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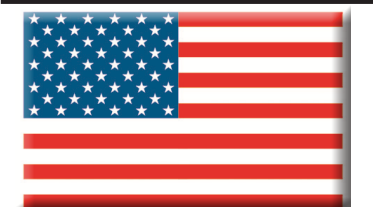
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**Weather**

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 63.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

**Today in History**

**1879:** Thomas Edison applies for a patent for his design for an incandescent light bulb.  
**1940:** The first edition of the Ernest Hemingway novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* is published.  
**1944:** World War II: The city of Aachen falls to American forces after three weeks of fighting, the first German city to fall to the Allies.  
**1959:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower approves the transfer of all US Army space-related activities to NASA, including most of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.  
**1994:** North Korea and the United States sign an Agreed Framework that requires North Korea to stop its nuclear weapons program and agree to inspections.  
**2005:** Images of the dwarf planet Eris are taken and subsequently used in documenting its discovery.

**Daily Quotes**

"One can state, without exaggeration, that the observation of and the search for similarities and differences are the basis of all human knowledge."  
 - Alfred Nobel  
 "And as far as false hope, there is no such thing. There is only hope or the absence of hope-nothing else."  
 - Patti Davis  
 "Everything is negotiable. Whether or not the negotiation is easy is another thing."  
 - Carrie Fisher

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# City of Big Spring making progress on abatement properties



**Special to the Herald**

At the July 26th and the September 13th, 2022 City Council meetings. The Big Spring City Council voted to abate over 26 properties that were considered a public nuisance. According to Public Works Director, Shane Bowles, an abatement is a process by City Council to remove or eliminate properties that are deemed public nuisances.

This can be something as simple as tall weeds or an overgrown yard, or an accumulation of garbage or other debris, such as tires or construction materials, in the front or side yards of a property. More serious abatements are considered substandard structures, which include, but are not limited to, burned, or abandoned buildings.

Substandard Structures are determined to be an unsafe building in accordance with the building code or a building that endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public or its occupants due to one or more violations of the building code.

The purpose of these abatement is to help clean up our city so that we can hopefully attract new developers or current citizens into building new property or renovating current property.

The process of an abatement is first that property is visited a Code Enforcement Officer and citations given and a write up is done before a property is even put on the list as a public nuisance. Once a property has been deemed a public nuisance and goes before the City Council to start the abatement process, the City Council must see the evidence given by the Code Enforcement officer and then make the determination and vote on if the property is deemed should be abated. Once it is approved, the property owner is then given 30 days to clean up the property or take it to district court to appeal the process, or city will pay the upfront cost to clean up the property and then the property owners have 30 days to take care of the bill and if the costs are not paid then a lien is put on the property. At this time, six properties have been cleaned up. We are hoping to continue this initiative so that we can continue to move Big Spring forward and keep our town clean and safe.

For more information on how to contact a Code Enforcement Officer please visit mybigspring.com or contact 432-264-2503.

## DPS Arrests Eight in Joint Human Trafficking Operations

**Special to the Herald**

MIDLAND – On October 18, 2022, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and the Midland County Sheriff's Office conducted a Human Trafficking and Online Solicitation Operation in Midland, and were supported by DPS Highway Patrol and Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Divisions. The goal was to target individuals soliciting prostitutes, as well as to identify and apprehend individuals suspected to be involved in human trafficking by using various websites to solicit sexual acts.

As a result of this operation, eight suspects were arrested and are now facing the charge of Solicitation of Prostitution which is a State Jail Felony.

Gene Powell, 57, of Gardendale, Texas  
 Felipe De Jesus Lemus, 29, of Van Wheeler, Texas  
 Ronnie Dixon, 38, of Midland, Texas  
 Trey Luckey, 51, of Midland, Texas  
 Austin Barnes, 38, of Odessa, Texas  
 Christopher Holmes, 27, of Lufkin, Texas  
 Albert Solis, 37, of Sweetwater, Texas  
 Wilbert Ruiz, 40, of Burleson, Texas

These investigations highlight the partnership between law enforcement partners working together to combat human trafficking. If you are a victim of human trafficking or have information about this type of criminal activity, please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888.

## Habitat Conditions Could Present Challenges for Waterfowl Hunters this Season

**Special to the Herald**

AUSTIN – Dry conditions across the state could pose some challenges as waterfowl hunters gear up for the start of the new season. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists indicate habitat conditions are not ideal for ducks and duck hunters in many parts of Texas. However, weather pattern changes in addition to timely cold fronts and significant rain events could help improve hunter's fortunes.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) completed its May Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the survey revealed that most duck species saw substantial decreases since the last survey, conducted in 2019. Drought conditions over most of the prairie-parklands, the most important breeding area for ducks coming to Texas, played a significant role in the decline. Blue winged-teal and redheads are the only duck species that saw population increases since 2019.

"The drought that occurred in 2020 and 2021 had a large impact on duck hunting success in Texas," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. "Last year, Texas observed a significant decrease in total duck harvest compared to the previous hunting season. The total estimated duck harvest was down 41 percent in 2021 compared to 2020."

Currently, most of the state is well below seasonal precipitation averages, except for South Texas and parts of the Texas Panhandle. These conditions across the state haven't been seen since the record drought in 2010.

Typically, when there is less water spread out across the landscape, it concentrates birds in areas where hunters tend to be waiting, increasing hunting success. However, ducks are very intolerant of excessive disturbance and move on quickly after hunting begins if habitat conditions don't improve substantially before or during the hunting season.

In East Texas, reservoir levels are very low due to the dry and hot summer. This can be a good thing when it starts to rain again because vegetation that produces small seeds has grown along the exposed shorelines.

When water levels rise and the vegetation is flooded, it will provide a substantial increase in the foods available for wintering ducks.

The Texas coast is one of those places that has been a real hit or miss for hunters. The region still needs a lot of rain as the marshes are very salty, many of the wetlands are dry and the overall amount of freshwater is extremely limited.

The hunt clubs and leases that are fortunate enough to have access to water to flood rice fields or wetlands will have an advantage this fall if current conditions persist.

Despite some of the challenges in Texas, there is some good news on the horizon with habitats on the mend up north in key breeding areas.

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## Obituaries

### Carl Dean Price



Carl Dean Price passed away on Oct. 16, 2022. Carl was born in Big Spring on Feb. 4, 1997, to Michele Cervantez and Randy Price. Carl worked for the city of Midland Landfill as a heavy equipment operator and loved his job.

The honorary Pallbearers are: Casey Price, Quin Ratliff, Brett Cervantez, Sebastian Cervantez, Sean Thomason, Eddie Cervantez, and Moses Cervantez.

Carl left behind a very large family beginning with his loving mother Michele Cervantez his bonus dad Gino Cervantez and his dad Randy L. Price and his is grandmama Terri Cervantez. Carl also leaves behind his oldest sister Christian Price and her boyfriend Quinton Ratliff and the two nephews he absolutely adored Joshua Nixon and Jensen Ratliff. His older brother who was his protector, Casey Price. His bonus sister, Bree Cervantez and her son Dorian Arevalo, his other bonus, sister Mariah Cervantez and his bonus baby brother, Sebastian Cervantez. Carl also leaves behind his beautiful, aunts Tammie Devrow, Mary Johnson, Esmey Viera, Pilly Renfro, Becky Cervantez and Lori Cervantez. As well as the most amazing uncles, Rodney Price, Mike Viera, Eddie Cervantez and Moses Cervantez and John Renfro. He is also surrounded and loved by many, many cousins. He also leaves behind his loving girlfriend, Lauren Post and entirely to many friends to count.

Carl was welcomed into heaven by his grandmother and grandfather Dora and Johnny Brown, His great-grandmother Barbra Johnson his great-uncle Albert, and his grandmother and grandfather, Dorothy and Walter Price.

