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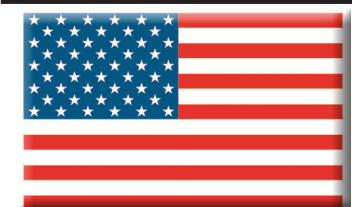
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Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 42. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Nov. 19: Starting at 11 a.m., ALSA in Big Spring will host a Burger Bash Fundraiser at their clubhouse, 803 N. Lamesa Hwy, to fund necessary medical and travel expenses for Savannah Smalling, aka My Sweet Savannah. Plates are \$12 and include a burger, chips, dessert and drink. Delivery (minimum two plates) is available by calling Candice Smalling at 432-816-0999.
Dec. 3: The Heritage Museum of Big Spring located at 510 Scurry St will have a Christmas at the Museum beginning at 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The event will allow children to experience Christmas in a fun and historical way. Santa will also be present! The event is \$3 per child and must be paid in advance. Reservations can be made by calling 432-267-8255.

Daily Quotes

"There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."
 - Nelson Mandela
 "Fear of failure, it's the greatest motivational tool. It drives me and drives me and drives me."
 - Jerry West
 "The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."
 - Bob Marley

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United Way Empty Bowls 2022



Left, Big Spring City Councilman Nick Ornales serves up hot soup at the Big Spring Howard County United Way Empty Bowls event Thursday. Middle, Alive in Christ Pastor Dana Kohl served soup to the public at the Big Spring Howard County United Way Empty Bowls event Thursday. Right, Looking over the many hand made bowls to choose from is Marlene Greer. The Big Spring Howard County United Way hosted Empty Bowls at the Howard County Fair Barn Thursday.

By **Andreia Medlin**
 Reporter

A selection of hand made bowls went up for auction at the Big Spring Howard County United Way Empty Bowls event Thursday and some went for quite a few pretty pennies. The highlight of the event, besides the myriad choices of soups and all the accoutrements, the live auction brought in well over \$3,000 for the fundraiser with the silent auction bringing in more than \$1,000. But for those who didn't place a bid, there were plenty of other bowls, more than 100 by all accounts, big, small, all shapes and sizes and color combination created by local celebrities, dignitaries and artists for patrons to take home if

they wish. According to their website, the event was created as a grass-roots movement by artists and crafts people in cities and towns around the world to raise money for food related charities to care for and feed the hungry in their communities. Empty Bowls supports food-related charitable organizations around the world, and has raised millions of dollars to help end hunger. The event took place at the Howard County Fair Barns this year instead of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum because of its growth and continued interest. For more information about United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, contact Christian Fair at 432-267-5201.

Rainbow Trout Stocking Returns Statewide Nov. 23

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - The annual Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking is heading back to waterbodies across the state to kick off the holiday season. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will begin stocking thousands of rainbow trout on Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving. "TPWD stocks catchable sized fish during winter months to create unique winter angling opportunities throughout Texas," said Carl Kittel, TPWD Rainbow Trout Program Director. "Rainbow trout love cold water and can be caught on a variety of baits and lures (worms, commercially available pastes, corn, spinners, spoons, flies and more), and are great to take home and eat. Our winter rainbow trout program has been a favorite of anglers for over forty years." TPWD plans to stock 337,469 rainbow trout in Texas from Nov. 23 through March 3. Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in Texas after winter, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout. Rainbow trout are an attractive, tasty fish and anglers can easily find recipes to prepare them online. The Neighborhood Fishin' program

offers some outstanding opportunities to catch rainbow trout for families and new anglers in and around major cities. TPWD manages 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes statewide in most major urban centers, including Austin, the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Houston and San Antonio. These lakes are frequently stocked with rainbow trout during the winter stocking season and offer plenty of amenities so family members of all ages can enjoy a fun and relaxing day fishing and connecting in nature. Tailrace fishing is popular during trout season. TPWD will stock rainbow trout into the Canyon Tailrace on the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake, and the Possum Kingdom Tailrace on the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake for anglers willing to try their hand in tailrace fishing. Those locations often have very cool water and provide excellent conditions for trout fishing. Other stocking locations include dozens of local city and county managed park ponds, the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center casting pond, and several rivers including the Frio, South Llano and Guadalupe rivers and the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. In addition, anglers can pursue a fish in a Texas State Park from a bank, dock or pier for free without a fishing license.

TPWD recommends anyone planning a trip to a park reserve a day pass in advance. Day passes can be reserved online though the TPWD website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900. The good news is it doesn't take a lot of sophisticated fishing equipment to reel in a rainbow trout. They can be caught using simple, light tackle or on hand-tied flies using a fly rod. However, anglers should keep an array of baits and lures nearby as well as ice to keep trout fresh. For more tips on how to catch rainbow trout, gain some insight from TPWD staff on the TPWD YouTube channel. In Texas, children under 17 fish for free, but adults must have a fishing license with a freshwater fishing endorsement. An angler fishing in a Community Fishing Lake or from a dock, pier or jetty within a Texas State Park may use no more than two poles. The statewide bag limit is five trout, except on parts of the Guadalupe River where special limits are in effect. The dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Be sure to check the 2022-23 Trout Stocking Schedule online before you go fishing to confirm the stocking date, check fishing regulations and to find other winter trout stocking program angling tips.

Growing number of employers embrace model to build their workforce

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is celebrating Apprenticeship Week November 14-20, 2022, and encourages employers to explore how apprenticeship programs can support businesses, education partners, labor organizations, workforce partners, and industry associations to meet the ongoing need for a skilled workforce. Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently issued a proclamation recognizing Texas

Apprenticeship Week to spotlight the importance of apprenticeship programs as a workforce and economic development tool in Texas. The Texas celebration coincides with National Apprenticeship Week and showcases one of the ways Texas employers are finding and retaining the talent they need to remain competitive in a global economy. "On-the-job training programs like apprenticeships are a key tool in bridging the middle-skills gap in Texas," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

"This earn-while-you-learn model helps Texans develop sought-after skills and prepare for high-wage, high-demand careers available in our growing economy." There are more than 693 registered apprenticeship programs in the state, with 22,753 active participants. In addition, Chapter 133 apprenticeships have trained over approximately 20,000 apprentices in the past three years, with an investment of \$14.6 million. Texas is continuing to innovate and invest in the area of apprenticeship, dedicating \$15 million to the healthcare apprenticeships initiative and \$4 million to the critical skills initiative earlier this year. "Registered Apprenticeship or as I like to call it 'the Other Higher Education,' is one of the most important workforce development tools available, offering Texans the opportunity to build their careers, gain hands-on experience, and simultaneously earn a wage," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. See **WORKFORCE**, Page 3

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Nov. 14-15:

- **EVAN GIAVANNI LEIB**, 27, of 703 Pine St., was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **MICHAEL D. JHOVON PHILLIPS**, 22, of 613 Linda Ln., was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported at 103 Wilson Rd.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** reported at 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd apt. 701.
- **DISTURBANCE** reported at 703 Pine St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** reported at 2910 Hali Rd.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** reported at 2609 Wasson Rd. apt. 9.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** reported at 300 Golf Course Rd.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** reported at 706 E. I-20.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity Nov. 14-15:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1300 block of Monmouth. One person was transported to scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 400 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

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

Robert Clary, last of the 'Hogan's Heroes' stars, dies at 96

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Clary, a French-born survivor of Nazi concentration camps during World War II who played a feisty prisoner of war in the improbable 1960s sitcom "Hogan's Heroes," has died. He was 96.

Clary died during the night Wednesday of natural causes at his home in Beverly Hills, niece Brenda Hancock said Thursday.

"He never let those horrors defeat him," Hancock said of Clary's wartime experience as a youth. "He never let them take the joy out of his life. He tried to spread that joy to others through his singing and his dancing and his painting."

When he recounted his life to students, he told them, "Don't ever hate," Hancock said. "He didn't let hate overcome the beauty in this world."

"Hogan's Heroes," in which Allied soldiers in a POW camp bested their clownish German army captors with espionage schemes, played the war strictly for laughs during its 1965-71 run. The 5-foot-1 Clary sported a beret and a sardonic smile as Cpl. Louis LeBeau.

Clary was the last surviving original star of the sitcom that included Bob Crane, Richard Dawson, Larry Hovis and Ivan Dixon as the prisoners. Werner Klemperer and John Banner, who played their captors, both were European Jews who fled Nazi persecution before the war.

Clary began his career as a nightclub singer and appeared on stage in musicals including "Irma La Douce" and "Cabaret." After "Hogan's Heroes," Clary's TV work included the soap operas "The Young and the Restless," "Days of Our Lives" and "The Bold and the Beautiful."

He considered musical theater the highlight of his career. "I loved to go to the theater at quarter of 8, put the stage makeup on and entertain," he said in a 2014 interview.

He remained publicly silent about his wartime experience until 1980 when, Clary said, he was provoked to speak out by those who denied or diminished the orchestrated effort by Nazi Germany to exterminate Jews.

