teaching out of field, which means, for example, they may be certified to teach high school English but assigned to a middle school math class.

By 2030, as many as 16 million K-12 students in the region may be taught by an unprepared or inexperienced teacher, the group projects.

"The shortages are getting worse and morale is continuing to fall for teachers," said the nonprofit's Megan Boren.

In Texas, reliance on uncertified new hires ballooned over the last decade. In the 2011-12 school year, fewer than 7% of the state's new teachers — roughly 1,600 — didn't have a certification. By last year, about 8,400 of the state's nearly 43,000 new hires were uncertified.

The trustees in Dallas leaned into a state program that allows districts to bypass certification requirements, often to hire industry professionals for career-related classes. The school system has hired 335 teachers through the exemption as of mid-September.

In Alabama, nearly 2,000 of the state's 47,500 teachers didn't hold a full certificate in 2020-21, the most recent year for which data is available. That's double the amount from five years earlier.

And almost 7% of Alabama teachers were in classrooms outside of their certification fields, with the highest percentages in rural areas with high rates of poverty.

Many states have loosened requirements since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, but relying on uncertified teachers isn't new. Nearly all states have emergency or provisional licenses that allow a person who has not met requirements for certification to teach.

Such hires only delay the inevitable as the teachers don't tend to stay as long as others, said Shannon Holston, policy chief for the nonprofit National Council on Teacher Quality.

In a 2016 study, the U.S. Department of Education reported that 1.7% of all teachers did not have full certification. It went up to roughly 3% in schools that served many students of color or children learning English as well as schools in urban and high-poverty areas.

The use of such educators can be concentrated in certain fields and content areas. One example: Alabama's middle schools.

Rural Bullock County, for example, had no certified math teachers last year in its middle school. Nearly 80% of students are Black, 20% are Hispanic, and seven in 10 of all students are in poverty.

Christopher Blair, the county's former schools superintendent, long struggled to recruit teachers.

Poorer counties can't compete with higher salaries in neighboring districts.

Blair, who resigned from his post last spring, had launched a program to help certify the county's math and science teachers.

"But that's slowly changing as the teacher pool for all content areas diminishes," he said.

Birmingham and Montgomery each had three middle schools where more than 20% of teachers had emergency certification.

Birmingham schools spokesperson Sherrel Stewart said officials seek good candidates for emergency certifications and then give them the support needed through robust mentoring.

"We have to think outside of the box," she said. "Because realistically, you know, that pool of candidates in education schools has drastically reduced but the demand for high-quality educators is still there."

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Mary Contreras, 44, died Saturday. Memorial service Friday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Kent Rainey, 64, died Tuesday. A memorial service Saturday 10 AM at Midway Baptist Church.

Billie Joyce Wooten, 66, died Friday. A memorial service Saturday at 3 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**Credit World haunted house starts Saturday**

Herald staff reports

While many local entities are getting ready to do some haunting this Halloween, one is kicking things off this weekend.

Credit World, located at 11611 S. Gregg St., is hosting a kid-friendly mini haunted house with free entry, starting this Saturday - October 15 - and running through October 31. The haunted house will be open Monday through Fri-



day from 3 p.m to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Halloween Day itself, Credit World will also be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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# Church News

## Alive in Christ

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

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

The readings for this Sunday are Genesis 32:22-30, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, and Luke 18:1-1.8 The psalm is Psalm 121. Bo Vizcaino 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 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. each morning for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts”. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to listen to the Lutheran Ho College

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## College Baptist Church

Autumn has arrived with cooler weather. Come see what God is doing on SONday at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Praise Him for the rain! Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really believe.

Times on the Sign: Sunday morning 9:15 a.m. for Bible Study for all ages. 10:45 a.m. Worship time.

4:45 p.m. WOW Study on Women in God’s Word. 5 p.m. Girl’s Missions meet on Sunday. 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Service. 7 p.m. Sunday Evening Choir practice. Wednesday Evening: 6 p.m. Fellowship meal. 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Youth activities - Children meet for King’s Kids and Krafts. Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services. As we celebrate our God together during this Autumn season, serving Him, services for Oct. 16, is a great time for families to gather. Our services are in the building, live streaming, 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 on the Book of Ruth as we Worship 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 for God to send revival, changing lives by His Presence, peace, and power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

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## First Presbyterian Church

Worship services Oct. 9, will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. The Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Wrestling God, Wrestling Myself Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-3; 1Luke 18:3-7. Adult Sunday School has returned and occurs each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The Discovery Class begins looking at “Don’t Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table” by Louie Giglio. This is a study rooted in Psalm 23. Take Ten fellowship follows Sunday School. Lectionary Bible Study of the upcoming scriptures for Sunday’s worship meets in the library at 5 p.m., also on Wednesdays. Two popular weekly events are in full swing every Wednesday. The Women’s Bible Study meets in the church library at 10 a.m. and the video history series about the American West meets in the theater room at noon. 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.

The September meeting of Presbyterian Women is next Tuesday at 11 a.m. This year’s Bible Study is from Carol M. Bechtel’s “Celebrating Sabbath-Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight.” Books will be available in the church office.

Digital Spiritual Resources: Monday through Saturday-Daily Prayer Podcast, Scripture Commentary on Tuesdays, Video Devotional on Thursdays, Video Preview of this week’s bulletin on Friday’s and Sunday Sermon Video on Sundays. Website: [fpcbigspring.com](http://fpcbigspring.com) Face-

book Page: FPC of Big Spring. YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring. The following weekly events are open to the community: Wednesday-Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. The history seminar series meets at 1 p.m. The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. Thursday-Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at [www.fpcbigspring.com](http://www.fpcbigspring.com) by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. The website also has a tab that shows ways you can connect to our church community.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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## Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a unified, spirited, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. We would love the opportunity to Connect with you! You can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship on Sunday’s at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Wednesday’s at 7 p.m. You can find us live online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events: Friday, Oct. 14. Chosen Generation Youth will have Youth Fire Night from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary. Theme: FEAR FACTOR. Come out and be put to the test with fun challenges, delicious food, friendly fellowship, the word and tons of fun. Sunday, Oct. 16 - We are so excited and would love for you to be apart of what is happening at CCC. We believe that experiencing purpose, hope and joy is possible in Christ Jesus. Whether it’s your first time or you’ve fellowshiped with us before, our desire every Sunday is for you to feel sense and embrace the presence of the Lord. Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Join us for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7PM. Adults meet in the Main Sanctuary. Youth: High School age meet in ARC & Junior High age meet in youth sanctuary. Children’s church is divided into two locations with age specific classes: Kovantville (1st and 2nd grade)(3rd and 4th grade)(5th and 6th grade)Tiny Land (Newborn- 23 months) (2 and 3 y.o.)(4 y.o.-Kindergarten). Tuesday’s in October-Marriage Enrichment will meet 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ARC. Marriage Enrichment is a 10 week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage. If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you.