He was known to his friends and family as the gentle giant. Carl never met a stranger and would do everything in his power to help anyone. His heart was made of pure gold and his smile could light up a room. His smile and infectious laugh and amazing heart will be missed greatly by us all.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday with family receiving friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RYAN DANIEL MCKIERNAN**, 20, of 1601 Sunset Ave., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **TANASHIA DASHAWN FORD**, 25, of 900 S. Nolan St., was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JONNY TREVINO JR.**, 32, of 3607 Hamilton St., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant of MANDEL CS PG greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- **TOMMY CHARLES BANKS**, 41, of 707 E 6th, was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **KING TERRELL**, 30, of 4950 Wadsworth Apt. 2082, was arrested by the BSPD on warrants from another agency.
- **JOANN HERNANDEZ LOPEZ**, 55, of 1804 Sycamore, was arrested by the BSPD on warrants from another agency.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3700 block of Caroline. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 900 block of Mountain Park Dr. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 4000 block of Vicky. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2400 block of E. FM 700. No transport.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the 1000 block of N Lamesa Hwy.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Longshore and RR 33.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1000 block of Ridge Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 800 block of Lorilla. One person was transported to SMMC.

## East Texas forests growing strong

### Texas A&M Forest Service

The forests of East Texas are thriving, thanks to modern forestry practices and a strong forest-products economy.

“Over the last 20 to 30 years, there’s been a lot of focus on growing higher-quality trees,” said Dr. Aaron Stottlemeyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head. “Every year, we’re producing better and better trees that are growing faster.”

That, in turn, translates to a robust forest with benefits for the Texas economy.

“Forests are healthy, providing jobs and environmental benefits,” said Bill Oates, Texas A&M Forest Service Associate Director.

In 2021, the state’s forest sector had a total economic impact of \$41.6 billion while supporting over 170,000 jobs. The forest-based industry was one of the top 10 manufacturing sectors in the state, and timber ranked seventh among Texas’ agricultural commodities.

The health of the forests and an abundance of harvest-ready trees suggest room for growth in terms of investments in forest products.

“Texas is in a really good situation from a resource availability standpoint,” Stottlemeyer said. “There are clearly opportunities for increased development and greater utilization of the resource.”

### Growing strong

Each year, Texas A&M Forest Service foresters and technicians collect information on forest conditions and tree numbers, size and condition.

“We’re constantly monitoring what’s happening,” Stottlemeyer said. “That’s how we know how much timber is growing versus how much is harvested.”

The data collected since 2016 show the growth of commercial timber in Texas outpacing the amount being removed. In fact, figures from forest inventory reports show that enough wood grows in East Texas to fill a logging truck every 19 seconds.

### Resilient forests

A combination of factors has contributed to the recovery of Texas’ forests over the past several decades: genetic gains from tree improvement programs, the modernization of sawmills that has maximized the amount of lumber produced from logs, stronger markets for smaller-diameter logs, and the recent absence of natural disasters and pest infestations in the forest.

“It’s all connected,” said Oates.

“We’re doing a better job with fire protection, with insect and disease protection and with faster, better growth.”

Assessments following Hurricane Rita in 2005 estimated damage to 770,000 acres of East Texas forests, accounting for about 6 percent of growing stock. Hurricane Ike in 2008 damaged about 450,000 acres of forestland.

The recession in 2008 and drought in 2011 also took a toll on the timber industry.

Since then, we haven’t had an event cause major damage in the forest, which Stottlemeyer credits to how well the forests are managed.

“A managed forest is more resilient,” Stottlemeyer said. “It’s those overly dense stands that are very susceptible to high winds and insects because those trees are stressed.”

### Better trees

The effort to improve tree genetics to meet specific needs such as fast growth, drought and disease resistance and regional adaptability has played a major role in contributing to a robust forest economy.

“We’re able to get more wood — more volume per acre — and we’re able to get that volume sooner,” said Fred Raley, Texas A&M Forest Service Tree Improvement Coordinator and Director of the Western Gulf Tree Improvement Program. “We’ve enhanced forest productivity in terms of both time and quantity. We’re getting product to the market quicker, and we’re getting more tonnage per acre.”

The ability to get higher yield on less land allows timber owners to focus on acreage that is more productive, making way for restoration-based activities elsewhere.

“It’s important for me to know that we’re managing the forests for the best forests they can be,” Raley said. “There can be multiple objectives. They all have value.”

### Stewards of the land

More than 90 percent of the state’s 12 million acres of productive timberland is privately owned. Those landowners rely on the forest industry to support their land management activities.

“A strong forest economy equals a healthy forest,” Oates said.

Texas A&M Forest Service experts work with landowners to assess the risks of wildfires, pest infestations and other threats.

“There’s a lot of interest in the environment these days, and peo-

ple are hungry for knowledge on how to manage their forests properly,” said Jake Donellan, Texas A&M Forest Service East Texas Operations Department Head. “We put landowners on the path to improve the health and sustainability of their forests, and that helps spur the conversation toward better management practices.”

Forest products pave the way for the work that keeps the forest healthy.

“In order to do a lot of that work, it costs money, and that’s one of the benefits of having a robust forest industry where we can turn the timber into forest products,” Donellan said. “Having access to mills is incredibly important to be able to offset some of those costs of implementation on their land.”

The best stewards of the land continue to be the people who own it.

“A lot of people think when we’re harvesting timber that it’s causing deforestation, and that’s not the case in East Texas because harvested trees are immediately replaced with seedlings,” said Donellan. “It’s a testament to the landowners who are willing to put in the work to manage their forests.”

### Challenges and opportunities

The forest economy is not without challenges, including an ongoing labor shortage that has contributed to a downward trend in harvesting.

Rob Hughes, Texas Forestry Association Executive Director, said the oversupply of timber could lead to a changing landscape in the forestry industry with some landowners opting to move into livestock or hay production in an effort to make a return on their land investment.

“Up to this point, the forest products market is tied at a high percentage to family housing,” Hughes said. “The market depends on the economy being strong, and that’s a good thing when it’s rolling. But when the economy slows, as it is now, the demand falls for building products and subsequently timber from our forests.”

The upside, Hughes said, is the potential impact of mass timber in commercial building markets.

“New, engineered wood products like cross-laminated timber panels are the future,” Hughes said. “And with the discussion about climate change and carbon sequestration, the benefits of mass timber give us a voice in the marketplace.”

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers’ meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran’s Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisw.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisw.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one’s death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life

stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page.

You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

ALSA will be hosting a **Burger Bash Fundraiser**

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**WATERFOWL**

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“This spring, habitat conditions in eastern North and South Dakota were much improved than the previous two years,” added Kraai. “Much of the landscape was not farmed or plowed due to wet conditions, leaving most of the landscape idle and available for excellent nesting conditions for dabbling ducks. The subsequent hatch of ducklings was above average for this very important area for breeding ducks. After two years of significant drought and very poor productivity, this means that there should be more young and vulnerable ducks winging their way south this winter.”

The special youth-only duck season along with veterans and active-duty military season occurs in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit Oct. 22-23, followed by youth-only/active-duty military duck season in the South Zone Oct. 29-30 and the North Zone Nov. 5-7. Regular duck season in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit opens Oct. 29, in the South Zone on Nov. 5 and the North Zone on Nov. 12. Additional information regarding duck seasons and daily bag limits can be found in the Outdoor Annual.

Light and dark goose season starts Nov. 5 in the East Zone and West Zone.

The light geese conservation order season begins in the East Zone on Jan. 30 and on Feb. 6 in the West Zone. More information regarding goose seasons and daily bag limits can be found in the Outdoor Annual.

Hunters should purchase their new 2022-23 Texas hunting license prior to hitting the field. In addition, waterfowl hunters must have a migratory game bird endorsement, federal duck stamp, and be Harvest Information Program (HIP) certified. Biologists note the importance for those purchasing a hunting license to answer HIP survey questions correctly as these surveys allow biologists to get an accurate sample of hunters so harvest surveys can be delivered to hunters later in the year from the USFWS.

It's also required by law for hunters to have proof of their completion of a hunter education course.

Anyone hunting on Texas public hunting lands are also required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Texas has more than 1 million acres of land accessible to the public. More information about these lands and locations can be found on the TPWD public hunting website. Hunters using public lands can complete their on-site registration via the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Consult the Outdoor Annual for other season dates and bag limits, including those for “Dusky” duck.