A documentary about Clary's childhood and years of horror

at Nazi hands, "Robert Clary, A5714: A Memoir of Liberation," was released in 1985. The forearms of concentration camp prisoners were tattooed with identification numbers, with A5714 to be Clary's lifelong mark.

"He never let them take the joy out of his life. He tried to spread that joy to others through his singing and his dancing and his painting,"

Brenda Hancock, niece

"They write books and articles in magazines denying the Holocaust, making a mockery of the 6 million Jews — including a million and a half children — who died in the gas chambers and ovens," he told The Associated Press in a 1985 interview.

Twelve of his immediate family members, his parents and 10 siblings, were killed under the Nazis, Clary wrote in a biography posted on his website.

In 1997, he was among dozens of Holocaust survivors whose portraits and stories were included in "The Triumphant Spirit," a book by photographer Nick Del Calzo.

"I beg the next generation not to do what people have done for centuries — hate others because of their skin, shape of their eyes, or religious preference," Clary said in an interview at the time.

Retired from acting, Clary remained busy with his family, friends and his painting. His memoir, "From the Holocaust to Hogan's Heroes: The Autobiography of Robert Clary," was published in 2001.

"One Of The Lucky Ones," a biography of one of Clary's older sisters, Nicole Holland, was written by Hancock, her daughter. Holland, who worked with the French Resistance against Ger-

many, survived the war, as did another sister. Hancock's second book, "Talent Luck Courage," recounts Clary and Holland's lives and their impact.

Clary was born Robert Widerman in Paris in March 1926, the youngest of 14 children in the Jewish family. He was 16 when he and most of his family were taken by the Nazis.

In the documentary, Clary recalled a happy childhood until he and his family was forced from their Paris apartment and put into a crowded cattle car that carried them to concentration camps.

"Nobody knew where we were going," Clary said. "We were not human beings anymore."

After 31 months in captivity in several concentration camps, he was liberated from the Buchenwald death camp by American troops. His youth and ability to work kept him alive, Clary said.

Returning to Paris and reunited with his two sisters, Clary worked as a singer and recorded songs that became popular in America.

After coming to the United States in 1949, he moved from club dates and recording to Broadway musicals, including "New Faces of 1952," and then to movies.

He appeared in films including 1952's "Thief of Damascus," "A New Kind of Love" in 1963 and "The Hindenburg" in 1975.

In recent years, Clary recorded jazz versions of songs by Ira Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim and other greats, said his nephew Brian Gari, a songwriter who worked on the CDs with Clary.

Clary was proud of the results, Gari said, and thrilled by a complimentary letter he received from Sondheim. "He hung that on the kitchen wall," Gari said.

Clary didn't feel uneasy about the comedy on "Hogan's Heroes" despite the tragedy of his family's devastating war experience.

"It was completely different. I know they (POWs) had a terrible life, but compared to concentration camps and gas chambers it was like a holiday."

Clary married Natalie Cantor, the daughter of singer-actor Eddie Cantor, in 1965. She died in 1997.

'West Wing' cast urges struggling Americans to seek help

WASHINGTON (AP) — As more Americans struggle with depression and anxiety, the cast of "The West Wing" teamed up with the Biden administration on Thursday to share a simple message: you are not alone.

The star-studded cast of the drama series that, even years after being off air maintains a strong fan base, participated in a roundtable discussion with the White House to share their own stories of childhood abuse, isolation during the COVID-19 and struggles to help their children navigate the anxiety-inducing world of social media.

Through it all, five members of "The West Wing" cast said that talking with friends, family and even each other got them through darkest moments.

"Community is the key to all of this," said actor Martin Sheen,

who served as the U.S. president on the drama series.

Actor Bradley Whitford, who played the role of the president's deputy chief of staff on the TV show, opened up publicly about a female teacher who he said was "physically, extensively inappropriate" with him decades ago when he was in sixth grade.

"I knew it had happened, but I didn't know how to talk about it," Whitford said. "I was able to find a very, very safe space where I could talk about it. I'll never get rid of the fact that this thing happened to me, but giving it a name, giving it perspective, has allowed to me to not still be captive to it."

Whitford and his castmates urged other Americans who are struggling with their mental health to lean on those closest about their tough times, too.

About 4 out of every 10 U.S. adults have reported symptoms of anxiety or depression last year, a trend that took a turn for the worse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zooming in from the set of "The Wonder Years" reboot, actor Dulé Hill said he struggled with isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's important we all just continue to engage each other, to see each other and our humanity," Hill said. "I can still feel isolated and alone. But I want you to know you are not alone. I am

not alone, and together, we will make our way to our brighter tomorrow."

Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra reminded those tuning into the talk that they can also call the newly launched 988 hotline to talk to someone when they are struggling with thoughts of suicide, a crisis or depression.

The three-digit 988 line connects callers with trained mental health counselors. The federal government has provided over \$280 million to help states create the system.

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WORKFORCE

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“Apprenticeships have expanded from traditional trades to wider professions like IT, healthcare, and more. These programs set Texans up for not just a job, but a career.”

Texas Apprenticeship Week recognizes leaders in business, labor, education, and industry, and

highlights how apprenticeships prepare workers for careers in demand today and in the future. Events are planned around the state to showcase Texas apprenticeships and the employers benefiting from the work-based learning model. ApprenticeshipTexas encourages local employers and industry partners to develop new apprenticeship training programs and expand on current Registered Apprenticeship training programs.

“TWC’s apprenticeship team is here to support participating Texas employers as they develop, ex-

pand and operate apprenticeship programs to build their workforce,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. “Apprenticeships offer employers a choice and a customized training solution to broaden their talent pipeline and grow their business.”

Employers seeking information on building the core components of a Registered Apprenticeship training program should contact TWC at ApprenticeshipTexas@twc.texas.gov or visit the ApprenticeshipTexas website.

Strong earthquake rattles remote West Texas desert

MENTONE, Texas (AP) — A strong earthquake shook a sparsely populated patch of desert in West Texas on Thursday, causing tremors felt as far away as the Mexican city of Ciudad Juárez.

The magnitude 5.3 earthquake struck around 3:30 p.m., according to Jim DeBerry, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in the West Texas city Midland. He said the strength of the quake means it likely caused damage in the remote oil patch and scrubland, but none had been reported so far.

DeBerry said the epicenter was about 23 miles (37 kilometers) south of Mentone, a tiny community south of the New Mexico state line and 95 miles (153

kilometers) west of Midland.

State Rep. Eddie Morales, Jr., whose district includes Mentone, said he spoke with local authorities and there were no reported injuries. He said via Twitter that state officials will be “inspecting roads, bridges and other infrastructure as a precaution.”

DeBerry said there were reports of people feeling vibrations from the quake 200 miles (515 kilometers) west in the border city of Ciudad Juárez and 200 miles (515 kilometers) south in Terlingua, a small community near the Rio Grande and Big Bend National Park.

Bush calls Zelenskyy ‘tough dude,’ says Ukraine can win

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Former President George W. Bush called Ukraine’s president a “tough dude” on Wednesday, saying he believes Volodymyr Zelenskyy can win the war against Russia — as long as they get the support they need.

“Absolutely they can win, they’re winning,” Bush said at a conference held at his Dallas institute. “But they won’t win if the United States and the free world says it’s not worth it anymore.”

The conference, which touted itself as focusing on ways to advance freedom and democracy around the world, was set to feature a virtual conversation between Bush and Zelenskyy. But because of Russia’s attack a day earlier across Ukraine, Zelenskyy had to “deal with matters at home,” said David J. Kramer, execu-

tive director of the George W. Bush Institute.

A barrage of Russian missiles hit Ukrainian energy facilities across the country on Tuesday, causing widespread blackouts. The aerial assault followed one of Ukraine’s biggest military successes — the retaking last week of the southern city of Kherson.

During the Russian attack, two people were killed when a missile fell in neighboring Poland. On Wednesday, NATO’s chief and the president of Poland said Ukraine likely launched the projectile as it was fending off a Russian air assault, and there were no indications it was a deliberate attack by Russia on Poland.

Those initial assessments appeared to dial back the likelihood that the blast in Poland would trigger another major escalation in the nearly 9-month Russian invasion of Ukraine. If Russia had targeted Po-

land, that could have risked drawing NATO into the conflict. Still, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and others have laid overall, but not specific, blame on Russia’s invasion.

Speaking at the conference, Bush said Ukraine was a “peaceful democracy that was growing its institutions” when Russia invaded in February. “And from that moment forward, people of the Ukraine have suffered mightily,” Bush said.

Bush said he believes history will judge Zelenskyy “as a remarkable leader,” adding that it is important for the U.S. to support Ukraine’s fight against Russia.

President Joe Biden is currently asking Congress to provide more than \$37 billion in emergency aid to Ukraine.

“Failure in Ukraine will affect future generations of Americans,” Bush said. “An unstable Europe, a Europe in which a tyrant is on the march, is

going to affect our national security.”

The Bush administration led the invasion of Iraq, which toppled longtime dictator Saddam Hussein but led to decades of death, chaos and violence there.

The conference opened with a video message from Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, who noted that the gathering “could not have convened at a more significant time” as democracies around the world are being “challenged on a daily basis.”