Here is how you can sign up: Call 432-264-0015, Text 432-218-2610 then text Marriage Enrichment. Visit [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org). Sign up onsite at the kiosk. Childcare is Provided. Friday’s in October - Complete Singles- will meet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the ARC for a course on: Prayer the Great Adventure. Here is how you can sign up: Call 432-264-0015. Text 432-218-2610 then text Complete Singles. Visit [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org). Sign up onsite at the kiosk.

October 22 and 23 - We are excited to announce our 15th Annual Church Anniversary. To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special Appreciation Weekend. We will have our Member’s Appreciation Banquet Saturday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m., in the Main Sanctuary. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Conway Edwards of ONE Community of Plano, Texas. This night will be filled with fun, food, awards and great entertainment. RSVP 432-264-0015. Then Sunday, Oct. 23 join us for our 15th Church Anniversary Celebration worship service at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pastor Henry Tolbert of Grace & Truth Church of Birmingham, Ala. will be bringing the message for both services. CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, email us at [info@ccbigspring.org](mailto:info@ccbigspring.org). You can also find us at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

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## 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 Wednesday’s we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes

all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## First Church of the Nazarene

This Sunday-“When we begin to glimpse the reality of God, the natural reaction is to worship Him. Not to have that reaction is a fairly sure sign that we haven’t yet really understood who He is or what He’s done.” ~ N. T. Wright

Join us this Sunday as we catch a glimpse of the glory of God. New Hope Fall Fest-On Friday, Oct. 14, New Hope Christian School will open the doors at 6 p.m. for families. Children can dress in family friendly costumes. They are welcome to go to each of the rooms to connect with our teachers and staff and collect some candy. Everyone is invited.

Awakening Revival-I love to hit the snooze button. It is so much easier to go back to bed than to face the day. However, hitting that snooze button can also result in missed opportunities. “You snooze, you lose!” How many of us are snoozing through our day, our week, our life completely closed off to the presence of God in our daily lives? Too many of us live in a comfort induced coma, we are spiritually sleepwalking. God is calling us to wake up! Join us for an exciting Awakening Revival this Oct. 19 - 23 with Dan Bohi and Jim Williams. We will also have special music with Chad and Marti Jones and Klint and Lauren Bratcher. Mark your calendar now, you won’t want to miss it!

Coats for Cactus-Our church has a compassionate ministry center in Cactus, TX reaching out to the needs in that community. We are collecting coats for kids and families in need through the month of October. You can drop off your gently used coats in the church foyer and they will go to bless a family in need. You can find our more about our ministry in Cactus here: <https://www.cnmstories.org/>

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. Join us at NazFamily Church on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm as we explore these questions together.

Faith Promise-At NazFamily Church we believe that God is a missional God and He calls us to be a missional people. We are engaged in God’s mission both locally and globally. Each year we make Faith Promise commitments to support these mission efforts. Join us on Sunday, October 30th as we hear from some special speakers and step out in faith to support what God is doing to transform lives around the world. NazFamily Fall Fest-Join us on Sunday, October 30th, from 12pm - 2pm for a fun family Fall Fest. After the morning service we will roast hotdogs and make s’mores. We will have hay rides and decorate pumpkins. We’ll have the bounce house and tons of fun family activities. Invite someone and come join the fun!

## Lord Change Me



JOELLE LUDINGTON

I still recall reading the book entitled “Lord Change Me” written by a minister’s wife. She admitted being a big mother hen, protective, critical, judgmental. She talks about how she easedropped on people as they prayed. She couldn’t believe some of the things they said and how when people would come to see her husband she’d be right there like a big old mother hen.

So she decided at these talks she was doing, to fast her lunch and the Lord began to deal with her about a few things and she began to pray, “Lord change me. Not my brother or my sister, but me oh Lord.”

And when she prayed it seemed like people changed. A whole new outlook. If there are people and we all know if it wasn’t for people we’d be perfect, lol, but if there are people that are bothering you one way or another, try praying this, Lord change me.

Because the bottom line is that we can’t control people but God can change our hearts and understanding and outlook in life.

Whenever I prayed this prayer, Lord change me, it seemed like people changed, but it wasn’t them.

It was me that changed.

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# What Doth God Require?

When I was a child, Daddy was my boss. Momma was his counsel. We did what Daddy said because we loved him and were taught to listen for his voice tone when he spoke. When Momma spoke it was in a much softer tone, and we sometimes didn't listen as well as we should. That's when we got into trouble.



DR. LILLIAN  
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God is trying to talk to us in His Father's voice tone. We do what He says because we love Him and were taught to listen and obey His still small voice. But the mother voice is louder these days, sometimes of neces-

sity because of the absence of the father's voice in the home. The church represents the bride of Christ and is trying to help us follow the Father's voice.

What does He require of us today? What is the church's role in our lives? Do we listen to that voice of reason to follow the One we are supposed to be serving? Do we listen to her voice in how to live our lives? Or are we going our own way, making our own decisions, making so many mistakes we become polluted in the sinful blood of Adam's race? As Christians we must listen again to God's still, small voice.

So what does He require? 1. Have no other gods, or idols, or more important things in our lives than Him. 2. Don't say OMG even on Facebook. 3. No Christian cussin'. 4. Stop polluting His day of rest (which is for

your own good.) And let others rest as well. 5. Stop dishonoring your parents so you can learn respect of the Lord your God. 6. Stop killing others with your words and actions that tell them you hate them. 7. Let God decide who you are to court, and stop being unfaithful to His choice for you by dating everyone else. 8. Stop stealing time and money from your boss. Give him a full day's work. 9. Stop lying even to yourself. 10. Stop wanting so much you need a credit card to put yourself into bondage with your friends and family. (In other words ask Jesus to be your Boss and wash away your sins and help you keep His ten commandments. They are not ten suggestions.

When we do this, we will do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

# Are There Other Worlds?

Reflections...



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Exoplanets are planets that orbit a star other than our sun. As of this month, scientists have identified 5,197 exoplanets in the universe. There are doubtless many, many more. Every star is expected to have at least one planet. With 200 billion stars in the Milky Way the number is, well, astronomical! But what scientists are really excited about are earth-like planets, those that orbit in the "habitable" zone of sun-like stars, the so-called "Goldilocks zone." There could be 11 billion habitable Earth-like planets in our galaxy alone! Just imagine, there could be other planets filled with beauty: oceans with waves breaking upon the shore, trees and forests, rivers and snow-capped mountains, clouds drifting across the sky, birds and beasts and living things.

C. S. Lewis posed this possibility in his novel, *Out of the Silent Planet*. But Lewis went a step further. He proposed that these "habitable" planets in the universe were different in one respect. They were planets without sin. Only on Earth, he suggested, did sin exist and, as a result, Earth had become the "silent planet" cut off from all the rest of creation. It is an interesting proposition.

Imagine again, a planet like the Earth filled with life, including human life, where sin does not exist. A planet like our own where there is no corruption, where no one lies, or steals, no deceit, no suspicion, no fear. A place where there is no violence. Everyone looks out for the welfare of others. Love rules.

We may never know if there are other planets like our earth. The closest star with a possible habitable planet is about 14 light years away. Most are more than 40 light years. Even if we could achieve the speed of light, this is not exactly commuting distance.