**Take Note**

• **Blowout at the Bunker!** Saturday Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Food trucks, car show, No-Prep racing, Cornhole, 5K Run and Music. All proceeds donated to the Military Heritage Association. For more information visit us at [facebook.com/blowoutatthebunker](https://facebook.com/blowoutatthebunker) or contact the Airpark Director at 432-264-2362.

• **Everyone welcome!** Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• **Mystic Wonders Healing**, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• **Ward Family Dental**, 1500 Scurry, will hold its “Smile for Freedom” event from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4. During the event, Ward Family Dental will offer free dental work for military veterans, active military members, and emergency responders. Military or Responder identification is required. Dr. Ward asks those seeking to take advantage of the event to contact the office for a pre-screening prior to the event date. Call 432-267-1677 for more information.

• **History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series** of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

• **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>.

• **The BSAA** meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 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.

• **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](mailto:Covid19@sprhs.org)

• **Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary** is looking for new members. If you have a heart for

servicing 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **The mission of CASA of West Texas** is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for

the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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 [howardcountytcdems@gmail.com](mailto:howardcountytcdems@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.

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# Church News

## Alive in Christ

“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 Roeber or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 Hour.

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## First Presbyterian

Worship services Oct. 23, 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: The Humble and the Exalted Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:10; Luke 18:9-14.

Adult Sunday School occurs each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. On the Discovery Class begins looking at “Mysteries of the Messiah” by Rabbi Jason Sobel. Rabbi Sobel is adept at blending the Old and New Testaments. 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.

The church food drive will begin Oct. 30. Further information will be posted in the bulletin and the newsletter. Presbyterian Women meet Oct. 25, at 2 p.m. for Bible study.

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.

Digital Spiritual Resources: Church Calendar-Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday); Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays); Video Devotional (Thursdays); Video Preview of this week’s bulletin (Fridays); Sunday Sermon Video (Sundays); Website: [fpcbigspring.com](http://fpcbigspring.com); Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring; YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring.

The following weekly events are open to the community: Wednesday-The Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. The history 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 11:00 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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## College Baptist Church

Autumn has arrived with turning leaves and cooler weather. It’s a great time to turn your hearts toward our Father. Come see what God is doing on SONday at College Baptist on 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. 23,



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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## Crestview Baptist

At Crestview Baptist Church we believe the most fulfilling pursuit is not entertainment, gimmicks or programs.

The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for him. If you believe that, please come by and worship with us.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., Worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We embrace the 1689 Baptist Confirmation of Faith.

Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

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## St. Mary’s Episcopal

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services.

We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday’s we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m.

What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ.

Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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. 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. Please join us this week at one of the following events: Sunday, Oct. 23-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-Join us for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7 p.m. Adults meet in the Main Sanctuary. Youth: High School age meet

in ARC and 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.-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: [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org); Sign up onsite at kiosk. Childcare is Provided.

Friday’s in October-Complete Singles-will meet from 6 p.m.-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; [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org); Sign up onsite at kiosk. Oct. 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, at 6 p.m., in the Main Sanctuary. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Conway Edwards of ONE Community of Plano. 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 and 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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## First Church of the Nazarene

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 October 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 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/>

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. On Sunday, Oct. 30, we will hear from Pastor Olbin and Ali Visagie. They are both from South Africa and have been married for 22 years. They helped to lead ministries in South Africa and have helped to plant a church in the U.S. They are currently helping to lead the ministry of our Cactus Nazarene Ministry Center. Join us on Faith Promise Sunday as we hear from Olbin and Ali and step out in faith to support what God is doing to transform lives around the world. NazFamily Fall Fest-Join us on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. 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!

New Hope Celebration-This year marks the 20th year of ministry for New Hope Christian School and the 10th year of ministry for the Academy. Hundreds of lives have been impacted through the ministry of our school.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. we are going to take time to celebrate all that God has done and dedicate the school back to the Lord. We invite everyone to join us for this special service and stay for our Thanksgiving Meal after the service.

**THE CHALET**

The Chalet is a non-profit thrift store benefiting patients at the Big Spring State Hospital, sponsored by the Volunteer Services Council. The Chalet accepts donations of adult and children’s clothing, housewares, furniture, and books.

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# What is Christmas?

**C** – is for cider spicy and warm,  
**H** – is for happy, hearth and home.  
**R** – is for rest, recreation, and rollick.  
**I** – is for Intrigue, innovation, and such.  
**S** – is for secrets, Santa, and stockings,  
**T** – is for treasures, trinkets, and trains.  
**M** – is for Massive debts of all kinds.  
**A** – is for attitude, selfish eyes of the blind.  
**S** – is for selfies, sinful souls,  
That's Christmas with a super bowl. Christmas is all of these things. But in a child of God, Christmas means so very much more than presents under a tree. It means my life is forever differ-



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ent. It means my heart belongs to that Child in the manger. It means I dedicate my life to His cause. It means I tell the world that I am a Christian because of this Child in the manger—because of Jesus coming with joy to the Cross and seeing the other side of conquered death.

Christmas means because of the cursed tree, I can be free from the curse of sin and death. Because of His Presence I can live forevermore.

Jesus came as a baby in a manger, but He didn't stay a baby. Wise men gave Him gifts fit for a King, because He was.

Men came to be healed by the young man from Galilee. Then He was hung on the Christmas tree of crucifixion for me. He took away my sin by becoming God's gift of eternal life. But He didn't stay on that tree. He was put in a tomb, gift wrapped in swaddling

death clothes. But He didn't stay dead.

Everything He used on earth, He left. Then He went back to Heaven to prepare a place for me to come to. Aren't we glad we know Jesus as the presence of God? That's Christmas. Now, let's try that poem again.

**C**—is for Christ—God with us  
**H**—is for Heaven—God's Home to share.

**R**—is for Risen from death to new life

**I**—is for Immanuel free from strife.

**S**—is for salvation freely given  
**T**—is for trusting Him alone.

**M**—is for Master, Saviour and Friend

**A**—is for Almighty, beginning and end.

**S** is for Saviour, Jesus at birth,  
That's Christmas for all the earth.

## Pay attention! Recognizing God's Glory

Something to think about...

When we lived in Oklahoma City, I had the privilege of being an adjunct professor for several years at Southern Nazarene University. One beautiful spring day, I remember sitting near a fountain on campus preparing for an evening class.

The sun was shining, the birds were singing, the flowers were blooming, it was one of those awe inspiring moments, as the glory of God was evident all around me.

While I marveled in the beauty of His masterpiece, I noticed a young college student walking across campus with her eyes glued to her phone. I was fascinated by the fact that she could type and walk without falling.

I can barely talk and walk at the same time these days. I watched in wonder as she somehow navigated her way several hundred yards away and into another building without ever once taking her eyes off that phone.

I was both impressed and saddened at the same time, because she completely missed the beauty of that moment. The present is a gift we can never get back once it is past.

Pay attention! If you are a teacher or parent, then you have probably found yourself using that phrase more than once. We are easily distracted. It is not uncommon to drift into our own little world and become completely oblivious to what is going on all around us.

Our phones have only heightened that tendency. One primary purpose of prayer is to help us pay attention to the presence of God in the present moment.

The world is full of God's glory and grace. We don't have to be at a worship service or Bible study or Christian concert to encounter God's presence.

But, if we are paying attention through prayer, our ordinary, everyday life will be filled with those holy moments. As God's presence saturates something so ordinary – like dirt – it becomes sacred; holy ground.

"We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders." ~ G.K. Chesterton

We don't have to have a seminary degree to recognize the sacred and invite others to participate in His presence with us. All of us share in God's work. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

May we carry on the work of recognizing God's glory and inviting others into His presence in the present. Pay attention!



RICHARD  
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## God Has No Grandchildren

Reflections...



BILL  
TINSLEY

According to a recent Pew Research Center report, the religious landscape in America has experienced a sizeable shift in recent decades. As recently as 1990, 90% of Americans identified themselves as Christian. The United States, as a whole, viewed itself as a "Christian nation."