The leader of the self-governing island said the Russian invasion of Ukraine is “proof that dictatorships will do whatever it takes to achieve their goal of expansionism.”

“The menacing behavior of authoritarian regimes should be a wakeup call to all democracies,” Ing-wen said. “We must work together to strengthen our resilience and safeguard our values.”

Oklahoma executes man for 1993 killing of 3-year-old boy

By SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma executed a man Thursday for the torture slaying of his girlfriend’s 3-year-old son in 1993, the third of four scheduled executions in the U.S. over a two-day stretch.

With Richard Stephen Fairchild’s execution, the state has now put to death seven people since it resumed carrying out executions in October 2021. In that time, Oklahoma has carried out more executions than neighboring Texas, which since 1976 has executed far more people than any other state.

More than half of the 40 people currently on Oklahoma’s death row have execution dates set over the next two years after the state Court of Criminal Appeals issued a moratorium in 2015 following a botched execution and two drug mix-ups in the death chamber.

Fairchild’s execution was the 16th in the U.S. this year — including one in Texas and one in Arizona on Wednesday — up from last year’s three-decade low of 11. An execution was also scheduled for later Thursday in Alabama.

After Thursday, three more executions are scheduled in the U.S. for the remainder of

2022 — one each in Missouri, Oklahoma and Idaho, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Fairchild, who turned 63 on Thursday, began receiving the first of a lethal three-drug combination at 10:10 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. He was declared dead at 10:24 a.m.

Fairchild, an ex-Marine, was convicted of killing Adam Broomhall after the child wet the bed. Prosecutors say Fairchild held both sides of Adam’s body against a scorching furnace, then threw him into a table. The child never regained consciousness and died later that day.

Strapped to a gurney inside the death chamber, Fairchild thanked his attorneys and prison staff and apologized to Adam’s family.

“Today’s a day for Adam, justice for Adam,” Fairchild said.

“I’m at peace with God. Don’t grieve for me because I’m going home to meet my heavenly father.”

Michael Hurst, the slain child’s uncle, said the boy would have been 34.

“Our long journey for justice has finally arrived,” Hurst said, adding that he was surprised to hear Fairchild express remorse for killing his

nephew. “He hadn’t said that in 30 years.”

Prosecutors from the Oklahoma attorney general’s office had described the boy’s killing as torture when they wrote to the state’s Pardon and Parole Board, which voted 4-1 last month against recommending clemency for Fairchild.

Attorneys for Fairchild argued that he was abused as a child, was mentally ill and was remorseful.

“As Richard Fairchild’s brain has deteriorated, he has descended into psychosis, a fact well-documented in his prison records,” Emma Rolls, one of Fairchild’s attorneys, said in a statement to the Pardon and Parole Board. “Yet despite having lost touch with reality, Richard remains remorseful for his crime and continues to have an unblemished prison record. There is no principled reason for Oklahoma to execute him.”

Fairchild’s attorneys filed last-minute appeals Wednesday with Oklahoma’s Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, but both courts denied his requests Thursday.

Also Thursday, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals denied a request from death row inmate Richard

Glossip for a hearing to determine whether a co-defendant sought to recant his testimony that Glossip hired him to kill motel owner Barry Van Treese. Glossip’s execution is scheduled for February.

Glossip’s attorneys allege evidence was withheld by prosecutors, including interviews with witnesses. The court rejected a similar request by Glossip earlier this month and on Thursday ruled that the matters are not eligible for review because they either were settled previously by courts, could have been presented in earlier appeals or were not raised within 60 days of their discovery.

The U.S. has seen waning support in recent years for the death penalty across all political parties. About 6 in 10 Americans favor the death penalty, according to the General Social Survey, a major

trends survey conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. While a majority con-

tinued to express support for the death penalty, the share has declined steadily since the 1990s, when nearly three-quarters were in favor.

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US-owned firms appear to help Venezuela avoid US sanctions

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — A company with an office in Houston and another owned by two American citizens appear to be helping Venezuela bypass U.S. sanctions and quietly transport millions in petroleum products aboard an Iranian-built tanker, The Associated Press has learned.

The sanctions evasion effort is centered around an idled refinery and adjacent oil terminal on the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao that until 2019 was a major shipping hub for Venezuela’s state-owned oil company, PDVSA.

On Sept. 28, the Togo-flagged tanker Colon discharged 600,000 barrels of fuel oil at the Bullenbaai terminal, which is operated by Curacao’s state-owned refining company in partnership with a

fledgling company, Caribbean Petroleum Refinery, owned by two Venezuelan American dual nationals.

The state-owned company issued a news release celebrating the Colon’s arrival as a “historic moment” — saying it was the first delivery for the re-activated terminal, which is capable of storing up to 7 million barrels of oil products.

Although the release made no mention of the fuel oil’s origin, the Iranian-built tanker for the past year has shuttled exclusively among ports in Venezuela.

Ship tracking data show that two days prior to its arrival in Curacao, the Colon loaded its giant black-and-red hull at the port of Amuay, home to Venezuela’s largest refinery.

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl, Vicar Roever or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchrist-tx@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 Mal. 3: 13-18, Col. 1: 13-20, and Luke 23: 27-43. The psalm is Psalm 46.

Shyrlee Reid 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 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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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 (onsite) at 9 a.m. (onsite and online) at 11 a.m. and Wednesday’s (onsite and online) at 7 p.m.

You can find us live online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.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, Nov. 20- 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.

Tuesday, Nov. 22- 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. Visit www.cccbigspring.org. Sign up onsite at the kiosk. Childcare is Provided.

Wednesday, Nov. 23- We will not have MDWK service. Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends. We will resume MDWK next week Nov. 30, at 7 p.m.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, email us at info@ccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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College Baptist Church

Thanksgiving and 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 believe.

Times on the Sign: Sunday morning-9:15 a.m. for Bible study for all ages; 10:45 a.m. Worship; 4:45 p.m. WOW Study on Women in God’s Word; 5 p.m. Girl’s Missions meet on Sunday.

Sunday Evening Service-6 p.m.; 7 p.m. 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. 20, 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 and what it really means to be thankful. 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!

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Crestview Baptist Church

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

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First Presbyterian Church

Worship services Nov. 20 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: Kingdom Come Scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 46; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23: 33-43. We will be “greening” the sanctuary for Advent following worship.

Adult Sunday School occurs each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. On Oct. 23 the Discovery Class began 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.

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. The sermon is also available in podcast form. 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. 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 12 p.m. The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m.

Thursday-Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com 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.

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First Church of the Nazarene

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. This 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 (at 118 Cedar Rd.) and stay for our Thanksgiving Meal after the service.

36th Annual Live Nativity
With all the hustle and bustle in this season, we invite you to come, slow down, and be reminded why we celebrate Christmas. Our 36th Annual NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity will be on Dec. 9, 10, 11 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break
The Church Office will be closed Nov. 23-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will also be no MidWeek Service on Nov. 23.

NazKids Christmas Program
There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child’s perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of the amazing moment that Almighty God entered this world as a child. Our NazKids Christmas Program will be on Sunday, Dec. 11, during the morning service.

Dessert Auction
We will have a dessert auction after the service on Sunday, Dec. 18. Come get some goodies to share at your holiday family gatherings. All of the proceeds will go to support our NazFamily Children’s Ministry. Contact Gloria Jimenez for more information: gloria@nazfamily.org

Christmas Eve Service
On Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season.

The service culminates with a beautiful time of lighting candles and singing together. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate together.

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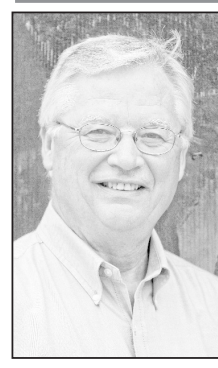
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Choices

Reflections...



**BILL
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In 2010 two men made very different choices. In Austin, Texas Joseph Stack, bitter and irate about the IRS, set fire to his home, drove to the Georgetown airport and took off in a single engine Piper Cherokee. Minutes later, in a suicide crash reminiscent of 9-11, he slammed the plane into the IRS building in Austin. IRS worker, Vernon Hunter died in the flames. Hunter, 67, was a Vietnam veteran, an usher at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Austin and dreamed of another career after retirement. Hunter's children went on record to say they forgave Joe Stack for killing their father.

In Dallas, Andisso Andabo, 22, an Ethiopian immigrant who worked as a mechanic, left the Firestone shop where he worked to make a delivery. Driving along the LBJ freeway in northwest Dallas he saw a car on fire that rolled off the road and landed on its side. Andabo immediately stopped his truck and rushed to the scene. With flames spreading from the engine compartment, he saw a 39 year-old woman trapped inside frozen in terror. He smashed the front window with his bare hands and ripped it off. With the help of others who arrived on the scene, he pulled the woman

from the burning car moments before it was engulfed in flames. Afterward, Andabo returned to the Firestone shop and went back to work.