But the Bible assures us there is such a place as we have imagined, not in our galaxy or in our sphere of time and space. It exists in another dimension, *eis aionos*, or "into the age," as Jesus said. "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:2-3).

Revelation describes this place "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." ... I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son." (Revelation 21:4-8). We will likely never be able to visit an exoplanet. But we can go to heaven. The only thing preventing us from entering heaven is our sin. We have all sinned. But "God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:8). For this reason, God sent his Son, that "whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Peter stated, "According to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells," (2 Peter 3:13).

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# Avoid the Darkness

The True Light

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1:9-11 Did you ever purchase something you believed was a really good bargain, only to find out later on, that you had been jipped? Have you ever trusted someone and then realized that they were not as truthful as they once appeared to be? Well, I think this has happened to all of us. Furthermore, I can say that I have not always been as honest and truthful as I should have been. I have a hard time with people who say, "trust me," because life has taught me the necessity to abide by certain checks and balances (Jesus).

This is especially true for me when it comes to anything related to religious stuff. I just have a hard time trusting these things, because very little (if any) light can be found in humanity. However, Jesus, the Son of God, is the true light, because no darkness can be found in Him at all. I trust any and everything Jesus says because of one thing - He is full of grace and truth. With Jesus, it is not half, or three quarters "full"; He is completely full (to the brim) of grace and truth. This is His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, and this makes Him the true light. I trust Jesus completely because He said things like, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice", and, "your sins are forgiven you." I trust Jesus because He is the friend of sinners, like me.

I trust Jesus completely, because He died, was buried, and arose from the dead on the third day for my sins.

I trust Him because He has loved me with an everlasting love, and, because He has promised never to leave nor forsake me.

I trust Jesus with my life, completely, because according to Hebrews 7:25,

He ever lives to make intercession for me. And this makes Him completely trustworthy, because He, and only He is the true light.



TOM  
SLOAN

# Replenish Our Reserves to Restore Our Soul

Something to think about...

In 1946 the British explorer Wilfred Thesiger made a nearly impossible trek across the desolate quarter of Arabia.

He traveled through some of the harshest conditions in winter on camelback.

They reached a desperate point in the journey when they were nearly out of water.

A person can survive around 40 days without food, but only three days without water.

However, camels have the amazing ability to survive some of the harshest conditions without food or water because of the stored up reserves in their body.

They will go thousands of paces and never seem to tire, until they suddenly collapse.

We can push ourselves to the limit, but we have to replenish our reserves to survive.

In his book, "Resilient: restoring your weary soul in these turbulent times", John Eldredge declares that we have depleted our reserves.

The rapid pace of modern life along with the constant and overwhelming exposure to the world was already pushing us to the edge.

We were already running on fumes. Then we experienced a global pandemic and over two years

of chaos and crisis. The emotional and spiritual reserves of so many have been completely depleted. There are some who are struggling to cope with day to day life. We need God to replenish our reserves and restore our soul.

When the people of Israel were discouraged and depleted, the Prophet Isaiah instructed them to wait on the Lord and He would renew their strength.

"Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint."

~ Isaiah 40:28-31

If you find yourself weary and worn out today, if your reserves are depleted and your soul is empty, wait on the Lord.

Don't press on with an empty tank, instead let God restore and refill you.

Put your hope and trust in Him and you will find renewed resilience to move forward.



RICHARD  
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# Ignoring God does not lessen our need for Him

Within the Christian faith, we are taught that every person will someday stand before God and have a discussion about how they lived.

A few will argue, give excuses, try to justify, and attempt to present their case before the infinite judge and authority of all things.

Many scoff and doubt about not being responsible for the way they live, but for the most part, the majority agrees there is coming a day of judgment.

You would think with nearly everyone hearing about being held accountable that it would generate more interest in knowing God and what He requires.

Sadly, this seems to make people run away even more.

When the scriptures talk about recognizing words and deeds, the association between good and bad trees, and the evidence of fruit, most people are offended at the idea of being judged.

They also become easily ruffled when presented with the consideration that nice and sympathetic people are not necessarily sheep of God's fold.

Spiritual discernment is real and one reason for the Holy Spirit is to give us a deeper insight than just our emotions about situations, certain individuals, and especially ourselves.

We are not to be ignorant about what is happening around us, but at the same time, there is no way we can know what is in the heart of another person.

I was asked the other day about what I believe is the difference between a person who is always thinking and talking about the Lord and someone who never mentions Him.

It's true, we have religious laws, doctrines, and interpretations of the Bible that are explained by those who are considered experts about what it means to be a follower of Christ, but can Christianity be condensed into a specific lifestyle formula that is identified and measured according to a certain standard?

If we are a Christian will everyone know it? I believe yes.

Christians carry burdens and a common weight of the soul is to plead for those who need God. We pray because we love.

When a person is in love with God, they are overflowing with joy, faith, and excitement.

A person is drawn and repents when they are convicted by the gospel, surrenders their will, and becomes spiritually born-again.

They are redeemed through the blood covenant atonement and become a new creation that is governed by the Lordship of Christ who fills and controls their life.

We agree the infinite light and life of God within these individuals illuminates and empowers the presence of His mercy, compassion, and love.

So, could it be possible for an individual who has yielded everything they have and all that they are unto God, to never say a word about knowing Him?

Could someone who has taken up their cross feel embarrassed or ashamed to talk about the Bible, pray for someone in need, or share about what Christ accomplished on Calvary? Indeed no! Jesus was not a secret agent and neither are we.

The world is convinced that heaven is the default destination of everyone except for a

few hideous individuals here and there.

This philosophy is without spiritual discipline to understand God's command for us to yield our will to Him.

It's a comfortable worldview that does not want to be told what to do and has the song, "I did it my way" at the top of the playlist. This rebellious attitude is perfectly content to float down the river and hope that everything works out in the end.

It will not.

God is not asleep.

I've said many times that either everyone is going to heaven or hardly anyone is going. What do I mean?

If being a nice and decent person is the only requirement, then we have nothing to worry about.

Since the Bible is true we must embrace the reverential fear of God. actually, this default idea is the other way around. Hell has always been the default since man fell in the Garden and is why Christ is the only hope for those who believe. The confusion is not believing He means what He says. If we had the desire to search carefully within ourselves, we would find there are certain lines we refuse to cross when offering our hearts to God. We seldom consider these hidden reservations as we are afraid to face our guilt and fears associated with our need to change. Denial becomes easier to manage with time and the longer we wait to make things right, the deeper we fall into deception.

*Read more about the Christian life at [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com)*



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# Coahoma XC finishes season at District 6-3A meet



Left and Middle photos – Herald photos/Patrick Gonzales  
Right photo – Courtesy photo/Lyndell Moody

Left, Coahoma's Abigail Bose races towards the finish at the District 6-3A XC meet in Ballinger on Wednesday morning. Middle, Bulldog runners Eddie Starr and Tristan Gonzales take off after the gun to start the boys varsity 5k race in Ballinger on Wednesday morning. Right, The team poses for a picture after the meet. Coahoma's cross country season took end Wednesday as the girls team finished sixth overall as team. The boys competed individually as they did not have enough runners to form a team. Congratulations on a great season!