Today, only about two thirds of Americans identify themselves as Christian. The shift has not been between religions, or even denominations. The huge shift reflects a rapidly growing number of Americans who see themselves as "unaffiliated." They may not consider themselves atheists, but they do not identify themselves with any particular religion.

Since 1990, an entire generation has grown up. Those born in 1990 are now in their 30s and many of those are giving birth to the next generation.

How should we view this startling, and apparently continuing shift in American faith? We should be reminded that the Christian faith is always only one generation away from extinction. As someone once said, "God has no grandchildren." We do not inherit faith like we inherit eye color or ethnicity. Faith comes through a personal decision, one-person-at-a-time.

This is abundantly clear in the Bible, especially the Old Testament. For hundreds of years the Jewish people vacillated between obedient faith in God and disobedient rejection. We are no different. Every generation, and every person, must decide for themselves whether they will place their trust in God.

To Moses' generation God said, "I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days," (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When crowds of Jews sought out John the baptizer, he said to them, "Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. Indeed the axe is already laid to the root of the trees, so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (Luke 3:8-9). We cannot depend upon the faith of our fathers. We must choose for ourselves.

Years ago, I went to the Metrodome in Minneapolis to hear Billy Graham preach. Few, if any, of the younger generation would know or remember Dr. Graham. In the last half of the twentieth century, he preached to packed stadiums around the world with crowds often exceeding 100,000.

That night, the Metrodome was packed. At the end of his message, he said to the crowd, "Many of you were baptized as infants by your mothers and fathers. They did that for you because they loved you. But you must come to faith in Jesus Christ yourself."

Hundreds of people filled the aisles and made their way to the stadium floor to make a faith commitment to Christ. The faith of our mothers and fathers will not save us. Each one of us must find our own faith in God through Jesus Christ.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com)

## The beauty of being broken before God

Have you ever wondered if God is listening to you? One of His many divine attributes is that He is Omnipresent which means He is everywhere at the same time. His presence constantly permeates the atmosphere whether it be on earth, in heaven, or throughout the universe.

This is how He knows everything that happens and every word that is said. He knows every tree that falls in the forest and every thought that has ever been imagined, as well as the motives and intentions of every heart.

I enjoy taking walks so that I can have the privacy to talk to Him. It gives me comfort and peace to know He is there, even though I do not hear Him reply in a literal voice. Like you, I've discovered that it's easy to share with Him, but difficult to hear and comprehend what He is saying.

Sometimes I will just stop talking and listen for Him in the quiet. As Psalm 46:10 talks about being still and knowing that He is God, we are encouraged to stop allowing stress to make us afraid, and to learn how to rest in His presence. A key to developing a strong personal relationship with God is to have a holy reverence for who He is and this begins with being broken before Him.

Since Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and

hearing by the word of Christ" we know that hearing always precedes obedience. Faith can arise when instructions are revealed, however, if we are without the desire to understand, we are without a vision to accomplish His will.

We can obtain libraries of knowledge but the gift from heaven that changes lives is the passion to hear God's voice. The next step is deciding just how much of our will we are going to surrender. During the Welsh Revival of the early nineteenth hundreds, a song that was heard frequently by those who were seeking a closer walk with God was, "Bend me lower, lower, down at the feet of Jesus." Yes, spiritual awakenings can become a widespread excitement, but the emphasis is on the individual entering into the holy of holies with God on their own.

This spiritual metamorphosis happens through a personal conviction of the Holy Spirit who opens the eyes of the conscience and understand what it means to be saved by grace and become a servant to Christ as Lord and King.

The greatest need in Christendom today is not necessarily more religious seminars, programs, or conferences. It is for men and women to be broken before God and to realize their great need to be focused on His constant presence. Once broken we will be empowered with divine supernatural energy, wisdom, and the anointing from heaven will be overwhelmingly evident.

The fragrance from Mary's alabaster box could not be released until it was broken. To accomplish His desires, we will need

to allow the Lord to break us so the inner fragrance of His presence can be released. It is then we will have revival in our souls and be able to relay and express His compassion to others.

I heard a story years ago from a minister who said one morning he climbed a mountain and was sitting on a boulder contemplating the majesty of God, when nature revealed a profound message about the Christian life. He noticed something very interesting about the grass with fresh dew on it. The blades that stood tall and extended to the sky had no droplets of refreshing water, but the blades that were bent to the ground had several droplets on them.

The bent grass reminds us that seasons of spiritual refreshing often come when we bow before Him in a state of gratitude and humility. It's the attitude of descending that enables us to experience the reality of His majesty.

Psalm 51 is one of my favorite chapters and verses 16-17 declare, "For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

The life that stands tall and arrogant is not in the spiritual position to bask in the presence of His glorious presence. When the dew drops of heaven fall upon the heart that is calloused and distant, they roll off leaving that soul to remain dry and discontent.

To read more about the Christian life visit [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com)

## The Power of Prayer



JOELLE  
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Prayer in the name of Jesus Christ! In the bible when people prayed saints and sinners. Prayers changed situations, lives, and impossibilities. People were even reconciled back to God.

Prayer has saved others from death's door, raised the dead, restored the sick, delivered the oppressed and possessed. Without them even being present or touched just say thy word Lord. Anchor your faith in God's word. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

## Pope urges unity as he marks Vatican II's 60th anniversary

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis appealed for unity in the Catholic Church on Tuesday as he marked the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, lamenting the divisions that its modernizing reforms spawned as the work of the devil.

Francis presided over a special evening Mass to commemorate the opening of Vatican II which brought the 2,000-year-old church into the modern era by allowing for Masses in the vernacular rather than Latin and a greater emphasis on the role of ordinary faithful in the life of the church.

Sixty years later, Vatican II still very much divides the faithful, with progressives seeing it as a break from the past and conservatives seeing it as fully in line with church tradition and chafing at the "spirit of Vatican II" progressive read of it. The latest battleground has been over the pre-Vatican II old Latin Mass, with traditionalists blasting Francis' decision to greatly restrict its celebration.

In his homily, Francis blamed the temptation to choose sides in the ideological battles on the "devil who wants to sow the scandal of division."

"How many times, in the wake of the Council, did Christians prefer to choose sides in the Church, not realizing that they were breaking their Mother's heart!" he asked. "To be on the 'right' or 'left', rather than with Jesus? To present themselves as 'guardians of the truth' or 'pioneers of innovation' rather than seeing themselves as humble and grateful children of Holy Mother Church?"

He pleaded for the faithful to act as one, as Christ's flock. "Let us overcome all polarization and preserve our communion," he said.

Tuesday's Mass was celebrated in honor of St. John XXIII, who convened the council and presided over its opening session, and his remarkably well-preserved remains inside a glass coffin were on view by the altar of St. Peter's Basilica.



# Coahoma sweeps Lamesa in last home volleyball game of season



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Left, The Coahoma Bulldogettes huddle before the start of their district game with Lamesa on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2022.

### Special to the Herald

The Bulldogettes got back on track with a sweep of Lamesa for their last home game of the season on Tuesday night. Coahoma won 25-20, 25-21, 25-17.

Isabella Cox led the Bulldogettes' attack with 13 kills. She also racked up 12 digs, and one ace.

Cayhill Lewis and Bree Lewis had 11 kills each. B. Lewis tallied four aces, 14 assists and two blocks. Zoie Joslin had 18 assists. Madisyn Renteria recorded six kills, two digs, one assist, and one block.

In sub-varsity action, the JV Red team won in three sets: (25-16, 25-27, 25-19). JV White lost in two: 22-25, 22-25.

Next: Coahoma heads to Merkel on Saturday to take on the Lady Badgers. JV White plays at 10 a.m., the JV Red game begins at 11 a.m. and varsity plays at noon.

**Coahoma def. Lamesa: 25-20, 25-21, 25-17**

**Kills:** Isabella Cox 13, Cayhill Lewis 11, Bree Lewis 11, Madisyn Renteria 6, Shae Lang 3, Baylor Wright 2.

**Aces:** Bree Lewis 4, Shae Lang 2, Zoie Joslin 2, Isabella Cox 1.

**Digs:** Isabella Cox 12, Brynn Rodgers 10, Christian Everett 10, Shae Lang 7, Baylor Wright 3, Madisyn Renteria 2, Bree Lewis 2.