Both of these men made choices. Stack chose to take out his anger, bitterness and resentment in a violent act that took his life and that of an innocent man. Andisso Andabo chose to risk his own safety to help a stranger in a moment of crisis. The different choices made by Stack and Andabo reflect different attitudes that each cultivated in private. Each of us may not know what we would do in a crisis, but we each make choices every day to cultivate attitudes that will determine our actions. Anger, resentment and entitlement will ultimately produce violence and retaliation. Humility, compassion and thoughtfulness will ultimately produce sacrificial acts of kindness.

Jesus defined the term "neighbor" in his famous story about the Good Samaritan who put his life at risk to help a wounded victim who had been robbed and beaten. After stopping to care for the man's wounds, he carried him to the nearest inn for lodging. "The next day," Jesus said, "he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

The attitudes we cultivate, the choices we make and the actions they produce make all the difference in the kind of world we live in. Choices that lead to violent acts of reprisal create a world filled with enemies that feeds on fear and hatred.

Choices that lead to acts of kindness create a world filled with neighbors who help one another by demonstrating love, acceptance and understanding.

Something to think about...



**RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER**

In 1955, Eugene Polly developed the first wireless remote control for a television called the "Flashmatic." With the development of that device children suddenly wielded immense power in the palm of their hand. I don't know about your household, but there were some epic battles between me and my siblings over that tiny object. Whoever possessed the remote felt a little like He-Man declaring, "I've got the power!" They had complete control over the television and the rest of us were forced to watch what they wanted.

This weekend I was reminded that we have a mental remote control. We can't always choose what happens in our lives or what circumstances we face, but we can choose what we tune into, what we focus on, and how

we will respond. We can amplify certain voices and we can turn others down, or even mute them all together. We can choose our attitude. We can grumble and complain or offer thanks and praise.

The true power of praise is found in our choice to offer it, even when we don't feel like it. I read an article in the New York Times a few years ago that outlined some of the psychological, physical, and social benefits of expressing gratitude. The author, Arthur Brooks, states, "We are more than slaves to our feelings, circumstances and genes. Evidence suggests that we can actively choose to practice gratitude — and that doing so raises our happiness." But, we don't have to read the New York Times discover the power of praise, Scripture teaches us this deep truth again and again.

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

We have the power today to change the channel. We can tune into God's goodness, blessing, mercy, love, and grace. We can turn up His Word and turn down all the other noise. We can choose to be grateful, give thanks, and sing praise. It may not change the circumstances and challenges we face, but it will change us.

Left Behind



**JOELLE
LUDINGTON**

After you die many wait to see what was left behind. Houses, money, jewelry, clothes etc.. For some things of little or no value. But! "Priceless" Priceless to some because of sentimental value. How much and what it means to that friend, loved one, or acquaintance.

"Precious"

For others what they lost in you. A friend, a saint of God, or companion. But how precious is the death of God Saints.

"Think"

One thing is to think about whatever is done for Christ and only that will last.

"Busy"

Life is and remains busy to even pick up the phone. But God is never to busy. He will hear your faintest cry.

"Upon God's heart"

Write your will upon his heart, what you want for your family and friends. That your life make an impression of the love of lord Jesus Christ. Something that can't be replaced by things. Something priceless left behind.

What Time Is It?

My little granddaughter gave me a new answer to the question, "What time is it?" She said she got so tired of people asking her for the time, she knew she could get away with this answer, even with Grandma. And the answer is: "Right now!" Actually she was wrong, because at the time I asked the question it was earlier than right now. I know that may be confusing to some, but even this right now is not an accurate answer because the right now is earlier than even the right now of now. It is an ever present answer.

I got to thinking about other instances where this quip was used in our society. There are lyrics to a song, "The time is now to fulfill each vow, for we may never pass this way again."

So that tells me we had better get busy about the Master's business. The time is short and He may come right now, or .19ths of a second into the time I even said the words right now. The Bible is very clear that His coming is soon. I recently saw a movie about the Rapture. After it had taken place, there was a sign someone had started just before it happened. After it had happened the words on the sign written by someone left behind, read, "The Rapture is near!!!"-near was crossed out so that it read: "The Rapture is Here."

There is even Scripture that backs



**LILLIAN
BOHANNAN**

up this idea. God's Word tells us, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 6:2

I believe with all my heart that Jesus's Promises are true for my accepting. He wants me to use the right now to accomplish His goals for my life. If I don't do His goals for me, no one else will. If I don't witness to those in my path, no one can take my place in my own realm of friendships. My task is to accomplish all I can right now. The time to do all I can is right now.

So when someone asks me when the rapture will happen, I will continue to say as I have for the last 60 years of my life, soon and very soon we are going to see the King. I wish we'd all been ready. But right now it's not too late to start living for the King of kings. Right now it's not too late to put away the idols of Egypt and worship the Lord of lords. Right now it's not too late to be all I can be for His Kingdom. Are you ready right now for such a time as this? You better be, because right now it may be later than you think.

Poll: Religious Americans less worried about climate change

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Most adults in the United States — including a large majority of Christians and people who identify with other religions — consider the Earth sacred and believe God gave humans a duty to care for it.

But highly religious Americans — those who pray daily, regularly attend religious services and consider religion crucial in their lives — are far less likely than other U.S. adults to express concern about global warming.

Those are among the key findings in a comprehensive report released Thursday by the Pew Research Center, which surveyed 10,156 U.S. adults from April 11 to April 17. It's margin of error for the full sample of respondents is plus or minus 1.6 percentage points.

The survey says religious Americans tend to be less concerned about climate change for several reasons.

"First and foremost is politics: The main driver of U.S. public opinion about the climate is political party, not religion," the report says.

"Highly religious Americans are more inclined than others to identify with or lean toward the Republican Party, and Republicans tend to be much less likely than Democrats to believe human activity (such as burning fossil fuels) is warming the Earth or to consider climate change a serious problem."

Responding to the findings, the Rev. Richenda Fairhurst, steward of climate at the non-profit Circle Faith Future, said the siloed culture in America sows further division instead of inspiring teamwork.

"I don't know who that serves," she said. "But it's not serving the community — and it's certainly not serving the planet."

The poll found that about three-quarters (74%) of religiously affiliated Americans say the Earth is sacred. A larger share, (80%), feel a sense of stewardship — and fully or mostly agree with the idea that "God gave humans a duty to protect and care for the Earth, including the plants and animals."

Religious Americans who show little or no concern about climate change also say "there are much bigger problems in the world, that God is in control of the climate, and that they do not believe the climate is actually changing."

Many religious Americans are also concerned about the potential consequences of environmental regulations, including the loss of individual freedoms, fewer jobs or increased energy prices, the report says.

The survey also found that two-thirds of U.S. adults who are religiously affiliated say their faith's scriptures include lessons about the environment, and about four-in-ten say they've prayed for the environment in the past year.

The views, the report says, are common across a range of religious traditions.

Three-quarters of both evangelical Protestants and members of historically Black Protestant churches say

the Bible includes lessons about the environment. Eight in ten U.S. Catholics and mainline Protestants say the Earth is sacred and so do 77% of non-Christian religions, according to the poll.

But Christians, and more broadly, religiously affiliated Americans, are divided in their views about climate change, the report says.

Those who consider climate change "an extremely or very serious problem" range from 68% of adults who identify with the historically Black Protestant tradition, to 34% of evangelical Protestants.

In none of the major Protestant traditions did a majority say the Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity; only 32% of evangelicals felt that way.

The report says the religiously unaffiliated — the fastest-growing group in surveys asking Americans about their religious identity — are much more likely to say that climate change is an extreme or very serious problem (70%) than religiously affiliated Americans (52%).

Commonly known as the "nones," they describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or "nothing in particular." The report says they are far more likely to say the Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human-induced activity (66%) than those who are religiously affiliated (47%).

The survey offers clues as to why religious Americans are less likely to care about climate change than those with no religion despite seeing a link between their beliefs and caring for the environment:

- For U.S. congregations, climate change doesn't seem to be a major focus. The report says that among all U.S. adults who attend religious services at least once or twice per month, only 8% say they "hear a great deal or quite a bit about climate change in sermons."

- One in five say they hear some discussion of the topic from the pulpit.

- And just 6% of American congregants say they talk about climate change with other people at their congregation a great deal or quite a bit.

Highly religious Americans are also less likely to view inefficient energy practices as morally wrong, the report says. This same pattern is also seen when asked about eating food that takes a lot of energy to produce.

The Rev. Fletcher Harper, an Episcopal priest, and executive director of GreenFaith, a global multi-faith environmental organization based in New York, said he was not surprised by the findings since he doesn't see culturally and politically conservative Americans prioritizing climate action.

"What this study doesn't tell us, though, is the role that religion, when utilized effectively, can play in moving people who are concerned but inactive into public action on the climate's behalf," Harper said. "This warrants further research so that we can all understand better what positive role religion can play in the fight against climate change."



Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Nov. 17-19: Coahoma Bulldgettes Basketball (Varsity) at Merkel Tournament in Merkel. TBA

Nov. 17-19: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) at Abernathy Tournament in Abernathy. TBA

Nov. 18: Big Spring Steers vs Wichita Falls Coyotes Area playoff football game at Clyde. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.