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer



**BALLINGER** – The Coahoma boys and girls cross country runners competed in their district meet at the Ballinger Country Club Wednesday morning. With the new district realignment this Coahoma competed in a new district this year which includes Ballinger, Wall, Tuscola Jim Ned, San Angelo Grape Creek, San Angelo TLCA, Merkel, and Clyde.

The Coahoma girls team finished sixth overall as a team, with Jim Ned taking the girls district title. Leading the way for the Bulldogettes was Abigail Bose who finished 19th overall completing the 2 mile course in 14:06.66. Following behind Bose was her younger sister Madison Bose who finished 25th overall with a time 14:34.91. The rest of the Bulldogette runners included Cicely Lerma 31st place (14:54.06), Raelyn Quintero 34th place (15:00.15), Andrea Arrendondo 38th place (15:30.59), Breanna Arrendondo 39th place (15:35.41), and Emma Rodriguez 40th place (15:43.91).

On the boys side Coahoma did not have enough runners to compete as a team but instead competed individually. Jim Ned who are ranked No. 3 in the state

for Class 3A, claimed the boys district title. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Eddie Starr who finished 27th overall in the boys 5K race with a time of 20:34.78. Tristan Gonzales followed shortly after finishing 30th overall with a time of 21:16.22.

Congratulations to both the girls and boys Coahoma cross country runners on a great season.

### DISTRICT 6-3A XC RESULTS

#### Coahoma Bulldogettes

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#### Coahoma Bulldogs

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## Second Time Around

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

### KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

As far as tennis goes, the Big Spring tennis team likes keeping it in the family. Big Spring is currently in postseason play. They are the district champs and are led by none other than two former players. On Tuesday, the Big Spring High School Tennis Team advanced to the Area round by defeating Levelland 10-7 in bi-district play.

Big Spring iced the match winning when freshman Gavin Corley won his singles match. Next stop for Big Spring is Midland where they will face Monahans. Head coach Connie Riddle and assistant coach Jeremy Landin, who moved up from the junior high ranks, leads this year's team. Both played for the playoff bound Black and Gold back in 2004.

It's especially sweet since this is Riddle's first year as head coach for Big Spring. Though she's not new to the players, she's been assistant coach for Big Spring for the last seven years, taking over for Dana Jones this season. "It's an amazing feeling (getting to coach the team)," said Riddle. "The kids have put all of their hearts into it and it shows."

The playoff format has changed since Riddle played but not how she learned to play and coach. When Riddle and Landin played, all the district teams that advanced went to one big regional tournament that lasted three days. It was a round robin type affair and the top two teams from each district advanced to regionals. At regionals, the top two teams advance to state.

In today's format the top four teams from district advance to bi-district. after that it's much like the football playoffs, area, regional quarterfinal, regional and state tournaments "Personally, I like this format better," Riddle said. Big Spring expected to get into the playoffs and it didn't disappoint. It sported a perfect 8-0 record in district play, dominating the competition.

The closest matches Big Spring had were 12-7, and 15-6 wins over Snyder. Riddle returns a lot of boys from last year's team which made it to regionals. Big Spring was eliminated by state runner-up Argyle. This season the junior doubles team of Ethan Urias and Matthew Salazar were unbeaten in district play. Salazar, the No.2 seed, was unbeaten in

singles play. Senior Eric Landin, Big Spring's top seed, was also unbeaten in singles play.

Leading a young girls squad is the unbeaten doubles team of senior Ananya Limaye and sophomore Allison Hillhouse. Freshman Taylor Rustman, who plays and sits as the No. 5 seed, is also unbeaten. "We are relatively young on the girl side. The boys we have one freshman and two sophomores," Riddle said. She added this is all part of the plan. "We want to keep the tradition of winning here. We want to be dominant."

### GAME WATCH

Six-Man Game of the Week.

District play: No. 21 Borden County hosting No.5 Garden City. Borden County (4-2) got a well needed open week, coming off a 46-0 loss to Abbott the week before. After upsetting top ranked Westbrook, Garden City (5-1) mercy ruled Grady last week.

Another game of interest is a matchup of struggling teams. The Grady Wildcats (2-5) at the 1-6 Sands Mustangs. Grady is used to playing on the road. It only has two home games due to renovation of Tunnell Field. Should be a very competitive game.

### GOAT PROTECTION

Tom Brady may be "The Goat" but if you don't think he gets preferential treatment from the referees you are dead wrong. The league has been doing it for years. Sunday it was never more prevalent in Tampa Bay's 21-15 win over the Atlanta. With three minutes left in the game, Brady was sacked by Atlanta's defensive end Grady Jarrett which would have forced Tampa Bay to punt.

The referees thought differently. They called roughing the passer on a good clean tackle by Jarrett, giving the Tampa Bay a first down and denying Atlanta a chance to drive for the winning touchdown. A game-changing call if I've ever seen one. I know the league wants to protect its franchise players, but too much is too much.

Football is a brutal physical game. The players get paid lots of money to do it. You get what you sign up for. Sometimes you have to let the men play. Let "The Goat's" offensive line protect him, not the referees.

### HOW THE MIGHTY HAS FALLEN

I'm still in shock over what's going on with my beloved Oklahoma Sooners football program. First of all, if anyone underestimated the coaching mind

of Lincoln Riley, you better recognize. Riley left OU after five years, compiling a 55-10 record. Three of the quarterbacks he mentored are starters in professional football, Jalen Hurts, Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray.

The Muleshoe native is an offensive genius. He bolted to USC which is currently 6-0 and ranked sixth in the nation. Former Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables was hired to replace Riley. New coach new results. The Sooners just got thrashed by nemesis Texas 49-0 in what will be known as "Red River Beatdown".

It was OU's third consecutive loss. The only two times that has ever happened in OU's hallowed 126-year history was 1945 and 1998. This version of OU is like one I've never seen. This team has no fight in it. In fact the Sooners laid it down in a 55-24 loss to TCU and the Texas game. Coach Venables and his staff has their work cut out for them just to gain some respect. Oh well, they say the only constant thing is change.

### THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR RAW SPEED

After its district opening 35-28 win over favored Littlefield, Coahoma coach Chris Jolin credited his team's foot speed as the key. Over the past few years, with the addition of coach Mitchell Woodard, the Bulldogs track program has grown and gotten better. "We run track in the Spring," said Joslin. It was evident against Littlefield.

Time and time again the Bulldogs receivers simply ran by their defenders. Freshman quarterback Boyd Cox has the arm to get it to them. At the skill positions the Bulldogs have Austin Perkins, Tristan Guerrero Isaiah Eleda and Billy Bailey, all members of the Coahoma's regional qualifying relay teams. That was the difference. Shouting out a rejuvenated defense. It has pressured the quarterback relentlessly the past two games. If the Bulldogs can go to highly regarded Idalou's place and come back with a win then look out. It's on and "pop-pin" in District 4-3A.