**Assists:** Zoie Joslin 18, Bree Lewis 14, Madisyn Renteria 1.

**Blocks:** Cayhill Lewis 3, Bree Lewis 2, Madisyn Renteria

## Second Time Around

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

### BOUNCE BACK FOR STEERS, BULLDOGS

Danger game for the Steers this week against San Angelo Lake View. Steers got a well needed open week. It's been a rough two game stretch for Big Spring, especially the defense which gave up more than a combined 100 points in losses to Seminole and Brownwood.

This is a "trap game" for Big Spring because it got caught looking ahead when it played Lake View last year. End result: Lake View 49, Big Spring 35. Steers defense won't be caught napping this year. Steers go to 1-1 in district play.

Like Big Spring, Coahoma has a "trap game" this week. The 0-2 Stanton Buffaloes come to town, and the Bulldogs are smarting from a 28-16 loss to Idalou last week. Last year the Buffaloes surprised the favored Bulldogs 30-17 which was a steppingstone for Stanton to get the fourth playoff spot and Coahoma being left out of the playoffs.

Stanton coach Cody Hogan puts it in perspective. "I told the kids, throw the records out. This is a rivalry game. We know them and we know what they are about. We've got to correct the little things offensively and stop giving up the big plays defensively," Hogan said.

This is a must win for Stanton and I don't think Coahoma has forgotten about being outplayed last year. "We're still learning a new offense," said Ho-

gan. "We changed it a little. We still want to run the ball and control the game. It's been a learning year. We throw the ball a little bit more and our offensive line has been opening up some holes for the running backs. I've told them all year, if we execute, we're a dangerous team."

Sounds like it's going to be a very interesting game.

### CAN THE WOLVES DO IT?

My old alma mater Colorado City is going through some tough times. The Wolves football team is currently mired in a 1-36 funk, including a current 11-game losing streak. Last year Colorado City beat Haskell 28-27, snapping a 26-game losing streak. It was C-City's first win since 2018.

Friday Colorado City will host the Winters Blizzards. Colorado City is 0-7 and Winters is 1-7. Winters beat Eldorado 18-12 the second week of the season. I'm hoping my Wolves can muster some will power up and get a "W".

This game will go down to the wire. Speaking of Winters, what great mascot. The name definitely goes with the name of the town. Kind of like the Panhandle team the Shamrock Fighting Irish. I have a list of my favorite mascot names. Some are the Boys Ranch Roughriders, Grand Prairie Gophers, Mesquite Skeeters and Bay City Black Cats; just to name few.

Now I like the Big Spring athletic department, my nieces and nephews represented the Steers. I'm still not fixed in on that Lady Steers thing. I'm just

saying.

### PRO SPORTS ARE JUDGE AND JURY

What Deshaun Watson allegedly did was immoral, 26 times over. The days are counting down to his return. I'm not passing judgement. That's for the league. Incidentally, all of the alleged victims settled for money in and out of court settlements.

It's all about the dinero in every aspect of life. From the women who sold out to "not persecute" Watson, to the league, which is going to make money off its product.

There is a lot of pro-football's money tied into Watson. Welcome back Mr. Watson. He'll back in the league in a few more weeks, after serving a 11-game suspension. Watson has marketing value. He's a franchise player. A slap on the wrist because of that.

I liken this scenario to what happened in a 1965 baseball game between the Giants and Dodgers. Giants pitcher Juan Marichal beat Dodgers catcher John Roseboro in the head with a baseball bat. One of the most violent acts witnessed in sports.

Marichal was a big fixture in baseball. He was suspended for nine games and fined \$1,750. Baseball needed him. He ended up in the Hall of Fame. The sports leagues set their own rules, they are their own judge and jury.

It makes me wonder though. Colin Kaepernick got blackballed by the league for expressing his moral beliefs. Pete Rose can't get into the Baseball Hall of Fame for gambling. I can't figure it out.

# No. 20 Texas wants to keep momentum vs. No. 11 Oklahoma St.

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

Texas coach Steve Sarkisian believes things have really changed for the Longhorns.

Last week's game showed why he feels that way. Texas rallied to beat a tough Iowa State team and remain well positioned in the Big 12 race.

"A year ago, I don't know if we would win that game," Sarkisian said. "I don't know if we were mature enough as a team, if we had the culture to persevere, to have the poise and composure in the face of adversity like we had."

After taking that positive step, the Longhorns could find themselves in another tight one this Saturday when the 20th-ranked Longhorns (5-2, 3-1 Big 12) visit No. 11 Oklahoma State (5-1, 2-1). The game is critical in the conference race, with both teams trying to keep up with TCU and Kansas State, which both are unbeaten in league play.

Odds makers are buying into Sarkisian and the Longhorns. According to FanDuel Sportsbook, they are favored despite playing on the road against a higher-ranked opponent.

The home crowd helped Texas last week, but the Longhorns will be in a hostile, notoriously loud environment on Oklahoma State's homecoming weekend.

Sarkisian hopes the Longhorns take the proper approach.

"I think poise and composure are really important on the road," he said, "And when adversity strikes on the road, that doesn't have to mean it's adversity for the next quarter, it can be for that one play, and then you've got to have the ability to move on to the next."

One reason the Longhorns have been competitive is their defense. Linebacker Jaylan Ford leads a unit that allows just 18.3 points per game. He leads the Big 12 in tackles. His acrobatic end zone interception and a late fumble recovery rescued the Longhorns against Iowa State.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy is impressed with the Texas defense and notes that the Longhorns are more aggressive than in years past.

"They're big up front," he said. "They don't play with small guys, they don't play with undersized guys. All of their linebackers are thick and can run. They are in a challenging mode this year more than they were last year. They're playing more man than they were last year."

The Longhorns will face an Oklahoma State offense that ranks fourth nationally in scoring with 45.3 points per game. Quarterback Spencer Sanders averages 324.7 yards of total offense per game, good for 11th nationally and tops in the Big 12. He has completed fewer than 50% of his passes the past two games, but has rushed for 124 yards and four touch-

downs during that span.

Oklahoma State also is coming off a 3-point game, a 43-40 double-overtime loss to TCU. Gundy said the Cowboys were a little better in that game than he originally thought.

"When I watched the tape, overall, I felt much better — if there's any way to feel better after you come up short — with the way our guys played," he said.

### COWBOY RUSHERS

Dominic Richardson has gotten most of the rushes for Oklahoma State this season, but Gundy said Jaden Nixon and Ollie Gordon will get more carries.

It's nothing against Richardson. Gundy just wants to keep Richardson healthy and he believes the others have earned more carries. Richardson already has 108 carries in six games. Gordon has 16 carries and Nixon has 14.

Still, Oklahoma State will have to run the ball better against Texas. Gundy felt Oklahoma State's lack of balance was costly in the loss to TCU last week. The Cowboys gained just 141 yards on 41 attempts last week.

### BIG-TIME BIJAN

Texas running back Bijan Robinson leads Big 12 players with 111.4 yards rushing per game. He ran for 135 yards and two touchdowns in last year's meeting with the Cowboys. In his past five games, he has 651 yards and eight touchdowns rushing and 10

catches for 118 yards.

### GLUE GUY

Texas running back Roschon Johnson may be the most versatile and valuable player on the team.

The converted quarterback averages 5.3 yards per carry as a rusher when spelling Robinson, 10.3 yards per reception and has run the offense from the wildcat formation taking direct snaps.

He even has four tackles on special teams, including a bone-rattling hit on a kickoff return against Iowa State.

Johnson said he'd even volunteer to play linebacker: "I'm serious. I would if they want me to."

### ANOTHER CHALLENGE

TCU's Quentin Johnson caught eight passes for 180 yards and a touchdown against Oklahoma State last week.

Now, the Cowboys face another dangerous receiver in Xavier Worthy. Last week, Worthy snagged eight passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score in the win over Iowa State. For the season, the sophomore has 32 catches for 432 yards and six scores.

