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Weather



Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 42. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a

high near 72. West wind 10 to **Saturday Night:** Clear,

with a low around 49. **Sunday:** Sunny, with a high

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events Nov. 8: Big Spring City

Council will have its regular meeting at the City Council Chambers. Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: Blowout at the Bunker 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. Proceeds benefit Military Heritage Association. Call 432-264-2362 for more information.

Nov. 16: Big Spring's District 5 Large/Bulk Item Pickup is on Wednesday, Nov.16 District 5 residents must schedule a pick-up in advance by calling the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501, or email nhernandez@mybigspring. com by 5 PM on Monday, Nov. 14 If you do not get on the schedule, your items will not be picked up.

Daily Quotes

"A champion is someone who gets up when he can't." - Jack Dempsey

"To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the

- Steve Prefontaine

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to some thing bigger than oneself."

Joseph Campbell

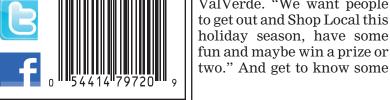
"Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart."

– Marcus Aurelius

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Pinkley, Steers XC team competing at State in Round Rock today







Bergan Pinkley and Steers XC team will be competing in the UIL State Cross Country Meet today at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock this morning. Both Pinkley and the Steers enjoyed a send off Thursday morning from Big Spring High School students, faculty, and the administration as they walked the hallways of Big Spring High School. Pinkley and Steers team were also greeted by parents and family outside before heading out to Round Rock. Pictured left are members of the Steers XC team and Pinkley as they receive good luck treat bags from family members before leaving for the State meet on Thursday morning. Freshman Bergan Pinkley will look to place individually while the Steers will look to capture its second state title in school history.

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AAA Texas: Statewide Pump Price Average **Drops Two Pennies as Demand Falls**

Special to the Herald

AAA Texas: Statewide Pump Price Average Drops Two Pennies as Demand Falls The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$3.17 for a gal-

lon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is two cents less than on this day last week and is 12 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.38 per gallon while drivers in Corpus Christi are paying the least at \$2.97 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.78, which is two cents more when compared to this day last week and 38 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year. Crude oil markets continue to fluctuate, swinging in either

direction daily; however, the overall trend for the statewide gas price average has been downward. Tighter supplies have kept prices elevated while market analysts are watching to see what the impact of inflation and rising interest rates on fuel demand will be. "Gasoline demand fell week-to-week likely helping pump

prices fall just a little bit," said AAA Texas spokesperson Joshua Zuber. "With colder, winter weather settling in across many parts of the country, lower demand in the coming weeks may help keep a lid on gas prices even as crude oil prices have been rising."

Drivers in Texas are paying the second lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$5.49 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at www.AAA.com/mobile.

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BSACC's Holiday Bingo is a way for the community to get out and shop local By ANDREIA MEDLIN of our local businesses.



That's what the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

has for shoppers this holiday season.

"We're doing something new this year," said BSACC Executive Director Debbye ValVerde. "We want people to get out and Shop Local this The Big Spring Area

Chamber of Commerce Holiday Bingo game is similar to a scavenger game in that the participants visit each business on the card and look for the item specific to the business. Once the item is found, the business will stamp the

The bingo cards are available at the Chamber or at any of the following participating businesses: Dazzling Decor, Enhabit Home Health, Famous Elle, H&R Block, Heritage Museum, HTeaO, Inspirations Floral Boutique, Merle Norman,

Mitchell's Furniture,

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Farm & Ranch (Coahoma). fun and maybe win a prize or two." And get to know some

"Blowout at the Bunker" to be held Veteran's Day weekend

Reporter With Veteran's Day quick-

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

ly upon us, what better way to spend the weekend than by taking the family to what McMahon-Wrinkle Airport

promises to be the event of the season. Director Mike Feely wants the public and all veteran's and their families to come out

and have a grande time at the Blowout at the Bunker, Nov. From the looks of things, the event promises to be an

especially fantastic one and will feature rare events not usually seen in Big Spring. Slated for the event are a

5K run that will begin at the

Vietnam Memorial located at

cars to high performance vehicles, Feely explained. A military flyover is also on the tap as well as a carshow with more than 30 cars to be

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on display. Food trucks, vendors and a swap meet is also on the board.

and Swords and will end at

the Hangar 25 Museum locat-

A drag race featuring driv-

ers from surrounding areas

including Midland, Lubbock,

and Abilene is also sched-

uled. "There are 50 cars that

have signed up," said Feely

and continued, "It's an 1/8th

of a mile race with speeds up-

wards of 170 miles-per-hour."

to be sure and will include

various divisions from street

An exciting event to attend

ed at 1911 Apron Dr.

the intersection of Rackley

Obituaries

Charles Freeman Brown



Charles Freeman Brown, 67, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, in Lubbock. Inurement will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Charles Freeman Brown was born on Dec. 2, 1954, to Roosevelt Brown Sr., and Viola Miller Brown Merritt, in Big Spring. He was the youngest of three sons born to this union. His brother, James (JB),

his parents and his wife of 43 years, Birdell, preceded him in death.

Charles was educated in Big Spring Public Schools and graduated from Big Spring High School, in 1972. During his high school career, he excelled in athletics – football, basketball and track. After graduation, Brown headed to Los Angeles, where he attended Santa Monica City Col-

After a short time in LA, Brown returned to Texas and lived in Dallas before moving to San Antonio with his wife, Birdell. While no children were born to this union, he became a step-dad to Birdell's son, Andre, and granddad to Andre's son, Darius. During their time in San Antonio, Charles was employed by Randolph AFB. He and Birdell returned to Big Spring to be closer to his family and help care for his ailing mother, Viola.

Charles was known as a guy who could fix just about anything, cook anything, keep a clean house, and was frequently called on to drive family on trips to Henderson, Las Vegas, St. Louis, Los Angeles and beyond.

He will be dearly missed. Left to mourn his passing and honor his memory are: his brother, Roosevelt; son, Andre; grandson, Darius; nieces Arlandria Brown (Dennis), Nicole Brown (Nate) and Rochelle Brown (Mark); along with a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOHN RAY FLORES, 29, of 608 Aylesford St., was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of public in-
- INES JESUS GONZALEZS, 36. Was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of possession on CS PG 1/1-B less than one gram.
- KIRSTEN TASHAY LEWIS, 38, of 1002 N Main, was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of CS PG 1/1-B less than one gram.
- KYLER KAGE SALDANA, 21, of 2111 Cecilia, was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department report-

ed the following activity: Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail re-

tain Medical Center.

- ported having 88 inmates at the time of this report. • VICTOR DELGADO CORONADO, 34, of 1509 Ave R., was arrested by the HCSO on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- CASSIE LYNN HARRIS, 58, of 203 Providence Rd., was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of violation of protective order.
- ROBERT MARITNEZ, 54, of P.O. Box 278, was arrested by the HCSO on a warrant of criminal mischief impairment.
- DUSTIN COE NOBLE, 31, of 204 S 1st, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 300 block of W 4th St. No transport.
- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Moun-
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 700 block of W I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 2600 block of Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 1600 block of S Main St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 100 block of Brooks Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the 1100 block of
- Sycamore St. One person was transported to SMMC.