### WHAT TO DO?

Dallas has an interesting dilemma. Backup quarterback Cooper Rush has led his team to four straight wins in Dak Prescott's absence. Prescott is ready to go, healed from thumb surgery. Do you stay with the backup or insert your \$42 million dollar a year quarterback? You make the call

## No. 22 Longhorns take momentum into Iowa St clash

By The Associated Press

Iowa State (3-3, 0-3 Big 12) at No. 22 Texas (4-2, 2-1), Saturday, noon ET (ABC)

Line: Texas by 16 1/2, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Series record: Texas leads 14-4.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

With four straight games against AP Top 25 opponents on deck, the Longhorns can't afford to drop this game against the struggling Cyclones.

Texas has bounced back from a loss at Texas Tech to win two in a row and should have plenty of confidence after hammering Oklahoma 49-0 last week.

Iowa State has lost three straight games by a total of 11 points.

The Cyclones haven't lost four in a row since 2016, coach Matt Campbell's first season.

### KEY MATCHUP

Iowa State defensive line vs. Texas offensive line. DE Will McDonald IV had two of the Cyclones' three sacks against Kansas State last week and

needs only two to set the Big 12 career record.

The Cyclones are among the top run-stopping teams in the nation at 91 yards per game.

The Longhorns' starting offensive linemen have given up a combined four sacks and paved the way for Bijan Robinson to average better than 5 yards per carry and 100 yards per game.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Iowa State: QB Hunter Dekkers has thrown for just three touchdowns and

been intercepted three times in three Big 12 games, and only four passes have gone for more than 20 yards in his two road games.

He'll need to raise his game against the conference's No. 2 pass defense.

Texas: TE Ja'Tavion Sanders has caught 15 passes for 189 yards in three Big 12 games and he has four touchdowns in the last two.

That nearly matches the production of the Longhorns' top receiver, Xavier Worthy.

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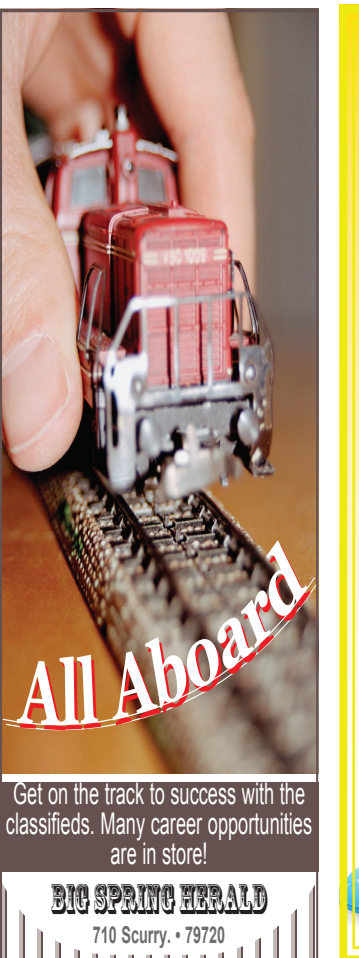
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

**Bidding quiz**

Partner bids One Spade, and the next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following hands?

- ♠ 984 ♥ KJ6 ♦ AJ92 ♣ KQ9
- ♠ A65 ♥ 84 ♦ AJ872 ♣ 643
- ♠ 10 ♥ QJ762 ♦ AKJ93 ♣ Q5
- ♠ 9852 ♥ 93 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ743
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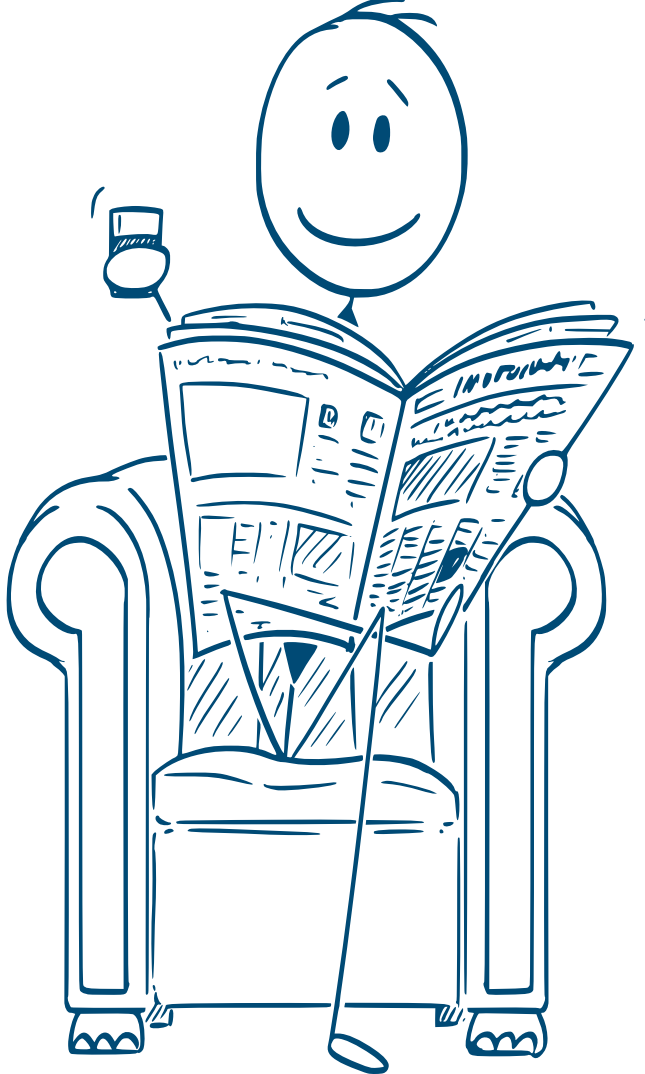
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- Two notrump.** Unless you and your partner have agreed to some other meaning for two notrump in this situation, this bid shows 13 to 15 points, a balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suits. Of course, the bid does not irrevocably commit your side to notrump. If partner does anything but raise to three notrump, you will next show your three-card spade support.
- Two spades.** This shows six to 10 points and trump support, which is precisely what you have. It is better to avoid a two-diamond response, because partner might expect you to have a somewhat better hand and would not, for the moment at least, be aware that you had adequate support for spades. By raising spades directly, you place the decision on whether to continue bidding exactly where it belongs — in partner's lap.
- Two hearts.** This is in keeping

with the principle of first mentioning the higher-ranking of two five-card suits, regardless of the high-card content of the two suits. Bidding diamonds first and hearts next would indicate fewer hearts than diamonds and could result in your winding up in the wrong contract.

- Two clubs.** Here you're too good to raise to two spades, since with your trump fit and two doubletons, your hand is worth about 11 points. In-between hands such as this are best described by bidding a side suit first and then raising partner's suit at your next turn. If you happen to play "limit" raises, as most now do, an immediate jump to three spades, indicating 11-12 points with spade support, is also acceptable.
- Four spades.** The immediate raise to four serves two purposes. First, you should have a good chance for game, even though you don't have many high-card points. Second, and equally important, is the bid's pre-emptive value. Given your dearth of high card points and your six-card trump support, there is a substantial danger that the opponents can make a game or find a good sacrifice in hearts or clubs. If all goes well, your four-spade bid might be just enough to block them out.