### DIFFERENCE MAKER

Oklahoma State kicker Tanner Brown has gone 4-for-4 on field goals for two straight games. He ranks No. 1 in the FBS in kicker scoring with 11.0 points per game, No. 2 in the FBS with 2.0 made field goals per game and No. 4 in the FBS in scoring overall.

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0  
acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please con-  
tact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at  
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**Public Notice**

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 8A Rule 37 Case No. 0337398  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 18, 2022 Status/Permit No.  
882428  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 8, 2022  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

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plication for a spacing exception permit under the provisions  
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Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE  
LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in  
Sec. 39, Bk. 25, H&TC RR CO Survey, A-50, SPRABERRY  
(TREND AREA) Field, BORDEN County, being 4.3 miles NW  
direction from VINCENT, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules  
and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A  
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prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be pre-  
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TION**

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Lease/Unit Well No. : A 5H  
Lease/Unit Acres : 971.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 275.0 F SOUTH L, 1255.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines : 275.0 F SOUTH L, 1255.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 400.0 F NORTH L  
2110.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: BORDEN  
Section: 51 Block: 25 Abstract: 44  
Survey: H&TC RR CO  
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9:30 AM	The 700 Club		Sherri	Kelly and Ryan		Today 3rd Hour	Being MMTV	Donkey Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up	NASCAR Race	Chicago Fire	Mobsters	Dual Survival	
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12:30 PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	News Bold	En casa con	NBC News Daily	The On the	Go Luna Donkey	Highway Thru Hell	Hot	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		NHL Hockey: Stars at Maple Leafs	Chicago Fire	Interrogation Raw	Dual Survival	
1:30 PM	General Hospital	Amor dividido	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Heritage Church	Cyber Molly	The First 48	Relative	Friends Friends	Birds of Prey (Emancipation of Harley)	This Just In	SportsCenter		Chicago Fire	Interrogation Raw	Dual Survival	
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	La mexicana	Law Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	DateLine	Light of Southwest	Hero Arthur	Chicago Fire	Judge Jerry	Friends Friends		NBA Today	Formula 1 Racing	Sports Polaris	Chicago Fire	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	Odd Wild Kratt	Pictionary	Karamo	Friends Friends	(25) Movie: Suicide Squad (DVS)	NFL Live	Jalen Football	Live on the Line	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Gold Rush: The Dirt (DVS)	
4:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor News	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Cowboy Israel	Curious Xavier	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends Friends		Around Pardon	Max UFC Live	The Rally	ARCA Menards	The First 48	Gold Rush (DVS)	
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7:30 PM	Shark Tank	La herencia	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Fire Country	La reina del sur (SS)	DateLine NBC	Light of Southwest	Nature Wild Kratt	Chicago P.D.	Whose? Whose?	Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Carrie Fisher (DVS)							The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge
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10:30 PM	Gridiron	Noticiero	Gold	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias Zona	Tonight Show	Words of Heritage	Arthur Odd	CBS 7	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		(:35) SportsCenter	Baseball NFL Live	High School Scoreboard Live	(:45) Joe vs Carole (DVS)	The First 48	Gold Rush (DVS)	
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Combate global	Mod Fam	James Corden	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Shofar News	Wild Kratt Tiger	Holy	Burgers	Burgers		(:27) Movie: Shazam!, Asher Angel (DVS)	(:35) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Heat	Return of the Mecca	Dateline	The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge
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3:30 AM	Outages	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Programa	Taste 1st Look	Shepherd's Heart	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp Lejeune						Dateline	Paid Prg.	Legs. Locations
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

Partner opens the bidding with One Diamond, you respond One Spade, and partner rebids One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AK163 ♥ 84 ♦ J5 ♣ AJ72
- ♠ KQ85 ♥ 64 ♦ 943 ♣ KQ72
- ♠ AQ974 ♥ 9 ♦ AQ65 ♣ 832
- ♠ AJ87 ♥ J9 ♦ J102 ♣ KQ98

1. **Three clubs.** Partner's two bids indicate that he has a hand of the minimum class (12 to 14 high-card points) with balanced distribution, most likely 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, or 5-3-3-2. Since you also have an opening bid, game must be reached, but despite partner's descriptive rebid, it is still not clear what the best game contract is.

Three clubs gives you the best chance to find the proper contract. If partner next bids three spades, you bid four spades; if he bids three notrump, you pass; if he bids four clubs, you bid five.

Note that in the given sequence, it is necessary for you to bid three clubs rather than two to force partner to bid again. This is because after a one-notrump rebid by opener, a simple change of suit by responder is not forcing, and opener is permitted to pass.

partner has at most 14 points. There is also no point in trying to improve the partscore contract by bidding two clubs. Partner will probably make seven or eight tricks in notrump on high-card values alone, so the most sensible course of action is to pass.

3. **Three diamonds.** You can't stop under game after partner's opening diamond bid, so you make a forcing jump in his opening suit to elicit more information. If partner next bids three spades, you bid four; if he bids four diamonds, you carry on to five; if he bids three notrump, you pass.

There is almost no chance for a slam after partner's minimum rebid, and it is best to disregard those few magic hands he might have that would produce 12 tricks.

4. **Three notrump.** This is a slight stretch, but three notrump comes closer to representing your true values than two notrump, which is the alternative bid. If your eights and nines were deuces and treys, two notrump would be the recommended call. As it is, though, one or more of these intermediate cards is likely to prove helpful in producing nine tricks. Intermediate cards are seldom given a value in point-count literature, but these lesser soldiers of the game often make a critical difference.

Tomorrow: As ye sow, so shall ye reap.  
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# Today in History

Today in History: October 21, Edison perfects electric light

Today is Friday, Oct. 21, the 294th day of 2022. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1917, legendary jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie was born in Cheraw, South Carolina.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH'-kuhn).

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1966, 144 people, 116 of them children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and some 20 houses in Aberfan, Wales.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Both nominees were confirmed.)

In 1976, Saul Bellow won the Nobel Prize for literature, the first American honored since John Steinbeck in 1962.

In 1985, former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White, who served five years in prison for killing May-

or George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights advocate, was found dead in a garage, a suicide.

In 2001, Washington, D.C., postal worker Thomas L. Morris Jr. died of inhalation anthrax as officials began testing thousands of postal employees.

In 2014, North Korea abruptly freed Jeffrey Fowle, an American, nearly six months after he was arrested for leaving a Bible in a nightclub. Former Washington Post executive editor Ben Bradlee, 93, died in Washington.

In 2015, Vice President Joe Biden announced he would not be a candidate in the 2016 White House campaign, solidifying Hillary Rodham Clinton's status as the Democratic front-runner.

Ten years ago: Former senator and 1972 Democratic presidential candidate George

McGovern, 90, died in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A Wisconsin man opened fire at the Brookfield spa where his wife worked, killing her and two others and wounding four other women before turning the gun on himself. Garth Brooks was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame along with trailblazing singer Connie Smith and keyboard player Hargus "Pig" Robbins.

Five years ago: The five living former presidents appeared together for the first time since 2013 at a concert in Texas to raise money for victims of devastating hurricanes. The Houston Astros reached the World Series for just the second time in the team's history, beating the New York Yankees 4-0 in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series. (The Astros would beat the Dodgers in seven games in the World Series.)