Nov. 18: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Reagan County at Coahoma. Games start at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 18: CAN-CELLED – Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV 1, JV 2, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Borden County at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m.

Nov. 18: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Kilgore Classic against Kilgore College. Game starts at 6 p.m.

Nov. 18: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Western Texas Classic against Trinidad State College. Game starts at 1 p.m.

Nov. 19: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Kilgore Classic against Tyler Junior College. Game start TBA.

Nov. 19: Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball at Western Texas Classic against Coastal Bend College. Game starts at 11 a.m.

Nov. 19: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Crane at Big Spring. Games start at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Big Spring Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Regan County at Big Spring. Games start at 2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Nov. 21: CAN-CELLED – Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Klondike at Forsan. Games start at 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (Varsity) non-district matchup against Klondike at Forsan. Game starts at 1 p.m.

Nov. 22: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non matchup against Andrews at Andrews. Games start at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22: Coahoma Bulldogettes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Roscoe Highland at Coahoma. Games start at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 22: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Merkel at Merkel. Games start at 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., & 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 25-26: Howard College Hawks Basketball at MSU-West Plains Grizzly Classic against North Arkansas College. Game starts at 5 p.m for Nov.25 & game time TBA on Nov. 26.

No. 4 TCU still more to play for at Baylor with B12 spot set

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — There have been times in Sonny Dykes' coaching career when he was up all night at the start of each new week, trying to think of ways to motivate his team and keep players focused on the present.

Fourth-ranked, undefeated TCU already has its spot in the Big 12 championship game, and there are two games left in the regular season, the first of those Saturday at in-state rival Baylor. And while there is still more the Horned Frogs (10-0, 7-0 Big 12, No. 4 CFP) can accomplish, their first-year coach has had plenty of restful nights.

"The longer it goes, you get these goals stacked up," Frogs left tackle Brandon Coleman acknowledged. "But that's kind of what we emphasize, is keeping our minds locked in on that next game, that next opponent, next practice, so it kind of stays locked into that week"

As Dykes said, "We talk about it all the time. It's served us well, why would we change."

TCU has to keep winning to make the four-team College Football Playoff. Baylor (6-4, 4-3), coming off a 31-3 home loss to No. 19 Kansas State, must to win its last two games and get a lot of help just to get to back to the league title game.

"I would look at it more as what a great opportunity we have with this particular game. ... Last week was not us. We can be us," Baylor coach Dave Aranda said. "I think that's an opportunity for us that we have to take advantage of."

The Bears were Big 12 champs last year, even after an early November loss to TCU in its first game after coach Gary Patterson suddenly departed the team.

"We know that Baylor probably wants to do to us what we did to them last year," Coleman said.

THAT 2014 LOSS

Baylor and TCU shared the Big 12 title in 2014, the first year of the CFP and when the league didn't have a championship game. The Frogs' only loss that season was 61-58 at Baylor. They were the first two teams left out of the inaugural four-team playoff.

"If you can win, I truly believe the rest of the stuff takes care of itself," Dykes said. "If you lose a game, then all of a sudden now

there's all this conversation about all these different things, and you want to try to avoid that."

SHAPEN'S SHARPNESS

Bears quarterback Blake Shapen has two touchdowns and five interceptions in his last four games, averaging 177.5 yards passing per game. That stretch came after back-to-back 300-yard games to start October.

"Full confidence in him," Aranda said this week when asked about the quarterback's status.

TCU's Max Duggan has thrown a Big 12-best 25 TDs with only two interceptions. He missed last year's game against Baylor with a broken bone in his foot, and Chandler Morris had 531 yards of total offense (461 passing, 70 rushing) in his first start.

RUINED PERFECT 10s

The last two Big 12 teams to start a season 10-0 were Kansas State in 2012 and Oklahoma State in 2015. Both lost to Baylor in their 11th game. The 2012 Wildcats, who shared the regular-season title with Oklahoma, lost 52-24 at Baylor. Three years later, Baylor won 45-35 at Oklahoma State.

RUNNING SCORES

TCU's Kendre Miller and Baylor true freshman Richard Reese are tied for the Big 12 lead with 13 rushing touchdowns. Miller is second in the league with 114.7 yards rushing per game, and has 11 consecutive games with a rushing TD. Reese is second nationally for freshmen with his TDs and 852 yards rushing, 30 short of breaking Baylor's single-season freshman record.

IN THEIR YOUNGER DAYS

Dykes went to his alma mater as an assistant for coach Mike Leach at Texas Tech in 2000, when Aranda arrived in his early 20s as a graduate assistant.

"Just how he treats people and how his mind works with offense is something I admire and respect," Aranda said of Dykes, who is nearly seven years older.

Dykes described Aranda then as an introvert who was mature, smart and always wanted to talk football. He was different than a lot of the young coaches on that staff.

"We went out and stayed up late and did stuff we weren't supposed to do, and Dave didn't. He was in bed at 9 o'clock every night," Dykes said. "Now that I'm 53, I'm starting to get close to being as mature as he was at probably 23."

Hunter scores 26, No. 11 Texas dominates No. 2 Gonzaga 93-74

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tyrese Hunter seemed to be getting farther and farther away every time he let another 3-pointer fly.

No distance seemed out of his range. Hunter scored 26 points and a led a 3-point shooting spree that pushed No. 11 Texas to a dominant 93-74 win over No. 2 Gonzaga on Wednesday night.

Hunter, last season's Big 12 freshman of the year at Iowa State, was 9-of-14 shooting and made five of Texas' 13 3-pointers. He made three from long range in the opening minutes of the second half as the Longhorns seized control.

"Big shout-out to my teammates for finding me. I don't think I got one of them off the dribble," Hunter said.

Gonzaga couldn't push Hunter far enough away from the basket.

"They hit a lot of deep, deep 3's," Bulldogs coach Mark Few said. "We knew he could shoot them, but not from 30 feet or whatever. He was feeling it."

Texas was 3 of 22 from long range in its previous game against Houston Christian.

Defensively, Texas (3-0) shut down All-American forward Drew Timme for long stretches and rendered him mostly ineffective when the game was still close. Two of his first four shots were airballs against switching double-team defenses.

Marcus Carr added 16 points for Texas. Timme led Gonzaga (2-1) with 18 points.

Texas held Gonzaga to a single basket over the final five minutes of the first half and stretched a tight game into a 10-point halftime lead behind a rare scoring burst from defensive specialist Brock Cunningham. He made a 3-pointer and a reverse layup before tipping away a pass to Timme for his own layup that made it 47-37.

Texas broke it open with the flurry of 3-pointers to start the second half. Hunter struck first, then Dylan Disu was left wide open for another. Hunter then made two more before converting a three-point play on a steal and layup that pushed the Texas lead to 20.

"I'm pretty sure a lot of people were watching the game, saw who we are and what we're about," Hunter said.

BIG PICTURE

Gonzaga: The Bulldogs shot pretty well (49% overall with nine 3-pointers) but have a turnover problem. They finished with 20 turnovers, one game after they gave the ball away 18 times in a tight win over Michigan State on the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln. The Longhorns turned those turnovers into 27 points. Point

guard Nolan Hickman had four turnovers and two assists.

"Some of it was us, but a lot of it was their pressure," Few said. "We can't function if we turn the ball over like that."

Texas: Disu was a big part of Texas' ability to lock down Timme from the jump. At 6-foot-9, he's the tallest Longhorn and a nagging leg injury kept him off the court for much of last season. His physical play around the rim will be key for a team that lacks overall size. He scored 12 points and hit two 3-pointers with his soft shooting touch, giving the Longhorns a critical piece on both ends of the court.

"He had great poise against a great player in Timme," Texas coach Chris Beard said.

POLL POSITION

Texas doesn't play again until next week's rankings come out and the Longhorns can expect to make a big jump.

FAST-BREAK POINTS

All those turnovers have the Longhorns running a lot. Texas has outscored its first three opponents 55-3 on the fast break.

UP NEXT

Gonzaga continues its rough early-season schedule with a home matchup against No. 4 Kentucky on Sunday.

Texas plays Northern Arizona in Edinburg, Texas on Nov. 21.

Verlander, Alcantara are unanimous Cy Young Award winners

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — It didn't take Justin Verlander long to realize he could have a special year after missing almost two full seasons recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Heading into his fifth start, Verlander knew he was back.

"In that moment, I felt normal and like myself, pain-free, able to recover like I always have," he said. "I think my mindset just completely shifted to like, 'OK, I am the pitcher I've always been.'"

On Wednesday, the Houston ace capped his stellar season by winning the American League Cy Young Award, joining Miami's Sandy Alcantara in the National League as unanimous selections.

It's the second time the winners in both leagues were unanimous since the award began in 1956 and the first since Detroit's Denny McLain in the AL and St. Louis' Bob Gibson

in the NL swept the voting in 2006).

The 39-year-old Verlander, who also won the award in 2019 after winning both MVP and the Cy Young in 2011, becomes the 11th player to win it three times. He also won unanimously in 2011.