Student research top challenges for bison management

Special to the Herald

Perry Barboza, Ph.D., AgriLife Research professor in the Departments of Ecology and Conservation Biology and Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, said research into the sustainability of bison in Texas for production and conservation is focused on addressing basic challenges and establishing foundational knowledge.

Barboza has supervised student research related to bison, a species that once ranged the length of the Great Plains within the two Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences departments. Bison could become an increas-

ingly important animal option for Texas ranchers, but for now, they represent a niche opportunity, he said. Meat commands a premium - around \$9 per pound for ground bison - but production is limited by problems ranging from parasites and disease to temperament.

Most bison are marketed as vearlings between 300-500 pounds, Barboza said. This makes each animal's body condition and maximizing daily weight gain vitally important for producers.

Much of the early projects conducted by undergraduate and graduate students are designed to answer basic questions related to bison management under production conditions. "There is the possibility of us-

ing bison more than cattle if enterprises want to use them at lower stocking rates and to increase the diversity of pasture," he said. "Bison are much more tolerant of drought, so an operation might run separate herds of cattle and bison to balance the economic and ecological goals for the rancher."

Bison research focused on par-Widespread adoption of bison

as a livestock production option hinges on researchers like Barboza identifying scientific methodologies to make them a sustainable addition to Texas ranching operations. Problems with internal and external parasites are a major problem, especially in regions with moisture.

"There are some realities we need to address from conservation and production perspectives when it comes to sustainability of bison in Texas," he said. "We're still moving through the basics, but every step we take is helping us better understand the challenges and develop strategies or define limitations."

can directly injure bison, but can also act as a vector for pathogens, he said. Researchers are not yet certain exactly what species of flies are attracted to bison in Texas, which means there is no reliable means of treating them.

Bison are also difficult to treat with topical pesticides, he said. They are generally more difficult to handle and manage, and their

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Perry Barboza, Ph.D., Agrilife Research

temperament adds another challenge for producers.

A few of Barboza's students have engaged with local ranches with bison to study their body condition scores, the negative impacts of blood-feeding flies and whether bat colonies could be an effective way to control fly popu-

Bridgett Benedict, a graduate student in the Department of Ecology and Conservation Biology, has studied the impacts of flies on northern ungulates, including moose and bison. Her work "Adverse effects of Diptera flies on northern ungulates: Rangifer, Alces and Bison," published in Mammal Review investigated the cumulative damage of bites and vectored disease in relation to body condition and exposure to pests.

Benedict's work has helped lay the groundwork for understanding how flies could impact production, including body conditions and daily weight gains, Barboza said.

Another study by an undergraduate student in the department, Wyatt Stinebaugh, branched from Benedict's research. It focused on whether bats might share a commensal relationship with bison, which might make introduced bat colonies a potential biological method to control fly populations.

Stinebaugh used acoustic mon-

Blood-feeding insects like flies itoring equipment at seven sites - two with bison present, one site with cattle and four control sites with no bovids present – between March and November 2021. Insects were also trapped at the sites from March to May 2021.

The study did not find a commensal connection between bats and bison or conclude that bats would be an effective control method, but bat colonies near sites with bison and cattle could help keep swarming events in

Temperatures also play a factor in the negative impact pests inflict on bison, Barboza said. Insect activity related to the environment, and weather conditions in Texas make them a near-yearround problem.

"Some flies are opening the wound up, and some are keeping it open, and some are living on the animal and rarely let go," Barboza said. "We're looking to get the animals to a body condition score sweet spot and provide the solutions to keep them there, with some combination of diet, insect control and parasite treat-

Adaptions to southern climates

Much of the research has been in cooperation with the Texas Bison Association and National Bison Association and other laboratories and researchers at Texas A&M, including the Department of Entomology and the Parasitology Laboratory in the School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Barboza said the work will be critical for reestablishing bison herds in Texas. Most bison come from northern states like the Dakotas and are acclimated to cooler climates, pests and diseases

there. The loss of southern-adapted bison phenotypes is a hurdle researchers will continue to address. The Great Plains once supported 30 million to 50 million bison, including those that adapted better to southern climates and pests that thrive in them.

Research and breeding programs could help bison establish new adaptations as bison are selected for attributes better suited for Texas and production, including temperament and parasites. he said.

"Bison is still a niche market, so it is tough for small producers to find value and reliability and consistent performance under normal conditions," Barboza said. "Bison can tolerate a lot of things if we can get past issues with diet, insects and parasites."

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

517-4840 for more information.

· Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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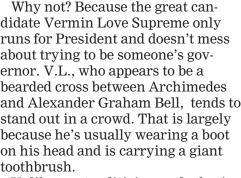
Vermin Love Supreme only runs for President

RANDLES

Home Country

 $oldsymbol{H}$ ave you been counting the minutes until election day when your neighbors can remove all those campaign signs from their lawns for another two years?

Yes, these are midterm elections, just as serious as the presidential election yet to come two years from now, but not as interesting.



Unlike most politicians, who basically ask us to vote for them because they have their names on several vard signs and can prove it. Ol' Verm isn't afraid to face his country head-on and tell us what we really

Last time around, while trying to wedge his goals into the New Hampshire primaries. Vermin made no bones of his platform: 1. Passing a national law that everyone must brush their teeth, 2. Dedicating millions of tax dollars to delve into time travel, 3. Investigate the possibilities of a Zombie invasion, and 4. Give a pony to everyone in the country. Lest you be scratching your head

over the time-travel expenditures, Vermin Love Supreme is quick to point out that once science has whipped time travel, he can then go back in time and kill Adolf Hitler.

How can you beat a campaign slogan like that?

Not only is it fun, but just picture 250 million people riding ponies around and showing off their shiny

Just two more years ... we can do it. Two more years.

Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado Announce Agreement **After Years of Dispute**

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – Attorney General Paxton has announced a historic agreement with the states of New Mexico and Colorado that, if accepted by a Special Master and approved by the United States Supreme Court, would guarantee that the resources of the Lower Rio Grande River are justly distributed among the states. Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico

entered into the Rio Grande Compact in 1938 to equitably apportion the waters of the Rio Grande among the three states. The proposed agreement an-

nounced this week would resolve any disputes the states have about their obligations under the Com-

The dispute, which focuses on a stretch of the Rio Grande between Elephant Butte Dam and Hudspeth County, Texas, was submitted to the United States Supreme Court when

Texas filed a lawsuit in 2013 to ensure that New Mexico water users stopped unfairly syphoning water from the river before it reaches Texas.

The federal government has announced its objection to the settlement that Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado just struck.

These states are currently in the process of requesting that the Special Master and ultimately the United States Supreme Court approve the settlement over the objection of the federal government. "I've continued to fight to ensure

our state has the legal access to the Rio Grande River that we're owed, and that we can responsibly use the river's resources to limit the damage of droughts and help Texas farmers," said Attorney General Paxton.

"This agreement helps protect the resources of all the states involved, and I encourage the federal government to reconsider its objection to this important agreement."

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 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.
- Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring

a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page 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.

- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@ sprhs.org
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.
- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- 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.

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"The event is free and is being hosted by

the City of Big Spring in connection with the Military Heritage Association to honor our veterans," said Feely. "We want the citizens of Big Spring and especially veterans and their families to come out and

have a good time."