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# FEATURES

## Horoscopes By Holiday

**FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2022**

### Productive High of the Week

With the Virgo moon in favorable aspect to Uranus we make quick work of the most important tasks. The industrious energy of these last beats of the Libra sun will pave the way for the new projects that will begin next week. Checklists are exceptionally lucky and there's nothing quite like the satisfaction of checking things off.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's easier to be your charming self when you're comfortable. Getting comfortable is tricky though, especially with new people and situations. Expect a learning curve, but with repeated exposure you'll soon settle in.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you try too hard to forget something, you'll remember it well, and if you try too hard to remember something, you'll forget it. The act of writing things down will magically aid with both remembering and forgetting.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What if you knew that no matter which choice you made, it would get criticized? What would you do then? That's the action aligned to your innermost desire. It's worth carrying through, critics or no.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Positive self-talk is much easier to achieve when the talk of those

around you is also positive, or at least neutral. It's not difficult to get distance from negativity. All you have to do is excuse yourself and walk away.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You anticipate boredom, thus avoiding it. You'll decide ahead of time what you need out of the situation. And if that's not enough, you'll make sure you have interesting diversions and options to use your time well and keep you alert.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships should energize you or give you something in the exchange -- for instance: a sense of community, a helper's high, laughter, learning or fun. If interactions leave you feeling drained, consider why.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the same situation as the others, you'll take something totally different. They need to hear your insights and you need to hear theirs. The sharing will help you understand your own mind and appreciate your originality.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It takes more time than seems reasonable to regain your concentration after an interruption. To honor your thought process and avoid frustration, prevent interruptions before you start your important work.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Tenacity, in its less auspicious form, is called stubbornness. Be careful what you apply yourself to because it will

have staying power now. Once you make up your mind, you won't change it soon.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't always feel like being as social as the situation requires, but you put on a smile and get things done. In other words, you take care of business, and business takes care of you.

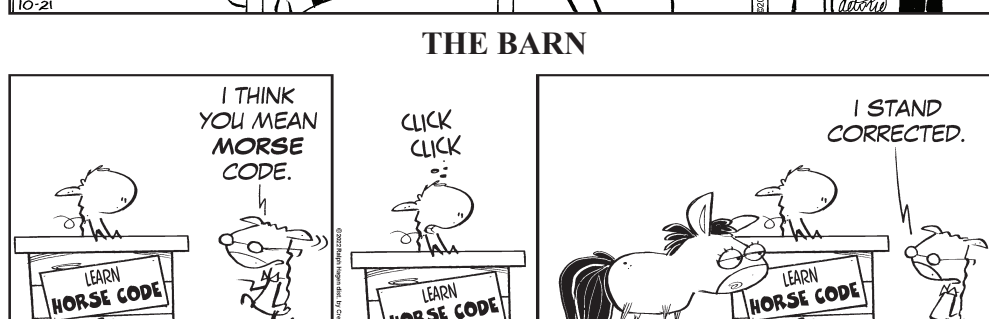
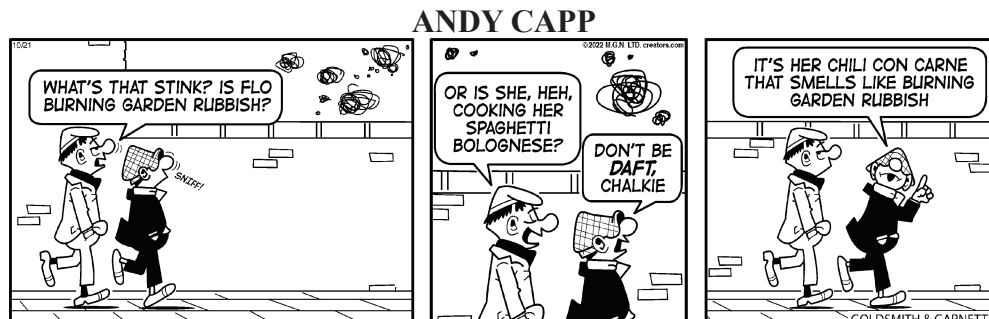
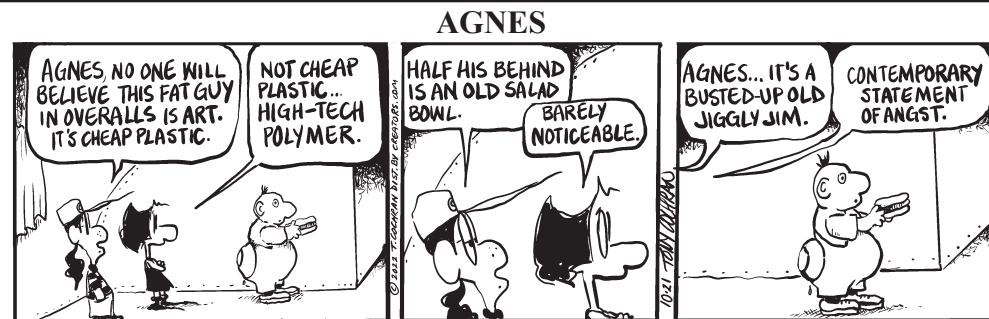
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't talk about your ideas; just act on them. Later, instead of sharing ideas, you'll have exciting stories to share, which are far more interesting both to hear and to have lived.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not afraid of being wrong because what defines you more is your sincere interest in finding out what is right. One must be confident in their intellect to challenge their own perceptions and conclusions.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 21). You take pleasure in learning. Your higher mind paves the way for you to experience adventures and thrills that would not be possible were you to stay in the realm of the known. More highlights: a transportation upgrade, additions to your chosen family and a social interest that brings humor and fun to your days. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 49, 30, 18 and 42.

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## Newsday Crossword

**TOLD YOU SO** by Billie Truitt  
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- ACROSS**  
1 One of the pears  
5 Some four-legged friends  
9 Channel for NCAA games  
14 It means "averse to"  
15 Knight wear  
16 They may be running  
17 Tend (towards)  
18 Chichen \_\_\_ (Mexican tourist site)  
19 Sounded pleased  
20 With 52 Across, "Told you so"  
23 Debussy's sea  
24 Canvas products  
25 "Told you so"  
34 Big talk  
35 Tel \_\_\_  
36 Exhausting exertion  
37 Map word near INDIA  
38 Auxiliary action  
41 "\_\_\_ may ask..."  
42 This, for Tomás  
44 Antler prong  
45 Surprise result  
47 "Told you so"  
50 Organic sealant  
51 Muddy place  
52 See 20 Across  
60 "It's on me"  
61 Mother of the Titans  
62 Markers  
63 Florentine "You're welcome"  
64 "I'm angry!"

- 65 Digs for doves  
66 Arabian Nights group  
67 Exercise accessory  
68 Purple fruit  
**DOWN**  
1 Island near Java  
2 About 3,300 ft.  
3 End of seven UN members' names  
4 Many mall tenants  
5 Karamazov brother  
6 What's solemnly sworn  
7 City near Cairo  
8 Piece of a crib  
9 Go along with

- 10 Berate loudly  
11 Communal funds  
12 Can't spare  
13 What can be bought for about 1 EUR  
21 Cardinal points  
22 Sign away  
25 Scandinavian inspiration for Shaw  
26 Sculpted shape  
27 Serves, with "on"  
28 Worst-case scenario  
29 "\_\_\_ know that!"  
30 Xylophone cousin  
31 Capital on the Oregon Trail  
32 Career soldier  
33 Select few

- 39 PC support person  
40 For the full chorus, on a score  
43 Deep resentment  
46 Fermi's field  
48 Appropriate for opinion polls  
49 F alias  
52 TV host Banks  
53 Prefix like super-  
54 Fleecy boot brand  
55 Sour  
56 Wear down  
57 Yield from fleecing  
58 One for the road  
59 Explanation intro  
60 Radar reading

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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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			ESPN			DOGS		

### Today's Answers

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# Rio Grande managers eye federal cash for western drought

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With several billion dollars in federal money secured for drought-stricken western states, managers and officials on the Rio Grande are hopeful some will reach their communities and bring attention to the challenges facing one of North America's longest rivers.

Stretches of the river near Albuquerque, New Mexico went dry for the first time in 40 years in August, destroying critical habitat for endangered fish. South Texas cities including McAllen, Brownsville and Mission, whose only water source is the river, ratcheted up water restrictions on businesses and a collective 1 million people. Reservoirs that are key to those residents, but not household names, like Amistad and the Falcon Lakes, fell to all-time lows. Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley braced for losses when drought caused interruptions to deliveries from canals that normally bring them water.