Tomorrow: The three key elements.  
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## Today in History

Today in History: October 14, Martin Luther King wins Nobel

Today is Friday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2022. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 14, 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

On this date:

In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1586, Mary, Queen of Scots, went on trial in England, accused of committing treason against Queen Elizabeth I. (Mary was beheaded in February 1587.)

In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel took his own life rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager (YAY'-gur) became the first test pilot to break the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1)

rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

In 1964, Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as First Secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as Premier.

In 1981, the new president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak (HOHS'-nee moo-BAH'-rahk), was sworn in to succeed the assassinated Anwar Sadat. Mubarak pledged loyalty to Sadat's policies.

In 1986, Holocaust survivor and human rights advocate Elie Wiesel (EL'-ee vee-ZEHL') was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1990, composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein (BURN'-styn) died in New York at age 72.

In 2008, a grand jury in Orlando, Fla. returned charges of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter against Casey Anthony in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. (She was acquitted in July 2011.)

In 2016, a judge in Connecticut dismissed a wrongful-death lawsuit by Newtown families against the maker of the rifle used in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting massacre, citing a federal law that shielded gun manufacturers from most lawsuits over criminal use of their products.

Ten years ago: Extreme athlete Felix Baumgartner landed gracefully

in the eastern New Mexico desert after a 24-mile jump from a balloon in the stratosphere in a daring, dramatic feat that officials said made him the first skydiver to fall faster than the speed of sound. Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, at the age of 89, marked the 65th anniversary of his supersonic flight by smashing through the sound barrier again, this time in the backseat of an F-15 which took off from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. Former Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, 82, died in Philadelphia.

Five years ago: A truck bombing in Somalia's capital killed more than 500 people in one of the world's deadliest attacks in years; officials blamed the attack on the extremist group al-Shabab and said it was meant to target Mogadishu's international airport, but the bomb detonated in a crowded street after soldiers opened fire. The board of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences revoked the membership of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, after published reports about sexual harassment and rape allegations against Weinstein.

One year ago: New York real estate heir Robert Durst was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison without a chance of parole for the murder of a friend, Susan Berman, more than two decades earlier. (Durst died in prison in January 2022 at 78.) South Carolina state police said prominent attorney Alex

Murdaugh had been arrested and charged with stealing insurance settlements that were meant for the sons of his late housekeeper. A work by British street artist Banksy that sensationally self-shredded just after it sold at auction three years earlier fetched more than \$25 million, a record for the artist, and close to 20 times its pre-shredded price.

Today's Birthdays: Classical pianist Gary Graffman is 94. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 85. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 85. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 84. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 83. Singer Sir Cliff Richard is 82. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 76. Actor Greg Evigan is 69. TV personality Arleen Sorkin is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Beth Daniel is 66. Singer-musician Thomas Dolby is 64. Actor Lori Petty is 59. Former MLB player and manager Joe Girardi is 58. Actor Steve Coogan is 57. Singer Karyn White is 57. Actor Edward Kerr is 56. Actor Jon Seda is 52. Country singer Natalie Maines (The Chicks) is 48. Actor-singer Shaznay Lewis (All Saints) is 47. Actor Stephen Hill is 46. Singer Usher is 44. TV personality Stacy Keibler is 43. Actor Ben Whishaw is 42. Actor Jordan Brower is 41. Director Benh Zeitlin is 40. Actor Skyler Shaye is 36. Actor-comedian Jay Pharoah is 35. Actor Max Thieriot is 34.

# FEATURES

## Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 14, 2022

### Group Dynamics of an Air Sign Trine

Often groupwork ends up in a different place than was originally intended. That's because when people get together, anything can happen. If there's something you want the group to do, hold on to that intent no matter who gets involved. It also helps when the spirit with which the endeavor is approached harmonizes with the endeavor itself.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Creativity is not a quality reserved for a select few humans, it's part of being human. Write down your imaginings. Explore the serious ones with a light heart and take the silly ones quite seriously.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Just because something goes unspoken doesn't mean it should be spoken. Words aren't always what's needed to improve the situation. Then again, sometimes they're exactly what's needed, the keys to a cage that sets everyone free.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You will change what you say based on the ears that are around you. It's not because you're wishy-washy, but because you are sensitive to those who are younger, older or have a different sensibility.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A good question will sweeten the day. Try these: What captures my curiosity here? Is there something I could do to see things more clearly? How can I lighten things up?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've figured out what's beneficial to you and it will benefit others too. Don't be surprised when people imitate you. You're a leader whether you feel like one or not. Success breeds followers.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The presence of physical pain indicates something is harmful to the body. Emotional pain warns of harm to the soul. You're listening to all the messages now, positive and negative, and moving in the direction of happiness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You love some of what you are doing, which gives you new guidelines and a direction to work in. When you start loving it all, that's when life will shift. Drop any resistance to the challenge and dive right in. You're up to this.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The sense of order in your environment will support you as you move freely toward your goals. Just don't overdo it. An excessive amount of order is uninspiring and strangely demotivating. Maintain a balance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To master a thing takes time and attention, but that is not all. The intelligence you bring to deciding what to pay attention to and for how long will be key to your success. A mentor can

help with this.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Having the same opinion as many other people doesn't make your opinion right or wrong, it only makes your opinion popular or unpopular. You'll seek truth over validation, reality over consensus.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hearing stories of courage doesn't make a person courageous. The test of bravery is always action. You welcome fear. It gives you the opportunity to be brave. You'll learn what you can count on about yourself and what needs work.

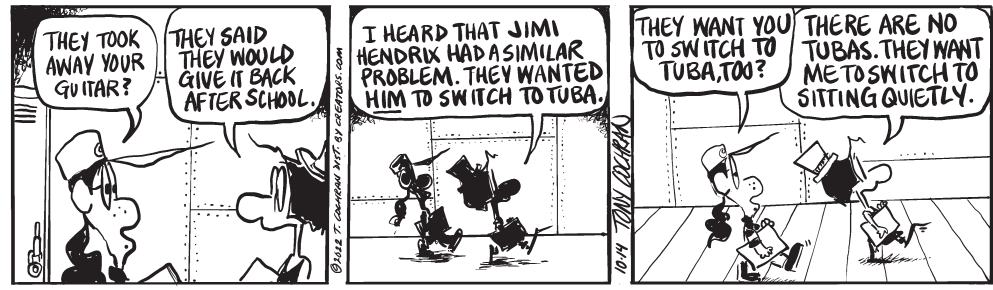
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The day brings a handful of positive outcomes peppered with a few frustrations. Just when you start to think that your life is hard, someone with a truly difficult circumstance puts it all in perspective.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 14). Your competitive spirit is strong, but it's your sense of justice guiding you to a long-awaited victory. Among the year's top blessings will be good people who can keep up with your active life and multifaceted interests. Socialize with strangers often too; fascinating conversations will open your horizons. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 25, 3, 33 and 17.