For more information visit facebook. com/blowoutatthebuker or contact the Airpark Director at 432-264-2362.

Consuela items and much more. For more information call the Chamber at 432-263-7641, located at 215 W. 3rd St. Hours are: Monday through Thursday 8:30

a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 15. The drawings are set to begin Nov. 15. Prizes will include tools, gift cards,

or above 1 Coupon Per Person Must Be Presented For Discount Expires 11/30/2022

BINGO

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Baby on Main, Park Place Retirement, Parkview Skilled Care Center, Queens of the Dude Ranch, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Gift Shop, Star Dodge, Star Ford, The Chalet, The Karat Patch, The

Wardrobe, and FanZone Collectibles.

The rules of the game are one card per person and the entire card has to be blacked out. Each business has it's own stamp for it's place on the card.

Once the player gets a black-out, the card has to be returned to the Chamber where it will be entered into a drawing.

Holiday Bingo begins Nov. 1 and ends

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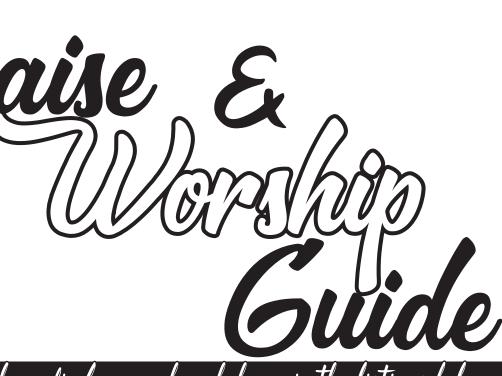
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BAPTIST TEMPLE 400 11th Place 267-8287

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267-7157

CALVARY BAPTIST 1200 W. 4th.

263-4242

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH 5108 Nichols Rd.,

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Sunday-"Rejoice always, This pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"What do you say?" One of the first phrases we teach our children is "Thank You." We intuitively understand the importance of expressing gratitude for the good things we receive. But, how often do we stop to say thanks during difficult and challenging circumstances? As we enter this season, we're reminded of the power of praise and thanksgiving. Join us at NazFamily this Sunday as we express our gratitude and worship to God.

Men's Breakfast-The most important meal + the most important activity = Men's Prayer Breakfast! Join us for a time of good food, great fellowship, and faith building together on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8

Prime Time Fellowship-Our next Prime Time Fellowship lunch will be this Sunday, Nov. 6, immediately following the morning service. College Age Fellowship-We are forming a college age fellowship at NazFamily Church. If you are 18 to 25, join us for food, fellowship and fun on the first Sunday of each month. This Sunday, Nov. 6, we will be bowling together from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. If you are college age, we got you covered, you will eat and bowl free. Join us for fun and fellowship. If you want to know more, you can contact us at church@nazfamily.org

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.

Trinity Baptist Church

A GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Trinity Baptist Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm. (Enter at Door #3 under the awning.)

This seminar offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises,

Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season At GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, you'll meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support. "When I went to GriefShare," said Marion, "I realized there are different ways to grieve." Your holiday season won't be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. However, you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing.

For more information about this Seminar, call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 or log on to www.GriefShare. org and select "Find a Group." If you plan to attend please register online after locating this session in "Find a Group."

College Baptist Church

Thanksgiving Christmas are fast approaching. We are gearing up for service to our elderly members, and our annual Thanksgiving meal. 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. Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really





ing – 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; 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.

As we celebrate our God together during this Autumn season, serving Him, services for Nov. 2, is a great time for families to gather. Our services are in the building, live streaming, and on our Facebook page as

Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and find out about our great love for the youth of our community.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word. Come and study with us as we 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! St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

speaker Pastor Charles Neiman from Abundant Church in El Paso, Texas joining us! This special service will also have worship leader Ricardo Sanchez and Jubilee Gang for the kiddos. Invite your family and friends!Sincerely,

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship on Sunday's at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday's at 7 p.m. You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events: Sunday-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 fellowshipped 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). Friday-Chosen Generation Youth will have Youth Fire Night from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary. Theme: FEAR FACTOR. Come out and be put to the test with fun challenges, delicious food, friendly fellowship, the word and tons of fun. Tuesday's in October-Marriage Enrichment will meet 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ARC. Marriage Enrichment is a 10 week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage. If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you. Here is how you can sign up: Call 432-264-0015, Text 432-218-

2610 then text Marriage Enrichment; visit our website at www.cccbigspring.org; sign up at the how you can sign up: Call CCC 432-264-0015, text 432-218-2610 then text Complete Singles, visit our website at www.cccbigspring.org, or sign up at the kiosk. Lunch and Childcare are provid-Oct. 22 and 23-We are excited to announce our 15th Annual Member's Appreciation Banquet. To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special Appreciation Weekend. We will have our Member's Appreciation Banquet Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., in the Main Sanctuary. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Conway Edwards of ONE Community of Plano. This night will be filled with fun, food, awards and great entertainment. RSVP 432-264-

0015. Sunday, Oct. 23, join us for our

15th Church Anniversary Celebra-

tion worship service at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pastor Henry Tolbert of Grace

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Friday's

Crestview Baptist Church

like more information.

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit is not entertainment, gimmicks or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for him. If you believe that please come and worship with us. Sunday school starts at 10 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 Confiration of Faith. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd.

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am and we are having class each Sunday morning.

Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page.

If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Rev. 7: (2-8) 9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, and Matthew 5: 1-12. The psalm is Psalm 149.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. Please come and join us.

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

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

Wednesday

Night

Supper: 5:30pm

Bible Study: 6:30pm



The light shines in the darkness

Something to think about...

🛮 n him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. \sim John 1:4-5 This week was Halloween.

Kids all around our community got excited to dress up and collect tons of candy. I've been praying for teachers and parents dealing with

sugared up children all week. Though, I wonder sometimes how

the kiddos handle the mixed messages we give them. All year long we tell our children, "never take candy from

a stranger." We teach them all about "stranger danger." Then one day we say, "Go knock on random doors and take as much candy as you can get." They must think we've lost our ever lovin' minds, but they get candy out of the deal, so it's all good.

Actually, there are many Christians who abstain from any kind of participation in this so-called "holiday" (holy-day).

I can certainly understand that because it has become a celebration of darkness. But, it didn't start out that way. Initially, Christians set aside a day

to remember all of the martyrs and thank God for those who laid down their life for their faith in Christ. Eventually, it became a day to remember all the "saints." We took time to reflect on the lives of believers who had gone before us into eternity to join that great "cloud of witnesses." But, at some point, people began to focus more on darkness and death, rather than life, light, and the legacy of the saints.

I heard one time about a first grade class that took a field trip to a historic church in their community. Those little six year-olds are so innocent and full of wonderment.

Their faces were washed in the colors of those magnificent men and women depicted all around the church through the stained glass windows. "Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Miles," one of the kids excitedly asked, "who are all those people?" The teacher said, "They are different saints. Can anyone tell me what a saint is?" One precious little girl said, "I

know! I know! Saints are people who let the light sine through!" That has always been my favorite

definition of a "saint," someone who lets the light of God shine through their life.

It is reflected through them so it takes on their unique color and personality, along with their cracks, chips, and flaws, but it is the same light shining through them all.