He said this one has a different meaning.

"It shows that I'm at a different point in my life," Verlander said. "I will always remember this Cy Young as looking back at the growth of me as a father and as a person, and just also the the rehab and all the hard work that went into the rehab and how I was just so committed to it was going to go well and I was going to come back and be me."

Verlander led the majors with a 1.75 ERA, the lowest of his 17-year career. He becomes the fourth AL pitcher with two unanimous Cy Young Awards, joining Roger Clemens (1986, 1998), Pedro Martinez (1999, 2000) and Johan Santana (2004,

2006).

Verlander led the Astros to the best record in the AL, and while the postseason doesn't count for the award, he got his first career World Series win in Game 5 as Houston beat Philadelphia in six games.

Verlander, who will receive a \$200,000 bonus, is a free agent and said he has communicated with Astros owner Jim Crane about a possible return, but noted that Houston is far from his only potential suitor.

"Obviously, there's a lot of people that are interested and Jim understands that based on our conversation," he said. "He completely understands that. ... So we'll see what happens."

Alcantara had a 2.28 ERA while pitching a major league-best 228 2/3 innings and six compete games. It's the first Cy Young Award for the 27-year-old from the Dominican Republic, who becomes the first Marlins player to receive the honor.

"It makes me feel so special because I came here to the Marlins with my positive mentality — just tried to win," he said. "Tried to compete, tried to get better. This year I put everything in the same spot, working hard. I've had great success. And now to win the National League Cy Young, I feel so happy and blessed."

Alcantara received all 30 first-place votes, the 15th time the NL has had a unanimous winner. Atlanta's Max Fried was second with 72 points, including 10 second-place votes, and Los Angeles Dodgers lefty Julio Urias was third 66 points and seven second-place votes.

Behind Verlander, who was the 11th AL pitcher to win unanimously, were Dylan Cease of the Chicago White Sox with 97 points and 14 second-place votes and Toronto's Alek Manoah with 87 points and seven second-place votes. The three pitchers were named on every ballot.

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- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- Fresh cilantro leaves, to garnish

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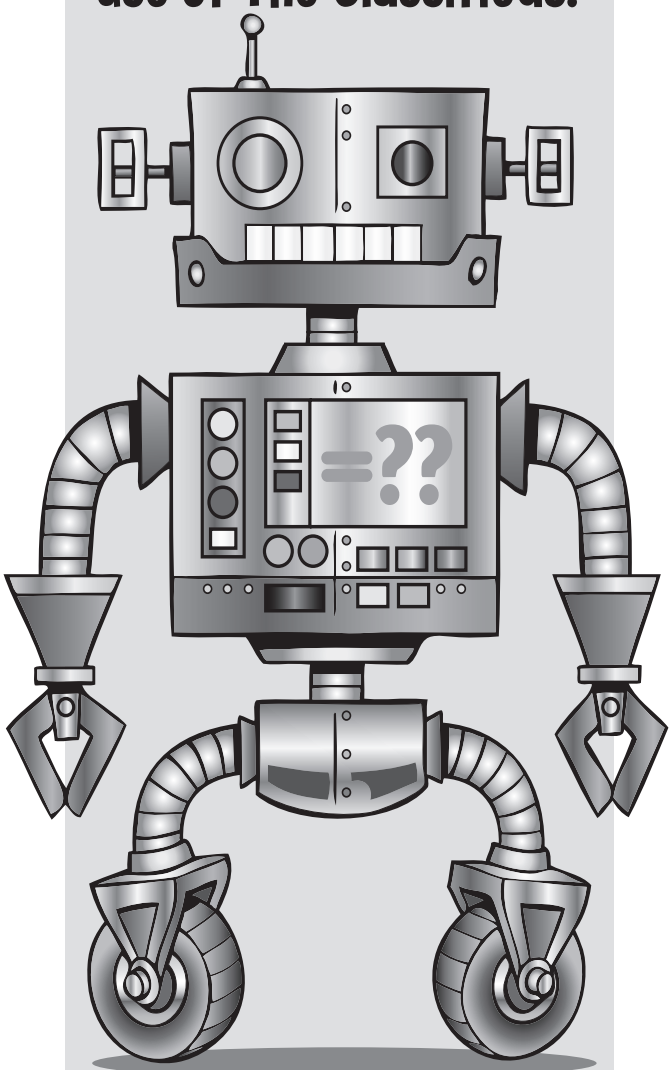


Cooler weather arrives just as prime entertaining season heats up. Those who will be hosting gatherings soon can expand their recipe repertoire to feed guests and keep them satisfied. Borrowing some flavors from the season can make entertaining festive and even more flavorful. Pumpkins and winter squashes are popular in fall, and their versatility undoubtedly contributes to that popularity. However, when chilly days require something to warm you up from the inside out, nothing can beat a soothing soup. And soup recipes can be altered to easily feed a crowd.

Cooks can step out of their chicken soup comfort zones and try this recipe for "Roasted Pumpkin Soup With Pumpkin Crisps" from "The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook" (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippeli.

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

On this date:

In 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building.

In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin (roh-DAN') died at age 77.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress, called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved the following month.)

In 1969, the first round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks between the United States and the Soviet Union opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini (ah-yah-TOH'-lah hoh-MAY'-nee) ordered the release of 13 Black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 1989, the Walt Disney animated feature "The Little Mermaid" opened in wide release.

In 1997, 62 people, most of them foreign tourists, were killed when militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut (haht-shehp-SOOT') in Luxor, Egypt; the attackers, who also hacked their victims, were killed by police.

In 2002, Abba Eban (AH'-bah EE'-ban), the statesman who helped persuade the world to approve creation of Israel and dominated Israeli diplomacy for decades, died near Tel Aviv; he was 87.

In 2003, Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as the 38th governor of California.

In 2018, Argentina's navy announced that searchers had found a submarine that disappeared a year earlier with 44 crewmen aboard; the government said it would be unable to recover the vessel.

In 2020, President Donald Trump fired the nation's top election security official, Christopher Krebs, who had refuted Trump's unsubstantiated claims of electoral fraud and vouched for the integrity of the vote. Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller said the U.S. would reduce troop levels in Iraq and Afghanistan to about 2,500 in each country by mid-January, accelerating troop withdrawals during Trump's final days in office. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California easily won reelection as House Republican leader.

Ten years ago: Israel destroyed the headquarters of Hamas' prime minister and

blasted a sprawling network of smuggling tunnels in the southern Gaza Strip, broadening a blistering four-day-old offensive against the Islamic militant group. A speeding train crashed into a bus carrying Egyptian children to their kindergarten, killing 48 children and three adults.

Five years ago: Sen. Al Franken apologized to the woman who had accused him of forcibly kissing her and groping her during a 2006 USO tour; the Minnesota Democrat said he remembered the encounter differently. The Rev. Jesse Jackson disclosed that he had been receiving outpatient care for two years for Parkinson's disease.

One year ago: The House voted to censure Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona for posting an animated video that depicted him killing Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword. Florida Republicans approved a sweeping bill to hobble coronavirus vaccine mandates in businesses. Jacob Chansley, the spear-carrying Jan. 6 rioter whose horned fur hat, bare chest and face paint made him one of the more recognizable figures in the assault on the Capitol, was sentenced to 41 months in prison. admired in the hip-hop community for his authenticity and fierce independence, was shot and killed inside a cookie shop in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee. (Two men have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.) The Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected a request by Steven

Avery to review his conviction for a 2005 killing; the case was the focus of a popular Netflix series "Making a Murderer."

Today's Birthdays: Sen. James Inhofe (IHN'-hahf), R-Okla., is 88. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 84. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio (GOW'-dee-oh) is 81. Movie director Martin Scorsese (skor-SEH'-see) is 80. Actor Lauren Hutton is 79. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 78. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 78. Movie director Roland Joffe is 77. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 74. Former House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) is 73. Actor Stephen Root is 71. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 65. Actor Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 64. Actor William Moses is 63. Entertainer RuPaul is 62. Actor Dylan Walsh is 59. Former National Security Adviser Susan Rice is 58. Actor Sophie Marceau (mahr-SOH') is 56. Actor-model Daisy Fuentes is 56. Blues singer/musician Tab Benoit (behn-WAH') is 55. R&B singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 55. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 55. Actor David Ramsey is 51. Actor Leonard Roberts is 50. Actor Leslie Bibb is 49. Actor Brandon Call is 46. Country singer Aaron Lines is 45. Actor Rachel McAdams is 44. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 42. Former MLB outfielder Ryan Braun is 39. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 34. Actor Raquel Castro is 28.



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Reducing the element of luck

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 5
♥ A J 10 4
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ A Q 7

WEST

♠ 6 4 2
♥ K 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ 10 8 3

EAST

♠ 8
♥ Q 9 8 6
♦ Q J 6 3
♣ K J 9 5

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K 4
♣ 6 4 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

It isn't easy to make six spades on this deal even if you see all 52 cards. And it's certainly more difficult if you have to play the hand without this advantage. But, even so, the correct method of play is almost sure to land the contract whether you see the East-West cards or not.