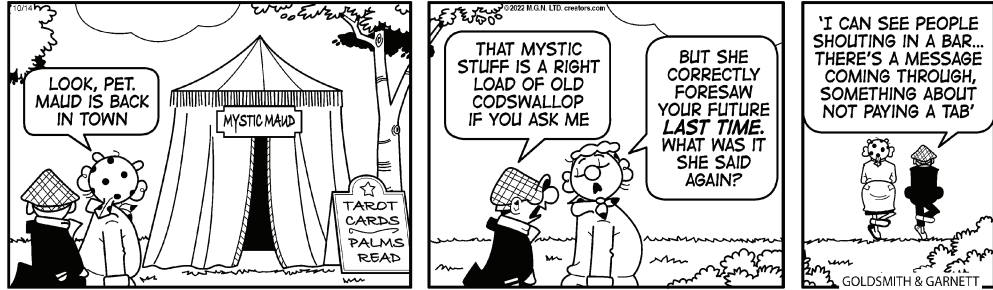
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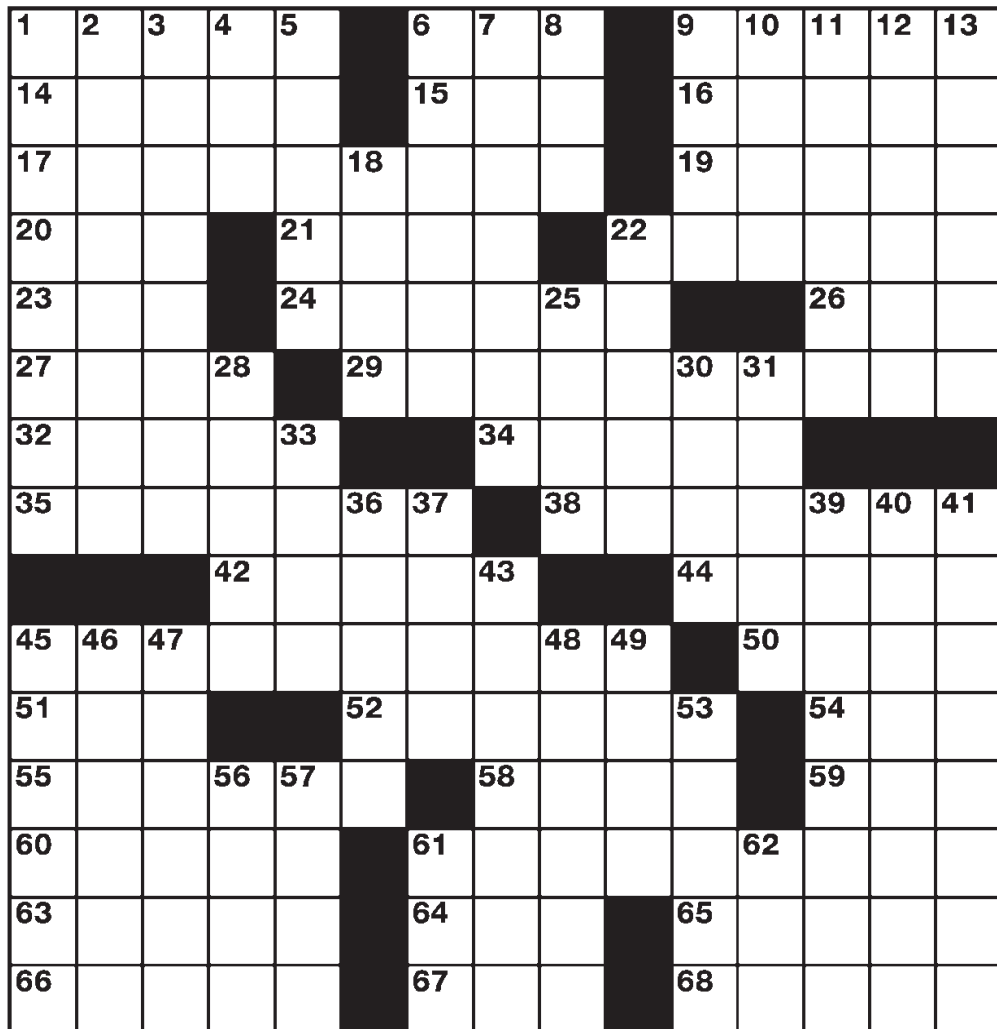


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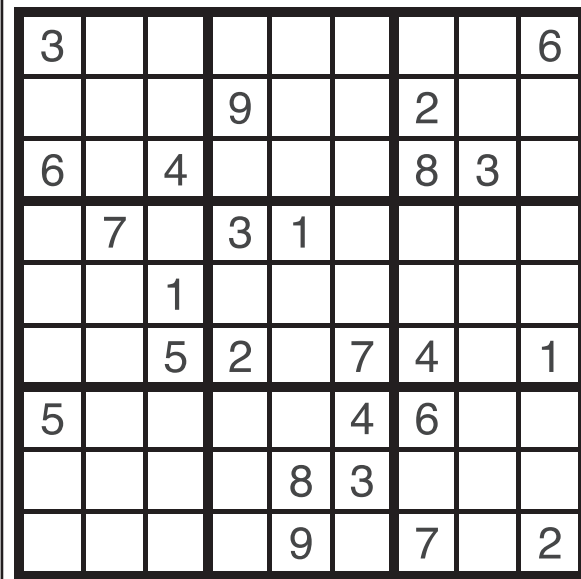
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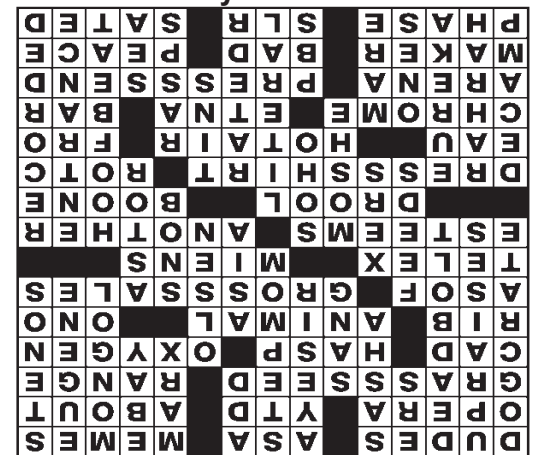


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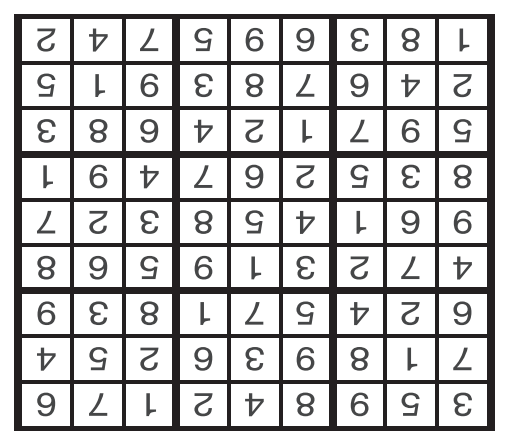
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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



### Today's Answers



# Ex-Texas cop charged for shooting teen eating hamburger

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A now-former San Antonio police officer was charged Tuesday with two counts of aggravated assault by a peace officer for shooting and gravely wounding a teen eating a hamburger in his car in a McDonald's parking lot. The teen had begun driving away when the officer opened fire.