In these days, rather than being overwhelmed and overcome by the darkness around us, may we remember the "saints" who allowed God's light to shine into our lives.

And may we remember that we are saints today. Let's shine even brighter for Him.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ~ 1 Peter 2:9

God rewards faith and obedience

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Dedicating heart to God will be our most important decision. Individuals who devote their lives to Christ are aware of what is at stake and embrace the burden of praying for the lost and testifying about God's love. For those who rarely venture out beyond the safety of the church and spend the majority of their



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time within the comforts of private isolation, it's common to forget how far the world has fallen away from the reverential fear of God, especially in the last few years. We should not be surprised as there are several passages that warn us about the culture and even the religious world becoming deceived and drifting away from the faith. As their love grows cold, they lose what identifies them as a follower of Christ.

Some will ask what does the term "falling away" mean and isn't the world actually progressing into a higher reality? My short answer is there are two kingdoms, God and Satan, and this is the battle between light and darkness and good and evil. God extends His invitation of salvation to all who will believe in Him while Satan works relentlessly to persuade and influence the human race to embrace his wicked agenda and turn away from God. The falling away refers to the general population who has lost respect for what is holy, but it mainly pertains to those who once followed God but when difficulties and challenges overwhelmed them they decided this sanctified lifestyle was too difficult and sadly they abandoned their faith. The world is not becoming more dedicated to the creator, it is becoming more distant and rebellious against Him.

I was invited to sign my new book at this year's Kentucky Book Fair this past weekend. It's always an encouragement as a writer to be included among the more accomplished and recognized authors. This year I was featuring my latest book about miracles and how Jesus is still healing those who need His touch. It's a complex subject as the book is 500 pages and I only scratched the surface, however, I know the Lord was guiding, and with so many who are suffering, it's an inspiring read for anyone

who is seeking a deeper understanding about how His power and authority works together with our faith and obedience. Why wait until the doctor gives a bad report to learn about faith and obedience? I'm not asking people to believe my interpretations nor an I guaranteeing about a particular situation, I'm encouraging us all to research the scriptures and see what God has promised. Spiritual truth is desperately need-

ed but often rejected. When I released the book, I assumed those who need a miracle would be interested in knowing about God's covenant with us. Actually, the opposite has happened. It's been like a ghost town as people have avoided it like a rattlesnake. Many Christians are always asking for prayer but are iffy about Jesus being the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that nothing is impossible with Him. Do the scriptures mean what they say? Where is the confidence to approach His throne boldly? Or is it much easier to sing the song, "What will be – will be?" Yes, God has a specific will, but He also has His written will which is His Word. I'm just trying to relay what He said. They desperately need to be healed but It's like those who need water and when God provides the machinery to dig a well they walk off and ignore it.

This became disturbingly evident when individuals approached me this past weekend and declared how miracles ceased when Jesus returned to heaven. Where does it say this? I asked if they prayed and they said yes. So why would someone make a request to God if they did not believe He would or could respond? This reminds me of Deism. These negative oppositions were layered between the several atheists that tried to lure me into a debate about God and the Bible being a fantasy. Overall, it was a rough day. Maybe this doubt and resistance comes from our carnality refusing to bow down to God's demands. Our unrenewed mind will always avoid the responsibility of allowing Him to possess our heart and conscience. Maybe the title of my book, "Receiving Our Healing – Going To War On Our Knees" is intimidating, but whatever the case, God promises that His blessings and miracles are manifested when we choose to follow His Word and obey His voice.

Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries

What Are You Waiting For? Reflections... you, and therefore He waits on high to

 $oldsymbol{W}_{ ext{hen I married}}$ my wife, we repeated the customary wedding vows promising to cherish one another "in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth." Perhaps we should have added an additional line. Something like. "I promise to wait for you." Since we married we have waited for each other.



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We have waited at airports, train stations and bus stops. I have waited on her to put on last-minute makeup and she has waited on me to put down my book or close my computer. When she gave birth to our children, I waited. When I had a motorcycle accident, she waited. In too many ways to enumerate or remember, we have waited on each other. If we added it all up it would be a huge chunk of our lives. And now, it makes me happy. She is worth waiting for.

When we had children, we waited. We waited for their birth. We waited for them when they got out of school. We waited late at night in dark parking lots for their buses to return. We waited for them in the car, the motor running, the clock ticking, knowing we were late to church. We stayed up waiting for them to come home from their first dates. And we waited for them to come home from college.

Waiting is a part of life. We choose to wait for those we love.

That is why God waits for us, because He loves us. Isaiah says, "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to have compassion on you for the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him." (Isa 34:18). In Jeremiah, God says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jer. 1:5). God has waited an eternity

We often miss God because we haven't learned to wait on Him. We blast through busy schedules making quick decisions without taking time to connect with God's better plan for us. The Psalmist said, "My soul waits in silence for God only. From Him is my salvation." (Ps. 62:1) "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry." (Ps. 40:1) The prophet Micah said, "But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord. I will wait for the God of my salvation." (Micah 7:7)

Waiting on God involves prayer and finding time to be quiet before Him. Sometimes it includes fasting. But waiting isn't always about sitting still with our arms folded.

Jesus said, "Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened." The secret is to remain open to God's direction and to listen to His voice while we constantly seek and knock. David wrote, "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord." (Ps. 27:13-14).

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

What or Who Do You Worship?

 $oldsymbol{W}$ hen I was little, I thought my daddy hung that big yellow thing in the Heavens. I thought he could do no wrong. He was my role model and I craved his approval. He was like God to me. My mother was a lady everyone admired, and I did, as well. But she was my guide into becoming a



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young lady.

It seems, though, I always wanted to be wherever my Dad was, learning how to garden, how to work on bicycles, and change the oil and spark plugs in the car. He even taught me how to change a tire.

As I grew older, things changed. I realized my Dad had faults and so did Mom. And that's probably what got me on the road to looking for even better role models. My friends were Christians in the College I attended. My Pastors and teachers were excellent at helping me make life-changing decisions.

Then I met the Saviour Jesus Christ. What a change that was!

We worship what takes up most of our time. We worship whatever

catches most of our interest. When that isn't God, we find ourselves pulling away from His fellowship, and fol-

lowship. To stay close to the God we need to stay close to, we do many things that keep us on the right path. We don't watch excessive amounts of television. We don't go excessively to other forms of entertainment. We don't obsess about sports, or business, or

even family. Staying close to the One we need to worship includes at least four things: Going to where God's people are (church); reading God's Word; praying to Him; and witnessing for Him in our daily lives.

So don't be worried about the small things of this world that will turn into idols of worship. Stay tuned to the God Who loves us beyond all measure. Keep the little foxes away from the vine of life. Don't be excessively spoiled by anything that might get in the way of worshiping the One True

We are practicing for Heaven. We certainly won't be bored up there. I'm sure we will see a better picture of what true worship involves.

And there won't be any distractions up there to keep us from the main thing of glorifying our Father.

Signs of Weakness

 $oldsymbol{T}$ hese are the signs that people don't like. The elderly as they decline and depend on

our help. I t's also a reminder of part of our journey

that will encounter as one ages.



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Sickness and disease, is another sign. We find ourselves at times struggling with it.