With \$4 billion in the Biden administration's climate measure to address drought, some officials argue cities and farms in the Rio Grande basin have been overlooked while facing just as many problems as others in the West. The money from the federal spending package has not yet been fully allocated, but priority will be given to states served by the 1,450-mile (2,334-kilometer) powerhouse of the West, the Colorado River, and to other drought-afflicted basins. Officials in New Mexico and Texas want the Rio Grande to be included.

A main way the money will be spent in the Colorado River basin is to pay farmers to leave fields unplanted and free up the water that would otherwise be used. Southwestern cities and Native American tribes, who have their own rights to water, could also be paid to use less of their supply.

Over the years, Rio Grande communities have received federal grant funding and loans for infrastructure repairs and conservation, but officials say the current moment is unique because the Interior Department and other federal agencies are flush with cash from spending packages passed under the Biden administration.

New Mexico has received "bits and pieces of things," said Mike Hamman, the state water engineer. "But nothing like a major drought appropriation strictly from the federal government, to date."

In Texas, Maria Elena Giner helps oversee treaties that govern how the U.S. and Mexico share the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the U.S. representative to the International Boundary and Water Commission.

Key differences between the two rivers make managing South Texas' water supply challenging, Giner said. In South Texas, 70% of water from the Rio Grande comes from tributaries located in Mexico. The southern neighbor is to deliver water to the U.S. in five-year cycles, or send smaller increments yearly. But Mexico's water deliveries have grown increasingly unpredictable

as drought cuts into both countries' water supply.

Additional money could be put toward new water storage projects and improvements to existing dams, canals, and reservoirs in both countries, Giner said. "The big challenge is really some predictability ... on an annual basis."

The situation on the Rio Grande is unlike the Colorado River, where Mexico is last in line for water. The northwestern Mexican states of Baja California and Sonora use Colorado River water while Chihuahua, to the east, relies on the Rio Grande.

Giner added that whereas the Colorado has the powerful Bureau of Reclamation as a manager, the Rio Grande has the International Boundary and Water Commission, a little-known diplomatic agency headquartered in El Paso, with nowhere near the same manpower to handle transboundary water issues.

"We are the Bureau of Reclamation on the Rio Grande," she said, pointing to the commission's \$55 million annual budget for the entire U.S.-Mexico border.

But Democratic U.S. Rep. Melanie Stansbury of New Mexico said the problems of the three-state Rio Grande basin go beyond money. She wants to reform how the river is managed, and introduced legislation in Congress last summer to bring more coordination between the basin states, arguing that policies should be updated to match current climate conditions in the Southwest.

Stansbury said reservoirs on the Rio Grande could be managed differently to allow for better water storage, which would help communities in times of drought. Currently, reservoirs in New Mexico have specific uses for water delivery, flood control or storage, but are rarely used for more than one purpose. And adding more coordination among states would allow them to make better use of funding that's available, she said.

"On the Rio Grande, there's not a set of common goals because that management framework doesn't exist for the entire basin," Stansbury said. Her bill is part of a larger drought and wildfire package that the Senate will likely vote on after the midterm elections.

The Colorado River is on a scale unmatched by any other North American river, serving 40 million people across seven states, 29 tribes and Mexico. The Rio Grande provides water to more than 6 million people in southern Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico and irrigates thousands of square miles of farmland.

Jason Casuga, chief engineer for New Mexico's Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, said the Rio Grande's smaller scale should make conservation easier, particularly as drought-affected states are eligible for more funding.

"The Colorado is just orders and orders of magnitude different on the scale of water, which complicates solutions," Casuga said. "Luckily, for the Rio Grande, I don't believe that's the case. There are tangible solutions to moving water for drought purposes."

## Feud with tribes threatens Oklahoma governor's reelection

By SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

ADA, Okla. (AP) — Many of the 39 Native American tribes based in Oklahoma have played roles in state politics for decades, often behind the scenes.

They became bigger, more outspoken players when voters approved Las Vegas-style gambling in 2004. The budgets of several major tribes ballooned with casino revenue.

This year, in their most forceful political move yet, they are wielding their considerable influence to oppose a second term for Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, himself a Cherokee citizen, who is facing a tough reelection challenge after feuding with the tribes for nearly his entire first term.

With the election just weeks away, five of the state's most powerful tribes jointly endorsed Stitt's Democratic opponent, Joy Hofmeister, the state's public schools superintendent who has promised a more cooperative relationship with the tribal nations.

It's the first time in modern history that the tribes, which often have unique or competing interests, have weighed in on a governor's race in such a public way.

"I don't know that I've ever seen (the tribes) more active than they are today," said Pat McFerron, a longtime Oklahoma GOP political consultant and pollster. "I think they might have flown under the radar a little bit more before."

The effect is an unexpectedly tight race in a deep-red state that is typically an afterthought in national politics.

Reflecting concerns about Stitt's vulnerability, the super PAC for the Republican Governors Association released an ad late in the campaign tying Hofmeister to President Joe Biden and rising gas prices.

Stitt's feud with the tribes began during his first year in office when he unsuccessfully attempted to renegotiate the state's gambling compact with the tribes.

His administration then sought to overturn a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on tribal sovereignty in 2020 and drew the ire of the tribes again last year when he terminated hunting and fishing compacts between the state and tribes.

"He seems to have enjoyed this fight, relishes it and points to it as a badge of honor," McFerron said. "It's almost like he's taunting them."

The animosity between Stitt and the tribes has spilled into public view as the midterm elections draw closer.

Tribal leaders have publicly assailed the governor, public meetings about law enforcement in Indian Country have turned ugly and Stitt has faced an onslaught of dark-money attack ads.

"Any governor that postures and attempts domination of tribes is detrimental to the tribes and the state," said Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill.

Stitt, a multimillionaire mortgage company owner and political newcomer when he ran four years ago, has been dogged by scandals in his administration, including a sweetheart deal given to a bar-

becue restaurant owner that resulted in a criminal probe, improper spending of coronavirus relief funds intended for education and \$2 million spent on malaria drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic that doctors had warned shouldn't be used to treat the virus without more testing.

Stitt also has touted new laws outlawing abortion, even in cases of rape or incest, and targeting medical treatment for transgender children, both of which have turned away some moderate Republicans and independents.

For his part, Stitt says he hopes that if he's elected to a second term, he will have improved relations with Native American tribes.

Yet he insists that the Supreme Court ruling expanding tribal sovereignty has been detrimental to the state.

"I've told people I will not go down in history as the governor that gives my state away," Stitt said. "A lot of people want to paint this as an anti-Indian thing. This is not. This is a pro-Oklahoma thing."

In the leadup to the election, several nonprofit groups that focus on registering and engaging Native American voters say they've never seen this level of enthusiasm among Indian voters in statewide politics.

At a recent voter registration event at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, home of the Chickasaw Nation, a steady stream of students, many of them Native American, signed up to register to vote at an event hosted in part by Rock the Native Vote.

That's a nonprofit sponsored by the Indian Methodist Church of Oklahoma that was formed in 2002. In the parking lot were cars with tribal license plates from Cherokee, Chickasaw, Comanche, Kiowa and Otoe-Missouria tribes.

"Our goal is to get people registered, and more importantly, the Native voters within our state," said 19-year-old Devon Rain Potter, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation who was helping run a registration booth.

"Once we get Native voters to show up to the polls, we can get a lot of things done."

According to the most recent U.S. Census data, Oklahoma has one of the highest percentages of Native American citizens at nearly 10% of the state's population.

An additional 6.6% identify as being two or more races. That's easily enough to tip the scales in a closely contested statewide race.

And it's not just Oklahoma where Native voters are being courted and

urged to turn out.

The Native Organizers Alliance is targeting Indigenous voters in states across the country, including swing states with large Native American populations like Arizona, said Judith LeBlanc, the group's executive director.

Even in deep-red Texas, which has seen an increase in the American Indian population over the past 10 years, the group Democracy is Indigenous DFW drew dozens to a meet-and-greet with candidates, including Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke, who is challenging incumbent Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

The goal of the nonpartisan group is to increase voter engagement in the American Indian and Indigenous population in Texas.

"We are doing a wholehearted voter registration campaign," LeBlanc said. "I believe in Oklahoma we can make a difference."

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