Declarer starts with 11 tricks consisting of seven spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. Stated differently, South has two potential losers — both in clubs.

The simplest way of trying to

avoid one of the club losers is to finesse the club queen in the hope that West was dealt the king. However, this method of play offers only a 50% chance for the slam — and a competent declarer is always reluctant to settle for just an even chance without first seeking another method of play that might increase the likelihood of success.

So, to give himself a better shot for the slam, declarer adopts a line of play designed to circumvent the finesse. He wins the diamond lead with the king, cashes the spade ace, leads a diamond to the ace and ruffs a diamond high. Only four tricks have been played, but South is already certain to make the slam.

A low trump to the queen is followed by a ruff of dummy's last diamond. Declarer then draws the missing trump, leads his singleton heart and, after West follows low, plays dummy's ten! East wins, but whether he returns a heart or a club, South acquires his 12th trick.

Note that if West plays the king on South's heart lead, the outcome is exactly the same. Declarer wins with the ace and returns dummy's jack to force out the queen (discarding a club if East plays low), and thereby establishes his 12th trick.

FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2022
Moon's Mixed Bag

Anyone can say "I'm right" and go into defense mode. But to advance to higher levels of thinking takes humility and willingness to ride out the tension of uncertainty. Who has the guts to question things instead of jumping into the first logical idea? Who is open to mystery and possibility? Lunar trines and squares mix up the Milky Way. The cream rises to the top.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a talent for fixing things. Part of your secret is that you act immediately. The best time to mend or clean things up is right at the moment they happen. There's no time to waste in blame. You focus on solutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Fortune favors the bold, though the risk is more than many will be able to stomach. It's perfectly acceptable, and perhaps even wise, to hang back and study what's working, and not working, for the others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'd be hard-pressed to find anything more valuable than the unconditional support of a true friend. You'll experience the rare and pure love of an exchange that is without motive or expectation of reciprocity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you make something with your

hands, you put your heart into it too. Those who experience your creation will feel this tug on their own heart -- a strange and very real phenomenon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is it possible to rebuild a relationship by remembering things differently? You'll entertain alternate versions of what happened and, in doing so, rewrite your memories to think of things in a more helpful way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're going to do nothing, you won't do it idly. Your version of doing nothing involves a state of readiness. To be alert and observant is not inaction; rather, it just might be the best action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Compromise will be an integral part of your day and is a skill you should give yourself props for being so good at. Compromise requires humility and careful listening, creativity and cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone has shortcomings, including the people you'll deal with today. To identify a weakness isn't necessarily a negative thing because it allows you to work on finding the opposite and equal strength.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who bring something to the table always enjoy the dinner better. In today's case you may feel you're bringing the whole meal, and you'll enjoy it all the more because of your proud con-

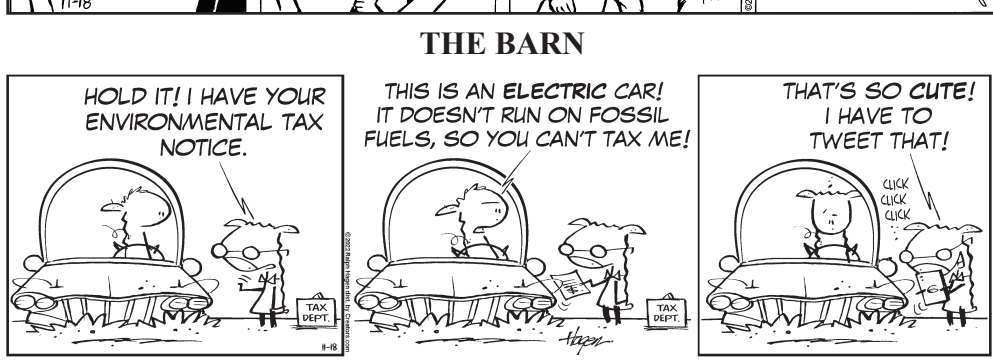
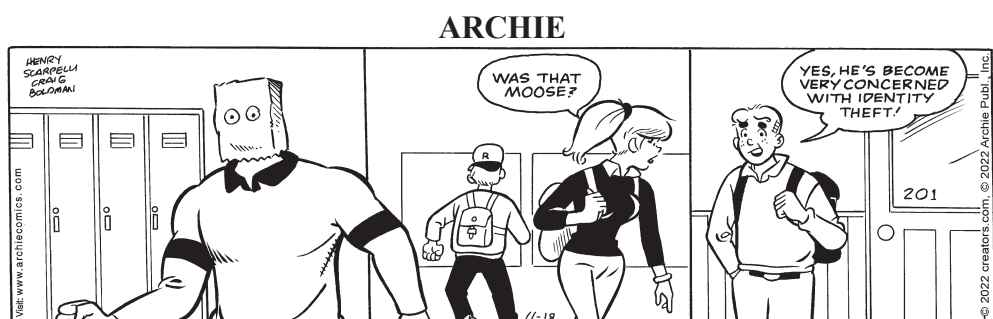
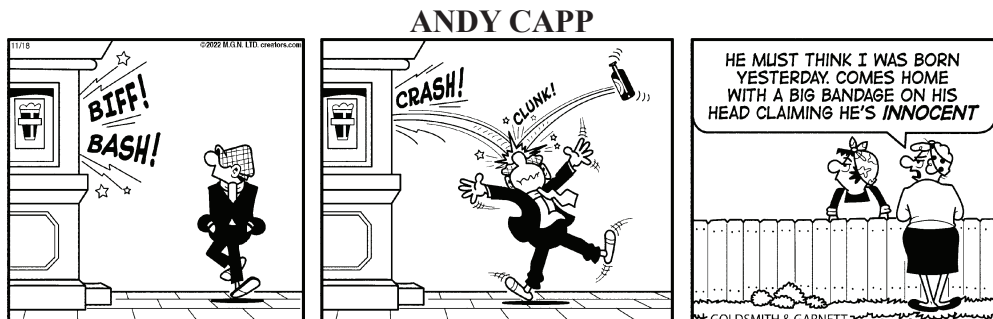
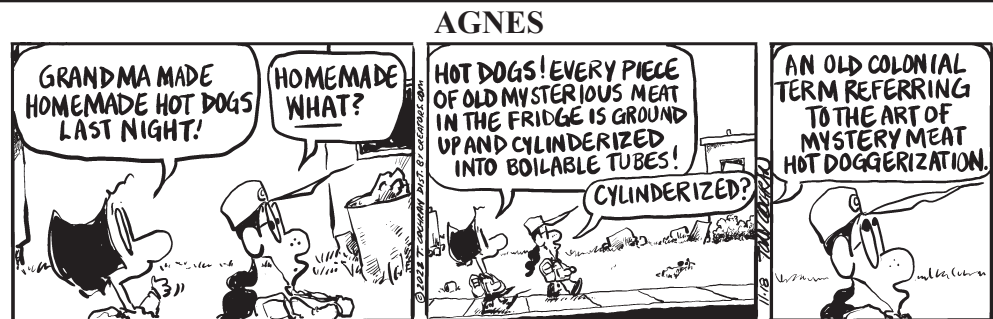
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's great comfort in knowing what to expect and feeling confident you can give what's expected of you. You may stand at a distance, pausing to collect yourself and assess things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you've already shown that you're willing to work hard, others will support your quest. Deciding what exactly that quest should be is the tricky part, of course. Success is a matter of knowing what to focus on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Changing the future is easy. Just do one thing different. This is all it takes to alter the entire course. Also, note that the way you meet someone sets a direction for the entire relationship.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 18). You'll go with the fun choices. Even your idealistic notions will pan out at times this year, so shoot for what you really want. Sometimes you'll say yes just because it will provide you more experience than if you'd said no. You're courageous and the year ahead expands on your favorite aspects of yourself. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 18, 1 and 14.

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Newsday Crossword

SQUARING THE CIRCLES by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
1 Task detail
5 Not working
8 Yoga posture
13 Red Muppet
14 Rightful
15 Speak ___ (disparage)
16 With 20 Across, waste creative effort
18 Place to perch
19 Rockies resort
20 See 16 Across
23 It means "same"
24 Particular class of people
27 Light Brigade weapon
28 Sleek, in car-speak
30 Salad bar array
32 "Don't ___ word!"
33 Blender setting
35 Traversing
37 Suffix in geometry
38 With 41 Across, be a snowbird, say
41 See 38 Across
43 Serpent's tail
44 Leaf holder
46 Interoffice directive
47 Not as intense
49 Compound Nobel worked with
51 Proclaim
55 Big name in blush
57 City near Florence
59 Prominent period
60 With 65 Across, return to the way it was

- 62 Splendidly stately
64 Swamp thing
65 See 60 Across
68 Old enough to know better
69 DC-based alliance
70 Something special
71 Settle
72 Model, to begin with
73 Make a move
- DOWN**
1 A Danube nation
2 Gratify
3 One-sharp key
4 Office phone button
5 Lyrical creation
6 A good time

- 7 "Fine" condition
8 Frigid finish
9 Moderates
10 Luau exchanges
11 Equine accessories
12 Phrase of courtesy
17 Post for former soldiers
21 What might hang in a den
22 Country singer Rimes
25 Mentor to Luke
26 Street cred
29 Nocturnal hunter
31 Keeps under wraps
34 Move like a crow
36 Sleuth's outburst
38 Sole portion

- 39 Lump for your tea
40 Conan Doyle detective
42 UV Index publisher
45 Data holder
46 Amount to
48 Parodied
50 Video-viewing venue
52 Do very little
53 Large competitor of Microsoft
54 Take the stairs to the attic
56 Congo River tributary
58 Plot progression
61 Overly stylized
63 Half-rectangles
66 Honshu affirmative
67 It means "most"

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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

P	E	T	S	T	K	I	T	A	R	P	A	R
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Today's Answers

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4	9	3	8	9	1	5	2	7
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1

SANCTIONS

Continued from Page 3

The little-noticed oil shipment would appear to violate the spirit — if not strictly the law — of U.S. sanctions on Venezuela that have been aimed unsuccessfully since 2019 at forcing President Nicolás Maduro from power.