And to add to the burden the labor the cost, the doctors who have no power of their own to heal sickness and disease.

They only have so much knowl-

Poverty is another sign.

People struggling to make ends

To feed their loved ones, provide a

roof over ones head, transportation.

The pain and the shame. I know the Bible says the poor you

will always have with you. And we know from Matt 26:11 that after Jesus Christ said that but you will not always have me... having perfume poured on His feet to be

prepared for his burial. What he is saying is that what this lady did for the Lord would be made known through out all the world.

Let your labor of love be known in Heaven by your father who knows and sees everything.

Do for these little ones as unto the Don't despise weakness, poverty,

aging, but acknowledge the Lord. Turn your thoughts into prayer and He will turn your prayers into

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Coahoma falls to Crane in Bi-District championship game



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody The Coahoma Bulldogettes varsity team huddles before the start of their Bi-District championship game against Crane held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Andrews. The Coahoma Bulldogettes ended their season on Tuesday night after falling 3-1 to Crane in the Bi-District championship game. Crane defeated Coahoma: 13-25, 25-17, 27-29, 19-25. The Bulldogettes finish the 2022 season with a

Special to the Herald

ANDREWS — The Coahoma Bulldogettes ended their season on Tuesday night after falling 3-1 to Crane in the Bi-District championship game. Crane defeated Coahoma: 13-25, 25-17, 27-29, 19-25.

District 5-3A record of 5-5 and an overall season record of 17-17.

Bree Lewis led Coahoma on kills. The Coahoma High School freshman recorded eight along with one ace, six digs, eight assists, and two blocks. Junior Cayhill Lewis tallied seven kills, four blocks, and two digs. Freshman Madisyn Renteria had five kills and six blocks.

On defense, Isabella Cox led the way for Coahoma with 15 digs. The CHS junior also recorded four kills and an ace. Junior Brynn Rodgers had 11 digs

The Bulldogettes finish the 2022 season with a District 5-3A record of 5-5 and an overall season record of 17-17. Coahoma has seven varsity players expected to return for next season.

The team loses three senior starters — Zoie Joslin, Shae Lang, and Christian

Everett. All three were major assets for their serving and overall athletic abilities. Joslin has been the team's go-to setter for Coahoma since her freshman year. Lang played all positions effectively, and Everett was extremely valuable for covering the back court.

Crane moves on to play Bushland, the 2020 and 2021 volleyball state champions, for the area round of the 2022 UIL state volleyball state champion playoffs.

Crane def. Coahoma: 13-25, 25-17, 27-29, 19-25.

Kills: Bree Lewis 8, Cayhill Lewis 7, Madisyn Renteria 5, Isabella Cox 4, Baylor Wright 3, Shae Lang 1.

Aces: Brynn Rodgers 1, Isabella Cox 1, Bree Lewis 1.

Digs: Isabella Cox 15, Brynn Rodgers 11, Christian Everett 8, Bree Lewis 6, Shae Lang 5, Zoie Joslin 3, Cayhill Lewis 2, Madisyn Renteria 1.

Assists: Zoie Joslin 11, Bree Lewis 8.

Blocks: Madisyn Renteria 6, Cayhill Lewis 4, Bree Lewis 2, Shae Lang 1.

Javier, Astros pitch 2nd no-hitter in World Series history

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hammered the night before, Cristian Javier and the Houston Astros desperately needed to figure how to keep Bryce Harper and the Phillies in the ballpark.

How about a no-hitter, would that do?

Javier and Houston's bullpen combined on just the second no-hitter in World Series history, silencing a booming lineup and boisterous fans as the Astros blanked Philadelphia 5-0 Wednesday night to even the matchup at two games each.

"You get slapped in the face vesterday and you want to come back today and make a statement,"

closer Ryan Pressly said. The only previous no-hitter in the World Series was a perfect game by Don Larsen of the New York

Yankees against the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956. Javier and three relievers weren't perfect in

Game 4, but they were close. Plus, they'd done this before: Javier, the starter

in a combined no-hitter against the New York Yankees in June, was pulled with a no-hitter in progress after six innings and 97 pitches this time. Bryan Abreu, Rafael Montero and Pressly each

followed with a hitless inning for the first combined no-hitter in postseason play. Astros arms totaled 14 strikeouts and three walks in ensuring this year's championship will be decided this weekend back at Minute Maid Park.

Soon after J.T. Realmuto grounded out to end it, the quartet of pitchers posed with catcher Christian Vázquez near the visiting dugout, each putting a hand on the game ball for a photo. It's a picture no one could've envisioned 24 hours earlier, when Philadelphia clubbed a Series record-tying five home runs in a 7-0 romp in Game 3.

"That's crazy, man," Vázquez said. "It was spe-The four pitchers and Vázquez also signed a ball

headed to the Hall of Fame.

Javier said his parents predicted Tuesday night

he was going to throw a no-hitter. The 25-year-old righty from the Dominican Republic said his father, Cecilio Javier, arrived in the United States him pitch.

on Tuesday, and this was the first time his dad saw "I just came out holding onto God, trying to be positive, trying to attack the strike zone," he said

via translator. "Thanks to God I was able to accom-

In 2010, Roy Halladay pitched a no-hitter for the Phillies in the NL Division Series, also here at Citizens Bank Park. Halladay's gem came against a Cincinnati team managed by Dusty Baker, Houston's current skipper.

"Oh, yeah, I was on the other end in this ballpark. I mean, that's what's strange about life," Baker

With Larsen and the Houston combo, those are the only three no-hitters in the postseason.

The closest the Phillies came to a hit was in the third inning, when Kyle Schwarber grounded a hard foul past first base. On fair balls, nothing.

"It's cool," Schwarber said, sarcastically. "We'll be in the history books I guess."

Game 5 is on Thursday night in Philly. Astros ace Justin Verlander will again chase that elusive first World Series win when he faces Noah Synder-

They can only hope to pitch as well as Javier.

By the time Javier exited, the lone hit maker on the Philadelphia side who showed up on the scoreboard was rocker Bruce Springsteen, pictured surrounded by Phillies fans.

And a few innings later, as fans started leaving the stadium, there actually were boos for postseason star Harper and the Phillies. First lady Jill Biden, a noted Phillies fan, was among those in the crowd of 45,693 who had little to shout about. "For me? I mean, a loss is a loss," Phillies man-

ager Rob Thomson said. "That's the way I kind of

Alex Bregman delivered the big hit Houston hoped for, a two-run double in a five-run fifth inning, and that was plenty for the Astros.

Completely in charge, Javier struck out nine including five straight — walked two and hardly allowed any loud contact. He tamed a club that had

been 6-0 at home this postseason while hitting 17 "New day, new opportunity," Abreu said. "What

happened yesterday stays in the past. Today is a new opportunity." Opponents hit only .170 against Javier during the

regular season, the lowest mark in baseball among pitchers with at least 130 innings. 'When I first met him he told me he had a disappearing fastball and I'm like, `There is no such

thing.' But I guess so," Baker said. Javier threw 70 fastballs and the Phillies barely touched him. "I think it's the best fastball I've ever seen."