James Brennand, 27, was charged in the Oct. 2 shooting of Erik Cantu, 17, according to a police statement. He turned himself in to police Tuesday night and remained in custody, said Police Chief William McManus.

Cantu is still unconscious and on life support, his family said Tuesday.

"There is no improvement in his condition," the family said in a statement delivered by their lawyer, Brian Powers. "The last two days have been difficult, and we expect more difficulty ahead, but we remain hopeful."

Brennand, a rookie officer, reported the vehicle Cantu was sitting in had evaded him the night before during an attempted traffic stop. Brennand said he suspected the vehicle was stolen.

In body camera footage released by police, Brennand opens the car door and tells Cantu to get out. The car drives backward with the door open, and the officer fires multiple times into the vehicle. He continues to shoot as the car drives away.

Investigators quickly determined that the use of deadly force was unwarranted, and Brennand was fired. Charges against Cantu of aggravated assault and evading arrest were dropped.

A police spokesperson did not immediately respond to an inquiry about whether the vehicle was actually stolen.

Brennand is charged with two counts of assault because there was a passenger in the car. The passenger was unharmed.

In a press conference Tuesday evening, the police chief defended the department's training and said the failures were those of the individual officer.

In an appearance on CNN earlier Tuesday, McManus said he expected aggravated assault charges would be filed, and murder charges in the event Cantu dies.

McManus said Brennand's body camera video was "horrific."

"There is no question in anybody's mind looking at that video that the shooting is not justified," McManus said.

Police officials and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office did not immediately return messages from The Associated Press. Brennand has no published telephone number and could not be reached for comment.

Cantu's condition, as related in his family's statement, is in stark contrast to what police officials said in the wake of the shooting: that Cantu was hospitalized in stable condition.

"We'd like to correct any misrepresentations that Erik is in 'stable condition' or he is 'going to be fine.' That is not true. Every breath is a struggle for Erik. We ask for everyone's continued prayers for our son," the family said.

# Ex-Angels employee gets 22 years in Skaggs overdose death

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former Los Angeles Angels employee was sentenced to 22 years in federal prison Tuesday for providing Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs the drugs that led to his overdose death in Texas.

Eric Kay, dressed in an orange jumpsuit with handcuffs and leg shackles, didn't react when U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means read his sentence. Kay faced at least 20 years in prison on one of the two counts.

There was no reaction from Skaggs' widow and mother or members of Kay's family, including one of his sons who read a statement on his behalf before sentencing.

A bailiff had warned observers they would be removed from the court over any outbursts.

Prosecutors presented evidence of Kay, 48, making derogatory comments about Skaggs, his family, prosecutors and jurors in phone calls and emails after he was convicted in February.

There was emotional testimony from both sides in federal court in Fort Worth, about 15 miles from where the Angels were supposed to open a four-game series against the Texas Rangers on July 1, 2019, the day Skaggs was found dead in a suburban Dallas hotel room.

Kay was convicted on one count each of drug distribution resulting in death and drug conspiracy. Means recommended Kay serve his time in his home state of California. He has been in prison in Fort Worth since the conviction.

A coroner's report said Skaggs, 27, had choked to death on his vomit and that a toxic mix of alcohol, fentanyl and oxycodone was in his system.

The trial included testimony from five major league players who said they received oxycodone pills from Kay at various times from 2017-19, the years Kay was accused of obtaining pills and giving them to players at Angel Stadium. Kay also used drugs himself, ac-

ording to testimony and court documents.

After revealing the sentence, Means said he dreaded this day from the beginning of the case because the 20-year minimum could be considered too harsh for the crime.

Means said he added two years because of Kay's comments to his family in jailhouse conversations after the conviction.

The judge interrupted Kay to quote the former public relations employee as saying in one of those exchanges, "I'm here because of Tyler Skaggs. Well, he's dead. So (expletive) him."

"That's disgusting," Kay responded. "I don't know why I said that. I was mad at the world."

Means appeared skeptical, even saying at one point after delivering the sentence that he would probably become a target of Kay's anger.

The judge said Kay displayed "a callousness and refusal to accept responsibility and even be remorseful for something that you caused."

"Tyler Skaggs wasn't a perfect person," the judge said. "But he paid the ultimate price for it."

Kay sobbed while one of his three sons spoke to the judge from the lectern in a plea for leniency. Carli Skaggs, the widow, fought back tears much the same way she did when she testified during the trial.

"Not only am I grieving the loss of my husband," she said. "I'm grieving the loss of myself."

Defense attorney Cody Cofer, who took over after Kay's two trial lawyers were removed,

sought a motion that would have allowed Means to consider a sentence below the 20-year minimum. It was denied.

"We are very grateful to everyone who worked so hard to investigate and prosecute Eric Kay," the Skaggs family said in a statement. "Today's sentencing isn't about the number of years the defendant received. The real issue in this case is holding accountable the people who are distributing the deadly drug fentanyl."

Kay served as the team's public relations contact on many road trips, and the trip to Texas was his first since returning from rehab. Kay was placed on leave shortly after Skaggs' death and never returned to the team. He didn't testify during his trial.

The government argued at trial that Kay was the only one who could have given Skaggs the drugs that led to his death, that the delivery was in Texas and that fentanyl was the cause of death. Prosecutors say Kay gave Skaggs counterfeit oxycodone pills that contained fentanyl.

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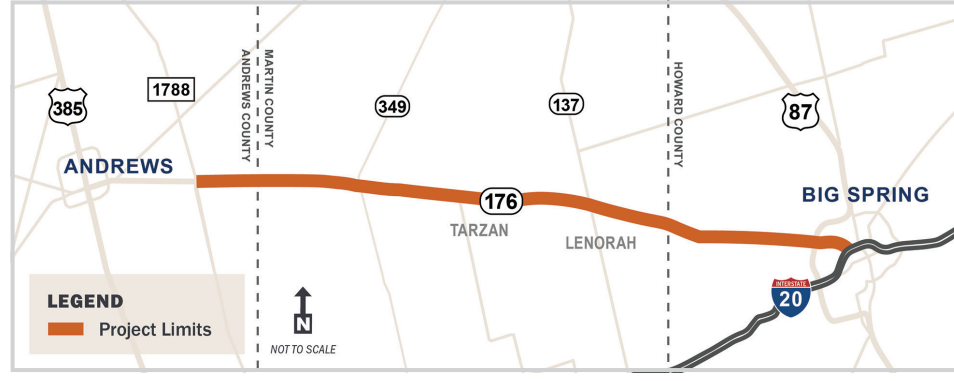
## SH 176 EAST PROJECT FM 1788 to I-20

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen SH 176 from FM 1788 in Andrews County to I-20 in Howard County, from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided highway. The project is approximately 53 miles.



TxDOT is conducting a virtual public meeting beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, consisting of a self-guided virtual meeting room with both audio and visual components. To view the virtual meeting, scan the QR code with your phone or go to: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search, "SH 176 East." The virtual public meeting will be available for viewing through Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.

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Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by any of the methods listed below. **All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.**

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