With Maduro's socialist government shunned as a financial pariah in the west, PDVSA has had to resort to ever-more complex transactions to move oil produced from the OPEC nation's massive petroleum reserves — the world's largest.

But until now, many of those transactions involved deeply discounted payments in cryptocurrencies by Russian oligarchs, shell companies in such places as Hong Kong and “ghost tankers” that turn off their mandatory transponders to avoid detection by U.S. authorities.

In contrast, Curacao, whose foreign relations are handled by the Netherlands, a staunch U.S. ally, has strictly adhered to U.S. sanctions, once even confiscating PDVSA's unsold inventories after its lease of the refinery expired in 2019 to pay American oil companies stiffed by Venezuela over the years.

Authorities in Curacao may be betting on lax enforcement by the Biden administration, said Marshall Billingslea, a former senior Treasury Department official who helped craft the current sanctions policy. During former President Donald Trump's administration, the U.S. froze the assets of more than 140 Maduro insiders and threatened retaliation against even non-American companies caught dealing in Venezuela's crude.

In contrast, President Joe Biden hasn't imposed any additional sanctions on Venezuela since taking office and has promised to roll back existing restrictions if Maduro takes meaningful steps to-

ward holding free and fair elections.

“They're flouting the sanctions because they know under this administration there are no consequences,” said Billingslea.

The U.S. Treasury Department, which enforces sanctions, didn't respond to an e-mail requesting comment.

Under U.S. sanctions, Americans and U.S. entities are barred from doing business with Venezuela's state-owned oil company. That ban becomes harder to enforce, however, the more times an oil cargo changes hands and is blended with other shipments, obscuring PDVSA's role as the ultimate beneficiary of any international sale.

Internal PDVSA documents show that the cargo transported by the Colon was sold in September by PDVSA to United Petroleo Corp. Little is known about United, which was registered in Panama last year. But it has emerged as PDVSA's second biggest client this year, with unpaid invoices for oil products sold on consignment of over \$400 million, according to the documents, which someone knowledgeable about the transaction shared with the AP on the condition that the person remain anonymous.

PDVSA didn't respond to an e-mail requesting comment.

The Colon's cargo was discharged in a storage facility owned by Curacao's state-owned refinery in partnership with Caribbean Petroleum Refinery.

Caribbean Petroleum Refinery was registered in Curacao only in June and lists among its directors a Venezuelan American businessman, Raul Herrera. A related holding company bearing a similar name lists as its director Luis Giusti, another dual national who was CEO of PDVSA when Maduro's predecessor, Hugo Chavez, was elected in 1998.

When asked whether the shipment originated in Venezuela, Patrick Newton, director of Curacao's

state-owned refinery, said his company is in full compliance with U.S. sanctions and its contracts require that its clients adhere to the same laws.

Meanwhile Herrera said his company's involvement in the transaction was limited to providing storage to the cargo's owner, which he identified as Knob Trading SA, a Panama-registered company that lists an office in Houston on its website.

“We are not operating Venezuelan products,” said Herrera, who is also the president of a South Florida loan consulting firm. “We are not the owners or sellers of this cargo.”

Giusti didn't respond to text messages and an email seeking comment. Knob Trading didn't respond to repeated emails seeking comment and a person answering the phone number listed on its website hung up when contacted by the AP.

It's unknown where the crude went after it arrived in Curacao.

However, a month later, traders gingerly tried to offload the cargo, marketing it for re-export as 1 million barrels of “Bullenbaai Fuel Oil” — possibly a blend of different grades since Curacao doesn't produce oil. That's according to an Oct. 29 certificate of origin purportedly issued by Caribbean Petroleum Refinery. A copy of the certificate was provided to the AP by an oil trader who had been offered the cargo by a broker working with Knob. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of being identified with a transaction in violation of U.S. sanctions.

The certificate was purportedly prepared by Frank Verhoets, who is identified as managing director of Caribbean Petroleum Refinery. However, Herrera said nobody by that name works at the company and called the document, in which Knob's name is scratched off, a clear fraud.

“Unfortunately in the industry, there's a lot of falsifications and misleading information,” he said.

Acting Uvalde police chief during school shooting steps down

By JAKE BLEIBERG

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The Uvalde officer who was leading the city's police department during the hesitant law enforcement response to an elementary school shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers has stepped down, a city spokeswoman said Thursday.

Lt. Mariano Pargas left the department voluntarily but it was not immediately clear whether he retired or resigned, according to city spokeswoman Gina Eisenberg.

Pargas is the second police leader to leave law enforcement in the fallout since the massacre in May, when hundreds of officers waited more than an hour to confront the gunman inside a classroom at Robb Elementary School.

The city placed Pargas, who was

running the department during the shooting because the chief, Daniel Rodriguez, was out of town, on administrative leave in July following a damning report from lawmakers on the police response. His departure comes days after new audio highlighted that Pargas was told there were children alive in a classroom with the gunman half an hour before officers breached the room. The city council was set to consider firing him during a special meeting Saturday.

In the months after the shooting, state officials have focused blame on the school district police chief, Pete Arredondo, saying he made “terrible decisions” as the on-scene commander not to confront the gunman sooner. Arredondo was fired in August but has said he didn't consider himself the person in charge and assumed someone else had taken control of

the police response that eventually swelled to nearly 400 officers.

Audio recordings published by CNN show that as officers were massing around the school a dispatcher told Pargas there were “eight to nine” kids still alive inside the classroom where the shooter was holed up. Pargas can be heard acknowledging the information but more than 30 minutes would pass before a tactical team entered and killed the gunman.

Authorities have said the gunman did most of his shooting within minutes of entering the classroom but it's unclear whether there's an official tally of how many children in the room survived. Corina Camacho, whose son was shot and was one of the survivors, told The Associated Press that 11 children were not killed and their families try to stay in touch. Kids have publicly recounted playing

dead to avoid being noticed by the gunman.

In addition to Pargas' and Arredondo's ousters, victims families and some lawmakers have called in recent months for the resignation or firing of Col. Steve McCraw, the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Body camera footage, a legislative investigation and media reports have shown the state police had a larger role at the scene than the department appeared to suggest in the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

Ninety-one DPS troopers were among the 376 law enforcement officers who ultimately responded. Seven were put under internal investigation this summer, but McCraw has defended his agency's overall response, saying it “did not fail” Uvalde.

Gabby Petito family settles \$3M suit in killing by fiance

By CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The families of Gabby Petito and Brian Laundrie have reached a \$3 million settlement in a wrongful death lawsuit filed after authorities concluded he strangled her during a cross-country trip in August 2021.

The settlement was signed Thursday by Sarasota County Circuit Judge Hunter W. Carroll. A lawyer for Petito's parents said whatever money is received will go to the Gabby Petito Foundation dedicated to locating missing people and curbing domestic violence.

“The Petito family lost their daughter and they were also denied the opportunity to confront her killer,” said attorney Patrick Reilly in an email. “No amount of money is sufficient to compensate the Petito family for the loss of their daughter, Gabby, at the hands of Brian Laundrie.”

The lawsuit involving the estates of Petito and Laundrie, filed in May, claimed Laundrie was liable for damages because he caused her death. A separate lawsuit, still pending in Sarasota, claims Laundrie's parents wrongly concealed that he confessed to killing Petito before he returned home in September 2021 to Florida from their trip out West in a converted van.

Christopher and Roberta Laundrie denied that claim.

Petito's disappearance on the trip and the subsequent discovery of her slain body Sept. 19, 2021 in a Wyoming national park became a national obsession, which continued during the weeklong search for Laundrie in a swampy Florida nature preserve.

His remains were found there in October 2021 and investigators say he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound and left a note confessing to Petito's slaying, according to the FBI.

It's highly unlikely Laundrie's estate has \$3 million. Reilly called it “an arbitrary number” but that the Petito foundation would benefit from whatever amount is collected.

“Joseph Petito and Nichole Schmidt wish to turn their personal tragedy into a positive,” Reilly said.

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