Vázquez said. Very still on the mound, Javier carved his own quiet spot in the middle of the Phillies' storm. Backing off onto the grass, straightening his hat, rubbing the ball, taking deep breaths, he proceeded

at his own pace. Next year, Javier won't be able to work quite this way. Major League Baseball is instituting a pitch clock — 15 seconds to throw with the bases empty, 20 with someone on — and Javier often surpassed those limits on this evening, drawing boos from a crowd eager for action.

This performance by Javier came a year after Atlanta's Ian Anderson was taken out after pitching five hitless innings against Houston in the World Series. Pressly permitted the only other Phillies runner, walking Schwarber in the ninth.

Philadelphia was no-hit by five New York Mets pitchers in April, one of several crushing losses that led to manager Joe Girardi's firing two months

"We came back the next day and won," said Thomson, then the bench coach. "So these guys, they got a short memory."

This was the fourth no-hitter of the season — two combos by the Astros, the team job by the Mets and the only individual effort, by Angels rookie Reid Detmers.

Maybe it was the team's switch to orange tops, or the lucky lunch Baker had at a Philly hoagie spot, but the Astros sure looked different than the previous night, when they got shut out on a feeble five singles.

Blanked for 16 innings, Bregman and the Astros chased Aaron Nola in their big fifth.

Houston's hits resonated far away, too.

Chants of "Let's go, Astros!" erupted when highlights and the score were shown at the Toyota Center as the Houston Rockets hosted the Los Angeles Clippers in an NBA game.

And there figure to be Astros cheers at NRG Stadium in Houston on Thursday night when the Texans take on the Philadelphia Eagles, the NFL's only unbeaten team, in a matchup that'll be played at the same time as Game 5.

It was quiet in Philly, though, as fans who came wanting to see a win were reduced to merely hoping for a hit.

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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 23, 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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 49, Bk. 25, H&TC RR CO Survey, A-45, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, BORDEN County, being 16.2 miles SE direction from GAIL, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A **HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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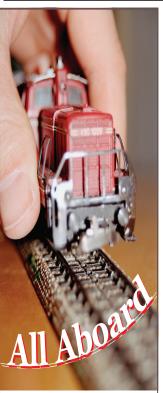
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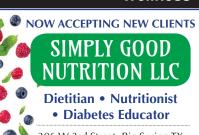
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1. Three diamonds. A takeout double indicates the values for at least an opening bid, but you don't respond to it in the same way as you would to an opening bid. This is because partner's double forces you to act, so he must allow for the possibility that you might have no points at all. It is therefore incumbent upon you to differentiate between a forced response and a positive one. The usual guidelines are to respond to the double by bidding your longest suit at the lowest level with zero to eight points and to make a jumpresponse with nine points or more.

In this case, where you hold 10 high-card points, you should jump to three diamonds. This tells partner that you have greater values than he would expect from you if

you had bid only two diamonds. **2.** Two hearts. Here you have a fair hand, but you're still two or three points short of the values for a jump-response. Note that you bid two hearts rather than two diamonds. This is because you want to encourage partner to bid again, and he's more likely to do so when there's a possibility of a 10-trick game in hearts rather than an 11-trick game in diamonds. If partner raises to three hearts, you will happily go on to four.

3. Two notrump. Your weakness

are not the sole determining factor in making a jump-response, since tricks are what really count in bridge. This hand rates to produce seven tricks, and partner, for his double, figures to provide at least three more. Note that the proper bid is four

in hearts and diamonds shouldn't deter you from bidding two notrump with 11 high-card points, as partner's double implied he has strength in both of those suits. It would be wrong to bid three clubs with a hand so admirably suited for

4. Four hearts. High-card points merely invite partner to game.

5. Two spades. When partner doubles for takeout and you have 14 high-card points, your side has a pensive. According to game somewhere. But at the moment it's not clear where that game is. So, rather than jump to three notrump with your tenuous spade stopper, or to four hearts with such a weak suit, it is better to cuebid West's suit and thereby enlist partner's aid in locating the best spot. Your next bid will depend on partner's response to the cuebid.

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save money by cooking at home.

Purchase generic brands Switching to generic brands can immediately bring about savings over "premium" counterparts. Generics cost less because manufacturers don't have to offset the cost of advertising. Many generic brands are made in the same facilities that produce name brand items.

Plan weekly (or monthly) meals Take a few moments to jot down meal ideas for the week. This can streamline the process of buying meals and help a person use fewer ingredients. Plus, meal plans can be based around which items are on sale. One can meal plan from scratch, or utilize a meal plan from a website that

helps utilize all ingredients in various ways, such as turning leftover meatloaf from one night into sloppy Joes

on another.

Stick to a list When meal planning, check out the pantry first to see what's on hand, and then mark down the items needed. Buy only what is listed, resisting the urge to make impulse purchases. For those who can't avoid throwing a few extra items in the wagon, utilize stores' shop from home services, where it's possible to keep track of what's being spent in real time. Simply check out and then do a curbside pickup.

Check product prices When comparing prices, be sure to check out the net item, net pound or net ounce price. This enables shoppers

to see if a sale is really a value, including whether it's best to buy pre-packaged products or individual items.

Consider cheaper meals Make the bulk of meals with less expensive ingredients, such as beans, whole grains and vegetables. Chicken drumsticks or thighs are generally cheaper than steaks or even chicken breasts and cutlets.

Reduce reliance on bottled beverages Opt for water at home rather than bottled, if possible. Purchase iced tea powder or tea bags and whip up brews. Water with lemon juice can replace lemonade. These are just a few ways to save money on groceries as prices continue to rise.



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FRIDAY November 4, 2022

Pisces Moon Philosophy

Lunar water sign conjunctions are the theme with the moon in Pisces kissing Neptune and a repeat with Jupiter hours later. This water sign alliance opens the floodgate of emotion. It's a good time to remember that feelings are not facts, though they certainly direct what happens, and nor are they physical, though the animate everything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whether you think of it as an equation to be solved or a recipe to be put together, the essential thing to consider is the feelings of the people involved. The choice that supports people is the choice of your own soul.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the situation you're looking at now, someone will win, and it could be you. It may as well be you, right? You're still deciding whether and how to make your move. Take your time. This one will take a while to play out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Extra energy kicks in and you'll keep moving quickly through the day. There are things you shouldn't do fast, though, and talking is one of them. You'll get more respect from a calm, slow delivery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be important to

Horoscopes By Holiday take care of yourself before you give to others. You'll

> be as generous as you can possibly be while still maintaining enough of your own time and resources to get your work done.

> LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Having to fight for what you want has made you better. You've found that sweet spot between your natural talents and the role you've been cast in. Take heart and keep going. There are aspirations you long to express.

> VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why does it matter so much to have a clean car or a certain pair of shoes? Because the symbols of our lives say something about who we are and why we do what we do. This will be a theme of your day.

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You give your all to the projects and people around you, so choose your work carefully. You're so deeply committed and motivated; don't waste this energy on anything other than what you really, really want.

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of making people feel safe. New people will be attracted to you as you demonstrate your strength. Your gift of strength comes in many forms -- intellectual, physical and emotional.

> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Having too many choices is almost worse than none. You long for just the right amount of structure. You want to feel free

to customize your time, and you'll like the options avail

able for you to do so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just as a goat might back up to get a running start up the hill, you assess the pitch of the challenge ahead, throw it into reverse, gather your gusto, then shoot up the mountain in a quick burst.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Actions that are normally simple and straightforward, such as driving, shopping or dialing the phone, can be made suddenly difficult by elevated stress levels. Nervous? Reduce your expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A father figure will have a role in the way karma unfolds. You effortlessly attract helpful people to you. Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) will work especially hard on your behalf.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 4). Curiosity ignites your spirit of adventure, and your social horizons follow in an ever-widening pattern. Don't forget there are new worlds within a 10-mile radius of your home and quite inside normal experience. The new season is a flood-fill of romance and music. The financial picture improves with a sale. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 3, 31 and 40.

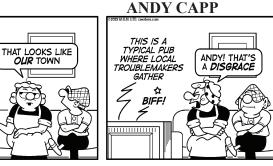
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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- **1** Trying to be
- 4 "Pretty" name
- 9 Harsh sound
- **13** Theater tier **15** From port to
- starboard
- 16 Heckled
- **18** FDR VP John
- Garner
- 19 Chances often
- taken
- **20** Expression of
- indifference
- 23 Lose it
- 24 Keep talking
- **27** Needing training 28 Expression of
- indifference
- 31 Price of admission
- **32** Comparison with
- a colon
- 34 Gaming giant 35 Unreliable
- source
- **37** Expression of indifference
- 39 Cable car kin
- 40 Cicero's
- existence
- 41 Beyond unexpected
- 43 Dearborn and LaSalle, in Chi
- **44** Expression of
- indifference
- 47 Heard all too often
- 49 "Today is the last
- day of __ past": Yeltsin
- **50** Cheery sounds
- **51** Expression of indifference
- **56** Pole, for example
- **59** Type of columns supporting the Parthenon
- **60** Press secretary, e.g.

- 61 Field trip of a
- **62** Choose to hold office
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- website 64 What a date
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DOWN

- 1 Choral contingent, to conductors
- 2 Theater magnate and MGM
- 3 Thomas Paine topic
- 4 Colorful
- **5** Online loan source
- neckwear
- cofounder

- follower sort 7 Insufficiency

 - 8 Egyptian sun god
 - 9 How set-for-max
 - toast comes out
 - **10** Shape of some
 - pretzels
 - **11** Put into the mix
 - 12 "Just what I was hoping for!"
 - **14** Get used (to)
 - 21 Sideways look
 - **22** Not at home, or call at home
 - **25** Making too
 - much of
 - 26 Neutralize **27** Kimono-clad dancer
 - 28 Strands inside walls
 - **29** Customary time 30 Barrels into

6 Shrove Tuesday 31 Seemed to go quickly

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INDIFFERENCE by Winston Emmons

- 33 What Ahab
- called the whale 36 Radio, for instance
- **38** Digestive system
- 42 Part of QED
- **45** High school
- class
- **46** Pirate or bandit **48** Ending for sacro-
- 50 Close together
- **52** 1 Down performances
- 53 Little singer **54** Innovation
- initiation
- **55** Becomes fixed 56 Averse to first
- moves
- 57 Be situated **58** Nickname
- preceder, at times

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes.

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

The more numbers you name, the easier it

gets to solve the puzzle!



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EPA awards grants to monitor air quality in 37 states

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday awarded grants for projects to monitor air quality in 37 states, with a focus on minority communities and other areas overburdened by pollution.

A total of 132 projects will receive \$53.4 million to enhance air quality monitoring near chemical plants, refineries and other industrial sites — part of a commitment by the Biden administration to focus on environmental justice in communities adversely affected by decades of industrial pollution.

The grants are funded by the sweeping climate and health law approved in August and the coronavirus relief plan approved by Congress last year.

"This money is headed where it's needed most," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said. The newly funded projects "will ensure dozens of overburdened communities have the tools they need to better understand air quality challenges in their neighborhoods and will help protect people from the dangers posed by air pollution," he said.

Eight projects being funded are in neighborhoods that Regan visited on what he calls a "Journey to Justice" tour of communities plagued by long-term pol-"All people, no matter where they live, deserve clean water and clean air and

the opportunity to live a healthy life," said Regan, the first Black man to head

The grants follow enforcement actions announced by Regan in January to

conduct unannounced inspections of chemical plants, refineries and other in dustrial sites in three Gulf Coast states suspected of polluting air and water and causing health problems to nearby residents.

Recipients include the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, a New Orleans-based advocacy group that has pushed for stricter federal oversight of an 85-mile (137-kilometer) stretch from New Orleans to Baton Rouge officially known as the Mississippi River Chemical Corridor but more commonly called Cancer Alley. The region contains several hotspots where cancer risks are far above levels deemed acceptable by the EPA. The group will receive nearly \$500,000 to help community groups monitor their air quality and "become more active and effective in civic engagement," the EPA said.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality received nearly \$480,000 to establish and operate a temporary air monitoring site in St. James Parish, home to numerous petrochemical plants and refineries. The equipment will allow for almost real-time data on air quality, the EPA said.

The state agency also will receive \$422,000 to conduct air quality monitoring in the Alexandria-Pineville area between two wood treatment facilities.

The Louisiana Environmental Action Network will receive \$500,000 to assess air quality throughout Louisiana's industrial corridor, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will receive \$500,000 to measure air pollution in the Cherokee community.

Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city by population, will receive \$500,000 to monitor four hazardous air pollutants that pose risks to communities there

Parkland school killer formally sentenced to life in prison

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Parkland school shooter Nikolas Cruz formally received a sentence of life without parole Wednesday after families of his 17 slain victims spent two days berating him as evil, a coward, a monster and a subhuman who deserves a painful death.

Cruz, shackled and in a red jail jumpsuit, showed no emotion as Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer pronounced one-by-one 34 consecutive life sentences one each for the slain and the 17 he wounded during the Feb. 14, 2018, massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in suburban Fort

The judge's voice broke as she read the first sentences, but she gained strength and volume she moved down the list. Scherer had no other choice in sentencing; the jury in Cruz's three-month penalty trial voted 9-3 on Oct. 13 to sentence him to death, but Florida law requires unanimity for that sentence to be imposed.

Scherer made no comments directed at Cruz beyond what was legally required. Instead, the judge commended the victims' families and the wounded, calling them strong, graceful and patient.

"I know you are going to be OK, because you have each other," Scherer said.

Some parents and other family members of the slain wept as she spoke. When she finished and Cruz was led from the courtroom, one father muttered "Good riddance." They then gathered into groups and hugged each other.

Cruz, 24 and a former Stoneman Douglas student, pleaded guilty last year to the massacre, where he stalked a three-story classroom building for seven minutes, firing 140 shots with a semi-automatic rifle. He will be taken within days to the Florida prison system's processing center near Miami before he is assigned to a maximum-security facility. Experts say he will likely be placed into protective custody, perhaps for years, before he is released into the prison's general population. The sentencing came after the families and the

wounded spent two days verbally thrashing Cruz while mourning their loved ones. Many wished him a painful demise and lamented that he could not be sentenced to death. Others said that after leaving court Wednesday, they would try not to think of him again. "Real justice would be done if every family here

were given a bullet and your AR-15 and we got to pick straws, and each one of us got to shoot one at a time at you, making sure that you felt every bit of it," Linda Beigel Schulman said. Her son, teacher Scott Beigel, was shot in the back as he led students to safety in his classroom. She told him that his fear would mount, "until the

last family member who pulled that last straw had the privilege of making sure that they killed you."

Fred Guttenberg told the court that last week he finally watched the security video of the shooting, witnessing his 14-year-old daughter Jaime get to within one step of a stairway door and safety when Cruz's bullet hit her in the spine. "I saw you enjoy it," he told Cruz. He said he then

went to Jaime's grave and asked her for guidance.

"I walked away from the cemetery realizing that no matter the verdict, nothing changed. Jaime is the aisle and now I have to face a lifetime of reality

that I won't."

Victoria Gonzalez, whose boyfriend Joaquin Oliver was murdered as he lay wounded on the floor, told Cruz she had once sat near him in a class. She told him she felt sorry every day for him then, knowing that he struggled. His attorneys said that his birth mother's heavy drinking left him with brain damage — an assertion the prosecution and the families rejected.

"I was rooting for you," Gonzalez told Cruz, telling him she would cross her fingers when the teacher asked him a question, hoping he would get it right and feel accomplishment. Back then her life was happy, she had friends: "Joaquin loved me for all my flaws."

Now, she says, because of what Cruz did, she can no longer get close to anyone because she fears loss, no matter what her outside appearance says.

"I do blame you — not you alone — but definitely you," she said. She recalled listening to a medical examiner describing Oliver's gruesome head wound. "I will live with that — and you will live with that indifferently."

Several parents over the two days said they would petition the Legislature to change the state's death penalty law so that jury unanimity is no longer needed for a judge to impose a death sentence.

"Do we now have closure? Let me be clear, absolutely not," said Dr. Ilan Alhadeff, whose 14-yearold daughter Alyssa was killed when Cruz fired into her classroom. "What I see is that the system values this animal's life over the 17 now dead. Worse, we sent the message to the next killer out still in the cemetery," he said. "I am still a dad who there that the death penalty would not be applied every day dreamed of walking his daughter down to mass killing. This is wrong and needs to be fixed immediately."

Prosecution rests, Oath Keepers 1/6 case turns to defense By LINDSAY WHITEHURST and ALANNA DURKIN

RICHER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors rested their case Thursday against Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and four associates charged in the U.S. Capitol attack after presenting nearly five weeks of testimony, videos and text messages they say prove the defendants were behind a violent plot to stop the transfer of presidential power.

The case will now turn to the defense, which is preparing to put Rhodes on the witness stand — an enormously risky move that the extremist group leader may see as his only way to escape conviction. Rhodes' lawyers have signaled that they will rely on an unusual defense strategy with former President Donald Trump at the center.

Defense attorneys typically advise their clients to keep their mouths shut at trial, but Rhodes' lawyers have said the Oath Keepers leader, who pressed his far-right ideas in fiery speeches and writings before the insurrection, has been insistent since his arrest that his voice be heard in the seditious conspiracy case against

In doing so, Rhodes will open himself up to aggressive questioning on cross examination from prosecutors, who will try to provoke him into saying something that will hurt his case or catch him in a lie on the stand.

"There's always a risk and something to lose when you take the stand," said Jeffrey Jacobovitz, a white-collar criminal defense attorney in Washington not involved in the Oath Keepers case. But "if you feel like there's no alternative, that the government has presented an airtight case or a very strong case, and you don't have other witnesses that would be helpful, then you have to."

Prosecutors spent weeks methodically laying out evidence that shows Rhodes and other Oath Keepers discussed the prospect of violence and the need to keep Democrat Joe Biden out of the White House at all costs, before stashing a massive cache of weapons referred to as a "quick reaction force" at a Virginia hotel.

On Jan. 6, 2021, Oath Keepers wearing helmets and other battle gear were seen pushing through the pro-Trump mob and into the Capitol. Rhodes remained outside, like "a general surveying his troops on a battlefield," a prosecutor told jurors. After the attack, prosecutors say Rhodes and other Oath Keepers celebrated with dinner at an Olive Garden res-Among prosecutors' key witnesses

were two of Rhodes' former followers who pleaded guilty in the riot and are cooperating with investigators in the hopes of getting a lighter sentence. One of them told jurors that the Oath Keepers were prepared to stop the certification of Biden's electoral victory by "any means necessary."

Three other Oath Keepers who pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy and struck cooperation deals with prosecutors were notably not put on the stand by prosecutors. It's unclear why the government decided not to have them testify. The government

has the right to introduce rebuttal testimony after the defense rests. Rhodes and his co-defendants Kelly Meggs, Jessica Watkins, Ken-

neth Harrelson and Thomas Caldwell people arrested in the Capitol riot to stand trial on seditious conspiracy, a rare Civil War-era charge that calls for up to 20 years behind bars. The

> stakes are high for the Justice Department, which last secured such a conviction at trial nearly 30 years ago, and intends to try two more groups on the charge later this year. Rhodes' attorneys have said that his defense will focus on Rhodes' belief that Trump was going to invoke the Insurrection Act to call up a mi-

> litia and put down what the extrem-

ist group leader viewed as a coup by

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Democrats. Rhodes repeatedly called on Trump to invoke the Insurrection Act in the weeks leading up to Jan. 6, but Trump never did. Rhodes' lawyers say he cannot be found guilty of seditious conspiracy because he was merely lobbying Trump to invoke the law, which gives the president wide discretion to decide when military force is necessary, and what qualifies as military force.

If Rhodes takes the stand, prosecutors will be able to pepper him with questions about messages they say fails to act, then we will."

show he was prepared to act regardless of what Trump did. In one message in December 2020, Rhodes wrote that Trump "needs to know that if he In their defense, Rhodes' attorneys are also likely to focus on prosecutors' lack of evidence of an explicit plan from Rhodes and the Oath Keepers to attack the Capitol before Jan. 6.

While cross examining an FBI agent

who testified for the government,

defense attorney James Lee Bright

asked if the agent had seen any orders

from Rhodes for Oath Keepers to en-

ter the Capitol. "No, sir," the agent responded.

As prosecutors wrapped up their case on Wednesday, jurors heard a recording of a meeting between Rhodes and another man days after the insurrection in which Rhodes expressed frustration with Trump for not taking action: "If he's not going to do the right thing and he's just gonna let himself be removed illegally then we should have brought rifles," Rhodes

said of the Capitol riot. "We should have fixed it right then and there. I'd hang (expletive) Pelosi from the lamppost," Rhodes said, referring to Democratic House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi. One of Rhodes' lawyers has said his client — a Yale Law School graduate — understands the risks of taking the stand. Rhodes practiced as a lawyer before being disbarred by Montana in 2015 after he was accused of abandoning a client's case and filing an appearance for a client in an Arizona court without a license to practice

In some cases, testifying can work in a defendant's favor. Last year, Kyle Rittenhouse was acquitted of all charges in Kenosha, Wisconsin, after he testified that he fatally shot two men and wounded another because he feared for his own life.

"It's high risk, but also high reward," said Robert Fisher, a Boston defense attorney who isn't involved with the Oath Keepers case. "If you have a defendant who is very polished ... and has a good demeanor and they do well and don't get upset and don't lose their patience with a prosecutor, then it can work out well."